

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

MASSACHUSETTS



Annual Report

2013

COVER:

Norwich Bridge, Circa 1985 – watercolor painting by Steve Hamlin

STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855
Area: 26.90 square miles
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.105
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 11.75
2010 US Census Count: 2,180

AREA: 26.90 square miles

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Dedication



Susan McIntosh has spent over 30 years serving the Town of Huntington. Like most small towns, Huntington relies mainly on volunteers for the work of town government. In her role as long-time chair of the Conservation Commission, Susan has worked tirelessly to protect our wetlands and water sources. Water features and wetlands are common throughout town, so very little can be built without the approval of the Conservation Commission. As a consequence, Susan has climbed and hiked over most of the land in this town.

Susan has served the town in other capacities as well, working on the Library Needs Committee, the Route 112 Scenic Byway Committee, and the North Hall Board of Directors among many others. Susan also makes herself available for numerous other volunteer endeavors which indirectly benefit the town, although they are not formal town activities. One example of that was a recent “Stream Team” inspection of the Westfield River for Westfield River Wild and Scenic. She is modest and unassuming about her many accomplishments, and if help is needed, Susan is likely to be one of the first to respond. A great friend and neighbor, she is apt to be found tutoring English to help someone become an American citizen, giving someone in need a ride to a dentist appointment, or help with shopping.

All this, and she still makes time to hike, or go cross country skiing, or attend a music concert or play.

We are indeed a fortunate community to have Susan here for all these years!

Town of Huntington Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Jeffrey McKittrick	2014	John McVeigh	2014
Aimee Burnham	2015	Andrea McKittrick	2015
John McVeigh	2016	Sue Fopiano	2016
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick	2015	Deb Wyand	2014
		Karen Wittshirk	2015
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		Marilyn Antonucci (appt. to 2014)	2016
Aimee Burnham	2015		
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Linda Hamlin	2014	Walt Wittshirk	2014
Sue Fopiano	2015		
Ed Renauld	2016	<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
		John McVeigh	2014
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Moderator:</i>	
Jean Jackman	2014	Pete Jacques	2014
George Peterson	2015		
Thomas Hart	2016	<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
		Judith Guyette	2014
<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>		Karen Wittshirk	2015
Charles Dazelle	2014	Sue Fopiano	2016
Henry Dubay	2015		
Denise Keay	2016	<i>Constables:</i>	
		Henry Dubay	2014
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		Charles Dazelle	2015
Jeff Wyand (appt. to 2014)	2014	Earl G. Heath	2016
Roland (Ron) Damon	2015		
William Hathaway	2016		

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (Yearly):

Richard Buley 2014

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

VACANCY 2015

Admin. Assistant (3-Year):

Helen Speckels 2015

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Bonita Kubacki, Alt. 2015

Anne Marie Knox 2014

Bonnie McKinney 2014

Gerald Manley, Alt. 2015

Janet Mollison 2015

Gordon Richardson 2015

Lorraine Wickland 2016

Animal Control/Dog Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2014

Broadband Representative (Yearly):

John McVeigh 2014

Alt. VACANCY 2014

Building Commissioner (Yearly):

George Peterson III 2014

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2014

Steve Hamlin 2014

Eric Jensen 2014

R. Buley (Ex-Officio) 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Collector (Yearly):

Andrea McKittrick 2014

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2014

John Knox 2014

Lisa Lansing 2014

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves 2014

Ross Hackerson 2014

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2016

Erik Steins 2016

Michael Vorwerk 2016

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2015

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Ella Balchunas 2014

Harry Bishop 2014

May Diemer 2015

Louise Hurley 2014

Gene King 2015

Lori King 2015

Anne Marie Knox 2014

Winifred Smith 2014

Betty Waite 2014

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

Lindsay Wieland 2014

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Jane Beane 2016

Jodi Simmons 2016

Linda Siska 2015

Peri Sossaman 2016

Lynn Winsor 2014

Gary Winsor 2016

<i>Election Workers (3-Year):</i>		<i>Fall Festival Committee (3 Year):</i>	
James Arnold	2014	Shelley Keeney	2015
Judy Borden	2014	Janine LaPointe	2015
David Borden	2014	Laura LaPointe	2015
Marie Bushor	2014	Paul LaPointe	2015
Lori Cady	2014	VACANCY	2015
Louis C. Cinelli	2014		
Becky Cortis	2014	<i>Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):</i>	
Debra Dame	2014	Rodney LaFond	2014
Charles Dazelle	2014	Wayne McKinney	2014
Henry Dubay	2014	VACANCY	2014
Kathleen Dubay	2014		
Michelle Graton	2014	<i>Finance Committee (Yearly):</i>	
Linda Hamlin	2014	Henry Dubay	2014
Steve Hamlin	2014	Anna Horkun	2014
Karon Hathaway	2014	Victoria Minella-Sena	2014
Earl Heath, Jr.	2014	Darlene McVeigh, Ch.	2014
Louise Hurley	2014	VACANCY	2014
Paul Hurley	2014		
Kenneth Jordan	2014	<i>Fire Chief (Yearly):</i>	
Nancy Kaminski	2014	Gary Dahill	2014
Carol LaFountain	2014		
David LaFountain	2014	<i>FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):</i>	
Janine LaPointe	2014	Aimee Burnham	2015
Paul LaPointe	2014		
Barbara Meehan	2014	<i>FRTA Representative (3-Year):</i>	
Susan Mousette	2014	Jeff McKittrick	2015
Margaret Nareau	2014		
Ed Renauld	2014	<i>Gas Inspector (Yearly):</i>	
Maggie Rybczyk	2014	Tom Broga	2014
Jody Schnider	2014	Peter Anderson, Alt.	2014
Winnifred Smith	2014		
Kathy Thomas	2014	<i>Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):</i>	
<i>Electrical Inspector (Yearly):</i>		Charles Bushor	2014
Brian Palazzi	2014	Denise Keay	2014
<i>Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):</i>		Susan McIntosh	2014
Andy Girouard	2014	Jeff Penn	2014
		Ruth Pardoe	2014
		Erik Steins	2014
<i>Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):</i>		<i>Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):</i>	
Melissa Nazzaro	2014	Charles Dazelle	2014
<i>Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):</i>		Robert Garriepy	2014
Aimee Burnham	2014	Melissa Nazzaro	2014

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):
Charles Dazelle 2014

Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (3-Year):
Tom Hart 2014
VACANCY 2014

Historical Commission (3-Year):
Kathleen Dubay 2014
David Norton 2014
Daniel Sikop 2016
Karen Wittshirk 2016
VACANCY 2016

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):
Richard Buley 2014
Jeff McKittrick 2014
Todd Michon 2014
Ernie Smith 2014
VACANCY 2014

Jacob's Ladder Trail SB (2-Year):
Steve Hamlin 2015
Jeff Penn 2015

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):
Robert Garriepy 2014
Melissa Nazzaro 2014

Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):
Daniel Bugli 2015
Jeff Penn 2016
Victoria Minella-Sena 2016
Helen Speckels 2014
VACANCY 2015
VACANCY 2017
VACANCY 2017

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):
Sonny LaFond 2014

Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):
Lori Belhumeur 2014
Henry Dubay 2014
John McVeigh 2014
Ed Renauld 2014

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):
Nancy Kaminski 2014
Jackie Kimsey 2015
Peri Sossaman 2015
Nancy Webb 2014
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2016
VACANCY 2016

P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):
Karon Hathaway 2014
Linda Hamlin, Alt. 2014
VACANCY 2014

Planning Board (3-Year):
Linda Hamlin 2015
Karon Hathaway 2014
Earl Heath 2014
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2016
VACANCY 2016
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2015

Playground Committee (2-Year):
Aimee Burnham 2014
Kelly Hawley 2014
Vicki Mayhew 2014
Ed Renauld 2014
VACANCY 2014

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):
Tom Broga 2014
Peter Anderson, Alt. 2014

Police Chief (Yearly):
Robert Garriepy 2014

Police Officers (Yearly):
Michael Girard 2014
Aaren Hawley 2014
William Kaleta 2014
Todd Michon 2014
Brandon Owen 2014
VACANCY 2014

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Jeff McKittrick: 2014

Public Weigher (3-Year):

Daniel Donovan 2014
Gaylon Donovan 2014
Michael Donovan 2014
Matt Donovan 2014
Paul Senatore 2014

*RACES (Radio Amateur Communication
Emergency Services) (3 Year):*

Stephen Luchini 2015

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Fawn Busby 2014
Tricia Hess 2014
Adrianne Kunz 2014
Vicki Mayhew 2014
Ed Renauld 2014
Kathy Sullivan 2014
Carla Tacke 2014
Amy Williams 2014

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

Andrea McKittrick *Indefinite*
Judy Borden 2014
Anne Marie Knox 2014
Helen Speckels 2014
Kathleen Thomas 2014

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2014

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin 2014
Susan McIntosh 2014
Jeffrey Penn 2014

Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):

Walter Wittshirk 2014

Town Counsel (Yearly):

Kopelman & Paige *Indefinite*

Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Ed Renauld 2014

Water Safety Committee (Yearly):

Frank Antonucci 2014
Robert Garriepy 2014
Al LaFrance 2014
Rachel Lepine 2014
Paul Nowak 2014
Kathleen O'Connor 2014
Frederick Speckels 2014
Jason Szafranski, Alt. 2014
Alt. VACANCY 2014

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn 2015
Alt. VACANCY 2015

Zoning Board (3-Year):

Kevin Chisholm 2015
Mary Lou Spaulding 2014
George Webb, Ch. 2015
Don Bartley, Alt. 2015
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2016
VACANCY 2014

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly):

George Peterson 2014

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedules

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500

Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507

Town Website: www.huntingtonma.us

Board of Assessors:

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm (Please call for an appointment)

Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8 am-5 pm (Wed eve by appointment only)

Telephone: (413) 667-3501 huntingtonboa@comcast.net

Board of Health:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Secretary hours: Wednesday evenings 6 pm - 8 pm

Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511

Title V Agent Brian Slayton available by telephone - (413) 562-7286

Dump stickers may be obtained at the Transfer Station during regular operating hours.

H stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market.

Stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 each, and are to be placed on all of your trash bags (1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons).

Board of Selectmen:

Meets every other Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm, unless otherwise posted.

Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the

Administrative Assistant during office hours.

Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Building Commissioner:

George Peterson

Telephone: (413) 667-5763

Office Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm

Building permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall business hours and on the town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Conservation Commission:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Telephone: (413) 667-8893

Susan McIntosh, Chair

Council on Aging

Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in Stanton Hall

Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)

coa@huntingtonma.us

Electrical Inspector:

Brian Palazzi

Telephone: (413) 348-9307 or (413) 667-0295

Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office

during regular business hours or on the town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Alt. Electrical Inspector:

Andy Girouard

Telephone: (413) 667-8812

Fire Department: Gary Dahill, Fire Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911
Fax: (413) 667-0133

Gas Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on the town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Highway Department: Charles Dazelle, Superintendent HighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.com
Judy Borden, Administrative Assistant
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507

Planning Board: Meets every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm, unless posted otherwise on the town website: www.huntingtonma.us Telephone: (413) 667-3500

Plumbing Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on the town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Police Department: Robert Garriepy, Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-8868 Emergency: Dial 911
Office Hours: Wednesdays 6 pm - 8 pm

Public Library Director: Margaret Nareau
Telephone: (413) 667-3506 Fax: (413) 667-0088
web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org huntingtonlib@comcast.net

Public Library Trustees: Marilyn Antonucci (413) 667-3449
Karen Wittshirk (413) 667-5515
Deb Wyand (413) 667-0131

Town Accountant: Richard Buley
Telephone: (413) 667-3502
Office Hours: Wednesdays 4 pm - 8 pm (or by appointment)

Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick Assistant Clerk: Kathleen Thomas
Telephone: (413) 667-3509 huntingtonclerk@comcast.net
Office Hours: Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Wednesday: 6 pm - 8 pm

Town Collector: Andrea McKittrick collector@huntingtonma.us
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
Office Hours: Mon. 12:00 noon- 4:30 pm, Tues. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm,
Wed. 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Thurs. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Town Treasurer:

Aimee Burnham [*huntingontreas@comcast.net*](mailto:huntingontreas@comcast.net)
Telephone: (413) 667-3502
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment

Veterans' Agent:

Ed Renauld [*vso@huntingtonma.us*](mailto:vso@huntingtonma.us)
Telephone: (413) 575-6391
Office Hours: 3rd Wednesday each month from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Water and Sewer:

Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.
Jim Gobeille, Water and Sewer Operator [*Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com*](mailto:Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com)
Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant
Telephone: (413) 667-3356

Zoning Board:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Stanton Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3428
George Webb, Chair

SELECTBOARD

To the Citizens of Huntington:

We, the Selectmen, hereby submit our report and also take this opportunity to thank the various departments for their cooperation and fine efforts in keeping within their appropriations as much as was possible.

The past year has been a particularly interesting one, both satisfying for the number of projects completed, and yet frustrating, as we continue to contend with the ever increasing demands upon the government and taxpayers of our town with reduced state funding in many areas.

We welcome Huntington's newest appointees: Jeff Wyand, Gateway Regional School Committee Representative, and Marilyn Antonucci and Deb Wyand, Library Trustees. We also welcome John McVeigh as newly elected Selectman, and Henry Dubay, Tom Hart, and Ed Renauld at the transfer station.

Huntington residents leaving important positions: Gerry Dugas with over twenty-plus years of service, as well as Rick Dugre from the Library Board of Trustees; Charles Bushor from the Selectboard; and Toby Quirk from the Memorial Day Committee - we offer our gratitude for all their contributions on behalf of the town.

Congratulations to Bob Garriepy who is celebrating 20 years as Huntington Police Chief. We thank Bob for his outstanding service and dedication to our town.

Throughout the year, we have honored a number of Huntington citizens for their important contributions town life: Priscilla Bishop for her COA work, Rob Richards-responsible for forming the original ambulance service through the Lions' Club; Lori Belhumeur's work on the Memorial Day Parade and program; Chief of Police Garriepy was appointed the Assistant Emergency Manager Director; Earl "Cricket" Heath for being the longest serving municipal employee in Massachusetts. "Cricket" was honored with a special evening appreciation program in which a number of residents and State Representatives offered their tributes as he was presented with a recognition plaque which will be displayed in our town.

