

STOCKBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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



INCORPORATED 1739

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2018**

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INFORMATION AND OFFICERS

2018 General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1918
Registered Voters	1667
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$9.76
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 of each month

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

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 of each month

SELECT BOARD

7 p.m. Mon. & 9 a.m. Wed. - as scheduled

TOWN CLERK

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

TOWN TREASURER

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

TOWN COLLECTOR

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 of each month

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

Don Chabon
Ernest Cardillo
Terry Flynn

Bernard Edmonds
Wayne Slosek
Kate Fletcher
Stuart Hirshfield

Board of Assessors

Douglas Goudey
Thomas Stokes
Gary M. Pitney

Town Clerk

Teresa Iemolini

Board of Health

Cathy Plakun
Charles Kenny
Henry Schwerner

Sewer and Water Commissioners

Donald C. Schneyer
Thomas Paul Schuler
Peter J. Socha

Planning Board

Gary M. Pitney
Christine Rasmussen
Marie Raftery

Tree Warden

Peter L. Curtin, Jr.

Parks and Recreation

Steven Knopf
Julie Edmonds
Vlada Rousseff

Housing Authority

JoAnne Redding
James Welch
Bernard Edmonds
Charles Gillett, State Appointee
R. Timothy Minkler
Dawn Anne Rabinowitz

Regional School Committee

Sean Stephen
Jason St. Peter
Daniel Weston

APPOINTEES AND COMMITTEES

Town Administrator

Danielle Fillio

Building Inspector

Ned Baldwin

Town Collector-Treasurer

Karen Williams

Fire Chief

Ernest Cardillo

Neil Haywood, Deputy

Constables

Darrell Fennelly, Chief

Kirk Nichols, Sergeant

Michael Bourisk

Thomas Rubino

Travis Derby

Shauna Slater

Kyle Kemp

Special Police

Rosario Messina

Chad Heath

Donald Hopkins

Caleb Kinnaman

Plumbing Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Wire Inspector

Nicholas Fredsall

Henry Blanchard, Alternate

Gas Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Animal Inspector

John Drake

Dog Officer

John Drake

Emergency Management

Christopher Marsden

Veterans' Agent

Laurie Hils

Accountant

Ray Ellsworth

Highway Superintendent

Leonard Tisdale, Jr.

Principal Assessor

Michael Blay

Board of Registrars

Teresa Iemolini

Nancy Ann Wilcox

Jennifer Carmichael

Nancy Clark

Town Counsel

J. Raymond Miyares

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thomas Schuler

Robert Edwards

James Murray

Linda Day

John H. Spencer

Robert Jones, Alternate

John Hyson, Alternate

Historical Commission

Maria Carr

Linda Jackson, Chairman

Peter Williams

Memorial Day Committee

Harold French

Ron Muir

Fred Coleman

Debra Coleman

Lisa Thorne

Tim Minkler

Keith Raftery

Skip Whalen

Jim Dolson

Merrill Sanderson

Don Coleman

Finance Board

Jay Bikofsky, Chairman
Mary Boyce
Neil Holden
James McMenamy
Jim Balfanz
Diane Heady-Ruess
Steve Shatz, Alternate

Cultural Council

Karen Marshall
Christine Rasmussen
Mary Flournoy
Rebecca Weinman
Jessica Meagher
Lynn Edelstein
Patrick White
Julie Edmonds
Lionel Delevingne

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

Jamie Minacci

Berkshire Regional Planning

Nina Ryan, Alternate,
Selectmen appointed

Cable Advisory Committee

William Lehman

Green Communities Committee

Laura Dubester, Chairman
Michael Buffoni
Patricia Flinn
Charles Gillett
Pamela Sandler
Starbuck Smith
Tom Stokes

Community Preservation Committee

Steve Knopf, Parks and Recreation
Katherine Fletcher, 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
Thomas LaBelle
Louise Gachet
Joseph DeGiorgis
John Hart
Jay Rhind
Patrick White, Alternate
Sally Underwood-Miller, Alternate,
Secretary

Council on Aging

Elizabeth DiGrigoli, Director
Lynne French
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, Don Chabon, 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

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2018

Vital Statistics

Population	1918
Registered Voters	1667
Number of Births	5
Number of Marriages	23
Number of Deaths	26

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

Raffle Permits	3
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Dog Licenses

Males	8
Neutered Males	122
Females	10
Spayed Females	125
Kennel	2
Replacements	1
Transfers	0
Totals	268

\$1867.00 Paid to the Town Treasurer for Dog Licenses & Late Fees.

Fees amounting to an additional **\$10825.00** were also turned over to the Town Treasurer for the sale of certified birth, marriage and death records and the filing of marriage intentions. Special permits, the recording of business certificates (DBA), and the sale of street lists, bylaws, and other miscellaneous services also contributed to this figure.

2018 Elections and Town Meetings

January 22, 2018 Special Town Meeting: 133 out of 1622 registered voters, or 8% attended the meeting.

May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting: 180 out of 1623 registered voters attended – 11% participation.

May 22, 2018 Annual Town Election: 351 ballots were cast out of 1623 registered voters – 22%.

September 4, 2018 State Primary: There were 564 ballots cast out of 1629 registered voters: 509 Democratic, 54 Republican and 1 Libertarian – 34% participation.

September 24, 2018 Special Town Meeting: 55 registered voters attended out of 1634 – 3% participation.

November 5, 2018: State Election: 1130 voters cast their ballot out of 1660 – 68% participation.

The coming year of 2019 should be a quiet one. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th followed by the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, May 21st. Of course there is always the possibility for a Special Town Meeting or meetings to pop up depending on the needs of the town.

As Town Clerk I continue to attend all Clerk Conferences to assure that I am up to date on anything new as well as reinforcing what I already have learned.

Once again I would like to say thank you to the wonderful group of people who help me with all the elections and town meetings, they do a fantastic job and I am so grateful to them all.

Respectfully submitted,
TERESA IEMOLINI,
Town Clerk

IN MEMORIAM
OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THE TOWN

Chester Bonak
Wire Inspector

Donald Coleman
Housatonic Water District

Philip Heller
Parks and Recreation

John Miller
Board of Assessors

Les Rathbun
Plain School Reuse Committee

Shirley Talbot
Conservation Commission
Planning Board

GENERAL SERVICES

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Stockbridge, Massachusetts:

Following is the report of your duly elected Select Board for the period June 2017 to June 2018 -

Town Departments:

Stockbridge has about 70 employees total: full time, part time, with some under contract and others not. We are pleased to begin this report commending the services provided by these, our Town employees.

In all cases functions were fulfilled professionally and responsibly. The inevitable issues were each given proper consideration - options were weighed, actions considered and the issues handled appropriately. Emergency management, facilities, fire, police, highway, water & sewer, the inspectors, financial functions and administration all performed as expected. Emergency situations were anticipated and addressed as required.

Feedback and follow-up show each department being responsive, as should be the case. Requested information was provided promptly, reports have been complete, thorough and timely. Our staffs are on top of new developments in their disciplines and current with training. All are taking a two pronged approach to their operations - dealing with the projects at hand while also taking steps to anticipate needed actions. Equipment upgrades were on schedule and required replacements have been projected.

Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Stockbridge counts 27 different Boards, Committees and Commissions involving about 145 of our citizens. To everyone's great credit, virtually all positions are filled or are in the process of being filled. These neighbors provide their time, efforts and skills freely, and in conjunction with our employees keep the Town moving forward. We are deeply grateful for their contribution.

The activities of these groups are spelled out throughout this report, and we urge everyone to become familiar with the great work which is being done on behalf of our community.

Town Management:

Town management continues proper focus on the essentials - keeping us solvent, legal and operational. Assignment adjustments have been made to allow for backup and coverage during peak demand. Employee issues were handled directly and expeditiously. The reorganization of our Collector-Treasurer position was reviewed, noting continued excellence by all parameters. Our bond rating remained high and audit cited strengths in all areas. While several legal complaints had been filed, and others threatened, all were properly referred to Town Counsel for response and guidance.

Select Board:

The Select Board continued its policy of having all meetings open as much as possible. Postings were properly done with timely parallel posting on the web page. Almost all meetings were televised and the only executive sessions were those required by statute. As is often the case, there have been debates between Board members, but differences were accommodated as much as reasonably possible and the board has worked together with results marked by the strides and advances cited in this report. All citizens have been strongly encouraged to get actively involved, a call that has been met enthusiastically.

Developments:

Several initiatives are being undertaken in an effort to anticipate issues and keep our Town at the top of its game: Zoning bylaws are about to be reviewed and a planner has been retained to assist with the process; An Economic Development Task Force has been formed to look into broadening our economic base, while keeping our core Tourism industry viable and exploring possibilities for an initiative on youth and population; Responsible reimbursement for municipal services by our non-profits is being looked at by a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) Committee; To address the issue of affordable housing the feasibility of modifying ADU (accessory dwelling units) standards is being considered. The short term rental phenomenon and protection of our hospitality industry is getting attention. A viable use of Proctor Hall is under active discussion. Marijuana legalization bylaws were proposed and passed; A study of the Red Lion intersection, along with other road suggestions hopes to make our streets safer; Our monuments are being looked at for repair; Bridge and road repairs are on schedule. A new highway garage should be on board in the fall of 2019.

In Sum:

For a variety of reasons that are amply displayed in the media this continues to be a tough time to be in government, any government. And Stockbridge has faced its conflict, criticism from without as well as scrutiny from within. But while there remain issues, all are being addressed both expeditiously and professionally: Comments, complaints and criticisms that were received were taken seriously and each looked at for action and/or response. We have regularly received reports from committees, commissions, boards, auditors and inspectors. Based on the above, by all standards - fiscally, socially, structurally, etc. - we are in a good position; And with proper vigilance it's anticipated that we will remain that way into the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD M. CHABON, **Chair**
ERNEST J. CARDILLO
TERRY FLYNN

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 2018:

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, Donald S. Hopkins, Chad E. Heath, and Caleb M. Kinnaman.

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 here at the station.

For the first time in years the department is at employment capacity. All full time roster spots are filled and all reserve spots are filled. While Officer Messina left our full time employ to accept a Sergeants position in West Stockbridge, we were able to retain his services as a reserve officer. Officer Hopkins left late in the year to pursue outside opportunities, however we were able to retain his services as a reserve officer as well.

Shortly after the vacancies of Officer Messina and Officer Hopkins we were able to quickly replenish the full time ranks by hiring Officer Kemp and Officer Derby respectively. After a thorough hiring process Officer Kemp came to us as a full time certified officer from the Egremont Police Department and Officer Derby came to us as a full time certified officer from the Hinsdale Police Department. Both came highly recommended by their former Chiefs. These two hires saved the Town thousands of dollars in expenses and man hours that would have been required had we been forced to send recruits to the MPTC Academy.

In the spring we deployed our two new radar trailers that we had received in late 2017, along with the 2016 trailer. All three trailers were placed in strategic areas around town. Based on citizen requests they were placed in locations such as Park Street, Hawthorne Street and East Main Street for radar enforcement. One was placed on Main Street and used as a message board advising motorists to slow down for the village ahead.

The Tanglewood season and the multitude of events that take place in Stockbridge were successful by all standards. Due to proper planning and the involvement of multiple agencies and officials, these events were mostly incident free.

We have been working closely with officials at the Marian Fathers about mitigating traffic during their two large events, Mercy Sunday weekend and Encuentro Latino. The Marians have increased the size of their parking lots to help reduce congestion in the downtown area.

The smaller events, such as the bi-annual Coaching Weekend, Memorial Day Parade and the children's Halloween Parade were handled incident free by the

Stockbridge Police Department.

The Berkshire County Sheriff's Department has been a huge help to us providing assets for our larger events such as Tanglewood traffic control, the Marian Fathers events and the annual Botanical Gardens Harvest Festival.

With the collaborative efforts of Barbara Zanetti and the Chamber of Commerce we continue to refine the operations of the Main Street at Christmas festivities. Barbara was able to secure parking on Eden Hill and by all accounts it reduced the scramble for parking in the downtown area and mostly eliminated the illegal parking along the roadsides surrounding the Sunday event.

Despite our vigilant efforts in traffic enforcement, the number of automobile crashes increased again this year to 112 for 2018.

Speeding remains our number one citizen complaint. We have significantly increased the number of traffic stops from the previous year and through our selective radar enforcement program and the use of our radar trailers we will remain vigilant in making our roads safe for all travelers.

We continue to be visible on foot patrol in the business district during the more temperate months. You may also see us during the winter months as Mother Nature allows. Responding to requests of residents, we have at times been monitoring the Red Lion intersection with a cruiser stationed in front of the War Memorial Green at Pine Street and have received numerous positive comments.

Fortunately, we did not see any large increase in crime of any particular type or in any particular area of town. We will continue to remain visible in the community and endeavor to be a proactive organization.

