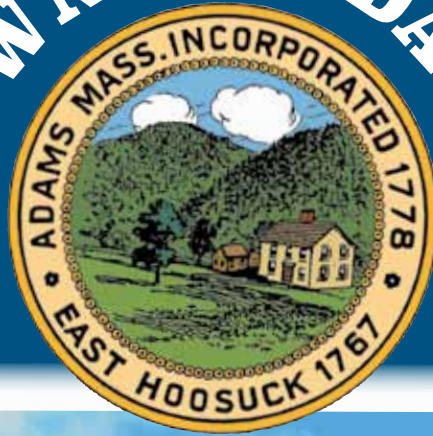


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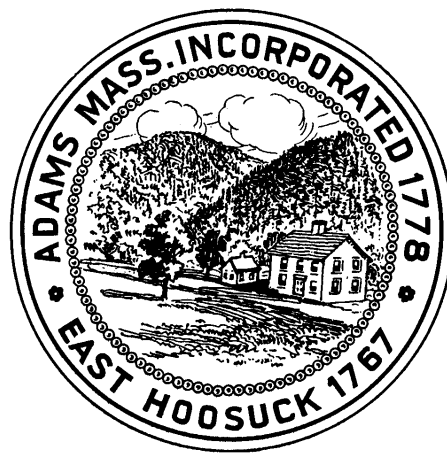


ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2021

Town of
ADAMS

MASSACHUSETTS

**REPORT OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**



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

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General Information

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

Population:

Town Census 2020	8,398
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 2020	Pending
Federal Census 2010	8,485
Federal Census 2000	8,809
Federal Census 1990	9,455
Federal Census 1980	10,385

Registered Voters May 2021 **6,084**

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

Tax Rate FY21

Residential and Open Space	\$ 20.89
Commercial, Industrial & Personal	\$ 26.16
Total Taxed Assessed	\$ 12,243,861.00
Total Valuation	\$ 523,698,379.00

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

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



CATHERINE ABBOTT

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

HARVEY F. HAMLIN

Weigher of all Commodities

MARION HELLQUIST

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

JULIA JANOWSKI

Adams Housing Authority

Board of Health

Council on Aging

WILLIAM T. KITTLER

Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee

Park Commission

Town Meeting Member

FRED A. KRZANIK

Department of Public Works

Special Police Officer (Highway Department)

JACQUELINE MIKUTOWICZ

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

CHRISTOPHER MOREY

Board of Appeals

Town Meeting Member

JOSEPH C. ORDYNA

Town Meeting Member

RICHARD P. OUELLETTE

Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances

Railroad Land Study Committee

Town Meeting Member

RAYMOND A. PORTER

Town Meeting Member

JACQUELINE M. RHINEMILLER

Council on Aging Board Member



DEDICATION

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

RICHARD G. KLEINER

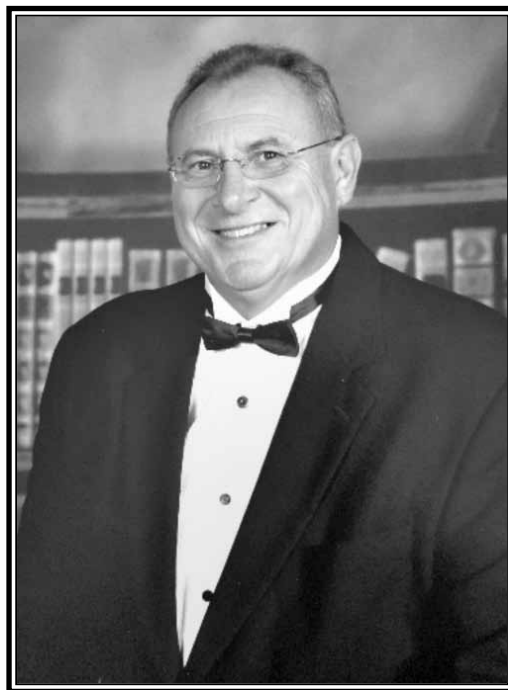
Richard "Dick" Kleiner has shown his love of Adams through a lifetime of volunteer and public service.

He began his service to the Town of Adams on the Planning Board in March, 1974, where he served for five years. In May of 1975, Dick began a nine-year service as a *Weigher of All Commodities*, for Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain. In 1993, he became the *Assistant Emergency Management Director* for Adams, and by 1997 assumed the position of *Emergency Management Director*, replacing Ralph Anthony.

In conjunction with the Emergency Management position, Dick also entered into service on the *Forest Wardens Department* in June of 1996. Within a few short years he also replaced Ralph Anthony there as well, as the *Forest Warden Chief*, in May of 2002. He has faithfully served in both positions through the end of 2021, responding day, night and on weekends to a various array of emergencies, and serving on numerous committees. He was instrumental in keeping the Community Emergency Management Plan up to date, which required hundreds of hours of work, and bringing NIMS and ICS training to Adams.

His emergency service highlights his unwavering dedication to the Town of Adams. During his tenure, he directed his team of Emergency Management and Forest Wardens personnel through diverse incidents both in Adams and as a mutual-aid service to other communities in need, requiring planning, strong leadership, extensive training, exceptional knowledge and careful resource management.

There is only enough room to represent large highlighted events, but Dick Kleiner was present and active over the years in dozens of incidents collectively in Adams and via mutual-aid, in and out of the County for communities in need. In 1995 he directed his team in mutual-aid response to the F4 Tornado that hit Great Barrington, and provided support during the 1999 to 2009 forest fires in Becket, Blandford, Florida, Lanesborough, and Tekoa Mountain that spanned 1,200 acres in Russell and Montgomery. Dick led the Forest Wardens' mutual-aid response to the Cranwell Resort fire in Lenox in 2010.



In Adams, he served through the Y2K preplanning for emergency preparedness due to potential threats at the turn of the century, and provided response and management of the impact of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. He worked with the Town departments and government officials to handle the September, 2018 flood damage to Adams infrastructure, which alone left destruction in the amount of \$2.5 million. More recently, in 2020, Dick worked as part of the larger Adams and regional team to manage the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic needs and requirements as it affected the region in a long-term emergency that is still ongoing.

Presently, Dick still serves as a *Town Meeting Member*, the position he was elected to in 2011, to represent those in his precinct on important matters facing the citizens. His current term ends in 2023. There are few people who dedicate so much of their time, and so many years of their lives to serve citizens and the local communities in need.

Dick is highly deserving of recognition for responding to assist everyone that reaches out for help, from the elderly in town needing heating and cooling shelters, to large-scale catastrophic events causing millions of dollars in damage. He has been instrumental, and a lifeline to this community with his knowledge, service and his work with MEMA and FEMA for grant funding to mitigate Town costs.

Sincere thanks are expressed to Dick Kleiner for his devoted service as a volunteer, in elected official capacity, a Town employee, and for being a citizen of notable dedication to Adams!

Adams Town Election Results

May 3, 2021

MODERATOR		for a term of One Year
Myra L. Wilk	Seven hundred sixty-three	763*
Blanks	One hundred thirty-six	136
Total		899

TOWN CLERK		for a term of Three Years
Haley A. Meczywor	Seven hundred eighty-seven	787*
Blanks	One hundred eleven	111
Write-In Votes	One	1
Total		899

SELECTMEN		for a term of Three Years
John E. Duval	Five hundred seventy-two	572*
Howard Jay Rosenberg	Seven hundred twenty-seven	727*
Donald R. Sommer	Two hundred seventy-eight	278
Blanks	Two hundred nineteen	219
Write-In Votes	Two	2
Total		1798

ASSESSORS		for a term of Three Years
Paula J. Wheeler	Seven hundred forty-eight	748*
Blanks	One hundred fifty	150
Write-In Votes	One	1
Total		899

BOARD OF HEALTH		for a term of Three Years
Blanks	Eight hundred seventy-eight	878
Write-In Votes	Twenty-one	21
Total		899

Failure to Elect

LIBRARY TRUSTEES		for a term of Three Years
James R. Loughman	Six hundred eighty-eight	688*
Eugene F. Michalenko	Seven hundred eighty-five	785*
Blanks	Three hundred twenty-five	325
Total		1798

PARK COMMISSIONERS		for a term of Three Years
James J. Fassell	Seven hundred twenty-one	721*
Write-In Votes	Seven	7
Blanks	Nineteen hundred sixty-nine	1969
Total		2697

Failure to Elect the remaining Two Three Year seats

PARK COMMISSIONERS		for a term of Two Years
Write-In Votes	Six	6
Blanks	Eight hundred ninety-three	893
Total		899

Failure to Elect

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER		for a term of Five Years
David B. Rhinemiller	Seven hundred eleven	711*
Blanks	One hundred eighty-eight	188
Total		899

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER		for a term of Three Years
Bruce Dale Shepley	Seven hundred forty-five	745*
Blanks	One hundred fifty-three	153
Write-In Votes	One	1
Total		899

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER		for a term of Five Years
Carol A. Roberts	Six hundred ninety-eight	698*
Write-In Votes	One	1
Blanks	Two hundred	200
Total		899

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER		for a term of Four Years
Write-In Votes	Three	3
Blanks	Eight hundred ninety-six	896
Total		899

Failure to Elect

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER		for a term of Two Years
Write-In Votes		
Kelly F. Rice	Two	2*
Blanks	Eight hundred ninety-seven	897
Total		899

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER		for a term of Four Years
Write-In Vote		
Stephen J. Dadak	One	1*
Blanks	Eight hundred ninety-eight	898
Total		899

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER		for a term of Three Years
Write-In Vote		
Elizabeth D. Irwin	One	1*
Blanks	Eight hundred ninety-eight	898
Total		899

**Elected Official*

Election Results *(continued)*

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER for a term of Three Years

Bruce Dale Shepley	Seven hundred twenty-eight	728*
Blanks	One hundred seventy-one	171
Total		899

HOOSAC VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ADAMS REPRESENTATIVE for a term of Three Years

Michael C. Mucci Jr.	Seven hundred eighteen	718*
Blanks	One hundred eighty-one	181
Total		899

HOOSAC VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE_MEMBER CHESHIRE REPRESENTATIVE for a term of Three Years

Bethany J. Demarco	Six hundred ninety-nine	699*
Blanks	Two hundred	200
Total		899

Results of the annual Town Elections held for the Hoosac Valley Regional School District.

ADAMS

Adams Representative – Three Year Term

	Adams	Cheshire
Michael Mucci	718	278
Blanks	181	84
Total	899	362

CHESHIRE

Cheshire Representative – Three Year Term

	Adams	Cheshire
Bethany Demarco	699	292
Write In Votes	0	2
Blanks	200	68
Total	899	362

**Elected Official*

Elected Town Officers

Term Expires

Moderator

Myra L. Wilk 2022

Town Clerk

Haley A. Meczywor 2024

Selectmen

Richard Blanchard 2022

Joseph J. Nowak 2022

Christine D. Hoyt 2023

John E. Duval 2024

Howard Jay Rosenberg 2024

Treasurer-Collector

Kelly F. Rice 2022

Assessors

Lorraine M. Kalisz 2022

George J. Haddad 2023

Paula J. Wheeler 2024

Board of Health

Joyce E. Brewer (*Appt. by BOS 06/09/2021*) 2022

Peter L. Hoyt 2022

David Brian Rhoads 2023

Library Trustees

Virginia Phelps Duval 2022

Karen L. Kettles 2022

Brian R. Bishop 2023

Linda S. Rhoads 2023

James R. Loughman 2024

Eugene F. Michalenko 2024

Park Commission

Kayla E. Farry 2022

Paul A. Nowicki (*Resigned 01/10/2022*) 2022

Scott Tolmach (*Resigned 09/07/2021*) 2022

Jacob N. Schutz 2023

James J. Fassell 2024

Planning Board

Sandra H. Moderski 2022

Lisa A. Gazaille 2023

Michael J. Mach 2024

David C. Krzeminski 2025

David B. Rhinemiller 2026

Cemetery Commission

James M. Taylor 2022

Frederick S. Hobart 2023

Bruce Dale Shepley 2024

Elected Town Officers *(continued)*

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Housing Authority	
Linda Cernik (<i>State Appointee</i>)	2016
Kelly F. Rice	2023
Adele P. Hale (<i>Tenant Board Member</i>)	2024
Vacant	2025
Carol A. Roberts	2026
Redevelopment Authority	
Vacant (<i>State Appointee</i>)	
Joseph W. Allard	2022
Elizabeth M. Bushey	2023
Elizabeth D. Irwin	2024
Stephen J. Dadak	2025
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee	
Joseph W. Allard	2022
Daniel J. Maloney, Jr.	2023
Bruce Dale Shepley	2024
Hoosac Valley Regional School District Committee	
Elected At-Large	
(Adams)	
Erin Milne (<i>Appt. by HVRSDC 02/08/2021</i>)	2022
Nannette C. Reid	2022
Regina A. Hill	2023
Michael C. Mucci, Jr.	2024
(Cheshire)	
Michael J. Henault	2022
Adam B. Emerson	2023
Bethany J. DeMarco	2024
Fence Viewers	
Susan A. Denault	2022
Andrew M. Goyette	2022
Timothy C. Ziemba	2022
Measurer of Wood and Bark	
Bruce Dale Shepley	2022

Appointed By Moderator

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Finance Committee	
Carol A. Cushenette	2022
Charles H. Foster	2022
Brian R. Johnson	2022
Sarah J.P. Kline	2022
Jay T. Meczywor	2022
Justin Scott Duval	2023
Stephanie L. Melito	2023
Erin Mucci	2023
Jason Nocher	2023
Rachel H. Tomkowicz	2023
Timothy R. Burdick	2024
Carrie L. Burnett	2024
Michele A. Butler	2024
Aimee Lynn Kupiec	2024
Robert T. Murray	2024
Town Report Committee	
Deborah Dunlap	
Kelly Rice	
Crystal Wojcik	
Adams Memorial Day Committee	
John Bordeaux	
Anthony Donovan	
Joseph Kus	
Ralph Schwarzer	
David Smachetti	
Keith McLear	

Appointed Town Officials

July 2021

Right to Know Coordinator

Jay R. Green

Agricultural Commission

Wayne V. Piaggi
Emilie Krzanik
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

American with Disabilities Coordinator

Jay R. Green

Animal Control Officer

Kim Witek

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Michael Mach
John Duval (Alternate)

Berkshire County Regional Transit Authority

Christine Hoyt

Building Commissioner

Gerald Garner

Chief Procurement Officer

Jay R. Green

Code Enforcement Officer

Mark Blaisdell

Community Development Director

Eammon Coughlin

Conservation Commission

Natasha L. Bordeaux
Matthew Burdick
Erica R. Deane
James J. Fassell
David Lipinski
Stephen V. Melito
Jeffrey D. Randall
Thomas Robinson (*Resigned 10/01/2021*)
Emily Stockman (Wetlands Consultant)

Constables

Herman Bishop
Thomas Satko

Council on Aging Director

Erica Girgenti (*Resigned 10/31/2021*)
Sarah B. Fontaine (*Appt. 12/01/2021*)

Council on Aging Board of Directors

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

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

George LaMaitre (*Appt. 10/06/2021*)
Erica Wall

Emergency Management Director

Richard Kleiner (*Retired 01/20/2022*)
Amalio Jusino (*Appt. 01/20/2022*)

Fair Housing Officer

Eammon Coughlin

Fence Viewers

Andrew Goyette
Susan Denault
Timothy Ziemba

Forest Warden

Richard Kleiner (*Retired 01/20/2022*)
Griffin Willette (*Appt. 01/20/2022*)

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Timothy Cota

Historical Commission

Ryan Biros
Susan Denault
Bruce D. Dumochel
Jody Fijal
Eugene Michalenko

Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances

Norman Rolnick

Inspector of Plumbing

Norman Rolnick

Measure of Wood and Bark

Bruce Dale Shepley

Mt. Greylock Advisory Board

Timothy Herrmann

Appointed Town Officials – July 2021 *(continued)*

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District
Edward Driscoll

Preservation Officer
Eugene Michalenko

Registrar of Voters
Casimer R. Kuza
Timothy Rowley
John J. Tarsa

Retirement Board
Patricia Wol

Special Police Officers
David Dean
Scott McWhirt
Timothy Sorrell (*Appt. 09/15/2021*)

Superintendent of Insect Control
Steven Skrocki

Town Accountant
Crystal Wojcik

Town Counsel
Edmund St. John, III

Town Scholarship Committee
George Haddad
Haley Meczywor
Kelly Rice
Ashley Satko
Christina Satko

Traffic Commission
Timothy Cota
Lisa Gazaille (Planning Board)
K. Scott Kelley (Police Chief)
Gregory Onorato
Tom Satko

Tree Warden
Timothy Cota

Trench Board
Timothy Cota
Gerald Garner
Robert Wojcik

Veterans Agent
Stephen R. Roy

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Robert Rumbolt

Weighers of All Commodities:

Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain
Jennifer Brown

Specialty Minerals, Inc.
Chris Shoestock
Jim Ryan
Corey Mullen
Chris Riordan
Beth Rusilowicz
Stephanie Lopez
Alicia Williams
Derek Masse
Kevin Hubbard

Wire Inspector
David B. Rhinemiller

Zoning Board of Appeals
Glendon Diehl
Raymond Gargan Jr.
Aaron Girgenti
Nathaniel W. Karns
Wayne V. Piaggi
David B. Rhinemiller (Alternate)