The Golden Cane was awarded to "eldest" residents May Parker, and then to Mary Daborowski.

We are pleased to report various improvements to both Town and Stanton Halls including: Town Hall floors were refinished, the town vault was cleaned and reorganized, Stanton Hall's damaged flood lights were replaced and further protected, and a security system was installed. Plans were set in motion for improvements to the Stanton Hall kitchen. All town buildings underwent an energy audit and received new retrofitted energy efficient lights. We are awaiting recommendations from Bales Energy for further potential cost saving upgrades to town buildings.

A new water line was installed on Bromley Road and closely timed to meet state road resurfacing work to save taxpayer money. The efforts of the town highway crew are to be commended for their constant vigilance in keeping our roads in good repair, and their extraordinary efforts in snow removal as seen in the blizzard-like storm Nemo. Often the Highway Department's work goes unnoticed, as much of it is not easily visible and preventative in nature so that future costs will be reduced. Town Personnel Policies and Procedures were reviewed with important changes being made, including refining the CORI-checks process, and revising guidelines for filling town position vacancies.

New equipment (two thermal imagers and a new fire truck) was purchased for the Fire Department. Money was set aside for the purchase of a new police cruiser, arriving this spring.

The Recreation Committee is to be commended for their efforts to provide enjoyable, entertaining activities for our residents and their children, while staying within their limited budget.

Grants and programs were continued with: the Council On Aging, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Renewable Energy, Social Services Programs, Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, and Energy Audit of town buildings.

There were various technological improvements including a new flat-screen television and projector for Stanton Hall, new computers for the Board of Assessors and Board of Health, and a new printer for the Selectboard Office. The town website is continuously updated with useful new information, and the Reverse Call emergency phone system has been successfully employed to bring important town information and urgent emergency warnings to residents. Efforts continue with Wired West to bring fiber optics to town buildings and townspeople who have limited or no internet connections. The Community Access TV Channel 15 still remains inoperable until a solution with Comcast addresses specific non-functioning equipment. The town will be proceeding in renewing a 10-year contract for high-speed internet and cable TV service, and we encourage anyone interested in assisting the Selectboard in contract negotiations to contact our office at 667-3500 to be part of the Cable Advisory Board.

The Senior Tax Work Off Abatement Program, established in FY2013, has been a resounding success. On June 5, voters approved a similar program for veterans. Each program allows eligible homeowners to volunteer their time to town departments for a tax bill credit of up to \$500. Applications are available the beginning of each year. Be sure to check our website (www.huntingtonma.us), stop in, or call our office.

A new Veterans' Memorial Committee has been formed. Lori Belhumeur, Henry Dubay, John McVeigh, and David Norton will look into ways to honor veterans, as well as possibly relocate the town's existing Veterans' Memorial.

Although the Gateway Regional School budget passed at our Annual Town Meeting, the issue of a member town wishing to leave the district continues to concern townspeople. We have held numerous meetings to deal with the long term educational and financial impact on our students and taxpayers should the Town of Worthington leave the school district. At press time, this issue was still unresolved, but it must be noted that Huntington, along with the Towns of Blandford, Chester, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell voted to NOT release Worthington from the Regional School Agreement. Efforts continue to engage all parties involved in fruitful discussions for the potential resolution of this issue with the least negative impact upon the education of our children and taxpayers' finances.

Volunteerism has been especially important this past year, and continues to be commonplace in our town. Encouragingly, there are far too many instances of townspeople helping each other to list here – but in spite of the problems and conflicts in our world, it is always uplifting when one is reminded of all the help Huntington townspeople provide local government, and one another, in time of need. Our appreciation is extended to the citizens of Huntington for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past year. If you wish to become more involved in the town, please fill out and submit the Talent Bank Form in this Annual Town Report.

Your Selectmen meet regularly, every two weeks on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm in Town Hall. Selectboard meetings are posted on the town website at huntingtonma.us and in Town Hall. Annual and Special Town Meetings are posted at the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store and Norwich Hill Fire Station, as well as Town Hall and on the website. We extend our cordial invitation to anyone wishing to attend, as many have done throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Aimee Burnham, Chair Jeffrey McKittrick John McVeigh

Please Note: This report was completed after publication
of the 2012 Annual Report, so is included here.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Selectboard
Town of Huntington, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, appearing on pages 3 through 7, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' financial statements as a whole. The Supplementary Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The Supplementary Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Scanlon & Associates LLC
Scanlon & Associates, LLC
South Deerfield, Massachusetts

July 18, 2013

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012**

ASSETS

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 653,828	\$ 141,984	\$ 181,873	\$ 162,920	\$ 1,140,605
Investments	650,988	-	-	13,127	664,115
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Property Taxes	216,628	-	-	-	216,628
Tax Liens	37,381	-	-	-	37,381
Excise Taxes	34,738	-	-	-	34,738
User Charges	-	29,236	23,396	-	52,632
Due from Other Governments	30,686	-	-	76,274	106,960
Prepaid Expenses	1,256	-	-	-	1,256
Total Assets	\$ 1,625,505	\$ 171,220	\$ 205,269	\$ 252,321	\$ 2,254,315

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:

Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	\$ 21,966	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,709	\$ 4,875	\$ 30,447
Accrued Payroll	25,808	606	412	-	26,826
Payroll Withholdings	16,397	-	-	-	16,397
Tax Refund Payable	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Deferred Revenue:					
Property Taxes	199,328	-	-	-	199,328
Other	90,810	29,236	23,396	62,600	206,042
Total Liabilities	374,309	31,739	25,517	67,475	499,040
Fund Balance:					
Restricted	-	-	-	184,846	184,846
Committed	-	139,481	179,752	-	319,233
Assigned	61,795	-	-	-	61,795
Unassigned	1,189,401	-	-	-	1,189,401
Total Fund Balance	1,251,196	139,481	179,752	184,846	1,755,275
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,625,505	\$ 171,220	\$ 205,269	\$ 252,321	\$ 2,254,315

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,956,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,956,450
Intergovernmental	576,599	-	-	495,403	1,072,002
Excise and Other Taxes	230,466	-	-	-	230,466
Charges for Services	-	161,317	110,275	155,863	427,455
Licenses, Permits, Fees	96,215	-	-	-	96,215
Interest on Taxes	26,728	-	-	-	26,728
Investment Income	8,018	-	-	134	8,152
Other	-	-	-	31,622	31,622
Total Revenues	3,894,476	161,317	110,275	683,022	4,849,090
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	321,095	-	-	115,992	437,087
Public Safety	227,310	-	-	209,198	436,508
Public Works	484,503	96,305	97,648	302,679	981,135
Education	2,709,862	-	-	-	2,709,862
Health and Human Services	40,204	-	-	39,245	79,449
Culture and Recreation	82,939	-	-	8,433	91,372
Employee Benefits and Insurance	160,744	-	-	-	160,744
State Assessments	10,722	-	-	-	10,722
Debt Service:					
Principal	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
Interest	3,972	-	-	-	3,972
Total Expenditures	4,076,351	96,305	97,648	675,547	4,945,851
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(181,875)	65,012	12,627	7,475	(96,761)
Excess of Revenues Over					
Operating Transfers In	-	-	2,526	75,000	77,526
Operating Transfers Out	(77,526)	-	-	-	(77,526)
Proceeds from Capital Lease	115,995	-	-	-	115,995
	38,469	-	2,526	75,000	115,995
Net Change in Fund Balances	(143,406)	65,012	15,153	82,475	19,234
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,394,602	74,469	164,599	102,371	1,736,041
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 1,251,196	\$ 139,481	\$ 179,752	\$ 184,846	\$ 1,755,275

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,018,739	\$ 3,018,739	\$ 2,986,850	\$ -	\$ (31,889)
Intergovernmental	545,504	545,504	576,599	-	31,095
Excise and Other Taxes	202,000	202,000	230,466	-	28,466
Licenses, Permits, Fees	113,177	113,177	96,215	-	(16,962)
Interest on Taxes	21,000	21,000	26,728	-	5,728
Investment Income	3,500	3,500	3,087	-	(413)
Total Revenues	3,903,920	3,903,920	3,919,945	-	16,025
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	302,803	338,049	321,095	16,799	155
Public Safety	215,265	254,265	227,310	20,029	6,926
Public Works	378,936	385,470	368,508	2,222	14,740
Education	2,759,451	2,756,268	2,709,862	18,578	27,828
Health and Human Services	25,523	42,308	40,204	-	2,104
Culture and Recreation	73,249	87,824	82,939	4,167	718
Employee Benefits and Insurance	164,407	167,150	160,744	-	6,406
State Assessments	10,642	10,642	10,722	-	(80)
Debt Service:					
Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	-	-
Interest	3,978	3,978	3,972	-	6
Total Expenditures	3,969,254	4,080,954	3,960,356	61,795	58,803
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(65,334)	(177,034)	(40,411)	(61,795)	74,828
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	(7,227)	(164,753)	(157,526)	-	7,227
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7,227)	(164,753)	(157,526)	-	7,227
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(72,561)	(341,787)	(197,937)	(61,795)	82,055
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	482,199	482,199	482,199	-	-
Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 409,638	\$ 140,412	\$ 284,262	\$ (61,795)	\$ 82,055

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Fund Balances July 1, 2011	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2012
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 3,316	\$ 3,877	\$ 5,307	\$ -	\$ 1,886
Conservation Grants	2	-	-	-	2
Council on Aging Grants	469	3,500	2,039	-	1,930
Emergency Management Grants	19,458	106,125	112,620	35,000	47,963
Health Grants	7,486	850	5,396	-	2,940
Highway Grants	(19,571)	295,869	276,298	-	-
Library Grants	15,567	2,454	2,825	-	15,196
Public Safety Grants	275	-	-	-	275
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Grant	5,738	79,929	79,929	-	5,738
Other:					
Agriculture Committee Revolving	20	-	-	-	20
Capital Improvement Fund	14,472	-	-	-	14,472
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,848	68	-	-	4,916
Council on Aging Transportation	10,734	37,959	28,284	10,000	30,409
Deputy Collector Fees	-	8,736	8,401	-	335
Playscape Damage	-	-	300	-	(300)
Murrayfield Old Tank	4,144	-	-	-	4,144
Police Extra Duty	-	99,445	96,577	-	2,868
Recreation Fund	108	9	-	-	117
Recycling Grant	866	-	-	-	866
Road Machinery	-	26,622	26,381	-	241
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	769	3,859	3,525	-	1,103
Stanton Hall	5,000	5,000	9,967	30,000	30,033
Town Clerk Fees	309	1,566	1,511	-	364
Town Collector Fees	9,134	7,098	14,312	-	1,920
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	3,371	-	1,875	-	1,496
Conservation Fund	10,823	30	-	-	10,853
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	922	5	-	-	927
Total Special Revenue Funds	99,028	683,001	675,547	75,000	181,482
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,343	21	-	-	3,364
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 102,371	\$ 683,022	\$ 675,547	\$ 75,000	\$ 184,846

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2011	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2012	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2012
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2012	\$ -	\$ 2,958,922	\$ 27,382	\$ 2,804,870	\$ 126,670	\$ 126,670
Levy of 2011	135,117	-	3,415	67,772	63,930	63,930
Levy of 2010	53,705	-	3,279	29,791	20,635	20,635
Levy of 2009	6,262	-	2,380	317	3,565	3,565
	<u>195,084</u>	<u>2,958,922</u>	<u>36,456</u>	<u>2,902,750</u>	<u>214,800</u>	<u>214,800</u>
Personal Property Taxes:						
Levy of 2012	-	82,833	188	81,574	1,071	1,071
Levy of 2011	1,377	-	28	395	954	954
Levy of 2010	141	-	31	68	42	42
Levy of 2009	81	-	70	-	11	11
Levy of 2008	116	-	116	-	-	-
Prior Years	106	-	106	-	-	-
	<u>1,821</u>	<u>82,833</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>82,037</u>	<u>2,078</u>	<u>2,078</u>
Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	\$ 196,905	\$ 3,041,755	\$ 36,995	\$ 2,984,787	\$ 216,878	\$ 216,878

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2011	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2012	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2012
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2012	\$ -	\$ 205,285	\$ 13,900	\$ 162,037	\$ 29,348	\$ 29,348
Levy of 2011	29,354	19,428	4,958	39,142	4,682	4,682
Levy of 2010	5,377	69	6	3,331	2,109	2,109
Levy of 2009	1,960	-	-	1,101	859	859
Levy of 2008	2,134	-	316	225	1,593	1,593
Prior Years	7,893	95	5,058	1,783	1,147	1,142
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 46,718	\$ 224,877	\$ 24,238	\$ 207,619	\$ 39,738	\$ 39,733

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee acts as an advisory body to the town on fiscal matters. Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, with additional meetings during budget preparation.

Primary functions include preparation of the annual budget, monitoring expenses and making recommendations to the Selectboard, as well as managing the Stanton Fund. The Committee also recommends a course of action for any articles having financial implications that come before any Annual or Special Town Meeting.

The process of developing a budget that meets our levy limit, while continuing to maintain adequate town services and a quality education for our children, continues to be challenging. The process has also been impacted in recent years by the long delay in ratifying the Gateway Regional School District budget by all member towns.

Therefore, as we approach this year's Annual Town Meeting, we ask that you thoroughly familiarize yourself with certain aspects of the budget. In this regard, the school budget is of primary importance and every effort should be made to read this separate report in detail. In addition, serious consideration should be given to the necessity of maintaining appropriate levels of Free Cash and increasing the Stabilization Fund. Maintaining such reserves will provide the flexibility needed to sustain adequate service levels despite the adverse financial impact of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

The committee's role in guiding the town's financial future needs to be supported by your active involvement. We encourage and welcome your participation in the budget process and at Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McVeigh, Chair, Anna Horkun, Secretary, Henry Dubay, Victoria Minella-Sena

MODERATOR

I would like thank all of you who have attended the Annual Town Meeting or any of the Special Town Meetings during this last fiscal year. Your participation helps keep our Open Town Meeting form of government alive and active. Fewer and fewer towns are keeping this form of government but for a town like Huntington, open meetings allow individuals like yourselves to directly impact the direction and decisions of the town. Voice your opinion and see how one person can make a difference.