Drainage work around our station is ongoing and we appreciate the public adhering to the warning signage that is in place for their safety. Also, our hats are off to the Town's Facility Manager, Chris Marsden, for making this construction project as seamless as possible.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



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.			
A&B	6	Identity Fraud/Impersonation	2
Abuse Prevention Order	1	Intimidation	4
Animal Cruelty	1	Kidnapping/Abduction	2
Assault	5	Larceny from a Building	1
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	2	Larceny over \$250 +60 or Disabled	1
Assist Citizens	507	Larceny over \$250	4
Assist Other Agencies	98	Larceny under \$250	8
B&E Building Daytime	3	License to operate a MV Suspended	12
B&E Building Night Time	2	Liquor Law Violation/Under 21	1
B&E/Boat	4	LTCs & FIDs Processed	45
B&E Misdemeanor	1	Malicious Damage to MV	6
Bomb Threat	1	Medical Calls	151
Credit Card/ATM Improper Use	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Criminal Harassment	5	OUI Drugs 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Offense	2
Criminal Motor Vehicle Violation	63	OUI Liquor	2
Counterfeiting/Forger	11	Protective Custody	1
Destruction of Property under \$250	1	Rape/Sexual Assault	2
Destruction of Property over \$250	4	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Disturbance/Noise Complaint	34	Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle	2
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly	13	Shop Lifting	3
Drug/Narcotic Violation	4	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3
Elder Abuse	1	Trespass	4
Embezzlement	3	Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle	12
False Pretense/Swindle	10	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
Failure to Stop/Move Over	1	Vandalize Property	7
Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls	6	Weapons Violation	3
		Well Being Checks	53
		Wildlife/Animal Calls/Dog Bites	151
Motor Vehicle Accidents	112	Alarm Calls	557
Speeding Citations	1186	Open Doors	14
Total Traffic Infractions	1251	Parking Tickets	64
Log Entries	17,864		

Fire Department

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

The Fire Department responded to 375 total calls in 2018, including structure 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, hazardous material operations, air packs, emergency search and rescue procedures, and CPR and First Responder skills. Our EMT's and First Responders responded to 150 medical calls took additional classes to keep their skills updated.

In 2018 we welcomed the arrival of our new Engine 5. This pumper/tanker provides additional capabilities to the department. It carries 1,800 gallons of water with a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. It will also eventually be included in the Berkshire County Tanker Task Force which responds, through mutual aid, to other towns where water supply is lacking.

The Fire Department responded to the following emergencies in 2018:

Fire suppression

Structure Fires	2
Chimney Fires	2
Electrical Fires	2
Gas Grill Fires	1
Car Fires	4
Brush Fires	1
Pole Fires	2
Mutual Aid	4

Hazardous Condition

Gas Leak	4
CO w/ Readings	3
Power Line Down	6
Flood Assessment	1
Smoke Removal	4
Standby in Station	1
Service Call	1

Search and Rescue

Alarms

Fire Alarms	138
CO Alarms	19
Gas Alarm	3
Heat Detector	2

Search on Land	1
Search in Water	4
Animal rescue	1

Medical

Medical Calls	150
MVA calls	19

I would personally like to thank the 15 officers, firefighters, and EMTs of the department for their dedication to the department and the Town. The department is always looking for new members to join our ranks. If you are interested please contact the Chief or stop in the station. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and their Administrative Assistant for their continued help. I would also like to thank the Stockbridge Police Department as well as the neighboring fire and medical departments for their support. A special thank you to the residents and businesses of Stockbridge for your continued support of the Fire Department..

Respectfully Submitted,
NEIL HAYWOOD,
Interim 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.

2018 Chapter 90 project: Route 183 south (Glendale Road) paving from the intersection of Mohawk Lake Road to the Housatonic line took place. This paving encompassed the Glendale Culvert Project that began in the fall of 2017 and consisted of replacing a dry laid stone culvert and replacement of the collapsed connective drainage system.

The Larrywaug Bridge located on Route 183 north (Interlaken Road) will have the final Chapter 85 MADOT review and approval in March 2019, with a tentative construction commencement in September. Due to the stone arch ring geometry of this bridge, the structural engineers have concluded that closure of this span is necessary throughout the replacement, which is estimated to be six to eight weeks. As part of the MADOT review process, a detour plan has been submitted and is also in the approval process. Funding for this bridge replacement included \$1.5 million in infrastructure grants.

In June 2018, a grant application submitted for \$500,000 through the Small Bridge Program for one of the closed Averic Road bridges was approved and awarded in February 2019 towards construction. This grant will allow for the replacement of the bridge directly off Route 183 in late summer 2019, which will reopen access to the Interlaken Park.

Respectfully Submitted,
LEONARD TISDALE, JR.,
Highway Superintendent

Cemetery Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Stockbridge:

There were a total of 25 Interments between the Town Cemetery and St. Joseph's Cemetery during calendar year 2018; they are broken down as follows:

Town Cemetery, Full casket Interments:	4
Town Cemetery, Interment of cremated remains	15
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Full casket Interments	3
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Interment of cremated remains	3

All burial fees associated with the above interments amount to the following:

Opening and closing of graves (Town Cemetery)	\$4500.00
Trust Fund (Town Cemetery)	\$4750.00
Opening and closing of graves (St. Joseph)	\$900.00
Trust Fund (St. Joseph)	\$1,500.00
Total collected by Cemetery fees:	\$11,650.00

Residents are reminded that according to the Cemetery Regulations, which are part of the Town By-Laws: "permanent plantings of hedges, trees and shrubs are not permitted in the Town Cemetery, except as required by the Cemetery Commission." There are several cases where well intentioned plantings have become neglected and overgrown at individual gravesites. Aside from being a general eyesore, neglected plantings obscure inscriptions, promote the growth of moss, algae, and lichen on stones, encroach on neighboring plots, and roots from ornamental shrubs can cause damage to memorials and foundations. We will continue the selected removal of shrubs that have become problematic or which we have had complaints about. This is done in the interest of maintaining the Cemeteries to an acceptable level and out of fairness and respect for all who share the cemetery.

Cemetery information, including full Regulations is available on the Town Website.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSEPH GARDINO,
Cemetery Consultant

Sewer & Water Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectman & Citizens of Stockbridge:

This was a busy and productive year for the Stockbridge Water & Sewer Department.

Under the supervision of Michael Buffoni and the assistance of Tony Campetti and Mark Viola, the water main replacement project for Church Street was commenced and completed in 2018, \$200,000 under budget. After review by the Sewer and Water Commission and the Town Administrator, the decision was made to also replace the water main on Yale Court at a cost of \$66,000. This work had been previously bid as an alternate item. Clean up for the Church Street – Yale Court water main replacement project will be completed in the spring of 2019. The Commission would like to thank the Water Department head Michael Buffoni for his tireless efforts to ensure completion of this project substantially under budget.

Logging on the watershed surrounding Lake Averic continues with 50 acres marked and ready for bidding. Since the Sewer and Water Department began logging the water shed in 2002, we have sold 564,758 board feet and 421 fire wood cords generating \$86,603.90 for the General Fund.

The Sewer and Water Department has been working with engineers and contractors on bridge and culvert replacements. Many Town bridges have water mains within or adjacent to bridge work. The Glendale culvert replacement required the temporary removal of 10 feet of water main. Once the culvert was replaced, a new section of water main was installed, pressure tested, chlorinated and flushed.

The Sewer Department Phase 2 of the State mandated inflow and infiltration study was completed. In addition, maintenance was performed to the collection system and to the pumping stations to ensure compliance with the EPA standards.

The Commission would like to thank Sewer Superintendent Tony Campetti, Water Superintendent Michael Buffoni and Water/Sewer Assistant Mark Viola for their efforts.

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 one 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 2017 season. There were no issues with water quality at the beach. Pilling Landscaping continued to maintain and improve the Park Street gardens and the landscaping at the town beach.

All three 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 calling the Stockbridge Town Hall, where a statement of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the canoe/kayak racks is also available.

The Parks and Recreation Committee worked with the Highway Department to make improvements to the Town Beach in the appearance, safety, and overall experience to beach goers. These improvements included restoring the beach area with clean sand, and improved drainage around the driveway entrances and parking area. We are pursuing additional funding and permit approvals to enhance the beach and swimming area which may include new signs for rules and regulations, improved landscaping along the shore, and replacing the ropes, docks and other outdated lifeguard equipment as needed.

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
JULIE EDMONDS
VLADA ROUSSEFF

Emergency Management

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

Throughout 2018, 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 August of 2018 the Town of Stockbridge was awarded a grant in the amount of \$238,570.00 through FEMA's F/Y 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program. This grant is being applied, along with Town funds, for the purpose of constructing badly needed storm water conveyance system upgrades for the downtown area. Installation of the new system through Bidwell Park and the Town Office property began in the fall of 2018 and is scheduled to be completed in early 2019 as weather permits.

In September 2018 the Town of Stockbridge received a grant award from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to cover reimbursable expenses up to \$15,000.00 for the purpose of updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This document is required under Federal regulations as outlined by the Robert T.

Stafford Act and is a key element for being eligible for all Federal Assistance grant funds. This project will be implemented in 2019-2020.

Thanks are due to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator's Office, and the members of the Police, Fire and Highway Departments and the many independent volunteers who make up our Emergency Management Team for Stockbridge. Thank you, to my counterparts throughout Berkshire County and 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.

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:

The Stockbridge Board of Health responded to new challenges in 2018, as well as building upon old efforts. Together with the Stockbridge Finance Committee and the Boards of Health, Finance Committees, and Town Administrators from Lee and Lenox, the Stockbridge Board of Health helped the Tri-Town Health Department (TTHD) regain its capability to respond to increasing demands for its services. Special thanks go to Jim Wilusz and Jay Bikofsky for putting together a long-term financial plan for the TTHD. The 2018 Stockbridge portion of the budget totaled \$47,853. Traditionally, the TTHD has recouped only a fraction of its costs by charging fees for its services. As a result of the new financial reorganization, almost 50% of the Stockbridge budget will be recouped from fees. Of the remaining 50% shortfall, over 90% represents a traditional good-will donation by the residents of Stockbridge to the commercial and not-for-profit entities in town through tax-subsidies.

Continuing its efforts to promote a healthier environment for everyone, the Board actively supported and helped put into place regulations regarding disposable plastic bags and styrofoam containers, as well as specifying recycling procedures for home trash haulers. The Board is evaluating the benefits and drawbacks the current town-underwritten mosquito-control program. With the Boards from Lee and Lenox, our Board has continued to support regulations limiting tobacco marketing to children.

Depending on the Town's approach to short-term rentals, additional inspection responsibilities may require the TTHD to add considerably to its budget and staffing. TTHD has already studied this issue with respect to Lenox bylaw proposals. Would-be landlords should be aware that such inspections would involve the entire premises, and inspectors would be obligated to ensure that the entire premises passes health codes.

A large cyanobacterial bloom in the Stockbridge Bowl in August forced the Board to issue an advisory against water activities that caused a re-routing of the Josh Billings Triathlon. While this was a first-of-its-kind advisory for the Bowl, such blooms are become much more prevalent throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. Once established, such blooms change the ecology of a lake and become much harder to eradicate. The Board established a cyanobacterial bloom task force with members from the Board, the Conservation Committee, the Sewer and Water Commission, and a Select Board delegate, supported by advisors from the Department of Public Health and other state agencies. The task force has taken steps to fast-track measures to tackle cyanobacterial blooms specifically, and generally, by improving the overall health of the lake through the control of

Milfoil overgrowth and sediment buildup, and through watershed protection. For a better understanding of the factors predisposing to the bloom and methods to prevent recurrence, the task force has contacted specialist consultants to advise on information gathering techniques and whole lake management.

The long-term health and safety of the Town require understanding and cooperation from all of us, and hard work by a few. The Board thanks all those unnamed people for their time and effort in helping us meet the challenges of 2018 and prepare for those of the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
CATHY PLAKUN, **Secretary**
CHARLES KENNY, M.D., **Chairman**
HENRY SCHWERNER, M.D.

Tri-Town Health Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2018.

Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:

Title 5 On-Site Wastewater Disposal: In Fiscal Year 2018, we experienced a 140% growth in septic systems inspections and permits. 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: In fiscal year 2018, the state DPH made changes to the State Food Code and there have been several trainings to assist health inspectors on the new changes. Although many changes have been made, we don't feel that it will impact our permit holders.

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 is grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and provides a variety of tobacco control services for 12 Berkshire County communities. In Fiscal year 2018, we were awarded another RFR contract to serve several Berkshire towns.

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 FY18, 209 vouchers were sold, and 163 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.

Polystyrene/Plastic Bag Initiative: Significant code compliance was achieved in FY18 with respect to the towns meeting local by-laws and regulations. We found 3 locations that had an oversight in meeting compliance, and we were able to work closely with those establishments to be sure they are complying.

Administration:

In fiscal year 2018 we were able to recruit and hire an additional full-time health inspector to meet state requirements and meet the demands of the district. Jonathan Pierce was hired and brings a vast amount of environmental science background to the district. We welcome Jonathan to the district team.

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	4
Beach	8	Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Biological Wastes	1	Mobile Food	2
Catering	6	Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Disposal Works Construction	13	Pool	14
Disposal Works Installer	8	Pasteurization	0
Emerg. Beaver Trapping Permits	11	Rec. Children's Camp	3
Food Service	47	Retail Food	21
Frozen Dessert	5	Septage Hauler	8
Garbage Hauler	7	Special Event Food Permit	40
Milk/Cream Dealer	0	Tobacco	0
		Well Permit	4

Inspections:

Children's Camps	3
Food Service/Retail	76
Housing Inspections/Reinspections	8
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	5
Percolation Test Witness	12
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections	18
Special Events	22
T5 Witness	12

Water Testing:

Ice Sampling	22
Pool & Hot Tub Testing	82
Quality Control	172
Beaches Sampling	98
Well Sampling	6

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2018

Total budget:	\$47,853.72
Revenue generated:	\$30,551.48

Breakdown:

Permits	\$19,560.00
Water Testing	\$6,240.00
Septic	\$4,750.00
Misc.	\$1.48

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. WILUSZ, R.S.,
Director of Public Health

Education

Report of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Kyle Germain.

As of December 31, 2018, there was \$134,220.07 in accounts at Berkshire Bank and investments and stocks managed by Morgan Stanley.

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer/Collector
Town of Stockbridge

Report of the Williams Academy Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the Williams Academy Scholarship Fund awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Stockbridge resident, Michael Goretti.