Town Meeting Members – Annual Town Meeting

Precinct 1	June 21	Precinct 2	June 21	Precinct 3	June 21
Baker, Patricia A.	X	Bishop, Brian R.	X	Allard, Joseph W.	--
Baker, Starr D.	X	Bishop, Dawn Lea	X	Blanchard, Richard	X
Biros, Ryan P.	X	Bury, Donald	X	Conroy-Shepley, Patricia	X
Butler, Michele A.	X	Cernik, Linda A.	E	Corrigan, Craig R.	X
Charron, James F.	X	Cernik, Scott E.	--	Cowie Jr., John R.	X
Charron, Melissa M.	X	DeBlois, Gregory A.	X	Cutler, Michael Alton	--
Clerc, Bruce P.	X	Driscoll, Edward J.	--	Dumouchel, Bruce D.	--
Cunningham, Travis Gray	X	Gazaille, Lisa A.	--	Frederick, Jon A.	--
Cunningham, Vanessa Mae	X	Janik, Edward S.	X	Frost, Richard E.	--
Duval, Justin Scott	X	Ketcham, William Floyd	X	Frost, Susan K.	--
Duval, Virginia Phelps	X	Kolis, Dolores J.	X	Gageant, Stephen	--
Fijal, Jody A.	--	Lentine, Joseph A.	X	Gargan Jr., Raymond	X
Hoyt, Christine D.	X	Meczywor, Michael V.	X	Kelley, Nancy A.	X
Hoyt, Peter L.	X	Meczywor, Paula	X	Kogut, Devin Matthew	X
Jette, Richard A.	X	Michalenko, Eugene F.	X	Kolis, Marilyn Phelps	--
Kline, Sarah JP	X	Moderski, Sandra H.	X	Lawson, John L.	X
Kolis, David	X	Odvar, Lisa A.	X	Mach, Michael J.	X
Kolis, Patricia M.	X	Penna, Nicholas Francis	--	Norcross, Robert	X
Kupiec, Anne E.	X	Satko, Christina	X	Parrott Jr., Leon S.	--
Kupiec, Neil	X	Schutz, Norman K.	X	Parrott, Nancy A.	--
Meczywor, Jay T.	X	Sutliff, Mary Ellen	X	Satko, Ashley Ruth	X
Moran, Terence E.	--	Sutliff, Shaun W.	X	Schaffrick, Melissa L.	X
Moyer, Christine A.	E	Tomkowicz, Rachel H.	E	Schutz, Jacob N.	X
Moyer, John D.	E	Tomyl, Peter L.	X	Shepley, Bruce Dale	X
Mucci, Erin	--	Turoczy, Lawrence	X	Silvia, Veronica A.	X
Nimmons, Jacqueline F.	X	Wilson-Malloy, Tanya M.	--	Tinney, Thomas N.	--
Poirot, Dayne P.	X			Trzcinski, Bianca F.	X
Robinson, Brenda E.	X			Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J.	X
Robinson, Thomas A.	X			Ziemba, Barbara A.	X
Taylor, Judith L.	X				
Precinct 4		Precinct 4 (continued)		Precinct 5 (continued)	
	June 21		June 21		June 21
Alibozek, Elizabeth S.	X	Koscinski, Joseph P.	--	Fassell, James J.	X
Blanchard, Steven M.	--	Mendel, Bruce W.	X	Girgenti, Aaron	X
Blanchard, Scott	X	Meczywor, Leona	X	Girgenti, Erica Meranda	X
Blanchard, William Todd	X	Sommer, Donald R.	X	Haddad, George J.	X
Bourdon, Beth L.	X	Sommer Jr., Donald R.	--	Kleiner, Richard G.	X
Bourdon III, Wilfred R.	X	Taylor, James M.	X	Koperniak, Christopher T.	X
Cesan, Donna Elizabeth	X	Taylor, Patricia F.	X	Lennon Jr., David J.	X
Clough, Marnie Ann	--	Wilk, Myra L.	X	Milne, Erin Mary	X
Dadak, Stephen J.	--	Ziaja, Mark D.	X	Moran, Frederick D.	--
Deeley, Susan	--			Moran, Marilyn A.	--
Demastrie, Jacqueline M.	X	Precinct 5	June 21	Phoenix, Elizabeth Ann	--
Demastrie, Paul S.	X	Bishop, Corey J.	--	Rhoads, David Brian	X
Dimitropolis, George Harry	X	Bissaillon, David R.	X	Rhoads, Linda S.	X
Donahue, Meagheanne E.	--	Burdick, Timothy R.	X	Satko, Thomas A.	X
Duval, John F.	X	Clairmont, Lawrence A.	X	Tarsa, Barbara J.	X
Hayer, Joseph P.	X	Cushenette, Carol A.	X	Tarsa Jr., Richard W.	E
Irwin, Elizabeth D.	X	Doyle, Ann Marie	X	West, Peter	--
Karns, Nathaniel Wilson	X	Doyle, Joseph Bernard	X	Whitman, Mary E.	X

Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator

Calendar year 2021 began with continued pandemic related business restrictions and modified Town government operations. Several Town staff members, including Town Administrator Jay Green, Select Board Member Christine Hoyt, Town Clerk Haley Meczywor, former Council on Aging Director Erica Girgenti, Board of Health Member Peter Hoyt, and members of the Forest Warden Department contributed to the operation and management of over 40 vaccination clinics held at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center in North Adams for the Northern Berkshire Region. As the year went on and the State Regulations began to recede, governmental and business operations eventually returned to normalcy. Despite the overarching pandemic and all of the uncertainty and stress that it caused, the Town of Adams continued to function and move ahead. Here are some of the highlights from 2021 that the Office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator were involved.



Adams crew at a COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Standing, Left to Right: Peter Hoyt (Board of Health), Christine Hoyt (Select Board), Bruce Shepley (Cemetery Commission), Jay Green (Town Administrator), Barbara Proper and Elizabeth Chapman (Council on Aging).

Kneeling, Left to Right: Erica Girgenti (COA at the time) and Sarah Kline (Lions Club, Finance Committee)

Retirements & Hires

In 2021, there were three retirements from the Town of Adams. Former Town Accountant Mary Beverly retired in February after 18 dedicated years of working in the Accounting Office. Mary began her career in 2003 as Town Accountant and maintained the Town's finances while continuously improving budgeting and financial tracking techniques. Mary also served as interim Town Administrator twice in her career. She has continued to stay in contact with the new Town Accountant in a mentorship role to pass on her many years of institutional knowledge.

Former Town Assessor Donna MacDonald retired in May after 19 years of serving in the elected position of Assessor. Donna began her career in 2002 as the elected Assessor. She worked

diligently through numerous re-valuations and under multiple Town Administrators to assess Town properties accordingly. Donna's significant experience and knowledge of the history of the Town of Adams and its properties will be missed.

Former Administrative Assistant Pamela Gerry retired in October after 23 years of service. Pam served in numerous positions throughout Town departments during her career. She had a positive energy that radiated to those around her. Pam is greatly appreciated for her years of service and the positivity she brought to Town staff and members of the public.

There were also numerous new hires in 2021 that brought big changes to many Town Departments. K. Scott Kelley of South Carolina was hired as the new Police Chief of the Town of Adams in January 2021. Chief Kelley has over 25 years of law enforcement experience and in a variety of sub-areas of policing such as investigations, narcotics, patrol, and special weapons and tactics. He comes to Adams after serving in increasingly greater positions of responsibility in Anderson, S.C., Folly Beach, S.C., and as Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for Spartanburg Community College.

The Police Department also saw the addition of two new Patrol Officers, Christopher Lampiasi and Kevin Stant. Officer Lampiasi came from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts as a campus Police Officer. He will be attending the police academy in 2022. Officer Stant came from the North Adams Police Department with experience in traffic control and fleet management. Both Officers come to Adams with excitement and a desire to serve in the roll of Patrol Officers.

In March 2021, Crystal Wojcik was hired as the next Finance Director/Town Accountant of the Town of Adams. Crystal worked as a Financial Assistant in the Community Development department during her college career at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Crystal graduated in May 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting. She had minors in both Leadership and Economics, and comes to Adams with a desire to serve her community and to lead others. She is eager to apply her accounting education to current practices and improve the existing systems in place.

In May 2021 the residents of Adams elected Paula Wheeler as the next Town of Adams Assessor. Paula previously worked as the Administrative Assistant in the Town Clerk's office next door to the Assessor's office. She learned over the years the functions of the Assessor's office and grew an understanding of how the office is run. Paula stepped proudly into her newly elected role as Assessor and is honored to be serving her community.

In May, Eammon Coughlin was hired as the new Community Development Director. Eammon comes to Adams from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission as a transportation planner. He holds a Master's Degree from Cornell University in Landscape Architecture. He is excited to be involved in the progression of the community and to partake in the planning of new projects.

We have also hired two new Administrative Assistants in both the Town Clerk's office and Community Development department. Sarah Lesure was hired as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Clerk in July. Sarah comes to us from Berkshire Gas with almost 25 years of experience as an administrative professional and draftsman. Isaiah Moore was hired as the Administrative Assistant to the Community Development department. Isaiah comes to Adams as a full-time student at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with an interest in political science and serving his local government.

In December, Sarah Fontaine was hired as the new Town of Adams Council on Aging Director. Sarah comes to Adams as a Licensed Social Worker, with experience working at other Council on Aging facilities and Berkshire Elder Services. Sarah has also assisted in relocating a previous Council on Aging to a new facility. This is a task she will undergo again as the Adams Council on Aging prepares to move their facility to the Adams Memorial Building.

Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was once again held outdoors in June at Bowe Field. In addition to the approval of the FY22 budget, the following items were voted on allowing the Town to move forward:

- Zoning Bylaw Marijuana Designated Location and Accessory Use Amendments
- Adams Grove Street Solar PILOT
- Temporary Re-allocation of 2018 Storm Damage Funds to engineering of WWTP, with ARPA to replenish the funds
- Raise and appropriate necessary funds to complete improvements for Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Appropriate \$100,000 and costs related thereto for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Plan for Town Wastewater and Stormwater systems
- Vote on a Home Rule Petition for an Increase in Number of Alcohol Licenses for On Premises Consumption (Section 12) for downtown and Greylock Glen

Board of Selectmen

Calendar year 2021 saw the re-election of John Duval and the election of Howard Rosenberg to the Board of Selectmen. New officers were selected with John Duval selected as Chairman and Christine Hoyt as Vice Chairman. Richard Blanchard and Joseph Nowak round out the active and engaged Board of Selectmen.

The year included numerous efforts of the Board of Selectmen to progress the Town of Adams forward through various avenues. In January, 20 East Street (the Youth Center, Inc. was



Left: John Duval being sworn in by the Town Clerk.



Right: Howard Rosenberg being sworn in by the Town Clerk.

the former tenant) was declared Excess Property and the Board discussed the potential sale of the property to a developer. In addition to discussions about 20 East Street, the Board also worked on acquiring property at 26 Commercial Street. This property was the former Mobile gas station, which will be converted to a parking area with the vision of the parking area to be used by Hoosac Valley Elementary School during the day, and used by surrounding restaurant areas such as Haffinger Haus in the evening.

The Board of Selectmen along with the Town Administrator interviewed and reviewed two proposals for the renovation and reuse of the Adams Memorial Building. The Board chose Wayland North, an experienced housing developer of Providence, Rhode Island as the developer for the project.

The Board continuously reviewed the Marijuana Bylaws with the assistance of the Community Development department to remain in compliance with the most current legislation. The Marijuana industry continues to remain an area of interest for future business owners in the Town of Adams. The Board also worked closely with the Adams Arts Advisory Board as a third-party agent in working toward the creation of a Cultural District in Downtown Adams.

As a result of the increased demand for shared Council on Aging (COA) services, the Board also approved an Intermunicipal Services Agreement with the Town of Savoy to provide shared COA services to Savoy residents. Presently, the shared services consist of transportation and inclusion in Adams COA events or programs.

In calendar year 2021, there was a realization between the Board of Selectmen and Town staff that we are working with aging equipment and infrastructure in Town buildings. The Board and Finance Committee approved three Reserve Fund transfers, all of which were for equipment and infrastructure. The first was to assist in the completion of the Registry of Deeds building entrance to make it ADA accessible and compliant. Our Forest Wardens needed a utility vehicle to fight forest fires after one of their vehicles unexpectedly broke down. Lastly, the Town Hall building suffered water damage after significant rain storms occurred and flooded the elevator pit through a leakage in the exterior of the building.



Department of Public Works 2021 Volvo Excavator; Left to right: Steven Skrocki, Mark Pizani, Norman Charron, Tristan Frieri, Adam Jangrow, Adam Meczywor, Robert Wojcik, James Hall, Wayne Brown, David Jardine, Timothy Cota

In addition to the purchase/repair of the previously mentioned items, the Department of Public Works also presented the Board with the need for an excavator after one of the aged excavators started exhibiting signs of being at the end of its useful life. The Board approved a 5-year financing plan for the excavator using Chapter 90 funds.

Following the funding approval at Town meeting in September 2020, the Board was able to move forward with the creation of a General Government Review Committee to review the Town's charter and existing practices. The Board ratified a contract for Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates to work as a consultant for the Committee.

Events and Programs

In April, US Capitol Police Officer William "Billy" Evans was laid to rest in Adams, MA after he was killed guarding the perimeter of the Capitol building. Billy was brought home to the Berkshires after a Congressional Tribute and Lying in Honor in the United States Capitol Rotunda. A private Funeral Mass was held at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. And although the burial was private, the streets to the cemetery were lined with individuals who wanted to pay their respects and honor Officer Evans.

2021 saw the completion of several years of hard work by the Adams Suffragette Centennial Celebration Committee who worked on the design and fundraising for a statue in honor of Susan B. Anthony, the daughter of the Town of Adams. Lieutenant Governor Polito visited Adams to partake in the celebration, serve as the keynote speaker, and unveiling the statue of Susan B. Anthony. The celebration was attended by local elected officials and highlighted the services and efforts of female elected officials of the Town of Adams.

In August, Park Street was closed to the public and a mobile stage was placed across from Town Hall to host several musical groups, along with other vendors, and a brief stage performance to reenact important moments in Susan B. Anthony's life. The evening was capped off by a fireworks presentation that lit up Adams to honor and celebrate the life of Susan B. Anthony.

On July 14, Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito visited Adams to make a public announcement for the release of \$6.5 million to build the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center.

Working with the Town of Adams, Pro-Adams and the Adams Historical Society created and installed a series of five, two-sided interpretive signs at key points in downtown Adams. Each sign contains vintage images and information about the history of Adams. The signs are located in locations along Park, Hoosac, and Summer Streets, as well as next to the Ashu-willticook Rail Trail at the Adams Visitor Center, and close to the Berkshire Scenic Railway boarding platform.

In September, the Town of Adams hosted Secretary Kennealy for a brief tour of downtown and a roundtable discussion with local businesses. The administration visited small businesses in downtown centers across the Commonwealth to both celebrate their reopening from the pandemic and to discuss how the state can continue to be a partner in their recovery and growth.



Left to Right: Jay Green, John Duval, Richard Blanchard, Howard Rosenberg, Christine Hoyt, and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

Left to Right:

*North Adams Mayor
Thomas Bernard;
Selectman Christine Hoyt,
Vice Chair;
Lt. Governor Karyn Polito;
Senator Adam Hinds;
Selectman
Howard Rosenberg;
Governor Charlie Baker;
Selectman Joseph Nowak;
Secretary
Kathleen Theoharides;
State Representative
John Barrett, III;
Donna Cesan;
State Representative
Smitty Pignatelli;
Selectman
John Duval, Chair;
Town Administrator
Jay Green;
and DCR Commissioner
Jim Montgomery*



COVID-19 Pandemic

On June 16, the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Health Pandemic was terminated by Governor Baker's office. This allowed the Town of Adams to return to normal operations and re-open the building to the members of the public. In August the Town received the first disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1,197,122.96. The Town

is eligible for a total amount of \$2,394,244.81, of which the remaining \$1.1 million will be received in the summer of 2022. The Board of Selectmen discussed the best ways to apply the ARPA funds according to the eligible uses while also working towards the Town's goals. These uses included water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.



Summary

In summary, 2021 was a year of recovery and re-establishing normalcy to local Town government. Through the Town's stable leadership and hardworking dedicated staff, we were able to persevere and move the Town of Adams forward. It was a year of reckoning and stabilization as we returned to full operation and providing services to Town residents.

Back Row, Left to Right:

*Joseph Nowak, Member;
Howard Rosenberg, Member;
Jay Green, Town Administrator*

Front Row, Left to Right:

*Richard Blanchard, Member;
John Duval, Chair;
Christine Hoyt, 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..... **\$ 25,621.00**

Vital Statistics	2021	2020	2019
Births Reported	80	59	63
Marriages Reported	24	21	42
Deaths Reported	106	105	115

Storage Tank Renewals **8**

Number of Dog Licenses Issued

Males 54
Neutered Males 290
Females 34
Spayed Females 302
4 Dogs Kennel License 4
10 Dogs Kennel License 1
25 Dogs Kennel License 0
Total 684

Town Census 8,335

VOTER REGISTRATION

Annual Town Election May 3, 2021

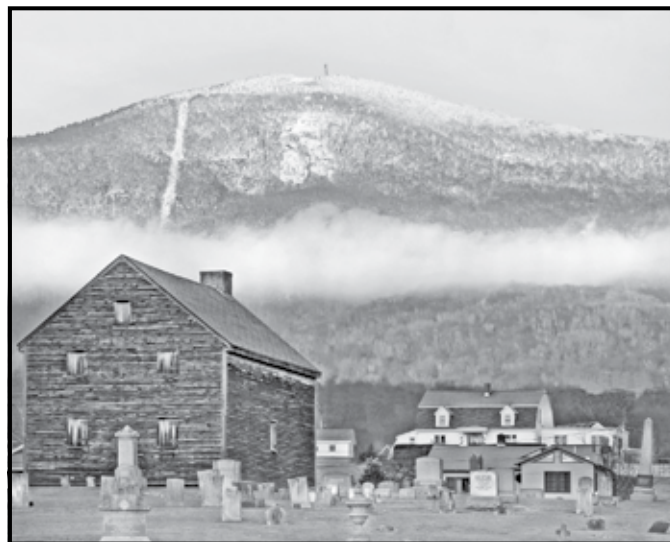
Registered voters as of the close of registration on April 12, 2021

Precinct	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenr.	Libert.	Other
1	1131	328	95	691	8	9
2	1211	367	100	724	8	12
3	1291	429	128	713	8	13
4	1132	311	100	704	5	12
5	1319	381	96	822	8	12
	6084	1816	519	3654	37	58

Adams Historical Commission

A report titled “Conservation Assessment of the East Hoosuck Quaker Meeting House, Adams, Massachusetts” was prepared by Ian Stewart of New Netherland Timber Framing and Preservation of Ghent, New York, in 2020, in anticipation of applying for a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Project Fund in 2021. However, the report advised that additional investigation into the condition of the sills was necessary.

The Quaker Meeting Trust, which contains money in escrow from the 1987 grant from the Preservation Project Fund, was used to pay for the initial report, and that account will be used again for the additional study. This is considered necessary to gather accurate information on the condition and repair needs of the meeting house to make a proper request in the next round of funding from the annual Preservation Project Fund.



Several homes in the Summer Street National Register Historic District have seen turnovers in ownership. Houses that have been homes to families for decades have new owners. With the new owners, there have been many positive changes, but that is not to say that many of the long-term residents haven't been doing their best to make the historic district look great. Many of them have kept their houses in excellent shape.

Over the past years, landscaping and house paint choices have enhanced this section of Adams, respecting the architectural and historical integrity of the streetscape, especially on Summer and East Streets.