I would also like to thank the Finance Committee for their hard work and dedication this past year, as they continue to work collaboratively with the other towns in the Gateway Regional School District to understand our options, and the impact of Worthington's potential withdrawal from the district.

I ask you all to continue to stay involved and encourage your neighbors to also attend town meetings this year. Challenges to our budgets, by-laws, and other issues that impact our way of life in Huntington will not diminish, so it is critical that you, as the town's legislative body, stay informed of key issues, and be active in the decision-making process that impacts our town.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your support for the past few years both as Moderator, and as a member of the Finance Committee. It has been my pleasure serving this town I've called home for almost 20 years.

Respectfully submitted, Pete Jacques

TOWN CLERK

As we reflect on the year 2013, we find that we had a reprieve from the busy election calendar of 2012! We took part in the Special State Primary in April and the Special State Election in June for the purpose of electing a Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth to replace newly appointed Secretary of State John Kerry. May 18th was our local election and for our first time, we had results so close for the office of Selectman, that a recount was petitioned. The recount took place on June 12th and resulted in our welcoming John McVeigh to the Selectboard. For the purpose of the recount, we also welcomed Judy Borden as a new member on the Board of Registrars. My sincere thanks to the election officials who always work tirelessly at the polls and spend time counting the votes at the end. Constables Cricket Heath, Henry Dubay and Chipper Dazelle took turns ringing the ballot box throughout each long day, and Bing Cinelli and Paul Hurley worked together, as always, to set up and break down the election equipment.

It must also be mentioned that the Senior and Veterans Workoff Programs have been instrumental in the Clerk's office this year. Our thanks go out to Shirley St. Peter, David Norton, Fred Speckels, Kathleen Dubay, Sherry Jones and Sue Fopiano for their clerical assistance (and for putting up with the occasional paper cut!)

Issued this year were the following:

34	Business Certificates
357	Dog Tags
3	Kennel Licenses

Our official Clerk office hours are Mon. 9 am-noon, and every 1st and 3rd Wed. 6 pm-8 pm however, Town Clerk services can also be obtained during the Collector office hours. We may be reached by phone at 667-3509 or by email at huntingtonclerk@comcast.net or collector@huntingtonma.us.

Dog tags for 2014 will be available June 1st.

Please remember to return your census forms by May 15, 2014.

The Vital Records and the rest of our report follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk
Kathleen Thomas, Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2013

BIRTHS:

January 10	Lily Rose Mayhew Daughter of Timothy Eric Mayhew & nee Erica Nicole Smith
January 14	Lucas Daniel Jones Son of Jeremiah Daniel Jones & nee Katrina Jessica Tacke
April 9	Leila Ann Gulielmetti Daughter of Christopher Paul Gulielmetti & nee Monica Ann Keeney
June 13	Jenavieve Lillian Rousseau Daughter of Scott Thomas Rousseau & nee Kara Lee Breton
June 17	Lucas Samuel Chamberlain Son of Jesse David Chamberlain & nee Hailey Ann Patras
June 17	Lillian Rose Pauli Daughter of Gregory Russell Pauli & nee Lisa Ann Kelly
June 19	Desmond Richard Boylan Son of Keith Allyn Boylan & nee Renee Noel Baillargeon
July 5	William Edward Green Son of Justin William Green & nee Melissa Ann Faulkner
July 30	Anthony Gabriel Nazarro Son of Dennis Eric Nazarro & nee Melissa Ann Singer
August 7	Evelyn May McGowan Daughter of James Edward McGowan & nee Amy May Parks
August 14	David Robert Nuttelman Son of Gregory Robert Nuttelman & nee Magdalena Bozena Strycharz
August 20	Fiona Mae Hollowell Daughter of Camron M. Hollowell & nee Amy Leigh McKinney
September 24	Dylan Lawrence Dulude Son of Paul Zenas Dulude & nee Amanda Louise Boyd

BIRTHS (Cont'd)

- October 2 Autumn Mae Roberts
Daughter of James Phillip Roberts & nee Krista Michelle Pazik
- October 3 Addison Rose Sabonis
Daughter of Brandon Scott Sabonis & nee Victoria J. Reid-Tyburski
- October 17 Autumn Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Daughter of Michael Robert Fitzgerald & nee Elizabeth Anne Jones
- November 1 Aleigha Marie Dazelle-Slowick
Daughter of Jacob Paul Dazelle & nee Andrea Leigh Slowick
- November 12 Emma Rose Cassidy
Daughter of Michael John Cassidy Jr. & nee Crystal Marie Wloch
- November 20 Jacob Michael Madru
Son of Joseph Edward Madru & nee Hope Elizabeth Reed
- November 29 Gibson Thomas Mangini
Son of Kyle Thomas Mangini & nee Janna Irene Thomas
- December 23 Allie Michelle Hebert
Daughter of Jonathan Andrew Hebert & nee Kara Yvette Tremble

MARRIAGES:

- December 3, 2012 Jeffrey Richard Jorritsma & Leah Marie Manyak @ Huntington
- January 1 Charles Joseph Dorsey, Jr. & Kimberly Jean Dorsey @ Worthington
- May 27 Mark Raymond Bricault & Irene Edith Carle @ Williamsburg
- June 15 Bruce Alan Stone & Tasha L. Meacham @ Huntington
- June 21 Gilbert E. Gagnon Sr. & Lori A. Benedict @ Russell
- July 20 Rudolph Polle & Tatyana V. Savich @ Southwick
- August 10 Roy Scott Belhumeur & Aimee Marie Domerchie @ Huntington
- November 3 Michael Joseph Robieniczak & Courtney Marie Maxwell @ Westfield
- November 16 Derek D. Panaia & Nicole Marie Madlang-Awa @ Huntington
- December 21 Christian A. Gundermann & Douglas A. LeVasseur @ Huntington

DEATHS:

January 1	Mary Ruth Arel, 66, wife of Robert L. Arel
January 3	Jason Paul St. Jean, age 30, husband of Patricia Young
January 5	Ethel Francis Pero, age 97, widow of Kyle S. Pero
January 31	Halton Maxx McCready, age 19
February 9	Robert Vernon DeShay, Jr., age 62
April 9	Barbara E. Bachofen, age 95, widow of Ernest Bachofen
May 15	Gary Clark Smith, age 71
May 19	George A LaVoice, age 96, widower of Ruth F. Ouimet
June 25	Kirk E. Birrel, age 84, husband of Natalie Farwell
July 5	Mary Margaret Ball, age 89, widow of Donald Ball
July 31	Jonathan M. Cowles, age 65, husband of Julie A. Muransky
August 20	May Helen Parker, age 94, widow of Robert W. Parker
October 4	Jeanne R. Westcott, 92, widow of Henry H. Westcott
October 12	Jacob John Petrovsky, Jr. age 90, widower of Marjorie McCagg

****March 24, 2009 Ronald H. Robideau, age 49, (recorded June 26, 2013) ****

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013
RESULTS-HUNTINGTON**

DEMOCRAT

Senator in Congress

Candidates:		Votes
Stephen F. Lynch		29
Edward J. Markey		101
Daniel B. Winslow		0
Gabriel E. Gomez		0
Michael J. Sullivan		0
Others		0
Blanks		1
Total Votes Cast	131	

REPUBLICAN

Senator in Congress

Candidates:		Votes
Gabriel E. Gomez		47
Michael J. Sullivan		37
Daniel B. Winslow		8
Edward J. Markey		0
Others		0
Blanks		0
Total Votes Cast	92	

**SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013
RESULTS – HUNTINGTON**

Senator in Congress

Candidates:	VOTES	Party:
Gabriel E. Gomez	278	Republican
Edward J. Markey	171	Democrat
Richard A. Heos	2	Unenrolled
Brian R. Muello	0	Unenrolled
John J. Howard	0	Unenrolled
Others	0	
Blank	1	

Total Votes Cast 452

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Board of Selectmen - 3 yr

Charles Bushor (100)
John McVeigh (101)
Blank (3)

Board of Assessors - 3 yr

Ed Renauld (163)
Other (2)
Blank (39)

Regional School Committee

3 yr

William Hathaway (157)
Other (4)
Blank (43)

1 yr

John McVeigh (6)
Other (12)
Blank (186)

Board of Health - 3 yr

Thomas Hart (149)
Other (5)
Blank (50)

Tree Warden - 1 yr

Walt Wittshirk (178)
Other (2)
Blank (24)

Moderator - 1 yr

Pierre Jacques (171)
Other (2)
Blank (31)

Constable - 3 yr

Earl G. Heath Jr. (181)
Other (1)
Blank (22)

Trustee, Huntington Library - 3 yr

John McVeigh (4)
Other (6)
Blank (194)

Trustee, Alphonso Pettis Fund - 3 yr

Sue Fopiano (164)
Other (3)
Blank (37)

Trustee, Whiting Street. Fund - 3 yr

Sue Fopiano (162)
Other (1)
Blank (41)

Trustee, Whiting St. Fund - 1 yr

John McVeigh (4)
Other (9)
Blank (191)

Hampshire Council of Governments - 1 yr

John McVeigh (4)
Other (7)
Blank (193)

Water/Sewer Commission - 3 yr

Denise Keay (164)
Other (4)
Blank (36)

Question #1: Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond in order to pay the principal and interest on the Fire Department pumper truck loan?

Yes (101)
No (66)
Blank (37)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 6:30 P.M., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Asst. Town Clerk: Kathy Thomas
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick
Finance Committee: Eric Jensen, Anna Horkun, Alicia Hackerson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee and the Selectboard.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$49,000.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.001	ADMIN. ASSIST. WAGES	\$ 2,000.00
015122.005	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00
015192.002	TOWN HALL UTILITIES/PHONE	\$ 1,000.00
015192.004	STANTON HALL UTILITIES	\$ 2,000.00
015192.006	BLDG. & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,000.00
015192.007	NORTH HALL MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000.00
015193.003	TOWN BUILDINGS INSURANCE	\$ 6,300.00
015193.004	TOWN VEHICLE INSURANCE	\$ 1,200.00
015220.006	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 1,000.00
015422.001	HIGHWAY OVERTIME/EXTRA HRS.	\$ 5,500.00
015422.003	HIGHWAY UTILITIES	\$ 3,000.00
015422.006	HIGHWAY GAS & DIESEL	\$ 2,000.00
015422.007	HIGHWAY ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000.00
015450.015	WATER MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,000.00
015450.016	WATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,000.00
015543.001	VETERANS' RELIEF BENEFITS	\$12,000.00
015610.003	LIBRARY UTILITIES	\$ 1,000.00

Finance Committee: yes. After brief discussion regarding Water Materials/ Equipment and Water Improvements, the Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Extra and Unforeseen Reserve Account (013220.000) to the Interest Expense Account (015720.005) the sum of \$4,000.00 for interest expense relative to an Appellate Tax Board Case of 2009 concerning VERIZON NE; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$4,000.00 will be transferred from Account 013220.000 to Account 015720.005.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Extra and Unforeseen Reserve Account (013220.000) to the Assessors Revaluation Expense Account (015137.005) the sum of \$1,600.00 for overrun costs relative to the 2013 REVALUATION; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$1,600.00 will be transferred from Account 013220.000 to Account 015137.005.

At 6:40 pm a motion was made and seconded to dissolve.

Motion passed unanimously.

A quorum of 57 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Asst. Town Clerk: Kathleen Thomas
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick
Finance Committee: Eric Jensen, Anna Horkun, Alicia Hackerson
Counters: Kathy Sullivan, Judy Dugre, Bob Heath, Charles Knowlton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. A motion was made and seconded to continue the meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The motion passed by majority vote. A motion was made and seconded to stop the meeting at 10:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously. Eric Jensen was appointed Assistant Moderator by the Moderator. The Moderator introduced the Selectboard and the Finance Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to read through the following Consent Calendar:

ARTICLE 2: To empower the Selectboard to choose such Town Officers as are not required by law or vote of the Town to be chosen by ballot; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To accept the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectboard, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund, Finance Committee, Trustees of the Alphonse P. Pettis Fund, Assessor of Taxes, Town Accountant, and any other Town Officers or Committees to report and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to prosecute and defend matters in which the Town has an interest, or to appear in favor or opposed to matters involving the Town's interest and employ counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to sell and convey by public auction in accordance with

Section 77B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, all parcels of real estate which the Town has acquired or may acquire, either by foreclosure of Tax Title in Land Court or by the procedure under Section 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws pertaining to lands of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2014 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.
The Consent Calendar Articles 2 through 7 were passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2013. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

All line items passed unanimously with the exception of North Hall and Police, which passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,345,918.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,345,918.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$590,501.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$409,164.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to vote by paper ballots. Motion passed by majority vote. The Moderator announced that there would be a short recess taken to count the paper ballots. The Article passed by majority vote with 63 "yes" and "30" no.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12 :

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$509,710.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article by changing the wording of the dates to "July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014".

Amendment passed unanimously. Selectboard recommendation: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed as amended unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$58,269.00 for Huntington's share in the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article by changing the wording of the dates to "July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014".

