

**ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

**TOWN OF ADAMS**

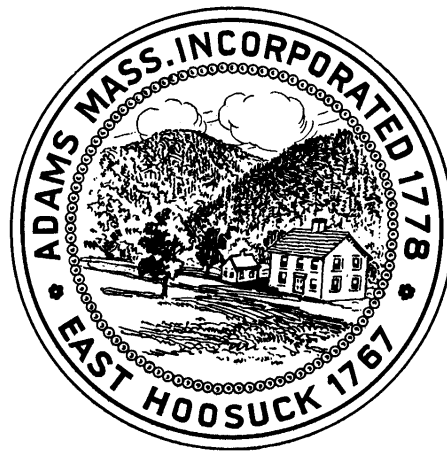




*Town of*  
**ADAMS**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**REPORT OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS**



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

*Compiled and Edited by the*  
**TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE**

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# General Information

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Incorporated in 1778 as the Town of Adams in honor of Samuel Adams.

## Population:

Town Census 2019	8,442
Town Census 2018	8,476
Town Census 2017	8,523
Town Census 2016	8,556
Town Census 2015	8,521
Town Census 2014	8,799
Town Census 2013	8,914
Town Census 2012	9,146
Town Census 2011	9,183
Town Census 2010	9,414
Town Census 2009	9,657
Town Census 2008	9,488
Town Census 2007	9,370
Town Census 2006	9,311
Town Census 2005	9,307
Town Census 2004	9,213
Town Census 2003	9,213
Town Census 2002	9,212
Town Census 2001	9,369
Federal Census 2010	8,485
Federal Census 2000	8,809
Federal Census 1990	9,455
Federal Census 1980	10,385

Registered Voters May 2019 5,989

<b>Area</b>	23.02 Square Miles
<b>Altitude</b>	799 feet above sea level
<b>Latitude</b>	42 degrees – 37”
<b>Longitude</b>	73 degrees – 7”
<b>Miles of State Road</b>	2.73
<b>Miles of Town Road</b>	57

## Tax Rate FY18

Residential and Open Space	<b>\$ 22.21</b>
Commercial, Industrial & Personal	<b>\$ 25.52</b>

<b>Total Taxed Assessed</b>	<b>\$ 11,547,478</b>
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 506,841,307</b>

## Town Hall:

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
Closed Friday

## Selectmen's Meeting:

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Adams Town Hall, 8 Park Street

## Town Election:

First Monday in May

## State Senator, Berkshire District

ADAM G. HINDS – Pittsfield

## State Representative, 1st Berkshire District

JOHN BARRETT III – North Adams

## Governor's Councillor, 8th District

MARY HURLEY – Longmeadow

## United States Senators:

ELIZABETH WARREN – Cambridge  
EDWARD J. MARKEY – Boston

## Representative in Congress, 1st Congressional District

RICHARD NEAL – Springfield

## Points of Interest

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The **Ashuwillticook Rail Trail** is a former railroad corridor that was paved to form a path for recreation. Ten feet wide and spanning 12.5 miles through the towns of Adams, Cheshire, and Lanesborough parallel to Route 8, this scenic path boasts views of mountains, the Cheshire Reservoir, the Hoosic River, wetlands, and natural scenery including local wildlife. The name Ashuwillticook is derived from a Native American term meaning “at the pleasant river between the hills.”

**Greylock Glen** is the area at the base of Mt. Greylock which was formerly farm land, and the future site of a campground, amphitheater and Outdoor Center. This location has many beautiful vistas of mountains, streams and fields.

**Mount Greylock**, the highest point of land in Massachusetts, overlooks Adams from the west and is part of the Taconic Range, a spur of the great Appalachian Mountain system. From Mount Greylock’s 3,491 foot summit rises a ninety foot granite memorial beacon tower “erected by Massachusetts in grateful recognition of the loyalty and sacrifice of her sons and daughters in war.”

**Bellows Pipe**, a part of the gap between Mount Greylock and Ragged Mountain, often produces a roaring sound when whistling winds and storms blow through it from the north.

**Pecks Falls** is a cataract of wild natural beauty to be found on the upper reaches of Pecks Brook, which flows toward Adams from Mount Greylock.

**Susan B. Anthony’s Birthplace** is located on the East Road at Bowen’s Corners. Miss Anthony (1820 – 1906) was a pioneer in advocating suffrage for women.

**The Quaker Meeting House**, in the Maple Street Cemetery, is an enduring memorial to the pioneers of Adams, who built it. The meeting house (c. 1784) is open for tours on Sundays, after July 4th and before Columbus Day, from 1-4 p.m.

The **Birthplace of George N. Briggs**, an Adams native who served seven terms as governor of Massachusetts (1844 – 1851) still stands at 11 Weber Street.

The **Thunderbolt Ski Trail**, which begins near the summit of Mount Greylock, has a vertical drop of 2,150 feet and is 1.6 miles long. It is classified as an Expert Class A racing trail.

**McKinley Square** is the location of the Adams Free Library, Notre Dame Church, the Armory and the monument to President William McKinley. He visited Adams for several days on three occasions, once as Governor of Ohio, and twice as President of the United States. His statue was created by Augustus Lukeman, who also worked on Stone Mountain in Georgia.



# In Memoriam



**ELAINE P. BARRY**  
Town Meeting Member

**ALINE CAREY**  
Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**ANDREA M. FILKINS**  
Town Meeting Member

**RALPH J. FRIERI**  
Sewer Commission  
Town Meeting Member

**WILLIAM H. HAKES**  
Parks Commission Member

**THOMAS H. HORN, SR.**  
Town Meeting Member

**MICHAEL J. KLEINER**  
Adams Police Department

**THOMAS A. KOEHLER**  
Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**DANIEL P. LAPLANTE**  
Adams Ambulance Service  
Town Meeting Member

**CYNTHIA A. LEFEBVRE**  
Town Meeting Member

**JEFFREY M. LEFEBVRE**  
Constable

Finance Committee Member  
Town Meeting Member  
Weigher of all Commodities  
Zoning Board of Appeals Member

**JULIAN F. LIPINSKI**  
Redevelopment Authority Member  
Town Meeting Member

**GERALD C. LORD, JR.**  
Personnel Board Member

**ANTHONY G. MENDEL**  
Parks Commission Member  
Special Police Officer  
Town Meeting Member  
Zoning Board of Appeals Member

**JAMES POTTER**  
Weigher of all Commodities

**NANCY A. SPANIOL**  
Adams Housing Authority Member  
Veterans' Agent

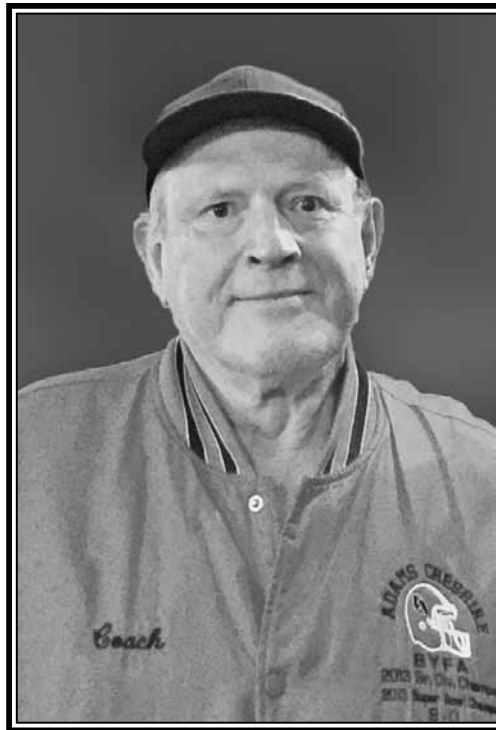
**MARSHALL A. TAYLOR**  
Town Meeting Member

**HENRY A. TOMKOWICZ**  
Parks Commission Member

**MATTHEW J. WILK, JR.**  
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Member  
Finance Committee Member  
N.B. Solid Waste Management District Member  
Selectmen  
Town Meeting Member



# DEDICATION



*This year's Town Report is dedicated to a devoted public servant and citizen advocate:*

## **JEFFREY M. LEFEBVRE**

Jeffrey "Jeff" Lefebvre gave both his time and energy in serving the Town of Adams and its citizens beginning in 1980. For the Town of Adams, Jeff served as a Constable, a Weigher of All Commodities, a Member and also Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and was still an active Town Meeting Member and Member of the Finance Committee when he passed away in 2019.

Jeff spent much of his time serving the public and prided himself as being an advocate for the citizens of Adams. He regularly attended Board of Selectmen meetings and was devoted to being the spokesperson for those who could not attend. Jeff was very active with the Maple Grove Civic Club for many years, and regularly invited political candidates and leaders to speak on local government activities so more information was provided to the public. He connected local citizens with more in-depth information on large projects, emergency situations, elections, and the strategies being utilized to better the community.

As an Air Force veteran, military veterans were very close to his heart. Jeff served as an Honor Guard for the American Legion

Post #160 in Adams and participated in parades, military funerals, and other events to honor those who both served and lost their lives during or after their military service. For seventeen years, Jeff took on the "Soldier On" project of collecting donations of necessary items for disabled and homeless veterans in need. He annually made an appeal for citizens to drop off items to support those who had served our country and made significant sacrifices in doing so.

Jeff loved football and working with the youth. When the Hoosac Valley High School was built, Jeff scored the first touchdown on the new field. He spent 25 years as a devoted and much respected football coach of the Adams-Cheshire Football League for the Jets and the Bears. He brought them to 18 championships and all the way to Gillette Stadium.

Jeff was a devoted husband and cared for his wife during her years of illness, up until her death which was just a couple weeks prior to his own passing. He did not complain, and faithfully made his loyalty known with his actions.

Through his service in so many ways, Jeff showed his character through the decades.  
Though he may no longer be with us, he has surely left an indelible mark on us all!

# Adams Town Election Results

May 6, 2019

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
MYRA L. WILK	703*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
RICHARD BLANCHARD	593*
JOSEPH J. NOWAK	693*
Write In Votes	8
Blanks	326
<b>Total</b>	<b>1620</b>

<b>TREASURER-COLLECTOR</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
KELLY F. RICE	597*
PAUL A. NOWICKI	198
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
LORRAINE M. KALISZ	714*
Write In Votes	2
Blanks	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
PETER L. HOYT	678*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	131
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
VIRGINIA PHELPS DUVAL	694*
KAREN L. KETTLES	675*
Blanks	251
<b>Total</b>	<b>1620</b>

<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
MICHAEL J. MACH	660*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	149
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
JAMES M. TAYLOR	689*
Blanks	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
Write In Votes, ERICA GIRGENTI	86*
Write In Votes, Other	12
Blanks	712
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
Write In Votes, THOMAS ROBINSON	4
Write In Votes, Other	13
Blanks	793
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>
<i>Failure to Elect</i>	

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
Write In Votes, LAURA BLANCHARD	2
Write In Votes, Other	7
Blanks	801
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>
<i>Failure to Elect</i>	

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
Write In Votes	6
Blanks	804
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>
<i>Failure to Elect</i>	

<b>NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
JOSEPH W. ALLARD	674*
Blanks	136
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

*\*Elected Official*



## Election Results *(continued)*

### ADAMS CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ADAMS REPRESENTATIVE for a term of Three Years

JENNIFER J. GAGEANT	665*
Write In Votes	15
Blanks	940
<b>Total</b>	<b>1620</b>

### ADAMS CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHESHIRE REPRESENTATIVE for a term of Three Years

Write In Votes, PETER TATRO	8*
Write In Votes, Other	5
Blanks	797
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>

### Results of the annual Town Elections held for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

#### ADAMS

Adams Representative – Three Year Term (Vote for 2)	Adams	Cheshire
JENNIFER J. GAGEANT	665	325
Write In Votes	15	9
Blanks	940	690
<b>Total</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>1,024</b>

*Failure to Elect*

#### CHESHIRE

Cheshire Representative – Three Year Term	Adams	Cheshire
PETER TATRO	8	9
Write In Votes	5	30
Blanks	797	473
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>512</b>

## Elected Town Officers

### Term Expires

#### Moderator

Myra L. Wilk 2020

#### Town Clerk

Haley A. Meczywor 2021

#### Selectmen

Christine D. Hoyt 2020

James Bush 2021

John E. Duval 2021

Richard Blanchard 2022

Joseph J. Nowak 2022

#### Treasurer-Collector

Kelly F. Rice 2022

#### Assessors

George J. Haddad 2020

Donna Aitken MacDonald 2021

Lorraine M. Kalisz 2022

#### Board of Health

David Brian Rhoads 2020

Bruce Dale Shepley (*Resigned 8/8/2019*) 2021

Laura Ann Grandchamp  
(*Appointed by BOS 9/4/2019*) 2020

Peter L. Hoyt 2022

#### Library Trustees

Brian R. Bishop 2020

Anita L. Jamros 2020

James R. Loughman 2021

Eugene F. Michalenko 2021

Virginia Phelps Duval 2022

Karen L. Kettles 2022

#### Park Commission

Scott E. Cernik 2020

Jacob N. Schutz 2020

Cynthia H. Bird 2021

James J. Fassell 2021

Jacob Levesque 2021

#### Planning Board

David C. Krzeminski 2020

David B. Rhinemiller 2021

Sandra H. Moderski 2022

Lisa A. Gazaille 2023

Michael J. Mach 2024

*\*Elected Official*

## Elected Town Officers *(continued)*

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
Frederick S. Hobart	2020
Bruce Dale Shepley	2021
James M. Taylor	2022
<b>Housing Authority</b>	
Linda Cernik ( <i>State Appointee</i> )	2022
Vacant	2020
Carol A. Roberts	2021
Stephanie L. Melito	2023
Erica Meranda Girgenti	2024
<b>Redevelopment Authority</b>	
Vacant ( <i>State Appointee</i> )	
Vacant	2020
Joseph W. Allard	2022
Elizabeth M. Bushey	2023
Vacant	2024
<b>Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee</b>	
Daniel J. Maloney, Jr.	2020
Bruce Dale Shepley ( <i>Appointed by BOS 11/6/2019</i> )	2020
Aaron M. Dean ( <i>Resigned 9/30/2019</i> )	2021
Joseph W. Allard	2022
<b>Adams-Cheshire Regional School District Committee</b>	
<b>Elected At-Large</b>	
<b>(Adams)</b>	
Regina A. Hill	2020
Michael C. Mucci, Jr.	2021
Jennifer J. Gageant	2022
Martin K. Bush	
( <i>Appt. by ACRSD Committee 8/19/2019</i> )	2022
<b>(Cheshire)</b>	
Adam B. Emerson	2020
Bethany J. DeMarco	2021
Peter J. Tatro	2022

## Appointed by Moderator

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Sandra D. Kleiner	2020
Leon S. Parrott	2020
Joan Smigel	2020
Rachel H. Tomkowicz	2020
Vacant	2020
Timothy R. Burdick	2021
Craig R. Corrigan	2021
John R. Cowie, Jr.	2021
Vacant	2021
Vacant	2021
Carol A. Cushenette	2022
Charles H. Foster	2022
Brian R. Johnson	2022
Sarah J.P. Kline	2022
Jay T. Meczywor	2022
<b>Town Report Committee</b>	
Deborah J. Dunlap	
Donna E. Cesan	
Mary Beverly	
Kelly Rice	
<b>Adams Memorial Day Committee</b>	
John Bordeau	
Anthony Donovan	
Joseph Kus	
Clement St. Hilaire	
Ralph Schwarzer	
David Smachetti	

# Appointed Town Officials – July 2019

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**Right to Know Coordinator**

Jay R. Green

**AdHoc Committee on Solid Waste**

Gregory DeBlois  
David Rhoads  
Linda Cernik

**Agricultural Commission**

Wayne Piaggi  
Emilie Krzanik  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)

**American with Disabilities Coordinator**

Jay R. Green

**Animal Control Officer**

Kim Witek

**Animal Control Officer (Weekend)**

(Vacant)

**Berkshire Regional Planning Commission**

Lisa Gazaille  
John Duval (Alternate)

**Berkshire County Regional Transit Authority**

Christine Hoyt

**Chief Procurement Officer**

Jay R. Green

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mark Blaisdell

**Community Development Director**

Donna E. Cesan

**Conservation Commission**

James J. Fassell  
Brian Bishop  
Tom Robinson  
Natasha L. Bordeaux  
David Lipinski  
Tammie Shafer  
Vacant

**Constables**

Thomas Satko  
Herman Bishop

**Council on Aging Director**

Erica Girgenti

**Council on Aging Board of Directors**

Barbara Fiske  
Robert Joppich  
Leona Meczywor  
Aleta Moncecchi  
Pamela St. John  
Bruce Dale Shepley  
Mary E. Whitman  
Deb Weinberg  
Barbara Lagowski

**Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire****Adams Representatives:**

Linda Rhoads  
Henry Klein

**Department of Public Works Director**

Robert Tober

**Emergency Management Director**

Richard Kleiner

**Employee Insurance Advisory Group**

Mary Beverly  
Barbara Lewis  
Shawn Briggs  
Kathleen Fletcher  
Erica Girgenti  
Norman Charron

**Fair Housing Officer**

Donna E. Cesan

**Forest Warden**

Richard Kleiner

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Jay R. Green

**Historical Commission**

Eugene Michalenko  
Ryan Biros  
Jody Fijal  
Bruce D. Dumochel

**Housing & Building Inspector**

Gerald Garner

**Information Technology Consultant**

Robert Wnuk

**Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances**

Norman Rolnick

**Inspector of Plumbing**

Norman Rolnick

**Mt. Greylock Advisory Board**

Timothy Herrmann



## Appointed Town Officials – July 2019 *(continued)*

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**No. Berkshire Solid Waste Management District**

Linda Cernik

**Parks, Grounds and Recreation Superintendent**

Vacant

**Preservation Officer**

Eugene Michalenko

**Registrar of Voters**

John J. Tarsa

Timothy Rowley

Casimir R. Kuza

**Retirement Board**

Patricia Wol

**Safety Committee**

Robert Rumbolt

Timothy Cota

Richard Tarsa

Gerald Garner

Erica Girgenti

Mary Beverly

**Special Police Officers**

Allen Mendel

**Superintendent of Insect Control**

Steven Skrocki

**Town Accountant**

Mary Beverly

**Town Counsel**

Edmund St. John, III

**Town Scholarship Committee**

Kelly Rice

Ashley Satko

Haley Meczywor

George Haddad

Vacant

**Traffic Commission**

Richard Tarsa

Tom Satko (Citizen)

Timothy Cota

Gregory Onorato

Vacant (Planning Board)

**Tree Board**

Vacant

**Tree Warden**

Timothy Cota

**Trench Board**

Gerald Garner

Timothy Cota

**Veterans Agent**

Stephen R. Roy

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent**

Robert Rumbolt

**Weighers of All Commodities:****Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain**

Kellie Lahey

Mullen Movers

Martin Mullen, Jr.

Vacant

**Specialty Minerals, Inc.**

Alan Giroux

John Ryan

Patricia Markland

Derek Masse

Kevin Hubbard

Vacant

**Wire Inspector**

David Rhinemiller

**Assistant Wire Inspector**

Todd Rhinemiller

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Jacob Levesque

Wayne V. Piaggi

Brian Tenczar

Glendon Diehl

David B. Rhinemiller

Vacant (Alternate)

Vacant (Alternate)

Vacant (Alternate)

# Town Meeting Members – Annual Town Meeting

Precinct 1	June 24	Precinct 2	June 24	Precinct 3	June 24
Baker, Patricia A.	X	Bury, Donald	X	Allard, Joseph	X
Baker, Starr D.	X	Cernik, Linda A.	X	Blanchard, Richard	X
Biros, Ryan P.	X	Cernik, Scott E.	X	Conroy-Shepley, Patricia	X
Bush, James	X	DeBlois, Gregory A.	E	Corrigan, Craig R.	X
Butler, Michele	X	Dolle, James J.	-	Cowie, John R., Jr.	X
Charron, James F.	X	Driscoll, Edward J.	-	Cutler, Michael Alton	X
Charron, Melissa M.	X	Duval, John E.	X	Dumouchel, Bruce D.	-
Clerc, Bruce P.	X	Fortini, Teresa M.	X	Frederick, Jon A.	X
Cunningham, Travis	X	Gazaille, Lisa A.	-	Frost, Richard E.	X
Duval, Virginia Phelps	X	Janik, Edward S.	X	Frost, Susan K.	X
Fijal, Jody A.	-	Kolis, Dolores J.	X	Gageant, Stephen	X
Hoyt, Christine D.	X	Lefebvre, Jeffrey M. ( <i>Deceased 9/27/2019</i> )	-	Gargan, Raymond, Jr.	X
Hoyt, Peter L.	X	Lentine, Joseph A.	X	Kelley, Nancy A.	X
Jette, Richard A.	E	Meczywor, Michael V.	X	Kolis, Marilyn Phelps	X
Kline, Sarah JP	X	Meczywor, Paula	X	Lawson, John L.	X
Kolis, David	X	Merlini, Donald J.	X	Mach, Michael J.	X
Kolis, Patricia M.	X	Michalenko, Eugene F.	X	Norcross, Robert	X
Kupiec, Anne E.	X	Miller, Jessica Marie	-	Parrott, Leon S., Jr.	-
Kupiec, Neil	X	Moderski, Sandra H.	E	Parrott, Nancy A.	-
Moran, Terence E.	-	Odvar, Lisa A.	X	Powers, Michael J.	X
Moyer, Christine A.	X	Penna, Nicholas Francis	X	Satko, Ashley Ruth	E
Moyer, John D.	X	Richardson, Kevin M.	-	Schaffrick, Melissa L.	X
Mucci, Erin	X	Schutz, Norman K.	X	Schutz, Jacob N.	X
Nimmons, Jacqueline F.	X	Sutliff, Mary Ellen	X	Shepley, Bruce Dale	X
Poirot, Dayne P.	-	Sutliff, Shaun W.	X	Silvia, Veronica A.	X
Robinson, Brenda	X	Tomkowicz, Rachel H.	X	Tinney, Thomas N.	-
Robinson, Thomas	X	Tomyl, Peter	X	Trzcinski, Bianca F.	X
Strek, Erin Marie	X	Turoczy, Lawrence	X	Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J.	X
Taylor, Judith L.	X	Wilson-Mallooy, Tonya M.	X		
Wilson, William Robert	X				
Precinct 4	June 24	Precinct 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	June 24	Precinct 5 ( <i>continued</i> )	June 24
Alibozek, Elizabeth S.	E	Mendel, Bruce W.	X	Haddad, George J.	X
Archambault, Anthony ( <i>Resigned 11/5/2019</i> )	X	Smachetti, David L.	X	Kleiner, Richard G.	X
		Sommer, Donald R.	E	Kleiner, Sandra D.	E
Blanchard, Scott M.	X	Sommer, Donald R., Jr.	-	Kondel, Geoffrey A.	-
Blanchard, Steven M.	X	Taylor, James	X	Koperniak, Christopher T.	X
Blanchard, William T.	X	Taylor, Patricia F.	X	LaPlante, Daniel P. ( <i>Deceased 10/10/2019</i> )	E
Bourassa, Jessica L. ( <i>Resigned 9/25/2019</i> )	-	Wilk, Myra L.	X	Lennon, David J., Jr.	X
Bourdon, Beth L.	-	Ziaja, Mark D.	X	Levesque, John Joseph	X
Bourdon, Wilfred R., III	-	Ziemba, Barbara	X	Levesque, Lauryn B.	X
Clough, Marnie Ann	X			Milne, Erin Mary	X
Deeley, Susan	-			Moran, Frederick D.	X
Dellaghelfa, Jessica Ann	X	<b>Precinct 5</b>	<b>June 24</b>	Moran, Marilyn A.	X
Demastrie, Jacqueline M.	X	Bishop, Corey J.	-	Phoenix, Elizabeth Ann	X
Demastrie, Paul S.	X	Burdick, Timothy R.	X	Pierce, Kayla M.	-
Dimitropolis, George H.	X	Clairmont, Lawrence A.	X	Rhoads, David Brian	X
Donahue-Archambault, Meagheanne E.	-	Cushenette, Carol A.	X	Rhoads, Linda S.	X
Hayer, Joseph P.	X	Doyle, Ann Marie	X	Satko, Thomas A.	X
Koscinski, Joseph P.	X	Doyle, Joseph B.	X	Tarsa, Barbara J.	X
Lillie, Dolores	-	Fassell, James J.	X	Tarsa, Richard W., Jr.	X
Meczywor, Leona	X	Girgenti, Aaron	X	West, Peter	-
		Girgenti, Erica Meranda	X	Whitman, Mary E.	E

# Town Administrator / Board of Selectmen

2019 began with fresh energy in the Town of Adams. The Board of Selectmen initiated the hiring process of the Town Administrator to transition Interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan to full focus on Community Development after serving for 18 months in this capacity. After a Search Committee was identified and a vigorous vetting and interview process took place, the Board of Selectmen welcomed the new Town Administrator, Jay R. Green in March.

## Key Hires

2019 brought new faces and energy to our staff with some key hires. In March, former Building Inspector Gerry Garner returned to the Town as Director of Inspectional Services/Building Commissioner after spending several years in Pittsfield. Another change in Inspectional Services occurred when former Dispatcher and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Romaniak retired during the summer. In September, experienced Code Enforcement Officer Mark Blaisdell joined the team, having previously worked in Pittsfield in an identical position. Another long-vacant position was filled in 2019 when Robert Tober was hired in December as the Director of Public Works. Although 2020 will bring a few other key retirements, we continue to build an effective team to move Adams forward.

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District was officially renamed after an 18-month process of reviewing the District agreement. The school district was renamed Hoosac Valley Regional School District which went into effect in October. The District also welcomed new Superintendent Aaron Dean in September after the departure of John Vosburgh who served for one year.

## Board of Selectmen

Calendar year 2019 saw the re-election of Joseph Nowak and Richard Blanchard to the Board of Selectmen, resulting in stable and experienced membership. New officers were selected with Christine Hoyt selected as Chairman and Jim Bush as Vice Chairman. John Duval rounds out the active and engaged Board of Selectmen.

## Services

*Transfer Station Hours* were expanded in the summer of 2019 when the Board of Selectmen voted to include Thursday evenings from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from May to September. The extra support was welcomed by citizens and highly utilized.

*Business supportive services* were established in town departments to create a pathway for new and incoming businesses to be supported and shepherded through the startup, permitting, inspectional and licensing process. The Roadmap to Ribbon Cutting program was designed and implemented toward making the town processes more business friendly.

*Online Permitting* software and processes were expanded and upgraded through the Inspectional Services department to provide more efficient and simplified processes to serve the permitting needs of local businesses and contractors.

## Projects

*Route 8 (Commercial Street) Improvement Project* engineering and design for a full-depth reconstruction of the roadway took place. The \$7.5 million project will be funded entirely by Federal Highway Funds, with construction anticipated in 2020.

*Storm Damage Repairs* and clean-up efforts from the 2018 storms continued forward with engineering and project planning taking place for the Davis Street Culvert repair, Grant Street Drainage Project, and studies being performed on the Southwick Brook and other chronic drainage problem areas in town. Grant funds from a variety of sources including the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Vulnerability Program were also sought for this work. The construction phase of these projects are anticipated to be scheduled starting in 2020 and beyond.

*Sidewalk and Concrete Work:* During the year, the Town was also able to undertake a program of sidewalk reconstruction on Valley Street, Bob's Hill, East Road and Park Street.