This panoramic photo of 28, 30, and 32 Summer St. shows just three of the many houses in the Summer St. National Register Historic District that have made the neighborhood a showcase of 19th century residential architecture.

Adams Free Library

Annual Report 2021

In 2021 we emerged from the profound challenges of the first pandemic year with the hope of gradually returning to “normal” library operations and in-person access to our collections. During the first several months we were fortunate to have an accessible entrance with a doorbell and intercom that allowed staff to continue to serve our community without contact. Patrons were able to choose items to borrow through the internet, over the phone, or by email. We began allowing patrons inside the library by appointment in April, and we fully opened to the public without restrictions on June 1 with our normal summer hours. The library served an average of 700 patrons a month from January to June. That number increased to about 1,600 per month from July to December.

In order to further eliminate barriers to accessing library resources and services for all members of our community, the Board of Trustees and Director of the Adams Free Library voted to remove overdue fines from most circulating items in the catalog. Late fees are no longer assessed on books, magazines, audiobooks, DVDs or music CDs owned by the Adams Free Library. Our community is stronger and healthier when all of its members have access to the programs, services and materials they need to pursue their educational, career, family and life goals regardless of their ability to pay for them. We hope this will encourage prior patrons to come back to the library and attract new patrons to use our services.

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

– Timothy Healy

The Trustees are grateful for the dedication and hard work of all the library’s employees. Eleanore Goerlach, who was hired in June 2020 as the new Adult Services Librarian, began her employment here during a time of uncertainty but quickly adapted to the changing reality of library service in Adams. She is responsible for managing the interlibrary loan and delivery process for the more than 5,000 items that flow in and out of the building during the year, while also handling administrative assistant duties and running adult programs such as our monthly book discussion groups. Library Aide Elizabeth Erdeski continues to be an asset to the team, dividing her time between the main circulation desk and the Children’s Department. She handles circulation duties, reference questions, shelving, cataloging, and adeptly assists in the weeding of Children’s Department materials. Library Aide Natasha Beauchesne was hired in April of this year to work at the main circulation desk where she handles circulation duties, reference questions and shelving. Library Aide Tanya Guerin, whose main responsibilities were customer service at the front desk, answering reference questions and curating our young adult collection, left our employ in August to pursue her college degree. Library Aide Roy Rudolph was hired in November to work at the main circulation desk. Our Library Page, Theresa Flor, is responsible for keeping the collection organized, shelving all library materials and the physical processing of the collection.

Children and families remain a focal point of library services. Children’s Librarian Juliana Matthews is responsible for providing quality collections and programs for children and “tweens” in Adams and surrounding communities. Due to her considerable skills and experience, the Children’s Department is able to provide excellent services to our youngest patrons, their parents and caregivers. Under her management, the Children’s Room is a warm and welcoming space for all who visit.

Children’s Department:

“Libraries are tour guides for all of knowledge.”

– Patrick Ness

The Children’s Department was understandably very quiet for the first five months of 2021. The library was open in a very limited fashion until June amid COVID-19 concerns, so there were no scheduled events until it was time for the Summer Reading Program. The theme for 2021 was “Tails and Tales,” celebrating animals of all sorts. The program began on June 14 and the reading log deadline was August 16, with a closing party on August 18.

We utilized Beanstack reading challenge software and its mobile app again in 2021 with something different from the previous year: participants were able to choose whether they wanted to log the number of books, or time spent reading, rather than only timed reading. The goal was to read either 20 books or read for 400 minutes (about 20 minutes every day for 20 days) between June 14 and August 16. Readers earned two virtual tickets for every five books, or each 100 minutes, for one of eight raffle baskets, which were on prominent display in the children’s room as a visual incentive. Attendance at events earned extra tickets. Winning tickets were drawn after the end of the program.

The Friends of the Adams Free Library provided the raffle baskets, two each for four age groups (2-3, 4-7, 8-12, 13-17), filled with a “Tails and Tales” T-shirt, \$25 in gift cards, and much more. Each basket contained age-appropriate, theme-related items and books to help keep children motivated. No two were alike. The library also had a “Treasure Chest” with a different surprise each week or a book to take home and keep.

Sign-up for the program via Beanstack enabled readers to register, track reading, earn incentives and prizes. They managed their reading log, kept track of total minutes or number of books, recorded attendance at events with a secret code, and earned virtual badges. Paper logs were also available for patrons who did not use the Beanstack site, with bonuses and tickets for meeting the same criteria. Information was also included on the Youth Services page of the library’s website.

In 2021 we also tried something completely new. In addition to the virtual badges and tickets, we gave out brag tags - one for the first entry to the log (with lanyard) and one for every three books or hour of reading logged. It was a big success, well worth the extra time and effort by staff.

The “Tails and Tales” Summer Reading Program 2021 was a notable success – 1,922 virtual badges earned, 761 brag tags awarded, 1,097 books read, and 25,795 minutes logged. Those who completed the program by meeting the goal of either 20 books or 400 minutes received a personalized certificate for their efforts.

An important criteria for summer programs was the ability of all performer artists to present in-person/outdoor events with the option to switch to virtual, if needed. We planned accordingly, and hosted at the Adams Council on Aging/Visitors Center on Hoosac Street, where we were able to utilize the COA’s canopy for shade. The weather cooperated for all events and we did not need to cancel anything.

Our kick-off celebration was with Stephanie Hodges from The Zoo in Forest Park and Education Center who presented their Zoo on the Go Community Partner event with live animals – “Daisy” the African pigmy hedgehog, “Squash” the corn snake, “Sage” the 27-pound rabbit, “Cheese” the rooster, “Angus” the tortoise, a few Madagascar hissing cockroaches, and a lizard. Attendees were able to touch most of the animals.



Above: Zoo On The Go presented by Stephanie Hodges from Forest Park and Education Center.



Above: “Squash” the corn snake from Zoo On The Go gets up close with the Adams audience.

Right: Julie Anne Collier brought the very popular Wingmasters’ Birds of Prey program.

Other performer artists included Jerry Schneider, whose “Pollinators” presentation was a lively Q&A discussion about local bees, bats, hummingbirds, beetles, dragonflies and butterflies which encouraged interactivity. There was also a fun T-shirt painting craft session. We also learned “Balloon Twisting: Animals” from Ed the Wizard, who emphasized the importance of reading to learn.



Above: Story Teller Diane Edgecomb presented “Animal Tales” under the tent at the Adams Visitor Center.

“Tails and Tales” was sponsored by the Adams Free Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, with additional funding by the Friends of the Adams Free Library. At the end of 2020, we applied for and received a grant for “Summer Reading 2021” from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The following were paid for by grant funds: Jungle Jim Manning, who used comedy, magic and balloons (his finale was actually getting himself into a giant 6-foot balloon); Diane Edgecomb, storyteller with “Animal Tales”; Wingmasters’ Julie Anne Collier brought seven live birds of prey; Bowey the Clown performed magic and created balloon animals for all; and Kim from Magic Brushes applied temporary glitter tattoos at the party. This grant saved the library \$1,944.



Summer programs and events, always free and open to the public, do not require participation in the reading program.

In addition to the cultural council and the Friends, we give many and special thanks to all of the staff at the Adams Council on Aging for allowing the use of the venue and helping in every way possible, including the scheduling of events; to Kyle Wilson for moving and setting up tables and equipment; and to Bella Sky Gifts for donating prize items. Much appreciation goes especially to the library staff for cheerfully answering patrons' questions and picking up the slack on the days of events, when two staff members were off-site.

Regular story times began again in September.

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

– Kate DiCamillo

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, hopefully uninterrupted, 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, chapter books, non-fiction, and multi-media materials – music, audio, video, and even ukuleles. Our goal is to help students learn how to use these resources to enhance their study skills, their self-confidence and, ultimately, their lives.

"Technology helps libraries do what they do best: connect people with resources and ideas..."

– American Library Association

Our patrons can use their library cards to access an expanding array of digital resources. The library's membership in CWMARS provided access this year to more than 120,000 eBooks (up from 106,000 the previous year), 49,000 eAudiobooks (up from 27,000), as well as over 3,000 online magazines. In addition, the library offers free online databases where patrons can learn a language, work on their resume, learn to play the ukulele and so much more. Thanks to our Friends group, the library also offers Ancestry Library Edition—an excellent online tool for researching genealogy through historical records. The library allows patrons to bring the internet home by loaning Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots for use with their laptops, tablets and smart phones. Inside the library, the public has free access to Wi-Fi, as well as the use of public computers.

In this second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, library staff continued to create and adapt programs and services. Statewide, libraries worked together to host online programs and make them available to our patrons. These included "how-to programs" such as Declutter and Organize your Closet, Save for College, Write a Resume, Grow Using Hydroponic Gardening, and Art Journaling. There were also financial planning webinars, yoga classes, mindfulness workshops, author talks from such prestigious authors as Douglas Preston and Lee Child, book discussion groups, a cyber-security and fraud Prevention webinar, and even dance classes. These programs were open to all patrons across the Commonwealth and were listed on the library website calendar. As we began to transition to live events we

resumed our Book Discussion Group in person, held our summer reading programs and offered the "Wonderfully Made" pottery workshop with artist Renee Wlodyka.



Samples from the "Wonderfully Made" pottery workshop.

The Adams Free Library can be found online at:

www.adamslibraryma.org

Through this easy-to-navigate website our patrons can access their library accounts, view our calendar of events, find contact information, and learn more about the Adams Free Library and its resources and services.

This year Brian Bishop, Trustee Chair of Building Maintenance, oversaw repairs and updates to the building and grounds. These included replacements of exterior and interior roof access ladders, leaking pipes in the basement and a basement alarm system panel. Transom windows were repaired and re-glazed. The boiler was serviced and, in October, a condensate return was replaced on the boiler, and a portion of the condensate piping was replaced. Damage to the ceiling in the Adams Historical Society room, due to an old leak, was repaired and painted.

In terms of our technology infrastructure, the library's public computers were upgraded to a CWMARS switch and wiring was run to add four Meraki access points for the public Wi-Fi. Phone system and exterior lighting battery backups were replaced.

Although the Friends of the Adams Free Library were only able to meet during seven months of 2021 due to COVID-19 and bad weather, they were able to hold many activities to support the library throughout the year. Fund-raising events included the Hometown Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair which took place in the lower annex in December, and the Library Book Sale in October. The Hometown 2022 calendars printed with nostalgic photos from Adams' past were very popular. The Friends also signed up to participate in Amazon Smile (Amazon donates a small percentage of sales to the library for anyone who goes to smile.amazon.com and selects our charity when making purchases).

Purchases made using funding from the Friends of the Library in 2021 included Ancestry.com, prizes for the Children's Summer Reading Program and the Adult Reading Program, new children's books, and Halloween candy that was bagged and distributed at the Town Halloween Parade. The Friends will continue to support the library and the people of Adams in 2022.

Officers were: President – Carleen Butler, Vice-President – AnnMarie Bartlett, Secretary – Meaghanne Donahue and Treasurer – Pat Catelotti.

We gratefully acknowledge the many Friends of the Library who donate their time and energy to supporting the library. I, along with the Library Trustees and staff, would like to extend heartfelt thanks for their many efforts to promote and advance the mission of the library.

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

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

DPW, Inspectional Services and the town's custodians Kyle Wilson and Ray Keele. The repairs and routine management of the physical building and grounds would not be possible without their hard work.

James R. Loughman,
Chairman of the
Board of Library Trustees

Holli Jayko,
Library Director

FISCAL 2021 LIBRARY STATISTICS

Total Number of Holdings as of June 30, 2021: **32,742**

Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions (including gifts): **51**

Registered borrowers: **2,352**

Circulation:

Adult, Young Adult & Juvenile print	10,785
Video (DVDs and Blu-ray)	3,060
Audio Books & Music	483
E-books	2,460
Downloadable Audio/Video (movies, audiobooks, music)	1,307
Misc. (Museum Passes, Hotspots, Ukuleles)	154
Print Periodicals	133
Materials in Electronic Format	55

TOTAL **18,437**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fees Returned to Town Treasurer:

Microfilm Printer Receipts	\$ 0.50	\$ 267.85
Internet Printer Receipts	181.15	
Miscellaneous	15.00	
Photocopier Receipts	71.20	

Returned to Revolving Fund via Town Treasurer: **111.23**

Fines for Overdue Materials	53.73
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Damaged or Lost Items Replacement Fees	57.50
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS **379.08**

OTHER INCOME

Gifts, Memorial Donations, Used Items Sales	235.00
Grant: No. Berkshire Cultural Council	1,000.00
State Aid to Public Libraries Award	\$ 18,154.23

TRUST FUNDS Dividend Income	BALANCE 7/01/20	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE 6/30/21
W.T. Adams	\$ 4,276.19	\$ 5,318.33	\$ 4,403.55	\$ 5,190.97
Dividends Fund	5,269.42	6,480.75	7,227.28	4,522.89
C.N. Miller	4,408.08	513.36	1,386.35	3,535.09
Plunkett / Saunders	588.88	859.01	-	1,447.89
H. Tiedemann	5,218.61	3,029.27	2,278.05	5,969.83
Totals	\$ 19,761.18	\$ 16,200.72	\$ 15,295.23	\$ 20,666.67

Memorial Book Funds as of Dec. 2021	\$ 43,839.93
Memorial Book Fund Investment Values as of Dec. 2021	\$ 223,668.20

Adams Police Department

Chief of Police

Kevin Kelley

Sergeants

Donna Malloy
Gregory Onorato

Matthew Wright
Dillon Hicks

Patrol / Detective

Michael Wandrei (D 2nd half of 21)	Joshua Baker
Nicholas Dabrowski	Curtis Crane
Travis Cunningham (D 1st half of 21)	Gregory Onorato
Dakota Baker	Dylan Hicks
Michael Rossi	Alexander Morse
Nicholas Sorrell	Christopher Whitney
Samantha Morin (left department 8/31)	
Kevin Stant (joined in July)	

Administrative Specialist

Melissa Schaffrick

Reserve Officers

Robert Krzanik Christopher Lampiasi

Special Police Officers

Allen Mendel (retired)	David Dean
Richard Tarsa (retired)	Scott McWhirt
Timothy Sorrell	

Animal Control Officer/ Parking Officer

Kimberly Witek

Training 2021

In-Service Training

- Legal Updates (various topics, focusing on recent updates or changes, police reform)
- Police Survival
- Investigations involving animal cruelty
- Police Pursuit: Guidelines, Policy & Procedures, Risk Avoidance
- Defensive Tactics
- CPR/ First Responder
- Firearms Qualifications/ Training
- All Firearms Instructors completed the MPTC recertification course
- All Taser Instructors completed the Axon Taser Instructor recertification
- Kumar (K-9), and Officer Crane completed training throughout the year
- BCSRT Team Leader J. Baker attended SWAT trainings throughout
- BCSRT Team Leader J. Baker attended New England SWAT Challenge
- Officers of the Sexual Assault Division completed trainings in crimes against children, sexual assault investigation
- Sgt. Onorato, and Sgt. Hicks attended leadership/ supervisory training



Connecticut SWAT Challenge

2021 Activity Report

Calls for Service..... 11,332
Animal Control Calls 101

Criminal & Custodial Activity

Offenses Committed 682
Arrests:
Total 223
On View 79
Incident / Warrant..... 31
Summons..... 121
Adult 213
Juvenile 10
PC..... 27
Domestic Violence 46
Summons Served 27

Motor Vehicle

Written Warnings 163
Civil Offenses 63
Arrests 30
Criminal Complaints 127

Accidents:

Investigated 164
Fatalities 0
Persons Injured..... 27
Possible Injuries 11
No Reported Injuries 267
(out of 312 parties)
Drugs Involved..... 3
Alcohol Involved 5

Locations with the highest number of accidents:

Columbia St., Commercial St., Howland Ave.

Other Activity:

B&E Larcenies..... 227
Alarms 342
Parking tickets..... 762
Business checks 647
Heroin/Opioid Overdose 12
K-9 Deployments 10

Notable Events 2021

- In March of 2021, Detective Wandrei and Officer J. Baker responded to a medical assist involving a woman in labor. Before the arrival of other emergency services, the child was delivered. Because of their direct actions, this child was born, and transported safely.
- Adams Market, and their parent company, generously donated the funds for a new K-9 officer for the police department. This will include the dog, training, and up-keep for 5 years.



Above: Chief Kelley swearing-in ceremony

At Right, Back Row:

Sgt. Matthew Wright, Sgt. Greg Onorato

Middle Row:

*Detective Wandrei, Sgt. Donna Malloy,
Officer Travis Cunningham, Officer Josh Baker,*

Front Row:

*Chief K. Scott Kelley,
Former Officer Samantha Morin,
Former Officer Nick Kaiser*



- Officer Dabrowski spearheaded a campaign during “No Shave” November. Almost \$6,000 was raised, and all charities were given to Pop Cares.
- Officer J. Baker, along with other members of the BCSRT Team attended, and competed, in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge.
- Adams Police Department hosted National Night Out on August 3rd. The turnout was tremendous from the community, and we look forward to 2022.
- Officer Lampiasi started at the academy in 2021 to become a full-time police officer. He will graduate in April of 2022.

From the Desk of the Chief

Hello Everyone,

My first full year as Chief of Police has been filled with a multitude of challenges, and emotions. I have become a bigger part of the community, and have seen the continued support of this police department. We also had the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic loosen slightly, giving all of us a little taste of normalcy. Though certainly not out of the woods, we all see a light at the end of the tunnel.

This police department has continued to do wonderful things in the community, as listed previously. I could truly fill several pages full of notable events performed by the officers within this police department. Throughout 2021, the department has continued to provide top notch training to its staff. Whether in-house, or out, continuing education for these officers is a top priority for me. Better trained officers mean better service to you, the community.

In closing, I look forward to the future with excitement, and optimism. We will introduce new faces to the police department in 2022. Also, roll out new things such as the bike patrol, and new K9 officer.

To the community, I thank you. Your support of this police department has been nothing less than amazing. We will continue to do our very best to protect and serve the Adams community.