Amendment passed unanimously. Selectboard recommendation: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed as amended unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$15,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Building and Property Maintenance Account (015192-006) the sum not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the purpose of Town Hall upgrades; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$6,000.00 will be transferred from

**Free Cash to the Building and Property Maintenance Account
(015192-006).**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum not to exceed \$42,000.00 to purchase a new Police vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$42,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to purchase a new Police vehicle.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed \$14,000.00 to purchase a new thermal imager for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto. (This device is used to cut down on the damage to personal property in a fire, to locate fire victims and firefighters down in a fire environment, and to locate lost people or suspects.)
Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$14,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to purchase a new thermal imager for the Fire Department.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account (013585.000) to the Water Improvement Account (015450.016) to replace the water line on Bromley Road per Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandate; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$50,000.00 will be transferred from account 013585.000 to 015450.016.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account (013585.000) to the Water Improvement Account (015450.016) to install one of four wells on Montgomery Road as mandated by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to pass over the Article. Motion passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT
AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON,
MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL,
WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD,

MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE
FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following
language as Section XIX:

SECTION XIX WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

The withdrawal of the town of Worthington shall be effective if the amendment of the agreement approved by the regional district School Committee on February 27, 2013, is (1) accepted by the town of Worthington by a majority vote at the next special or annual town meeting after the secretary of the regional district school committee delivers to the Board of Selectmen of the town of Worthington a notice in writing that the regional district school committee has approved the said amendment, (2) accepted by the other members towns at town meetings in accordance with subsection (B) of Section IX of this Agreement, and 3) the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education approves said withdrawal or special legislation is passed authorizing said withdrawal in a manner consistent with the terms of this amendment.

The regional district school committee may submit the amendment to any of the other member towns within one year after an adverse vote in such town or towns, otherwise the amendment shall not take effect after an adverse vote in any town. No town may reverse, rescind or amend its acceptance of the amendment once given. Acceptance of this amendment does not preclude the reentrance of the town of Worthington to the regional school district by another amendment. The town of Worthington will be obligated to pay to the District operating and capital costs in accordance with the provisions of Section IX of the Regional Agreement. The town of Worthington will be obligated to pay any repayment amounts due to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in accordance with Section IX(E) of the Regional Agreement, unless or until such amounts have been repaid for all of the buildings and/or MSBA no longer requires repayment for the building(s).

Effective upon the withdrawal of the town of Worthington, the provisions of the Agreement shall be modified to reflect said withdrawal; or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard: no. Finance Committee: no. Article did not pass by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT
AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON,

MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL,
WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD,
MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE

FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following
language after the second sentence under subsection (A) of Section I: The Regional District
School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto:

Effective upon the biennial elections next following the Eleventh Amendment to this Agreement, the Committee shall consist of the following: two members who are residents of the Town of

Huntington, two members who are residents of the Town of Middlefield, two members who are residents of the Town of Montgomery, two members who are residents of the Town of Russell, two members who are residents of the Town of Worthington, and two members who are residents of the Town of Chester, and two members who are residents of the Town of Blandford. Until said date, the prior regional school committee shall remain in effect.

A motion was made and seconded to combine Articles 21, 22, 23, 24. Motion did not pass by majority vote: 33 for, 21 against. Article 21 passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (B) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto:

(B) Continuation of Members

Until the annual town elections next following the assumption of jurisdiction by the Committee over the pupils in all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve, the members of the Committee shall be appointed and elected and vacancies shall be filled as provided in subsections (C), (D) and (E) of Section I as in effect prior to the adoption of the sixth amendment of this agreement provided, however, that the terms of office of all such members shall terminate upon the election and qualification of successors as provided in subsection (C) of Section I.

As Amended.

A motion was made and seconded to combine Articles 22 & 23. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to move the Article as combined. Motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following language to subsection (C) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee:

Effective upon the biennial state elections in 2014, school committee members shall be elected with residency requirements as stated above in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections. Elected school committee members will take office the day after the election results are certified by each member town clerk.

At the district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections in 2014, there will be elections for all fourteen (14) school committee positions. The committee member with the greatest number of votes from each of the member towns shall serve for a term of four (4) years, and the remaining committee member from each of the member towns shall serve for a term of

two (2) years. Commencing with the biennial state elections in 2016 and thereafter, all fourteen (14) school committee positions shall be for a term of four (4) years.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (D) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto:

(D) Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs among the members elected under subsection (C) of Section I, the selectmen and remaining Committee members from the town involved, acting jointly, shall appoint a member to serve until the next annual town election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(D) Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs among the members elected under subsection (C) of Section I, the selectmen and remaining Committee members from the town involved, acting jointly, shall appoint a member to serve until the next biennial election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

As Amended.

Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 5N of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow Veterans, as defined in Clause 43 of Section 7 of Chapter 4, of the Massachusetts General Laws, to volunteer to provide services to the Town which shall allow the Town to reduce real property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills, in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled not to exceed \$500.00 and not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour; and further to see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption by

- 1) allowing an approved representative for persons physically unable to provide such services to the Town;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Article by removing the “1)”. Motion passed. Article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Article passed unanimously.

At 8:55 pm a motion was made and seconded to dissolve.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 8:55 pm.

A quorum of 95 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**TOWN ELECTION RECOUNT
FOR OFFICE OF SELECTMAN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013**

MINUTES

Election Officials

Board of Registrars: Helen Speckels, Chair
Kathleen Thomas, Member
Judith Borden, Member
Counters: Louis Cinelli
Sharon Jones
Final Tally Clerk: Louise Hurley
Runner: Paul Hurley
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick

Candidates

Charles Bushor, Incumbant
John McVeigh

Observers

Henry Dubay
Stacy Iglesias
Judith Guyette
Barbara Meehan

Constable

Earl Heath, Jr.

Town Counsel

Lauren Goldberg, Attorney
Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

A motion was made and seconded by Helen Speckels to open the recount meeting at 2:05pm.

Helen Speckels disclosed the fact that although she is the Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard, she did not find any conflict of interest as to her ability to be impartial during the proceedings.

Andrea McKittrick disclosed the fact that her son plays baseball with Mr. Bushor's son and has interacted with Mr. Bushor at social events. For this reason, she would not be sitting on the Board of Registrars, but would act in the capacity of Town Clerk to record the minutes of the recount.

Attorney Goldberg explained the procedures for proper conduct of the recount.

Andrea McKittrick administered the Oath of Office to all participants.

Counting commenced at 2:20 with Block #1. There was an objection as to the method of tally made by Stacy Iglesias. Attorney Goldberg assured all involved that the method being used was approved and legal.

Counting finished at 2:52pm with Block #5. A Hearing was held regarding an Absentee Ballot that was postmarked May 20, 2013; two days after the election. After inspection of the unopened ballot by the Board of Registrars, it was decided that the ballot would be rejected.

Attorney Goldberg asked the candidates if they would like to inspect any other election materials. Both candidates declined.

At 2:55pm. The final tally was brought to the Board of Registrars. After review of the tally sheet, a motion was made and seconded to accept the results of the recount. The results were accepted unanimously.

At 2:57pm, Helen Speckels announced the results. Charles Bushor: 99 votes, John McVeigh: 102 votes, Blank votes: 3. John McVeigh was the winner by 3 votes.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. The motion carried unanimously.

The recount meeting dissolved at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2013

	Funds					
Assets	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor Governmental	Total Governmental
Cash and cash equivalents	470,032	963,195	206,413	216,339	439,111	2,295,091
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	12,602	0	0	0	0	12,602
User Charges	0	0	3	(3)	0	1
Tax liens	39,860	0	2,026	1,326	0	43,212
Excise Taxes and other taxes	23,221	0	0	0	0	23,221
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	113,038	0	0	0	0	113,038
Total Assets	658,753	963,195	208,442	217,663	439,111	2,487,164
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Withholdings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	12,602	0	0	0	0	12,602
Other	111,490	0	2,755	1,380	0	115,625
Total liabilities	124,092	0	2,755	1,380	0	128,227
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	29,180	0	0	0	0	29,180
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	505,481	0	0	0	0	505,481
Special Revenue	0	963,195	205,687	216,283	439,111	1,824,276
Permenant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	534,661	963,195	205,687	216,283	439,111	2,358,937
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	658,753	963,195	208,442	217,663	439,111	2,487,164

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	3,215,960	0	0	0	0	3,215,960
Intergovernmental	629,108	0	0	0	0	629,108
Excise and Other Taxes	253,663	0	0	0	0	253,663
Charges for Services	62,168	0	132,331	193,822	0	388,321
Licenses, Permits and Fees	17,886	0	0	0	0	17,886
Interest on Taxes	27,668	0	1,307	1,441	0	30,417
Interest on Investments	2,005	0		0	0	2,005
Other	9,343	0	1,339	0	1,284,245	1,294,927
Total Revenues	4,217,801	0	134,977	195,263	1,284,245	5,832,287
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	329,197	0	0	0	1,345,245	1,674,442
Public Safety	234,435	0	0	0	0	234,435
Public Works and Facilities	398,668	0	0	0	0	398,668
Water and Sewer	0	0	95,479	118,133	0	213,612
Education	2,705,443	0	0	0	0	2,705,443
Health and Human Services	45,404	0	0	0	0	45,404
Culture and Recreation	73,610	0	0	0	0	73,610
Employee Benefits and Insurance	70,600	0	0	0	0	70,600
State Assessments	102,782	0	0	0	0	102,782
Debt service:						
Principal	25,000	0	10,000	0	0	35,000
Interest	4,826	0	3,250	0	0	8,076
Total Expenditures	3,989,965	0	108,729	118,133	1,345,245	5,562,072
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	227,836	0	26,248	77,130	(60,999)	270,215
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	(1,889)	0	0	0	0	(1,889)
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments		0	0	0	0	
Other	64,900	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	63,011	0	0	0	0	(1,889)
Net Change in Fund Balances	290,847	0	26,248	77,130	(60,999)	333,226
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	214,634	963,195	179,438	139,153	500,110	1,996,531
Fund Balances, End of Year	505,481	963,195	205,687	216,283	439,111	2,329,758

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	229	229	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	6,480	6,480	0
Admin Asst Wages	31,011	31,011	0
Expenses	1,597	1,597	0
Admin Asst Exp	653	653	0
Legal Ads Expense	630	630	0
General Office Supplies	3,118	3,053	65
Copy Machine Expenses	1,400	1,332	68
Grant Writer	4,500	4,500	0
TOTAL	49,389	49,256	133
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	1,545	1,545	0
IT Tech Support	3,066	3,066	0
TOTAL	4,611	4,611	0
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	126	74
Reserve Fund	1,500	0	1,500
TOTAL	1,700	126	1,574
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	12,910	12,910	0
Expenses	275	275	0
Software Suppt	2,160	2,160	0
Audit Expense	9,000	4,735	4,265
TOTAL	24,345	20,080	4,265
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,910	5,910	0
Expenses	2,625	2,625	0
Clerk Wages	13,553	13,553	0
Mapping Expenses	2,500	2,500	0
Software Support	3,600	3,600	0
Revaluation	8,800	8,789	11
TOTAL	36,988	36,977	12
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	15,212	15,212	0
Cert Bonus	0	0	0
Expenses	2,610	2,610	0
Bank Service Chgs	48	48	0
Tax Title Expenses	4,838	4,838	0
Software support	1,620	1,620	0
TOTAL	24,328	24,328	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	20,903	20,903	0
Asst Coll Wages	0	0	0
Expenses	9,681	9,681	0
Tax Taking	231	0	231
Collector Software support	6,170	6,170	0
TOTAL	36,986	36,754	232
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	12,657	12,657	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	12,657	12,657	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	13,024	13,024	0
Dog License Exp	332	332	0
Expenses	1,408	1,408	0
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	654	654	0
Asst clerk salary	2,133	2,132	0
Election Workers Wages	4,231	3,521	710
Elect & Reg Expenses	720	720	0
TOTAL	24,001	23,291	710
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	800	754	46
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,237	364	873
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	47	403
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	6,524	6,248	277
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	17,184	15,994	1,190
North Hall Utilities	1,017	687	331
Stanton Hall Utilities	9,158	9,158	0
Town Mowing	4,500	3,621	879
Maintenance	13,231	13,121	110
North Hall Maintenance	2,148	2,016	132
Construct Storage Shed	0	0	0
GIS Mapping	784	0	784
TOTAL	54,545	50,844	3,701

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	9,100	3,444	5,656
Unemployment Insurance	7,216	7,216	0
Medicare	7,500	4,036	3,464
Town Buildings Insurance	33,800	33,798	2
Town Vehicle Insurance	16,900	16,854	46
TOTAL	74,516	65,349	9,168
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	3,600	3,531	70
Total General Government	350,584	329,197	21,387
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	52,431	52,431	0
Training Exps & Wages	22,728	22,728	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,574	1,574	0
Administration/Training	6,575	6,575	0
Vehicle Maintenance	10,128	10,128	0
Equipment	5,167	5,077	90
TOTAL	98,603	98,513	90
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	5,984	4,954	1,030
Hourly Wages	19,295	16,373	2,922
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	5,475	4,525	950
Training Wages	5,880	5,291	589
Building/Equipment Exps	26,474	26,151	323
Admin/Training Expenses	2,840	2,840	0
Utilities	8,383	8,383	0
Truck Maintenance	13,000	10,149	2,851
Fire Defense Assn	525	0	525
TOTAL	87,856	78,666	9,190
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	26,095	26,095	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	18,440	16,303	2,137
Gas Inspector Fees	1,240	1,240	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	760	650	110
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,000	0	2,000
TOTAL	22,440	18,193	4,247
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	1,600	1,600	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,080	1,080	0
Expenses	500	30	470
TOTAL	1,580	1,110	470
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	742	0	742
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	10,000	10,000	0
TOTAL	10,745	10,000	745
Constable Expense	258	258	0
Total Public Safety	249,177	234,435	14,742
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,266,836	1,266,836	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	256,607	256,607	0
Transportation/Debt	617,395	617,329	66
Ch 70 Voc Trans	66,617	66,617	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	537,953	498,053	39,900
Total Education	2,745,409	2,705,443	39,966
<u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	50,219	50,219	0
Hourly Wages	79,846	79,846	0
Overtime/Extra Help	17,828	17,828	0
Utilities	15,256	15,256	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	27,878	27,878	0
Sand & Salt	40,164	40,164	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	24,657	24,657	0
Road Maintenance	39,168	39,168	0
Uniforms	2,069	1,898	171
Admin/Training Expenses	612	612	0
Drug Testing	110	110	0
Equipment replacement	1,333	1,333	0
Street Lights	10,149	10,149	0
TOTAL	309,288	309,117	171
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	17,019	17,019	0
Hauling & Disposal	65,592	50,360	15,233
Misc/Maint	4,316	4,316	0
Utilities	797	797	0
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	6,323	6,323	0
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,057	1,037	20
Basket Str Landfill Monit	9,400	9,400	0
TOTAL	104,504	89,251	15,253