*The Town Hall Roof Replacement Project* saw a full upgrade to the roof, gutters and trim of our historic Town Hall. Scaffolding was installed for the duration of the late spring and summer months to bring much needed building maintenance to the roof and address necessary repairs to ensure the future stability of the building.

*Zoning bylaws* were reviewed, particularly the proposed adoption of the Smart Growth Overlay District (MGL 40R) and modernizing Commercial Street business zoning. The Smart Growth Overlay information was provided to citizens in several public information sessions to review the proposed by-law and explain the potential benefits for the town, including becoming more attractive for future development opportunities.



*Right: Smart Growth Overlay Information Session*



## Celebrations

In anticipation of the 200th birthday of Susan B. Anthony and the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution allowing women the right to vote, the Board of Selectmen worked with the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee toward fundraising, celebration event coordination and planning, promotion and highlighting the life and impact of Susan B. Anthony. A beautiful quilt fashioned by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry of Bryerpatch Studio in Port Townsend, Washington was displayed on loan through the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum efforts and depicted Susan B. Anthony as one of the “First Ladies” that made an impact across the country. Women in the Adams community were nominated for their efforts to make a positive impact on the community and the lives of others as well and their names were displayed proudly in the Town Hall lobby.

## Business

The retirement of George Haddad and Ann Bartlett meant the closure of the iconic Red Carpet after nearly 70 years in operation. Town Hall was decorated with “red carpets” for a Selectman’s meeting where they were thanked for their commitment to our community and wished a happy and well-earned retirement. The Town welcomed Adams Hometown Market in March with a heavily attended ribbon cutting event after Big Y’s sudden closure in February 2019.

B&B Micro Manufacturing joined the Adams business community and expanded their production of tiny homes by purchasing the former Brown Packaging plant on Howland Avenue.

*Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum* continues to see growth with the operation of tourist trains. Nearly 10,000 visitors came to Adams riding the various excursion trains; the most popular being fall foliage trains and Christmas specials. These passengers bring economic potential to local businesses. Adams Station continues to see infrastructure work to eventually provide restrooms and other guest support functions in 2020.



*Jay R. Green, Town Administrator*

In summary, 2019 provided the Town with a new leadership, visions and goals to gain momentum forward into 2020. With the Town infrastructure and projects moving forward, fresh ideas and strategies toward being business-friendly, providing higher quality services to the citizens and planning the economic future of the community, the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, with the support of the Town staff, have solidified to work together in a team toward creating the best future of Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hoyt  
Chair, Board of Selectmen  
Jay R. Green  
Town Administrator



*(L-R) Richard Blanchard, Member; Christine Hoyt, Chair; John Duval, Member; Joseph Nowak, Member; James Bush, Vice Chair*

## Town Clerk

### Revenue Generated –

Application Fees – ZBA and Planning Board,  
Cemetery Lot Deeds, Certified Copies, Dog  
Licenses, Marriage Intentions, Miscellaneous,  
Non-Criminal Fines, Pole Locations,  
Raffle Permits, Storage Tank Permits..... \$29,307.00

Vital Statistics	2019	2018	2017
Births Reported	63	69	60
Marriages Reported	42	36	26
Deaths Reported	115	103	100

Storage Tank Renewals ..... 7

### Number of Dog Licenses Issued

Males ..... 91  
Neutered Males ..... 390  
Females ..... 53  
Spayed Females ..... 411  
4 Dogs Kennel License ..... 7  
10 Dogs Kennel License ..... 1  
25 Dogs Kennel License ..... 0  
**Total ..... 953**

**Town Census 8,442**

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### Annual Town Election – May 6, 2019

Registered voters as of the close of registration on April 16, 2019

Precinct	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenr.	Libert.	Other
1	1149	362	89	687	6	5
2	1188	360	87	722	6	13
3	1237	417	114	686	7	13
4	1127	335	114	664	3	11
5	1288	405	95	772	7	9
	<b>5989</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>3531</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51</b>

## Adams Agricultural Fair / Bowe Field Rentals - 2019

<b>April</b>	06-07 13-14 20-21 27-28
<b>May</b>	04-05 11-12 18-19 25-26
<b>June</b>	1-2 07 Specialty Minerals 09 Adams Fair Fundraiser 15 Berkshire Mountain Fairie Festival (AAAB) 22-23 28-30 Solid Sound (Mass MoCA Temp Housing) 3 Days
<b>July</b>	06-07 Racine 13-14 20-21 Hijinks 2-7 27 Wedding Reception - Ryan
<b>August</b>	02-04 Adams Agricultural Fair (3 Day event) 10-11 17 N. B. Ham Radio Assoc. 24-25
<b>September</b>	31-01 07 Nashville in the Berkshires (Adams/Anthony Center) 14 Common Folk (Concert) 20-22 Freshgrass-(Mass MoCA (Temp Housing) 3 Days 28-29
<b>October</b>	05-06 12-13 19 Wedding - Keifer/Jeff 26-27

## Adams Historical Commission & Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee

The Commercial St. School was demolished during the week following July 1 to make a parking lot for the Aladco laundry. It was built in 1882 and served the town until 1981 when it was closed due to the enactment of the tax-limiting Proposition 2½.



Susan B. Anthony's Birthday was celebrated in the G.A.R. Memorial Hall on February 17, at a presentation which was cosponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum and the Adams Historical Society. It featured the Harriet Tubman reenactor, Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti.

The Adams Historical Society sent a mailing solicitation in support of the Celebration to 560 historical society members from outside of Adams resulting in more than \$18,000 in donations. \$10,000 of that amount was in memory of Oscar Choquette donated by Larry and Peg Choquette. The Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick Trust granted \$25,000 and the Feigenbaum Foundation \$25,000. Adams Hometown Market donated \$1,500 to the celebration at the grand opening of its new supermarket in Adams on March 29, 2019. The Hometown Market replaced the Big Y as the town's local supermarket. Big Y also donated \$5,000 to the fundraising fund. An initial payment of \$25,000 was received from the Commonwealth, an appropriation from the General Court initiated by our State Rep. John Barrett and State Sen. Adam Hinds. An additional \$25,000 is forthcoming.

Ginny Duval has been conducting "The Vote for Susan" project and mounted a major voter drive campaign to encourage residents to vote in the Town elections held on May 4. She uses social media and lawn signs to get out the message.

A tentative list of events for August 21-23, the planned culminating weekend of the celebration was laid out.

Friday: Food, drinks and music at Adams Visitors Center.

Saturday: Food truck festival, beer and wine, bands, craft vendors and children's activities, followed by a family friendly event and then fireworks from the Valley St. Field.

Sunday: a parade followed by the unveiling of the Susan B. Anthony statues, a lemonade and ice cream social, with a period concert.

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has six (6) members:

Chairman James Fassell  
Vice-Chairman Corey Bishop  
Thomas Robinson  
David Lipinski  
Tammie Shafer  
Brian Bishop

The Conservation Commission received a resignation letter on June 24, 2019 from Vice-Chairman Corey Bishop after he served on the Conservation Commission for several years. Natasha Bordeaux was sworn in to replace Vice-Chairman Bishop on August 14, 2019 as their newly appointed Commissioner.

There were thirteen (13) business meetings held in 2019. The Commission acted on three (3) Notices of Intent and eight (8) Requests for Determination.

In addition, Commission members addressed various other business. They answered one complaint, reviewed quarterly reports submitted from Specialty Minerals, issued one Emergency Order and discussed the status of several bridges located on Davis and Lime Streets.

### Notices of Intent were filed and the Commission issued Orders of Condition for the following projects:

1. OYA Solar MA, L.P.  
property at 0 Lime Street.
2. Kimberly Tremblay  
property at 60 West Burt Street.
3. Town of Adams  
property on Route 8 (upgrades).

### Determinations of Applicability were issued for the following:

1. Luke Celantano  
property at 30 Walling Road.
2. Spinning Mill LLC  
property at 7 Hoosac Street.
3. Richard and Nancy Augustine  
property at 423 West Road.
4. Town of Adams  
property at 0 Harmony Street  
(Map 119, Parcel 88; Russell Field).
5. MassDOT, Highway Division  
property on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail  
(improvements).
6. Town of Adams  
property on Route 8 (upgrades).
7. Robert J. Tomkiewicz  
property at Burt and Friend Street.
8. Berkshire Gas Company  
property at Cook, Albert and Crotteau Streets.

# Adams Free Library

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

“The most important asset of any library goes home at night--the library staff.” -Timothy Healy.

The Trustees are indebted to the dedication and hard work of all the library employees. Adult Services Librarian Christa Sidway efficiently managed the interlibrary loan and delivery process for the more than five thousand items that flow in and out of the building during the year, while also adeptly handling administrative assistant duties and skillfully running the very successful monthly book discussion groups. Library Aide Caren Les maintains the periodical storage system, handles reference questions and works at the main circulation desk. Library Aide Tanya Guerin, whose main responsibility is running the front desk, also developed and ran a successful Teen Madden NFL 20 Gaming Tournament. Our Library Page, Theresa Flor, is responsible for keeping the collection organized, shelving all library materials, and the physical processing of the collection.

The Children’s Department remains a focal point of library services and is adeptly managed by Children’s Librarian Juliana Matthews. Library Aide Elizabeth Erdeski devotes much of her time to ensuring that the Children’s department runs smoothly. They are responsible for providing quality collections and programs for children and teens in Adams and surrounding communities. Ms. Matthews report follows:

### Children’s Department

The Children’s Department of the Adams Free Library is a bright, welcoming place for our youngest patrons to further a love of reading and learning. In 2019, we offered a selection of educational programs where critical thinking as a development of early literacy was a primary focus. These included the annual Summer Reading Program, weekly story times, special guest presentations, performances, and staff assistance as needed.

Once a month from January to August, Emilee Reynolds, parent engagement specialist from the Family Center of Northern Berkshire (a Child Care of the Berkshires program) came

to the library for a fun and imaginative drop-in Lego Club. She brought Lego bricks, Duplo blocks, and accessories for all ages to create whatever they wanted. During April school vacation, Julie Stepanek, an accomplished musician and singer, came to the library for a Ukulele Story Time.

The Adams Free Library began sign-up for the Summer Reading Program in mid-June. The theme, “*A Universe of Stories*,” coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. Eight raffle baskets (two each for four age groups) and prizes were generously provided by the Friends of the Adams Free Library. As a visual incentive, the prize baskets were displayed in the children’s area throughout the summer. This year’s program was sponsored by the library, the Friends of the Adams Free Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. At our kick-off event for the Summer Reading Program, Danna Banana came to the library with an energetic and interactive theme-related show exploring the sun, stars and planets.

July was a very busy month for the Summer Reading Program. Julie Stepanek returned to the library for three weekly fun-filled Ukulele Story Times. The library also hosted a Musical Petting Zoo by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. Next in the line-up was Scott Jameson, a magician and juggler who gave a most entertaining performance for the whole family. Scott’s program was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Also in July, ScienceTellers brought their “*Aliens: Escape From Earth*” show to the library. In the telling of an intergalactic story, volunteers from the audience got to discover the world of science through experiments and demonstrations.



*Julie Stepanek brought the popular Ukulele Story Time to the Library for multiple events.*



*ScienceTellers presented the world of science through an interactive story including audience participation.*



During the month of August, in an event funded by the Friends group, families and children of all ages were invited to join Robert Rivest with “*Space: First Mime on the Moon.*” Using mime, comedy, and plenty of audience participation, Robert explored a universe of humorous space stories. Later in August, the library hosted Pajama Story Time and Stuffed Animal Sleep-Over.



*Robert Rivest entertained families with his “Space: First Mime on the Moon” program.*

A special celebration event for the end-of-summer was held at the Adams Visitors Center, 3 Hoosac Street. Raffle basket winners were announced, with additional prizes and books given away. On the program was Bowey The Clown, along with Magic Brushes Face Painting. Bowey delighted everyone with his comical blend of magic, ventriloquism and awesome balloon art. It was so much fun to witness everyone’s enthusiasm to see their face, cheek, or hand transformed into a work of art by Magic Brushes. Special thanks go to Adams Fire Chief John Pansecchi who provided staff and a fire truck for party-goers to explore and to the town’s Department of Public Works which parked a big dump truck to see. Many thanks also go to Ashley Priester from Bella Sky Gifts for donating her time and supplies for a special bookmark craft project and the Friends of the Adams Free Library for their voluntary attendance and assistance.

For our final event of the summer, the Friends funded two sessions of *Night Sky* by the Museum of Science Traveling Programs. The Museum of Science provided a narrator and a very large inflatable planetarium. Once inside, participants observed a realistic model of the nighttime sky, learned how to find planets, constellations and important stars, and other astronomical objects.

In November, the children’s and adult departments teamed up to present a Family Movie Night. All ages were invited to view *The Secret Life of Pets 2*. Snacks were provided to a lively group. Participants played games and were able to make a craft to take home.

In December, we had an evening literacy event around the picture book *Rainstorm* by Barbara Lehman. The book without words was shown by Emilee Reynolds of the Family Center who brought some additional activities centered around storytelling and fine motor development. At the end, families filled out a brief survey and Emilee gave away copies of the book.

According to a study by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, “the frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their

schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.” To that end, we look forward to continuing our vital role of promoting the progress of knowledge by maintaining educational, recreational, and cultural resources with unrestricted access to information. We introduce many formats to our important youngest citizenry – picture and story books, non-fiction, and multimedia materials. Our goal is to help students learn how to use the resources to enhance their study skills and confidence.

“Technology helps libraries do what they do best:  
connect people with resources and ideas...”  
(*American Library Association*)

Today a library card gives more than just access to books; it gives access to the world from home or from the road. To this end, the Library has begun lending Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots. These devices allow the user to connect Wi-Fi-enabled devices like laptops, tablets and smartphones to the internet from home. In 2019, we circulated these devices 199 times, an increase of 42% over last year. In 2019 we were able to purchase eight new public computers, thanks in part to a generous donation from our Friends group. This has allowed us to continue to offer free public computers onsite. We see an average of 155 adults and youth making use of the public computers each month.

The Adams Free Library can be found online at:  
[www.adamslibraryma.org](http://www.adamslibraryma.org)

This is a direct, online window to our services. Through this easy-to-navigate design, website users can access their library accounts, learn about the Adams Free Library and all its services, and contact us with ease.

This year Brian Bishop, Trustee Chair of Building Maintenance, oversaw repairs and updates to the building and grounds. A crash-bar was installed on the exit door of the Jean Beauchemin Memorial Exhibit Room to allow easier egress from the building. Windows in the second-floor South Room were replaced. One of the roof drains that runs through the interior of the building in the Adult Reading Room was replaced. And electricity was run to light the exterior library sign.

We would like to thank the skilled volunteers who worked for months refurbishing the historic chairs in Memorial Hall: Jack Tarsa, Gil Duval, Donald Guerin and John Potter. Memorial Hall opened in 1899. The original bill of sale for its furniture has been preserved and is on display. Thanks to these volunteers, visitors can continue to sit in the very same chairs once occupied by men who fought in the Civil War.

### **Friends of the Adams Free Library**

2019 was another busy, industrious year for the Friends of the Adams Free Library, marked by fundraising events that enabled the group to sponsor programs and make purchases to benefit the library.

The Friends sponsored two presentations by the Mobile Planetarium from the Museum of Science in Boston. Purchases included incentives for the Children’s Summer Reading Program and the Adult Summer Reading Program, passes for The Mount, the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum and Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, the annual charge for the Ancestry.com computer program, and the cost of the library’s monthly newsletter.

The Friends helped decorate for the Christmas season by setting up a small tree in the library, providing candy canes, and decorating the tree in Memorial Hall with lights. The group also bagged Halloween candy to hand out at the town's annual Halloween Parade.

The Friends' Annual Book Sale, the group's largest and most successful fundraiser, ran for three days. The event is possible because of the generous time donated by Friends who, with the assistance of library staff, do hours of set up, work the event, bake, solicit local merchants for raffle items, and donate raffle baskets and gift cards.

Throughout the year the group sold note cards, t-shirts, hats, magnets and hoodies at Ramblefest, at a Holiday Sale and at the library with the assistance of the front desk staff. A new item, 2020 keepsake calendars with photographs of Adams provided by Eugene Michalenko and Munica Valiton, was available in December. Thank you to Eugene for putting the calendar together. The Friends continue to purchase their merchandise locally at Adams Specialty & Printing and Sandy Sloane Embroidery.

The Friends also did a "Dining to Donate for a Cause" at the 99 Restaurant.

The Friends donated to the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee to help support upcoming events.

Officers elected in October were: President – Carleen Butler, Vice President – MaryAnn Hish, Secretary – Meaghanne Donahue and Treasurer – Pat Catelotti (Alternate-Pat Holmes).

There are numerous Friends who donate a great deal of time to make the group what it is, and we thank them. The library would not be able to accomplish all of what it does without their continued support. I, along with the Library Trustees and Staff, extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the Friends for their many efforts.

## Other Events

In 2019, use of the building as a community gathering place for meetings and events saw a dramatic increase of more than 46% over 2018. The meeting rooms were used for political caucuses, Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum events, a program by Mass Audubon: "Whose Tracks are These?", wellness education classes, community training sessions, Financial Health Seminars, informational meetings, book discussions, author visits such as New York Times bestselling author Archer Mayor, and musical performances by Too Human and the Eagles Brass Ensemble sponsored by the Adams Historical Society.

State Aid to Libraries funds were used during the year to provide museum passes and for a number of programs offered to our patrons of all ages. With these funds, the library was able to host historical reenactors who portrayed General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. The program was held in the G.A.R. Hall. They were even able to incorporate the hall itself into the program.

In 2019 we added a twist to our successful adult book discussion group. With state aid, the library was able to purchase a movie license. From February to August, patrons read a book then watched the movie inspired by it. The selections were: *American Sniper*; *IT* by Stephen King; *Me Before You*; *Ready Player One*; *Wonder*; and *Crazy Rich Asians*. The library also



*General Grant, via historical reenactor, very appropriately visited the Grand Army of the Republic Hall at the Library.*

purchased several databases for patrons that provide online language learning, resume writing, information and musical instrument instruction.

The members of the Board of Trustees are Chairman James Loughman, Treasurer Eugene Michalenko, Building Maintenance Chairman Brian Bishop, Karen Kettles, Anita Jamros and Virginia Duval.

The Trustees, administration and staff wish to extend sincere appreciation to the many town departments that have provided assistance this year. We wish to extend special thanks to the town's Custodian Kyle Wilson. The routine management of the physical building and grounds would not be possible without his hard work.

James R. Loughman  
Chairman of the  
Board of Library Trustees  
  
Holli Jayko,  
Library Director



*Archer Mayor, New York times best-selling author of the Vermont-based Joe Gunther detective series, discussed his books with an appreciative audience in the G.A.R. Hall.*

# Fiscal 2019 Library Statistics

<b>Total Number of Holdings as of June 30, 2019:</b>	<b>33,503</b>
<b>Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions (including gifts):</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Registered borrowers:</b>	<b>2,404</b>
<b>Circulation:</b>	
Adult and young adult print	14,199
Juvenile print	7,513
Video Cassettes/music CDs/DVDs, museum passes, misc.	11,150
Audio Books	1,292
E-books	1,280
Downloadable Audio (audiobooks, music)	918
Misc. (Teacher Kits, Hotspots, Ukuleles)	521
Print Periodicals	584
Materials in Electronic Format	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,493</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Fees Returned to Town Treasurer:</b>		<b>\$ 1,890.15</b>
Microfilm Printer Receipts	\$ 6.75	
Internet Printer Receipts	932.80	
Miscellaneous	86.20	
Photocopier Receipts	864.40	
<b>Returned to Revolving Fund via Town Treasurer:</b>		<b>1,907.49</b>
Fines for Overdue Materials	1,548.49	
Damaged or Lost Items Replacement Fees	359.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 3,797.64</b>

## OTHER INCOME

Gifts, Memorial Donations, Used Items Sales	\$ 6,521.54
Grant: No. Berkshire Cultural Council	\$ 400.00
State Aid to Public Libraries Award	\$ 14,385.15

<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>7/01/18</b>			<b>6/30/19</b>
W. T. Adams	\$ 5,249.37	\$ 5,187.27	\$ (7,132.70)	\$ 3,303.94
C. N. Miller	3,928.94	1,625.64	(1,009.39)	4,545.19
Plunkett / Saunders	421.71	197.17	618.88	
H. Tiedemann	3,669.13	3,337.21	(1,841.55)	5,164.79
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 13,269.15</b>	<b>\$ 10,347.29</b>	<b>\$ (9,983.64)</b>	<b>\$ 13,632.80</b>

<b>Memorial Book Funds</b>	<b>as of Dec. 2019</b>	<b>\$ 44,095.64</b>
<b>Memorial Book Fund Investment Values</b>	<b>as of Dec. 2019</b>	<b>\$ 183,479.95</b>

# Adams Police Department

## 2019 Activity Report

Calls for Service.....	11,506
Ambulance Calls.....	1,986
Fire Department Calls.....	347
DPW Calls .....	30
Animal Control Calls .....	492

## Criminal and Custodial Activity

Offenses Committed .....	740
Arrests	
On-View .....	130
Incident / Warrant.....	51
Summons.....	104
Adult.....	256
(65 arrests) * 22.8% of arrests involved alcohol	
Juvenile .....	7
Protective Custody .....	34
Domestic Violence .....	43
* reflects 15.1% of arrests	
Summons Served .....	63

## Motor Vehicle Activity

Written Warnings .....	263
Civil Offenses .....	132
Arrests .....	90
Criminal Complaints .....	111

## Motor Vehicle Accidents

Investigated .....	187
Fatalities .....	0
Persons Injured.....	27
* reflects a 5.5% of all accidents	
Possible Injuries .....	17
* reflects 4.7% of all accidents	
No Reported Injuries.....	180
* reflects 49.7% of all accidents	

**Please Note:** 7 involved alcohol, 2 involved drugs.

### Locations with highest # of accidents:

Columbia Street .....	44
Commercial Street .....	23
East Road .....	10

## Other Reported Activity

B & E / Larcenies.....	133
Alarms Responded to .....	270
Parking Tickets Issued .....	257
Business / House Checks .....	1,265
Heroin / Opioid Overdose .....	13
K-9 Deployments .....	9

## FULL TIME SERVICE

<b>Chief of Police:</b>	Richard W. Tarsa Jr.	04/05/87
<b>Lieutenant:</b>	Shawn M. Briggs	04/05/87
<b>Sergeants:</b>	Scott McWhirt	01/30/89
	Donna Malloy	09/20/97
	Matthew Wright	05/02/07
<b>Patrol Officers:</b>	David Dean	01/28/02
	Gregory Charon	03/30/05
	Michael Wandrei	03/30/05
	Joshua Baker	04/17/08
	Nicholas Dabrowski	04/17/08
	Curtis Crane	05/20/10
	Travis Cunningham	01/24/13
	Gregory Onorato	01/12/15
	Dakota Baker	10/19/16
	Dylan Hicks	02/16/17
	Michael Rossi	02/21/18
	Natasha Antona	07/01/18
	(Resigned)	03/18/19)
	Alexander Morse	04/02/19
	Nicholas Sorrell	04/02/19
	Christopher Whitney	06/25/19

### Administrative

**Assistant:** Melissa Schaffrick

### Reserve Officer:

Robert Krzanik  
Danielle Cartier

### Special

**Police Officers:** Allen Mendel  
Robert Mallet

### Animal

**Control Officer:** Kimberly Witek

## 2018 Training / Seminars / Community Events

### MPTC In-Service Topics

- \* Police Interaction with Persons with Mental Illness pt. 2
- \* Multi-agency Response to Active Shooters
- \* Integrating Communication, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT)
- \* Legal Updates
- \* These are available as on-line training modules through MPI and available at the convenience of the officer.

**Defensive Tactics** - All department personnel attended this as an In-House training with Sgt. Matthew Wright and Officer Joshua Baker as instructors. Taser recertifications are also conducted during this session.

**CPR/1st Responder** - All department personnel attended this training as in In-House training.

**Firearms** - All department personnel are mandated to requalify with their duty weapon, rifle and shotgun. The Use of Force continuum is incorporated within this session. This is conducted under the guidance and instruction of our department firearms instructors – Officers Dean, J. Baker and Onorato. It should be noted that Officer Hicks attended Firearms Instructor School and would be replacing Officer Dean upon his retirement in 2020.

#### **Additional Trainings:**

**ARIDE** It gives officers the knowledge and tools to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both. While it gives detailed symptomology and behavioral information, it is NOT meant to be used as conclusive or evidentiary levels of indicators of drugs or drug categories. Instead, it is designed to help the officer recognize that drugs may be a source of impairment and use that information to contact a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert), if warranted.  
*Officer Hicks attended this training session. Eventually, all officers will be ARIDE trained.*

**Field Training Officer (FTO)** – *Sgt. Malloy, Officers Hicks and Cunningham attended FTO training/certification.* Their certifications completed what is a five-member FTO Team that also includes Officer J. Baker and Sgt. Wright who heads the FTO program.

**Evidence & Evidence Room Management** – *Sgt. Wright and Officer Cunningham attended this training.*

**K-9 Training & Recertification** – This is a yearly recertification process for K-9 Kumar and Officer Crane. *Please note that our K9 Team made numerous appearances throughout the year for educational purposes and demonstrations.*

**Chiefs In-Service Training** – *Chief Tarsa attended this mandatory three session in Norwood.*

**Stop the Bleed** – *Chief Tarsa attended an instructor's certification training.*

**Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement** – *The training was sponsored by the Berkshire County District Attorney's Office and was attended by Chief Tarsa.*

**"All Hands-on Deck"** – this is a sign language class with an application towards law enforcement interaction. *This was a mandatory training session for all uniformed personnel.*

**CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System)** – *this was a recertification training for Lt. Briggs and Sgt. Wright who are the department CJIS representatives.*

On April 2, 2019, Reserve Officers Alexander Morse and Nicholas Sorrell were both appointed to the position of a full-time officer. The appointments were made in a proactive move by the Town in preparation of two pending retirements. Normally, full-time appointments are made when the position becomes open. This usually leads to a 12 to 18-month time frame from appointment to graduation and entails backfilling the position that would involve overtime expenses. Being proactive allows the position to be filled immediately upon the position becoming available. Both officers attended the Randolph Police Academy's 10th ROC that began on September 9, 2019 with graduation ceremonies held on February 14, 2020.

On April 12, 2019, Officer Michael Rossi completed his academy training. Officer Rossi was part of Western Mass Police Academy's 58th ROTC with graduation ceremonies held at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley.

On June 25, 2019, Christopher Whitney was able to continue his law enforcement career as a full-time officer with the department. Prior to his appointment, Officer Whitney was enjoying retirement from law enforcement that involved 10 years with the Pittsfield Police Department and, previously, 7.5 years with the North Adams Police Department. Even though he was enjoying retirement he still felt the desire to return to law enforcement and wanted to continue his career with the Adams Police Department. We are most certainly pleased with his decision because he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Officers Rossi, Morse, Sorrell and Whitney are welcome additions to the department. They are all firm believers in the Community Policing Concept and in giving back to the community. I wish them all the best and know that they will do well and the Adams Police Department, along with the Town of Adams, welcomes them.

Throughout the year Massachusetts State Police Trooper Andrew Canata and Chief Tarsa conducted numerous school safety drills. Saint Stanislaus Kostka School along with Hoosac Valley Elementary School and Hoosac Valley Middle & High School were presented with "Stop the Bleed" Training. The training is designed to provide immediate care in order to save lives if/when people nearby are bleeding. The training raises awareness and teaches people how a few quick actions can help control serious bleeding. I am happy to say that all staff members from each school were provided with this instruction. It is of paramount importance that we do all that we can to help keep our students and school staff members safe in a time of crisis.