As of December 31, 2018, there was \$19,019.27 in an account at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer/Collector
Town of Stockbridge

Stockbridge Library Association

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

2018 got off to a bumpy start at the Stockbridge Library. Early in the morning of December 22, 2017, a radiator on the back wall of the Bement Room cracked. Gravity carried the water down through the ceiling and wall of our Museum & Archives, soaking a large section of the carpet and spraying on several of the artifacts. We spent the first few months of 2018 repairing the damage, working with experts from the Williamstown Art Conservation Center on artifacts affected by the flood, and reassembling displays once reconstruction was complete. We are grateful to the volunteers who helped us move the collection back into place so that we could reopen the Museum on March 31.

Despite this difficult beginning, 2018 was another successful and busy year for the Stockbridge Library Association. During those 12 months we:

- Had over 44,000 visits to the Library and circulated 28,413 items
- Served 4,509 visitors and researchers in the Museum & Archives from 21 countries and 41 states
- Held 187 programs (the vast majority of which were free), including our Speaker Series (featuring authors and experts on a variety of topics); monthly book clubs and art shows; weekly Littles Library Time and a Second Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover; and our popular Berkshire Chamber Players Concert Series. New in 2018 we also hosted:
 - Two wildlife programs with our friends from Mass Audubon's Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries
 - A timely and informative two-part series in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month entitled *Embrace Your Voice, Reclaim Your Power: Changing the Dialogue Surrounding Sexual Assault*, for which we partnered with Elizabeth Freeman Center
 - *On the Town*, a series of monthly programs in five different parts of Stockbridge; each month, a volunteer from the Museum & Archives led a one-hour tour, explaining the buildings at the site and talking about some of the people who lived there
 - Collaborative exhibitions in the Museum & Archives' Procter Gallery, working with community partners from the Stockbridge Fire Department, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Berkshire Theatre Group, and more
 - Sensory Storytimes and Robotics Camp for kids
- Hosted a special *Behind Closed Doors* program around the theme "From Private to Public," during which Laurie Norton Moffatt from the Norman Rockwell Museum, Joan Burkhard of Riverbrook, and Greg Farr from the Austen Riggs Center talked about how their buildings, which were built as private homes, were adapted to completely different purposes
- Celebrated 10 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
- Participated in planning sessions for the creation of a local Native American Heritage Trail
- Completed our partnership with preservation specialists from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on *Finding Common Ground*:

Collaborative Training for the Cultural Heritage and Emergency Response Communities, a project that brings first responders together with members of the cultural heritage community in an effort to protect humanities collections and municipal records following a disaster

- 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 Kate Maguire, Artistic Director and CEO of Berkshire Theatre Group, who discussed the rich history of the Theatre in connection with their 90th anniversary. We once again held the joint Golf and Tennis Challenge with The Lenox Library on June 19 (with the winning team bringing the coveted Schwartz Cup home to Stockbridge for another year) and our Annual Used Book Sale – a tradition under the tent – on July 13, 14, and 15. On October 21, runners and walkers came out in support of our Third Annual Family Fun 5K Fundraiser. 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.

We welcomed two new staff members in 2018 – Library Assistant Maria Lynch and Assistant Archivist Brad Havill – and bid a fond retirement to Librarian Vicky Cooper. On August 23, we held *All This and Barbara, Too*, a celebration of Barbara Allen's 20th Anniversary as Curator and the rich treasure trove that is our Museum & Archives. It was a beautiful evening at Windermere, the Prospect Hill home of our gracious hosts, Jim and Cathy Daily. We were honored to have Senator Adam Hinds and Representative Smitty Pignatelli in attendance, both of whom presented Barbara with official citations, including one from Governor Baker, in honor of her 20 years of dedicated service to the Procter Museum & Archives of Stockbridge History.

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. Better yet, come pay us a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHERINE O'NEIL, **Director**
Stockbridge Library Association
January 17, 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.

The Senior Center and the Council on Aging extends many thanks to all our volunteers: our van drivers, Ron Muir, Bobbie Kay, Beth McCormack, and Clint Schneyder. Many thanks to our kitchen help, JoAnn Garzone, Nancy O'Brien and newly added Chris McCormack. Thank you to Pat Flinn for her free Computer classes and Winnie Veretto for her endless hours of (SHINE) serving health insurance needs of everyone. Many thanks to our Country Foot Clinic nurse Jane Kelly who this coming year (2019) is planning to retire. Thank you to Porchlight for our Blood pressure clinics and all our flu shots.

Our Bingo, Yoga, Tia Chi, and Nia classes are very well attended with walk-ins always welcomed.

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

We all shared a fantastic Christmas Senior lunch at the Red Lion Inn. Thanks to Nancy Fitzpatrick and Eva Sheridan, our hosts on that day.

Our Medical and shopping trips this year were 231 trips with 512.5 driving hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
LIZ DIGRIGOLI, **Director**
DIANE SHERIDAN, **Chairman**
LYNNE FRENCH
RON MUIR
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 low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs.

Heaton Court, located at 5 Pine Street, is state-assisted housing for low-income elderly, defined as age 60 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and disabled under 60 years of age. A waiting list is in place for the 50 one-bedroom and 1 two-bedroom apartments. Stockbridge residents and veterans receive preference on the waiting list. There is also priority given to emergency applicants that meet state eligibility criteria. The SHA welcomed 2 new tenant households to Heaton Court in 2018. 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 298-3222.

Low-income families and individuals are assisted by the SHA via the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The SHA contracts with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer 41 vouchers. A voucher entitles the participants to a portion of their rent being paid by the SHA every month based on the participant's income. 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 3 new participant families with Section 8 assistance in 2018. As of 12/31/18, there were 5 program participant families living in Stockbridge, 32 families in other towns in southern Berkshire County, and 2 south county households that leased up on the program in central Berkshire County after being unable to find affordable housing in south county before the voucher expired. Two new voucher recipients are currently searching for housing.

The SHA participates in the Massachusetts NAHRO Centralized Section 8 Waiting List. When an applicant completes and submits the pre-application for rental assistance, they are placed on Section 8 Waiting List, which is utilized by 99 housing authorities across the state. Obtain information and submit a pre-application online at www.section8listmass.org or by contacting the SHA office.

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

The SHA 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 a \$57,000 grant from Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds which allowed the SHA to replace the failing roofs at Heaton Court's Buildings A and D this year.

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, providing them safe and affordable housing. In Stockbridge, we are fortunate not to require state subsidy for day-to-day operations; however, capital improvements do require significant funding. Housing authorities are “formula funded.” They receive “x” amount of dollars per unit per year based on passage of the most recent housing bond bill. With only 59 units of much-needed affordable housing, the SHA’s funding from the state is not sufficient. CPA funds are vital.

Residents who have housing concerns are encouraged to call the Stockbridge Housing Authority office at 298-3222. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Stockbridge Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners

BERNARD EDMONDS, Chairman

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JOANNE REDDING, Executive Director

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 2018 donations from generous taxpayers brought the total amount available for distribution to \$ 12,126.60. Eleven residents received a total of \$ 7,474.14 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 2018 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 43 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2018 Submitted 7/01/17-6/30/18	Pmt Due in FY 2019 - FY 2018 - 75%
Stockbridge	\$48,495.39	\$36,371.54

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

Applications for VA Health Care	35
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	66
DD 214s	55
Request for Grave Markers	12
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	54
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	46
Assisted with Dr. appointments	20
Home and Office Visits	438
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1445

For FY 2018 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 2018 DVS budget was \$8,431.06 - 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 begin by thanking my fellow board members Gene Talbot, Kate Fletcher, Ruth Pearce, Marie Raftery, Lisa Sauer, and Wayne Slosek for their thoughtful work over this past year. I would also like to thank Jennifer Carmichael our board Secretary as well for her dedication and hard work. With this said, we also had some changes during the year: Ruth Pearce relocated out of state, Lisa Sauer left the board, and Gene Talbot as well. We are happy to have the following replacements until the next Town Election in May 2019: Barney Edmonds, Christine Rasmussen, and Stuart Hirshfield. We thank them for stepping up to fill these vacancies. Their thoughtful participation has already proved beneficial.

Gene Talbot was a long-standing planning board member as well as a former Selectman. Gene was a member / participant on various other committees and town boards in our community, and we thank him for his service to this board and to the town. We hope his kind wisdom stays with us all.

The Zoning review ad hoc committee chaired by Kate Fletcher continues to work on potential Zoning change recommendations. They as well as the Select Board, and Town Administrator are looking to hire a part time Planner to consult with the town on potential changes to our current Zoning By laws.

This past year we held hearings for a proposed Cottage Era Estate Bylaw change put forward by the 35-37 Interlaken Road developers (former Desisto School), a Marijuana Moratorium, a By-Law amendment for Marijuana, and a Sign Bylaw amendment. In addition, we had hearings for approval of a Temporary Structure, an off-street Parking Plan, and a Demolition Appeal / Substantial Alteration of a Historic Structure under the Historic Preservation Statue, 7 LPOD Special Permits, 3 Form A Permits (approval not required), 1 Sign Permit, 1 Storm Water and Erosion Control Permit Hearing, the Release of a Covenant for Stone Ridge Subdivision, and 1 Use permit.

The Planning Board spent portions of several meetings discussing Zoning review, the Marijuana bylaw, upcoming Short-term rental legislation, and moving the Stormwater Bylaw to the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. We believe it is better served with that board.

Several of our board members have attended seminars, educational forums, and discussion groups over this past year. The added knowledge and expertise will prove to be valuable in the future.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

GARY PITNEY, **Chairperson**
KATE FLETCHER, **Vice Chairperson**
WAYNE SLOSEK, **Clerk**
MARIE RAFTERY
BARNEY EDMONDS

CHRISTINE RASMUSSEN
STUART HIRSHFIELD
JENNIFER CARMICHAEL,
Board 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 2018

Permit type	# of Permits	Cost of Construction	Permit Fees
New Construction	4	\$1,947,700.00	\$12,763.00
Additions & Alterations	101	\$7,033,502.00	\$46,687.00
Solar Arrays	11	\$112,313.00	\$1,500.00
Demolitions	6	\$129,500.00	\$380.00
Swimming Pools	2	\$32,990.00	\$230.00
Repairs	33	\$467,862.00	\$3,215.00
Roofs	35	\$571,526.00	\$4,645.00
Decks/Porches	17	\$541,803.00	\$2,820.00
Foundation	2	\$80,500.00	\$465.00
Garages & Accessory	7	\$454,215.00	\$2,490.00
Sheet Metal	4	\$121,900.00	\$140.00
Mechanical	6	\$128,510.00	\$750.00
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	10	\$21,582.00	\$550.00
Other	2	\$15,500.00	\$140.00
Total Construction	240	\$11,659,403.00	\$76,775.00
Other Permits			
Annual Inspections	64		\$8,015.00
Certificate of Occupancy	24		\$840.00
Tents	44		\$2,310.00
Trench	16		\$560.00
Electrical Inspections	192		\$18,360.00
Gas Inspections	72		\$4,860.00
Plumbing Inspections	58		\$6,480.00
Total Other Permits	470		\$41,425.00
Totals	710		\$118,200.00

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 George Shippey from our Board. His leadership, voice and opinions are greatly missed. (As he did, we will continue to monitor any new docks within the LPOD for compliance with the Town Bylaw.) Best wishes! We would also like to acknowledge the too brief contribution of member Louise Gachet.

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 Bylaw, to ensure that habitat, resource areas, wetlands and adjacent properties are not compromised. With the numerous streams, marshes, ponds and rivers in town, there are many projects in areas that are within ConComm jurisdiction, requiring review.

Again this year, the Gould Meadows Committee volunteers have cleared hedge rows and cut back invasive plant species. Another grant was applied for from the state that is pending. We wish to thank the Berkshire House of Correction for providing some timely manpower for helping to clear and pile brush. We also would like to thank the citizens of Stockbridge who approved CPA funds, as well as Town monies. Along with the significant amount of work by a group of dedicated volunteers, this combined effort is making a real difference.

As the year ends, we have just started reviewing the Stockbridge Bowl Association's Notice of Intent for herbicide treatment of the lake. With much debate and expert opinions as to what will be best for the lake, the outcome at this time is still to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD BROUKER, Chair

JOHN HART, Vice-Chair

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Secretary/Member

JOSEPH DeGIORGIS

JAY RHIND

TOM LaBELLE

PATRICK WHITE, Associate Member

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 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 Commission 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 2018 the Commission reviewed and reported on eight such applications. We are pleased that the CPC accepted our findings and that multiple worthy historic preservation projects were recommended for funding by the CPC and were funded by the Town at its annual meeting. Subsequent to the CPC recommendations, the Commission met with several of the funded organizations regarding certain of the historic preservation projects, in order to discuss and offer guidance regarding implementation of the grants.

Also during 2018, the Commission 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

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

The Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission met seven times in 2018 reviewing a total of ten applications. Four demolitions were approved, and one denied. Three alterations were approved, and two projects were discussed on a preliminary basis.

On March 26 we discussed preliminary plans for Lake Cottage and for Merrywood. Demolition of 19 Lakeview Drive was approved. We were delighted to have Jorja Marsden join the Commission for the first time.

On April 24 we approved the proposed alterations to Lake Cottage as well as changes to 46 Lake Drive.

On May 15 demolition was initially denied for the barn at 4 Train Hill Road. After further information the application was approved on June 12, as well as alterations to 1 Interlaken Crossroad.

On July 30 the Commission denied demolition of 29 East Street (the Crosby House - also known as the Field Mouse House caretaker's cottage - part of the Highlawn estate.)

On August 13 we approved demolition of 25 Beachwood Drive, followed by informal discussion of proposed renovations at 4 Train Hill Road.

On October 29 demolition was approved at 4 Birch Lane, and updated plans for alterations to 1 Interlaken Crossroad were also approved.