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,768	3,454	314
Wages	48,472	43,988	4,484
Workers Compensation	3,971	2,169	1,802
Unemployment	390	0	390
Health Insurance	10,368	5,334	5,034
Property Insurance	1,744	1,744	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,743	1,743	0
Utilities	15,328	13,797	1,532
Contractors	10,000	2,325	7,675
Building/Equipment Maint	25,000	22,155	2,845
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	1,398	1,602
Chemical Purchase	2,113	1,764	349
Waste Removal	8,000	6,783	1,218
Improvements	10,000	5,897	4,103
Software support	2,468	2,468	0
Septic Tank Pumping	1	0	1
Other Support Employees	4,000	3,115	885
TOTAL	150,366	118,133	32,233
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,768	3,768	0
Wages	31,430	29,653	1,777
Workers Compensation	1,391	765	626
Unemployment	205	0	205
Health Insurance	5,304	0	5,304
Property Insurance	3,487	3,487	0
Utilities	12,523	12,429	94
Vehicle Insurance	1,162	1,162	0
Analysis Tests	11,175	11,175	0
Analysis Chemicals	3,000	2,756	244
Contractors	5,630	5,630	0
Materials/Equipment	15,000	14,246	754
Improvements	7,940	7,940	0
Software support	2,574	2,468	106
Meters	0	0	0
Water Overtime	0	0	0
TOTAL	104,589	95,479	9,110

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	300	300	0
Total Public Works	669,047	612,280	56,767
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	5,820	5,820	0
Secretary Salary	4,755	4,755	0
Agent Wages	4,030	4,030	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	2,835	2,835	0
Health Nursing Fee	0	0	0
Animal Control Officer Salary	1,539	1,539	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	2,350	2,350	0
TOTAL	21,329	21,329	0
Council on Aging	1,197	1,197	0
<u>543-VETERN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,754	1,754	0
Relief Benefits	21,374	21,124	250
TOTAL	23,128	22,878	250
Total Human Services	45,654	45,404	250
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	32,348	32,348	0
Maintenance Wages	3,132	2,971	161
Maint/Repair/Supplies	8,377	8,377	0
Utilities	5,002	4,861	142
Books/Periodicals	13,125	13,125	0
Software Tech Support	1,249	1,220	29
TOTAL	63,234	62,902	331
<u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u>			
Wages	0	0	0
Expenses	7,945	7,945	0
TOTAL	7,945	7,945	0
Historical Commission	0	0	0
Agricultural Committee	0	0	0
Memorial Day Parade	643	643	0
Community Events	2,122	2,122	0
TOTAL	2,764	2,764	0
Total Culture & Rec	73,943	73,611	331
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Hwy Truck Interst	841	841	0
Water Meter Interest	3,250	3,250	0
Short Term Interest	3,991	3,985	6
TOTAL	43,082	43,076	6

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	3,540	3,540	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	553	553	0
CS Regional Transit	7,635	7,635	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,654	1,654	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	87,393	87,393	0
TOTAL	102,782	102,782	0
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	13,017	13,017	0
Police Health Ins	5,589	5,589	0
Highway Health Insurance	18,606	18,606	0
Library Health Ins	5,334	5,334	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	16,877	16,877	0
Admin Health Ins	11,178	11,178	0
TOTAL	70,600	70,600	1
Total Misc Expenses	216,465	216,458	7
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,350,278	4,216,827	133,452

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the period ended 6/30/13

4/25/14

<u>A/C Description</u>	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1,2012</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Jun 30,2013</u>
Chapter 90	829.50	193,243.00	211,381.67	(17,309.17)
Special Revenue Funds:				
Cons Wetland	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Utility Tractor Purch	0.00	49,744.02	24,872.01	24,872.01
Utility Tractor Maint	241.23	1,750.00	1,299.64	691.59
COA Donation a/c	0.00	4,799.63	308.00	4,491.63
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,915.77	0.00	0.00	4,915.77
Community Policing	(1,889.03)	1,889.03	0.00	0.00
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,143.78	0.00	0.00	4,143.78
Commun Devel Block Grants	5,737.82	764,210.80	764,210.00	5,738.62
Apricultural Committee	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
WellHead Protection	768.47	0.00	0.00	768.47
Sara Gillette Services-COA	1,102.58	2,495.00	3,750.00	(152.42)
Emergency Management	40,458.41	29,935.00	26,370.68	44,022.73
Library Building	8,943.92	27.89	501.00	8,470.81
Local Preparedness Grant	315.40	0.00	0.00	315.40
Conservation	1.71	0.00	0.00	1.71
FEMA Flood Reimb	(6,739.41)	20,749.29	0.00	14,009.88
FF Public Safety Equip	372.66	0.00	0.00	372.66
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476.30	0.00	0.00	1,476.30
Capital Expenditures	14,472.04	0.00	0.00	14,472.04
FEMA Grant-Ice	569.61	2,000.00	0.00	2,569.61
Stanton Hall Upkeep	25,033.38	5,000.00	22,823.57	7,209.81
GSRD Fuel	0.00	446.15	493.79	(47.64)
Green Grant	0.00	35,162.50	15,866.59	19,295.91
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496.12	0.00	0.00	1,496.12
Cultural Council	1,973.91	3,874.83	3,030.60	2,818.14
BOH Spec Proj	2,939.73	0.00	0.00	2,939.73
State Aid to Libraries	6,264.99	2,311.39	3,017.80	5,558.58
Council on Aging-Formula	1,360.48	3,738.00	3,632.00	1,466.48
Council on Aging-HighValley	469.86	0.00	0.00	469.86
Recycling	865.52	0.00	0.00	865.52
FRTA	30,408.84	28,520.33	35,064.82	23,864.35
Playscape Damage	(300.00)	1,368.00	1,668.00	(600.00)
Total-Special Rev Funds	145,424.09	958,136.86	907,023.50	196,537.45

Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,852.77	23.60	0.00	10,876.37
Stanton Income Fund	94,936.64	13,743.59	0.00	108,680.23
Whiting Street Fund	6,188.96	3.68	3,381.72	2,810.92
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,343.42	20.42	0.00	3,363.84
Commeration	0.00	862.76	0.00	862.76
Stabilization fund	963,195.44	0.00	0.00	963,195.44
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	913.36	14.24	0.00	927.60
Recreation	125.98	0.00	0.00	125.98
Civic Welfare	4,039.54	27.13	0.00	4,066.67
Total-Trust Funds	1,083,596.11	14,695.42	3,381.72	1,094,909.81

Agency Funds:				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	180.00	1,816.50	1,194.50	802.00
Extra Duty Police	2,867.72	75,001.60	61,352.00	16,517.32
Due to Collector-Fees	1,920.50	9,506.28	8,283.91	3,142.87
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	10,707.66	16,225.00	4,675.00	22,257.66
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	698.00	507.15	0.00	1,205.15
Due to Deputy	334.75	8,888.25	9,223.00	0.00
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	363.55	1,876.90	2,240.45	0.00
W/H-Federal	2,980.86	43,743.28	44,899.67	1,824.47
W/H-FICA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W/H-Medicare	961.05	8,479.43	8,766.40	674.08
W/H-State	2,265.87	25,797.98	27,370.40	693.45
W/H-Retirement	6,520.50	13,515.37	18,447.17	1,588.70
W/H-Grp Ins	838.67	14,983.67	14,848.71	973.63
W/H-Life Ins	1,115.37	41.25	1,156.62	0.00
W/H OBRA	1,670.08	11,992.02	13,260.91	401.19
W/H-Other Payroll	130.00	4,610.64	4,520.84	219.80
W/H-Dental	(85.52)	3,276.05	3,220.19	(29.66)
Total-Agency Funds	33,469.06	240,261.37	223,459.77	50,270.66

**TOWN REPORT
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Lien</u>	<u>Void/ Pmt Adjust</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Real Estate:										
2009	3,570.12	1,857.13	5,427.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010	21,140.90	5,213.64	21,379.28	-	880.34	(821.63)	-	-	(5.00)	4,921.55
2011	64,653.12	11,506.68	53,027.40	2,728.23	2,745.27	-	-	-	-	17,658.90
2012	131,137.58	9,326.19	72,872.91	6,320.08	4,461.51	-	-	-	(1,035.12)	57,844.39
2013	-	1,556,575.81	2,848,160.27	17,028.17	9,554.65	220.13	-	-	793.24	(1,319,180.65)
Totals	220,501.72	1,584,479.45	3,000,867.11	26,076.48	17,641.77	(601.50)	-	-	(246.88)	(1,238,755.81)
Personal Property:										
2009	16.59	-	-	13,283.26	13,283.26	-	-	-	-	(26,549.93)
2010	56.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.70
2011	954.24	8.99	38.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	924.47
2012	2,832.17	1,029.93	1,147.73	-	(0.01)	-	-	-	-	2,714.38
2013	-	86,416.24	84,690.72	192.51	-	-	-	-	-	1,533.01
Totals	3,859.70	87,455.16	85,877.21	13,475.77	13,283.25	-	-	-	-	(21,321.37)
Water & Sewer:										
2012	53,103.17	292,557.48	225,489.49	172.40	-	(1,762.55)	-	-	-	121,761.31
Totals	53,103.17	292,557.48	225,489.49	172.40	-	(1,762.55)	-	-	-	121,761.31
Excise:										
2002	-	6.53	64.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	(58.31)
2003	-	83.34	323.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	(239.67)
2004	(7.93)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7.93)
2005	-	198.00	630.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	(432.25)
2006	-	107.39	224.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	(117.00)
2007	1,880.77	166.90	364.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,683.02
2008	2,295.12	238.81	536.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,997.87
2009	1,318.38	177.71	396.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,099.75
2010	3,371.05	901.91	2,305.68	-	351.56	-	-	-	-	1,615.72
2011	7,069.06	2,477.23	5,841.78	71.25	24.48	-	-	-	-	3,608.78
2012	31,066.03	27,744.21	55,674.23	2,737.00	1,611.26	(57.50)	-	-	-	(1,154.75)
2013	-	257,247.46	244,012.90	13,571.17	2,948.98	(57.50)	-	-	-	(3,228.09)
Totals	42,824.52	288,548.52	308,230.93	16,379.42	4,936.28	(115.00)	-	-	-	1,941.41
Summary:		Collected	Outstanding							
Real Estate		3,007,471.32	330,476.11							
Personal Property		87,102.46	(21,498.70)							
Water & Sewer		225,489.49	121,761.31							
Excise		308,230.93	1,941.41							
Totals:		3,628,294.20	432,680.13							

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea McKittrick
Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During the 2013 Fiscal Year, the board worked to continue to update the town's tax maps and corrected 38 parcels. The board also has been performing cyclical inspections and photographing structures in the town to add to the assessing database. The board will continue all of these ongoing processes in FY2014.

Statistics

160 Vehicle Abatements (54 less than last year, due to an aggressive address correction program for erroneous garaging addresses recorded at the Registry of Motor Vehicles)

14 Real Estate Exemptions

5 Senior Work off Exemptions

12 Real Estate Abatements

1 Personal Property Abatement

50 Building Permits reviewed

2 New houses reviewed

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors: Linda Hamlin

Sue Fopiano

Edward Renauld

Assessors' Clerk: Ted Gloss

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In May of this year, the Agricultural Commission sponsored an informational night at Stanton Hall on the "The Emerald Ash Borer". We had speakers from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and local forestry professionals addressing the potential dangers these insects pose to our woodlands. It was well attended, and a wealth of information was given out that night, including a lengthy question and answer session with the audience.

Our goal for the 2013-2014 year is to provide additional informational programs for area farmers, including renewable energy and farmland improvements, which we plan to fund through available grant programs.

We will continue to strive to bring information to the local agricultural community whenever it's available.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Gerald Manley, Bonnie McKinney, Janet Mollison, John Mollison, Gordon Richardson, and Lorraine Wickland (Chair)

TREASURER

During this past year, I have continued to work hard to become proficient in my new role. I have learned a lot and wish to thank the various town departments for their continued support, especially Rich Buley, Town Accountant, for his vast knowledge and infinite patience. Last August, I spent a week at the annual Massachusetts Collector and Treasurers' Association, taking my second year courses. This year, I look forward to finishing my third year classes, thus making me eligible for my certification in 2015.

Tax Title

MGL CH 60 s.60 provides in pertinent part:

"Title to... land... taken [for nonpayment of taxes] shall... vest in the town, subject to the right of redemption. Such title shall, until redemption or until the right of redemption is foreclosed..., be held as security for the repayment of said taxes with all intervening costs, terms imposed for redemption and charges with interest..."

The Town Collector, after a defined tax taking process, transmits to the Treasurer a list of the recorded takings. Upon receiving this list, the treasurer becomes responsible for collection of the delinquencies. As Treasurer, it is my job to notify the delinquent taxpayer and to secure payment, either in full, or by a payment plan. All tax title accounts are assessed a 16% daily charge. If the property owner pays in full, or successfully works through a payment plan and pays their lien, I file a certificate of redemption. This puts the person back into the hands of the town's Tax Collector. If an owner is not responding, I then have the option to turn the lien over to my tax title attorney, who then reaches out, and tries to work with the property owner to make payment arrangements. If no arrangements can be made, I make the decision to put the property into land court, where the end result is usually the town owning the piece of property. I then work with the Board of Selectmen to have either a sealed bid, or auction, to sell properties to get them back on the tax roll.