#### **From the Desk of The Chief of Police**

Usually, I am at the point in the report where the Chief of Police reflects upon the past year. However, I am finding it difficult to do so. As I write this, our town, our nation and the world are dealing with an "Unconventional Encounter" in the form of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. The effects and fallout from it have had a devastating effect on so many levels. It is times like this where all levels of government, local-state-national, along with public health and health care professionals, emergency services, fire-ambulance-police, all come together to aid and assist in the crisis. The Northern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission is comprised of many of the groups/people previously mentioned. It is through their dedicated and

selfless service that enable a proper response to help mitigate the crisis and possibly prevent the further spread of the virus. It is during times like this that everyone comes together to work as one. The NB-REPC works year-round training and preparing for situations, but, a pandemic, such as this, is a fluid situation that constantly changes and the NB-REPC has been active in its response. I can't thank them enough for what they do.

It also difficult to write this, as I prepare, in a few months, to stand down and enter the next stage of life called retirement, so this will be the last annual report as your Chief of Police. As I reflect upon the past year, I also cannot help but reflect on the past 36 years of my career – don't worry, space is limited in this report.

The Town of Adams has always been a great community to live and raise a family in – always was and always will be. However, as times change so does society. Every community, regardless of its size, is a victim of the Opioid Crisis because it has no social or ethnic borders and affects all societal levels. Heroin, an opioid, is an inexpensive and highly addictive drug. The Adams Police Department, through its intervention and proactive approach, in 2019, had taken roughly \$122,000 worth of drugs off the streets. It may not seem like much but when you look at the price of such drugs like Heroin (at \$10-\$20 a hit) you see that it is in fact a lot! Our officers and detective work tirelessly in trying to reduce the drug activity/culture in town - here is where I always remind you that, YOU, our residents, are the eyes and ears that help us. If you see something, please, say something. It is with your help that we do our job and its with your help that we can be proactive in addressing crime.

Unfortunately, the drug culture sometimes involves elevated levels of a "criminal element." During the past year there were events that were directly related to the drug culture. A home invasion occurred resulting in one of the suspects being injured, by the other suspect, with a bullet wound. One of the involved parties, a few days later, was involved in argument which resulted in shots being fired. A few days later there was a report of a gunshot being heard in the area of the home invasion. These were all targeted events, not random acts, as part of a "rip" (dealer being ripped off). Another incident that was drug related resulted in three involved parties being stabbed with a knife. Although it was drug related it was not part of the home invasion. In another incident, again drug related, a person suffered a stab wound from a knife. As stated, these were targeted acts directly related to the event described.

The criminal element of today is far different than it was back in June of 1984 when I first started. Marijuana, now legal, and cocaine were the common illegal drugs 36 years ago. Today, there's heroin laced with fentanyl (stronger than heroin) or carfentanil (even stronger than fentanyl) -all are lethal combinations. Guns and knives are commonly part of the drug culture and our officers and detective have taken several guns off the street. Drug deals are now commonly done through mobile methods such as hand-to-hand transactions, exchanges that involve two cars alongside of each other in a parking lot or a bicyclist pulling up alongside of a car at a drive-thru or stopped in traffic. The criminal element evolves with time making it ever fluid. Law Enforcement also evolves to meet the changing times. Collaborations are made with fellow law enforcements agencies, such as the Berkshire Law Enforcement Task Force (BLEC), the State Police Detective's Unit located within the Berkshire County District Attorney's Office, Pittsfield Police Gang & Drug Units, and The Berkshire County Sheriff's Department. Other collaborations involve such groups as The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and the Berkshire Opioid Addiction Prevention Collaborative. Effective patrol and enforcement measures taken by the officers along with the collaborative assistance will help address the ongoing drug issues. Honestly, it will never stop but proper effective measures will certainly slow it down or cause it to relocate.

In conclusion, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the members, both current and past, of the Adams Police Department for their dedication, fidelity to duty and their tireless dedication to the Town of Adams. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the Emergency Services Fields for their continued hard work. Over the past 36 years, I am very fortunate to have been able to have such a long career with a department that is not only respected by its community but also, its peers. I have had the pleasure of serving with many wonderful and professional officers and hold many in high esteem – professionalism that is unmatched. But, in life, along with its many lessons, the next page is always turned and the time has come for me to turn the page for the next chapter. Before I close, I would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to you, the residents of the Town of Adams for the support and respect that you have shown me over the years. To my family, words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for the support and sacrifices that you have made that allowed me to follow a career that I was so passionate about. Your support was never more appreciated than during my time as Chief of Police. I am eternally grateful and hope that I made you proud.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Chief Richard W. Tarsa Jr.



# Board of Health

Last year brought several major changes to the Health Department:

- Chairman Bruce Shepley resigned from the Board in August after serving since 2012. With Bruce's resignation, we elected Peter Hoyt as Chairman and David Rhoads as Vice-Chair.
- In September, the Board of Selectman appointed Laura Grandchamp, DVM to fill the vacancy until the 2020 town election. The 1-year remainder of the 2018-2021 term will appear on that ballot. Laura is a welcome addition to the board. Along with her veterinary experience, she is also working toward a master's degree in Public Health, providing us with valuable complements.
- We also learned of the retirement of Tom Romaniak, our Code Enforcement Officer. A life-long Adams resident, Tom joined the department in 2016 after serving for years as a police dispatcher. His knowledge of the town & our residents was an asset in his mission to enforce the public health codes. We appreciated Tom's gentle effectiveness in resolving cases. He will truly be missed.
- After updating the responsibilities of the code enforcement position and an extensive search, the town hired Mark Blaisdell to fill this essential position. Mark is an Air Force veteran who has served as a North Adams police officer and a Pittsfield code enforcement inspector (where he worked with Jay Green as BOH chair at the time). At his first meeting in November, he assured us that he would take a very active role in code enforcement through identifying issues and in closing cases, thereby allowing the board to focus on public health policy.

Board of Health Fee Schedule
Information on Vaping/Tobacco
Online Permitting System
Pre-Rental Inspection Form
Property Registration Information Form
Regulations
Waste Disposal Resources

Figure 1. Information tabs on the Board of Health web page.

In 2019, the board addressed a wide variety of public health issues. These include:

- **Board of Health website:** (Figure 1) Perhaps the most visible action of the board was construction of a web page to promulgate health-related information:  
<https://town.adams.ma.us/board-health>  
Notable additions were links to information on (i) waste disposal / recycling; (ii) tobacco / vaping; & (iii) rental properties (registration & pre-rental forms). We plan to expand this resource frequently -- many thanks to Town Clerk Meczywor for her assistance. We are also using Cable TV (Channel 1301) to issue health reminders on such topics as flu shots and winter safety tips. Please tune in. We are committed to providing current public health information.
- **Dog feces:** With the winter thaw, many concerned citizens decried the amount of dog feces on the Ashwilticook and the Greylock Glen trail. The board heard the complaints and considered several options. As a result, Town Administrator Jay Green worked with Public Works to clean up the spring accumulation as well as to install clearer signage and better "doggie bag" dispensers. The board also posted public service announcements on our website and on Facebook (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Clean up your dog's output.

- **Vaping:** In September, in response to the rash of hospitalizations and deaths due to vaping-associated lung disease, Governor Charlie Baker issued a ban on the sales of vape products. The board had already posted information on our website providing users of the dangers of vaping. Following the governor's order, we worked with our vape product vendors to inform them of the guidelines for compliance. We were particularly cognizant of revenue losses due to inventory expiration as well as the sales ban in general. Sales were resumed in November with restrictions on flavored products with the "New Tobacco Law." The board is committed to following state regulations and to enacting other pertinent measures to protect the public health.



Figure 3. West Road pump station

- **West Road pump station:** Early in 2019, the Department of Environmental Protection issued an order to separate the West Road pump station (Figure 3) from the town water supply. The station was constructed as part of the Greylock Glen development but was never brought into service. Because the BOH shares responsibility over our water supply with the Adams Fire District, we collaborated with them to carry out the order. Water Superintendent John Barrett offered to provide the labor if the BOH purchased the pipe caps. In April, the AFD cut the pipe linking the pump station and installed the caps, which included a sampling port to facilitate testing (Figure 4). We appreciate the efforts of all in this resolution.



Figure 4. Separation of West Road pump station from the Adams Fire District water system

- **Private waste hauler regulations:** As part of the Commonwealth's effort to foster recycling, we adopted regulations for commercial waste haulers as recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection. The new regulations enlist our waste haulers in assisting their residential clients with recycling (as is also mandated by Town Code). Adopting these regulations further earns Recycling

Dividend Program (RDP) points for Adams, qualifying us for DEP grants to support our Transfer Station. The Board is committed to providing haulers, their clients & all town residents with pertinent information on appropriate waste disposal.

- **Council on Aging Health Expo:** We set up a table to distribute health information. Our "Free Sunglasses for Kids" program remained popular (Figure 5). Pamphlets on insect-borne diseases were also in demand (Figure 6).

## SUNGLASSES FOR KIDS

*Kids: look cool in the sun!*



Get a free pair of sunglasses from the Adams Board of Health. Stop by Town Hall: Mon-Thurs 8 AM – 5 PM

And don't forget the SUNSCREEN!

Monthly meetings at Town Hall, 8 Park Street, Adams  
Next: Wednesday, July 17 at 4 PM (Mahogany Room)

[www.town.adams.ma.us/board-health](http://www.town.adams.ma.us/board-health) ☎ 413-743-8300 x104

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Figure 5. Remember to have your kids wear sunglasses when going outside. Free children's sunglasses are provided at the town's Health Fair. You may also pick up a pair at the Health Department Office.

## IT'S BUG SEASON AGAIN!

*What should we do?*



Empty standing water



Use insect repellent





Long sleeves, tucked pants



The Adams Board of Health meets monthly at Town Hall, 8 Park Street  
Next Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 28 at 4 PM (Mahogany Room)

[www.town.adams.ma.us/board-health](http://www.town.adams.ma.us/board-health) ☎ 413-743-8300 x104

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Figure 6. Tick warning posters were posted at trail heads in town. Also, remember to wear long sleeves and tuck pants in socks when hiking or gardening.

- **Outstanding issues:** Several issues remain in flux. Our fee schedule needs to be updated to comply with current regulations. We are working to adapt our Full Circle online permitting portal to match those needs. Because short-term rentals have come under state guidelines, we are awaiting their guidance before undertaking action to enact any necessary regulations.

As per Town Code, we discussed recommendations to improve public health in town. Recommendations included were: (i) continuing to expand public visibility via our website, PSAs & public events; (ii) addressing tobacco use & vaping by teens; (iii) developing programs to provide opportunities for residents to become more physically active; and (iv) increasing our role in emergency planning, for instance by providing timely information & creating an emergency dispensing site (EDS) for immunizations should a need arise. We invite your ideas, advice & assistance in these efforts. We also welcome all residents to attend our Public Hearings.

Our involvement in county-wide programs to augment our own efforts to improve community health continues. Our Board is currently an active member of the Berkshire County Boards of Health Association (BCBOHA, Member Rhoads is Executive Committee At-Large Member) and Adams is a member community of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance (BPHA, Member Rhoads is Adams representative & current Vice-President). We have attended several workshops/conferences on topics such as cannabis, recycling and emergency planning.

In closing, we look forward to a year in working with you to promote public health in Adams.

#### Permits issued:

Food Service Establishments .....	28
Retail Food .....	11
Catering .....	2
Frozen Desserts .....	2
Septic Hauler .....	5
Commercial (Solid Waste) Hauler .....	10
Septic Installer .....	3
Pre-manufactured (Mobile Home) Housing .....	1
Mobile Vendors .....	4
Temporary Events/Vendors .....	11
Body Art – Practitioners .....	1
Body Art Establishment .....	1
Residential Kitchen .....	2
Tanning Salon .....	1
Tobacco .....	12
Lodging .....	4
Funeral Director .....	2
Septic system (new) .....	3
Septic system (replacement) .....	1
Vacant Property Registrations .....	11+
Pre-rental Inspections .....	19+

Note: 4 new businesses opened & 2 closed.  
An estimated net revenue of \$12,190 was generated.

### Board of Health Budget (Fiscal Year 2019: 1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019):

Category	Appropriated	TFs/Adj	Revised	Expended	Remaining
Order Enforcement	1,500	6,403	7,903	1,560.21	6,342.79
Legal/Professional Services*	1,500	1,277	2,777	2,551.80	225.20
Advertising	180	262	442	415.35	26.24
Nursing Services	9,500	(3,810)	5,690	2,724.00	2,966.00
Postage	550	(195)	355	334.00	21.00
Office (Other expenses)	800	(197)	603	603.41	0.00
Education/Travel/Conferences/Meals	4,000	(550)	3,450	2,608.35	841.65
Dues	55	0	55	55.00	0.00
Online permitting system**	N/A				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18,085</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>21,275</b>	<b>10,852.12</b>	<b>10,422.88</b>

\*Professional services include inspectional services from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance.

\*\*The Health Department portion of the **Full Circle** online permit system (\$4,745) was covered in the **Technology** line item of the **Finance & Technology** appropriation. The FY2020 cost will be \$4,985.

Note: Funds were transferred into the BOH budget to remediate code enforcement issues (\$6,403).

# Community Development Department

During 2019, the Adams Community Development Department implemented a broad work program, involving several community and economic development projects for the Town. These projects included those funded under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as well as several other grant funding programs. Department staff carried out projects funded under FY 2017 and FY 2018 CDBG and developed the application for FY 2019 within the calendar year. Progress on several other major projects, like proposed improvements to Route 8 (Commercial Street), was also advanced during 2019.

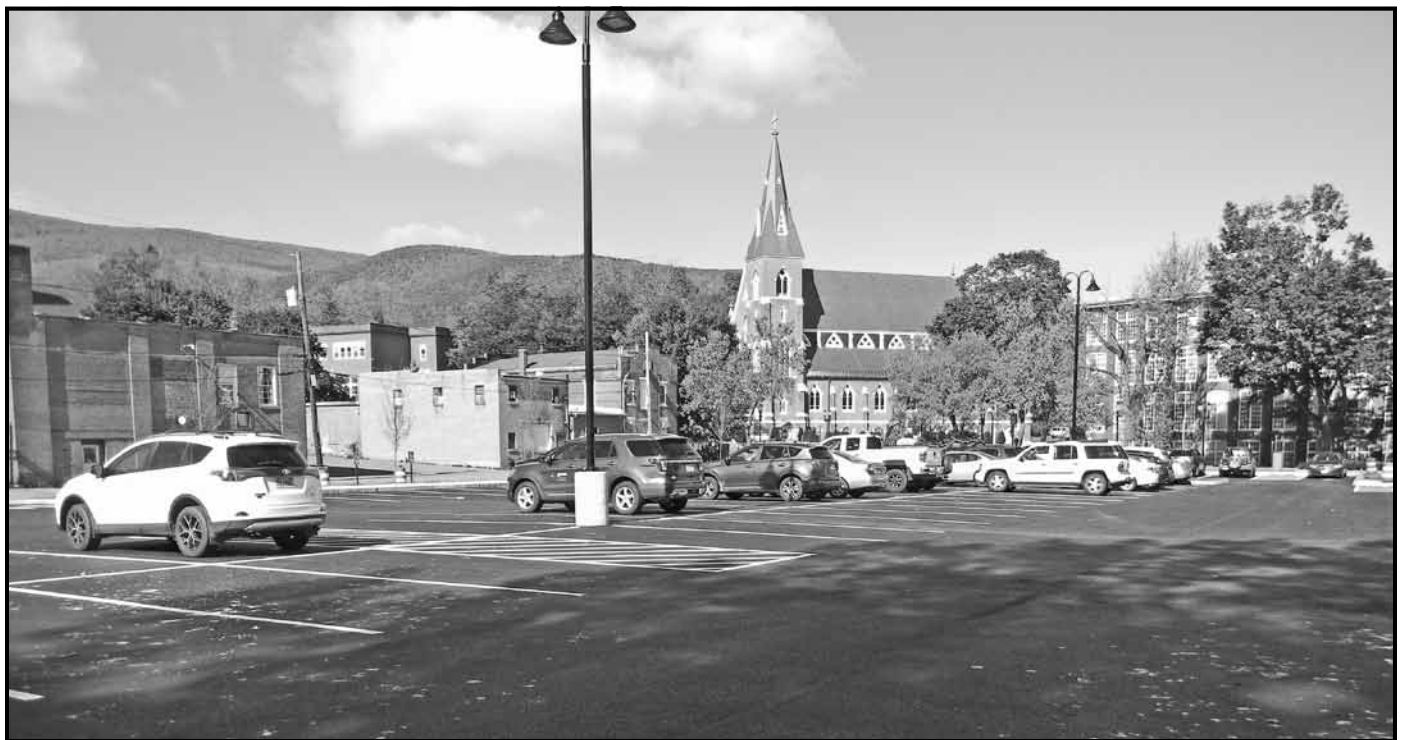
## ADAMS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The Community Development Department continues to implement recommendations in the *Adams Downtown Development Plan*. Significant progress on several downtown projects was accomplished in 2019:

structures; iii) removing and installing new lighting; iv) removing and installing new curbing; v) installing new bituminous concrete pavement; and vi) installing new sidewalks with pedestrian curb extensions, handicapped ramps and tactile warning pads, new street trees, landscaping, and new street furnishings to include benches, bollards, trash receptacles, and decorative pavers. The project was completed and closed out in May 2019.

### Hoosac Valley Park Project

The Town completed the design phase for a proposed public park located on the former “Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain” property at 1 Cook Street. The design was funded by a \$50,000 grant under the FY 2017 CDBG program. The project site is important historically to the Town in representing the community’s growth and development during the age of railroads. The property is uniquely situated adjacent to two important attractions – the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and the new Hoosac Valley Service



*View of the newly reconstructed Adams Visitor Center Parking Lot*

### Adams Visitor Center Parking Improvement Project

The Town was awarded \$650,000 in funding from the FY2017 CDBG program for the reconstruction of the 120-space public parking lot located at the Adams Visitor Center (3 Hoosac Street). Waterfield Design Group, Inc. designed the project improvements and C & A Construction Company, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder with a total contract price of \$649,000. Work was initiated in fall 2018 and continued through the first half of 2019. Project work included: i) milling existing parking surface pavement with approximately two inches of material to be removed; ii) installing new and retrofitting existing drainage

tourist trains. Because the site is so prominently situated, eliminating the blighted appearance of the property, both buildings and grounds, is critical to maximize the potential of these other projects and the anticipated increases in tourism they promise.

The Town worked closely with a local volunteer Steering Committee, Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architects from Hudson, NY, and Tighe & Bond, Inc. (civil engineering) to complete a dynamic design that will transform the site into a destination park and a resource for Adams residents. The design team included elements that honor the history of the site. Former coal

bins will be stabilized and turned into a play and picnic space. The connection to the bike trail and Berkshire Scenic Rail is highlighted in the design. Bike trail users will be able to enter the park directly from the path and down a ramp into the heart of the park, where a small plaza with shade trees, tables will be located. The plaza will also have some relics from the railroad, repurposed as benched and gathering spaces. Other features in the design features include a dog park, lawn areas, an event area (concerts, theatrical performances), parking, and a pollinator garden. With design now completed, Community Development staff will next work to obtain funding for construction.

### **Memorial School Renovation & Reuse Project**

Under the Town's FY 2018 CDBG program, Community Development staff issued the Invitation for Bids for the proposed Memorial School Renovation & Reuse Project. The project was advertised in October 2019, and a Pre-Bid meeting for interested contractors was conducted with Town staff and EDM, the project architect, on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the project site. The project required filed sub-bids in the following categories of work: Acoustical Tile, Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing. Sub-bids were received on November 14, 2019 at 4:00 PM and General Bids were received on November 21, 2019 at 4:00 PM. The Town received general bids from three qualified and responsive bidders: Souliere & Zepka Construction, Inc. of Adams; LaRochelle, Inc. of South Hadley, and Kurtz, Inc. from Westfield. Kurtz, Inc. provided the lowest qualified bid of \$569,629.

The proposed project work will address the remaining impediment to allowing permanent use of the community use portion of the school (gymnasium, shop areas - involving approximately 25,000 square feet) by replacing the failed heating and ventilation system serving the building. The new HVAC system will allow use of the gym to support the growth and expansion of wellness and educational programming for Town residents, not only by the Adams Council on Aging but other community groups and provide critically needed indoor recreational opportunities for residents, especially active use of the gymnasium (the only facility of its size within the community) by various youth sports groups. Community Development staff expects the project to be completed before June 2020.

### **Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program**

The goal of the Town's FY 2019 Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP) is to rehabilitate up to eight (8) residential units, both owner-occupied and investor-owned, for low-to-moderate income residents within the Route 8 Target Area. The proposed projects will address improvements to residential dwellings by providing safe, decent, and sanitary housing. Additionally, the program seeks to preserve the historic character of existing neighborhoods and historic dwellings. The Adams HRP provides deferred-payment loans (DPL) to owner-occupied (one/two family) units and also provides zero-interest loans and DPLs to investor-owners who have low/moderate income tenants. During 2019 the Community Development Department received a high number of applications for the program and is currently working closely with home owners to determine the details of the home improvement projects the Town will be able to support this year.

### **Russell Field Renovation Project**

Under the FY2019 CDBG program, Community Development staff was successful in receiving funding for the Town to renovate Russell Field, with approximately \$470,000 in grant funds. The Town continued working with Guntlow & Associates to finalize bid-ready plans with construction of the proposed improvements to take place in the summer of 2020. The heavily used Russell Field serves the entire community and provides playing fields for youth sports including Lassie League softball, junior football, and youth football (Pop Warner and flag football). The park, however, has a number of existing safety and maintenance concerns. The field is uneven and poses substantial risk of injury. Entrances and walkways are in poor condition and the facility is not accessible in a manner consistent with ADA regulations. Further, the park currently does not help address the recreational needs of the Town's senior population, an increasing concern due to the community's demographic composition. The planned improvements will result in complete renovation of the existing playing fields, a new backstop, infield and new fencing. In addition, the existing tennis courts will be completely renovated and a new adult fitness area will be located next to an updated children's playground. The project also involves reconstruction of the pedestrian entrances and new accessible walkways going to the playground, tennis courts and bleachers at the ballfield.

### **Town Common Renovation Project**

In late September 2019, the Town was awarded funding from the Division of Conservation Services "Parkland Acquisition & Renovation for Communities" ("PARC") grant program to renovate the Adams Town Common. Community Development staff submitted the grant application in July 2019 and the full requested \$297,500 in funding was approved. The Town Common was last renovated in 1985. The Town hired Tighe & Bond engineers to create an updated design for the park, which focuses on new paths, ADA accessibility, attractive landscaping and a plaza for the anticipated installation of the new Susan B. Anthony statue. The goal of the design is to create a picturesque central gathering place in Town, a location for Town events and a venue to display and celebrate the history of Adams. A new gazebo, with interior lighting and an ADA accessible ramp, will be located at east end of the park. A plaza area, with benches, lighting and historical information signs will serve as the setting for the new Susan B. Anthony statue, which will be installed as part of the celebrations in Adams and the Women's Suffrage Centennial events happening statewide in 2020. The renovated Town Common will be an ideal centrally-located site for Town events like the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony, weekly summer concerts, and the starting location for parades and race events in Adams. Finally, the newly renovated Town Common will welcome residents of Adams into a space of quiet beauty and respite within the town center. The design for the park will be completed in the spring of 2020 and construction is expected to begin in summer.

### **Town Hall Roof**

The Town completed the much-needed installation of a new roof at Town Hall. With funds appropriated by Town Meeting, a contract was awarded to Titan Roofing, Inc., of Springfield,

MA in fall 2018. The total contract price of \$270,000 included new shingles, gutter repairs, new flashing and repairs to the cladding and lower roof of the clock tower. Work also included painting and replacing shingles on the dormer windows in the front and back of the building. Given the amount of time required to properly install the scaffolding, the decision was made to delay the start of construction until spring 2019. During construction, rotted interior beams were discovered in the interior of the cupola at the top of the clock tower. This unexpected need for restoration was not in the budget so Town staff and contractors determined the best path forward was to temporarily remove the cupola and ensure no further damage to the clock tower. A new cupola will be installed at some point in the future.

Town Hall was built in 1906 as a home for C. T. Plunkett, a member of the Plunkett family and co-owner of the Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Company. In 1942 the building was purchased by a group of businessmen with the intent of creating a youth center, but was later sold to the American Legion in 1949. The Town purchased the building in 1995 to use as municipal office space.



*View of the reconstructed Hoxie Brook river bank at the Adams Visitor Center.*

## OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### Route 8 Design Project

The Town's Route 8 Roadway Improvement Project (extending approximately 5,800 linear feet: from the bridge crossing the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail to Route 116), continued to make significant progress. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB, Inc.), the Town's engineer, completed 25% design plans at the end of 2018 and the project was advanced to 75% design in 2019 following MassDOT's careful review of the project plans. The proposed project is expected to include a full depth reconstruction of the existing pavement, new sidewalks, new bike lanes, new landscaping and street trees, new signage (including rectangular rapid flashing beacons at certain high-use crosswalks), drainage improvements, some slope work, and minor work on three bridges. The construction cost was increased to an estimated of **\$7.5 million** with the addition of new drainage lines to replace existing clay pipes for the entire roadway. By mid-2019, Community Development staff had initiated the process to secure necessary rights-of-way (both permanent and temporary easements) in order for the project to be advertised by the Commonwealth for public bidding. The right-of-way process, which involves over 90 properties, will continue into early 2020 after which MassDOT will review all the required documentation and certify the Right-of-Way. Once the Right-of-Way is formally certified and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, MassDOT will advertise the project for public bidding.

### Greylock Glen Resort Project

The website for the Greylock Glen Resort project was launched early in 2019. The new website was designed by Gargan Communications of Adams (<http://greylockglenresort.com/>), with content developed by Gargan and Community Development and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff. With beautiful photographs, the website reveals what a scenic powerhouse the Glen is and entices the curious to explore. The website will not only be an important resource for general information on the resort project and progress in advancing the resorts different elements, but it will also provide good information to visitors about accessing the Glen trails network and visiting the Town of Adams.

On another front, final design was completed in late 2019 for the proposed Greylock Glen Outdoor Center. With final design achieved, Maclay Architects of Waitsfield, Vermont, the Town's architect, will be able to initiate work on public bidding documents for the 10,000 square foot multi-purpose building. The building will include a welcome center, exhibit areas, three (3) classrooms used as flexible space, café, concessions, and restrooms. The indoor welcome/orientation area will consist of a large open lounge with a large stone fireplace, along with an information desk and exhibit spaces. A four-season café will open out onto the lounge allowing hikers, skiers, cyclists and the general public a place to find sustenance before or after their outdoor explorations. Construction funding is expected to be provided by the Commonwealth in the near future. Town officials and staff are working closely with the legislative delegation to have funding for construction released by the Baker Administration.



## Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

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In 2019, the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire (CCNB) awarded \$63,792 to 93 individuals and organizations to benefit the citizens of the eleven towns within its jurisdiction: Adams, North Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesboro, Monroe, New Ashford, Savoy, and Williamstown. The largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, the local cultural council program of which CCNB is a part is funded through an appropriation from the state legislature and it is staffed by municipally appointed volunteers, who together in 2019 awarded over \$4 million to support 2020 local arts and humanities programming throughout the commonwealth.