We're pleased with the success of preserving Lake Cottage, and it now seems that critical renovations will be happening at the long-neglected Merrywood estate. We also worked on improvements to our application form. In related business Chairman Carl Sprague has been part of the Bylaw Zoning review, and that group will shortly be recommending a planning consultant to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL SPRAGUE, **Chair**

PETER WILLIAMS, **Secretary**

GARY JOHNSTON

JORJA-ANN MARSDEN

JAY RHIND

PAMELA SANDLER

LISA SAUER

Stockbridge Cultural Council

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

For the fiscal year 2018, the Stockbridge Cultural Council got \$4,400 for grant distribution from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We received 31 grant applications totaling \$13,657 in requests. After careful consideration, the Council awarded grants in varying amounts to the following individuals and organizations:

Community Health Programs for a children's program at
Berkshire Botanical Garden
Berkshire South Regional Community Center for ukulele band
and community chorus
Berkshire Music School for the Painted Piano project
Music in Common for music, multimedia and songwriting
10,000 Bowls of Moonlight art installation
Berkshire Lyric Theater for concerts and educational programs
Stockbridge Library for early learning program on the Mohicans
Berkshire Playwrights Lab for Berkshire Voices
Berkshire Children's Chorus for tuition scholarships
Sculpture Now for sculpture show and high school classes
Berkshire Pulse for a site-specific dance at Chesterwood
Berkshire Theater Group for BTG Plays! a school residency program
Stockbridge Housing for Heaton Court Concerts
Kathy Erickson Jazz for student/professional workshop
IS 183 for scholarship fund
Mass Audubon Berkshire Sancturaries for free wildlife programs at local
libraries
Flying Cloud Institute for art and science education at BHRSD
BHRSD for an educational series about W.E.B. DuBois
Housatonic Valley Association for Housatonic River/Then & Now
educational program
Thomas Kelly for Project Connection/educational project
BHRSD for Fall Festival of Shakespeare at MMRHS

The work of these grantees included literary projects, concerts, art projects, theater performances, music lessons, in-school and outdoor education classes, and more. Go to www.mass-culture.org/Stockbridge for further information. We are next accepting grant applications from September 1 to October 15, 2019.

We are always in search of new members to our committee and welcome inquiries, ideas and suggestions. **Please consider making a donation to increase our grant making options for the good of the community in the next cycle (2020).**

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN MARSHALL, **Chairman**
MARY FLOURNOY, **Secretary**
PATRICK WHITE, **Treasurer**

JESSICA MEAGHER
LYNN EDELSTEIN
REBECCA WEINMAN
CHRISTINE RASMUSSEN

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.

As healthier lifestyles and cycling become a larger part of people's lives, we are trying to embrace this trend and make Stockbridge an area people want to come and enjoy.

This year our ride for the Upper Housatonic Heritage Association fall weekend began at the Norman Rockwell Museum and wended its way through back roads, into Lenox Village and returned to the Museum. We also supported a local ride to Tyringham and back to town. We plan to support more rides in the future. New this year was a gathering of young families to decorate and ride their bikes in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Several families participated and everyone, riders and spectators alike, enjoyed the parade.

As Stockbridge looks forward to the plans for Main Street, we too will keep abreast of possible ways to find the best solutions to improve bike safety in town.

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

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 \$278,750 to allocate. With the anticipated approval of the citizens of Stockbridge, the CPC was able under the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act to assist the Stockbridge Housing Authority in financing the roof replacement project at Heaton Court.

Funding was also approved for the following under the Historic Preservation portion of the Act: restoration work on main entrance and façade of the Berkshire Theatre Festival building; the Chesterwood garden studio arch; the roof on the carriage house at the Norman Rockwell Museum; for the Town, work on the Horse Trough and the Cat & Dog Fountain; the rostrum in Laurel Hill Park; and continuing work on the Red Barn at Gould Meadows.

We also recommended additional money under Open Space for habitat restoration and invasive species removal in Gould Meadows, along with tree work in Laurel Hill Park.

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
RUTH PIERCE, representing the Planning Board
CAROLE OWENS, representing the Selectmen

Memorial Day Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Memorial Day Committee began meeting in January, per usual, to begin planning for this event.

Prior to Memorial Day several members of this committee along with a few volunteers placed approximately 400 new flags on veterans' gravesites at both the town cemetery and at St. Joseph's Church cemetery, as well as at the other monuments to veterans in town.

With fairly good weather conditions, a good number of townsfolk turned out for the scheduled events this year, held on Monday, May 28th.

Cemetery Gravesite Ceremony, 11:00AM Transport vehicles donated by the Congregation of Marians were used to escort veterans and residents gathered at the Old Town Hall to the two town cemeteries, as well as to the Housatonic River at the Stockbridge Golf Course. From a bridge on the golf course a wreath was deposited in the river to honor our navy veterans lost at sea. The Reverend Brent Damrow of the Congregational Church 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. Joining the Stockbridge veterans in the march were veterans from Great Barrington and Housatonic, who always add a great deal to our visual military presence. A flag-draped casket carried on a cart decorated with greens and pulled by 2 military veterans gave a silent and solemn testimony as to why we gather on this day. A new addition to the parade lineup was the Laurel Hill Association, which provides attractive landscaping at the Civil War monument. Other participants included members of the Stockbridge Fire Department and their fire trucks; members of the Selectboard, 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 The traditional elements of our Memorial Day Program were presented, with our Chair, Harold French, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Three readings were presented by members of this committee, to include "The American's Creed", In Flanders Fields, and "A Soldier's Prayer", prior to the main address given by Lt. Col. Ian G. French, US Army, retired. LTC French served in a combination of active duty and reserve positions, for a 30-year career in military intelligence, followed by 10 years with the National Security Agency. Rev. Brent Damrow gave the opening Invocation and closing Benediction, and inspiring patriotic music was provided by The Berkshire Hillsman.

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. David Pullaro of Fiddlehead's Grille 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 those whose actual contributions or physical presence made this day special, and to our police department, for their presence as well as assistance with traffic control.

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

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD FRENCH, **Chair**

LISA THORNE, **Secretary**

"SKIP" WHALEN

KEITH RAFTERY

TIM MINKLER

MERRILL SANDERSON

DON COLEMAN

FRED COLEMAN

DEBRA COLEMAN

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. A sub-committee guiding this effort is comprised of Laura Dubester, Mike Buffoni, Pat Flinn, Starbuck Smith, and Chuck Gillett.

As of December 31, 2017, the initial grant was fully spent on energy efficiency improvements to the Town Offices and Town Facilities Manager Chris Marsden participated in planning and implementation. The final report was approved by DOER, entitling Stockbridge to apply for energy efficiency projects.

Since 2015, weather adjusted Town energy consumption has been reduced by 13%. 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!

In 2018, Stockbridge applied for and was awarded a grant totaling \$54,829 to install energy efficiency improvements at the Central Fire Station. As part of this grant award, Fire Chief Chuck Cardillo is taking an active role in overseeing the work.

Projects and the award amount from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to weatherize the Central Fire Station are:

- \$12,933 - Replace garage doors
- \$24,600 - Replace heating system
- \$13,796 - Install energy efficient lighting
- \$3,500 - Replace exterior doors

Respectfully submitted,

Stockbridge Green Communities Committee

LAURA DUBESTER, **Chairperson**

PAT FLINN

MICHAEL BUFFONI

CHUCK GILLETT

STARBUCK SMITH

PAM SANDLER

TOM STOKES

Stockbridge Bowl Association

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

At our Annual Meeting last summer, we set out our [revised] plans for restoring Stockbridge Bowl for the 150 members attending. We depicted our program, designated at Plan B, as being like a three legged stool, explaining that we intended to proceed simultaneously with three objectives: (1) using a widely tested and approved herbicide to control invasive Milfoil as recommended by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), (2) dredging a channel behind Kwunikwat Island and down the Outlet to reduce the sedimentation there using methodology approved by NHESP, and (3) hydro-raking water lilies in those same two areas behind the Island and down the Outlet. Save Stockbridge Bowl funds received from our generous donors under Plan A will be applied to all three components of Plan B..

MILFOIL/WEEDS - HERBICIDE

In September, we were confronted with an algae bloom--an extremely rare occurrence on our Bowl--bringing a type of cyanobacteria to the surface and inducing the State to "close" the lake for three weeks, forcing the relocation of the Josh Billings Triathlon among other disruptions. Neither the State nor the Town tested the cyanobacteria to determine whether it was of the rare poisonous variety. The Stockbridge Health Department is taking the lead in analyzing the cause of the cyanobacteria outbreak and proposing a remedy. The Health Department is still looking to hire a consultant to assist it with this effort. We are told by the head of the Health Department that it is disinclined to hire SOLitude Lake Management, which is helping us with the herbicide treatment for Milfoil and which has proposed a program for dealing with cyanobacteria which they have used successfully on other New England lakes. The Health Department intends to ask the Town to fund its efforts to manage cyanobacteria but so far has not submitted that request to the Town.

Meanwhile, the SBA has been proceeding persistently to advance our plans to control Milfoil based on the strategy we outlined last summer. You will recall that our initial objective (Plan A) was to drawdown the lake by 5.5 feet in early winter to freeze the roots of the Milfoil growing near shore, a plan encouraged by our Conservation Commission and by the State's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. But, then last spring, the NHESP embargoed any deep drawdown because the agency now ruled that method would "take" habitat from a rare and endangered snail, *Marstonia lustrica*.

We, in consultation with the NHESP, therefore turned to Plan B, using "fluridone," an herbicide widely and safely used nationwide for over three decades to control Milfoil. This will eradicate not just the Milfoil around the shoreline of the lake but to its maximum depth of 16 feet.

Notwithstanding a report by its own expert confirming the wisdom of using "fluridone" to control Milfoil, the Stockbridge Conservation Commission voted in January to try to block our use of this herbicide. The SBA is now asking the State Department of Environmental Protection to overrule the Stockbridge Commission and we are appealing in Superior Court. We have just learned that the

DEP is planning to convene a meeting to be attended by the SBA, the Stockbridge Conservation Commission, the NHESP, and the DEP.

We are hoping to begin using the herbicide this spring and to follow up with a study of the weeds in the lake, which will be compared to the findings of the study commissioned by the SBA last summer, to evaluate the impact of the herbicide application.

DREDGING

To proceed with plans for dredging behind Kwunikwat Island and down the outlet, the Town had retained GZA Environmental to assist with civil engineering. After settling an overbilling dispute, GZA has done little to advance our program. To break this logjam, the Select Board has appointed Gregg Wellenkamp, a respected area general contractor, to be the Town's Project Manager with authority to supervise GZA or any other engineering firm. The Town will still retain control over any contract amendments. Gregg is also a member of the board of the Stockbridge Bowl Association.

WATER LILIES

We will continue to assess the water lily problem, particularly after the lake has been treated with the herbicide. It is our understanding that hydroraking is far more effective in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD SELTZER, President

Members of the Board

LORRAINE ABRAHAM
PHYLLIS KLEIN
DAVID BRAUSE
SUSAN LAFFERTY LAIDLAW
JOAN COHEN
LEAH LARMON
LAURIE DUBNER
MATTHEW MANDEL
KEVIN FORAN
MICHAEL NATHAN
RICHARD GERSZBERG
MARIE RAFTERY

IRA GOLUB
PETER SOCHA
RONALD KAPROV
PETER STRAUSS
PAT KENNELLY
GREGG WELLENKAMP
SALLY WITTENBERG
JOANNA WOLFF

Emeritus Directors

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 society in the United States, was 165 years old in 2018. 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 authorities; 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, the Ice Glen Trail (owned by the Town), the Upper and Lower Bowker’s Woods Trails, the trail on Laurel Hill, and the Mary V. Flynn Trail. The most obvious work we undertook in 2018 was clearing downed trees and branches on the Mary Flynn Trail, Laura’s Tower Trail, and Ice Glen Trail, all reached from the Goodrich Memorial Bridge.

Over the summer, Greenagers completed a week of work on the Mary Flynn Trail. They replaced the decking on two bridges, improved the supports for those bridges and the boardwalk, and cleaned and restained the benches. They also repaired a bench on the Lower Bowker’s Woods trail.

Several old Viburnum surrounding the Roeder Park gazebo, in Glendale, had grown so large they were overwhelming the gazebo. We hired Nature Works Land Care to remove them and replace them with Hydrangea.

Thanks to generous grants from the Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee and the Lenox Garden Club, we have begun to restore both the natural and manmade elements of Laurel Hill Park. We completed the first part of the restoration project in 2018. This included clearing the trees that hid the rock wall that runs from the left of the Rostrum to its right, cleaning several of the rock outcroppings along the trail from the Town Offices to the rostrum, and taking down some trees that partially blocked the view from the Butler Seat. In 2019 we will continue restoring the natural environment, and we will also restore the Rostrum and the Butler Seat.

We plan to install handicapped accessible trails in our Byron and Four Corners properties. Jim Murray, of the Stockbridge Land Trust, led a walk in December during which Peter Jensen, master trail designer, determined the best places to site trails and platforms where hikers can view the Larrywaug Brook wetlands. Peter Jensen submitted a proposal to LHA to design the trails. We then submitted a proposal to the Community Preservation Committee to fund the design work. Our proposal was approved. The funding must be approved at Town Meeting in May. If it is approved, Peter will develop the trail designs this summer and fall. This summer we will begin raising the funds needed to develop the trails. This is the first phase of an ambitious plan to connect downtown Stockbridge with several of our properties.

Town Beautification

The Laurel Hill Association maintains the flowers and plantings at The Civil War Monument on Pine Street, the Jonathan Edwards Monument on Church Street, the garden around the Cat and Dog Fountain, the flower boxes at Roeder Park in Glendale, and the flower beds and pots at the Post Office. In 2018 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 continued to maintain the holiday lights on the tree next to the Cat and Dog Fountain and on the Helen Pigott memorial tree in Roeder Park.