Sincerely,

Chief K. Scott Kelley



*Left: Detective Wandrei and Officer J. Baker
recognized for the delivery of a newborn child
on a medical assist before other
emergency services arrived.*

*Above: Officer Nick Dabrowski
in the Halloween Parade*

Board of Health

2021 Annual Report

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge Adams. Thankfully, the availability of vaccines against the COVID-19 coronavirus allowed the return to some semblance of normalcy over the summer. However, the resurgence of COVID-19 due to the more rapidly spreading delta variant, which was quickly supplanted by the even faster omicron, kept us all in a state of uncertainty and frustration. In any event, the Board of Health was able to conduct its normal business:

Board Organization:

For the May town election, the seat was open for the 2019-22 term as Laura Grandchamp decided not to run. We greatly appreciated Dr. Grandchamp's contributions to our efforts during her year and a half tenure. We successfully recruited Joyce Brewer to serve for a year. Ms. Brewer is the Program Manager of the Tobacco Free Community Partnership, an initiative of the Berkshire Area Health Education Center. She brings another dimension to our educational mission. Among other health-related positions in Ms. Brewer's career is a 2½-year stint as Executive Director of Williamstown Commons (2007-2010). At our first board meeting together, we elected David Rhoads to continue as Chair and Ms. Brewer as Vice-Chair. We also welcomed Selectman Howard Rosenberg, elected last May, as our public health liaison to the Board of Selectman. He brings a wealth of energy & experience with health & wellness programs.

Pandemic Responses:

We took several actions in response to the continuing coronavirus pandemic. To encourage vaccinations, we scheduled the Community Health Program's Mobile Health Unit at the Susan B. Anthony Fest in August (Figure 1). Several townspeople took advantage of the opportunity to get a shot; others opted for a health screening. We're grateful to CHP for their ongoing service of regularly scheduling the Mobile Health Unit throughout the county. Second, we issued a strong advisory to mask



Figure 1. Community Health Program's Mobile Health Unit.

Several townspeople took advantage of the CHP van at the Susan B. Anthony Fest for COVID-19 vaccinations or health screening. It was a perfect day for the community – everyone seemed happy to be out & together. Blessedly, no new Coronavirus cases were traced to that event.

We can do it!

in public places. The public debate was animated, with substantial opposition to a masking mandate. In response to community requests for more information, we initiated a COVID Resource Page on the town website, including weekly updates of COVID-19 cases & other relevant information. Also, with the termination of contact tracing, we issued "Emergency Orders on Workplace Safety Standards for Local Businesses & Enterprises." The main requirement is for workplaces to report COVID-19 infections to the board to facilitate an effective response to stem the spread. The orders also included numerous recommendations for preventing & responding to COVID-19, largely modeled on best practices promoted by the Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control. Finally, we thank our town colleagues for assisting in the many vaccine clinics held in the county last year (*see Selectmen Report*).

Tobacco Sales Regulations:

We continued our efforts to discourage tobacco use in young people. The New Tobacco Law of 2020 included a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products toward this end. However, the tobacco industry began pushing flavored hemp wraps to circumvent that prohibition. We thus joined several other Massachusetts municipalities to ban such wraps along with other tobacco flavor-enhancing products. The revised 2021 tobacco sales regulations may be found on our web page (*see following pages*).

Specialty Minerals Landfill Project:

We approved the landfill project proposed by Specialty Minerals to fill the current quarry site. Last year we followed the approval process overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection. With state reviews passed, we added the final approval. Ultimately, the landfill will be aesthetically pleasing, eventually to be covered with topsoil and appropriate vegetation.

Athletic Field Dog Ban:

We adopted a dog ban on athletic fields during the outdoor amateur sports season (April through mid-December). The purpose of this regulation is to prevent the accumulation of unrecovered dog feces as well as other potential nuisances and distractions caused by dogs during events.

Opioid Harm Reduction:

In our December meeting, we invited Jennifer Kimball, outgoing director of the Berkshire Overdose Addiction Prevention Collaborative, and her colleagues to apprise us of resources available to Adams. First, BOAPC has obtained grant funding to provide Narcan to county first responders. Fire Chief John Pansecchi took them up on the offer. Of note, the Adams Police Department has been carrying Narcan for years. Second, we learned of their harm reduction program, a pilot initiative funded by the Department of Public Health. The program would allow BOAPC to offer resources to users, such as access to recovery programs, clean needles, fentanyl test strips, Narcan, engagement with families, etc. A vote to adopt the program was scheduled for our January meeting.

Municipal Solid Waste Diversion Efforts:

The board continued to collaborate with Linda Cernik, Manager of the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, in her efforts to keep otherwise useful items from landfill. We recommended placing a textile recovery bin at the Transfer Station to supplement the other two in town. This no-cost textile disposal option prepares Adams for the textile ban in MSW anticipated for 2022. In addition, the board recommended placement of a book donation bin at the Transfer Station for books that cannot be used or sold by the Free Public Library. The bin vendor sells or donates what it can & pulps the rest for insulation, thereby keeping these items from landfills. However, as space is constrained at the Transfer Station, other locations were being considered at year's end.

Recommendations to Improve Public Health in Adams:

(i) Education: Build a more robust public health website to include up-to-date links to relevant programs & issues, such as public & private agencies, help lines, ongoing issues like vaping & cannabis, emerging issues like COVID-19, etc.

(ii) Physical and emotional health: The BOH would like to offer our townspeople more opportunities to get more physically active. Options include, but are not limited to, working out at a gym and taking advantage of the Ashuwillticook trail or Mount Greylock area. Exercising with a partner or family members (i.e., biking on the Ashuwillticook) can increase consistency and enjoyment. This can not only improve physical wellness but mental, emotional, and social wellness, as this pandemic has taken its toll on all these aspects of our health. The BOH (in conjunction with the Town) would like to support businesses that promote wellness activities and attract more of these to the Town. We could develop, collaboratively coordinate, or support health and wellness activities, with the help of these business and associated organizations. Examples of programs and activities are: osteo-health classes at the Council on Aging, summer youth programs or sports leagues, group yoga in the park or Town common areas, and heart health screenings.

(iii) Community spirit: As COVID-19 recedes, organize more public events where townspeople can "end the isolation" by meeting, mingling and just having fun together. We noted that Selectman Rosenberg will be a valuable resource in all these areas. We also invite community input into how we can better serve you.

In closing, we look forward to a year in working with you to promote public health in Adams. Further information on many of the topics above may be found on our website:

town.adams.ma.us/board-health

Code Enforcement Permits & Other Activities

Permits

Establishment	#	Amount
Body Art Salon	1	\$ 150
Disposal System Construction	1	145
Food Establishments (inclusive)	59	6,040
Catering		
Frozen Desserts		
Retail Food		
Restaurants / Kitchens		
Funeral Director	2	200
Lodging (incl. mobile home parks)	5	500
Mobile Food	15	600
Septage Hauler	6	600
Septic System Installer	2	150
Solid Waste Hauler	12	1,200
Tanning Salon		
Temporary Food / Farmers' Market	18	440
Tobacco / Nicotine Product Sales	11	1,100
Well Permit		
(Refunded)		(325)
(Waived)		(1,725)
TOTAL		\$ 9,075
Pre-Rental Inspections	88	3,080
Property Registration	12	1,200
TOTAL REVENUE REALIZED		\$ 13,355

Other Activities

Activity	#	Activity	#
Businesses Closed	3	21D tickets issued	5
Businesses Opened	3	Court Cases	6
Prospective New Establishments	1	Inspections	
Nuisance Cases	N/A	Food Establishments	35
Vacant properties w/ code enforcement	22	Funeral Home	1
Housing Code Cases	N/A	Lodging	3
Condemnations Issued	9	Mobile Food	3
Condemnations Rescinded	3	Special Events	3
Food Code Cases (Non-COVID)	N/A	Tobacco	1
Other Cases Not Specified Above	N/A		

**N/A = not available*

Board of Health Budget (Fiscal Year 2021: 1 July 2020 through 30 June 2021):

Category	Appropriated	TFs/Adj	Revised	Expended	Remaining
Order Enforcement	1,500.00	(588.00)	912.00	0.00	0.00*
Legal/Professional Services	1,500.00	(331.00)	1,169.00	30.00	1,139.45
Advertising	250.00	758.00	1,008.00	976.95	30.60
Nursing Services	3,000.00	2,466.00	5,466.00	4,882.00**	44.00*
Postage	450.00	415.00	865.00	860.00	5.00
Office (Paper)	0.00	(250.00)	(250.00)	(250.00)	0.00
Office (Other)	550.00	735.00	1,285.00	1,283.47	1.53
Education/Travel/Conferences/Meals	4,000.00	(1,310.00)	2,690.00	135.00	2,555.00
Dues	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Online permitting system***	N/A				
TOTALS	11,550.00	1,895.00	13,445.00	7,917.42	4,075.58

*Encumbrances: \$912 from Order Enforcement; \$540 from Nursing Fees; Total \$1,452

**Public health nursing included \$2,632 for oversight/management of tuberculosis therapy for active cases as required by law, a service not included in our annual contract (\$2,250). Our current FY 2022 contract with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance initiated July 1, 2021, includes this service.

***The cost for the Health Department portion of the **Permit Eyes** online permitting system was covered under the **Technology** line item in the **Finance & Technology** appropriation (the BOH portion of the cost for FY2021 was not available for this report).

No inspectional services were obtained from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance in FY2021.

Submitted by

Dr. David Rhoads
Chair

Community Development Department

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During 2021, 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. In 2021, department staff implemented projects under the FY 2019 and Microenterprise COVID Relief CDBG programs. As in past years, administrative funds from CDBG cover the wages and benefits of the grants staff within the Community Development Department.

CDBG PROGRAM & PROJECTS

The Community Development Department continued to accomplish significant progress on several projects in 2021 throughout the community.

Memorial School Redevelopment & Reuse Project

Work was completed on the installation of a new HVAC system and associated minor interior improvements within the “community use” portion of the school building (gym, locker rooms, shop area). The community use portion of the building was cleaned, repainted, and other repairs and improvements (new ceilings, new flooring, etc.) were completed. CD staff reissued the RFP to solicit a private developer partner to redevelop the classroom wing of the building into new residential or mixed-use and, in June 2021, the Town received three (3) proposals from private developers. Two of the responding developers proposed to redevelop the classroom wing of the building, along with certain adjacent spaces, into new rental housing to be available for a range of income levels. Wayland North, LLC was selected as the developer for the project in late 2021.

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 Town completed the renovation of four (4) units in 2021. As in past years, the proposed projects 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 to investor-owners who have low-to-moderate income tenants.

Russell Field Renovation Project

Russell Field is a multi-purpose recreational facility located close to state Route 8 and along the popular Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, a focus of increasing recreational activity within the Town. The heavily used public facility 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). It is considered a premiere park in



Above: Russell Field underwent a major renovation in 2021 which included new drainage, new paths to the playground, new tennis courts and dugouts designed to be fully ADA accessible. The project was funded through a CDBG grant.

Adams, as it is the only illuminated softball field. The northern half of the park provides for a children’s playground and tennis courts, the only tennis facilities in Adams. The existing condition of the facility created numerous safety concerns. The field was uneven and the facility is not accessible in a manner consistent with ADA regulations.

The Town received \$493,000 in FY 2019 CDBG funds to renovate Russell Field. The Town’s contractor for the project, Mountain View Landscapes & Lawncare, Inc., completed the renovation in fall of 2021. The renovation work provided various upgrades involving new drainage, new paths to the playground, and new tennis courts and dugouts designed to be fully ADA accessible. The tennis courts have been enlarged and will include both tennis and pickleball lines to attract a diverse group of users. A new fitness area, suitable for youth and adults, allows a new free and accessible exercise venue for Adams residents. New wiring was installed to all the field poles which will enable the installation of LED light fixtures in the future. Additional funds were provided by the Adams Lions Club to repair existing light fixtures.

Microenterprise COVID Relief Program

The Town served as the lead applicant for a grant of \$750,000.00 to provide relief funds to small businesses in Northern Berkshire County impacted by pandemic restrictions and shutdowns. The program is focused on assisting microenterprise businesses, with five (5) or fewer employees and owned by locally by low-to-moderate residents. The Town partnered with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to administer the application project and conduct outreach to businesses. The program assisted eleven (11) businesses in 2021 and will continue the program in the first half of 2022.

OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Town Common Renovation Project

The Town received a grant of \$297,500 through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to renovate the Town Common, located at the intersection of Commercial and Center Streets. The property was last upgraded in 1985 and in critical need of improvements. The project was prompted in part by the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee. The local volunteer committee raised funds to commission a statue of Susan B. Anthony, to be placed in the Town Common, to honor the 200th year anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's birth in Adams and the 100th year anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment. Brian Hanlon, of Hanlon Sculpture Studio, was selected sculptor of the statue, which depicts both a young and an adult Anthony.

The renovation of Town Common includes a new plaza, which is the location of the new statue, surrounded by benches and information plaques describing Susan B. Anthony's life and contribution to women gaining the right to vote. Due to its central location, the Town Common has often been used as a gathering place for Town events, such as the tree lighting ceremony and during Town parades. The renovation of the park includes a permanent Christmas tree, to be lit every year, as well as a new gazebo which can be used as a focus for events. William Keller & Sons, the selected contractors, completed the project in Spring 2021 for a total construction cost of \$318,703. The Town hosted a ceremony to unveil the Susan B. Anthony statue on June 24, 2021, attended by State and local elected officials and community members.

Route 8 Construction Project

The Town's Route 8 Roadway Improvement Project (Commercial Street, extending approximately 5,800 linear feet, from the bridge crossing the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail to Route 116), moved from design to construction during 2020. Based on work by Department staff, the right-of-way for the Route 8 project was submitted to MassDOT for final approval along with all final documentation. The project was advertised, and public bidding completed. Maxymillian, Inc. was selected as the state's contractor for the project and construction began in the summer 2020, continued through 2021 and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2022.

Howland Ave / Route 8 Redesign Project

Adams received a \$125,000 state operating earmark to assist with the redesign of the Howland Ave/Route 8 Corridor, which extends between the Friend Street roundabout and the North Adams city line. The earmark will enable the Town to complete initial survey work and reach the 10% design stage. Given the scale of the project, federal funds are being pursued for construction, which will likely not take place for several more years. Project goals include repaving the roadway, improving safety for all users, reducing vehicle speeds, and creating an improved gateway to the community. The Town will hold a public outreach meeting in spring 2022 to review a conceptual design for the road.

Ashuwillticook Rail Trail Extension (Phase IV) Project

Earlier in 2019, the Town executed the Agreement with MassDOT for the first phase of design (25%) of the trail's final segment in Adams (Lime Street to Hodges Cross Road in North Adams). Federal Highway funds allocated by MassDOT has provided \$561,003 for 25% design with another \$140,250 (20% match) provided by the Town through its Chapter 90 funding. The Town executed its contract with VHB in October 2019 to complete the 25% design phase for the extension project. Engineering design has continued through 2020 with survey, bridge design and hydraulic studies, and environmental analysis all advancing. The project schedule indicates that the MassDOT 25% Design Public Hearing would occur prior to the end of the 2020 calendar year but, given COVID-19 impacts, the hearing has been delayed until late 2022.

Grant Street Neighborhood Drainage Project

The final engineering design and public bidding for the drainage project was completed in early 2020, the Town conducted the public bidding process, and executed a contract in July with Maxymillian, Inc., for a total contract price of \$1,306,600. A Pre-Construction Meeting was conducted in the field on July 22, 2020 with representatives of VHB, the project engineer, Maxymillian, Inc., and Town DPW and Community Development staff. Discussion focused on the drainage design and how to handle service crossings, especially given the Town's poor location data of services in the area. Construction was initiated in August. Extensive investigations (test pits, ground radar, and pipe videography) occupied the first two months of construction given the inaccuracy of existing utility mapping (both Town and Adams Fire District mapping).

The Grant Street project involves removal and installation of drain pipe along with catch basin and manhole installations and repair (involving approximately 2,000 lineal feet of 12" to 42" reinforced concrete pipe). In addition to the surface and sub-surface drainage improvements, the project work also includes site clearing, earth work, paving, erosion & sediment control, stabilization of disturbed areas, and other incidental work. The project addresses the recurrent flooding that the neighborhood has experienced over the years with the increase in intensity of storm events. The project was identified as a high priority in the Town's Community Resiliency Building Workshop funded under the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. The Town subsequently received MVP Action grant funds in the amount of \$572,100 towards construction and another \$92,400 for engineering for implementation of the Grant Street drainage improvements. The project was completed and closed out prior to the end of June 2021.

Davis Street Culvert Replacement Project

Community Development staff have continued to work with VHB and Hill Engineers on the design and construction of a new 9-foot 6-inch open bottom box culvert with expanded and armored wing walls for extra protection and resilience at Davis Street. An Invitation for Bids was issued in May 2021 and three bids were received. The project was awarded to Northern Construction, LLC of Palmer, MA, at \$305,503. Construction began in November with the new culvert and guardrail fully installed just before Christmas. The contractor will return in the Spring of 2022 to pave and reseed, which will complete the project.



Left: Northern Construction, LLC of Palmer, Ma installing footings for a new box culvert on Davis Street.

Greylock Glen Project

Full design and construction plans and specifications were completed for the 10,000 square foot Outdoor Center by the Town's designer, Maclay Architects. In May 2021, the Commonwealth provided **\$6.5 million** in funding for construction of the building to the Town. The net-zero Outdoor Center will provide a welcome and reception area, exhibit areas, three classrooms that can be combined as flexible space, concessions, and restrooms. The Center will serve as a "base camp" for visitors to the Glen, with a large open lounge to capitalize on the stellar views of the Mount Greylock summit. A four-season cafe will open out onto the lounge area and the classroom area will provide facilities for environ-

mental education programming. Town staff are working vigorously toward bidding the project in September, recognizing there could exist a serious funding gap due to current significantly higher pricing caused from the pandemic and associated supply/labor issues.

o Water System

The Town engaged Wright-Pierce to develop 90% construction plans and specifications for the water delivery system to serve the first two components at the Glen Resort – the Outdoor Center and the Campground. Although the first phase of infrastructure was installed in 2013, additional improvements, including a 350,000-gallon tank, are required for water delivery. Wright-Pierce is close to completing the design plans, with an estimated cost of \$3.8M. The Town believes final issues have now been worked through with the Adams Fire District (AFD) to provide water for the project through a "consecutive public water system" approach (Town will purchase water from the District and maintain/operate a separate water system serving the Glen project, which is outside District boundaries). The Town will enter into a formal agreement with the District to provide full compensation for the District's engineers to complete the required feasibility study of the proposed consecutive water system in the coming months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eammon Coughlin
Community Development Director

Jordan Street Culvert Replacement

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) approved the Town's application under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4372, recommending it for further review by FEMA and an obligation of **\$1,717,500** in federal funding for the project (the Town would provide a 25% match to this amount). In the spring 2020, FEMA requested additional information to complete their review of the Town's application. Our additional information was to be submitted by June but the deadline was extended to August 8. At FEMA's request, CD staff provided additional data from National Grid and the Town's consultant reworked the Benefit-Cost Analysis required under the program. Town staff are hopeful to receive a formal award of funding from FEMA in early 2022.