With CCNB support, for example, Hoosac Valley Middle and Elementary Schools will offer arts and music enrichment programs; artists and performers will enliven the library's summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story"; a variety of special events—sponsored by the Adams Suffrage Centennial Committee, the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace, and the Adams-Anthony Center—will round out the town's bicentennial celebration of Susan B. Anthony's birth; BART will run a Creative Leaders in Residence program; the Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival, Nashville in the Berkshires, and the Berkshire Summer Jazz Camp will have repeat performances; the Adams Council on Aging will host a grandparent-grandchildren drumming session; and the Nutshell Playhouse will entertain children once again at Bascom Lodge.

The CCNB will solicit applications for the 2021 programming year in the fall of 2020. Application forms and more information about the LCC Program are available online at:

[www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org)

Are you, or an organization to which you belong, considering a program that will benefit the citizens of Adams and/or the Berkshires more broadly?

The activities CCNB has voted to support in the past range from concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, music enrichment, and storytellers, to field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, puppeteers, theatre performances, dance, and town library programs, to community block parties, lectures, nature and science education programs, hands-on museum art activities, and town fairs.

CCNB has done its part to enhance Adams's cultural life, to grow its local economy, and to promote the well-being of its citizens. The CCNB application is short and straightforward. We hope to hear from you.

Adams's representatives to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire are Lynn Rhoads and Henry Klein.

## Office of Veteran Services

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The Adams Office of Veteran Services is directly responsible for providing veterans' benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This important need-based program leads the nation in providing financial assistance to eligible veterans by delivering a measure of relief from crushing poverty and hopelessness. Veterans of our community who are disabled, homeless, unemployed, underemployed or suffering from the trauma of war and have nowhere else to turn should seek the services provided by Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Stephen R. Roy. Many veterans and their families have been rescued from hunger and homelessness by the services provided by VSO Roy, who works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services in Boston to ensure the community is reimbursed for the expenses these services entail.

Veteran Services also assists a great number of veterans with filing claims through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This intimidating process can be extremely difficult to accomplish successfully; we support these folks by acquiring the correct documentation, proper completion and submission to the appropriate entity. Other services provided include - but are not limited to - educational/employment assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, housing assistance, referrals, and close contact with funeral homes and cemeteries to ensure all veteran graves are properly honored. The Office of Veteran Services also serves as a depository for hundreds of thousands of documents and important records of historic value to the sons and daughters of Adams, maintained in secure archives.

The VSO maintains a very dynamic and flexible schedule serving not only the Town of Adams but the City of North Adams and Towns of Williamstown, Dalton, Lanesborough, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Savoy and Florida, Massachusetts. The VSO often makes special appointments and house calls to the sick, bedridden or elderly who cannot easily make it to Town Hall. The VSO also makes frequent duty calls to hospitals and skilled nursing/assisted living facilities in the area to help our most vulnerable veterans with their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Roy  
Veteran Service Officer

# Department of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works acts as the Town road and sewer infrastructure, cemeteries, parks and grounds, and equipment maintenance labor force, and also provides Transfer Station and Recycling Services. Under the authority of the DPW Director, with a labor force of thirteen full-time employees, there are divisions which maintain certain areas of expertise though department members are interchangeably assigned as needed to support each division by the Operations Supervisor to the most pressing needs of the town. The Divisions include the *Highway Division*, the *Parks, Grounds and Cemetery Division*, and the *Equipment Maintenance Division*.

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

The Highway Division provides the primary maintenance, repair and beautification of the Town's roadways and parking lot infrastructure. The regular operations carried out by this Division include:

- Street sweeping
- Patching streets
- Scarifying and shaping unpaved roads
- Maintaining gravel roads
- Maintaining guardrails, culverts and surface drains
- Maintaining parking meters and regulatory signs
- Painting all crosswalks, parking spaces and centerlines
- Sanding, salting, snow plowing and snow removal
- Sidewalk replacement
- Repairing and rebuilding catch basins and sewer manholes
- Draining manholes
- Maintenance, repair and installation of sewer connections
- Tree pruning, removal and planting
- Chipping roadside brush and at the Transfer Station
- Large project collaboration with other contracted agencies
- Mowing grass at the Cemeteries
- Flower planting and beautification of downtown Adams
- Maintaining the new section of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail
- Maintaining the Greylock Glen
- Transfer Station and Recycle Center Services

## **CEMETERIES, PARKS AND GROUNDS DIVISION**

### **CEMETERIES**

Seven Seasonal Employees were hired this year to provide all aspects of cemetery maintenance. Trial Court Community Service Programs graciously provided this Division with free labor during the growing season for ground maintenance of the cemeteries.

#### **Maple Street Cemetery**

Maple Street Cemetery continues to have several older trees that remain in poor condition. Additional tree maintenance and plantings will need to take place in the coming years. The cemetery was in pristine condition for Memorial Day and the entire summer with regular grass cutting, weed whacking, and tree trimming.

#### **Bellevue Cemetery**

The seven Seasonal Employees assisted one full-time employee this season in maintaining all aspects of the cemetery and in burial excavations. The recently installed "S" section on the south side of the cemetery has sold several lots this year. Several trees were trimmed at the cemetery this year to maintain them, as well as regular grass cutting, and weed whacking.

### **FLOOD CONTROL**

DPW employees performed as much vegetation and brush removal as possible and also cleared trees along many portions of the flood control system until winter conditions prohibited such work. The herbicide spraying program was again suspended in this area, so challenging, unwanted vegetation was instead removed manually by DPW employees with the assistance of seasonal employees. Sincere appreciation goes to the Trial Court Community Service Programs for their assistance with the entire flood control system, which succeeded due to this partnership and supportive attitude.

### **PARKS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS**

#### **Russell Field**

Many of last year's issues remain, such as flooding, access to facilities, fence replacement needs, building upgrades, and tennis court repairs. There was extensive use of the field this year which necessitated a lot of general maintenance to keep it in healthy shape.

#### **Valley Street Field**

The Parks crew edged the baseball diamond and hauled several cubic yards of baseball mix to the field again this year. New Fixtures were installed in the bathrooms and some repair work made to the building and dugout. The two irrigation systems were professionally tuned up in the spring and fall.

#### **Renfrew Field**

As in 2018, intensive use of Renfrew Field wore down the turf conditions significantly, and so aeration, over-seeding and fertilization were done to offset the excessive use. This facility hosted many leagues this year, including Hoosac Valley High School baseball, soccer programs and baseball clinics. The Parks Commissioners worked with the leagues to schedule usage of the field since there was increased need for the facility.

#### **Reid Field**

Reid Field hosted hundreds of softball players again this year. The skinned softball field and grounds were kept up in good condition. Several repairs were performed on fences, and general field maintenance was performed.

#### **Town Common**

At the Town Common, the Parks Division employees removed and repaired some wrought iron benches. The Trial Court Community Service Programs performed major clean up this fall. The Parks crew did the annual decoration of the entire Town Common for Christmas, which included a 20-foot evergreen tree. The gazebo had lights and red bows displayed for the season. The Town Common is a wonderful central location that hosts community events such as weddings, music festivals and youth-based programs.

### Other Duties

The Visitors Center was set up for Thunderfest and again in the fall for Ramblefest public events. The Parks & Grounds staff maintained lighting and flowers on Park Street, Armory Court and all of Memorial Park. Banners and seasonal decorations on Park Street were updated as well. This team also worked hard to maintain several miles of the flood control system, which spans from Lime Street to Reeves Street. This Division keeps all bridges, walkways and street crossing ramps clear of snow and debris. The crew regularly assists the Highway Division with all public plowing and street sweeping, and performs town-wide trash removal, which includes many public buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, cemeteries, and downtown street receptacles. Each year staff also decorates Park Street, Hoosac Street and Summer Street light poles with holiday decorations.

## **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

There are presently two full-time employees in the *Equipment Maintenance Division*. This division holds the large responsibility of repairing, maintaining and repurposing all of the Town-owned vehicles and equipment. The *Highway Division*, *Parks, Grounds and Cemetery Division*, the *Wastewater Treatment Plant*, and the *Forest Wardens* utilize approximately fifty pieces of equipment and vehicles. The nine *Police Department* vehicles and two vans from the *Council on Aging* also require maintenance. Additional repairs and attention are given to the lawn mowers, weed whackers, chain saws, water pumps, generators, snow blowers, air compressors, and other various pieces of equipment needed by the Divisions in their daily operations.

The *Equipment Maintenance Division* performs all of its own fabrication and welding to plows, plow frames, dump bodies and loader buckets, as well as accomplishing body repairs. Tires are changed on all vehicles, including loader tires and large truck tires, and specifications are written for all equipment to be purchased. This Division shows extensive creativity, out-of-the-box thinking and impressive expertise to perform the numerous repairs that present themselves each day with aging equipment and tight budgetary restrictions.



*Ford F350 Dump Truck 2016, Truck 29*

In 2019, a Ford F350 Dump truck with plow was added to the fleet to replenish the current inventory of aging vehicles which have come to the end of their useful lives. In addition, a new Ford F450 4-wheel drive dump with plow has been purchased. Extraordinary efforts were made to repurpose vehicles



*International Dump Truck 2005, Truck 31*

to maximize their life and usefulness as portions of vehicles deteriorate beyond repair due to their age. For example, two International Dump Trucks, both 2005 vintage, have been reconditioned to bring them up to acceptable operational standard. These reconditioning efforts save the town thousands of dollars in otherwise new vehicle purchases. Furthermore, the DPW's 2002 Trackless Multi-purpose Tractor is in the process of being restored to operational level to bring back into fleet service for mowing, sidewalk snow clearing, brush cutting and a number of other almost limitless range of maintenance uses, in locations beyond where regular vehicles can travel; for example, use on at the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and Greylock Glen.



*International Dump Truck 2005, Truck 36*

## **MAJOR PROJECTS - DPW HIGHWAY**

### **Sidewalk Replacement**

Approximately 425 feet of sidewalk was replaced this year to provide a safer path for citizens to walk. Included among them, Bob's Hill (190'), Valley Street (70'), East Road (125'), and by the Credit Union apron area on Park Street (40'), were done. Other areas are being identified for replacement in the upcoming year including, but not limited to, Crotteau Street.



*Park Street sidewalk*



*Bob's Hill sidewalk*



*Valley Street sidewalk*

### **Black Top**

During the late winter, spring and summer seasons pot hole repairs were, as most years, a major issue. Maintenance of these pot holes and frost heave problems represented the bulk of black top work for 2019 with hundreds of tons of black top spread and rolled in all sections of the town.

### **Tree Maintenance**

Tree work was done in several areas of town. Pruning, shaping and removal of trees were done in many locations to eliminate dead or dangerous limbs, create better tree health and shape, and for the safety of citizens.

### **Ashwillticook and Greylock Glen Maintenance**

The new mile of the Ashwillticook Trail and the expanding Greylock Glen usage area are additional responsibilities for the Highway Division to maintain. Grass cutting, trimming, and vegetation removal have begun to require regular and additional manpower. The Kubota, acquired the previous year, has proved to be a valuable vehicle to reach these off-road areas to provide the upkeep needed; as will be the reconditioned 2002 Trackless Multi-purpose Tractor.



*2002 Trackless Multi-purpose Tractor*

### **Flood Management and Repairs**

Damage from two separate large volume rain storms the town experienced in 2018 are still being dealt with today. Davis Street culvert repair being one of those projects. Repair work using subsidized funding has been approved and will commence in 2020.

The catch basins and manholes are being cleaned routinely but continue to fill with debris from heavy rainfall, tree leaves and branches, and trash build-up from the streets. Over forty

catch basins and 9 manholes were rebuilt in 2019 in regular maintenance procedures, and additional procedures and reporting will be done in 2020 in the Smart Asset Management and Inventory System (MS4stormwater management) protocols that the Town of Adams has implemented.



*Burlingame Hill Culvert*

The year ended with snow and ice removal from winter storms that kept the crews regularly busy with varying temperature and precipitation type storms that required rapid strategy adjustment and skill by the team to switch from rain to ice, and then to snow and back in short periods of time.

The dedication of the Department of Public Works to serve the citizens to provide for safety and quality infrastructure under varying conditions, long hours, and sudden circumstance changes has been demonstrated, as in previous years, again in 2019. Thank you to this very hard-working team that continues to handle the challenges as they come.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Tober  
Director  
Department of Public Works

# Emergency Management Report

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The Town of Adams Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is in the process of being updated. Meetings between all departments essential to emergency response are ongoing. The meetings have the goal of improving lines of communications and to establish protocol for each department. The Plan provides a framework for the Town of Adams to perform emergency functions during emergency situations on the local, state or national level.

Quarterly meetings held by MEMA in Agawam provide new and updated information helping to improve the Emergency Management Plan for the Town.

A flooding and icing emergency occurred January 24, 2019 on Lower Linden St. I was asked by the DPW if I could get some of the Forest Warden Department members to help alleviate the flooding in the street. Members showed up with a sump pump and hoses and pumped the water from Lower Linden St. to Commercial St. After approximately 3 hours the flooded street was cleared. Eleven team members responded.

On February 25, 2019, the Emergency Management Team was activated to the area of Airport Road for a large power outage. Seventeen team members responded.

The Cooling Center, located at the Visitor's Center was opened on July 20, 2019 and on September 21, 2019. On both occasions the Cooling Center was manned by volunteer members of the Emergency Management Team.

On December 29, 2019, due to information received of a pending Ice Storm, the Emergency Shelter located at the Memorial School was inspected to ensure all was ready and available in the event it would be needed. The Adams Memorial School on Columbia Street is the designated overnight shelter for Adams residents in time of need.

A Thank You to all Departments and personnel involved in the ongoing effort to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Adams in the event of an emergency, natural or manmade.

A special Thank You to the members of the Adams Forest Wardens for your support involving Emergency Management issues. You are always there supplying the manpower needed to resolve the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner  
Emergency Management Director  
Town of Adams

# 2019 Forest Warden Report

**The Adams Forest Department is a WILDLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**As Smokey Bear Says “ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES!”**

The Forest Warden Department is charged with:

- The prevention and suppression of all outdoor fires
- Enforcement of the outdoor burning regulations as stated in Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws and in 527 CMR Section 1 and 310 CMR Section 7
- The issuance of outdoor burning permits

**The Forest Warden Department Responded  
To The Following In 2019:**

**CALLS:**

- 7 Outdoor Fires
- 19 Illegal Burns
- 14 Smoke Investigations
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls

**EVENTS:**

- 12 Community Events/  
Traffic Control/Service Details

**SEARCH & RESCUE:**

- 3 Search and Rescue Missions

**BURNING PERMITS ISSUED: 221**

The Adams Forest Warden Department purchased a 1986 Pierce Pumper four wheel drive, 1000 gallon per minute pump, 500 gallon poly storage water tank Fire Truck with only 9,000 miles on it.

The Forest Wardens 1975 Ford Pumper Fire Truck was deemed unfit for service. Repairs to make this vehicle serviceable were determined to be too costly.

Thank You to all that made this possible: Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and to the retired Pittsfield Fireman who located this vehicle. Without your help this would not have happened.

Last but not least, **“THANK YOU”** residents of the Town of Adams for your support and loyalty of the Adams Forest Warden Department. The Forest Warden Department exists to serve the Town and its residents in any capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner  
Chief Forest Warden  
Town of Adams



*The Adams Forest Wardens' 1986 Pierce Pumper four wheel drive Fire Truck, equipped with a 1,000 gallon per minute pump and 500 gallon poly storage water tank.*

# Inspectional Services Department

During 2019, the Adams Building Safety and Inspectional Services Department issued five hundred sixty-nine (569) permits for construction, demolition, alterations, additions, repairs, change of use, solid fuel appliances, trenching and sheet metal permits, certificates of occupancy, certificates of inspection, sign and curb cut permits, and permits for electrical, plumbing and gas. Of those permits, two were issued for a new residential single-family dwelling in 2019. A total of **\$74,776.00 in permitting fees** was collected during the year.

The Building Inspector's Office performed numerous inspections associated with permitting and addressed numerous zoning and building code violations, with some resulting in court action. Periodic inspections were performed on restaurants, bars, clubs, food establishments, schools, Bed and Breakfast Inns, motels, apartment houses, day care centers, condominiums and churches. The Building Inspector also worked with the Zoning and Planning Boards by reviewing applications and organizing meetings.

Type of Permits:	# of Permits:
Single Family Dwelling	2
Residential additions, alterations, conversions, repairs, & insulation	237
Commercial/Business/Non-Residential additions, alterations, conversions, and repair	42
Sign Permits	7
Curb-cut/Driveway entrance	3
Certificate of Inspections/Certificate of Occupancy	27
Solid Fuel	9
Temporary Structures (Tents)	6
Trenches	7
Sheet Metal	4

The Inspection Services Department is responsible for the enforcement of all state and local codes and ordinances pertaining to building and health. The department oversees all building permits and inspection activities with regards to the Massachusetts State Building Code, applicable Massachusetts General Laws, Accessibility Regulations, zoning, planning and board of Health Regulations. The department is also responsible for issuing all electrical, plumbing, gas permits.

Gas Inspector		
Gas Fitting Permits Issued	82	
<b>Fees Collected</b>		<b>\$5,025.00</b>
Plumbing Inspector		
Plumbing Permits Issued	24	
<b>Fees Collected</b>		<b>\$2,060.00</b>
Electrical Inspector		
Electrical Permits Issued	119	
<b>Fees Collected</b>		<b>\$10,220.00</b>

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Community Development Director Donna Cesan, and Town Administrator Jay Green for this opportunity to work for the Town of Adams. After serving as Interim Building Commissioner/Local Inspector on January 3, 2019, after the departure of Donald Torrico on December 31, 2018, I was subsequently appointed as the full-time Building Commissioner on March 25, 2019, in charge of the Inspectional Services Department. The department encompasses the Building Inspectors Office and provides administrative oversight of the Code Enforcement Officer for the Board of Health.

During the interim position, I had the ability to view the neighborhoods and evaluate the condition of the overall housing stock in Adams. Once appointed as the full-time Building Commissioner, the Town's concern about addressing slum and blight conditions became one of the core objectives. Focus has been placed on the removal of some of the more blighted properties in the Town's gateways, as well as conducting more stringent apartment rental inspections utilizing the Massachusetts Building Code's 5-year inspection certification requirement with the assistance of the Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Services. While this is not a simple task in any community, it is something that needs to be addressed in the Town to upgrade rental units. This will make it more attractive for business opportunities, as well as making it a safer and more enjoyable community for its residents.

We are currently implementing a Receivership Program, which is a code enforcement tool that strikes a balance between private property ownership rights and the public's right to be free from dangers posed by health, safety, and building code violations. An owner never loses legal title to the property during the receivership and the receiver is provided an equitable ownership interest during the receivership, which allows the receiver authority to manage the property and make the necessary repairs. The only time the owner loses title is if the owner fails to pay the receiver's lien or is not the successful purchaser through the foreclosure. In addition, the owner is always given the opportunity to step in and take responsibility for the property at any time during the receivership, but must complete the required work to the court's satisfaction.

The ultimate goal for the Department is to combat the blighted conditions within the Town using as many tools as possible and bring it back to the house-proud community it once was. This will certainly not happen overnight, but efforts and programs are underway to take on the task.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Garner  
Building Commissioner



# Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

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[www.nbswmd.com](http://www.nbswmd.com)

For Calendar Year 2019, 834.00 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled district-wide. The Town of Adams recycled 94.13 tons of paper and 45.48 tons of glass, cans and plastic at the Recycling Station on East Road. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) collected 130.04 tons. Your Towns Scrap Metal Recycling Collected 31.57 Tons. Revenue generated \$1,736.35 for the Transfer Station, which was an increase from 2018. The Town of Adams Textile Recycling program collected 8,541 pounds of textiles from entering the waste stream, which is the highest collection in the District. Congratulations! 644 permits were sold for the Transfer / Recycling Station, which is a large increase from 2018. Thank you for supporting your local Boy Scout Troop with their can and bottle drive located at the Transfer Station. The success of your Transfer Station is a large team of caring Town employees, NBSWMD and residents. Thank you.

The District contracted with PSC / Stericycle for a One-Day Hazardous Waste Collection that was held on September 28, 2019 at the Adams DPW yard. This location is central to the residents of the thirteen member towns and we appreciate the Town of Adams allowing NBSWMD the use of the property for that day. Residents from every member town, 154 households and 4 Town departments in all, took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of Hazardous Chemicals in a safe way. The cost for this one-day event was \$9,101.50 - Peace of Mind for Residents - "Priceless!" Thank you to Town of Adams Commissioners, Edward Driscoll and Selectman James Bush; Commissioner of Clarksburg, Carl McKinney; and Commonwealth Community Service program and Adams Police Department for your help at our much-needed collection. The District has changed the paint collection program to mainstream the collection and maximize our dollars. Oil-based paint is collected at the Comprehensive Household Hazardous Waste Collection, but latex paint is no longer accepted as it is not a hazardous material. We continue to educate of residents on drying latex and proper disposal or donating if the product is usable.

The District has six Universal Waste Product Sheds for district member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by MassDEP. The cost of recycling is allocated from the District's yearly budget. This program has increased with collections and location of sheds in Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor and Williamstown Transfer Stations. Next Level for Recycling, Inc. (NLR), is the designated facility for the District's recycling of universal waste products. To stay in compliance with MassDEP all sheds must be cleaned and packed for shipping on a yearly basis, with each town generating a Waste Manifest, which is filed in the District office. Thank you again to all who make this program a success. This program is also maintained by your Town's Transfer / Recycling Center attendants and NBSWMD, Thank you. The District recycled 1,329 various-sized fluorescent lamps, 230 alkaline batteries, 165 NiCad batteries, and 180 lithium batteries costing \$2,483.11. We continue with outreach and education to assist our communities in converting their households and businesses to LED lighting.

The District, with Town volunteers, held annual Bulky and Electronic Waste Collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. The Special Collection events are open to all

residents of the member towns. Total material collected in Adams was 8,500 pounds of electronics, 3.02 tons of scrap metal, and 4.43 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Lanesborough: 2,200 pounds of electronics, 1.99 tons of scrap metal, and 2.87 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Clarksburg: 3,600 pounds of electronics, 2.87 tons of scrap metal and 1.53 tons of furniture, etc. Thanks is expressed to our volunteers, Joe Szczepaniak, Lanesborough Selectman Sayers, Paul Howcroft, Adams Selectman Bush, Scott and Daniel Cernik, and the DPWs of Adams, Clarksburg and Lanesborough for three very successful Bulky Waste Collection events. The schedule for 2020 will be listed on our website and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized.

Upcoming information will be provided about the district CHARM Center. Yearly we partner with All Saints Church, North Adams and other sponsors for a community paper shredding event, and the collection was September 28, 2019. It was a record-breaking event bringing in between 11,000 and 13,000 pounds according to ProShred. The Collection promotes recycling as well and helps combat identify theft. Please view our website for events and information / resources on recycling programs.

The kick-off to the Earth Day / Month Community Paper Shredding Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2020, in the Town of Lanesborough, and Saturday, August 22, 2020, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled to be held in Adams. Both are open to all. Discussions have begun with the City of North Adams about rejoining the District. Environmental Studies at Williams College conducted a comprehensive review on the pros and cons of the partnership, and the conclusion was in favor of North Adams rejoining. The study was presented to City Council for consideration, and a final decision is expected in February of 2020.

This year NBSWMD Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" of \$500.00 to five towns in the District and \$1,500.00 to NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants as a shared purchase of seven hundred (700) 14-gallon blue recycling bins, various outreach materials, community and schools, special collection events, community paper shredding days and Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The approved shared purchase will be a benefit to all the member towns and residents. There were eight towns in the District that received a MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, and combined with NBSWMD added together for a contribution of \$1,500.00 for the shared purchase.

The Towns of Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Williamstown, Windsor and Savoy were again recognized and awarded funds under the MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program (RDP). This program awards points for achievement of the District Member Towns. The District is proud to announce that the Towns of Hancock and Florida also received funds under the Recycling Dividends Program this year. Funds received were: Adams \$4,200, Cheshire \$4,200, Florida \$2,800, Hancock \$2,450, Hinsdale \$4,900, Savoy \$3,500, Williamstown \$5,250 and Windsor \$4,200.

The Towns of Clarksburg, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford and Peru were awarded Small Scales Awards of \$500 and NBSWMD an amount of \$1,500. **The total grant dollars awarded to NBSWMD is \$35,500.** This is an increase of \$11,600 from last year. Thank you and congratulations to all as we did it as a team. The funds are reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects. All the Towns increased their RDP grant awards from last calendar year. My goal is to help all the Towns achieve RDP Grant awards.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Shawn Wright, Amy Broderick and Connor Doherty, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court Office of Community Corrections. Over 172 Hours of Volunteer time were provided to the member towns in the District. Your help with the HHW event, packing our Universal Waste Sheds, helping with special events, packing the boxes for pick up, organizing the Town of Hinsdale's Swap Shop Monthly, cleaning and organizing the Town of Williamstown's Book Shed so many benefit from the sheds at the Transfer Stations and many treasures can be found. Thank you for a great year and partnership. We look forward to working with you in 2020!



*Above: Household Hazardous Waste collection volunteers on duty in Adams.*

The waste stream continues to evolve, and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at collecting textiles, expanding locations, providing a Compost Distribution Program, creation of a new CHARM Center, waste reduction, negotiations for hauling to keep costs down, having a kick-off to the Earth Day / Month Community Paper Shredding event on April 11, 2020, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for August 22, 2020 to be held in Adams, expanding our "Green Team" collaboration with our Districts Local Schools, providing outreach and education.

To the residents of the member towns, thank you for your continued support in recycling and waste reduction. Your dedication is what makes the Northern Berkshire community a beautiful place to call home!

Thank you all for a Great Year to the Board of Commissioners, Town Officials, Contracted Haulers, Volunteers, and most of all the Transfer Station / Recycling Attendants that make it all happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cernik  
NBSWMD Program Coordinator

Edward Driscoll  
NBSWMD Commissioner for the Town of Adams

James Bush  
Alternate Commissioner &  
Town of Adams Selectman



*Above: Household Hazardous Waste collection volunteers at work.*

**Reuse ~ Recycle ~ Re-think ~ Donate & Recycle Whenever Possible.**



## Planning Board

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The Planning Board held thirteen (13) public hearings during 2019, at which time they addressed three (3) Site Plan applications and one (1) Special Permit, as well as several workshop meetings to discuss future zoning bylaw changes.

Specific applications reviewed included two Site Plan approvals for two Commercial Scale Ground-Mounted Solar projects located on 101 Grove Street by Sun Raise Development LLC. and OYA Solar MA, LLC located on 0 Lime Street (Map 104 Parcel 23). In addition, one (1) Special Permit was approved for Sun Raise Development LLC in conjunction with their Site Plan Approval.

Furthermore, the Planning Board approved one (1) Form A, ("Approval Not Required") under the Subdivision Regulations) for property located at: 1 Upper East Hoosac Street.

Members of the Planning Board were:

Chairman David Rhinemiller  
Vice-Chairman David Krzeminski  
Sandra Moderski  
Lisa Gazaille  
Michael Mach

Michael Mach replaced Barbara Ziemba who stepped down as a member of the Planning Board after serving thirty-two years as a member. Ms. Ziemba contributed her expertise, knowledge and dedication to the Town of Adams for many years.