In May of 2018, a driver made the turn from Main Street onto Elm Street too quickly, lost control, and hit the fire hydrant, the weeping cedar, and two of the three flower pots in front of the Post Office. The tree and the flower pots were not salvageable. LHA enlisted the help of Windy Hill Farm to find suitable replacements. We planted a silver Linden tree and four Spirea, along with sedum and nepeta.

We also held the Earth Day Town Cleanup, which we have held in past years. Volunteers in each section of town picked up trash along their roadsides. Approximately 50 volunteers participated.

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.

Activities

Laurel Hill Day was celebrated on Saturday, August 4, 2018, outdoors at the Rostrum on Laurel Hill. The featured presenter was Nancy Fitzpatrick., who entertained everyone with insights, anecdotes, and observations from her six-years-to-complete walk across the U.S. from Boston to Oregon.

In February 2019, The Laurel Hill Association hosted our annual meeting at the Bement Room of the Stockbridge Library, Museum and Archives. Karen Marshall was the speaker. She presented highlights of the historical research that she and Rick Wilcox have done about the uses of Laurel Hill Park.

Participation in Town Committees

LHA has a representative on the Town Cemetery Commission and a representative on the Stockbridge Bowl Association.

Please Join Us!

We welcome suggestions, input, and participation from everyone in Town, so that we can better fulfill our mission to improve and serve our community. 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 members and benefactors 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

PHILIP DEELY, Vice President

PATRICK WHITE, Treasurer

PATRICIA FLINN, Secretary

Trustees: Maria Carr, Lionel Delevingne, Laura Dubester, Julie Edmonds, Nick Fredsall, George Manley, Jim Schantz, Mark Siegars, Carl Sprague, Deborah Wiswesser

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

This was a relatively quiet year for the ZBA. The ZBA held three hearings on variance in the year 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

TOM SCHULER

JIM MURRAY

JOHN HYSON

STARBUCK SMITH

BOB JONES

ERIC PLAKUN

MILES MOFFATT

Tourism Committee

To the Honorable Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The committee is in its fourth 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 2018 totaled \$44,000.00.

In 2018 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. Projects that have been approved by the Selectboard and are pending town procedure and installation are municipal directional signs and recycling bins for the public. With our investments Stockbridge, MA received recognition in a variety of magazines: Yankee Magazine, Victoria Magazine, Architectural Digest, New York Life Styles, Con Nast Travelers, Reader's Digest, Martha Stewart Weddings, Berkshire Living Magazine, House Beautiful, Huffington Post and Business West. Online recognition included features in the Boston Globe, Forbes, New England Today, Tipsavvy, MSN, Jetsetters, MassLive, Only in your State, America Daily, Saratogian, Vacation Ideas, Maxim and USA Today Travel. In 2018 Stockbridge earned titles as a Festive New England Town, Most Beautiful Small Town in America, Best Christmas in Massachusetts, Best Day Trip from Boston, Best New England Christmas Town, Most Romantic Getaway in New England and a Can't miss stop in New England.

The committee 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

MARGARET D. KERSWILL

MICHAEL DUFFY

DOUGLAS GOUDEY

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, 2018. 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, 2018

	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	4,260,288	2,323,447	351,688	5,103,549	1,114,318	2,080,036	19,096			15,252,422
Receivables:										
Personal Property Taxes	3,563									3,563
Real Estate Taxes	289,835									289,835
Motor Vehicle Taxes	30,297									30,297
Tax Liens	165,620									165,620
Community Preservation Receivable		5,398								5,398
Overlays	(202,131)									(202,131)
Water Rates and Special		4,825								4,825
Sewer Rates and Special		9,277								9,277
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax										-
Fixed Assets										-
Amounts to be provided for									13,815,192	13,815,192
Due from Stabilization										-
TOTAL ASSETS	4,547,471	2,342,947	351,688	5,103,549	1,114,318	2,080,036	19,096	-	13,815,192	29,374,297

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS					Totals
	General Fund	Major Spec. Revenue Funds	Other Spec. Rev Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Other Post-Emply Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Water Treatment Plant Loan(Ref)									470,000	470,000
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									2,325,000	2,325,000
Town Offices Project Loan(Ref)									2,815,000	2,815,000
Water Improvements/Tank Loan									1,683,003	1,683,003
Water Ln-Church St/Tank									1,727,189	1,727,189
Gnrl Oblig bond:TwnBridges/Hwy gar.									4,795,000	4,795,000
Deferred Revenue	287,184	19,500								306,684
TOTAL LIABILITIES	287,184	19,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,815,192	14,121,875
FUND EQUITY										
Reserved for Expenditures	878,000	180,500								1,058,500
Reserved for Encumbrances	85,784	11,827								97,611
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	1,397,391	78,340								1,475,731
Reserved for Deficits	-									-
Reserved-Debt Exclusion	-									-
Reserved		1,593,317	351,688	5,103,549	1,114,318	2,080,036	19,096			10,262,004
Unreserved	1,899,113	459,463								2,358,576
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,260,288	2,323,447	351,688	5,103,549	1,114,318	2,080,036	19,096	-	-	15,252,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,547,471	2,342,947	351,688	5,103,549	1,114,318	2,080,036	19,096	-	13,815,192	29,374,297

(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, 2018

WATER & SEWER	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water	467,060	334,584	(242,020)		559,624
Sewer	354,527	459,540	(433,011)		381,055
Total Water & Sewer	821,587	794,123	(675,032)	0	940,679
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION					
Reserved: Open Space	422,634		(5,105)	78,993	496,522
Reserved: Historic Resources	371,010		(138,584)	114,585	347,010
Reserved: Community Housing	94,578		(52,804)	38,000	79,774
Undesignated Fund Balance	412,943	278,910	0	(232,390)	459,463
TOTALS:	1,301,164	278,910	(196,493)	(812)	1,382,769
GRANTS					
Arts Lottery Grant	5,825	7,245	(6,348)		6,722
D.E.P. 319 Grant/State	1,369	103,010	(42,006)		62,373
Elder Affairs	0	7,168	(5,640)		1,528
Zebra Mussel Boat Wash	2,816	6,000	(8,633)		183
Library Grant	0	3,472	(3,472)		0
Habitat Mgt Grant	0	0	(20,905)		(20,905)
Fire Safety Equip Grant	0	4,999	0		4,999
Law Enforcement Tr.Funds	1,957	0	0		1,957
DEP-Watershed- 604B Gr	(4,881)	10,524	(5,644)		0
Green Community Gr	20,436	43,031	(63,467)		0
COA Supplies Gr	793	0	0		793
Total Grants	28,315	185,449	(156,114)	0	57,650

OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
FID Card Collections	838	1,800	(1,963)		675
Wetland Protection Act	20,790	2,745	(1,452)		22,083
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	8,751	1,715	(1,140)		9,326
Zebra Mussel Monitors	6,624	11,500	(10,629)		7,495
Receipts resvd for appr-Real Estate	200,000	0	0		200,000
Solar-Landfill Consultant Fees	6,475	20,000	(4,953)		21,522
Tax Title Revolving Fund	0	2,246	(2,246)		0
Police Gifts	6,490	31,150	(28,231)		9,408
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	8,887	9,175	(7,474)		10,587
Gifts:other	2,004	0	0		2,004
Procter Hall Restoration	8,343	21			8,364
Mary Flynn Conservation Gift	3,414	0	(2,340)		1,074
Isabelle Soule Gift	0	1,349			1,349
Sosne Little League field gift	150	0			150
Total Gifts	272,764	63,940	(38,045)		294,038

TOTAL OF FUNDS # 10 THRU # 29	2,675,135
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Town of Stockbridge
Major Special Funds June 30, 2018

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				Totals
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS								
Cash	559,623	381,055	1,382,769					2,323,447
Receivables:								
Personal Property Taxes								0
Real Estate Taxes								0
Motor Vehicle Taxes								0
Tax Liens								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Receivable			5,398					5,398
Overlays								0
Water Rates and Special	4,825							4,825
Sewer Rates and Special		9,277						9,277
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax								0
Fixed Assets								0
Amounts to be provided for								0
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	564,448	390,332	1,388,167	0	0	0	0	2,342,947

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				Totals
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	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	4,825	9,277	5,398					19,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,825	9,277	5,398	0	0	0	0	19,500
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for Expenditures	63,000	117,500						180,500
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,370	457						11,827
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	34,051	44,289						78,340
Reserved for Deficits					0			
Reserved-Investment & Prop					0			
Reserved	451,202	218,809	923,306					1,593,317
Unreserved			459,463					459,463
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	559,623	381,055	1,382,769	0	0	0	0	2,323,447
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	564,448	390,332	1,388,167	0	0	0	0	2,342,947

(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, 2018

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water Update Project	217,870	609,503	(674,548)		152,824
Glendale Cell Tower Proj	9,878		(9,878)		0
Towns Bridges, Highways & Garage	3,157,083	2,359,854	(766,212)		4,750,725
Special Equipment Fund	0			200,000	200,000
Total Capital Projects	3,384,830	2,969,357	(1,450,638)	200,000	5,103,549

Trust Funds

Year ending June 30, 2018

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
OPEB - Retirement Benefits	\$1,580,979	\$154,057	\$345,000		\$2,080,036
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$395,361	\$7,697	(\$5,000)		\$398,058
Conservation Trust Fund	\$27,476	\$83			\$27,559
War Memorial Trust Fund	\$1,322	\$4			\$1,326
DD Field Chime Tower	\$1,800	\$5			\$1,805
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	\$1,263	\$4			\$1,267
Merwin Trust	\$25,000	\$75			\$25,075
Treadway Scholarship Fund	\$127,839	(\$3,013)		(1,000)	\$123,826
Stabilization	\$725,638	\$9,764	\$200,000	(\$200,000)	\$535,402
Totals	\$2,886,677	\$168,677	\$340,000	(\$201,000)	\$3,194,354

Capital Asset Summary

Year ending June 30, 2018

	2017 Assets	2018 Assets
Land	4,709,600	4,709,600
Construction in progress	2,319,229	3,757,589
Buildings & Furnishings	6,659,967	6,254,408
Vehicles & Equipment	3,644,951	3,429,679
Infrastructure	14,037,921	12,961,493
Totals	31,371,668	31,112,769

Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2018

Funds	Beginning Balance	credits Receipts	debits Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	\$0	\$224,706	(\$224,706)	\$0
Medicare Withholding Tax	\$0	\$29,790	(\$29,790)	\$0
State Withholding Tax	\$0	\$98,750	(\$98,750)	\$0
Retirement Withholding	\$2,930	\$165,411	(\$165,343)	\$2,998
Def. comp Withholding	\$0	\$44,543	(\$44,543)	\$0
Spec Empl Hlth/Dental	\$0	\$3,489	(\$3,489)	\$0
Spec Empl Life Ins	\$0	\$8	(\$8)	\$0
Insurance Withholding	\$4,642	\$139,568	(\$140,566)	\$3,644
Life Insurance Withholding	\$126	\$779	(\$710)	\$195
Boston Mut Life/voluntary	\$23	\$156	(\$156)	\$24
Metlife/voluntary	\$36	\$359	(\$395)	\$0
AFLAC Disab/voluntary	\$721	\$5,570	(\$6,187)	\$104
Union Dues Withholding	\$425	\$8,015	(\$7,893)	\$546
United Way	\$140	\$250	(\$390)	\$0
Fire Watch Detail	\$0	\$16,302	(\$16,302)	\$0
Court Ordered Deductions	\$0	\$20,944	(\$20,944)	\$0
Council on Aging-trips/meals	\$183	\$0	\$0	\$183
Performance Bonds	\$2,040	\$0	\$0	\$2,040
Unclaimed (tailings)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-totals	\$11,267	\$758,638	(\$760,170)	\$9,735
Police Outside Detail	\$6,070	\$70,347	(\$67,056)	\$9,361
Totals	\$17,337	\$828,985	(\$837,226)	\$19,096

Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2018

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	\$370,454
Real Estate Tax	\$8,129,830
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$314,103
In Lieu of Taxes	\$72,549
Interest on Taxes and Excise	\$30,988
Hotel and Motel Tax	\$362,402
Meals Tax	\$78,634

Sub-total General Taxes

\$9,358,961

Permits for Services

Cemetery Internments	\$6,350
Building Permits	\$303,829
Plumbing Permits	\$5,865
Electrical Permits	\$15,900
Gas Permits	\$4,865
Fire Permits	\$3,875
Special Permits	\$8,897
Board of Health Permits	\$26,235
Cable Television	\$0

Other Charges for Services

Compactor Stickers	\$4,815
Compactor Fees	\$31,671
Municipal Lien Fees	\$1,775
Photocopies	\$192
Town Clerk	\$1,650
Firearm Permits	\$600
Police Detail-Admin Fee	\$1,973
Police Reports	\$310

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services

\$418,802

Licenses

Dog licenses	\$1,824
Alcoholic	\$11,390
Tag Sale	\$325
Retail,restaurant	\$1,200
Other Licenses and Permits	\$15,300

Sub-total Licenses and Permits

\$30,039

Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	\$2,510
State Owned Land	\$36,334
General Govt. State Aid	\$99,581

Sub-total State Revenues	\$138,425
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Revenue from Other Governments

Fines and Forfeits	\$10,397
District Court Fines	\$100
EOEA Recycling Incentive Pmt	\$3,930
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	\$29,826
Public Works Projects(curb)	\$150

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	\$44,403
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Council on Aging-Taxi donations	\$302
Parking Fines	\$905
50 Main Street-rentals	\$84,630
Investment Income	\$72,110
Other Miscellaneous	\$84,561