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Principal amount owed as of June 30, 2013
J. Florence	12/06/2007	\$19,309.37
J. Florence	12/04/2008	\$5,006.78
E. Mazuch	12/02/2010	\$5,345.07
S. Axler	09/08/2011	\$8,920.42

Amount of tax title collected for period of 07/01/2012-06/30/13 = \$7,452.18

Borrowing:

Items	Loan	Interest Paid
Highway Truck	\$ 73,881.45	\$ 388.60
Water Meters	\$ 10,000.00	\$2,250.00
Fire Truck	\$240,000.00	\$6,000.00

I am available by appointment Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. My e-mail is huntintontreas@comcast.net and number to be reached at is 413.667.3502.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham-Renauld, Town Treasurer

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code CMR 780 Section 110.1:

“Permit Application: *It shall be unlawful to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove or demolish a building or structure; or to change the use or occupancy of a building or structure; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by this code without first filing a written application with the building official and obtaining the required permit therefore.”*

In 2013 there were 82 permits issued for a total project value of \$842,000.00.

Wood and Pellet Stoves	21	Reroofs	19
Window replacement	7	Decks	9
Repairs	12	Garages	7
Additions	3	Demolition	2
Sheds	2	New Dwellings	2
Misc.	7		

A One Year Emergency Trailer at 8 Maple Street.

Respectfully submitted, George Peterson III, Building Commissioner

ELECTRIC, GAS, AND PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

	ELECTRICAL	GAS	PLUMBING
Residential:	30	17	7
Commercial:	8	2	0

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2013, Gerry Dugas retired as the Chief Transfer Station Operator. Gerry's reliability and easy going attitude were greatly appreciated by all of the board members. Henry Dubay was hired as the new Chief Operator. Henry's dedication and sense of fairness has led to near 100% compliance with Transfer Station Permitting and sticker rules. Marty Nickolas was hired as the Assistant Operator. Marty's dedication to recycling and close packing of the cardboard boxes has led to a substantial reduction in hauling charges.

On June 1st, Annual Dump Stickers will be sold at the **Transfer Station**. Renewal forms will **not be mailed** out as in past years. Town Residents are required to purchase the window stickers after July 1, 2013, before using the Transfer Station. Bag stickers are always available at the Transfer Station, as well as several stores in town, and required for all trash bags. One bag sticker is required for up to a 30 Gallon Bag. **Bags over 30 Gallons require 2 stickers.** Trash in barrels, or loose, will be assessed by the operators.

In 2013, the Board of Health sold 491 transfer station stickers @ \$30.00 and 161 second stickers @ \$5.00. Our Title V Inspector is Brian Slayton, and our Board of Health Agent is Joseph Rouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hart Jean Jackman George Peterson, Chair

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had a few ANR applications in 2013, but there has been much less activity than usual, probably due to the poor economy, as in 2011-2012. It is fortunate that 2013 was not as busy as 2012, because of our long standing problem of lack of a quorum for official meetings. We again have had only three committed regular members all year, and whenever one of us is unable to attend, we have had to cancel our meeting, due to lack of a quorum. We are short two regular members, so would really appreciate additional faces at our table.

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board, please fill out the Talent Bank Form in the back of this 2013 Annual Meeting booklet, and submit it to Helen in the Board of Selectmen's office. Helen will notify me, and you can check the Town of Huntington's website (www.huntingtonma.us > postings) to see when our next meeting will be held. Please attend to find out what our board does. Training is available at no charge to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hamlin, Chair Karon Hathaway Earl Heath Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is the town board responsible for ensuring local compliance with the state Wetlands Protection Act. Under that law, anyone proposing to work in or near wetlands (including lakes, ponds, streams and their bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as the riverfront area) must file plans with the Commission.

We acted on two applications during 2013. One was a Determination of Applicability for replacement of an old building with a new shed in the Riverfront Area. The other was an emergency permit for repair of a failed septic system. In both cases, the applicants showed that there would be no damage - in fact there would be improvements - to wetlands.

Commission members performed some twenty-five site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands were protected during timber harvests. We worked with the Building Inspector on the Site Review Process, to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they began construction. We had friendly and useful discussions with the Highway Superintendent, and the Board of Selectmen, about wetlands jurisdiction. We gave input about wetlands concerns to hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as participating in the annual inspection of gravel pits in town.

Two members attended the annual meeting of the Norwich Lake Association, and we talked with several of the residents about best ways to keep the lake as healthy and beautiful as it is now.

Representatives of the Westfield River Watershed Invasive Species Partnership (WISP) gave us information about the invasive plants that predominate in this area, with suggestions for ways to control them. We have posted pictures of some of the worst offenders at Town Hall.

We were happy to sign a Municipal Certification for a new conservation restriction on Cullen Hill Road. The Hilltown Land Trust will hold the restriction on the Norwich Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We welcome public participation in any of our meetings, which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves, Debra Deane, Ross Hackerson,
Susan McIntosh (Chair), Erik Steins, Michael Vorwerk

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) currently consists of three (3) members and two (2) associate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for terms of three (3) years arranged so that the term of one member shall expire each year. There is currently one (1) opening for an Associate Member. The members would like to welcome Kevin Chisolm as a Member to the ZBA.

The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector or Planning Board. The ZBA meets in Stanton Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Agenda for each meeting may be viewed on the town's website at www.huntingtonma.us > Postings. All meetings are open to the public.

The ZBA considers special permits and variances from the Huntington Zoning Bylaw. An applicant first applies to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is the Building Inspector. The Zoning Enforcement Officer considers the request against the Huntington Zoning Bylaw. If the request does not comply with the Town's Bylaw, then the applicant should submit paperwork to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

This past calendar year has been rather quiet. The board held public hearings on two applications and approved both of them. We also conducted our annual inspections of the four (4) gravel pits in town.

Petitions Heard By Zoning Board of Appeals 2013 (calendar year)				
Type	Granted	Denied	With- Drawn	In Process
Petitions for Variance	0		0	
Applications for Special Permits	2			
Appeal of Decision of Inspector of Buildings	0			
TOTALS	2		0	0
Total Petitions filed with Town Clerk	0			
Continued Hearings	0			

Respectfully submitted,

George Webb (Chair), Marylou Spaulding, Kevin Chisolm, Edward Grabowski (Alternate)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

First, we wish to thank the townspeople and the Huntington Selectboard.

2013 began on a quiet note until Storm Nemo arrived on February 8th and 9th. We received about 26 - 28 inches of snow in a 24 hour period from that storm. We called in all available personnel and utilized every piece of equipment, including the Water and Sewer Department plow. When all was said and done, we submitted a claim to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for \$21,273.95. We received 75% of the request; totaling \$15,955.46, to help defray cost to the town.

There were many big projects this year starting with Bromley Road drainage. The Water Department ran 2,000 feet of new water main, so the road will not have to be dug up again in 2 years, saving the taxpayers approximately \$87,000.00. With the assistance of MassDOT, we removed the traffic island at Bromley Road and Route 112 for improved safety. The road surface was reclaimed and base and top were applied for approximately \$214,000.00. A number of trees were removed as well, an ongoing battle.

This summer, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission finished a Planning Report for MassDOT, pertaining to County Road improvements. At this time, they are reviewing it and providing support for it.

We put in a new sidewalk to the Gateway Regional School complex, as the old one had holes and was dangerous.

We also did some work on Goss Hill Road, utilizing approximately \$8,000.00 in gravel. All our dirt roads are in need of work and are down to the base, leaving not much gravel to grade. Most of our black top roads are in similar condition. We have been pushing the Governor to release more Chapter 90 monies for our town roads, and ask for you to help by writing the Governor and legislators. Most of their names are listed in this Town Report. We need these Chapter 90 funds in a timely manner to keep our roads maintained. During the 2014 Budget Year, more roads are scheduled for gravel. This spring, much needed drainage replacement is required from Littleville Dam up Goss Hill, as that particular area of road has fallen into ill repair. This will require full depth work and pavement. We have applied for a grant for Goss Hill Road (Weeks Hill) through MEMA/FEMA and so far, everything has been approved.

Finally, we have acquired a new Global Positioning System device, at no cost, through a course offered by the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council. This device will help in collecting information when applying for any disaster relief in the future.

Respectively submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Huntington for their continued support of the Fire Department. This support gives us the tools and funding to provide the service to the town which you all have come to rely on.

This past year, we received a new truck for the Norwich Hill Fire Station to replace a 20+ year old vehicle with many issues. The cab and chassis were still in great shape, while the pump and body were beyond repair. We were able to refit the old truck into our brush truck, saving the town the cost of purchasing a new brush truck. Now, the brush truck should last for many years to come.

We have also gained several new members this past year.

Our runs were as follows:

Fire	21
Rescues/Medical	149
Hazardous Conditions	17
Service	17
Good Intent	12
False Alarms	9
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	1
Special Incident	5
Total Calls	231

Respectfully submitted, Gary F. Dahill, Fire Chief

S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law enforcement Together) is an included part of Triad. Triad is a national community policing imitative with law enforcement professionals, seniors and community groups partnering to meet the crime-safety needs of seniors. It is not an acronym, but rather represents a group of three: Law enforcement, seniors and community, and, is implemented by the local S.A.L.T. Council on the community level.

The Huntington S.A.L.T. Council was formed on August 16, 2013. The members are: Police Chief Robert Garriepy, Fire Chief Gary Dahill, COA Chair Anne Marie Knox, and Nancy Webb, community volunteer. Our first order of business, a "Survey for Adults 60 & Older", was mailed out in the summer. We received 201 completed surveys, and from the information gathered, 99% of the individuals who responded felt safe living in Huntington, many could use information about laws affecting seniors, and others would like to know what options will be available when they can no longer drive. In October, the Huntington COA offered an elder law program called "What Can Go Wrong" by Benjamin Smith & Associates, Legal Counsel PC, who discussed 10 common estate planning mistakes. The S.A.L.T. Council will be gathering information on the survey respondents' requests for future programs.

The Huntington S.A.L.T. Council is currently promoting "What's Your Number". This program will help individuals to properly number their house, to enable emergency services to better find them. A form, to be filled out by interested parties, was included with the third quarter Real Estate Tax bills. To date, 77 requests have been received. In spring 2014, council members and volunteers will be installing reflective house number signs and posts to the entrances of the driveways of all who have submitted their forms. Thank you for your support of the Huntington S.A.L.T. Council.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Marie Knox

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year, the Huntington Police Department was the recipient of the Home Land Security Interoperability Grant, which is being used to align the department's present communication system with the Massachusetts state-wide safety communication system. When implemented, we will have a direct line to all state safety agencies including the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Home Land Security, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The department continued to develop collaboration between law enforcement, local government, and citizens, by partnering with the Council on Aging to become a member of TRIAD: Senior citizens, supportive/protective services, and law enforcement, working together to provide safer communities. This new agency joins the list of department collaborations - the Gateway Regional School District Crisis Team, the Safe Schools Task Force, the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force, and the area Boards of Health in Pandemic Team Planning and Implementation.

This past year, the department participated in Active Shooter Training sponsored by the Massachusetts State Police, in addition to certifications in CPR, First Responders and hazardous materials.

911 calls and incidents for the calendar year 2013:

911 Hang Ups: 24	911 misdials: 17	209A Violation: 1
Accident Damage: 24	Accident Injury: 5	Accident Unknown: 11
Alarm Calls: 35	Animal Complaints: 15	
Assaults: 3	Assist other Agency: 8	
Breaking and Entering Building: 13	BOLO: 4	
Building Check: 2	Cell Call Trace: 2	Check Welfare: 15
Death: 2	Disabled motor vehicle: 12	
Disorderly: 1	Disturbance: 12	
Domestic: 12	Drunk: 1	Liquor Offense: 1
Fire: 10	Harassment: 3	
Investigations: 14	Juvenile Offenses: 3	
Larceny: 6	Lift Assist: 1	
Medical: 98	Miscellaneous: 14	
Missing Child: 4	Missing Person: 2	
Motor Vehicle Complaint: 21	Motor Vehicle Stops: 57	Motor vehicle Violations: 4
Neighbor Dispute: 3	No Classification: 15	Noise Complaint: 7
Officer Wanted: 39	Paperwork Service: 14	Psychological Emergency: 3
Repossession: 2	Safety Hazard: 6	Search: 1
Shots fired: 6	Suicide Attempt: 1	Summons: 1
Suspicious Person: 10	Suspicious Vehicle: 13	Threat: 3
Traffic Hazard: 16	Trespass: 2	Unwanted Person: 3
Vandalism: 4	Wires Down: 3	

I would like to thank the citizens of Huntington for allowing me the opportunity to serve the town as Police Chief for the past 20 Years. The years have been challenging, but very rewarding. I look forward to serving the town for many more years. Thank you to my fellow officers for your continued support and professionalism to the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Garriepy, Police Chief

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

The Town of Huntington provides assistance to our veterans who are eligible for help under MGL Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Social Security and VA benefits. We will continue to provide this assistance to our veterans in the coming year.

If you are a veteran, or an eligible dependent, and think you may qualify for any of these benefits, please come in during my office hours on the third Wednesday of each month between 2:30-4:30 pm in the Town Hall. You may also call me at 413-575-6391 to set up an appointment. God bless America and our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renauld
Veterans' Services Officer

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department installed 1800 feet of 8 inch waterline on Bromley Road this year, replacing the old 6 inch main. We would like to thank Down To Earth Excavation and the Huntington Highway crew for their help in completing this project.

The Sewer Department welcomes Jeff Tayer and Jeff Gamelli to work weekends and holidays at the wastewater treatment plant to assist Jim Gobeille, Plant Operator. We also welcome Noreen St. Martin, who will be working weekends and holidays in the Water Department.

Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant for the department, has 9:00-11:00 am Town Hall hours on Mondays and Wednesdays and can be reached there at (413) 667-3186.

Water and Sewer Department Commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. Agendas are posted online, and Mondays prior to the meeting, on the bulletin board. Meetings are open to the public. Please call (413) 667-3356 to reach the department.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Gobeille, Plant Operator

Commissioners: Charles Dazelle Henry Dubay Denise Keay

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our biggest event, the Huntington Free Summer Music Series, began the year in July 2012. The first week, we organized a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake. The following seven weeks were hour and a half performances on the town green, with bake sales to benefit local nonprofit organizations. This series was partially funded by a cultural council grant.