In addition, Lisa Gazaille is the board's representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

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The Zoning Board of Appeals conducts hearings on special permits, appeals or petitions for variance under the direction of M.G.L. Chapter 40A and comprehensive construction permits pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40B. The Board of Appeals plays a key role in determining special permit applications under the Adams Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Board of Appeals also hears appeals from applicants who have been denied some or all of their building application that pertain to the Zoning Bylaws. Appeals of any order or decision of the Building Official or any other administrative official are also conducted.

Several applications came before the Zoning Board during 2019. Nine (9) Public Hearings were conducted involving five (5) Special Permit requests and four (4) Variances. Additional requests by applicants included one (1) withdrawal without prejudice and three (3) continuance hearings.

During 2019, the Adams Zoning Board of Appeals consisted of five (5) Permanent members and three (3) Alternate members.

The Zoning Board members were:

Chairman Peter West  
Vice-Chairman Brian Tenczar  
Francie Riley  
Glen Diehl  
Michael Mach

Alternate members were:

Jacob Levesque  
Anthony Donovan  
Wayne Piaggi

During the year, Wayne Piaggi moved from serving as an Alternate member to a Permanent member replacing Chairman Peter West who resigned on June 3rd followed by Member Francie Riley on June 11th who was replaced by David Rhinemiller who would serve as a temporary member while new appointments were anticipated during the year. Alternate Member Anthony Donovan resigned from the Zoning Board after many years of serving the Town of Adams as a Permanent and Temporary member with his dedication and knowledge.

# Senior Center/Council on Aging

The role of the Senior Center/Council on Aging is to provide optimal aging opportunities through a comprehensive network of both in-home and community-based services and support programs in an effort to improve the quality of life for the older adults of our community. We do this through support, advocacy, planning, coordination, and implementation of programs that bring people together for social, recreational, and educational purposes. We also provide access to financial assistance programs. We seek to educate the entire community and enlist its support and participation.

With a small department we've been able to accomplish a great deal. Each year more adults approach the age where they may need assistance around the area of health insurance, caregiving demands, and a general need or interest to maintain a level of engagement or socialization. As a result of the design of our senior center it is nearly impossible to capture every individual who utilizes our services but that doesn't mean we don't try. In 2019, the COA captured the attendance of at least 808 people, an 11% increase since 2018, by the way of attending our events such as but not limited to exercise opportunities, financial classes, health clinics, and social events over an estimated 10,000 times. Given the small staff the COA has and the amount of time within the day, it is nearly impossible to capture everyone the team assists but these numbers are impressive to see. Additionally, in 2019, 267 new adults came to our offices for events or services provided through our support staff, which was a 20% increase from 2018 where we met 213 new individuals. The services (event attendance is excluded from this number) that we offered by the way of office, home or phone consultation saw an uptick of 40% from the previous year growing from 639 to 899 interactions in 2019 (this is an average of 75 one-on-one interactions a month for a staff of two direct service providers, the director and outreach worker). The Adams COA reputation exceeds us, spilling into neighboring towns and as a result 25% of our total enrollment is from outside of town. The Adams Council on Aging is actively trying to provide a shared services model with neighboring

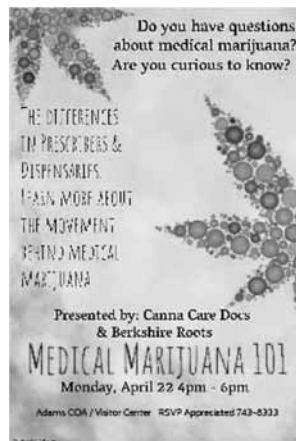
communities as a result of our services sought out. Our doors remain open to any communities' senior population, as theirs are to ours.

Our first step in offered a shared service is through our extended medical transportation services with the Town of Cheshire. Cheshire Seniors or disabled adults can call our office and request a ride to a medical appointment. Participation in this program comes in waves but through it we've been able to provide rides to Baystate, Albany, Boston, Vermont and even Rhode Island at no cost to the community member. For the time being it runs on volunteers, grants and donations. We hope to extend this to Savoy in the coming year. Our van transportation program was able to provide 10,008 trips to 144 different community members. This is one program in particular that is able to generate revenue to help offset our overhead costs.

Each year we host a number of events, some that change and others that are annual celebrations like our Lions Club Luncheon, Holiday Gathering and Live Well Expo. The latter brought 63 different vendors to our community, each with an offering of optimal aging opportunities. At this event there were over 130 people in attendance. Additionally, our Lions Club Lunch and Holiday Gathering bring crowds into the hundreds. New to our location this year was our partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, our beautiful location provided us with the opportunity to host the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's.

We had several new presentations this year. We hosted local bee keeper Bob Balawender of the Northern Berkshire Beekeeper Association to offer "Beekeeping 101" which addressed both health and environmental benefits, along with "Medical Marijuana 101," and "What's your plan?". The latter was a panel discussion bringing end of life discussions to the table. It was very well received and informative; a must-come-to in future years. Our intergenerational programming is welcomed by neighboring schools and the BART Charter School will often bring their Student Ambassador program over to dine with our seniors, judge Halloween costume competitions and the music class/band sings and performs holiday songs. It is a welcome change to our lunch routine. Other musical entertainment has been the Northern Berkshire Ukulele Club who joined us several times, including our Grandparent's Day Ice Cream Social.

**40 %**  
**More interactions**  
**in 2019**





Our programming is successful mostly as a result of our strong volunteer base, we had 69 registered volunteers in 2019 and most have to be encouraged to log their hours because they are not volunteering for the recognition but rather the reward of giving back. Our uses for volunteering are in the areas of, AARP Tax Greeter Volunteer, AARP Tax Volunteer, Administrative Support, Legal Aide, Blood Pressure Clinic, Board Member, Brown Bag, Computer, Decorating Committee, Extended Medical Transportation, Garden, General Event Volunteer, Grocery Shopping, Meal Site, Mobile Food Bank, Newsletter and Health Insurance Counseling. This calendar year our

### Expanded Medical Transportation

for Adams and Cheshire community members age 60+





**Adams Council on Aging**

**743-8333**  
3 Hoosac Street, Adams

*Funding for this program is brought to you by the Towns of Adams and Cheshire, Fallon Health, Adams Community Bank and Elder Services of Berkshire County.*

Includes trips to  
Baystate, Albany, Vermont,  
Boston and more.

Call Adams Council  
on Aging at 743-8333  
for more details.



**Adams Council on Aging**

## The Informer

3 Hoosac Street • (413) 743-8333 • Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

**THE NUMBERS ARE RISING**

TODAY AN ESTIMATED  
**5.4 MILLION**  
AMERICANS  
ARE LIVING WITH  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE


ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
IS THE **6<sup>TH</sup>** LEADING  
CAUSE OF DEATH  
IN THE U.S.

**THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO**

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

alzheimer's association

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

**alzwalkMANH.org**

**ALZHEIMER'S IS RELENTLESS. SO ARE YOU.**

Thank you for contributing to the success of the Walk to End Alzheimer's! You are making a difference in the fight.

Continue the momentum and mark your calendar for the 2019 Berkshire County Walk. Now is the time to start making plans for building your team and fundraising.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 21, 2019

**TIME:** Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Adams Visitors Center  
3 Hoosac Street  
Adams, MA 01226

Registration is open at [alzwalkMANH.org](http://alzwalkMANH.org)  
We've got a giveaway for our early birds!  
Earn a Walk to End Alzheimer's t-shirt when you register and raise \$50 or more by May 2, 2019.

Join team Adams Council on Aging and walk with us, or just attend the ceremony on September 21st. Registration forms are at the COA Office and staff can help you complete them. Let's fight this together, support each other, and feel the love of our community. This is the first year we're hosting the Walk at the Visitor Center in ADAMS!

**Edward Jones**

**LET'S END ALZHEIMER'S.**

TIME RESEARCH AWARENESS

- No art classes during July and August
- No Friends Meeting this month

volunteers provided the town with a saving of \$126,655.59 in the way of services donated. The COA greatly appreciates its 2019 volunteers! We showed appreciation this year at a nice luncheon at McCann School's Tea room.

With new events being added every month, it is best to access information about the COA programming through our monthly newsletter, available at various local businesses, at the Visitor Center or online at:

[www.ourseniorcenter.com/find/friends-of-adams-coa](http://www.ourseniorcenter.com/find/friends-of-adams-coa).

Also, be sure to check out our Facebook page, just search for **AdamsCouncil on Aging** (take notice Adams and Council in one word).

Always feel free to come into the senior center and talk with staff about our programming and initiatives. We are located at 3 Hoosac Street and can be reached via phone at 413-743-8333.

In 2019 we faced several challenges. Elder Services of Berkshire County had funding cuts which eliminated the funds for a meal site coordinator, this cut put a great deal of stress onto the department. With the help of some dedicated volunteers, we're getting through the days but not without feeling the loss of this funded position. Additionally, we had some staff turnover as a result of them moving out of town, which left extended vacancies and open shifts to fill. Per Diem van drivers offered us great support to keep transportation running and the COA Director jumped behind the wheel when needed to keep our elders' appointments met. The coming year hopes to bring continued excitement and commitment to serving our community the best that we can provide.

# Wastewater Treatment Plant

## 2019 Annual Town Report

For 2019 the Town of Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant provided wastewater treatment services for the town residents, commercial and industrial operations within the town plus wastewater treatment for Hardman Industrial Park and the Walmart complex just north of the Adams/North Adams boundary line. Our staffing levels are operating at 6 full-time employees, with the assistant mechanic position being vacant. Our hours of operation are 7 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday. To meet the conditions set forth in our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for daily monitoring of our discharge to the Hoosic River, our laboratory is staffed weekdays and for two hours each day on weekends and holidays. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and two wastewater pumping stations are inspected seven days a week (including holidays) to comply with Massachusetts General Law, by our licensed mechanic. Five (5) employees at the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant hold a Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's license of a grade 4 level or higher. One employee holds a grade 3.

As in past reports a summary of the work and projects accomplished in 2019 is as follows:

### VALVES, PUMPS, MOTORS, CONTROLLERS and ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

- New mechanical seal installed on #1 raw sewage pump.
- Complete rebuild of # 1 raw sewage pump.
- All cooling fans (plenum, heat sink and stirring fans) were cleaned and serviced in all Square D Variable Frequency Drives to raw sewage pump motors, activated sludge return pump motors and aerator motors.
- New Hypochlorite probes/sensors installed in both contact channels per (D.E.P.).
  - Complete new system with constant flow monitoring
- New VFD for #4 Aerator installed.
- Compression fittings and new tubing installed on all of the Hypo pumps.

### MOBILE EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EMERGENCY GENERATORS and VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- The John Deere push mower had its motor oil, air filter, gas line and cutting blade replaced.
- Changed oil and oil filter on the V-10 F-350.
- The forklift truck had oil, oil filter and air filter replaced. A new starting battery was purchased and installed
- John Deere riding mower had new cutting blades, oil, oil filter and spark plug installed.
- John Deer 60" riding lawn mower had new tires/tubes, starting battery, cutting blades, installed. An oil change and oil filter replacement were also done.
- Semiannual oil, oil filters and coolant filters changed on our two Caterpillar stationary emergency electrical generators.

### OTHER EQUIPMENT

- Air Handling Unit air filters replaced.
- All fire extinguishers at the wastewater treatment plant and the three pumping stations were tested and inspected.
- Five Magnetic Flow Meters were cleaned and calibrated.
- In November all outside chemical solution lines were drained and purged with compressed air to prevent freeze damage from cold weather.
- Gearbox lubricants from mechanical aerators and clarifier drives were sent out for wear analysis.
- Wastewater plant's main back flow prevention valve was inspected and tested by the town's water department. Back flow valve passed all test parameters.
- A new SC 200 Hach PH probe replaced at the headworks of the plant.
- All 3 motors in the aeration/rearation (1-2-3) were tested and operable.



*Newly installed equipment: Left & Center - Hypochlorite probes/sensors in contact channels; Right - VFD for #4 Aerator*



## MISCELLANEOUS

- Lawn damage from snow plowing repaired in the spring.
- New shut-off valve installed from south clarifier with piping.
- Fume hood in lab inspected and tested annually.
- Annual state inspection of facility's boilers and compressors passed.
- Alarm system insurance certification performed by Alarms of Berkshires.
- Ground water removed from electrical manholes and chemical line manholes in the spring and fall.
- "Isco" stationary sampler tubing replaced as needed (both influent and effluent).

Laboratory equipment was upgraded as follows:

1. Bought our usual (spring/fall) chemicals.
2. Had balance + weight certified.
3. Laboratory scales were cleaned and calibrated by All State Scale Company.

## SUMMARY

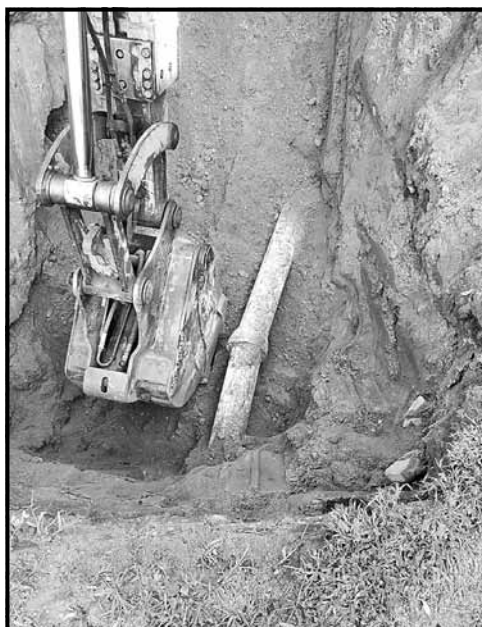
The wastewater treatment plant is still monitoring and inspecting two (2) pump stations, located on Zylonite and Harmony Street.

A review of the 2019 facility's records and reports documents 704.89 million gallons of wastewater was treated and cleaned before being discharged to the Hoosic River. This was a decrease of 13.7% from last years (2018) annual flow of 816.78 million gallons.

A total of 132.76 dry metric tons of dewatered sludge was processed and hauled to an incinerator in Waterbury, CT for final disposal in 2019. This was an increase of 24.60% from 2018 sludge disposal total of 106.55 dry metric tons.



*Above & Below:  
Installation of new piping and  
shut-off valve from south clarifier*



The monthly averages for removal of Total Suspended Solids ranged between a minimum of 71.8% to a maximum of 99.7% with an overall average for 2019 of 85.8% removal. Biochemical Oxygen Demand removals ranged from a minimum of 86.0% to a maximum of 99.3% with a twelve-month average for 2019 of 96.2 removal %.

## CONCLUSION

Another year has passed and some new upgrades have been put into action:

1. Complete rebuild on #1 raw sewage pump.
2. New VFD for aerator #4 installed.
3. New chlorine monitoring system installed – constant, real time alarmed system.
4. Shut off valve installed from south clarifier to scum trough with piping.

The laboratory technician passed all analytical parameters that were part of the EPA's annual Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Study. The performance study insures the data we submit in our monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Federal and State regulatory agencies are verified as accurate.

On behalf of the Town of Adams W.W.T.P. division I would like to thank my staff and peers not only for their knowledge and interest in the subject matter on hand, but also for their consciences and mindsets for keeping the Hoosic River watershed and surrounding ecosystem healthy and unpolluted.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rumbolt  
Plant Superintendent



# Financial Reports

## Board of Assessors

### TAX RATE SUMMARY FOR FY 2020

a. Total amount to be raised	\$ 16,736,234.23
b. Total estimated receipts and other Revenue sources	- 5,054,869.00
<b>c. Tax levy</b>	<b>\$ 11,681,365.23</b>

Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
1. Residential	425,623,314	79.7194%
2. Open Space	0	0%
3. Commercial	35,924,574	7.9941%
4. Industrial	29,068,088	6.4682%
5. Personal Property	26,147,281	5.8183%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>516,763,257</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>

**Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020 - \$21.88 Residential; \$25.99 Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property**

**Properties purchased by the State (FY2020):**

*Stohlman property*, East Hoosac Street – 128 acres

*Gwozdz property*, East Hoosac Street – 63 acres

**The Department of Revenue mandates that cities and towns re-inspect and check the accuracy of the assessment data of all property approximately every nine to ten years. We would like to thank the residents of the Town of Adams for their continued cooperation.**

The Adams Board of Assessors continues to modernize our systems and software programs. Adams has used the State provided CAMA system since 2006. We will be upgrading to a new software program during the summer or fall of 2019.

As part of the upgrade, the Board of Assessors recommends reviewing your property record card online at:

[www.town.adams.ma.us](http://www.town.adams.ma.us)

If you have questions you can phone us at 413-743-8300 ext. 178  
or email us at [dmacdonald@town.adams.ma.us](mailto:dmacdonald@town.adams.ma.us)

# Town of Adams

## Schedule of Taxes Receivable

### for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Uncollected Tax July 1, 2018	Add Commitments	(Add) Deduct Abatements and Adjustments	Add/(Deduct) Prior years Tax Title Account	Deduct Transfer to Tax Title Account	Deduct Collections	Correct Uncollected Tax June 30, 2019
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>							
2010 and older	72,981		12,371		1,949	397	58,264
2011	3,744		3,407		139		198
2012	364				150		214
2013	2,284				1,249		1,035
2014	6,751				2,446	526	3,779
2015	6,846		25		2,620	3,014	1,212
2016	24,273		31		11,070	8,327	4,851
2017	76,735		1,361		35,074	36,557	5,073
2018	265,940	10,700,738	85,963		70,585	180,744	13,250
2019						10,262,750	352,025
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>459,918</b>	<b>10,700,738</b>	<b>103,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,282</b>	<b>10,492,315</b>	<b>439,901</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>							
2012 and older	15,442						15,442
2013	1,298						1,298
2014	2,272						2,272
2015	2,812						2,812
2016	1,591					19	1,572
2017	1,903					892	1,903
2018	4,080	655,712	1,582			651,943	3,188
2019							2,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,398</b>	<b>655,712</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>652,854</b>	<b>30,674</b>
<b>Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>489,316</b>	<b>11,356,450</b>	<b>104,740</b>		<b>125,282</b>	<b>11,145,169</b>	<b>470,575</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>				<b>REFUNDS</b>			
2012 and older	54,260					1,051	53,209
2013	4,847					284	4,563
2014	3,441					708	2,733
2015	6,512					1,586	4,926
2016	9,841		513	660		1,628	7,040
2017	22,660	104,584	1,470	1,920		7,864	11,406
2018	98,037	899,357	11,892	7,864		159,447	23,418
2019			29,926	9,555		760,530	99,346
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise</b>	<b>199,598</b>	<b>1,003,941</b>	<b>43,801</b>	<b>19,999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>933,098</b>	<b>206,641</b>
<b>Grand Total Tax Receivables</b>	<b>688,914</b>	<b>12,360,391</b>	<b>148,541</b>	<b>19,999</b>	<b>125,282</b>	<b>12,078,267</b>	<b>677,216</b>

# Town of Adams

## Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

### June 30, 2019

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As of June 30, 2019, cash consisted of the following balances:

Cash in savings, checking accounts and short-term investment accounts:

Bank North, NA	\$ 26,959
Adams Community Bank	1,845,127
UniBank	5,776,614
Century Bank	35,218
Value Line	14,780
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,698,698</b>
Petty Cash	410
<b>Total cash and Short-term Investments</b>	<b>\$ 7,699,108</b>

## Indebtedness

### June 30, 2019

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	Outstanding July 1, 2018	Retirement	Outstanding June 30, 2019
Town Hall/Police Station/Library	\$ 1,555,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,385,000
WWTP Plant Renovations	1,273,163	161,131	1,112,032
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,828,163</b>	<b>\$ 331,131</b>	<b>\$ 2,497,032</b>

**Town of Adams, Massachusetts**  
**Office of the Town Accountant**  
**Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Budgetary and Actual - General Fund**  
**for the year ended June 30, 2019 (Audited)**

	<b>Budget as Revised</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures/ Revenue</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	11,356,451	11,130,975	(225,476)
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	944,504	993,079	48,575
Departmental Receipts, Licenses and Permits	457,856	814,036	356,180
Earnings on Invested Funds	5,000	19,825	14,825
Total Locally Raised Revenue	12,763,811	12,957,915	194,104
Intergovernmental Revenues/Net of Offsets	2,671,844	2,686,509	14,665
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>15,435,655</b>	<b>15,644,424</b>	<b>208,769</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Selectmen/Moderator/Town Report	110,164	31,778	78,386
Town Administrator	217,354	184,513	32,841
Financial - Accounting/FinCom	272,137	263,438	8,699
Assessors	146,628	141,143	5,485
Treasurer	173,129	167,602	5,527
Town Counsel	42,835	42,777	58
Technology	204,626	204,620	6
Town Clerk/Elections/Registration/Codes	175,094	171,576	3,518
Property & Liability Ins	179,915	177,433	2,482
<b>General Government</b>	<b>1,521,882</b>	<b>1,384,880</b>	<b>137,002</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>			
Inspection Services	233,948	217,513	16,435
Conservation/Agriculture/Historical Commissions	2,266	1,400	866
Planning/Zoning Board	8,635	5,812	2,823
<b>Inspection Services</b>	<b>244,849</b>	<b>224,725</b>	<b>20,124</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police	1,848,252	1,838,504	9,748
Police Station	27,762	25,259	2,503
Emergency Management/Forest Warden	19,605	18,495	1,110
Animal Control Officer	37,166	21,454	15,712
Parking Management	12,352	2,578	9,774
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>1,945,137</b>	<b>1,906,290</b>	<b>38,847</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
Council on Aging	235,131	222,431	12,700
Veteran Services/Memorial Day	205,369	201,213	4,156
Board of Health	21,275	10,852	10,423
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>461,775</b>	<b>434,496</b>	<b>27,279</b>

**Town of Adams, Massachusetts**  
**Office of the Town Accountant**  
**Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Budgetary and Actual - General Fund**  
**for the year ended June 30, 2019 (Audited - *continued*)**

	Budget as Revised	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Adams-Cheshire Regional	5,617,932	5,617,932	0
McCann Vocational Region	940,717	940,717	0
<b>Education - Regional</b>	<b>6,558,649</b>	<b>6,558,649</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>264,647</b>	<b>261,227</b>	<b>3,420</b>
Public Buildings/Prop Maintenance	671,618	524,641	146,977
DPW Administration/Tree Warden	183,793	73,600	110,193
Highways	1,440,677	1,385,558	55,119
Snow & Ice Control	246,000	240,915	5,085
Flood Control	600	350	250
DPW Garage/Equipment Maintenance	330,842	316,129	14,713
Transfer Station	72,533	62,226	10,307
Wastewater Treatment/Collection	387,309	373,009	14,300
<b>Public Works, Buildings, Highway &amp; Streets</b>	<b>3,333,372</b>	<b>2,976,428</b>	<b>356,944</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE/RETIREE BENEFITS</b>	<b>1,212,666</b>	<b>1,179,971</b>	<b>32,695</b>
Cemeteries, Parks & Grounds	60,520	52,352	8,168
Recreation	15,000	15,000	0
Celebrations - Seasonal	1,800	1,800	0
<b>Cemetery, Parks &amp; Other</b>	<b>77,320</b>	<b>69,152</b>	<b>8,168</b>
<b>COURT JUDGEMENT</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>415,698</b>	<b>405,569</b>	<b>10,129</b>
Principal	331,131	331,131	0
Interest/Fees	84,567	74,438	10,129
<b>Total Appropriations/Expenditures</b>	<b>16,362,547</b>	<b>15,630,241</b>	<b>732,306</b>
<b>OTHER AMOUNTS RAISED:</b>			
State Intergovernmental Assessments	42,001	42,001	
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	167,993	167,993	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>16,572,541</b>	<b>15,840,235</b>	

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019 (Audited)

ASSETS	Special General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue	Revenue Small Cities	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2019
<b>Cash</b>									
Petty Cash	410								410
Cash in Savings and									
Money Market Account Investments	3,504,977	463,076	3,147,894	37,209	-143,371	669,183	19,278		7,698,246
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>									
Personal Property Taxes	30,674								30,674
Real Estate Taxes	439,901								439,901
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-639,006								-639,006
Motor Vehicle Excise	206,641								206,641
<b>Tax Titles</b>									
Tax Possessions	1,035,756								1,035,756
Departmental - PD Off Duty - due from Vendors									0
Departmental - Industry Sewer									
Departmental - Sewer/Water Liens AFD									
Departmental - Veterans Services	132,723								132,723
Departmental - HVRS - Underassessment	53,517								53,517
Special Assessment - Demolition Lien	1,155								1,155
Departmental - Emergencies Agencies									
Departmental - Federal Grant Receivable									
Departmental - Comm of Mass Grants									
Departmental - Comm of Mass Chapter 90									
Due from SRF - Federal Grant Small Cities I									
Due from SRF - PARC St Grant									
Due from SRF - Chapter 90									
<b>Amounts to be Provided for</b>									
Payment of Bond								2,497,032	2,497,032
Debt Authorized & Unissued								215,000	215,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,766,748</b>	<b>463,076</b>	<b>3,147,894</b>	<b>37,209</b>	<b>-143,371</b>	<b>669,183</b>	<b>19,278</b>	<b>2,712,032</b>	<b>11,672,049</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019 (AUDITED *Continued*)

<b>LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Special Revenue Small Cities</b>	<b>Special Revenue Capital Projects</b>	<b>Trusts Funds</b>	<b>Agency Funds</b>	<b>Long-term Debt Group</b>	<b>Total Memo only as of 06/30/2019</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>									
Warrants Payable	132,770								132,770
Payroll Payable	148,789								148,789
Health Insurance Withheld	125,878								125,878
Workmans Comp/PD Accident Payable	6,775								6,775
Taxes Withheld/Payable	4,144								4,144
Unemployment Payable	493								493
Misc. Withheld	12,360								12,360
Cafeteria Plan Withheld	25,045								25,045
Retirement Withheld	558								558
Due to General Fund			75,419						75,419
Due to SR FED Grant									
Due to Deputy Collector							1,248		1,248
Due to Commonwealth of Mass - FID							3,511		3,511
Miscellaneous - Escrow - Chenail Farm							5,000		5,000
Off-Duty Work							9,519		9,519
<b>Deferred Revenues</b>									
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	-168,431								-168,431
Tax Liens	1,035,756								1,035,756
Motor Vehicle Excise	206,641								206,641
Tax Possessions									
Departmental	186,240								186,240
Special Assessments	1,155								1,155
Due from Federal Government									
Due from Comm of Mass Grants									
<b>Unreserved Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,613,936</b>	<b>463,076</b>							<b>2,077,012</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Encumbrances</b>	<b>686,718</b>								<b>686,718</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Compensated Absences</b>	<b>131,070</b>								<b>131,070</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Trust Funds</b>									
Restricted Trust Funds									487,083
Unrestricted Trust Funds									182,100



# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

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As of June 30, 2019 (AUDITED *Continued*)