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$242,507
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Total General Fund Revenues	\$10,233,137
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Special Revenue Funds

Water User Fees	\$296,476
Water Special	4,978
Water Interest & Penalties	\$1,962
Water Connection Fees	\$0
Water Fire Service connection fees	\$3,760
Water Backflow fees	\$5,300
Water Application Fees	\$0
Water Other Misc revenue	\$19,950

Total Water Fund Revenues	\$332,426
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Sewer User Fees	\$451,418
Sewer Special	\$0
Sewer Interest & Penalties	\$2,358
Sewer Connection Fees	\$3,150
Sewer Application Fees	\$0
Sewer Other Misc revenue	\$163

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$457,089
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Community Preservation Tax	\$197,038
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	\$468
Community Preservation State Funds	\$73,326
Community Preservation Investment Income	\$8,492

Total Community Preservation Revenues	\$279,324
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Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2018

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salary	234
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	234
Selectmen	
Salaries	54,991
Advertising	8,116
Litigation	87,752
Postage	800
Cable Advisory	238
Other Expenses	262
Meetings/Travel	1,553
Dues & Memberships	<u>1,390</u>
	155,102
Town Administrator	
Salary	110,000
Postage Meter Rental	2,822
Office Supplies	3,617
School/Training	298
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>3,500</u>
	120,237
Town Offices	
Salary	87,260
Fuel	10,090
Building Repairs	7,728
Uniform	153
Maint. Contracts	11,081
Office Supplies	0
Janitorial Supplies	6,604
Gas/Diesel	529
Dues/subscriptions	104
School/Training	65
HVAC	5,446

Site Improvements	3,424
Purchase Equipment	5,672
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>5,624</u>
	143,781
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>135</u>
	135
Reserve Fund	
Green Comm & 604B Grants	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Accountant	
Salary	54,571
Postage	0
Audit	19,013
Office Supplies	52
Other Charges & Expenses	23
Meetings/In-State Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	60
School/Training	0
Municipal Group Purchasing	600
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	74,320
Assessors	
Salaries	100,287
Appraisal Svcs	1,500
Postage	400
Office Supplies	1,061
Meetings/Travel	2,788
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>1,304</u>
	107,340
Treasurer	
Salaries	54,178
Payroll Service	6,479
Postage	1,100
Tax title fees	0
Office Supplies	126
Forms	195
Other chgs/exp	15
Meetings/Travel	275
Dues/Subscriptions	80
School/Training	<u>95</u>
	62,542

Collector	
Salaries	59,756
Deputy Coll. Service	3,637
Postage	2,000
Tax Title Fees	815
Office Supplies	123
Forms	484
Other Charges and Expenses	0
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	160
School/Training	473
Interest on refunded tax	1,069
Purchases Equipment	<u>85</u>
	68,602
Town Counsel	
Retainer	36,626
Legal Expenses	<u>126</u>
	36,753
Town Clerk	
Salary	39,499
Printing	0
Postage	500
Supplies	291
Meetings/Travel	730
Dues/Subscriptions	35
School/training	<u>0</u>
	41,054
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	2,229
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	225
Printing	203
Postage	700
Voting Machine Ballots	1,589
Supplies	633
Forms	0
Other charges/ expenses	50
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>528</u>
	6,158
Conservation Commission	
Salary	8,405
Postage	208
Legal Advertising	454
Office Supplies	309

Dues/Subscriptions	191
School/Training	407
Gould Meadows-maintenance	<u>5,500</u>
	15,473
Planning Board	
Salary	5,253
Advertising	1,654
Postage	0
Supplies	<u>63</u>
	6,970
Zoning Board	
Other charges/exp	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Meeting Articles	
Assessors Data	945
Tax software	55
Bylaw Consultant	0
Quiet Knoll Easement	0
Legal-Rest River	1,826
Drainage/Erosion	0
HVAC	2,064
Stockbridge Lake Mgmt- Phase 3	0
Fire Station Roof	52,548
Housatonic RR Fees	308
Vol-Firemen Stipends	2,306
Telephone System	15,088
Tourism development	3,820
Master Plan consultant	0
Energy Efficiency Upgrade Ctrl & Fire Stn	0
Replace 1975 Gen at Cntrl Stn	0
Recap the Stump Dump at Landfill	0
Establish PILOT Program	0
Purchase new voting machines	0
Town Offices security upgrade	19,697
Beach House Roof/Skylights	0
Cell Tower/Glendale	0
Contingency-FY16-Channel Dredging	0
Contingency-FY17-Channel Dredging	<u>0</u>
	98,657
Procter Hall	
Building Repairs	<u>1,254</u>
	1,254

Town Electricity	<u>107,553</u>
	107,553
Town Report	<u>6,445</u>
	6,445
Computer Technology	
Telephones/Internet	28,155
Computer Service Contracts	63,161
Outside Prof Services	15,875
Computer Supplies	5,090
Purchase Equipment	2,345
Purchase Computers	2,100
Purchase Software	750
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>1,731</u>
	119,207
Total General Government Expenses	<u>1,171,815</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	
Salaries	648,092
Repairs: Radio	340
Vehicle repairs/maint	10,655
Uniforms	9,183
Postage	500
Communications	14,734
Supplies	3,524
Gasoline	15,394
Accreditation Exp	625
Meetings/Travel	460
Dues/Subscriptions	2,825
School/Training	9,290
Purchase of Equipment	3,483
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	719,104
Police Town Meeting Articles	
Police vests	0
Bullet Proof Vests	0
Police Cruiser	<u>0</u>
	0
Fire	
Salaries	75,120
Fuel Oil	10,669
Repairs	8,413
Vehicle Repairs/maint	36,403

Building repairs	9,320
Uniforms	9,691
Janitorial Supplies	463
Gasoline	7,676
School/training	1,457
Purchase Replacement Equipment	<u>28,963</u>
	188,175
Fire Town Meeting Articles	
Emergency Medical Response	
School/Training	0
Purchase Equip	<u>8,821</u>
	8,821
Ambulance service	
Lee Ambulance	105,103
Lenox Ambulance	<u>41,454</u>
	146,557
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	5,402
Veterinary Chgs.	0
Supplies	0
Other Charges & Expenses	131
Kennel Operation	<u>0</u>
	5,533
Building Inspector	
Salaries	63,662
Office Supplies	21
Other Charges & Expenses	145
Meetings/Travel	1,175
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>1,532</u>
	66,535
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,419
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	1,419
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	5,995
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>145</u>
	6,140
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	6,799
Service	0
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>1,700</u>
	8,499

Emergency Management	
Salary	3,603
Repairs/Maintenance	500
Notification System	6,500
Uniforms	412
Emergency Planning	500
Other Charges & Expenses	353
School/Training	844
Purchase Equipment	<u>1,385</u>
	14,097
Tree Warden	
Salary	2,069
Tree Removals	29,521
Forestry	2,975
Planting, Feeding	11,291
Other Charges/Exp	1,000
Prior yr carryover	<u>0</u>
	46,856
Total Public Safety Expenses	1,211,735

EDUCATION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,951,629
Construction	119,176
Total Education Expenses	3,070,805

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Town Meeting Articles	
Landfill	9,693
Ch90 road reconstruction	244,781
Rte 183 Culvert	0
Dam Repairs	0
Hazardous Waste	1,289
Cemetery Stone-Purch/Repair	290
New Vehicle	39,072
Cemetery trees	1,800
Cemetery survey/Waterline replace.	0
Resurface Church Street	0
Traffic Study Ma	0
Town property-Emergency repairs	<u>10,000</u>
	306,924

Highway Department	
Salaries	355,759
Fuel	14,536
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	4,001
Repairs-Radio	119
Building Repairs	999
Engineering Services	8,692
Rentals	2,000
Uniforms	2,699
Office Supplies	360
Harvester exp.	8,828
Gravel roads	27,149
Sidewalks	0
Roads	50,156
Licenses	570
CDL Drug Testing	350
Woodwaste	75
Training	300
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>15,881</u>
	492,474
Snow and Ice	
Expenses	<u>113,518</u>
	113,518
Street Lights	
Electricity	<u>38,864</u>
	38,864
Highway Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	72,499
Rental	0
Supplies	4,504
Gasoline	21,882
Tires	1,790
Plow Blades	3,553
Safety equip	<u>769</u>
	104,997
Glendale Solar/Cell Prop	
Mowing & Maintenance	<u>9,877</u>
	9,877
Compactor	
Salaries	55,538
Repairs	199
Hauling	<u>117,293</u>
	173,030

Hydrant Rental	
Housatonic	<u>2,060</u>
	2,060
Cemetery	
Salaries	23,325
Repairs/Maint-Equip	869
Repairs/Maint-Mowers	846
Supplies	632
Fuel	0
Mowers/Trimmers	<u>1,395</u>
	27,067
Total Public Works Expenses	<u>1,268,809</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Board of Health	
Salaries	842
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	842
Tri-Town Health Officer	<u>51,956</u>
	51,956
Lee Visiting Nurse/Porchlight	<u>7,719</u>
	7,719
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	<u>0</u>
	0
Council on Aging	
Salaries	38,149
Repairs/Maint-Vehicle	193
Postage	0
Recreation	702
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	577
Purchase Equipment	<u>776</u>
	40,397
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,431
Benefits	<u>47,715</u>
	56,146
Total Public Health Expenses	<u>157,060</u>

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stockbridge Library Association	<u>174,075</u>
	174,075
Chime Tower	
Bell-ringers salaries	<u>784</u>
	784
Tourist Promotion	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>37,353</u>
	37,353
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	19,003
Water	475
Repairs/Maintenance	2,310
Special Needs Recreation	0
Supplies	400
Carryover to NY	0
Site Improvements	6,563
Dock Maintenance	100
Purchase Equip	<u>192</u>
	29,042
Historical Commission	
Consulting/Advisory	0
Office Supplies	0
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	<u>0</u>
	0
Memorial Day Committee	
Grave Markers	2,361
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>675</u>
	3,036
Historic District Committee	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>0</u>
	0
Historic Preserv Committee	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Culture & Recreation Expenses	244,290

DEBT SERVICE

Admin Fees	20,291
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	340,000
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	45,192
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	65,000

Debt Int - Water Treatment	15,075	
Debt Princ - Town Offices	375,000	
Debt Int - Town Offices	90,075	
Debt Princ - Water Tank & Update	112,501	
Debt Int - Water Tank & Update	34,785	
Debt Princ - Waterlines/Tank	72,811	
Debt Int - Waterlines/Tank	27,200	
Debt Princ - Hwy Garage	105,000	
Debt Int - Hwy Garage	<u>70,990</u>	
	1,373,920	
Total Debt Service Expenses		1,373,920
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STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES		
State Assessments		
Motor Vehicle Excise	620	
Mosquito Control	34,341	
Air Pollution Control District	1,200	
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	39,231	
State Strap Assessment	<u>75,392</u>	
Total State & County Charges		75,392
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		
Retirement Benefits		
Assessment	<u>329,318</u>	
	329,318	
Employee Insurance		
Med/FICA(Town Portion)	29,790	
Life Insurance	2,690	
Health Insurance	542,795	
Employee Ins Reimbursement	<u>11,000</u>	
	586,275	
Insurance		
Insurance Coverage	67,564	
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	40,133	
Ins. Deductible	<u>0</u>	
	107,697	
Tax Refunds/Other Expense		
Personal Property	63	
Real Estate	57,161	
Motor Vehicle	8,133	
Other Revenue refunded	0	
Berkshire Regional Planning	<u>1,477</u>	
	66,834	

Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,090,123
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	9,663,951

WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	109,456
Electricity	25,349
Heating Fuel	2,202
Telephone/Alarms	6,229
Repairs/Maint Equipment	18,515
Repairs Radio	257
Repairs Vehicles	1,333
Uniforms	686
Pumping Station	0
Water Testing	9,857
Postage	0
Forestry	0
Generator Service	842
Meters	2,734
Office Supplies	941
Supplies	12,088
Gasoline	1,699
Chemicals	11,140
SDWA Assessment	531
Intermunicipal Agreements	314
School/Training	1,932
Pipeline Replacement	21,531
Purchase of Safety Equipment	709
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>4,970</u>
	233,315
Water Town Meeting Articles	
Water Main Easements	0
Clear Well-clean inspect	4,390
Water Mn Repl	0
Lake Averic Yield Study	0
Clean Water Filter Media	0
Rate Study	<u>0</u>
	4,390
Water Refunds	<u>0</u>
	0

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	112,249
Electricity	51,404
Fuel Oil	4,334
Telephone/Alarms	7,994
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	19,149
Repairs Vehicles	2,760
Maintenance Contracts	2,910
Uniforms	1,095
Sludge Hauling	62,733
Postage	0
Supplies	12,268
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	0
Gasoline/diesel	2,748
Intermunicipal Agreements	463
School/Training	346
Purchase of Safety Equipment	1,370
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>7,463</u>
	289,286
Sewer Town Meeting Articles	
Infiltration/Inflow Study	23,735
Beachwood Low Pressure Improve	0
Park St Pump Sta-Engineer/Design	5,698
Pump Controllers	13,750
Rate Study	<u>0</u>
	43,183
Sewer Refunds	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Sewer Expense	332,468

Board of Assessors

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

The tax rate of \$10.13 for Fiscal Year 2019 was set and approved on October 12, 2018. There was an increase of \$0.37 in the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate from the Fiscal Year 2018 tax rate.

Listed below are estimated figures used on the Tax Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2019:

Total Amount to be Raised	\$12,672,081.83
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	<u>3,648,069.25</u>
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	\$9,024,012.58
Real Property Valuations	\$851,892,220.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>38,928,371.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$890,820,591.00
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,791
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	774
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	156

In Fiscal Year 2019, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated interim-year adjustment to property values using market data from calendar years 2016 and 2017.