65 Park Street Entrance Improvement Project

The project was funded by a state Accessibility DA grant and other town and State funds, and provides a universally accessible entrance to the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds (installation of lift, new doors, and associated work). Community Development staff issued the Invitation for Bids earlier in spring 2020 and conducted the public bidding process. No award was made for project construction given the much higher than anticipated bid results. The project architect revised the scope and the project was bid again in spring 2021. Salco Construction Inc. was selected as the low qualified bidder and was given a Notice to Proceed in April 2021. The project was completed in the fall of 2021.

Cemetery Commission

2021 started with the retirement of long time Administrative Assistant Marilyn Kolis after many years of employment with the Town of Adams. Marilyn was an encyclopedia of cemetery knowledge and history, the go-to person with any question, and a trouble shooter and solver of issues. We wish her great health, great adventures and long, satisfying years ahead.

In February we welcomed Michelle DeRose as Administrative Assistant. She's proving to be a valued member of the department. Welcome!

The regular meeting schedule of monthly meetings was interrupted by the dictations of the pandemic. The first of three in-person meetings in 2021 was held in May, and it was made available in Zoom format for those not attending in person. After discussion, we concluded that meetings would only be held as necessary, when issues presented required action. Information continued to be shared among members and Department of Public Works (DPW) as needed. Thank you to Steve Skrocki for bringing issues to the Commission and keeping us updated.

Bruce Shepley was re-elected to a 3-year term to serve along with members Fred Hobart and Jim Taylor. Bruce Shepley was re-elected to the 1-year term as Chairman.

The annual review of Endowment Funds and Cemetery Funds took place and was certified by Town Accountant, Crystal Wojcik and Town Treasurer, Kelly Rice.

In the course of the year, the Cemetery Commission approved the following:

- a contract was awarded to Troy's Tree Service for the removal of three diseased trees in Bellevue Cemetery
- a contract was awarded to Berkshire Monument Cleaning and Power Washing for the cleaning of the Harrington Mausoleum in Bellevue Cemetery
- a contract for cleaning, fence painting and caulking of joints to the Plunkett Mausoleum in the Maple Street Cemetery was awarded to Berkshire Monument Cleaning for cleaning, and to Aaron Girgenti Masonry, for the sealing of joints. This work is to be done in 2022.

We met with DPW Director Robert Tober and Adams Fire District Superintendent John Barrett to discuss the need to update the water system at Bellevue Cemetery. The ancient system is plagued with chronic leaks resulting in poor delivery of water throughout the cemetery and a patchwork of repairs. The Commission and DPW have started initial work in funding and replacing the system with a more durable, non-metal replacement with the hopes of a 2022 completion.

The Commission did a review of cemetery fees for services and presented our recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at a workshop for consideration and approval at a full Board of Selectmen meeting. The last time the fees were reviewed and amended was 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce D Shepley, RN
Chairman

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. In calendar year 2021, VSO Roy processed and made payments totaling \$112,618.01 to dozens of eligible veteran and dependent c.115 recipients in the Town of Adams.

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. VSO Roy also holds the sacred duty of ensuring fresh colors fly over the graves of our deceased veterans before Memorial Day of each and every year.

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

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

Five Seasonal Employees were hired this year to provide all aspects of cemetery maintenance.

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 ready for Memorial Day and maintained the entire summer with regular grass cutting, weed whacking, and tree trimming.

Bellevue Cemetery

The Seasonal Employees assisted one full-time employee this season in maintaining all aspects of the cemetery and in burial excavations. The "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. There were three diseased trees that were removed under contract with the approval of the Cemetery Commission.

FLOOD CONTROL

DPW employees performed as much vegetation and brush removal as possible. Despite the challenges by COVID-19 on our labor resources, we were able to clear some trees along portions of the flood control system. The herbicide spraying program was suspended in this area, so challenging unwanted vegetation was instead removed manually by DPW employees with the assistance of seasonal employees. In October, the flood channel went through a 5-year periodic inspection with Arcadis. They provided great thanks to our team saying that "they were really great to work with and really nice and put forth a lot of extra effort to help us whenever we asked. Probably the best local crew team we have worked with in a while."

PARKS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS

The parks and fields were opened for use after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted with appropriate protocols in place. Our team performed general maintenance throughout the seasons to help prepare them for the leagues' practices and games. The Parks Division purchased a new self-propelled striper for lining the sports fields, which will reduce time spent so the team can focus on other tasks.

Reid Field

The leagues worked together to share use of the field while Russell Field continued its reconstruction. Lou Moser of ACS Softball leagues made a capital investment in a soil conditioning aggregate and coordinated a crew together to apply it to the field over the summer. The aggregate is engineered to absorb water and slowly release it into the sub-soil, which may allow for more time on the field as it won't remain as wet.

Russell Field

Russell Field reconstruction continued from last year and the field was closed until construction was completed. Turf is still required to be established before it can be opened for use, but the Tennis/Pickle Ball courts as well as the exercise equipment were able to be opened. The Town also received a \$4,000 donation from the Adams Lions Club for a new scoreboard and \$3,750 for lighting repair and updates. The scoreboard installation is planned for the Spring of 2022.

Renfrew Field

Renfrew had a bit more activity this year accommodating the Youth Football League's practice while Russell Field was closed to allow the field turf to grow and establish. They rotated their playing sections at Renfrew Field and used the High School for practice, to protect the turf.

Other Duties

The Parks and Grounds staff maintained the lighting and flowers on Park Street, Armory Court and all of Memorial Park. The team also worked hard to maintain sections of the flood control system, which spans from Lime Street to Reeves Street. The Parks and Grounds 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, including many public buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, cemeteries, and downtown street receptacles. Banners and seasonal decorations on Park Street were updated, and annually staff adorns 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. Extraordinary efforts are made to repurpose vehicles to maximize their life and usefulness as portions of vehicles deteriorate beyond repair due to their age. For example, work began on restoring a 2002 trackless machine, which was operational throughout the year.

The Department of Public Works renovated the 2008 John Deere Loader, which had heavy corrosion throughout the machine. The vehicle was sandblasted, re-primed with epoxy primer and repainted with an epoxy paint to upgrade the machine for continued use. Work is done to



Newly renovated 2008 John Deere Loader.

extend the life of all vehicles by using 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.

MAJOR NEW PROJECTS

Meadow Street

Meadow Street had a heavily deteriorated concrete wall that required repair. The wall concrete was removed, a reinforcing bar cage was designed to form up the existing wall and new concrete was poured. The corroded cable and pipe guardrail system was removed and replaced with new guardrails.



Above: Deteriorated wall on Meadow Street.

Below: Repaired wall with new guard rail on Meadow Street.





*Left:
Pipe repairs
on Upper East
Hoosac Street.*

*Above Right:
Excavation and
replacement of
corroded pipe
on Upper East
Hoosac Street.*



Flood Management and Repairs

Damage from two separate large volume rain storms the town experienced in 2018 are still being dealt with today. The Davis Street culvert repair from this storm has been nearly completed, aside from blacktopping. In addition, the Town had a culvert collapse on Jordan Street in 2020. The application for subsidized government funding has been submitted for this. In the meantime, the DPW team built a cage to prevent large debris from clogging the system. The catch basins and manholes are being cleaned routinely but continue to fill with debris from heavy rainfall, tree leaves, branches, and trash build-up from the streets. There were 49 catch basins and manholes needing repair/maintenance work this year. Additional procedures and reporting will continue in 2022 in the Smart Asset Management and Inventory System (MS4 stormwater management) protocols that the Town of Adams has implemented.

Overview

2021 was a challenging year because of a large number of projects that were planned from years prior, and because of COVID-19, which extended into 2021 and took over the forefront of everyone's concern and agenda. In an effort to continue operations of the Town's infrastructure unprecedented proactive measures were taken to reduce risk of exposure to the

virus by the crew. Our dedicated staff were able to maintain uninterrupted service while simultaneously delivering on the completion of the year's full plate of scheduled new projects.

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 changes in operations 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 again in 2021. Thank you to this hard-working team that continues to handle the challenges as they come.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Cota
Operations Supervisor
Department of Public Works

Upper East Hoosac Street

Corroded metal corrugated pipe was excavated from the ground and replaced with new black corrugated piping. New blacktop surface was installed along with a new head wall to complete the project.



Above Left: Repair of deteriorated concrete walkway on the Spring Street Bridge.

Above Right: Bar cage rebuilt prior to pouring concrete on the Spring Street Bridge walkway.



Spring Street Bridge

Deteriorated concrete on the walkway was cleaned out. A new reinforcing bar cage was constructed and plated. Concrete was poured to finish the repair.

ON GOING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

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 2021 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.

Emergency Management Report

The Town of Adams' Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan continues to be updated. Meetings between all departments essential to emergency response are ongoing. The meetings have the goal of improving lines of communications and to establish protocols 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 were suspended due to COVID-19.

The Adams Emergency Management Department responded to the following events:

- On June 28, the AEMD ran a cooling shelter at the Adams Visitor Center.
- On August 23, the AEMD pumped out Lower Linden Street.
- On November 12, the AEMD responded to a flooding situation.
- Throughout 2021, the AEMD conducted monthly checks of the Adams Memorial School Building Shelter and Supplies.
- The AEMD applied for and received a grant from Anheuser-Busch via Girardi Distributors for a pallet of canned water, which was given out to Adams Ambulance, Adams Police, Adams Fire and Council on Aging.

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.

This will be my final annual report as I have stepped down as Emergency Management Director for the Town of Adams.

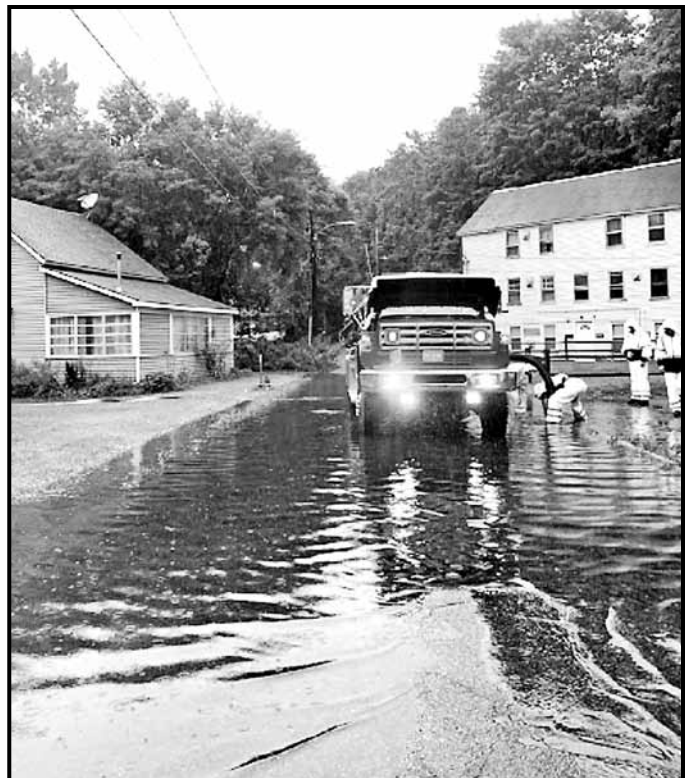
Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner
Emergency Management Director
Town of Adams



Left: Pallet of canned water obtained by the Adams Emergency Management Department and given to several Town service departments.

Below Left and Right: August 23, 2021, AFWD pumping out Lower Linden Street.



Forest Warden Report

The Adams Forest Warden Department is a Wildland Fire Department.

“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*, 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 2021:

CALLS:

- 5 Outdoor Fires
- 8 Illegal Burns
- 18 Smoke Investigations
- 7 Mutual Aid Calls
- 3 Search and Rescue

EVENTS:

- 40 Community Events / Traffic Control / Service Details / Photoshoots



Above: New 2021 Polaris Ranger 1000 with Trailer

The Adams Forest Warden Department also assisted the Northern Berkshire Emergency Planning Committee with operations of the COVID-19 vaccination site in North Adams for several months.

“THANK YOU” to the residents of the Town of Adams for your support of the Adams Forest Warden Department. The Forest Warden Department exists to serve the town and its residents in any capacity.

PERMITS:

Burning Permits issued: 287

The Adams Forest Warden Department purchased a Polaris Ranger 1000 on September 17, 2021 to replace a 1990 Yamaha Big Bear 300 that had been in service until 31 years and became unserviceable. In order to support the larger UTV, a new trailer was also purchased.

I thank the Town Administrator Jay Green, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for making the funds available to purchase the UTV and trailer.

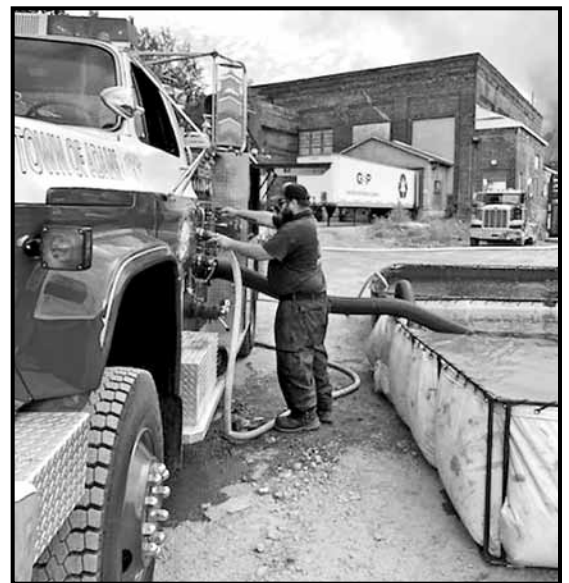
This will be my final annual report as I have stepped down as Chief Forest Warden for the Town of Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner
Chief Forest Warden
Town of Adams



Above Left to Right: Incoming Forest Warden Chief G. Willette, Outgoing Forest Warden Chief / Emergency Management Director Richard Kleiner and Incoming Emergency Management Director A. Jusino.



Left: Adams Forest Warden Crew at the East Mountain Fire, May 14, 2021.

Above: Adams Forest Wardens working at the Apkins metal scrapyard fire, May 25, 2021.

Inspectional Services Department

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During 2021, The Adams Building Safety and Inspectional Services Department issued 585 permits for construction, demolition, alterations, additions, repairs, change of use, solid fuel burning appliances, trenching, sheet metal, signs, electrical, plumbing and gas. There were 17 Certificates of Inspection issued for bars, restaurant and apartments.

A total of \$98,257 in permitting fees was collected during the year.

The Building Inspector's Office performed numerous inspections associated with permitting, and addressed zoning and building code violations, with none requiring court action. Periodic inspections were performed on restaurants, bars, clubs, food establishments, schools, bed & 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 attending meetings.

Type of Permits:	# of Permits
Single Family Dwelling	1
Residential additions, alterations, conversions, repairs, & insulation	169
Commercial/Business/Non-Residential additions, alterations, conversions, & repair	30
Sign Permits	2
Curb-cut/Driveway entrance	3
Certificate of Inspections/ Certificate of Occupancy	17
Solid Fuel	5
Temporary Structures (Tents).	9
Trenches	68
Sheet Metal	3
Gas Inspector	
Number of Gas Fitting Permits Issued	54
<i>Fees Collected</i>	\$ 3,540.00
Plumbing Inspector	
Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	35
<i>Fees Collected</i>	\$ 3,300.00
Electrical Inspector	
Number of Electrical Permits Issued	189
<i>Fees Collected</i>	\$ 18,125.00

The Inspectional Services Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Massachusetts State Building Code, as well as Zoning, Planning, and all state and local codes and ordinances pertaining to building. 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 Administrative oversight of the Code Enforcement Officer for the Board of Health. The department is also responsible for issuing all electrical, plumbing, and gas permits.

Again, 2021 has been a challenging year for all of us. With the introduction of COVID-19, and its variants, we have been forced to adapt to a newly structured society and to change our ways of doing business. Hopefully we all will be able to get back to normal in the upcoming year and conduct business in our regular way.

One of the services that has been put on hold due to the pandemic is the required periodic inspections for multi-family properties within the Town of Adams. The building official periodically inspects existing buildings and structures, and parts thereof, in accordance with Table 110 entitled Schedule for Periodic Inspections of Existing Buildings. Such buildings shall not be occupied or continue to be occupied without a valid Certificate of Inspection. Periodic inspections required by this section do not apply to residences operated or licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, and one- and two-family dwellings, but do apply for 3-family residences and up. These inspections are normally conducted every five years, and for convenience and efficiency, is performed in conjunction with an inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer for the Board of Health. Most communities are hard-pressed to accomplish this task due to the sheer volume of housing, and is no less of a task here in Adams with the town's 76 three-family residences, 103 four- to eight-family residences, and 7 eight-unit residential structures. With the steady drop in infectious COVID-19 cases, it is anticipated July 1, 2022 will mark the restart of these inspections.

There were many projects going on in the Town this year such as Berkshire Health Systems completing a renovation of the second story space above the Greylock Federal Credit Union at 2 Park Street, increasing staffing and services to our communities.

Mechanical upgrades took place to the closed Miss Adams Diner so they can reopen in the upcoming 2022 season under new ownership.

The long dormant Jones Block at 49 Park Street has been purchased by FP QOZB I, LLC and is being renovated into six residential units and three commercial spaces. One of its more intriguing, yet well-hidden features, is its rotunda and curved glass entry located in the alley between the Jones block and the Fire House Café. This, accompanied by the new circular stair rising up through the building, will make a for a "New York City feel."

The former Quarry located at 101 Grove Street has been repurposed into a 4998 kWAC Solar Farm consisting of 12,740 modules and 3 battery storage containers, bringing the total capacity to 7,234 kWh. The leased site area will be covered with native species and wild flowers which will control soil erosion and keep the long-standing dust issue to a minimum.

Solar was a big hit with the residents of Adams as well with 46 permits coming in for rooftop and ground-mount solar installations, making Adams a greener place to live.

Phase one of the new marijuana cultivation facility at 173 Howland Avenue is well under way with the complete renovation to the inside of the building, and new roofing and siding. The building will be a big improvement to the Howland Avenue corridor.

Developer Yina Moore has taken out permits for exploratory demolition of the former Topia Café and Subway Restaurant, located at 27 and 27B Park Street, to continue work on the former theater space by incorporating both spaces into the design. The demolition will allow architects to better gauge what lays ahead of them to revitalize the theatre, as well as do an assessment of the marquee for future restoration.