<b>LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Special Revenue Small Cities</b>	<b>Special Revenue Capital Projects</b>	<b>Trusts Funds</b>	<b>Agency Funds</b>	<b>Long-term Debt Group</b>	<b>Total Memo only as of 06/30/2019</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Fed/State Grants</b>			349,509	-38,210					311,299
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Appropriation</b>	250,000		508,339						758,339
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Gifts/Bequests/Revolving</b>			76,585						76,585
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Special Purposes</b>									
Reserved for Expenditure	366,850		126,115						492,965
Reserved for Emergency Spending - Storm Damage			2,087,346						2,087,346
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Capital Projects</b>									
Reserved for Chapter 90					-177,469				-177,469
Reserved for Water Channel Improvements					28,244				28,244
Reserved for Old Town Hall/Library					4,126				4,126
Reserved for Library Renovation					1,728				1,728
Reserved for 10 Year Revaluation									
<b>Bonds Payable</b>									
Inside Debt Limit - Town Hall/PPD Station/Library								1,385,000	1,385,000
Inside Debt Limit - MWPAI								1,112,032	1,112,032
Bonds Authorized & Unissued								215,000	215,000
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,766,748</b>	<b>463,076</b>	<b>3,147,894</b>	<b>37,209</b>	<b>-143,371</b>	<b>669,183</b>	<b>19,278</b>	<b>2,712,032</b>	<b>11,672,049</b>

**Town of Adams, Massachusetts**  
**Office of the Town Accountant - Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances - Special Revenue Funds - for the year ended June 30, 2018**  
(Unaudited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/18	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/19
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>							
Federal Community Develop Block Grant	64,327.00	772,183.00	-799,300.00	-27,117.00			37,210.00
Massachusetts Small Cities Program	-17,898.00	85,987.00	-72,102.00	13,885.00			-4,013.00
Brownsfield Grant							
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>46,429.00</b>	<b>858,170.00</b>	<b>-871,402.00</b>	<b>-13,232.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>33,197.00</b>
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>							
Board of Health - Local Prep Grant	2,347.00			0.00			2,347.00
COA Grant	7,881.00		-1,795.00	-1,795.00			6,086.00
Community Compact	12,300.00			0.00			12,300.00
Elderly Grant	959.00	26,160.00	-16,726.00	9,434.00			10,393.00
Early Poling Grant	-151.00	3,254.00	-320.00	2,934.00			2,783.00
Events Committee	253.00	1,063.00	-1,000.00	63.00			316.00
Green Communities	-9,406.00	41,716.00	-39,614.00	2,102.00			-7,304.00
Greylock Glen - State Grant	8,326.00	500,000.00	-239,356.00	260,644.00			268,970.00
MEMA	2,925.00	17,399.00	-17,409.00	-10.00			2,915.00
MVP Grant	4,448.00	43,750.00	-70,640.00	-26,890.00			-22,442.00
PARC - Grant - Train Station	-449,632.00	993,001.00	-560,852.00	432,149.00			-17,483.00
Public Safety	37,038.00	30,687.00	-32,025.00	-1,338.00			35,700.00
PWED - Cemetery Pres/Stormwater	1,056.00			0.00			1,056.00
Small Initiative/Recycling Grant	750.00	2,800.00	-730.00	2,070.00			2,820.00
Solarization/Energy Conservation	72.00			0.00			72.00
State Aid to Libraries	50,015.00	15,048.00	-17,559.00	-2,511.00			47,504.00
Visitor Center/Cultural Council	13,272.00	14,705.00	-20,488.00	-5,783.00			7,489.00
<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>-317,547.00</b>	<b>1,689,583.00</b>	<b>-1,018,514.00</b>	<b>671,069.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>353,522.00</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>							
Economic Development Fund	126,483.00		-59,581.00	-59,581.00	80,356.00		147,258.00
Parking Meter	55,137.00	7,980.00		7,980.00		-10,000.00	53,117.00
Council on Aging	46,036.00	30,926.00		30,926.00		-20,000.00	56,962.00
Technology Fund	38,711.00	40,470.00		40,470.00		-29,750.00	49,431.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	206,717.00	9,737.00	-14,885.00	-5,148.00			201,569.00
Tropical Storm Irene	1,551.00	21,234.00	-435,438.00	-414,204.00	2,500,000.00		2,087,347.00
Other Special Revenue Revolving & Gifts & Donations	178,603.00	175,785.00	-151,688.00	24,097.00			202,700.00
<b>Total Other Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>653,238.00</b>	<b>286,132.00</b>	<b>-661,592.00</b>	<b>-375,460.00</b>	<b>2,580,356.00</b>	<b>-59,750.00</b>	<b>2,798,384.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>382,120.00</b>	<b>2,833,885.00</b>	<b>-2,551,508.00</b>	<b>282,377.00</b>	<b>2,580,356.00</b>	<b>-59,750.00</b>	<b>3,185,103.00</b>

**Town of Adams, Massachusetts**  
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**and Changes in Fund Balances - Trust Funds - for the year ended June 30, 2018**  
(Audited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/18	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/19
<b>RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Only	425,446	2,900		2,900			428,346
OPEB Trust	40,169	729		729	10,000		50,898
Library - Plunkett Fund	23,430	361	-165	196			23,626
Library - Saunders Fund	5,066	78	-33	45			5,111
East Road Solar Bond	30,000			0			30,000
<b>Total Restricted Trust</b>	<b>524,111</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>-198</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>537,981</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Stabilization	382,171	5,906		5,906	75,000		463,077
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest Only	13,649	6,794		6,794			20,443
Cemetery Maintenance	12,923	439		439			13,362
Cemetery Endowed Lots - Harrington/Hall/Plunkett	27,609	426	-360	66			27,675
Scholarship - Hall/Low	25,977	359		359			26,336
Scholarship - Kruszyna	12,707	3,086	-3,526	-440			12,267
Scholarship - Town	13,382	3,532	-2,700	832			14,214
Conservation Trust	1,010	3,145	-3,909	-764			246
Historical Preservation - Quaker Meeting House	16,406	253		253			16,659
<b>Total Unrestricted Trust</b>	<b>505,833</b>	<b>23,940</b>	<b>-10,495</b>	<b>13,445</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>594,278</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>1,029,944</b>	<b>28,008</b>	<b>-10,693</b>	<b>17,315</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,132,259</b>

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
HOOSAC VALLEY  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHESHIRE, MA 01225**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

# Report of the Chairman

## Hoosac Valley Regional School District

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Adam Emerson, Chairman	(Cheshire, elected 05/17)
Michael Mucci, Vice-Chairman	(Adams, elected 05/18)
Regina Hill	(Adams, appointed 09/10, elected 05/11, re-elected 05/14, 05/17)
Peter Tatro	(Cheshire, elected 05/16, re-elected 05/19, resigned 1/20 - seat vacant)
Jenifer Gageant	(Adams, elected 05/16, re-elected 05/19, resigned 1/20 - seat vacant)
Bethany DeMarco	(Cheshire, elected 05/18)
Martin Bush	(Adams, appointed 8/19)

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It has been a year of tremendous change for the District. At times, the changes were chaotic. However, from chaos comes opportunity. The District continues to develop and strives to meet the educational needs of the children from our towns. But, beyond the educational needs the District continues to expand its necessary role in serving the social/emotional needs for its students.

One of the larger changes was the changing of the School District's name to the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. This change was done as part of the new regional agreement. The name change took effect on October 1st. The regional agreement was approved at both Towns' Annual Meetings. The regional agreement overhaul began several years ago and went through many changes. The last agreement between the Towns was done in 1992. The new agreement brought the District into compliance with many regulation changes. The new agreement also ensures that it will be reviewed on a more regular basis which will only benefit the community.

In June, Dr. John Vosburgh formally announced his resignation as Superintendent. The School Committee began a two-staged approach to filling the position. The first stage was to hire an interim Superintendent to serve as the educational leader until a permanent Superintendent was hired. The School Committee was fortunate to have former Superintendent Alfred Skrocki accept the position. His knowledge of the schools, many of the personnel and the towns was an asset that served the District well.

The second stage of the approach was to begin an immediate search for a permanent Superintendent. A search committee worked quickly and diligently to bring the School Committee two finalists. After a rigorous interview process, Aaron Dean was selected to be the new Superintendent. Aaron came to the District as the Principal of Crosby Elementary School. Aaron does have a familiarity with the District being an Adams native and current resident, but he also taught for the District for many years. This familiarity has served him well as he has guided the District through the first several months of his tenure.

I would like to publicly thank Al Skrocki for not only stepping up and filling a void the District had, but mentoring Aaron during his accelerated transition at the beginning of the school year. I was fortunate enough to hear Al give opening remarks to the Administrators, Teachers and Staff just before the school year started. His words were inspiring, challenging and engaging and set a great tone for the upcoming school year.

Special Education Director, Carla Chioda and Hoosac Valley Elementary Principal, Michelle Colvin both announced they were leaving the District. The District was fortunate that they were able to quickly fill the positions with Dr. Jodi Drury becoming the Special Education Director and Rebecca Sawyer becoming the Principal at Hoosac Valley Elementary.

Under Superintendent Dean the District has adopted an updated and comprehensive District Improvement Plan, available on the District's web site: [www.hoosacvalley.org](http://www.hoosacvalley.org). The three school Principals submitted their School Improvement Plans and these were approved by the School Committee. These plans are an integral part of the District's Improvement Plan and they were all drafted with a single vision, providing the best education for our children. I would encourage all that are concerned about our children's education to review these plans.

This year the District was able to expand and enhance the security at both the Elementary and High/Middle schools. This was achieved by successfully obtaining a Safer Schools grant. This grant allowed for an upgrade to video surveillance, monitored and controlled entrances and hardware and software upgrades. The new security will allow the District greater control of access to the buildings greatly increasing student, faculty and staff safety.

In closing, I would like to recognize that for the first time in 19 years, Paul Butler's name is not included in this report after he decided to not seek re-election. Paul was a hard-working member of the School Committee. His dedication, leadership and passion are what all public servants should strive for. Thank you Paul for your years of serving the children of our Towns.

In Paul's last Chairman's report he encouraged the Townspeople get involved with the Schools. I am going to ask the same. Go see a sporting event. Take in a band or theatrical performance. Stop into an art show. Come to a School Committee meeting. It is through this involvement that the quality of schools will grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Emerson  
Chairman  
Hoosac Valley Regional School District  
School Committee

# Report of Superintendent

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I am honored to be preparing my first town report as Superintendent of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. As I re-enter the District, I do so knowing that there has been a great deal of transition. My goals as a community member and leader of this organization are to bring Hoosac Valley Regional the stability and consistency it deserves.

Year 1 has been very much an information gathering year. My work this year has included meeting with parents, students, and staff and assembling “count, see and hear” data. Despite the interruption caused by the pandemic, I will be presenting an entry plan with long term goals to the school committee that will address various needs based on the result of the findings. In the meantime, this report will give some insight as to what I’ve been looking at, what our goals this year were, and some ways we are going to work to address our challenges as a District moving forward.

Looking at our accountability data, there are several bright spots which give reason for optimism. Hoosac Valley Elementary School met 97% of its targets and has a designation of Meeting or Exceeding Targets. Hoosac Valley Middle School met 44% of its targets and has a designation of Moderate Progress toward targets. Hoosac Valley High School met 48% of its targets and also has a designation of Moderate Progress toward targets. None of our schools are designated as in need of assistance by the state.

One area of concern that we will look to address in the next few years includes our enrollment numbers, which have declined from **1,371** in 2017 to **1,161** in 2019. In addition, we currently have 141 students choosing to other school districts. These numbers are not a recipe for sustainability as the largest factor for Chapter 70 Aid is student enrollment. Knowing that a major factor behind these enrollment numbers was the restructuring that took place in 2017, it is my hope that over the next several years we can work to build trust and collaboration with our two communities to make this the successful and vibrant school system it is supposed to be.

While the transition and growing pains of the restructure have been challenging, there have been positive steps taken to improve programming. The elementary school has worked to expand programming for students on the advanced track to provide them with the added challenge they deserve. The middle school has instituted intervention blocks geared to deliver specialized instruction to all students in the areas of Math and ELA. Moreover, the high school has continued with work on professional development and programming geared towards promoting a positive climate through the creation of the “Links” program for incoming 8th graders, World of Difference Training for mentors provided by the Anti-Defamation League, and other programming framing the mantra of “Relationships before Results.”

Our middle and high school students continue to engage in Project Lead The Way. PLTW offers hands-on activities and lessons that foster a high level of student engagement. These courses begin in Grade 5 and continue into high school. Faculty and administrators continue to work to provide a more meaningful progression of PLTW courses as students progress into their high school years. The refinement of these courses and all courses at the middle and high school levels will better prepare our students for college and career. Moreover, we are working to further develop our pathways at this high school with the development of our Career Center. This will provide more opportunities for students to perform internships and explore career paths, helping better prepare them for both college and the workforce.

In addition to the above, we are working to develop consistency of programming at all levels as a District. We have implemented student support centers at all levels to provide support to our students struggling with behaviors. Through consultation with professionals such as Polly Bath, we continue to implement research based practices in these spaces and in the classroom to support our students’ social emotional development. All staff in the middle and high school have also participated in a course on trauma informed practices. As we head into next year, we will continue to build on this work in order to provide a safe physical and emotional learning environment for all our students.

Structurally, the district has also developed Instructional Leadership Teams at all levels, whose work is to analyze student data in order to make informed decisions about instruction. Staff have begun the process of analyzing teacher practice via walkthroughs at all levels and are continually looking at student work and progress via the Fastbridge system that was implemented last year. One of our major goals over the next several years is to build on this foundation to effectively provide early intervention to students and further build our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. We are currently creating a 5-year plan to make this happen.

Lastly, you will notice that our name is now “officially” the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. Symbolically, I see this as an opportunity for a fresh start. Over the past several years there has been a great deal of change, which is especially difficult in a community steeped in tradition. While we have lots of work to do, there have been successes of which we should be proud. As a proud alumni of the school system, it is my hope to provide steady and transparent leadership, so all of our students are afforded the opportunity of receiving an excellent education. Thank you for your support of the school system.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Dean  
Superintendent  
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

# Hoosac Valley High School

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Hoosac Valley High School's 2019-2020 focus is promoting the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives. Our goal is to establish high expectations, while creating a safe and effective classroom environment. We also know that the growth of our students relies on effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Our efforts are reflected in Hoosac P.R.I.D.E. Our 8-12 grade student body reflects on Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence (P.R.I.D.E.) daily. We are collecting and reviewing data from climate and culture surveys to help guide our plan. We have continued to celebrate students weekly during our Talk about Them Tuesday "rewards," and we can often see students strolling down Hurricane Highway on their way to classes. The cafeteria is also home to the NEW Art Club Mural entitled "We all have a voice." In order for students to fully understand Hoosac P.R.I.D.E., we are focusing on each component monthly by reading daily quotes, showing videos during morning announcements, and embedding the tenets within the daily curriculum. In addition, we are hosting three P.R.I.D.E. rallies in which we celebrate nominated students, staff, and community members for their embodiment of these principles.

The Instructional Leadership Team continues to work diligently on the standards of the School Improvement Plan, which include classroom walkthroughs and observations, opportunities for collaborative time with colleagues, building in family and community outreach, offering English and math interventions for students (who might be struggling with the curriculum), strengthening our inclusive practices and support services by offering co-teaching opportunities among inclusion teachers and regular education teachers, scheduling faculty meeting time with the Director of Special Services, and becoming more inclusive with our professional development. Our teachers meet 4-times per month to create curricula, revise assessments and rubrics, and assess multi-tiered systems of support for our students.

## WHAT'S NEW at HVHS:

### LINK Crew:

During the summer of 2019, Hoosac Valley initiated the LINK Crew program; it's a high-school transition program that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Our 2018-2019 data showed that members of our grade 8 class struggled in forming positive peer-to-peer and peer-to-staff relationships. In addition, and in relation to our overall state report, the school noticed declining attendance trends in a cohort of students. To this end, HVHS paired each 8th grader with a junior or senior, who was trained at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. During the first few days of school, LINK Crew

developed and implemented the Grade 8 Orientation, which included strategies for success, experiential learning, hands-on projects, and positive reinforcement. Throughout this school year, the LINK Crew will organize and hold activities involving Grade 8 students and their families to further build the relationships needed for a successful first year.

### World of Difference:

In an effort to continue to promote positive school climate and address issues of diversity, offensive language, and negative peer-to-peer relationships, Hoosac Valley High School paired with the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, former Superintendent William Ballen, and the Berkshire United Way to bring the World of Difference back to HVHS. Ultimately the World of Difference "recognizes that attitudes and beliefs affect actions and that each member of society can have an impact on others and ultimately on the world in which we live." Students applied and will be trained, and they will deliver lessons to the Grade 9 student body throughout the course of the 2019-2020 school year.

### Restorative Circles:

In an effort to continue to build skills around empathy, understanding, and positive relationships, Hoosac Valley High School Dean of Students, Molly Meczywor, and School Adjustment Counselor, Loriann Moro, created the restorative circle group to build the skills students need to support one another and collectively address the challenges they face. The circle group meets weekly and has explored values like empathy, patience, kindness, and courage in determining best ways of working together (with other students and staff). Students will apply their learning to help their peers navigate challenges and stressors.

## WHAT'S CONTINUING at HVHS:

### HVHS

#### Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, and Chorus:

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and Chorus had or will have the following performances during the '19-'20 school year:

- Marching Band:
  - All home football Games
  - North Adams Fall Foliage Parade
  - Halloween Parades in Adams and Cheshire
  - Memorial Day Parades in Adams and Cheshire
  - Disney World in Orlando this February  
as part of Disney's Magic Music Days
- Concert Band:
  - All Band Performance in January (with MS Bands)
  - Disney World in Orlando this February  
as part of Disney's Magic Music Days
  - Annual Showcase Concert in May
  - Graduation in June



- Jazz Ensemble:
  - Holiday Performance in December
  - Art Hathaway Holiday Dinner
  - Jazz Night Performance in March
  - Class Night

- Chorus:
  - Holiday Performance in December
  - Annual Christmas Tree lighting in Adams and Cheshire
  - Annual Showcase Concert in May

Many students from both ensembles participate both vocally and instrumentally in the annual musical; this year it is “Oklahoma” produced in March. Be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available. Additionally, students from both band and chorus participate in MMEA-WD music festival held at UMASS Amherst in January.

### **Student Council:**

Student Council members promote leadership and citizenship, act as role models to encourage all students to strive for their highest potential, promote school spirit and pride, respect all citizens and groups in our community, and raise money to fund future service activities in the school community. Students must complete a minimum of 20-hours of service each year. They participate in multiple activities:

- Weekly meetings in school
  - Discuss school policies and procedures
- Organize and run school election of class officers
- Host an ice-cream social to welcome incoming 8th graders
- Host the annual Freshmen Reception and Snowball
- Host the annual Art Hathaway Elderly Dinner
- Sponsor high-school field day
- Elect and send a student representative to the State House in Boston for Student Government Day
- Provide annual scholarships for graduating members

### **Leo Club:**

The Hoosac Valley Leo Club works in conjunction with the Adams Lions Club to encourage students to become lifelong volunteers. Our goal is to present volunteer opportunities to students that will help them see the benefits and rewards of volunteering. We inducted 15 new members this year, bringing our total membership to 71 students in grades 8-12. Our primary focus every fall is fundraising for our Create-A-Dream program, where, with support from faculty/staff and several local businesses we buy, wrap, box and deliver Christmas presents to about 30 children in Northern Berkshire County. We also complete community service projects like delivering Halloween goodie bags to Kindergarteners and Pre Kindergarteners in the local elementary schools, as well as running the recycling program within the middle/high school building.

### **National Honor Society:**

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high-school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize students who embody the four main purposes that have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. This year, 15 students were inducted into this national society, and so far this year they have organized a drive for the Berkshire Humane Society, and plan another fundraiser/drive to benefit residents of Adams, Cheshire, and Savoy in 2020.

### **Tutoring Center:**

The tutoring center has been up and running for several years and continues to support students in their academic growth. A licensed math teacher supervises the room, while students from the National Honor Society work one-on-one with their peers in ELA, math, science, history, and Spanish.

### **Talk About Them Tuesdays:**

We also continue to acknowledge students and staff for the positive contributions they make at Hoosac Valley High School on a daily basis. Awards are distributed every Tuesday at the end of the day and focus on things like holding the door for each other, persevering through an academic challenge, being kind to others, showing school spirit, and committing to their own, personal growth.

There are many exciting things happening at Hoosac Valley High School, and we are proud to include you into our #hvhsfamily because We Believe in You, too!

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Byrd  
Principal HVHS

# Hoosac Valley Middle School

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## 2019-2020 Town Report Every Student. Every Day.

Hoosac Valley Middle School reinforces its commitment to refine instructional practices in order to improve outcomes for students. We are in the second year of the Inclusive Practice Academy and have recently joined the district in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support initiative.

This year saw the addition of Scott Balawender as our School Adjustment Counselor, Ted Burdick as a Special Education teacher, Allan Livermore as our Music teacher, and Mike Matera as our part-time Health teacher.

Our students have been able to attend a Leadership Conference, start a student council, start a kindness club for students in grades 6 & 7 that teams up with the HS, create and perform plays, participate in meditation and mindfulness, and paint inspirational sayings in the cafeteria - to name just a few! Our PBIS committee is hosting monthly Golden Apple awards where students work on a theme, such as respect, and are nominated for displaying that characteristic.

In conjunction with the HS, we have utilized the Start with Hello Sandy Hook Promise campaign which kicked off with a presenter to make students aware of how just saying hello to someone can have a huge impact. This year we also had Attorney Kinzer present on the topic of bullying and social media to students, staff, and families.

Again this year we are fortunate, to have been able to add a Chromebook cart to our cadre bringing us closer to our vision of a one-to-one initiative so that every classroom will have the technology necessary to help support students.

During the months of April and May HVMS students will take a total of Nine MCAS Tests – ELA and Math for all grades, plus Science in grade five. The student's performance on last year's MCAS enabled us to move up a category so we are no longer designated as requiring assistance or intervention!

We are grateful that the PTG continues to support MS students by sponsoring fund raisers, dances, and the ever popular Spirit Sticks.

On behalf of the staff we thank you for the privilege of partnering with families and the community as we help educate the children entrusted to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Sposato  
Principal  
Hoosac Valley Middle School

# Hoosac Valley Elementary School

*The Mission of the HVRSD is to create a partnership of our schools and communities that develops all of our students into educated, responsible, and productive citizens.*

## District Beliefs

- I believe all children are capable of learning.
- I believe all students deserve the best instruction and the best resources.
- I believe a safe, respectful, and organized environment creates the ideal climate for learning.
- I believe that people who share responsibility and accountability enhance success.
- I believe that learning is increased when everyone has high expectations.
- I believe providing a variety of approaches leads to individual success and growth.
- I believe that on-going assessment and adjustment is necessary for growth.

Hoosac Valley Elementary School services students in grades Pre-K - 3. The school is located on Commercial Street in downtown Adams housing five grade levels with between 77-90 students in each. The information included in this report highlights some of our special accomplishments, provides statistical information on enrollment and staffing, reviews some school-wide projects and initiatives, and tells about some significant changes.

## Enrollment Comparisons

Grade	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Pre-K</b>				<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>80</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>400</b>

## Staffing:

The following people help to provide a high quality educational program and a supportive learning environment for the students at our school:

### Pre-K

Laura Crane, Kelly Riechers, Heather Emerson

### Kindergarten

Kristy Bachli, Robin Poirot, Mara Woolley, Christine Zdon

### Grade 1

Mia Allessio, Katie Chenail, Courtney Danforth, Kelly Ryan

### Grade 2

Elizabeth Alibozek, Laurie Cantarella, Bethany Kelley, Christine Kirchner, Kimberley Trimarchi

### Grade 3

Beth Bourdon, Stephanie McCarthy, Dawn Prokopowicz, Ann Prudhomme, Danielle Taylor

## School-Wide

<b>Principal:</b>	Rebecca Sawyer
<b>Dean of Students:</b>	Delinda Dykes
<b>Literacy Coach:</b>	Nicole Dunham
<b>Special Education Coordinator:</b>	Cathy Salvini
<b>District Specialist:</b>	Kim Biagini
<b>Special Education:</b>	Nicole Crane, Dawn Daniels, Sara Malloy, Christine Harrington, Caitlin Larabee
<b>Bridges Program:</b>	Travis Poirot
<b>Cornerstone Program:</b>	Wendy Lamberton
<b>Art:</b>	Jonathan Rowe
<b>Music:</b>	Michael Matera, Dan Wehle
<b>Physical Education:</b>	Lorry Delmolino
<b>Title I:</b>	Jennifer Renzi
<b>School Adjustment Counselor:</b>	Diane Arduini, Karen Levesque, Brianna Shepard, Ashley Varuzo
<b>Speech/Lang:</b>	Suzanne Harnick, Deb Silveira
<b>Occupational Therapy:</b>	Jamie Bannon, Karissa Kingsley
<b>Physical Therapy:</b>	Joshua Kellogg
<b>ESL Specialist:</b>	
<b>Administrative Assistant:</b>	Paula Ciskowski
<b>Main Office Para:</b>	Cheryl Steuer
<b>Library:</b>	Laurie Gavazzi
<b>Nurse:</b>	Samantha Ghitman
<b>Cafeteria:</b>	Cindy Gajda, Denise Moncecchi, Marianne Mirke, Gena Simoneau, Dawn Archambeau, Shirley Deneault, Pat Gancarz, Karen Lebeau
<b>Daycare:</b>	Jennifer Mach, Amoreena Gazaille
<b>Custodians:</b>	David Richards, Marc McCarthy, Dennis Pinnoneault
<b>Paraprofessionals:</b>	Jacob Anderson-Hall, Shannon Badorini, Nicole Benson, Angela Bleau, Susan Burzimati, Deb Ciempa, Tanelle Ciempa, Lila Fetter, Heather Forrest, Kim Galli, Judy Gaylord, Karen Isbell, Suzanne Lamb, Beth Larabee, Julie Lech, Heather Levy, Kathy Malloy, Emily Martinelli,

Sue McLearn, Paula Meczywor,  
Donna Mullany, Tyra Nurmi,  
Megan Pytko, Kayla Racine,  
Susan Randall, Stacy Sebastino,  
Emily Thurston, Lisa Waltermire,  
Clara Wilusz, Heather Witek,  
Becki Zaleski, Olivia Zaleski

### **ACRSD Partners with Momenta, (Formerly BSRI) for work in ELA and Mathematics:**

#### ***English/Language Arts:***

Teachers continue to use our Literacy Closet to help students with comprehension and fluency practice, as well as to encourage student discourse. These novels have been used with Momenta's principles of Reciprocal Teaching and Debate. It is our goal at HVES that by using these novels, our Reading Street program, and the strategies from Momenta, that our students will have a deeper understanding of text, more strategies to help them understand literature, and a love of reading in general.

#### ***Mathematics:***

We are in our second year of our Eureka Math program. The EngageNY curriculum is aligned with the Common Core standards in mathematics. This new curriculum has been used since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and is being embraced by staff and students as a much needed adjustment to our math instruction. Teachers knew their students needed more engaging and differentiated math instruction. Engage NY offers an in-depth understanding of numbers and their relationships; as well as providing opportunity for student discourse and teamwork. The lessons can be adapted; which allows the teacher flexibility in the classroom. In this way, instruction can meet the needs of all learners. The math modules provide a reasonable number of problem sets and applications for students to reasonably achieve understanding.

*"The Standards are defined as the knowledge, skills and understanding that individuals can and do habitually demonstrate over time because of instruction and learning experiences. These mathematics standards, collectively, are focused and cohesive—designed to support student access to the knowledge and understanding of the mathematical concepts that are necessary to function in a world very dependent upon the application of mathematics, while providing educators the opportunity to devise innovative programs to support this endeavor. As with any set of standards, they need to be rigorous; they need to demand a balance of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency and application and represent a significant level of achievement in mathematics that will enable students to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the workforce."*

*- New York State Education Department*

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is looking forward to continued success with the new math curriculum as well as higher student achievement, discourse, and mathematical understanding.