Adjustments were made accordingly to the assessed valuations based on the sales analysis studies conducted in 2018.

John Miller, our former Chairman of the Board of Assessors, passed away in 2018 at the age of ninety-seven. John served for over four decades in the Assessor's Office. He took great pride in his work as a public servant. His dedication to the Town as Board member and previous Chairman will never be forgotten.

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:

As the newly appointed Town Collector, I would like to thank all the taxpayers who pay their bills promptly. Our high collection rate helps the Town meet its financial obligations.

We continue to offer the option to pay taxes 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. If you choose to debit your checking account, the bank will charge a \$.25 fee.

A reminder 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 FY2018.

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer/Collector

Receipts For The Year Ending 6/30/18

Real Estate Tax:

FY '15	7,184
FY '15 CPA	136
FY '16	14,560
FY '16 CPA	314
FY '17	107,724
FY '17 CPA	2,301
FY '18	7,997,528
FY '18 CPA	<u>194,287</u>

Total Real Estate:	8,324,034
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Personal Property Tax:

FY '17	587
FY '18	<u>369,867</u>

Total Personal Property Tax:	370,454
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Motor Vehicle Tax:

FY '16	883
FY '17	45,267
FY '18	<u>266,173</u>

Total Motor Vehicle:	312,323
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Water Receipts:	
FY '17 Water User Charges	2,724
FY '18 Water User Charges	293,752
FY '18 Hydrant Charges	4,978
FY '18 Backflow Billings Paid	5,300
Water Lien Added to Tax	452
Fire Service Connection Fees	3,760
Water Misc. Fees	<u>19,498</u>
Total Water Receipts:	330,464
Sewer Receipts:	
FY '17 Sewer User Charges	2,630
FY '18 Sewer User Charges	448,211
Sewer Lien Added to Tax	578
Sewer App/Connection Fees	3,150
Sewer Misc. Fees	<u>163</u>
Total Sewer Receipts:	454,732
Total Utility Receipts:	785,196
Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	
Kripalu	39,352
Tavitian Foundation	11,820
Stockbridge Housing	878
Austin Riggs Center	16,000
Riverbrook	2,000
St. Paul's	1,500
Berkshire Taconic Comm	<u>1,000</u>
Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	72,550
Other:	
Aid to Elderly and Disabled	9,175
Tri-Town Board of Health	26,235
Miscellaneous Office Receipts	150
Compactor User Fees	31,671
CRT	1,725
Municipal Lien Certificates	1,775
Deputy Collector Fees- MV	2,760
Int & Demand - Real Estate	22,077
Int & Demand - CPA	468
Int & Penalties - Motor Vehicles	6,024
Int & Demand - Water & Sewer	4,321
Interest on Tax Liens	128
Previous Years-Excise	<u>1,780</u>
Total Other:	108,289
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>9,972,846</u>

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

FY2015	Committed	7,230,411
	Taxes Paid	7,185,384
	Exemptions/Abatements	57,009
	Refunds	(32,284)
	Tax Title	21,287
	Adjustments	<u>(985)</u>
	Balance Due as of 06-30-18	0
FY2016	Committed	7,991,618
	Taxes Paid	7,955,315
	Exemptions/Abatements	52,271
	Refunds	(38,081)
	Tax Title	21,260
	Adjustments	<u>853</u>
	Balance Due as of 06-30-18	0
FY2017	Committed	8,111,274
	Taxes Paid	8,045,367
	Exemptions/Abatements	31,643
	Refunds	(13,427)
	Tax Title	28,612
	Adjustments	<u>1,756</u>
	Balance Due as of 06-30-18	17,323
FY2018	Committed	8,446,177
	Taxes Paid	8,191,815
	Exemptions/Abatements	23,144
	Refunds	(46,691)
	Tax Title	0
	Adjustments	<u>0</u>
	Balance Due as of 6-30-18	277,909

Personal Property Tax Review

FY2015	Commitment	308,297
	Taxes Paid	308,222
	Exemptions/Abatements	122
	Refunds	<u>(47)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	0
FY2016	Commitment	346,352
	Taxes Paid	345,884
	Exemptions/Abatements	359
	Refunds	<u>(36)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	145
FY2017	Commitment	353,789
	Taxes Paid	353,496
	Exemptions/Abatements	3,012
	Refunds	<u>(2,856)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	137
FY2018	Commitment	373,054
	Taxes Paid	369,869
	Exemptions/Abatements	35
	Refunds	<u>(65)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	3,215

Utility Billing Review

FY2016	Commitment	673,783
	Taxes Paid	662,856
	Exemptions/Abatements	7,403
	Refunds	(2,869)
	Sale Adjustments	<u>6,393</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	0
FY2017	Commitment	754,262
	Taxes Paid	668,739
	Exemptions/Abatements	87,822
	Water/Sewer Liens	2,770
	Sale Adjustments	<u>(5,406)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	337
FY2016	Commitment	759,894
	Taxes Paid	746,941
	Exemptions/Abatements	0
	Sale Adjustments	<u>1,308</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	11,645

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

FY2015	Commitments	296,164
	Taxes Paid	292,688
	Exemptions/Abatements	7,465
	Refunds	<u>(5,599)</u>
	Balance due as 6-30-18	1,610
FY2016	Commitments	310,147
	Taxes Paid	304,229
	Exemptions/Abatements	7,918
	Refunds	<u>(4,299)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	2,299
FY2017	Commitments	307,449
	Taxes Paid	300,977
	Exemptions/Abatements	9,429
	Refunds	<u>(6,079)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	3,122
FY2018	Commitments	289,360
	Taxes Paid	266,173
	Exemptions/Abatements	5,643
	Refunds	<u>(3,662)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-18	21,206

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2018

Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank Checking	(\$351,978.41)
Berkshire Bank NOW Money Market	\$310,866.05
Berkshire Bank Reserve	\$5,129,220.66
Berkshire Bank Arts Money Market	\$5,829.77
Belmont Savings CPA Money Market	\$1,455,983.61
Berkshire Bank Elderly	\$18,061.36
M.M.D.T.	\$1,636,920.30
Farmington Bank	\$239,457.06
Morgan Stanley	\$819,876.20
Lee Bank (Procter Hall)	\$8,385.00
People's United-MM	\$344,229.28
People's United-PR	\$6,728.72
UniBank-Building Commissioner	\$135,122.10
Total Treasurer's Cash	\$9,758,701.70

UniBank Concentration Account

Bond Proceeds (May 2018 Deposit)	\$2,350,971.89
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Stabilization Fund:

Adams Community Bank	\$535,402.11
Total Stabilization Fund	\$535,402.11

Cemetery Trust Fund:

UniBank	\$398,058.07
Total Cemetery Trust Fund	\$398,058.07

Custodial Accounts:

UniBank (Trust Funds)	\$57,031.95
SRBTF-OPEB Funds	\$2,080,035.91
Berk. Bank/Morgan Stanley (Treadway)	\$123,651.05
Total Custodial Accounts	\$2,260,718.91

TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS	\$15,303,852.68
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CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

Conservation Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$27,476.07
Interest	\$82.55
Ending Balance	\$27,558.62

D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$1,799.76
Interest	\$5.41
Ending Balance	\$1,805.17

Stockbridge Bowl Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$1,263.25
Interest	\$3.80
Transfer	
Ending Balance	\$1,267.05

War Memorial Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$1,321.90
Interest	\$3.98
Ending Balance	\$1,325.88

Merwin Trust:

Beginning Balance	\$25,066.05
Interest	\$75.23
Accountant Reclassified FY17 PILOT Pymt. (\$66.05)	
Ending Balance	\$25,075.23

SRBTF-OPEB Funds

Beginning Balance	\$1,580,978.72
Net Gains/Losses	\$154,057.19
Investment (FY18)	\$345,000.00
Ending Balance	\$2,080,035.91

Charles D. Treadway Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$129,638.90
Interest/Dividends	(\$3,012.85)
FY17 & FY18 Scholarship Disbursements	(\$2,800.00)
Morgan Stanley Annual Fee Adj. (7/18)	(\$175.00)
Ending Balance	\$123,651.05

TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS **\$2,260,718.91**

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer

Finance Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

Financial operating results for Fiscal Year 2018 were satisfactory. All Town Departments, again, continued to exercise commendable fiscal discipline and compliance with their adopted budgets.

The Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018 was \$9.76, an increase of \$.06 from Fiscal Year 2017.

The Certified Balance of Free Cash was \$878,000. At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2018, in an effort to minimize an increase to the Tax Levy, the following amounts of Free Cash were voted to be designated for the following purposes: \$186,000 for the Highway Department's purchase of a Boom Mower and Bucket Loader, \$87,000 for the Central Fire Station's energy efficient upgrades, \$45,000 for the Central Fire Station's generator replacement, \$50,000 to recap the stump dump, \$5,000 to establish a Program for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) by non-profit entities and \$5,000 for the purchase of a new voting machine. The remaining \$500,000 Free Cash Balance was transferred into the Town's Stabilization Fund creating a balance of \$1,035,402.11.

The total bond indebtedness at the close of Fiscal Year 2018 was \$13,389,438 an increase of \$2,902,892.

The Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2018, that convened in May, 2017, also approved several large expenditures which include:

BHRSD Assessment	\$2,810,474.00
BHRSD Capital.....	\$116,069.00
Road Resurfacing-Ch-90	\$250,000.00
Central Fire Station Energy Efficient Upgrades	\$87,000
Replacement Police Cruiser	\$30,000
OPEB Funding Contributions.....	\$345,000.00
(Other Post Employment Benefits)	

At a Special Town Meeting in January, 2018, the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,300,000 for the design, engineering, development demolition, construction and upgrade of the Town's Highway Garage at 1 West Stockbridge Road. These monies were raised by the successful sale of bonds which, as a result, allowed the Town to maintain Its' Standard and Poor's Rating of AA+. In addition, the Town at this Meeting voted to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of conducting an updated Traffic Study of the inter-sections on Main Street.

The Finance Committee again looks forward to successfully working with the Select Board, Town Administrator and Department Heads to manage the Town's budget expenditures related to the Tax Levy and Town's Balance Sheet.

The Finance Committee also continues to further explore refinancing and payment acceleration to reduce existing long term indebtedness.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAY BIKOFSKY, Chairman

JAMES BALFANZ

MARY BOYCE

NEIL HOLDEN

JAMES MCMENAMY

DIANE REUSS

STEVE SHATZ

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

To one of the constables of the Town of Stockbridge in said county.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the

STOCKBRIDGE TOWN OFFICES 50 MAIN STREET

in Stockbridge on **THE TWENTIETH OF MAY 2019** at 6:30 o'clock in the evening Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all Town Officers necessary to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting, other than those to be chosen by ballot, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of any Town Officer or Committee, and to see if the Town will vote to accept all printed reports, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Collector, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, and Tree Warden, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following purposes, or to take any other action in relation thereto:

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| Section | 1. | MODERATOR |
| | 2. | SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT |
| | 3. | TOWN ADMINISTRATOR |
| | 4. | FINANCE DEPARTMENT |
| | 5. | RESERVE FUND |
| | 6. | ACCOUNTANT |
| | 7. | ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT |
| | 8. | TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT |
| | 9. | TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT |
| | 10. | LEGAL DEPARTMENT |
| | 11. | TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT |
| | 12. | ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS |
| | 13. | CONSERVATION COMMISSION |

14. PLANNING BOARD
15. BOARD OF APPEALS
16. PROCTER HALL
17. TOWN OFFICES
18. TOWN REPORT
19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR
20. POLICE DEPARTMENT
21. FIRE DEPARTMENT
22. AMBULANCE SERVICE
23. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
24. BUILDING INSPECTOR
25. GAS INSPECTOR
26. PLUMBING INSPECTOR
27. WIRE INSPECTOR
28. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
29. TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT
30. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
31. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
32. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 - a.) MACHINERY
 - b.) COMPACTOR
 - c.) CEMETERY
33. STREETLIGHTS
34. TRASH REMOVAL
35. SEWER DEPARTMENT
36. WATER DEPARTMENT
37. HYDRANT RENTAL
38. HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - HEALTH OFFICER
39. PORCHLIGHT VNA
40. MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
41. COUNCIL ON AGING
42. VETERAN'S SERVICES
43. STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY
44. CHIME TOWER
45. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
46. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
47. MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
48. HISTORIC DISTRICT
49. HISTORIC PRESERVATION
50. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
51. LONG-TERM DEBT & SHORT-TERM DEBT
52. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)
 - BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP
53. INSURANCE
54. UNDESIGNATED COMPENSATION

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money toward the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's capital cost of constructing the new school buildings, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the engineering and re-construction of the Averic Bridge, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of OSHA required upgrades to the Central Station for the Fire Department, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Parks Department for the purpose of site maintenance and upgrades to the Town Beach and Parks, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus a sum of money to provide for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus a sum of money for the purchase of a new truck, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus a sum of money to refurbish water treatment plant high lift pumps 1&3, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus a sum of money for the purchase of a new truck, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus a sum of money to refurbish water treatment plant high lift pumps 1&3, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to:

- a. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Community Housing Reserve a sum of money for the Stockbridge Housing Authority for roof, alarms and lighting repairs;
- b. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Historic Resources Reserve a sum of money to the Berkshire Theatre Festival for the rehabilitation of main entrance facade;
- c. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Historic Resources Reserve a sum of money to the Stockbridge Library and Archives for the conservation of 2 Robert Nisbett paintings;
- d. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Historic Resources Reserve a sum of money to the Norman Rockwell Museum for the preservation of Rockwell's studio;
- e. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Historic Resources Reserve a sum of money to the First Congregational Church for restoration of windows and shutters;
- f. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Open Space Reserve a sum of money to the Laurel Hill Association to Trail design;
- g. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Open Space Reserve a sum of money to the Friends of Gould Meadows to repair the milk barn, control invasive species, and trail and parking signs;
- h. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or the Open Space Reserve a sum of money to the Town of Stockbridge Conservation Commission to install one composting toilet unit;
- i. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for the CPC Administrative budget;
- j. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for the Historic Resources Reserve, the Community Housing Reserve and the Open Space Reserve;