The Department again was able to remove some blighted properties at no cost to the tax payers. Some of these razed buildings are the dilapidated barn structure behind 129 Columbia Street, and the abandoned multi-family home on 219 East Road, which is not demolished yet, but will be soon. Some structures were removed due to fire, such as 50 Orchard Street, which is currently being rebuilt, and 215 Gould Road, which fell into the stream that the building straddled and was cleaned up with the help of the Conservation Commission.

Some structures have been presented to realtors, contractors, and attorneys by the Board of Health to take part in our receivership program for redevelopment, but as of yet we have had

limited success. The process will be looked into for modifying the process in the near future to see if the Town can ultimately get this program operational. It is still too early to tell how well this will work for the Town as COVID-19 has stymied the ability for some of these projects to begin. Again, it is the intention of the Town not to demolish every blighted building asset, as it is imperative to keep structures intact and viable as this affects the tax rate. Bringing substandard housing into a presentable condition increases property values and decreases taxes. This is just one piece of a complicated puzzle to encourage new growth and lower taxes.

I was also appointed to be the Temporary Facilities Director in July in the absence of a full time DPW Director. I found myself embroiled in a multitude of projects immediately upon entering the position. Some of these projects were: the replacement of two failed geothermal well pumps and associated equipment; a new fire alarm system; an electronic Maglock System to replace keyed locks and electrical upgrades at the Adams Visitor Center; a Maglock System, painting and new tile floors at Adams Memorial School; installation of mini-split heating and cooling units in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room and Sun Room at Town Hall; LED light replacements, roof repairs, mold remediation and implementation of emergency temporary heat after a catastrophic boiler failure at the Registry of Deeds; as well as oversight of the day-to-day maintenance operations of the custodial staff who do a wonderful job of keeping our buildings clean and equipment maintained.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Community Development Special Projects Coordinator Donna Cesan and Town Administrator Jay Green for the opportunity to work for the residents of the Town of Adams. I would also like to thank the staff in the Town who assist with many of the operations and projects I am involved in. I have found the community to be welcoming, and supportive of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Gerald W Garner
Building Commissioner

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

Adams, one of the thirteen towns that comprise the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD), has the largest member-town population, according to the 2010 Census.

The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD) was established in 1988 through legislation passed by the Massachusetts General Court. By forming the solid waste district, the small municipalities in Northern Berkshire County have been able to pool resources and obtain professional waste management services to conduct recycling and outreach education programs, hazardous and special recycling collections. We have a vision to seek regional solutions to attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The 13-member towns that comprise NBSWMD include Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Windsor, and Williamstown. Each town appoints a representative to serve on the NBSWMD Board. Board Officers for 2021 included: Joseph Szczepaniak Jr., Chair (Lanesborough), Edward Driscoll, Vice Chair (Adams); and, Terry Haig, Treasurer.

In 2021, NBSWMD services included:

- Working with third party Inspector from MassDEP conducting annual transfer station Inspections pursuant to 310 CMR 19.018, all of which have been highly rated.
- Serving as Bid Administrator for hauling and processing of waste, recyclables with Casella Waste Systems Inc.
- Working with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling.
- Coordinating special collections that are open to all 13-member towns, including annual Bulky and Electronics recycling events, Household Hazardous waste collections and community paper shredding event.
- Management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, textiles, scrap metal, books, and swap shops (household goods in Hinsdale, Savoy, and Windsor).
- Outreach with local youth groups introducing MassDEP "Green Team" educational program.
- Introduction of new programming in 2021: Town of Williamstown, Food waste reduction through a six-month composting pilot program; and the Town of Adams and New Ashford textile recycling with Apparel Impact; Discover Book recycling program.

- Submittal of member-town MassDEP annual recycling and solid waste surveys, grants through Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs (SMRP) and all reporting.

The district in 2021 held two comprehensive household hazardous waste collections. This allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, oil-based paints, oil, pesticides, and other products. A total of 270 household participated in the collections. Also, the district held 3 bulky waste and electronics collections in 2021. A total of 250 households participated in these collections. Over 15,896 pounds of electronics, 8 tons of scrap metals were recycled.

A Community paper shredding day was held in May 2021, to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents. Over 48 totes containing a total of 2,450 pounds of paper were shredded by Pro-Shred.

The district continues to offer all member Towns' residents subsidized home composting units for \$25, allowing food waste, leaves, and brush to be composted at home.

The day-to-day program operations of the NBSWMD are managed by Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month. Due to COVID, many of the meetings were held via the Zoom platform, posted with each member-town. The NBSWMD has an annual operations assessment that is approved by the district's Board of Commissioners, which is based on the current census 2010. The combined assessments for all thirteen towns were \$90,707.83. The assessments are for operating costs, special collections, such as Household Hazardous waste collection contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental, community paper shredding events, subsidized home composting units, and oversight of six universal waste collections sites with Next Level Recycling.

In 2021, all NBSWMD member-towns were eligible for and received grants under the MassDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). In total, the NBSWMD towns received \$40,500 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programming. The Town of Adams was awarded \$4,900. The grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management and recycling infrastructure. Applications are submitted through NBSWMD Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik.

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively diverted 825 tons of recyclable materials to Casella Waste Systems INC., Vermont MRF. The Town of Adams dual-stream recycled 132.31 tons in 2021. Scrap metal recycling was 34.79 tons, with a generated revenue of \$1,913.45. The

Town Transfer Station's new textile recycling program with Apparel Impact diverted 1,063 pounds of textiles from entering the waste stream. Additional recycling opportunities the town offers are: tires, household brush and leaves (composted), and deposit bottles and cans donation to the Local Boy Scout Troop of Adams.

A Textile Bin was added to the Adams Transfer Station There are additional textile recycling bins within the town located at Adams Express, and Pizza House on Hoosac Street. In total all of the towns' textile recycling bins diverted 15,078 lbs. from entering the waste stream. Thank you to all the district volunteers, the town's DPW, officials, and the residents of all the member-towns. Your continued support in recycling and

waste reduction keeps our communities a beautiful place to call home. In future months there will be some additional items to the waste ban compliance, textile being one. Having the bin on-site at the Transfer Station helps reduce the chance of banned items from entering the waste stream. Thank you to the Town for your vision and for supporting recycling opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cernik
Program Coordinator

Edward Driscoll
Board of Commissioners



Above: The new Apparel Impact Textile Recycling Bins that have been placed in three locations in Adams: The Town Transfer Station, Pizza House on Hoosac Street, and Adams Express.

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, outreach, 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.

The Council on Aging (COA) is a small agency, yet its programs and services deliver a significant impact on the aging population of Adams and their families. Each year more adults approach the age where they may need assistance with the challenges of daily life. The wealth of services offered by the ACOA, includes SNAP, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund application assistance, Neighbor to Neighbor Grant Assistance, AARP tax preparation, Medicare/Medicaid insurance assistance, exercise programs, social events and programs. Not to mention that throughout the pandemic, access to vaccine appointments, mobile medical services and home testing kits smoothed the passage through those challenges for Adams' seniors. Even during extended periods of state and local shutdown, the Council doors remained virtually open, offering remote educational programs, grab-and-go meals, a contactless food bank, and "Thinking of You" baskets, bags, and certificates to those who might otherwise have felt isolated and vulnerable. It is a testament to the Council's unflagging outreach efforts that there were 10,536 visits to the center in 2021, despite COVID restrictions. It is also important to note that the Adams Council on Aging has maintained its commitment to a shared services model, offering social opportunities and invaluable programs like extended medical transportation with Cheshire seniors and now, the residents of Savoy. Our newly-signed shared services agreement with the Savoy COA enriches social and service opportunities for all of us.

Transportation

The wellbeing of senior citizens is directly impacted by their access to quality health care and services. The Council on Aging van provided 3,183 rides to 179 seniors in 2021, increasing their access to medical support, crucial programs and sources of healthy food. The van is one service that is able to generate income, which helps offset any overhead costs. The COA Nissan Rogue forms the backbone of our extended medical service program, providing transportation to Bay-state, Albany Medical Center, Boston hospitals, facilities in Vermont and even Rhode Island at no cost to the community member. This invaluable resource, which runs on volunteers, grants and donations, has provided 231 rides to 43 seniors this year.



Social Supports and Services

Each year we host a number of events, some that have become popular traditions (our Lions Club Picnic, Holiday Gatherings, Linen Lunches, Veterans Day Celebration, Nonagenarian Birthday Party and the Live Well Expo) with others that add enrichment or answer a timely need. "What's Your Plan?" offers professional insight into estate and extended care issues and has proven to be a mainstay. Informational programs on the uses of medical marijuana, the benefits of essential oils, painting classes, a virtual seminar on Medicare and other educational opportunities are always well attended. Our intergenerational program is as rewarding for the students at neighboring schools as it is for ACOA members. BART Charter School often visits the Council to entertain our seniors, perform holiday songs or judge competitions. St. Stanislaus Kostka elementary school students crafted activity bags to share with our seniors during the COVID lockdown. Pumpkin carving at Halloween and the Jack-O-Lantern walk along the trail brightened the holiday for all involved. An intergenerational educational program brought Birds of Prey to the Council lawn, much to everyone's delight.



Helen Meczywor at our 90+ Birthday - she was the oldest attendee at 101 years young.

Volunteer Base

Our programming is successful as a result of our strong volunteer base. ACOA volunteers have devoted 2,654 volunteer hours in 2021 at an estimated cash value to the Town of Adams of \$105,736.00! When our programs are in operation, you can be sure that volunteers are lending a hand. That includes volunteer positions such as AARP Tax Greeter, AARP Tax Volunteer, Administrative Support, Legal Aide, Blood Pressure Clinic, Board Member, Brown Bag, Computer Aide, Decorating Committee, Extended Mobile Transportation, Garden, General Event Volunteer, Grocery shopper, Meal Site, Mobile Food Bank, Newsletter and Health Insurance Counseling. The COA greatly appreciates its volunteers!

COVID Outreach

Throughout the pandemic, the ACOA has been a source of assurance and information, arranging vaccine appointments, distributing "Stay-Active" Kits and "Thinking of You" bags to provide ongoing social outreach, hosting a mobile vaccination site, and providing transportation to healthcare locations. In December, 2021, 20 boxes each containing 90 COVID-19 Fast-Test Kits



Above: Volunteers tending the ACOA raised garden bed.



Above: Howard Rosenberg pedaling the new rickshaw bicycle.

were delivered to the Council for distribution to any Adams resident for whom home-testing proved a financial hardship. Those kits have been successfully distributed but pandemic oversight will continue as long as it is necessary.

A New Location in the New Year!

The Adams Council on Aging is on the move! Much work has been completed at the Memorial Building allowing for expanded services, increased programming and a greater outreach potential for the ACOA! As of this writing, the floors and duct work have been installed, a handicapped accessible restroom is in place and generous donations have made new cabinetry possible. Work will be ongoing but relocation is planned for the end of January.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Fontaine
Council on Aging Director



Mobile Food Bank:

Thanks to the so many volunteers (only a few are pictured) that support our year-round Food Bank Distribution.



Wastewater Treatment Plant

2021 Annual Town Report

For 2021 the Town of Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant provided wastewater treatment services for not only town residents, but also commercial and industrial operations within the town. Wastewater is treated for/from Hardman Industrial Park and the Walmart complex just north of the Adams, North Adams line.

Our staffing levels are operating with 6 full-time employees, with the maintenance 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, our laboratory is staffed full time on 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. These daily checks at the plant and the pump stations are done by our licensed mechanic. Three employees at the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant hold a Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Plant Grade 4 Operator's license; one employee holds a Grade 3.

As in the past few years, the layout of this report is a summary of the work and projects accomplished in 2021:

VALVES, PUMPS, MOTORS, CONTROLLERS and ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

- Compression fittings and new tubing installed on all of the Hypochlorite pumps.
- Complete rebuild of #1 raw sewage pump.
- All cooling fans (plenum, heat sink & 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.
- Installed new "scum" plunger pump.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EMERGENCY GENERATORS and VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Semiannual oil, oil filters and coolant filters changed on our two Caterpillar stationary emergency electrical generators.
- Changed oil and oil filter on the plant truck (2009 F-350).
- The John Deere push mower had its motor oil, air filter, gas line and cutting blade replaced.
- John Deere riding mower had new cutting blades, oil, oil filter and spark plug installed
- The forklift truck had oil, oil filter and air filter replaced. A new starting battery was purchased/installed and the critical wear-pad slides replaced.

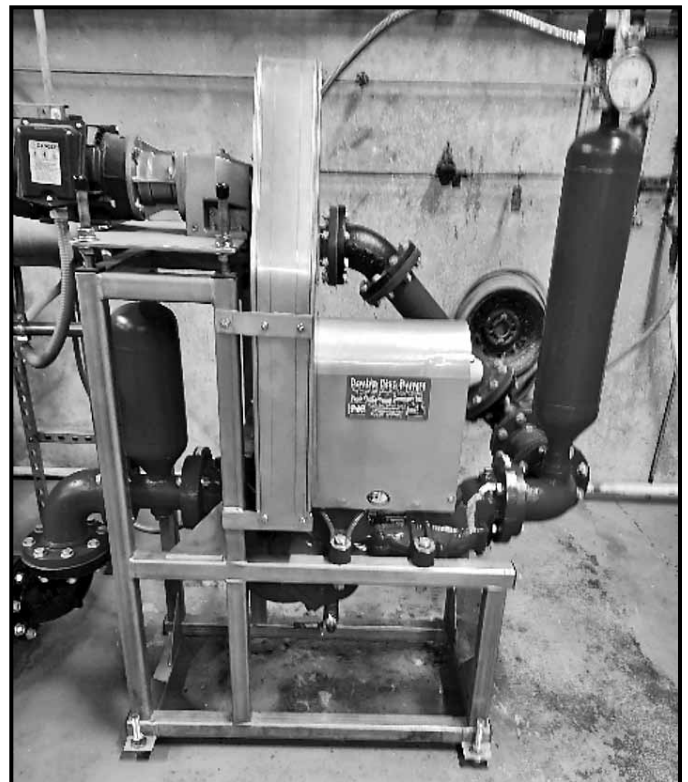
OTHER EQUIPMENT

- All 3 motors in the aeration/reaeration (Motors #1, #2, #3) were tested and operable.

- 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.
- Air Handling Unit air filters replaced.
- 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.
- 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Cleaned north aeration and reaeration tanks.
- Repaired rotted pipe on the plant's boiler.
- Lawn damage from snow plowing repaired in the spring.
- Fume hood in lab inspected and tested annually.
- Annual state inspection of facility's boilers and compressors passed.
- 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).



Plunger Pump

- Alarm system insurance certification performed by Alarms of Berkshires County.
- All plant equipment malfunction alarms were tested and deemed working properly. This included but was not limited to the Clarifier, Aeration, and Reaeration equipment alarms.

Laboratory equipment was upgraded as follows:

1. Purchased CL2 meter and a pH meter.
2. Bought customary (spring/fall) chemicals: Hypochlorite, Sodium Bisulfite, and Poly-Aluminum Chloride.
3. Had balance calibration weight certified.
4. Laboratory scales were cleaned and calibrated by All State Scale Company.



*Above:
Aeration Tank Cleaning*



*Left:
Rotted Pipe on Boiler*

OVERALL SUMMARY

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

A review of the 2021 facility's records and reports documents 791.54 million gallons of wastewater was treated and cleaned before being discharged to the Hoosic River. This was an increase of 19.8% from last years (2019) annual flow of 660.9 million gallons.

A total of 108.1 dry metric tons of dewatered sludge was processed and hauled to an incinerator in Waterbury, CT, for final disposal in 2021. This was a decrease of 18.6% from 2021 sludge disposal total of 113.17 dry metric tons.

The monthly averages for removal of Total Suspended Solids ranged between a minimum of 87.3% to a maximum of 95.1% with an overall average for 2021 of 90.9% removal. Biochemical Oxygen Demand removals ranged from a minimum of 91.8% to a maximum of 98.2% with a twelve-month average for 2021 of 95.8% removal.

CONCLUSION

Although 2021 has brought on many challenges in the world, we stayed focused and implemented a couple very important upgrades:

1. The entire plant was upgraded to LED lighting.
3. New pump and motor installed at the domestic pump station
3. New Mimic screen installed by I.T.S

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.

This upcoming year (2022), will be an exciting year here at the plant. We will be having a 5.5-million-dollar upgrade.

As noted in past annual town reports I wish to thank and give credit to the entire staff at the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant for their professionalism, resourcefulness and cooperation in providing effective wastewater treatment. Their team effort and dedication are what keeps this 49-year-old facility operating so well.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rumbolt
Wastewater Treatment Plant
Superintendent

Financial Reports

Board of Assessors

Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56, the Board of Assessors is required to annually assess property at full and fair cash valuation as of January 1st. The Commissioner of Revenue certifies these values every 5 years. Valuation changes can happen yearly due to new growth and value

adjustments. New growth consists of value gained from new construction or remodeling while value adjustments occur due to statistical analysis of market conditions and property value trends. The Department of Revenue approved the FY22 values and new growth in September of 2021.

TAX RATE SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

a. Total amount to be raised	\$17,526,300.08
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources	- 4,990,645.00
c. Tax levy	\$ 12,535,655.08

Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
1. Residential	472,121,670	79.2058%
2. Open Space	0	0%
3. Commercial	36,646,033	7.6993%
4. Industrial	28,288,797	5.9435%
5. Personal Property	34,037,697	7.1514%
Totals	571,094,197	100.0000%

Tax Rate for FY 2022 Residential - \$20.89 Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property - \$26.16
*****Tax rate includes HVRSD Exclusion Override Debt of \$1.23**

Exemptions are available for qualifying senior citizens, qualifying widows and widowers, qualifying veterans and for those residents certified to be blind. Residents are encouraged to visit the office for more information.

Many thanks go to Donna MacDonald who retired in May of 2021 after 19 years as Principal Assessor, as well as the Assessing Department staff, Gina Reopell and Susan King, for their continued efforts, support, and professionalism. We would also like to thank the residents of the Town of Adams for their continued cooperation.

The Board of Assessors recommends reviewing your property record card online at:

www.town.adams.ma.us

If you have questions you can phone us at: 413-743-8300 ext. 178.