#### **Parent Group (PTG)**

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School's PTG Group provides extensive support to the children of our school throughout the year. The group meets monthly to discuss ongoing support to the children. Their efforts support the Hoosac Valley Elementary School community in a variety of ways.

#### **Arts Enrichment:**

- Performances in music, drama, science, history and dance, both in-house and off-site
- Sponsoring multiple children's authors
- Partnering with Berkshire Theater Group to provide our 3rd graders with BTG Plays!
- Collaborative Arts Night

#### **Activities**

- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Give-a-Gift to promote the spirit of holiday giving and donating, from children to children.
- Hoosac Valley Elementary School Yearbook creation
- Family Movie nights (hosted in the HVMHS Auditorium)
- Family Fun and Food Festival
- Hosting the Hoosac Harvest and Spring Fling Vendor and Craft Fair
- Audubon science program
- Field Day treats
- Lucky To Have You Dance
- Valentine's Day Candy-Grams

#### **Appreciation Days**

- Staff Appreciation Day in May
- Book Fair breakfast for Faculty and Staff
- Pizza/Ice Cream parties to reward top collectors of BoxTops

#### **School Improvements/Equipment Maintenance:**

- Playground fundraising and maintenance
- Purchased classroom projector cameras
- Start up funding for the after school Explorer Program
- Funding for Scholastic Reader in the Classroom

#### **Title I**

Title I is a federal entitlement grant supporting school-wide academic support for all Hoosac Valley Elementary students. The grant helps to fund interventionists and instructional assistants as well as materials that supplement and support core instruction. Through Title I funding, classroom teachers and interventionists are able to use assessment data in ELA and math throughout the year to inform instructional routines. In grades 1-3 both the math and ELA interventionist and ELA paraprofessional provide services in both a push-in and pull-out model. In addition, instructional assistants work under the guidance of classroom teachers to reinforce instruction in reading, writing and math through small group differentiated instruction.

This year the staff at Hoosac Valley Elementary School has continued to work closely with consultants from the Bay State Reading Institute (BSRI) to incorporate the most recent research-based methods and strategies to ensure each child's individual needs is addressed. Students who are identified as needing additional instruction receive additional exposure to the core curriculum through Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) and direct and explicit instruction models. Within the small group instruction, students also receive differentiated rigorous instruction to meet their individual needs. Title I also provides enrichment groups for students in second and third grade who have been identified as demonstrating exemplary work.

Not only are a multitude of supports provided throughout the school day, Title I also provides funding for extended day academic activities through the Homework Help Program for grades 2 and 3. Family involvement is proven to correlate to higher student achievement, so this has been a priority this year. Topics suggested by parents and staff are addressed throughout the year through informational meetings, and workshops as well as during evening programs. This year we have already held events such as a Trick-or-Treat and Winter Wonderland. At each of these events, as well as at school meetings with families, we reached out to families to provide us feedback and give us suggestions on how to improve. We are committed to making these events enjoyable and convenient for our families to strengthen the home-school connection. We are excited to work closely with our families and members of the community to help make these events possible.

### **Reading Is Fundamental**

RIF is a federally funded program whose goal is to give children access to books and discover the joys and value of reading. Hoosac Valley Elementary School qualifies for this grant due to the percentage of free and reduced lunch students attending. Additional funding is provided by the HVES Library Fund and from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. One time per year each student can choose a book from a wide selection of books, based on their own interests. The book distributions are enhanced by fun reading-motivational activities. Volunteers are a big part of RIF, helping make bookmarks, stamp and inventory books, and helping on distribution day by reading with students, stocking books, and even handing out hot chocolate and cookies. This program is vital for children who have no books in their homes, have limited access to bookstores, and who, without RIF would not experience the thrill of owning their own books.

### **Music Program:**

Jonathan Rowe teaches general music at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. In music classes students are introduced to musical notation, musical terminology, families of instruments, and major composers and different musical genres. Students in grades K and 1 focus on singing and movement activities along with hands on experiences with drums, maracas and other classroom instruments while students in grades 2-3 have the opportunity to learn the basics of keyboards and drums.

### **Art:**

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Visual Arts Program creates exposure to a variety of artists, materials and techniques. This exposure fosters creativity and increases the students' art knowledge and appreciation. Students develop and expand their Visual Arts skills through a combination of literacy based art lessons and techniques. Cross-curricular art lessons including language arts, math, science and art history enhance the students' experience of art techniques such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, mosaic and collage. Our students are encouraged to "Explore" the manipulation of various art materials such as paint, clay, ink and oil pastel. This art experience enables students to create multi-media art work.

The students' beautiful artwork can be seen decorating the walls of our school's hallways throughout the year. The culmination of the students' talent, creativity and knowledge will be on display at our school for the annual Student Art Show on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 5:30-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this spectacular showcase.

### **Physical Education:**

The 2019-2020 school year welcomes change to our physical education department with the addition of Mr. Matera who is working with our second, and third grade students. Hoosac Valley elementary physical education classes work to both actively engage a student's mind and body while conveying the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Physical education is both fun and challenging to all students, no matter their ability or skill level. A student enrolled in our program learns how to physically perform a skill, the rules involved and the social aspect surrounding that activity or sport.

Students are engaged in a vast array of different activities while participating in physical education. Children in the pre-school and kindergarten levels have been learning many different gross motor skills required to participate in large group activities and non-competitive games. The skills being learned at this level include the overhand and underhand throwing technique, kicking a stationary object, striking a moving object, jumping rope, locomotor movements, and fleeing and dodging type activities. Children in the first through third grade levels learn the skills of many traditional and non-traditional sports including soccer, football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and cup stacking. While actively engaged in sport students also learn how to better communicate and resolve conflicts with classmates.

All grade levels participate in our "kidnastics" unit, which is an age-appropriate version of gymnastics, the New York Roadrunner's Rising Runner program and our seventh annual Kids Heart Challenge (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart) fundraiser event through the American Heart Association. Students are engaged in cross-curricular activities that include mathematics, history, health, and ELA. Adaptive students have been actively engaged in the physical education program where they receive attention and accommodation focusing on their specific needs through the use of modified equipment and lesson plans. The physical education department is constantly seeking to increase the amount of time afforded to one on one opportunities for students with adaptive needs.

Students are making progress in understanding the value of teamwork, cooperation, effort, and sportsmanship. Please continue to follow the happenings in physical education by reading the quarterly newsletters and visiting the Bloomz physical education website.

### **STEAM Lab**

HVES has been working hard to raise the bar and increase rigor in our new STEAM lab this year. Various grants such as the Olmstead Grant and Big Y Education grant allowed us to purchase STEAM materials such as microscopes, a mobile iPad lab, robots, and content specific resources. All of the student body from Pre-K to 3rd grade have hands on based learning in the lab one time a week. The Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Curriculum are what we follow to guide our science, technology and engineering lessons. To enhance the curriculum two online programs are being used in the classroom; Generation Genius and Mystery Science.

I have worked hard to collaborate with classroom teachers and go along with what they are teaching in class. As an added bonus, I have been working closely with the Technology Specialist Geoff Kondel, to help introduce the students to basic

computer skills, computational thinking (coding), and robotics. We often follow the “I do, We do, you do” model approach so the students have a solid foundation of what they are learning. We hope that these skills will carry over into other parts of their education as well.

With each lesson it is my hope that we touch and many aspects of STEAM. The lesson topics range from our solar system, weathering and erosion, hibernation and habitats, rocks and minerals, life cycles, etc. Each topic is geared to be child centered, developmentally appropriate and meeting the individual needs of each student.

### Technology

The current District Technology Plan continues to guide decisions in this vital area of educational practice. We continue to update content and improve communication between school/community/families through our district and individual school webpages. We see this as an opportunity to give families direct access to calendars, information and upcoming events, policies and procedures.

The 2019-2020 school year has brought the adoption of two new platforms for HVRSD. PowerSchool is the online grading program that has replaced MMS and our new benchmarking program, FastBridge, allows us to benchmark test and progress monitor in the areas of ELA and math. This program has taken the place of the DIBELS program that was used in prior years and allows teachers to access more comprehensive reports in real time which allows for more tailored interventions for students.

Our on-line software offerings to students both in and out of school continue to expand. We are excited to be continuing with implementing coding through the use of an online website - *code.org*. Students in grades 1-3 have begun using this website to understand the basics of block coding. We are continuing to work with an on-line software offering for our students in the area of Math, Symphony Math. This student use program aligns with the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) and helps students connect the BIG IDEAS in mathematics. Mastery of new math skills is achieved through Conceptual Understanding, Fluency, and Adaptive Branching. It provides all students the opportunity to progress at their own rate of learning while responding to their individual needs as they work through the 26 stages of the program. Lexia CORE 5 is utilized in grades Pre-K to 3; which is based on the 5 components of reading and is compliant with the CCSS. As with Symphony it meets each student at their own level of learning and allows students the ability to acquire skills above their current grade level. Classroom teachers can access the data from these programs to guide instruction for individual students. These programs can be accessed at home directly from our school website and used on the chrome books, iPad, desktop, or android, within your web browser. We continue to review our offerings and explore new additions to our technology hardware/software to assist our staff in meeting the educational needs of all learners.

### Community Connections

We continue to maintain excellent working relationships with a number of agencies throughout our neighboring communities as well as those in the town of Adams. We also work closely with the following organizations:

- Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG Plays! for grade 3)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Social Services (family support)
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society (classroom lessons)
- Adams Police Department (school resource officers, practice safety drills)
- Mass MoCA (Grant funded program for all students K-5 to attend performances/tour spaces)
- The Berkshire Museum
- The Family Place (Backpacked for Success Program)
- Adams Library, Fire Department, and local banks (educational programs)
- Hoosac Valley High School (Leo Club)
- Adams Youth Center (Volunteers and after school child care)
- Adams Visitor Center-Joe Nowak (Presentations and visits)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (practicum students and administrative interns)
- The Police Athletic League who use our gymnasium for basketball games
- REACH Foundation
- The Adams Community Bank provides our school with a generous donation each year.
- Parent volunteers regularly work in classrooms, the library and chaperone field trips.

***“When educating the minds of our youth,  
we must not forget to educate their hearts.”***

*~ Dalai Lama*

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is a dynamic, child-centered school where our students’ safety, social/emotional wellness, and academic achievements are our top priorities. We are so thankful for all of the continued support we receive from our parents, families, volunteers and community friends. The hard work we do each day could not be possible without you as our partner in the education of our children!

Submitted by,

Rebecca Sawyer  
Principal  
Hoosac Valley Elementary School

# Hoosac Valley High School Athletics

The 2019-2020 athletic program celebrates another year of successes! Hoosac Valley Athletics continues to be a source of pride in the community.

The athletic program includes over 250 participants and 27 Varsity and Sub-Varsity programs. Teams compete in Berkshire County District Leagues, and several PVIAC leagues. We also offer several cooperative teams, as both the host and guest. These cooperative teams offer athletes access to sports that they may not otherwise have, as well as increase participation. We also offer middle school participation for 7th graders in the sports of Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Baseball, Softball, and Girls' Lacrosse. In addition to competitive opportunities, students have the option of participating in the Athletic Leadership Council. The group organized the community bonfire, collected hats and mittens for children, and worked with younger students to develop positive relationships.

The 2019 Fall season was an exciting period for our teams. The girls' soccer team, helmed by Kathy Budaj, earned a home match in the first round of the postseason. Sydni Jamross scored the winning goal in golden-goal overtime at MCLA's Shewcraft Field to advance to the next round, at which point our girls' season ended with a hard-fought game against the eventual state champions. Our boys' soccer team, led by Patrick Mahoney, missed out on the postseason, but continued to develop and were highly competitive throughout the season. The boys' highlight of the season was a last second 2-1 win against McCann under the lights at Renfrew, courtesy of a Dan Pompei goal with under 30 seconds remaining. Our Golf team continued their success under Jason Snizek's leadership, winning another Western Mass Championship and competing well at the state tournament. Our golf team also won an invitational tournament at Mt. Anthony, and Junior Corben Craig finished first at the Berkshire County Individual Tournament. The Cross Country team, led by coach Nick Curelop, had a successful season. Participation levels were high, and runner Justin Levesque impressed throughout the season. Our Football team, led by Mark Harrington, had a fantastic regular season, entering the

postseason at 8-0. Senior Nolan Roberts had a standout season as a leader for the Hurricanes. Included in that eight-win run was a signature 12-7 win over Lee. The football team ended the season with a hotly-contested game at local rivals Wahconah, which saw the communities come together to support the Toys-for-Tots initiative.

The Winter season of 2019-2020 saw a Western Mass title return to Hoosac Valley. Our Girls' Basketball team, coached by Ron Wojcik, won two close games in the quarterfinal and semi-final rounds. In the Western Mass championship against top-seeded Wahconah at Curry Hicks Cage at UMass Amherst, the girls clamped down on defense and earned their sixth regional title in seven years. Seniors Riley Robinson, Shaleigh Levesque, and Sarah Field set the tone throughout the season with hustle and hard-nosed play. Our Boys' Basketball team and coach Ben Raimer earned a postseason spot following a huge rivalry win over Drury. Senior Izaha Stubbs scored his 1,000th career point in a win over Phoenix Charter on January 10th, and finished his career with 1,311 points. With a lot of talent returning, our boys will be looking to become postseason fixtures going forward. Nordic Ski, led by Alicia Gwozdz, enjoyed a highly competitive season. The boys team finished 7th in the state, paced by Justin Levesque, and the girls finished 9th in the state, with young Vienna Mahar pacing the team.

During the Spring 2020 season, our student-athletes were greeted by many familiar faces in new coaching roles. Hoosac alum Jake Hall took control of the Boys' Lacrosse team, with an eye towards replenishing numbers while remaining competitive. Boys' Lacrosse graduated significant talent in 2019, but the younger returning players stepped up and remained competitive. Girls Lacrosse, with Molly Meczywor returning as their leader, also graduated serious talent. After an exceptional 2019 season, their goal was to retain their Berkshire County league title in 2020. Coach Meczywor's fostering of team cohesion and unity led them to a successful 2020 season as well. Trevor Swistak returned as the Baseball Coach, and they looked to build off of their postseason appearance in 2019. Our Baseball

team looked to coalesce around solid pitching and contact hitting to continue their success this season. Softball, with Mike Ameen continuing in his role as head coach, expanded their numbers and used great starting pitching and commitment to the team to a strong finish during the 2020 season. Boys' and Girls' track saw Hoosac alum Trevor Ciempa take the reins of the program. With several highly dedicated runners, jumpers, and throwers, and with each athlete clearly striving to be at their best, the Track team remained competitive during 2020.

In conclusion, Hoosac Valley Athletics continues to positively represent the district throughout Berkshire County and Western Mass. Our student-athletes enjoy meaningful growth through their participation in athletics, and we are optimistic about athletics going forward.



*Western Mass Champions - The Hoosac Valley Golf Team*



# Report of the Director of Food Services

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In 2018-2019, the Hoosac Valley Regional School District continues to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, Summer Food Service Program and a USDA Program called DOD-FFAVORS (Department of Defense Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program).

The HVRSD Food Service Department is part of a Purchasing Program called Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) through which we purchase groceries for the Food Service Program. We also are members of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative that puts out bids for bread, dairy and paper products, yearly, on a county wide basis.

We are in our second year of being a CEP district. This Community Eligibility Program makes our entire district eligible for free breakfast and free lunch for each student daily.

Our Berkshire County Headstart Program that was run out of Howland Ave School, has moved to North Adams. We no longer satellite meals for this program.

There was 1 retirement at Hoosac Valley Middle & High School at the end of SY 2018. Darlene Harrington retired with many years of dedicated service as a Cook's Helper at HVMHS. A replacement for Darlene was hired for the new school year.

HVES is in its third year of the Breakfast in the Classroom Program (BIC). Participation for breakfast continues to be between 80% & 90% for the school year. HVES was awarded a \$500.00 Healthy Start Award for having at least three consecutive months of breakfast with over 80% participation during SY 2018-19.

HVES was also awarded a grant to participate in the Fruit & Veggie Program again for SY 2018-2019. The grant supported a 4 hour worker who delivered daily samples of a fresh fruit & a fresh veggie to each student in each class to help teach students about choosing healthy snacks.

In June 2018, the compressor for the walk-in cooler at HVMHS stopped working and needed to be replaced. The existing compressor was in a crawl space over the walk-in cooler and hard to access. In August 2018, a new compressor was purchased and placed inside the back storage room. Expenses were \$7000.00.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Food Service Department had a profit of \$5,883.00 on revenues of \$658,042.00. Government subsidies represented 90.7% of total revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$39075.00 were received in 2019.

Participation in the reimbursable School Lunch Program for SY 18-19 was 68%, an increase of 1% from the previous year. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 18-19 was 62%, an 8% increase from the previous year.

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of June 2019 was 52%, a 1% decrease from the previous year.

We operated two kitchens in SY 2018-2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz  
Food Service Director

# HVRSD Special Services

## 2019 Annual Report

The HVRSD Special Services Department continues to provide supports and programs to meet the unique needs of our students. It is the mission of the Hoosac Valley Special Services Department to provide a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive setting. We aim to maximize academic achievement, social/emotional wellness, independence, and regular participation in inclusive classrooms and our larger community. The Special Services Department works collaboratively with general education colleagues, administration, community agencies and other educational entities to develop and enhance in-district supports that allow students to access the curriculum successfully. In that regard, we continually explore creative program development and evaluate existing programs to ensure their effectiveness. These intentional efforts are in keeping with the beliefs and values of the Hoosac Valley Regional District; specifically, that all of our students develop into educated, healthy, responsible, and productive citizens. This year we continue to increase inclusion and universal design for learning in our education system. Nationally, 18% of students have a disability and this increase is largely due to increases in the number of students living in impoverished situations.

The HVRSD Special Services Department offers a full continuum of programs and services. There is a variety of options available for each child. Academic support programs that offer small group, direct, systematic instruction and remediation in content areas including reading and math balance with accommodations provided in the regular classroom setting to promote individual student success. Other services for students are provided by Speech and Language Pathologists, Speech Assistants, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Behavior Specialist, School Psychologists and an ESL instructor allowing us to provide services on site, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to the academic day for students. We continue to contract the services of a local Physical Therapist, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, and a consultant from the Perkins School for the Blind, to provide services on site for students who have these needs.

Child Find is an important component of the Special Services Department. We work cooperatively with community agencies, families, educators, and health care providers to help identify students in need of services from an early age to graduation. The Special Services Department conducts preschool and kindergarten screenings annually using a team of early childhood specialists. The results of these screenings inform parents of their child's developmental strengths and weaknesses. If a child indicates the need for further evaluation, our team will refer the child for testing, and if found eligible, a plan will be developed to provide services. In this way, district children are offered early intervention in order to prevent future school failure. We are currently doing an inventory of our assessment tools and practices to ensure we are most current, effective, and comprehensive in our approach.

When an older student is referred for special education by a caregiver or teacher, parent consent is sought and an evaluation is conducted. The district has a full time school psychologist,

as well as contracted providers who may qualify students for special services and provide recommendations for the teachers working with them.

The Preschool staff welcomes families and provides preschoolers a half-day of developmentally appropriate activities. The primary purpose of the program is to integrate three and four year old children with special needs in a preschool setting with typically developing (non-special needs) children serving as role models. Students receive therapies and specialized instruction according to their individual plans as developed by a multidisciplinary team which includes the parents. The Preschool teachers provide English and Language Arts as well as Math instruction in a centers approach, using the Scott-Foresman OWLS curriculum. Early Childhood staff also serve on various committees for curriculum, community and family outreach, and maintaining high quality programming.

The Elementary Level of Special Services provides experienced special education teachers and support staff to students with special needs in Hoosac Valley Elementary School. Special Education teachers review students' individualized plans with teachers each year, and work with the principals to set up programming to best meet our students' needs. Instruction is designed by specially trained staff and consultants in order to provide access to the grade level curricula as well as demonstrate progress toward individual student goals. Currently, reading and math remediation services can occur in the classroom as well as in a smaller setting. Paraprofessionals also support students in inclusive classrooms as well as in unstructured settings.

The number of students with significant special needs continues to increase. Two programs have been designed to assist them - Bridges and Cornerstone at each school. The district BCBA and Teacher of Department, continue to work closely with the director of special services and special education teachers at each school to continually improve Bridges and Cornerstones classrooms to provide therapeutic supports for students requiring a higher level of need.

A special educator facilitates a substantially separate program, Cornerstone, at Hoosac Valley Elementary School for students with extensive social-emotional and behavioral needs. The special education elementary staff work closely with regular education staff to ensure students are successful academically and supported in all areas of elementary school.

At Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, our middle and high school students' needs are met through a variety of programs available. Inclusive classrooms provide the opportunity for co-teaching with special and regular education staff and/or paraprofessional support to the classrooms. At the middle and high school levels, special education teachers offer academic support programming. The teachers consult with classroom teachers on a regular basis in order to facilitate success in the most inclusive setting. Additional services are provided as needed for remediation of reading and math skills. Other students' individualized plans require remedial reading and

math instruction and/or content support. These services occur in a smaller, more structured setting with a special educator and may include paraprofessionals who are trained and supervised by the teachers.

For students with a higher level of need, our substantially separate models like Bridges and Cornerstone, are available. Our Cornerstone Middle School and High School programs are safe, structured and predictable environments that are working to provide more systematic supports, rigorous social skill training, data tracking, and specific focus on preparing students to successfully transition to post graduation life, including the working world. Therapeutic and behavioral supports augment a case management model that provides significant outreach to home, family and community ensuring a holistic model for educating these youth. The goal of transitioning students to less restrictive settings through a system of scaffolding supports is currently being strengthened and will be a constant in the Cornerstone program.

Our Bridges programs at Hoosac Valley Middle and High School provide a comprehensive offering for students to develop more independence and functional life skills in a structured, caring setting. The program is dedicated to educating students with developmental disabilities. Vital components of the curriculum include adaptive daily living skills, social skills, health and wellness, cooking, functional academics, pre-vocational instruction and leisure training. The Bridges Program aims to integrate students into the community to their maximum potential and is actively involved in volunteering at several community sites including the Adams Community Center, Food Pantry, Youth Center Inc., Free Public Library and Town Hall. Most students in the program are engaged and participate in the Special Olympics as well as many of Hoosac Valley's extra-curricular functions. The Bridges Program is also completely responsible for operating the school store. Students in the program manage and staff the store. This program has become an integral part of the culture of HVHS.

Extended year programs continue to be available during the summer months to assist students who have shown documented substantial regression of their educational progress both academically and socially following vacations and/or long illnesses. Students are provided direct academic supports during the summer. The summer program for older students combines academic support and pre-vocational skill development with community and recreational outings. Tutoring is also provided on an individual or small group basis to maintain academics. These programs provide diverse offerings for students in Pre-K through age 22.

Our efforts to develop and sustain programs which support students within their communities have had a dramatic impact on reducing the cost of out-of-district residential placements. Nevertheless, we periodically have the need to place a student with intensive needs in an out-of-district therapeutic setting, where they are monitored by the special services department. The district also offers services to St. Stanislaus Kostka School for those students identified with a disability. The district also offers services for students receiving private school and home schooling that may also require specialized instruction and/or related services in order to access the curriculum.

The district welcomes parents to join our joint Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The purpose of the SEPAC is twofold: to help guide the district in making programmatic decisions and to serve as a resource for parents of children with special needs. Next year, the district anticipates offering a series of workshops that will provide parents with information about special services offered within the district as well as opening a dialogue to hear parent concerns and allow for a general advisory process.

The Special Services Department includes support and monitoring of students who are in transitional housing or have been identified as English Learners (ELs). An (ESL) English as a Second Language teacher, provides instruction and support to English Language Learners in all district buildings. The ESL teacher also works with the Director of Special Services to maintain compliance and consults with staff to support ELs in the classroom. Our English Language Learner (EL) students participate in "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment is given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students work diligently on this assessment and the data obtained helps the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated. The ESL teacher also has been trained by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be an SEI endorsed instructor and provides professional development to our teachers.

The Special Services Department is small but hardworking. All of the HVRSD Special Services staff and paraprofessionals strive to maximize potential and lead students to successful transitions to be college and career ready.

As the Director, I have worked hard this year to build positive and professional relationships with staff, students, and families. My approach is to be present, accessible, and available to support all staff and families. I send a weekly email to all staff with celebrations, reminders, resources, and current research in the field. I am in every school multiple days each week. I attend as many meetings as needed. I meet regularly with staff and families who need help and I respond to all of my emails each day. I have received very positive feedback from staff and families and I am seeing significant improvements in how staff facilitate IEP meetings, write IEPs, and work collaboratively together. I am excited about what we will accomplish this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jodi Drury  
Director of Special Services

**Special Services - Special Education**  
Population as of Oct 1, 2019

Grade	HV Elementary	HV Middle	HV High	Out of District
PK	18			
K	11			
1	22			
2	19			
3	18			2
4		34		
5		33		1
6		25		
7		19		
8			21	
9			26	1
10			16	2
11			13	
12			13	
12+ (to age 22)			5	
<b>Total School</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6</b>

**HVRSD SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF**

STAFFING	POSITION	STAFFING	POSITION
Dr. Jodi Drury	Director of Special Services McKinney-Vento Coordinator Foster Care Point of Contact English Language Learner Coordinator Early Childhood Coordinator	Caitlin Larabee	Special Education Teacher HVE <i>Bridges Program</i>
Lisa Fortin	Administrative Assistant	Laura Crane	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District
Cathy Salvini	Hoosac Valley Elementary Coordinator PreK - 5	Joann Kingsbury	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Jamie Lamour	Hoosac Valley MHS Coordinator Grades 6 - 12+	Mark Jagiello	Cornerstone Program HVMS
Kim Biagini	Board Certified Behavior Analyst District Specialist	Lisa Delmolino	Special Education Teacher <i>Bridges Program</i> HVMS
Diane Arduini	Speech Language Pathologist	Ted Burdick	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Brianna Bresett	Speech Language Pathologist	Rebecca Cohen	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Ashley Varuzzo	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Michelle Boire	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Darian Kradin	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Seth Jenkins	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Karen Levesque	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Brandon Noyes	Cornerstone Program HVHS
Sara Malloy	Special Education Teacher HVE	Cathy Abbott	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Suzanne Harnick	Occupational Therapist	Ryan Mulcahy	Cornerstone Program HVHS
Deb Silveira	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	Seth Jenkins	<i>Bridges Program</i> HVHS
Jamie Bannon	Physical Therapist	Amanda Brooks-Clemeno	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Karissa Kingsley	Physical Therapist/Assistant	Jon Berman	Teacher of Department HVMS and HVHS
Nicole Crane	Special Education Teacher HVE	<b>Other Related Services:</b>	
Dawn Daniels	Special Education Teacher HVE	Dr. Courtney Bopp	School Psychologist
Christine Harrington	Special Education Teacher HVE	TBD	Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Kelly Riechers	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District	Amy O'Brien	Teacher of the Visually Impaired - Perkins School for the Blind
Heather Emerson	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District	Greg Delisle	Willie Ross School for the Deaf – Director of Education
Travis Poirot	Cornerstone Program HVE	Debra Scanlon	Willie Ross School for the Deaf – Educational Audiologist
		Josh Kellogg	ESL Program teacher

# Director of Business

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## Overview of Fiscal Year 2019

Fiscal year 2019 embarked on year 2 of a new District configuration. As students and staff continued to acclimate themselves to the new District structure, Administration continued to find ways to enhance the education of our students with minimal increases to resources. With Chapter 70 funds increasing by the minimum \$20 per student, and other state resources remaining flat, The ACRSD Administration was once again challenged to enhance the education of the students without adding funds to the bottom line.