The Community Events Committee sponsored a gingerbread “house” making event with refreshments in December, where United States Buildings were decorated and left on display. Decorations were purchased and we decorated the downtown buildings and gazebo for the holidays. In the spring, the committee assisted the Garden Club in decorating the downtown.

We held three plant sale fundraisers, two in the spring for Easter and Mother’s Day, and another in the fall. The committee hung American flags in town from May through September, and also participated in the town’s Memorial Day Parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew (Chair)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2013 funding cycle:

Blandford Fair Art Show - \$100; Gateway Regional Middle School/High School (Beth Guertin - Visiting Performers/Clinicians) - \$300.00; Gateway High School (Rod Kleber - Shakespeare in American Communities) - \$150; Hilltown Arts Alive (Hilary Costa - 3rd Annual Hilltown Arts Festival) - \$100; Huntington Community Events Committee (Summer Free Music Series 2013) - \$754; Huntington Public Library (Welcome to the Graveyard) - \$450; Nancy Kaminski (North Hall - A Season of Arts Activities 2013) - \$500.00; Littleville Elementary (Renee Mosher - GatorRoo Music Festival 2013) - \$400; Mullen House Education Center (Summer/Fall Exhibits) - \$100; Sevenars (Sevenars Music Festival 2013) - \$400.00; Corinne Smith (When Henry Thoreau Came Through Huntington) - \$200; Christine Soderquist (Fun With Watercolor) - \$400.00.

Total Recipients: 12

Total Dollars Granted: \$3,854.00

11 grants completed by 12/31/12

1 grant cancelled by recipient (Corinne Smith)

1 grant outstanding (Mullen House)

1 grant used \$103.00 out of \$150.00 (Gateway High School – Rod Kleber)

Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org For questions or information contact Lynn Winsor (413) 667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane, Linda Siska, Peri Sossaman, Gary Winsor, Lynn Winsor (chair)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee began the year in July with the start of Summer Camp held at the Littleville Elementary School. Camp ran for three weeks, M-TH 9AM-noon and was free of charge to Huntington children ages preschool through grade four. Children had structured times for arts/crafts, physical activity, and learning every day with a safari theme. The responsibilities of organizing and running the camp were shared by committee members.

Fall brought the annual Rag Shag Parade at the end of October, and about 40 children participated in the march from Pettis Field to the town common. The Huntington Fire Department escorted the parade, and the marchers were greeted with refreshments and a glowstick to use on Halloween. Prizes were awarded for creative costumes, and families participated in building scarecrows, which were placed around the town green until after Halloween.

Santa joined us in December, courtesy of the Huntington Fire Department, prior to his travels through town, and about 75 parents and children attended. Children were treated to arts and crafts, refreshments, and an opportunity to write a letter to Santa prior to his arrival. New this year was a free demonstration of a Music Together class offered by Sondra Lewis, Director of Greater Springfield Music Together.

February vacation offered three events during school vacation: An outing to the movies at the Agawam Cinemas, where families had their choice between two movies: Rise of the Guardian and Wreck It Ralph, bowling at Spare Time in Northampton, and a Child and Parent Yoga class by Westfield Yoga Center which was held at Stanton Hall. All events were well attended.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on a cold day in March at Pettis Field, and the ground was snow covered. Approximately 1,300 eggs, filled with toys, candy, or ice cream cone gift certificates (donated by The Hut), were scattered across the snow for enthusiastic youngsters to collect.

May brought a dance for adults with live music and a Casino theme at Stanton Hall. The committee members participated in the Memorial Day Parade with their children tossing treats to viewers as they marched.

In June, we celebrated the end of the school year with a trip to Holyoke Children's Museum. The committee also purchased two benches that were used on the town green during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby
Kathy Sullivan

Tricia Hess
Amy Williams

Adrienne Kunz

Vicki Mayhew (Chair)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Huntington Historical Commission spent most of 2013 working on the Old House Survey which is used to verify the age of a house that is 100 years old or older. This survey will be instrumental in assisting the Building Inspector with implementation of the Demolition Delay Bylaw that was passed at Annual Town Meeting in June 2012.

In 2013, the Historical Commission also worked to establish Rules and Regulations and a Mission Statement.

The Historical Commission meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall. Please join us if you have an interest in the Town of Huntington and its history.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Dubay, Victoria Minella-Sena, David Norton (Chair), Dan Sikop, Karen Wittshirk

NORTH HALL

Once again, we filled the hall all season with a variety of programs, using many local musicians and artists. We presented over 15 programs and increased our attendance considerably.

Our main project prior to the season's opening, was having the entire inside of North Hall painted. We contracted a local painter for the extensive job, using shades of tan downstairs, and shades of gray upstairs. As she painted, she did small repairs and beautified many areas, including the women's restroom.

Our board worked hard to obtain a grant to replace the loud, inefficient air conditioners with new ones that are quiet and efficient. A grant from the Beveridge Foundation will cover half the cost, so the board will cover the remainder, with the town's help. The new air conditioners will provide quiet cooling, and heat if needed, and will be installed before the 2014 season begins.

Jon Wyand, and his dad, Jeff, our sound and lighting board members, installed a complete sound system, and upgraded our lighting system. We will add more lights each year as finances allow, which will save the huge expense of renting lights for dramatic events.

Thanks to board member Jeff Penn for contacting Stavros, an organization that aids and supports handicapped people in our area. They make awards to buildings that have handicapped accessibility, and we received their award this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaminski Jackie Kimsey Peri Sossaman Nancy Webb

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fellow townspeople of Huntington, we, the members of the Huntington Historical Society, would like to report our activities for the past year. We continued our ongoing preservation of pictures, letters and documents by digitalizing them. The Society members would like to thank Steve Hamlin for all his skill, expertise and patience, as he assisted us in designing, formatting and getting our first draft website online, and connected to the Town of Huntington's website. Jill Eldredge, one of our members, utilized her artistic talents to create the logo for our website. New information and links will be added as time permits. We continued our monthly summer open houses at the Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum, which were very successful this past year, and our members volunteered their expertise, tools and time to complete a number of small repair projects to the building. We also honored one of our longtime members, Grace Wheeler, for all of her knowledge, efforts, inspiration and dedication in helping guide and support our Society over the years – she has not retired, “just stepping-back a bit.”

We helped residents and former residents in their own personal family genealogical research using our files and documents, and created a live-panel discussion of “Life in Huntington before WWII”, with members of the Fisk family and Winnifred Smith, all of whom lived in Huntington at some point in their lives. We also showed both known and unknown pictures of town environs (for identification), and are especially grateful for the attendance, involvement, information shared, and good-natured entertainment of those involved. This presentation led to the desire of one of our members to further research the Indian Hollow and Knightville sections of our town, where she was born and raised until the construction of the Knightville Dam. Research has been ongoing and the end result will be our next presentation in 2014: “The Forgotten Valley – Forgotten No More.”

The Society participated in our town's Memorial Day Parade with our float, and members dressed in period costumes. One of our fund-raising activities involved selling baked goods at one of the summer music concerts. Some of our members attended historical conferences and presentations and reported back to our group.

The Town of Huntington has a number of pictures representing our town in the book, Hampshire Memories: The Early Years, published in December 2013, by the Daily Hampshire Gazette, with the help of Florence Savings Bank. We were able to gain mention in the foreword, and are proud of this accomplishment, and very grateful to Bill McVeigh for all his efforts on this project.

We are always open to not only monetary support, but also donations of old pictures and documents, often discarded as families clean house. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and members who have offered their time, efforts and donations, and would like to extend an open invitation to those interested in the history of our town to join our Society, and participate in the research, preservation, and presentation of our town's interesting and exciting history. We cordially invite townspeople to visit our Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum at 72 Worthington Road during one of our Open Houses, and also attend any one of our historical presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Eldredge, Secretary
David Norton, President

Vicki Mayhew, Treasurer
Grace Wheeler

Bill McVeigh

LIBRARY

The Huntington Public Library has 1,994 patrons: 1,450 residents and 544 non-residents. The library staff has recently completed updating the patron files and is preparing to computerize patron files.

The Calendar Year Library Statistics are actual counts, not estimates, unless otherwise stated:

- Circulation: Materials, including books, periodicals, DVDs, etc.: 10,768
- Interlibrary Loan Request (filled): 719 (estimated)
- Library Attendance: 5,515
- Reference Transactions: 673
- Children's Programs: 29 Attendance at Children's Programs: 168
- Adult/Young Adult Programs: 11 Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs: 215
- Committee Meetings: 32 Attendance: 142
- Public Use of Computers: 1,395 Wifi Use: 195

The Library had a very good turnout (increase in adult signups) for the annual summer reading program this year which was titled "Dig into Reading". The sign-up numbers were: 42 children 12 years and under, 9 teens (13-17), and 20 adults (18 and over). The top of the library bookshelves were covered with sand pails full of prizes including a book for each child who finished the program. There were raffle prizes for the teens and adults who finished. Games and activities were available in the library related to the summer reading theme, and a treasure chest had small prizes for those who answered the daily questions correctly, or completed a special activity. Many companies and museums donated prizes to the summer reading program raffle. We received donations of gift certificates or products from: The Friends of the Huntington Public Library, Eric Carle Museum, Amelia Park Ice Skate, Berkshire Museum, two tickets to the "Big E", The Lupa Game Farm, Inc., The Williamsburg Market, Uno Chicago Grill, Burger King, Azure Green, Huntington Country Store, Big Y Foods, Inc. and a Yankee Candle coupon for making handprints. The Big E tickets and the coupon from Yankee Candle were provided through by the Massachusetts Library System. The Library Trustees and Staff would like to thank the many businesses and museums for their donations to the library summer reading program.

The Library also hosted the end of the year Chester Elementary School Grade 2 Title I Literacy Program. Approximately 20 children attended, and received books, and other reading incentive prizes.

The Library has purchased annual passes to several of the local museums including the Smith College Art Museum and Berkshire Museum. Also available are coupons to Mystic Aquarium and a one day parking pass to the Massachusetts DCR State Parks. The Library plans to continue this program.

The Trustees have been notified that the Huntington Public Library Foundation, Inc. has received 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

Hours: Wednesday: 4:00-8:00 PM, Thursday & Friday: 2:00-8:00 PM, Saturday: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Contacts - Telephone: (413) 667-3506 FAX: (413)667-0088 Email: huntingtonlib@comcast.net
Webpage: the.huntingtonpubliclibrary.org

We are now sending newsletters via email to interested people. Sign up today!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Huntington Council on Aging is committed to enhancing the lives of senior citizens, age 60 and older, through services, programs and activities that educate, assist and advocate on behalf of the elderly. All are invited to attend not only the monthly meeting of the COA Board (held the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon in Stanton Hall), but the programs that are featured in “The Huntington Senior News”, the monthly newsletter for our seniors.

Below is a list of events held during the 2013 calendar year.

February 10th: Fifteen COA volunteers who each volunteered 30 hours or more during the year are invited to an Appreciation Luncheon, paid for by the State formula grant, to say thank you for their support.

March 11th: Five Huntington seniors attended a corn beef and cabbage lunch at the Russell Senior center.

May 10th: Huntington Dance Center sponsored the “Annual Elder Appreciation Event” for all seniors. Twelve Huntington seniors attended this fun event.

June 17th: Twenty-five Huntington Seniors attended the “All Councils on Aging Picnic” held at Strathmore Park.

July 12th- September 13th: Each year fifteen Huntington seniors are eligible to participate in a Farm Share Program with Intervale Farm for the harvest season. This CISA (Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture) program is for 10 weeks, in which the farmer will supply a variety of fresh local produce (with a fair market value of \$100) to each eligible senior at a cost of \$1 per week.

September 16th: “Shifting Gears Program”, a MassDot Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) program held in Stanton Hall featuring Michele Ellicks, Community Outreach Coordinator for the RMV. She discussed issues facing senior drivers, recent changes that have taken place at the RMV, and identifying signs of unsafe driving. She also shared the requirements to apply for handicap placards or plates, as well as MA identification cards, and much more. Thirteen seniors attended this informative program.

October 17th: Elder Law with Benjamin Smith from the law offices of Benjamin Smith & Associates spoke on “What Can Go Wrong” – 10 Common Estate Planning Mistakes.

October 24th: Flu Shots were provided by the Huntington Health Center, with help from Huntington COA volunteers.

October 24th: John Bergeron spoke on Health Care Changes and open enrollment for Medicare.

November 16th: First Annual Huntington Veterans Appreciation Program. Mark Bolduc, SMSgt Air National Guard, 104th FW, was the guest speaker. Veterans’ Agent, Edward Renaud, also spoke about his duties as the Town Veterans’ Agent. About 40 veterans, their families and community friends, gathered at Stanton Hall for this event. Each veteran, some wearing uniforms, identified him/herself and told a bit about their armed service experience.

December 4th: 22nd Annual Holiday Senior Citizen Brunch and Concert, sponsored by Gateway Regional School District, was attended by 25 Huntington Seniors.

December 8th: Huntington COA Annual Christmas Party, with entertainment by magician Sam Jackson, was enjoyed by 50 seniors.

Twice a year, the American Red Cross holds a blood drive in Stanton Hall. COA volunteers help by checking in the donors at each drive.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, COA Coordinator/Chairman

ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

ASSET ALLOCATION – Current Investments as of January 1, 2014

Cash/Money, Funds & FDIC Deposits	\$ 16,775.77	12%
Equities	\$ 9,671.76	7%
Mutual Funds	\$ <u>114,879.67</u>	81%
Total Investment Value:	\$ <u>141,327.20</u>	100%

The current estimated annual income valuation is approximately \$3,781.81, which is determined by current market activity. While these funds continue to fluctuate in value, over the years, the Pettis Fund Trustees investment decisions have continued growth of Mr. Pettis's initial gift.

The only funds on which the Trustees may draw are the dividends, which represent a very small segment of the investment capital, and this year, have been relocated to the local United Bank in Huntington.