Respectfully submitted,

Adams Board of Assessors
Paula J. Wheeler
Principal Assessor
George J. Haddad
Chairman
Lorraine M. Kalisz
Secretary

Town of Adams

Schedule of Taxes Receivable

for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Uncollected Tax July 1, 2020	Add Commitments	(Add) Deduct Abatements and Adjustments	Add/(Deduct) Prior years Tax Title Account	Deduct Transfer to Tax Title Account	Deduct Collections	Uncollected Tax June 30, 2021
REAL ESTATE							
2014 and older	62,509		909			960	60,640
2015	1,212					166	1,046
2016	3,583					2,432	1,151
2017	3,998					2,842	1,156
2018	8,778		9			4,620	4,149
2019	70,199		56			40,410	29,733
2020	473,465	11,482,427	1,715		114,000	308,486	49,264
2021	-		134,325			11,064,577	283,525
Total Real Estate	623,744	11,482,427	137,014	-	114,000	11,424,493	430,664
PERSONAL PROPERTY							
2014	18,240		16,292			1,558	390
2015	2,812		361			647	1,804
2016	1,572		72			813	687
2017	1,903		44			1,224	635
2018	3,188		55			2,294	839
2019	1,404		66			473	865
2020	5,653	756,496				4,793	860
2021	-		4,331			750,590	1,575
Total Personal Property	34,772	756,496	21,221		-	762,392	7,655
Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	658,516	12,238,923	158,235		114,000	12,186,885	438,319
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE							
2014 and older	60,399	4,195				1,308	63,286
2015	4,528					271	4,257
2016	5,452					811	4,641
2017	8,187					1,312	6,875
2018	10,799		651			3,743	6,405
2019	23,471		799			13,909	8,763
2020	104,566	117,443	14,327			184,695	22,987
2021	-	965,871	25,544	(25,841)		812,162	154,006
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	217,402	1,087,509	41,321	(25,841)	-	1,018,211	271,220
Grand Total Tax Receivables	875,918	13,326,432	199,556	(25,841)	114,000	13,205,096	709,539

Town of Adams

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

June 30, 2021

As of June 30, 2021, cash consisted of the following balances:

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

Bank North, NA	\$ 28,435
Adams Community Bank	8,159,232
UniBank	4,024,774
Century Bank	35,835
Value Line	18,479
Total	12,266,755
Petty Cash	410
Total cash and Short-term Investments	\$ 12,267,165

Indebtedness

June 30, 2021

	Outstanding July 1, 2020	Retirement	Outstanding June 30, 2021
Town Hall/Police Station/Library	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 1,055,000
WWTP Plant Renovations	941,323	175,620	765,703
Storm Damage Sept 2018	2,315,000	140,000	2,175,000
TOTAL	\$ 4,476,323	\$ 480,620	\$ 3,995,703

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, 2021

	Original Budget	2020 Encumbered to FY 2021	2021 Reserve Fund Transfers	2021 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	12,243,861				12,243,861	12,186,883	(56,978)
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	965,000				965,000	1,018,211	53,211
Departmental receipts, licenses and permits	463,032				463,032	749,977	286,945
Earnings on invested funds	15,000				15,000	4,744	(10,256)
Total locally raised revenue	13,686,893	-	-	-	13,686,893	13,959,815	272,922
Intergovernmental revenues/Net of offsets	2,752,826				2,752,826	2,700,675	(52,151)
TOTAL REVENUES	16,439,719	-	-	-	16,439,719	16,660,490	220,771
Selectmen/Moderator/Town Report	16,894	270	-	88,460	105,624	102,116	3,508
Town Administrator	222,296	18,466	-	-	240,762	215,974	24,788
Financial - Accounting / Fincom	360,002	1,610	(57,000)	-	304,612	294,394	10,218
Assessors	149,591	-	-	-	149,591	136,742	12,849
Treasurer	161,481	2,087	-	-	163,568	150,470	13,098
Town Counsel	45,003	-	-	-	45,003	44,782	221
Technology	188,967	16,993	-	-	205,960	142,639	63,321
Town Clerk / Elections / Registration / Codes	182,284	15,119	-	(2,014)	195,389	172,333	23,056
Property & Liability Ins.	210,300	920	-	-	211,220	208,702	2,518
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,536,818	55,465	(57,000)	86,446	1,621,729	1,468,152	153,577
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	231,647	19,501	-	3,996	255,144	240,543	14,601
Inspection Services / Weights & Measures	216,551	-	-	-	216,551	212,356	4,195
Conservation/Agriculture/Historical Commissions	2,475	205	-	95	2,775	1,925	850
Planning / Zoning Board	8,435	1,037	-	(95)	9,377	8,434	943
INSPECTION SERVICES	227,461	1,242	-	-	228,703	222,715	5,988

	Original Budget	2020 Encumbered to FY 2021	2021 Reserve Fund Transfers	2021 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Police	1,835,059	9,515	-	307	1,844,881	1,764,592	80,289
Police Station	28,450	312	-	100	28,862	26,665	2,197
Emergency Management / Forest Warden	17,530	1,008	17,000	-	35,538	15,986	19,552
Animal Control Officer	28,249	806	-	-	29,055	24,989	4,066
Parking Management	28,022	-	-	-	28,022	24,150	3,872
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,937,310	11,641	17,000	407	1,966,358	1,856,382	109,976
Council on Aging	233,379	461	-	25	233,865	191,191	42,674
Veteran Services / Memorial Day	200,105	-	-	-	200,105	145,407	54,698
Board of Health	11,550	1,895	-	-	13,445	7,917	5,528
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	445,034	2,356	-	25	447,415	344,515	102,900
Hoosac Valley Regional School District	5,925,327	-	-	35,677	5,961,004	5,961,004	-
McCann Vocational Regional	1,071,858	-	-	-	1,071,858	1,071,858	-
EDUCATION - REGIONAL	6,997,185	-	-	35,677	7,032,862	7,032,862	-
LIBRARY	293,572	48	-	-	293,620	251,122	42,498
Public Buildings / Prop MA	285,990	19,046	40,000	2,326	347,362	281,256	66,106
DPW Administration / Tree Warden	180,735	200	-	-	180,935	171,207	9,728
Highways	1,689,994	14,050	-	-	1,704,044	1,553,665	150,379
Snow & Ice Control	246,000	425	-	-	246,425	154,321	92,104
Flood Control	600	-	-	-	600	-	600
DPW Garage / Equipment Maintenance	213,500	15,268	-	774	229,542	187,851	41,691
Transfer Station	127,555	-	-	-	127,555	59,493	68,062
Wastewater Treatment / Collection	437,175	35,390	-	41	472,606	415,162	57,444
PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS, HIGHWAY & STREETS	3,181,549	84,379	40,000	3,141	3,309,069	2,822,955	486,114
EMPLOYEE / RETIREE BENEFITS	1,439,718	641	-	-	1,440,359	1,460,936	-20,577
Cemetery, Parks & Grounds	56,675	76,505	-	-	133,180	106,005	27,175
Recreation	-	2,326	-	(2,326)	0	-	-
Celebrations - Seasonal	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	407	1,393
CEMETERY, PARKS & OTHER	58,475	78,831	-	(2,326)	134,980	106,412	28,568
COURT JUDGEMENT		16,250	-	-	16,250	16,250	-

	Original Budget	2020 Encumbered to FY 2021	2021 Reserve Fund Transfers	2021 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
DEBT SERVICE	626,940				626,940	610,220	16,720
Principal	480,620				480,620	480,620	0
Interest / Fees	146,320				146,320	129,600	16,720
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES	16,975,709	270,354	-	127,366	17,373,429	16,433,064	940,365
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(535,990)	(270,354)	-	(127,366)	(933,710)	227,426	
OTHER AMOUNTS RAISED:							
State Intergovernmental Assessments	(44,279)				(44,279)	44,279	
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	(149,927)				(149,927)	149,927	
Underassessment Hoosac Valley RSD	(35,677)						
Court Judgement	(16,250)						
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(782,123)				(1,127,916)	421,632	
OPERATING TRANSFERS:							
Other Available Funds	313,611				313,611	313,611	
Operating Transfers Out	(455,726)				(455,726)	(455,726)	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures and Operating Transfers	(924,238)				(1,270,031)	279,517	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):							
Free Cash For Capital & Offset Tax Rate	699,627				699,627		
Economic Development Fund Appropriation	59,611				59,611		
Reserve Fund Balance Transfer	165,000				165,000		
Other Financing Sources & Transfers	924,238				924,238		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures with Other Financing Sources	BALANCED				(345,793)		

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

ASSETS									
	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue	Special Revenue Small Cities	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2021
Cash									
Petty Cash	410								410
Cash in Savings and Money Market Account	3,762,008	757,538	6,855,548	62,701	80,089	718,868	46,454		12,283,206
									0
Accounts Receivable									
Personal Property Taxes	7,655								7,655
Real Estate Taxes	430,665								430,665
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-419,297								-419,297
Motor Vehicle Excise	271,220								271,220
Tax Titles	915,535								915,535
Tax Possessions									
Departmental - PD Off Duty - due from Vendors							26,392		26,392
Departmental - Industry Sewer									
Departmental - Sewer/Water Liens AFD									
Departmental - Veterans Services	47,241								47,241
Departmental - Bank Error - Fraud	51,130								51,130
Special Assessment - Demolition Lien									0
Departmental - Emergencies Agencies									0
Departmental - Federal Grant Receivable									0
Departmental - Comm of Mass Grants									0
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									
Amounts to be Provided for									
Payment of Bond								3,995,703	3,995,703
Debt Authorized & Unissued								215,000	215,000
Total Assets	5,066,567	757,538	6,855,548	62,701	80,089	718,868	72,846	4,210,703	17,824,860

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited - Continued)

LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue	Special Revenue Small Cities	Special Revenue Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2021
Current Liabilities									
Warrants Payable	751,928			49,518					801,445
Payroll Payable	43,730								43,730
Health Insurance Withheld	50,427								50,427
Workmans Comp/PD Accident Payable	5,068								5,068
Taxes Withheld/Payable	4,225								4,225
Unemployment Payable	1,624								1,624
Misc. Withheld	15,649								15,649
Cafeteria Plan Withheld	28,435								28,435
Retirement Withheld	9,901								9,901
Due to General Fund									0
Due to SR FED Grant									
Due to Deputy Collector							693		693
Due to Commonwealth of Mass - FID							1,686		1,686
Miscellaneous - Escrow - Chenail Farm							5,000		5,000
Off-Duty Work							6,596		6,596
Miscellaneous - ROD Ramp/Housing Escrow							32,479		32,479
Deferred Revenues									
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	19,023								19,023
Tax Liens	915,535								915,535
Motor Vehicle Excise	271,220								271,220
Tax Possessions									
Departmental	47,241						26,392		73,633
Special Assessments									0
Due from Federal Government									0
Due from Comm of Mass Grants									0
Unreserved Fund Balances	1,526,981	757,538							2,284,519
Fund Balances Reserved for Encumbrances	857,521								857,521
Fund Balances Reserved for Compensated Absences	80,739								80,739

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited - Continued)

LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue Small Cities	Special Revenue Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2021
Fund Balances Reserved for Trust Funds								
Restricted Trust Funds					577,029			577,029
Unrestricted Trust Funds					141,839			141,839
Fund Balances Reserved for Fed/State Grants			5,109,971	13,184				5,123,155
Fund Balances Reserved for Appropriation	250,000		420,779					670,779
Fund Balances Reserved for Gifts/Bequests/Revolving			240,323					240,323
Fund Balances Reserved for Special Purposes								
Reserved for Expenditure	187,321							187,321
Reserved for Emergency Spending - Storm Damage			1,084,475					1,084,475
Fund Balances Reserved for Capital Projects								
Reserved for Chapter 90				34,199				34,199
Reserved for Water Channel Improvements				6,244				6,244
Reserved for Old Town Hall/Library				38,844				38,844
Reserved for Library Renovation				801				801
Reserved for 10 Year Revaluation								
Bonds Payable								
Inside Debt Limit - Town Hall/PPD Station / Library						1,055,000		1,055,000
Inside Debt Limit - MWPAI						765,703		765,703
Inside Debt Limit - Storm Damage						2,175,000		2,175,000
Bonds Authorized & Unissued						215,000		215,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	5,066,566	757,538	6,855,548	62,701	718,868	72,846	4,210,703	17,824,859

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, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/20	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/21
FEDERAL GRANTS							
Federal Community Develop Block Grant							
Massachusetts Small Cities Program	-53,742.00	691,412.00	-624,486.00	66,926.00			13,184.00
Barnstable Grant	-48,235.00	53,831.00	-76,132.00	-22,301.00			-70,536.00
Federal Grant IV - Rail Trail	-65,850.00	72,191.00	-59,580.00	12,611.00			-53,239.00
FEMA - COVID-19	23,249.00	136,955.00	-353,984.00	-217,029.00			-193,780.00
Total Federal Grants	-144,578.00	954,389.00	-1,114,182.00	-159,793.00	0.00	0.00	-304,371.00
STATE GRANTS							
General Governments Grants							
Recycling Grant/Small Initiatives	2,000.00	6,001.00	-602.00	5,399.00			7,399.00
Community Compact	51,908.00		-39,604.00	-39,604.00			12,304.00
Massachusetts Office of Disability	0.00		-80,000.00	-80,000.00			-80,000.00
Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	57.00			0.00			57.00
Mohawk Trail 20 Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	-112,221.00	126,921.00	-449,098.00	-322,177.00			-434,398.00
Mohawk Trail 21 Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	0.00		-572,100.00	-572,100.00			-572,100.00
Municipal Mohawk Trail/Woodland Partnership	0.00		-21,767.00	-21,767.00			-21,767.00
40R Smart Growth	0.00		-22,150.00	-22,150.00			-22,150.00
Public Safety Grants							
Public Safety/VAWA/DPIR	40,250.00	28,796.00	-30,937.00	-2,141.00			38,109.00
Public Works Grants/Maple St/Solarize Mass	1,128.00			0.00			1,128.00
Mass Emergency Management Agency	-1,559.00	2,900.00	-3,718.00	-818.00			-2,377.00
Culture & Recreation Grants							
Adams PARC Grant	-3,116.00	128,953.00	-245,520.00	-116,567.00			-119,683.00
Visitor Center Grant	13,617.00			0.00			13,617.00
Cultural Council Grant	0.00	1,000.00	-2,130.00	-1,130.00			-1,130.00
Greylock Glen	749.00	6,501,048.00	0.00	6,501,048.00			6,501,797.00
Council on Aging Grants							
Elder Formula Grant	22,742.00	26,160.00	-18,020.00	8,140.00			30,882.00
COA State Grant	5,956.00			0.00			5,956.00

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, 2021 (Unaudited - continued)

	Fund Balance 06/30/20	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/21
Library State Aid Grant	55,039.00	18,432.00	-7,716.00	10,716.00			65,755.00
Other State Grants							
BOH Local Preparedness Grant	2,347.00			0.00			2,347.00
Events Planning	326.00	5,000.00	-1,603.00	3,397.00			3,723.00
Early Poling	3,950.00	3,209.00	-5,316.00	-2,107.00			1,843.00
Green Communities	-39.00	11,249.00	-15,000.00	-3,751.00			-3,790.00
Total State Grants	83,134.00	6,859,669.00	-1,515,281.00	5,344,388.00	0.00	0.00	5,427,522.00
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
Economic Development Fund	138,599.00				72,957.00		150,771.00
Parking Meter	48,430.00	3,080.00	-60,785.00	-60,785.00		-10,000.00	41,510.00
Council on Aging	49,327.00	15,766.00		15,766.00		-25,000.00	40,093.00
Technology Fund	48,457.00	27,886.00		27,886.00		-27,500.00	48,843.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	166,605.00	10,835.00	-37,879.00	-27,044.00			139,561.00
Cannabis Fund	40,000.00			0.00		-40,000.00	0.00
September Storm Damage 2018	1,890,182.00		-805,707.00	-805,707.00			1,084,475.00
Other Special Revenue Revolving & Gifts & Donations	206,133.00	193,965.00	-179,773.00	14,192.00	20,000.00		240,325.00
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	2,587,733.00	251,532.00	-1,084,144.00	-832,612.00	92,957.00	-102,500.00	1,745,578.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2,526,289.00	8,065,590.00	-3,713,607.00	4,351,983.00	92,957.00	-102,500.00	6,868,729.00

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Office of the Town Accountant - Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Trust Funds - for the year ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/20	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/21
RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS							
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Only	432,146	4,100		4,100			436,246
OPEB Trust	51,633	473		473			52,106
Library - Plunkett Fund	23,967	217	-702	-485			23,482
Library - Saunders Fund	5,185	47	-157	-110			5,075
East Road Solar Bond	30,000			0			30,000
Grove Street Solar Bond		30,120		30,120			30,120
Total Restricted Trust	542,931	34,957	-859	34,098	0	0	577,029
UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS							
Stabilization	634,761	4,777		4,777	118,000		757,538
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest Only	26,422	4,232		4,232			30,654
Cemetery Maintenance	13,840	488		488			14,328
Cemetery Endowed Lots - Harrington/Hall/Plunkett	27,775	256		256			28,031
Scholarship - Hall/Low	23,139	213		213			23,352
Scholarship - Kruszyna	16,271	4,812		4,812			21,083
Scholarship - Town	13,736	2,691	-2,700	-9			13,727
Conservation Trust	-94	800	-598	202			108
Historical Preservation - Quaker Meeting House	16,900	156		156		-6,500	10,556
Total Unrestricted Trust	772,749	18,425	-3,298	15,127	118,000	-6,500	899,376
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	1,315,680	53,382	-4,157	49,225	118,000	-6,500	1,476,405

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Reports from the School Committee Chair and Athletics were unavailable as of the Adams Annual Town Meeting

Report of the Superintendent

FY2022 Town Report

Dear Community Members,

In August 2019, the Hoosac Valley School Committee selected me as the next superintendent of Hoosac Valley Regional School District. As I enter year 4 as the district leader, we have finally reached a point where we can dive deeper into our strategic planning. Thus far in my tenure we have worked to:

1. Determine strengths, challenges, and set goals for improvement in our schools
2. Gain deeper insight into the student experience
3. Examine relationships between schools with families and with the broader community
4. Analyze and adjust current policies, protocols, and norms with an equity lens
5. Identify data to inform long-range strategic planning and track progress

Using the above information, the administrative team has developed a district improvement plan and aligned school improvement plans aimed at promoting a positive culture and academic achievement for all students. In addition, we continue to refine our college and career pathways with our high school programming through the expansion of Biomedical and Environmental Science programs and the continued expansion of our opportunities in partnership with BCC and MCLA, including a potential new pathway for early childhood education.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) District Standards and Indicators Framework defines six standards of effective school district policy and practice, which, if implemented well, are likely to lead to improved student performance, opportunities, and outcomes. As with last year's town report, I am using this as a tool to frame our work and progress as a district.