Or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 2013, Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2014, Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 18, 2015, Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 16, 2016, Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2017 and Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 2018 for costs associated with negotiations for the Rest of

River Project (along with Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Great Barrington and Sheffield) regarding the removal of PCBs in the Housatonic River, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for consulting and engineering services concerning safety and efficiency improvements for traffic, pedestrians and bicycles, covering the Main Street corridor and the two intersections of Main & Pine Streets and Main, Vine & East Streets, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase Lake Management Equipment, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to add to funds approved by vote of Article 18 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for completion of the new Highway Garage, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for completion of a bid package for the repairs to the Civil War Monument, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XII, Storm Water Management, of the Town of Stockbridge General Bylaws in order to transfer responsibility for administration of the Bylaw to the Conservation Commission and update the Bylaw to conform with current state law, as set forth in a proposed revision on file with the Town Clerk, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX, Trash Recycling, of the Town of Stockbridge General Bylaws to assign to the Board of Health only those powers explicitly granted to it by statute and to make grammatical and substantive changes to the language to make the meaning of Article IX more clear, as set forth in a proposed revision on file with the Town Clerk, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. [To be added – bylaw change re: public safety for large events]

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to create a new Stabilization Fund as defined in Chapter 40, section 5B of the General Laws, for the purpose of funding the maintenance and repair of bridges, culverts, roads, and associated infrastructure within the Town of Stockbridge, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund said Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. **PETITION ARTICLE.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III of the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 5 thereto as follows;

Section 5. A selectman may not hold any other compensatory office or employment in Stockbridge Town Government during the term for which he/she is elected, nor hold any compensated appointive town office or employment for one year thereafter. Also, any member of the Board of Selectmen serving in such a capacity at the time of adoption of this section shall not be required to resign from any other position held and shall be allowed to complete his/her term of office.

Or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. **PETITION ARTICLE.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III of the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 5 thereto as follows:

Section 5. During a Selectman's term of office and for one year after leaving office, that Selectmen may not be paid for any other office or position of employment with the Town; provided, however, that no Selectman holding and such office or position of employment on the date that this section first becomes effective shall be required to resign or forego the salary derived from such office or position of employment.

Or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. **PETITION ARTICLE.** To see if the town supports renaming the Berkshire Hills Regional School District middle school from Monument Valley Regional Middle School to the W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School.

ARTICLE 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

AND to bring in their ballots on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at an adjourned session of the above meeting in the Town Offices, the following Officers:

Office	Term (Years)
Selectman	3
Clerk	3
Board of Assessors	3
Board of Health	3
Parks and Recreation	3
Housing	5
Planning Board	5
Planning Board	3
Planning Board	2
Planning Board	1
Sewer and Water Commissioner	3

All of said officers are to be voted for using the official ballots furnished the voters at the polls. For this purpose polls will be opened at the Town Offices, 50 Main Street, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and may be closed at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

Article 4

Town of Stockbridge

Annual Operating Budget DRAFT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Moderator	\$234	\$238	\$242
Moderator Expenses	\$25	\$25	\$25
Selectman Salary, Chairman	\$5,552	\$5,552	\$5,552
Selectman Salary, Members (2)	\$9,090	\$9,090	\$9,090
Selectmen Expenses	\$55,850	\$62,200	\$127,200
Assistant Administrator	\$45,000	\$38,824	\$ 41,000
Clerical Salary	\$22,000	\$2,500	\$1,000
Town Administrator Salary	\$110,000	\$78,125	\$79,492
Town Administrator Expenses	\$11,750	\$10,700	\$10,700
Finance Committee	\$ 2,150	\$2,150	\$2,150
Town Reserve Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Town Accountant Salary	\$53,571	\$41,108	\$41,827
Town Accountant Certification Stipend	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Town Accountant Expenses	\$20,100	\$20,150	\$20,090
Assessor's Salary, Chairman	\$3,987	\$3,987	\$3,987
Assessor's Salaries (2 members)	\$6,386	\$6,386	\$6,386
Principal Assessor Salary	\$64,461	\$65,428	\$66,573
Principal Assessor Certification Stipend	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$24,453	\$28,360	\$30,000
Assessor's Expenses	\$7,750	\$5,850	\$5,850
Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$53,295	\$62,000	\$63,085
Treasurer's Certification Stipend	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$9,925	\$9,925	\$21,535
Collector Expenses	\$12,680	\$12,680	-
Assistant Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$27,970	\$42,651	\$43,373
Legal Services Retainer	\$39,906	\$41,904	\$43,131
Town Clerk Salary	\$39,499	\$44,092	\$44,864
Town Clerk Certification	-	\$1,000	\$1,000
Town Clerk Expenses	\$3,350	\$3,350	\$3,350
Election and Registration Salaries	\$8,237	\$8,361	\$8,398
Election and Registration Expenses	\$8,900	\$8,900	\$8,900
Conservation Commission	\$15,905	\$15,905	\$16,000
Planning Board	\$8,403	\$9,403	\$10,403

Board of Appeals	\$75	\$75	\$75
Proctor Hall	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Town Offices Salaries	\$88,122	\$94,224	\$95,768
Town Offices Expenses	\$101,300	\$91,300	\$91,300
Glendale Solar Maintenance	-	\$10,000	\$15,000
Electric: Town Offices, Proctor Hall, Fire, Parks, Highway	\$69,420	\$69,420	\$69,420
Town Report	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Information Technology	\$156,000	\$156,000	\$156,000
Total, General Government	\$1,247,346	\$1,223,862	\$1,305,576

PUBLIC SAFETY	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Police Department Salaries	\$710,883	\$729,374	\$749,981
Police Department Expenses	\$102,985	\$104,809	\$139,115
Fire Department Salaries	\$82,338	\$83,273	\$83,273
Fire Department Expenses	\$105,000	\$106,000	\$106,000
Emergency Medical Response	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Ambulance Service	\$146,557	\$224,750	\$239,472
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$5,402	\$5,483	\$5,579
Animal Control Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Building Inspector Salaries	\$64,987	\$68,570	\$77,535
Building Inspector Expenses	\$6,075	\$5,075	\$5,075
Gas Inspector Salary	\$1,419	\$1,440	\$1,465
Gas Inspector Expenses	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$5,995	\$6,085	\$6,191
Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Wire Inspector Salary	\$6,799	\$6,901	\$6,191
Wire Inspector Expenses	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Emergency Management	\$15,413	\$15,867	\$15,931
Tree Warden Salary	\$2,069	\$2,100	\$2,137
Tree Warden Expenses	\$53,800	\$53,800	\$53,800
Total, Public Safety	\$1,324,422	\$1,428,227	\$1,507,276

EDUCATION	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Vocational Education	-		
BHRSD Operating Budget Assessment	\$2,951,629	\$2,810,474	\$2,771,431

BHRSD Capital Budget Assessment	\$119,176	\$116,069	\$104,319
Total, Education Expenses	\$3,070,805	\$2,926,543	\$2,875,750

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Engineering Expenses	-		
Highway Department Salaries	\$335,927	\$360,629	\$423,044
Highway Department Expenses	\$121,710	\$121,710	\$121,710
Highway Department Snow and Ice	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$90,000
Highway Department Machinery	\$87,500	\$98,500	\$98,500
Highway Compactor Salaries	\$51,000	\$50,667	\$51,605
Highway Compactor Expenses	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$127,500
Highway Cemetery Salaries	\$27,401	\$27,401	\$27,401
Highway Cemetery Expenses	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Streetlights	\$45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Trash Removal	-		
Sewer Department Salaries	\$115,496	\$119,404	\$121,323
Sewer Department Expenses	\$185,200	\$185,200	\$185,200
Water Department Salaries	\$113,996	\$117,904	\$119,823
Water Department Expenses	\$125,650	\$125,650	\$129,650
Fire Hydrant Rental	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450
Total, Public Works and Facilities	\$1,407,330	\$1,470,515	\$1,551,706

HUMAN SERVICES	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Board of Health Salaries	\$842	\$842	\$842
Board of Health Expenses	\$85	\$85	\$85
Health Officer, Tri-Town Health	\$47,854	\$88,602	\$93,728
Visiting Nurse Association	\$7,719	\$7,719	\$7,719
Mental Health	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
Council on Aging Salaries	\$36,525	\$36,975	\$38,008
Council on Aging Expenses	\$7,850	\$7,850	\$7,850
Veteran's District Assessment	\$48,432	\$53,077	\$55,000
Total, Human Services	\$152,507	\$198,349	\$206,432

CULTURE AND RECREATION	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Library	\$174,075	\$186,257	\$190,857
Chime Tower	\$800	\$800	\$800

Parks and Recreation Commission, Salaries	\$19,500	\$22,500	\$25,000
Parks and Recreation Commission, Expenses	\$11,500	\$11,925	\$11,925
Historical Commission	\$600	\$600	\$600
Memorial Day Committee	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Historic District	\$50	\$50	\$50
Historic Preservation Commission	\$50	\$50	\$50
Tourism Committee	\$38,000	\$44,000	\$44,000
Total, Culture and Recreation	\$248,075	\$269,682	\$276,782

DEBT SERVICE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Water Plant Loan, Interest	\$15,075	\$13,200	\$11,400
Water Plant Loan, Principal	65,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sewer Loan, Interest	\$33,895	\$22,970	\$14,296
Sewer Loan, Principal	\$255,000	\$262,500	\$277,500
Debt Administration Fees	\$127,172	\$70,255	\$9,430
Town Offices Loan, Interest	\$90,075	\$78,900	\$67,950
Town Offices Loan, Capital	\$375,000	\$370,000	\$360,000
Water Project Loan, Interest	\$34,786	\$32,513	\$30,196
Water Project Loan, Capital	\$112,501	\$114,737	\$117,016
MCWT Water Tank/Water Lines Principal	\$72,812	\$74,394	\$76,011
MCWT Water Tank/Water Lines Interest	\$27,200	\$34,544	\$33,056
2.6 Million General Obligation Bond Principal	\$135,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
2.6 Million General Obligation Bond Interest	\$100,100	\$71,763	\$69,763
2.3 Million General Obligation Bond Principal	-	\$115,000	\$115,000
2.3 Million General Obligation Bond Interest		\$92,917	\$74,450
Fire Truck State House Note Principal	-	-	\$50,000
Fire Truck State House Note Interest	-	-	\$4,987
Total, Debt Service	\$1,443,616	\$1,513,693	\$1,476,055

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 329,318	\$346,065	\$361,569
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000	\$345,000
Undesignated Compensation	-	-	\$50,000
Berkshire County Health & Dental Employee Insurance	\$625,623	\$667,148	\$641,416
Total, Employee Benefits	\$1,299,941	\$1,358,213	\$1,397,985

Unclassified Expenses - Town Insurance	\$119,500	\$129,116	\$140,000
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Total Expenses, All Categories	\$10,313,542	\$10,518,201	\$10,737,562
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Total Expenses, Without Education	\$7,242,737	\$7,591,658	\$7,861,812
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1	Choose Officers for ATM	
2	Accept Town Report	
3	Fixed Salary/Compensation for Elected Officials	
4	Operating Budget	\$7,861,787
5	BHRSD Operating Budget	\$2,771,431
6	BHRSD Capital Budget	\$104,319
7	Additional Money to repair Averic Bridge	\$100,000
8	Re-allocation of Funds for Fire Station OSHA Upgrades	\$46,000
9	Town Beach and Parks Upgrades and Repairs	\$66,600
10	Debt Service from Sewer Fund	\$97,266
11	New Pick-up Truck from Sewer Fund	\$41,000
12	Refurbish Water Plant Pumps 1&3 from Water Fund	\$50,000
13	Community Preservation Funding	\$325,370
14	Rest of River legal fees	\$10,000
15	Traffic Safety Improvements	\$132,000
16	Purchase Lake Management Equipment	\$55,000
17	Continuation of PILOT Program Intern	\$2,500
18	Additional Funds for completion of Highway Garage	\$265,000
19	Funds to prepare Bid Package for Civil War Monument Repairs	\$9,500
20	Bylaw Amendment Article XII Storm Water Management	
21	Bylaw Amendment Article IX Trash Recycling	
22	New Public Safety Bylaw for large events	
23	Create new Stabilization for Bridge and Road Repair & Tansfer funds	\$300,000
24	PETITION ARTICLE – Amendment to Article III of General Bylaw	
25	PETITION ARTICLE – Amendment to Article III of General Bylaw	
26	PETITION ARTICLE – Rename Monument Valley Regional Middle School	
27	Transfer funds into Stabilization	
28	Any other business	
	TOTAL	\$12,237,773

Warrant Articles for FY20

Funding Sources

Sewer Surplus	138,266
Water Surplus	50,000
CPC Funding	\$325,370
Free Cash	629,500
Stabilization	\$298,600
Re-allocation	\$46,000
Total Sources	1,487,736
Total Raise & Appropriate	10,750,037

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 Seueyor 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Town Meeting – May 13, 2019

6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Offices, 50 Main Street

Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 2019

6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Town Offices, 50 Main Street

Annual Town Elections – May 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center of the Town Offices, 50 Main Street

Memorial Day Parade – May 27, 2019 will be at 12:15PM

Commencing at the Town Offices down Main Street to the Town Hall

Potluck Community Picnic on Town Green immediately following the Program

Second Homeowner's Meeting will be on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Meeting Room of the Town Offices, 50 Main Street

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