During the past year, the Pettis Fund was honored with the pleasure to participate in the purchase of a special award for Earl G. "Cricket" Heath, a citizen of our town, for being the longest serving municipal employee in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – for whom this Board of Trustees, and the residents of our town, are eternally grateful and extremely proud.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Fopiano, Trustee Judith A. Guyette, Trustee (Chair) Karen Wittshirk, Trustee

WHITING STREET FUND

Mr. Whiting Street was a frugal businessman who lived in Northampton. When he died in August of 1878, his will stipulated that after the last of his family members died, some money from his estate was to be distributed to 22 cities and towns. The Town of Huntington received \$1,000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire to use the money for those who needed a little help. If they were already receiving public assistance, they would not qualify.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

During 2013, the Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund were able to successfully assist four qualified applicants.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees: Sue Fopiano Andrea McKittrick John McVeigh

STANTON HALL

Stanton Hall is widely used throughout the year by a number of private groups, as well as town boards. The building is available for special functions and events, including parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, fundraisers, etc. Anyone who would like to rent the hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels in the Selectboard Office at (413) 667-3500.

On a daily basis, the hall is open for lunch to all hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and transportation is available by contacting van driver George Webb at (413) 667-3428. For more information regarding the Huntington Dining Center, please contact Dale Hoppe of Highland Valley Elder Services Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at (413) 667-3505, or leave a message anytime.

Some of the groups and events in Stanton Hall during calendar year 2013 were:

<i>Annual and Special Town Meetings</i>	<i>Route 112 Scenic Byway</i>
<i>Town Hall Committees and Boards</i>	<i>Littleville Fair Penny Social</i>
<i>COA Meal Site</i>	<i>Open Mic Music Sessions</i>
<i>COA Monthly Meetings</i>	<i>Highland Grange</i>
<i>Voting Site</i>	<i>Brown Bag Program</i>
<i>Highland Valley Elder Services</i>	<i>Gentle Yoga Classes</i>
<i>Town Dance</i>	<i>Pumpkin Carving</i>
<i>Dance Recitals</i>	<i>Art Class</i>
<i>Gateway Youth Athletic Association</i>	<i>Gateway Booster Club</i>
<i>Little League</i>	<i>Pie in the Sky Supper</i>
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Zumba</i>
<i>Girl Scouts</i>	<i>Floralia Dance Company</i>
<i>Flu Clinic</i>	<i>Hunger Walk</i>
<i>Elder Law Seminar</i>	<i>Shifting Gears Program</i>
<i>Red Cross Blood Drives</i>	<i>Historical Society</i>
<i>CPR Class</i>	<i>Music on the Green</i>
<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Gingerbread House Work Shop</i>
<i>Santa Claus</i>	<i>Baby Showers</i>
<i>Westfield River Wild and Scenic</i>	<i>Birthday Parties</i>
<i>Jacobs' Ladder Business Association</i>	

Respectfully submitted, Stanton Hall Committee

WIRED WEST

August of 2013 was the Wired West Cooperative's second anniversary.

During the past year, Wired West activities included the following:

- Maintenance of a map database of roads, structures, and utility poles
- High level network design and cost estimates
- Refinement of financial modeling and financing strategy development
- Economic impact study
- Development of printed materials
- Maintenance of a marketing and communications platform
- Support Card campaign to document demand in each town
- Creation of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) business to serve customers with high-end bandwidth needs from the Mass. Broadband Institute's (MBI) middle-mile network
- Using a DLTA (District Local Technical Assistance) grant, development of contracts for use in ISP businesses
- Revision of bylaws, and development of privacy and confidentiality policies.
- Regular contact with state and federal legislators and MBI

Most of these tasks were undertaken to position Wired West to seek financing for its planned fiber-to-the-premises network.

The economic impact study confirmed the substantial benefit of the proposed Wired West network to the region. This network could retain up to \$75 million per year in telecommunications services revenues, including \$50 million in revenues for service that is currently paid to service providers and leaves the area each year. The network also has the potential to enable the growth of new and existing businesses, and create local jobs: From the network itself, from expanded business hiring, and from increased household spending. It will increase the revenue of local businesses, and create an estimated additional \$1.8 million in tax revenues for local and state governments. This information strengthens our case with policy makers and potential funding sources.

In March of 2013, there was good news relating to financing a last mile network in underserved towns. The Governor filed a state IT (Information Technology) bond bill that includes \$40 million to go towards last mile broadband infrastructure. The bill is currently working its way through the legislature. If successful, The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) will oversee the administration of those funds, and in anticipation of that, they are working on a detailed plan for the project, including a build out timeline. MBI and Wired West have met to discuss how each organization's strengths could be leveraged in a last-mile network partnership, including raising the additional funds needed to complete a regional fiber network in western Massachusetts towns unserved or underserved by broadband.

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2013 were \$52,256. The dues collected helped support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment, and to expand services.

In Fiscal Year 2013, the Town of Huntington used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings value of \$5,606: Hampshire Power; Municipal Aggregation; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; and Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

ELECTRICITY

Hampshire Power is the only local electricity supplier with a non-profit mission to save you money and keep electricity dollars in the local economy. In FY 2013, product offerings were expanded to include Fixed Price product that offered long term rates designed to be below the default utility price, and the customer base was expanded to cover all five western Massachusetts counties.

Community Choice Aggregation is a program for residential and business customers designed to bring choice, control, and cost savings to the electricity market. With over 160,000 people covered under the Council's Aggregations, the buying power enhances the opportunity for savings. The program has moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of thirty-eight communities. The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative: The Cooperative is celebrating its 32nd year serving western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts, while complying with state procurement statutes, and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2013 was \$6,244,980.58 with an estimated savings of \$722,112.67 for participating communities.

THE TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (TFCP)

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts.

Additional programs and services are also available to maximize value and increase savings. For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Administrative Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org, or Facebook, and Twitter.

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 25 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and manage the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs.

In the past 25 years, the HRMC has created cost saving recycling and sustainability programs. The past year has also been one in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments continued their partnership by working closely together on sustainability and green energy development issues in Hilltown region. The HRMC Administrator splits his time, spending ½ of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and ½ of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

Two residents from each of the ten member towns are appointed by their town's Board of Selectmen to serve on the HRMC Board, which is responsible for the management and oversight. The current Chairman of the HRMC Board is Joe Kearns of Middlefield, Vice-Chairman is Adam Leach of Worthington, and Treasurer is Tom Martin of Westhampton.

The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each town at their Annual Town Meeting. The annual assessment is based on population and the amount of tonnage handled at each town's transfer station. The total (for the ten towns combined) annual assessments are currently \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions, the HRMC has level funded its assessment budget for two of the past three fiscal years. The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and many efforts on behalf of its member communities. The HRMC works closely with local officials, especially Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Health, to provide them important technical assistance, as well as help accessing the resources needed for the management of successful solid waste, recycling, sustainability and green energy (solar) programs.

The HRMC helps member towns manage disposal, recycling, and sustainability programs, including;

- Solid Waste Disposal, MRF Household Recycling, Contracting, and Hauling
- Electronics, Paint, Propane Tank, Tire, and Clothes Recycling Programs
- Organize and Manage the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Provide Sustainability and Recycling Outreach and Education efforts
- Assisting local Boards with DEP Compliance Related Issues
- Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts, costs, and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Towns with State Legislators
- Explore zero waste issues on behalf of member Towns
- Advocating on sustainability and green energy issues for its member Towns.
- Supporting and bidding green energy projects where appropriate

Last year, the HRMC helped the 10 member towns: Recycle and divert 1,811 tons of material from disposal, save \$122,272 in avoided disposal costs, save 5,198 tons of greenhouse gas emissions through recycling, and earn over \$24,757 in recycling revenue.

We look forward to continuing to assist your Town during this upcoming year. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268-3845 or (413) 687-3356 or email us at hrmc@crocker.com. You can also access the web site at www.hrmc-ma.org.

Eric Weiss. Administrator, HRMC/Sustainability Director, HCOG

JACOB'S LADDER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

2013 was again a very busy year with more new members willing to be active, allowing us to continue to organize regular networking events, which help our members to get better acquainted and learn what each of our businesses have to offer. Thank you all!

We held several food and networking events and programs throughout the year at various venues including Annual Meeting and a Legislative Roundtable at Stanton Hall and our annual fall Snack'n'Schmooze, which was again held at Four Main Street Bar & Grill in Huntington. Most of our local legislators attended the Legislative Roundtable to answer business related questions from the attendees, and some came early to meet with GTAC (Gateway Towns Advisory Committee) before our event. Many thanks to Donald Humason, Steve Kulik, Peter Kocot, Paul Mark, and "Smitty" Pignatelli for their responsiveness to our questions.

We held our final membership drive contest, which resulted in more new members, and a \$100. gift certificate purchased by JLBA for the winner (Don Fraser of Card Pay) from the JLBA member business of his choice (Four Main Street). Don very generously donated his prize to JLBA for use to help with a budget shortfall from organizing so many events. Thank you, Don, for your incredible generosity!

Steve Hamlin, of NE WebArt, once again designed our JLBA color brochure, which featured a graphic, the business name and contact info, and a catchphrase, or short description of the business. All members whose dues were paid by March 1 were featured in the brochure. It was attractive, and very popular, and has generated business for a number of the member businesses.

Thank you to everyone who made 2013 another successful year!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves as the steward of the Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, which is US Route 20 as it travels through the towns of Russell, Huntington, Chester, Becket, and Lee. The overall goal of our work is to entice people – local residents and tourists – to visit Jacob's Ladder Trail, learn a bit about our history, enjoy our natural and scenic areas, and patronize our local businesses. We are pleased to provide this update on our activities during 2013.

During the past year, we have continued to actively participate in the Western Massachusetts Scenic Byway Marketing Campaign project. The intent of the project is to brand and promote the seven scenic byways in western Massachusetts as a travel destination. Specifically, we worked with our fellow byway committees to create and distribute a colorful brochure that highlights each of the scenic byways and helped to develop a new tourist website, www.bywayswestmass.com.

We created new logo signs, which will be installed along each of the seven byways. We also drafted new interpretive signs for each of the towns along the roadway to inform people about Jacob's Ladder Trail. The new signs will replace the existing interpretive signs that were installed a number of years ago, because those have deteriorated badly, due to time and weather. In addition to replacing the existing signs, we are adding new signs in the towns of Huntington and Lee. We expect that these signs will be installed in the spring of 2014, and we invite you to stop by and enjoy them.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Gaherty, Clerk
Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc.

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC COMMITTEE

The Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee (WRWSAC) works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed, in concert with local communities.

In March, the WRWSAC co-sponsored 3 workshops for 200 highway and municipal officials, engineering consultants, regional planning, and state agency staff, in western Massachusetts. The Committee provided scholarships to Highway Departments, Conservation Commissions, and other municipal officials in the 10 Wild & Scenic Towns to attend a workshop. In addition, towns were eligible to apply for a Community Grant to fund preliminary engineering services to advance flood resilient, fish friendly, road and stream crossing replacements in their towns. Three towns applied: Becket, Middlefield and Washington. Engineering services included preparing a MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant application, providing technical information, recommendations and cost estimates, flagging and mapping wetland and river resource areas, and providing a Right-of-Way Survey for the town to initiate bridge replacement plans.

During the summer, the committee sponsored an inventory of rare and invasive plant species along a 10-mile reach on the East Branch, and a 3.5-mile reach on the West Branch. Over 2,200 invasive species locations, ranging from isolated individuals to dense stands, were recorded. Results and data from this survey will enable our committee, the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership, and other organizations, to develop plans for reducing invasive species threats to exemplary natural communities and rare species on the Westfield River.

With help from you, our watershed neighbors, the Westfield River has become a model for National Wild & Scenic Rivers across the Commonwealth, and the country. On November 2nd, we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of *Going WILD and Keeping it Scenic* along the Westfield River. As part of the celebration, we sent a mailing to over 1,300 landowners along the Westfield River and its tributaries. The mailing included our new brochure, and condensed version of our Landowner Resources Guide, highlighting financial, technical, and informational resources.

The Committee sponsored the Travel the Watershed public art project to inspire you to tour the Westfield River, soak up its beauty, and learn about the watershed. Six handcrafted wooden suitcases were painted by local artists. Each suitcase, along with maps and information about the watershed, “traveled” around the watershed this past summer at Hilltown artist venues. Catch a glimpse at your local library in Winter-Spring 2014!

Thank you to the 120+ volunteers who lent a hand hauling stones, surveying river reaches, collecting water quality and macro invertebrates, and tidying the East Branch and Keystone Arch Bridge Trails.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our newly updated website at www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org.

For more information contact coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org or (413) 579-3015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Town Representative, WRWSAC Vice Chair

TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Huntington. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some groups meet every two weeks, others monthly, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year.

If you are interested in serving, please check your preference(s) below and return the completed form to the Selectboard Office at the address listed below. The form can also be faxed or emailed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Memorial Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire Council of Gov'ts | |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

☐ I'M NOT SURE – PLEASE CALL WITH MORE INFORMATION.

Return form to: Selectboard Office, P. O. Box 430/24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050

Fax: 413-667-3507

• email: huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	667-3501
Board of Health	667-3511
Board of Selectmen	667-3500
Building Commissioner	667-5763
Conservation Commission	667-8893
Council on Aging	667-3505
Cultural Council	667-5563
Dog Officer	667-5635
Electrical Inspector	413/348-9307
Fire Department	667-3368
Gas Inspector	354-6307
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	413/634-5000
High School	685-1103
Highway Department	667-3504
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	667-3506
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Meal Site	667-3505
Middle School	685-1202
North Hall	667-2251
Planning Board	667-3500
Plumbing Inspector	354-6307
Police Department	667-8868
Title V Agent	413/562-7286
Town Accountant	667-3502
Town Clerk	667-3509
Town Collector	667-3509
Town Treasurer	667-3502
Van Ride Service	667-3428
Veterans' Agent	413/575-6391
Water & Sewer	667-3356
Zoning Board of Appeals	667-3428
Zoning Enforcement Officer	667-5763