The School Committee and Administration collectively worked to find savings within the current budget that would not impede on educational programming. It was decided that employer contributions to retiree health insurance would be reduced to generate these savings. Retirees on Medex would now migrate over 3 years from a 75/25 split to a 51/49 split. The savings generated from this change allowed the district to fund a STEM teacher at the High School without adding any additional cost to the budget. This decision illustrated the School Committee's commitment to put more dollars in the classroom where the students would benefit first hand.

With an increased population of students needing social/emotional services, the School Committee and Administration also elected to repurpose grant funds to allow for the addition of a School Psychologist. This was a much needed addition to the District and children at all levels have benefitted from it.

In FY 2019, The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District's Budget of \$19,750,146 also continued to fund the work being done with the Bay State Reading Institute in our Elementary and Middle Schools and continue Project Lead the Way in the Middle and High Schools. This budget maintained the Intervention positions added in FY18 and continued to improve the work being done in the Special Education department with the continued support of 2 Special Education Coordinator positions.

The 2019 fiscal year began with a fund balance of \$863,064 as certified by the Department of Revenue. The District ended the year with E&D certified at \$378,138. This balance represents the amount remaining after revenues and expenditures are netted against the beginning balance, and the amount appropriated to reduce assessments to the towns in FY20 (\$646,942) is deducted. With consolidated buildings and creative repurposing of existing funds, the District has been able to increase the amount used to offset assessments for FY19 and FY20 budgets.

In closing, FY 2019 brought increased staffing and District resources through the repurposing of funds and changes made to retiree insurance costs. The current trends in population decline and minimal funding are all challenges that present themselves each year. The District's School Committee, Administration and Staff continue to make great gains in educating our children while facing the reality of the financial constraints around us.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder  
Director of Business  
February 4, 2020

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## Governmental Funds

### Balance Sheet

#### June 30, 2019

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,158,373	\$ 406,789	\$ 2,565,162
Receivables:			
Intergovernmental	299,072	387,550	686,622
Other	53,517	-	53,517
Inventory	-	25,830	25,830
Other assets	13,817	-	13,817
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,524,779</b>	<b>\$ 820,169</b>	<b>\$ 3,344,948</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Warrants payable	46,339	53,127	99,466
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,177,417	42,369	1,219,786
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,223,756</b>	<b>\$ 95,496</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,252</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	724,673	724,673
Assigned	917,068	-	917,068
Unassigned	383,955	-	383,955
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,023</b>	<b>\$ 724,673</b>	<b>\$ 2,025,696</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,524,779</b>	<b>\$ 820,169</b>	<b>\$ 3,344,948</b>

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues,**  
**Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**for the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,341,445	\$ -	\$ 8,341,445
Charges for services -		337,481	337,481
Intergovernmental	12,272,204	2,008,304	14,280,508
Investment income	36,378	-	36,378
Miscellaneous	9,660	-	9,660
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 20,659,687</b>	<b>\$ 2,345,785</b>	<b>\$ 23,005,472</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Administration	\$ 718,667	\$ 3,011	\$ 721,678
Instruction	6,802,565	904,597	7,707,162
Other school services	1,308,091	922,756	2,230,847
Operation and maintenance	1,116,085	1,189	1,117,274
Fixed charges	150,298	-	150,298
Intergovernmental	1,913,227	-	1,913,227
Debt service	933,450	-	933,450
Special education	2,588,841	518,570	3,107,411
Acquisition	43,898	-	43,898
Employee benefits	5,499,392	-	5,499,392
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>21,074,514</b>	<b>2,350,123</b>	<b>23,424,637</b>
Change in fund balance	(414,827)	(4,338)	(419,165)
<b>FUND BALANCE, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,850</b>	<b>\$ 729,011</b>	<b>\$ 2,444,861</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE, AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,023</b>	<b>\$ 724,673</b>	<b>\$ 2,025,696</b>

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## Assessments to Member Towns

### June 30, 2019

<b>Town</b>	<b>Minimum Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution Outside Net School Spending</b>	<b>Transportation &amp; Capital Assessments</b>	<b>Total Assessments</b>
Adams	\$ 4,431,051	\$ 710,999	\$ 475,882	\$ 5,617,932
Cheshire	2,386,352	250,088	158,448	2,794,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,817,403</b>	<b>\$ 961,087</b>	<b>\$ 634,330</b>	<b>\$ 8,412,820</b>

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

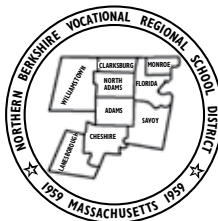
## June 30, 2019

### Future Debt Service

<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2020	\$ 605,000	\$ 325,750	\$ 930,750
2021	620,000	307,600	927,600
2022	640,000	289,000	929,000
2023	655,000	269,800	924,800
2024	635,000	250,150	885,150
2025 - 2029	3,500,000	925,850	4,425,850
2030 - 2033	3,280,000	284,600	3,564,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,935,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,652,750</b>	<b>\$ 12,587,750</b>



# Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District



The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in fiscal year 2019 and this report highlights some of these accomplishments.

Our mission is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our mission and educational philosophy are implemented by adhering to the following core values:

**Respect** for self, others, and the learning environment promotes a positive learning experience for all students.

**Effort** is demonstrated through an applied work ethic that includes punctuality, improvement, and a determination to succeed.

**Accountability** develops personal responsibility for both behavior and learning.

**Communication** facilitates collaboration, promotes self-advocacy, and develops positive relationships.

**Honor** requires students to act with integrity, honesty, positivity, and empathy for others.

During the last twenty-five years we have witnessed a dramatic transformation in vocational technical education especially in our application of technology and STEM subjects. We are very proud of the academic and technical achievement of our students and as each succeeding class raises the bar of accomplishment, the next class seeks to surpass it. The integration of our technical and academic curriculum has prepared our graduates well for their future and we appreciate you, our member communities, for your support in making it happen.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the McCann culture of learning:

The Class of 2019 became the sixteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.

Twenty-eight members of the Class of 2019 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for their academic record and MCAS achievement.

Our 108 2019 graduates saw 46% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 52% enter the workforce and 2% proudly enter into military service.

The results of the spring 2019 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty. The 2019 year saw the implementation of the next-generation MCAS exams which are now a computer-based test. This next generation of tests also included a new assessment system for mathematics and English resetting performance measures, indicators, and future benchmarks.

## GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	2%
Passing	96%
Not Meeting Expectations	2%

## Grade 10 – Mathematics

Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	0%
Passing	94%
Not Meeting Expectations	6%

## Grade 10 - Science And Tech/Eng

Performance Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advanced	11.3%	24.5%	26.1%	13.7%	16.0%
Proficient	63.7%	61.8%	51.3%	53.3%	56.0%
Needs Improvement	23.4%	10.9%	20.1%	30.6%	25.0%
Failing	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%	2.4%	3.0%

The McCann Athletics program continues to enjoy success in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Our programs enjoy healthy participation numbers and our student athletes continue to represent our school admirably. League championships were won by our golf and baseball teams. The softball team had an excellent season advancing to the Western Mass. Championship game at UMASS where they were defeated by the perennial powerhouse Turners Falls. They also claimed a state-vocational championship for the school in their tremendous playoff performance. In the spring of 2019 a girls' lacrosse program was started and generated a lot of interest with the student body as 19 girls played on the inaugural team.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to renovate several of our original student bathrooms, our nurse's office, and upgrade equipment in our metal fabrication and carpentry departments. We installed additional new replacement air handling units in various locations and in conjunction with National Grid, completed Phase II of our LED lighting fixture replacement project.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We used our Perkins Grant to upgrade technical software in our CAD and advanced manufacturing technology departments, upgraded laptop computers in several areas and replaced equipment in our metal fabrication department.

Community service projects continue to provide our students with excellent opportunities to display their technical skills while exhibiting the passion and commitment to support their community. Our school council held a soda can tab drive and collected approximately 79,000 tabs (70 pounds) for Shriners Hospital. Our BPA students collected items for the homeless veteran's shelter, placed flags on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day, participated in the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Tree Showcase and assisted with the set-up of the Relay for Life event. Our Skills USA students' community service included the "Buddy Walk of the Berkshires," placing flags on veterans' graves, assistance with the weekend Meals on Wheels, a Christmas "giving tree" for young residents of the Louison House, and several fundraisers for PopCares.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 300,000 members working to ensure America has a skilled work force. McCann is a 100% member of SkillsUSA which has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. At the 2019 SkillsUSA state competition McCann students earned gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Carpentry, Sheet Metal and Freshman Sticker Design at the high school level and Dental Assisting and Job Interview at the postsecondary level. A silver medal was awarded in Customer Service at the high school level and Dental Assisting at the postsecondary level. Bronze medals were also earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, CNC Turning Specialist, Industrial Motor Control, and Technical Computer Applications at the high school level. Two students received the Jannine Baker Legacy Award for their community service efforts. All gold medal winners had the opportunity to attend the national competition in Louisville, KY where more than 15,000 people – including students, teachers and business partners – are expected to participate in the week-long event. Competitions include 96 different hands-on trades, technical and leadership fields. We are incredibly proud of our competitors!

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the leading career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. The organization's activities complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. BPA is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. At the 2019 BPA State Leadership Conference held in Framingham, MA, McCann students

received a total of twenty-three awards in Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design, and Management, Marketing and Communications, bringing home one 1st place, five 2nd place, and eight 3rd place awards. In May 2019, nine McCann students traveled to Anaheim, CA to join over 5,000 other conference attendees from across the nation to participate in business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and intern assignments. One of our business technology juniors, Keaton West, qualified to advance to the Microsoft Office Systems National Competition in Orlando, Florida. He qualified as a result of winning the Massachusetts Championship in Microsoft PowerPoint certification examinations.

Project Lead the Way is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education programs in schools across the United States. Students enrolled in the program take as many as four courses above and beyond their graduation requirements. Since its inception in 2005, over 60% of participating students - over one hundred - have become eligible for college credits through Rochester Institute of Technology or New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. In last year's PLTW cohort, 4 students achieved this eligibility.

A Drone Club was developed at McCann during the 2018-2019 academic year. Two faculty members are pursuing their drone pilot license and will act as advisors for this extra-curricular activity. A small fleet of 10 drones has been procured through the generosity of IEEE who provided a grant for the development of this club. The club is currently establishing its membership, learning principles of flight and operation, and developing its objectives which will likely include competitions, community service, and film and photography applications.

Once again our advanced manufacturing sophomores and juniors received high accolades in the Manufacturing Advanced Center Workforce Innovative Collaborative, MACWIC, certification testing with 11 sophomores and 1 junior achieving Level I certification, four of whom received a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the five categories, while 6 juniors and 1 senior achieved Level II certification with two receiving a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the four categories. We were one of only two schools in Massachusetts to achieve 100% on Level I testing and were the highest in the state for Level II testing at 82%. Our information technology students also achieved success with seven sophomores passing the CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification exam. Our business technology students achieved success in the Microsoft Office Specialists, MOS, certification examinations with 12 sophomores passing the Word exam and 11 passing the Excel exam, 16 freshmen passed the PowerPoint exam, 13 juniors passed the Access exam and 6 senior passed the Outlook exam. We also had 1 students pass the Computing Fundamentals, 15 pass the Key Applications and 3 pass the Living Online exam, all part of the Internet and Computing Core Certification, IC3.

The success of our student body continues to be measured by our 100% competency determination, high career placement, high college matriculation rate and technical expertise in national skills competitions.

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$56,288.00 of unused transportation monies to our communities. The district continues to search out grants to support our educational funding to improve instructional services and vocational equipment.

Our Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians 8 module (600 hour) journeyman electrical program continues to expand with over 32 graduates passing their journeyman licensure examination in the last several years. We also offer the approved master electrician program (150 hours) every other year.

FY19 Budgeted Revenues		Budget	Actual
<b>City &amp; Town Assessments</b>			
Municipal Minimum		\$ 3,021,749.00	\$ 3,021,749.00
Capital		38,460.00	38,460.00
Transportation		163,852.00	163,852.00
Municipal Assessment		489,745.00	489,745.00
Ch. 71 Transportation		265,000.00	321,288.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid		4,688,716.00	4,647,244.00
Tuitions		670,576.00	670,576.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		5,860.00	23,879.29
State Bonus Aid		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue Received</b>		<b>9,343,958.00</b>	<b>9,418,264.29</b>
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds			(56,288.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D			(18,018.29)
		<b>\$ 9,343,958.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,343,958.00</b>
Source	Grant	Amount	
<b>(Federal Entitlement)</b>			
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$	122,016.00
Fed	Title I		93,699.00
Fed	Title II A		16,041.00
Fed	Title IV		6,875.00
Fed	Perkins		64,670.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins		2,538.00
<b>(Federal Grants Other)</b>			
REAP			35,732.00
<b>(State Grants)</b>			
Workforce Skills Capital Equipment			195,873.00
MassHire Berkshire: Connecting Activities			1,000.00
MassHire Berkshire: Advanced Manufacturing			20,000.00
MassHire Berkshire: Welding			20,000.00
Mass Market Partnership: Manufacturing Assembly			16,962.00
<b>(Competitive/Private)</b>			
Private	Olmsted		5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness		2,000.00
Private	Mass Cultural Council: Big Yellow Bus		250.00
Private	City of Chicopee Nurse Grant		2,850.00
Private	MASS MoCA		750.00
Private	Gene Haas Foundation		15,000.00
Private	General Dynamics: Robotics		3,000.00
Private	IEEE		3,949.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>			<b>\$ 628,205.00</b>

# Adams Business Directory

Organization Name	Address	Organization Name	Address
7-Eleven	223 Columbia Street	Berkshire County Landscaping	213 Gould Road
A Stitch In Time	45 Commercial Street	Berkshire County Martial Arts Academy	39 Park Street
A1 Pitching & Baseball Academy	5 Hoosac Street	Berkshire Dance Theatre	21 Maple Street
Adams Chiropractic PC	37 Park Street	Berkshire Decorators	109 East Hoosac Street
Adams Community Bank	PO Box 306	Berkshire Green Cleaning	4 East Walnut Street
Adams Hometown Market	11 Myrtle Street	Berkshire Hauler	9 Crotteau Street
Adams Housing Authority	4 Columbia Street	Berkshire Outdoor	173 Howland Avenue
Adams Internists	19 Depot Street	Berkshire Outfitters	169 Grove Street
Adams Physical Therapy	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 109	Berkshire Photovoltaic Services	46 Howland Avenue
Adams Plumbing & Heating	65 Printworks Drive	Berkshire Production Resources	7 East Hoosac Street
Adams Redemption Center	56 Commercial Street	Berkshire Studio Photography	10 Allen Street
Adams Specialty Printing Co.	14 Pine Street	Berkshire Wood Floors	10 Brown Street
Adams Stove Company	108.5 Columbia Street	Berkshire's Finest Detailing	431 West Road
Adams Travel	6 Grandview Terrace	Betsy Sage	90 Summer Street
Adams Turners, Inc.	6 Turners Avenue	BG's Luxury Apparel	89 Friend Street, Apt. 201
Adams Veterinary Clinic	83 Summer Street	Bill Moncecchi Plumbing	71 Summer Street
AFFOUE Management	9 Pearl Street	Bits and Pieces	64 Summer Street
AJ's Trailside Pub	12 Pleasant Street	Bottomless Bricks, LLC	57 Park Street
Alcombright Prof. Drywall	9 East Street	Bounti-Fare Restaurant	200 Howland Avenue
Al's Service Center	95 Commercial Street	Broadlawn Farm	46 Walling Road
Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc.	69 Columbia Street	Bruce D. Dumouchel, PHD	41 Park Street
Amelia's	64 Summer Street	Burke Construction	6 Renfrew Street
Anahata Schoohouse	201 North Summer Street	Burnett Farm	312 East Road
Angelina's Submarine Shop	34.5 Columbia Street	C and R Contracting	27 Melrose Street
Anita Louise Photography	6 Quaker Street	C. Diesz Electric LLC	126 East Road
Archie L Dupont Profess Vid.	3 Myrtle Street	C. W. Construction Co.	46 Howland Avenue
Area Carpet Cleaning	130 Columbia Street	Calderara Construction	41 Melrose Street
Arh+ Lab Tattoo	43 Park Street	Capital Speed Equipment	63 Alger Street
Arigoni Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	Carolyn's Tax Service	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 107
Arrowbend Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	Carpentry Plus Much More	3 Oak Lane
Ashford Heights Farm	1 Ashford Heights	Cataract & Laser Center Assoc.	One Berkshire Square
Atlantis Equipment Corp.	16 Print Works Drive	Chee's Chinese Cuisine	13 Columbia Street
Awaken	86 Summer Street	Chilson's Pilot Car	27 Grove Street
Ayotte Construction	82 Commercial Street	Chop Shop	81 Summer Street
B.S.L. Painting	8 Edward Avenue	Ciempa Landscaping & Home Improvement	78 Howland Avenue
Bark N Groom	190 Howland Avenue	Ciempa Professional Tree Service	6 Burns Lane
Barrett House	17 Pleasant Street	Color-Me Creative Gifts	98 Summer Street
Bascom Lodge	30 Rockwell Road	Conserve Thru Control	PO Box 377
Belanger Photography of the Berkshires	20 Turners Avenue	Coones Travel and Tours	97 Summer Street
Bella Sky Gifts	35 Park Street	Corner Lunch	50 Summer Street
Bellevue Memorials	146 B Bellevue Avenue	Country Construction	110 Walling Road
Benchmark Tech. Design	9 Hoosac Street	Cumberland Farms	46 Commercial Street
Berkshire Beauty Salon	18 Hoosac Street	Custom City Cycle	2.5 Pleasant Street
Berkshire Consulting Associates	1 Sommer Hill Road		

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Cutting Edge Family Haircare	68 Park Street
Cutting Edge Fitness & Martial Arts Center	73 1/2 Summer Street
D & S Linen Services d/b/a Aladco	82 Commercial Street
Daily Grind	37 Park Street
Dancecapade School of Dance	44 Spring Street
David A. Brown (Appliance Repairs)	54 Columbia Street
David C. Field Building Contractor	13 Friend Street
David Kittler	2 Pleasant Street
David L. Krutiak Tree Farm	219 West Road
Dean's Auto Repair Shop	112 West Rd
DJ BIZZ Entertainment	33 Notch Road
Domino's Pizza	80 Summer Street
Duda & Holland Construction	24 North Summer Street
Duff's Towing and Recovery	33 Highland Avenue
Dunkin Donuts	177 Columbia Street
East Adams Trucking	30 Meadow Street
Edward Jones	One Berkshire Square, Ste. 114
Elevated Printing	52 Summer Street
Experienced Attire	83 Park Street
Express Smoke & Vape Shop	56 Columbia Street
Field Property Development	129 East Road
Fillion Inc.	101 Howland Avenue
Flower Gallery	249 North Summer Street
Forest Park Country Club	Forest Park Avenue
Frank Field General Contracting	129 East Road
Full Well Farm	312 East Road
Gabriel's Cleaning Service	29 Temple Street
Gary Griswold Construction	14 Oak Lane
Gary Lecuyer On Line Gallery	3 Country Club Avenue
Gene Sebastino's Towing	25 Columbia Street
Gene's Sales & Service	108 Howland Avenue
George Apkins & Sons, Inc.	37 Pleasant Street
Girl on the Run	27 Melrose Street
Good Intentions	37 Park Street, Ste. 2
Gordon's Garage	173 Howland Avenue
Green Garden Man	15 Powers Street
Greylock Alliance	Bascom Lodge
Greylock Apartments	3 Myrtle Street
Greylock Arms LLC	12 Phillips Hill
Greylock Electric Co.	11 Grove Street
Greylock Environmental	17 Turners Avenue
Greylock Federal Credit Union	2 Park Street
Greylock Ice & Heating	2 Orcutt Street
Greylock Realty Group	233 Columbia Street
Greylock Repair Center	69 Columbia Street

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H & R Machine Company	101 Alger Street
Haas Appraisals	56 Wilbur Lane
Hafflinger House Restaurant & Inn	17 Commercial Street
Hairloom	19 Leonard Street
Haley Bld. & Remodeling	194 West Road
Hesnor Engineering Company	2A River Street
HEWN	15 Grove Street
Hill Engineers	44 Spring Street
Hilltown Demolition	173 Howland Avenue
Historic Susan B. Anthony Farm	20 Walling Road
Hobby World	171 Grove Street
Holland Co. Inc.	153 Howland Avenue
Holland's Remodeling	64 Friend Street
Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain	2 Gavin Avenue
HRJ Associates	47 Willow Street
Hytech Computer	57 Columbia Street
Interior Specialties	8 Sparrow Street
J & S Home Improvement	41 Temple Street
Jacqueline Tessier	6 Crotteau Street
Jaeschke Apple Orchard	23 Gould Road
Jeremy Johnson Finish Carpentry	47 Spring Street
Jim Gancarz Builders	11A Pinnacle Drive
K A Construction	10 Burt Street
K. Davis Painting	11 Summit Avenue
Karen's School of Dance	90 Park Street
Karen's School of Driving	7 Park Street
Kern's Plumbing & Heating	19 Dubis Street
Kim Byrd d/b/a KB Masonary	69B Park Street
L & R Holding	2 Gavin Avenue
Labbee Home Improvement	8 Burns Lane
Lablue's Taxidermy	121 Alger Street
Lahey Plumbing Heating	22 Grandview Terrace
Landscape One	9 Mill Street
Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion	131 Columbia Street
Leslie's Lawn & Garden	23 Bobs Hill
Lillie's Enterprises	18 Lower Linden Street
Lynda's Antique Clothing Loft	39 Park Street
Maple Grove Equipment	8 Leonard Street
Marshall Arts Music	40 East Jordan Street
Martin K. Bush, DDS	9 Park Street
McAndrews-King	PO Box 450
McDonald's	2 Commercial Street
MCR Roofing	84 Alger Street
Meehan & Company Inc.	7 Hoosac Street
Menty's Computer Services	1 East Hoosac Street
Meraki Salon	90 Summer Street

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Midtown Tax & Bookkeeping Service	44 Spring Street
Millhouses of Adams	75 Commercial Street
Minerals Technologies/ Specialty Minerals	260 Columbia Street
Mission	150 Howland Avenue
Modena Painting	126 Howland Avenue
Mohawk Recording Group	27 Mill Street, Unit B
Monarch Realty	97 Summer Street
Mop Shoppe	24 Fisk Street
Mountain Club	6 Anthony Street
Mountain View Painters	25 Burt Street
Mr. Rooter of Berkshire County	194 Howland Avenue
MRA Laboratories	15 Print Works Drive
Mullen Moving & Storage	71 Grove Street
NASHCO	17 Albert Street
Needlejig Tattoo Supply, Inc.	43 Print Works Drive
Newaves Unisex Hair Salon	79 Park Street
Nick Johnson Photography	4 Edmunds Street, M101
North County Creates	3 East Hoosac Street
Northeast Custom Flatbeds	11 Pinnacle Point
Northern Berkshire Loss Support	17 East Road
Nova Real Estate Services	27 Anthony Street
Oasis Liquors	35 Spring Street
O'Geary's Package Store, Inc.	60 Commercial Street
Organized by FAR	71 Park Street
Osterman Propane	60 Printworks Drive
Ouellette Bros. Plumbing	4 East Hoosac Street
Paciorek Funeral Home	13 Hoosac Street
Patriot Laundromat & Car Wash	215 Columbia Street
PCA System Corp.	155 Howland Avenue
Penny Entertainment	170 Columbia Street
People First Photography	25 Park Street
Peoples Bakery	86 Howland Avenue
Pete's Gun Shop	9 Grove Street
Pine Brook Pub LLC	128 Columbia Street
Pitchfork Restaurant	85 Commercial Street
Pizza House	26 Hoosac Street
PNA	13 Victory Street
Pop Up Bridal Online	65 East Hoosac Street
Pupper Stuffs	69 Lime Street
R. S. Lee Company	14 North Street
R.P.A. Home Repairs	20 Thompson Street
Rainbow Shack	85 Summer Street
RAM Electrical Services, LLC	1 Berkshire Sq.
Rebecca Field	75 Commercial Street, B103
Red Carpet Restaurant	69 Park Street

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Walgreens #19038	21 Columbia Street
Robbie's Gluten Free MA, LLC	1 Burns Lane
Rogowski Distribution	60 Printworks Drive
Ronnies Cycle	150 Howland Avenue
Rowley Fuel	1 Grove Street
RSP Petroleum, Inc. dba Racing Mart	73 Columbia Street
Sadlow Enterprises	21 Crandall Street
Saldo Electric	90 Howland Avenue
Salon D	24-26 Willow Street
Scarpmalli	69 Lime Street
Scotty's Trucking	41 Park Street, Suite 6
Serrano Builders	42 Alger Street
Servistove Solutions	7 Lower Linden Street
Shannon Perin Photography	49 Glen Street
Shine Wire	25 Printworks Drive
Simply Different Supplements	15 Fryc Lane
Sit and Stay	30 Winter Street
Smith Bros. McAndrews Ins. Co.	45 Park Street
Sommer Electric	117 Grove Street
Sommer Hill Farm	1 Sommer Hill Road
Soulier & Zepka Construction	5 Spring Street
Sparkle Clean	28 Burt Street
St. John Law Offices	2 Center Street
Standard Furniture	66 Summer Street
Stanley's Lumber & Bldg. Supplies, Inc.	PO Box 87
Steepleview Realty	63 Park Street
Stephen Faucher Photography	8 Baskin Lane
Stitchaholique	7 Glendale Drive
Stockman Associates, LLC	29 Park Street
Styling Station	56 Summer Street
Sunny Dayz Tan	36 Park Street
Superneau Construction & Concrete	23 Willow Street
Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum	67 East Road
T & A Tool Inc.	73 Summer Street
The Coffee Liberation	1 Park Street
The Creative Designs	48 Columbia Street
The Grille Restaurant	77 Summer Street
The Hair Loft	37 Park Street, Suite 1
Thompson & Linscott	P.O. Box 190
Thrifty Bundle Laundromat	41 Spring Street
Topia Arts Center	27 Park Street
Topia Inn	10 Pleasant Street
Top's Wellness Lifestyle	8 Pearl Street
Total Access Computers	69 Columbia Street
TRI Petroleum LLC dba Adams Express	160 Howland Avenue

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Trimarchi Nurseries	15 Burns Lane
Trottier Pringle Funeral Home	6 Summer Street
Troy's Tree Service	5 McKinley Street
Ultimate Entertainment Adams	52 Howland Avenue
Val's Variety	5 Columbia Street
Viking Pub	83 Commercial Street
V's Car Wash	76 Columbia Street
Waterman Excavating, Inc.	44 Spring Street
Waterman Paving & General Contracting	17 Morningside Avenue

Organization Name	Address
Whitco	186 Howland Avenue
Whitman AD	0 Upper Linden Street
Whitman's Crystal Cleaning	2 Melrose Street
Whitmans PM	168 Friend Street
Windsor Bush Consulting	36 Melrose Street
Wizard Man Computer Repair	15 Powers Street
Wojo's	27 Spring Street
Xtreme Cleaning	45 North Summer Street