Leadership and Governance

School committee members and district and school leaders work collaboratively and strategically to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes. They establish, implement, and evaluate policies, procedures, systems, and budgets with a primary focus on achieving district-wide improvement goals, in part through equitable and effective use of resources.

- The school committee has again adopted aligned school and district improvement plans with targeted strategic objectives that focus on 4 key areas:
 1. Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment
 2. Teaching All Students
 3. Family and Community Engagement
 4. Professional Culture
- The school committee has continued with the use of data in academic and social emotional areas for the purposes of driving decisions with budget and policies.

Assessment

The district establishes and supports a culture that values the use of data in improving teaching, learning, and decision-making. District and school leaders ensure that systems are in place for the efficient and purposeful collection, use, and sharing of data from a variety of assessments to guide decision making at the district, school and classroom levels and to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes.

- HVRSD performs academic benchmark testing in the areas of ELA and Math 3 times per year. This data is triangulated with MCAS results to create a full picture of academic strengths and challenges. Students who are identified for intervention are progress monitored between benchmark periods to explicitly track growth.
- HVRSD collects and intentionally uses data to inform decision making academically and social-emotionally. Data is analyzed and utilized for decision making on the district level, school level, classroom level and individual student level.
 - Each school has an instructional leadership team that is tasked with analysis of school wide data.
 - Benchmark data is analyzed by all core teachers following benchmarks and adjustments are made to groupings and interventions based on this data.
 - Benchmark data is shared with parents/caregivers so that they have information they need and deserve about their student(s)' performance in math and reading compared to peers of the same age across the nation.
- HVRSD utilizes social emotional survey data and a Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS) to assess student skills with the 5 social emotional competencies: Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making.
- Training has been provided to all educator teams on the effective use of formative assessment data to monitor student progress and understanding of content. As such, common planning time is utilized by staff for analyzing student work.

Human Resources and Professional Development

The district strategically designs, implements and oversees human resource and inclusive professional development efforts in a way that supports an aligned human capital management system and results in the employment, development and retention of effective educators who are successful in advancing all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes.

- HVRSD is actively working with other Berkshire County districts to collaborate in the areas of professional development and curriculum development.

- HVRSD is engaging with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to support curriculum selection, piloting, and implementation.
 - HVRSD is currently engaged with the following DESE sponsored academies to provide high quality professional development and resources:
 - Math Academy - HVES and HVMS
 - Evidence-Based Early Literacy Learning Grant- HVES
- HVRSD has a comprehensive professional development plan that provides high quality professional development in the development of high leverage teaching practices. The plan includes job embedded professional development such as classroom walkthroughs and coaching, as well as session work in areas such as curriculum development and inclusive teaching practices.
- HVRSD has assembled a robust catalog of summer course offerings for teachers to expand their knowledge in content, planning, and use of inclusive practices in order to support ALL our learners.
- HVRSD maintains partnerships with the following organizations as a means of supporting our students and families:
 - Northern Berkshire Community Coalition
 - Department of Children and Families
 - United Cerebral Palsy and Pediatric Development Center
 - Childcare of the Berkshires
 - Regional Meetings (early childhood, foster care and homeless, Title III (English Learner consortium))
 - Multicultural Bridge
 - Anti Defamation League
 - MassHire
 - Massachusetts Rehab Commission
 - Berkshire Family and Individual Resources
 - Northern Berkshire Juvenile Court
 - The Family Center and The Family Place
 - Multicultural Bridge
 - Northern Berkshire United Way

Student Support

The district ensures that schools equitably support all students' safety, well-being, and sense of belonging; systematically identify and address students' needs; and engage families and community partners to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes. The district assesses the programs and practices used across schools to ensure that students experience educational continuity and are well supported through school transitions.

- HVRSD is working to develop Multi Tiered Systems of Support both academically and behaviorally, so that students are provided with early interventions as concerns arise. Each building has a referral process and a system for response to intervention to initiate and evaluate interventions for students.
 - HVRSD has begun the process of training math teachers in Add+VantageMR (AVMR) in order to build a deeper understanding of math content and strategies to reach all learnings.
 - HVRSD is in the final stages of selecting a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in order to provide consistent reinforcement of the 5 SEL competencies at ALL levels.
 - HVRSD has implemented Wilson Reading programming at all levels in order to provide consistent specialized reading instruction at all grade levels.
 - HVRSD has created a WIN (What I Need) block in grades K-7 in order to provide a differentiated way of meeting learners' needs, whether they require intervention or enrichment.
- HVRSD has restructured support for its teachers through the creation of assistant principals of teaching in learning at each level, whose sole purpose is to work with teachers to further develop curriculum and teaching practices.

Financial and Asset Management

District leaders manage the equitable allocation and effective use of funding and other resources to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes, support the district's improvement plan, and secure community support.

Hoosac Valley Regional remains a district with great possibility. However, a review of data and documents supports that the district also faces substantial challenges. The lower-than-state average school spending, per pupil expenditures, and teacher salaries, combined with a large percentage of high needs and high poverty students, leaves the district with substantial hurdles. The annual appropriation for the Hoosac Valley Regional School District is largely based on available state and local revenues, as determined by the town officials. District Profiles & Comparisons (based on latest data available at <https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/>) are as follows:

- Net school spending 116% requirement vs. state average 131%. (FY 2021)
- Total expenditure per pupil \$15,472.85 vs. state average \$17,575.17 (FY 2021)
- Student/teacher ratio 11.5 to 1 vs. state average 11.9 to 1 (FY 2021)
- Students with disabilities 24.7% total enrollment vs. state average 18.9% (FY 2021) Economically disadvantaged population 61.3% vs. state average 43.8% (FY 2021)

As the district is challenged with resources, we are very reliant on grants and donations to move important initiatives forward. In addition to our annual entitlement grants we have received an additional \$470,763 in grant funding as outlined in the following table.

COVID-19 Summer Program Reimbursement	\$ 79,383
P-EBT Reimbursement	1,842
Accelerated Literacy Grant	71,700
EEC - Preschool Planning	40,000
Teacher Diversification	10,274
Civics Grant	22,500
Early Literacy Grant	63,826
Rural Aid	72,937
Food Service EOC	30,451
Berkshire Taconic - HS Intern Van	30,000
Project Lead The Way - Biomedical Program	29,000
MA Cultural Council Grants	6,800
Barrett Fund - SEL Programming at HVHS	10,000
New England Dairy Grant	1,050
Project Bread	1,000

Based on our latest financial audit, the district is on solid footing with financial tracking, forecasting, and controls for properly managing the budget. There is appropriate oversight of staffing and budget allocations to assure expenditures are allocated to the proper funding source. We continue to tweak business office practices to create efficiencies and to ensure that business office procedures are clearly understood and consistently followed.

Closing Thoughts

The district will face considerable challenges in the coming years as we deal with the continued impact of a decline in foundation enrollment, we work to develop consistency in our programming, we work to respond to the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we work to find our identity on the secondary level. Despite the pandemic, we have made progress in several areas of our important work in the following ways:

- Adoption of a 5-year curriculum replacement cycle
- Implementation of an updated ELA curriculum, grades Pre-K-12
- Implementation of evidence based SEL curriculum district wide in 2022-2023

- Restructuring of K-7 schedules to include WIN (What I Need) blocks and collaborative planning time which will allow us to further individualize instruction for ALL students
- Purchase of chromebooks to give us a 1:1 student : technology device ratio
- Development of a robust professional development plan that will equip staff with opportunities to expand their content knowledge, further develop their curriculum, and further develop their use of high leverage teaching practices in the classroom
- Implementation of an after school program at the middle school
- Refining intervention programming for ELA and Math
- Implementation of benchmarking systems to track student progress in academic skill sets
 - Families now receive reports 3 times per school year with results
- Utilization of student, family, and staff surveys through Panorama to help us take steps to improve student outcomes and school climate
- Consistent application of district core values in all schools
 - P.R.I.D.E (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Empathy)
- Development of a budget that aligns core needs with the core budget

Over the next few years we will continue to utilize grant funding in ways that create sustainable programming for the long term. This will require targeted short term and long term plans that address instructional needs, operational needs, and promote equity. As the leader of this district, I am committed to making sure we take the steps necessary to continually improve our district and provide for the needs of all our students. Moreover, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the very community in which I was raised and schooled. Thank you for your continued support of our schools!

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Dean
Superintendent
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Hoosac Valley High School

WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

We embarked on the 2021-2022 school year with Hoosac P.R.I.D.E. fully intact. Perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity, and empathy have been at the forefront of our work to “increase cultural awareness, sensitivity, and responsiveness by evaluating and respecting individual differences and fostering innovation and positive outcomes” for our students, staff, and stakeholders. We started off the year with a continued commitment to creating a safe, supportive learning environment for ALL.

We came back in full force still navigating the uncertainty of COVID-19 but in full swing nonetheless. While still dealing with natural feelings of anxiety and even waves of uncertainty, we persevered by taking things in stride and putting our students FIRST. If nothing else, the pandemic allowed us to seize new opportunities with our students, staff, and families, and we continue to focus on our commitment to create a safe, supportive learning environment for ALL in our school.

We celebrated many new beginnings as we welcomed folks back IN PERSON. We welcomed new faces at the high school and familiar faces changing positions; Regina Diesz went back into the classroom as a veteran math teacher and coach; Miss Kaitlyn Breitenbach joined the special education inclusion team, as Mr. Jeff Horton rejoined the paraprofessional team; Mr. Patrick Mahoney laced up his sneakers with the physical education department, and he has been working with middle school and high-school students in health & wellness and physical education. Miss Sadie Terramarre stepped out of the art room and into the science classroom – teaching 8th grade science. Also new to our #hvhsfamily is Kasey Leslie. Ms. Leslie joined our English department, as Ms. Molly Meczywor turned in her novels to take over our learning lab/college & career readiness. Molly is also an official member of the administrative team as our athletic director. Ms. Lisa Delmolino and Ms. Rebecca Cohen joined us from middle school as Bridges and inclusion teachers respectively. Mrs. Tammie Shafer became the middle school/high-school Project Lead the Way coordinator, and we announced two new PLTW courses this year! Additionally, at the high school, we announced a new position: transition and work-based learning coordinator. Dallas Berard filled that position, and she’ll work directly with our Cornerstone and Bridges cohorts.

Our days start at 7:30 a.m. with Period 1. In addition to the focus on engaging educational activities and an increase in academic rigor - we continued our advisories to promote and grow meaningful relationships between staff and students, while providing social-emotional and academic support to students. This year we brought in guest speakers and created opportunities for students to engage in P.R.I.D.E. by pledging to really work with and help one another succeed.

Once again this year, we have been lucky enough to be able to offer **free** breakfast and lunch to all students, and students are still welcome to purchase items from the cafeteria in addition to what’s being served on any particular day.

Most of our school’s policies and procedures were sent out in our Student Handbook. As always an electronic version of the handbook is available on the school’s website. Speaking of our NEW AND IMPROVED website – check it out at:

<https://www.hoosacvalley.org>

Meet Hoosac Valley High School was held in early September. Student Picture Day went off without a hitch in late October, and our fabulous advisors planned an Interscholastic Clubs and Organizations virtual “shopping day” and tour for our students. **GRADE 8** students were engaged in an orientation with the LINK CREW (HS mentors) as an introduction to the school year and their assigned mentors.

Our focus has been and continues to be to promote 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.

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. Academic coaches continue to be instrumental in helping create curricula, helping to revise assessments and rubrics, and most importantly helping to assess multi-tiered systems of support for our students.

WHAT WE ARE OFFERING AND MAINTAINING AT HVHS

HVHS Pathways:

The HVHS pathways are college and career focused and are used to guide students and strengthen their focus for possible future goals after they graduate high school. Our modern pathway programs offer inspiration and learning for all students with a bit more direction in the coursework. Our three distinct pathways are:

- Communication and Arts
- Human Services
- Science Exploration

Students have opportunities to take courses like Energy and the Environment, Medical Detectives, Pathway Careers, Intro to STEM, Spanish, Health and Wellness, Music, Technology Applications, Global Citizenship, Current Events, History of the Holocaust, Drama & Theater Arts, Conservation and Stewardship, Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, and SO MUCH MORE! As part of our initiative students can take advantage of work-study and internship opportunities in their junior and senior years – which promotes opportunities for students to further explore various pathways (examples include composting interns, Broadcast Journalism at MCLA, teacher assistants, etc).

Transportation problems? Not anymore! Berkshire Taconic Foundation provided HVHS with a grant to purchase our very own van! We will now be able to transport students to and from these organizations.

Senior Perks:

Hoosac Valley High School offers its seniors in good standing (in both academics and attendance) perks such as”

- Arriving to school late, schedule permitting
 - Leave school early, schedule permitting
- Off-Campus Lunch
- Senior lounge, schedule permitting
- Access to our courtyard during study hall

Early Graduation:

It is possible for students to complete high school graduation requirements at HVHS in less than 4 years. There are criteria that must be met for students that are interested in graduation early, such as successfully completing at least one college course, and all other graduation requirements must be completed (students work with guidance counselors on this).

College Course Enrollment:

HVHS partners with Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College to create benefits for high-school students such as being able to earn college credit at no cost (credits will transfer), preparing students for the college-level class and environment, allowing exploration in an academic field of interest, and strengthening college applications. At BCC juniors and seniors can take up to 15 free transferable college credits per year. At MCLA juniors and seniors can earn up to 6 free transferable college credits per year. **Past and future courses offered through BCC and/or MCLA on the HVHS campus include** Introduction to Engineering I and II, Computer Applications, Anatomy and Physiology, English 101, Education and Society, and Environmental Sustainability.

Naviance:

Naviance is an online program used by the School Counseling Department to help manage the college and career readiness process. Students will research careers and colleges, take assessments and surveys, create goals and eventually submit requests

for transcripts and recommendation letters directly to their counselor. **Naviance** makes it easier than ever for students to answer the questions that will shape their future: Who am I? What do I want to be? How will I get there? How will I succeed? It’s a one-stop shop designed to ease the process for our students!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LINK Crew:

Hoosac Valley initiated the LINK Crew program, a high-school transition program that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Our data continues to show that members of our Grade 8 class struggle in forming positive peer-to-peer and peer-to-staff relationships. To this end, HVHS paired each 8th grader with a junior or senior, who was trained this past summer. 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 organized and held 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.” This year students participated in a training at Wahconah with other students in the county.

HVHS Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band:

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching Band are back in business. Mr. Keplinger and his ensembles have played at home games this year; they dazzled us with their talents during the holiday seasons, they were showcased in a couple concerts, and they will be playing LIVE at graduation.

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
- Discuss school policies and procedures
- Organize and run school election of class officers
- Elect and organize class elections
- 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. The goal is to present volunteer opportunities to students that will help them see the benefits and rewards of volunteering. Club members are meeting with their advisor, Sadie Terramare, and they were able to work on community events such as recycling Tuesdays.

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, several students were inducted into this national society, and they will be honored at a dinner in May 2022.

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. The tutoring center is open 4 days a week from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Rainbow Alliance:

The Rainbow Alliance was reinstated this year and aligns with GSA and GLSEN. GSA stands for Gender and Sexuality Alliance. The Rainbow Alliance is a safe space where students can talk and learn about sexual orientation, gender identity, and some of the issues that surround them. The Alliance plays a vital role in making Hoosac a safe space by providing support and organizing work against homophobia and transphobia in school. This year the alliance worked with 18 Degrees and hopes to work with more organizations in the future! The alliance meets bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Byrd
Principal
Hoosac Valley High School



The Hoosac Valley High School Leo Club conducted a collection drive for the Louison House.

Hoosac Valley Middle School

2021-2022 Town Report

Engaging Every Student Every Day

The 2021 - 2022 School Year was another year of change met with overall resilience and optimism of students and staff. For the first time since March 13, 2020 students were able to return to some “normalcy.” For our youngest students, it was the first time any of them had even eaten in the cafeteria.

We continue our relentless efforts in improving the educational experience for students. Several staff are enrolled in a graduate level Universal Design of Learning course. We will have staff able to teach the course at HV in the future.

New curriculums were delivered with integrity and students were engaged! This is especially true for 6th grade. Based in part on the curriculum and with the guidance of their ELA teacher, Mrs. Shelby Gale, 6th graders developed a New Kid Handbook which was adopted by the School Committee as the official new student handbook for the district.

We were able to bring outside resources into the school to help provide various supports to students and staff. We were able to bring back student assemblies and saw great success with PRIDE (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Empathy) Rallies. Students enthusiastically participated from cheering on their friends to competing in minute-to-win-it games.

During the last quarter of the year HVMS students will take a total of nine MCAS Tests – ELA and Math for all grades, plus Science in grade five. Despite the hardships of the pandemic, the overwhelming majority of students take the tests seriously and give it their best effort.

This year saw the addition of Ms. Pare, Ms. Skowron and Ms. Berard to our Special Education staff. Mr. Polidore joined us as the new P.E. teacher. It also saw the retirement of several veteran staff: Mrs. Dawn Bishop, Mr. Joe Joppich, Mr. Richard Noel, and Mr. Paul “Tito” Snizek all expressed their intent to retire. We wish them happiness and peace in this next chapter of life.

We understand that the students did as well as they did in part due to the commitment of their families. We see every day just how critical the Social Emotional aspect of school is and look forward to partnering with families as we implement the new SEL Curriculum once it is chosen.

Thank you for the privilege of working together to help enrich the lives of the students entrusted to our care.

Respectfully,

Christopher Sposato
Principal
Hoosac Valley Middle School

*Hoosac Valley High School
students working on garden project.*



Hoosac Valley Elementary School

Kind. Connected. Visible.

Hoosac Valley Elementary School serves around 360 students in preschool through third grade. The school is located in downtown Adams on Commercial Street. The information included in this report highlights some of our statistical information, reviews some initiatives and tells about current instructional information. Although education over the past two years has looked differently than typical school years, our staff has continued to put the needs of students first and provide the best possible education for all students.

Hoosac P.R.I.D.E.

In the Hoosac Valley Regional School District, all three schools are promoting and developing the tenets of P.R.I.D.E. in all students:

- Perseverance** - Pursuing a goal, trying repeatedly, asking for help.
- Respect** - Appreciating and considering the feelings, wishes, rights, and traditions of (self) and others.
- Integrity** - Doing the right thing even when no one is looking; Being honest and trustworthy.
- Diversity** - Accepting the differences among us gives our community strength.
- Empathy** - Considering others points of view to better understand and contribute to the growth of the relationship.

At HVES, we have monthly P.R.I.D.E. rallies where we focus on one tenet and celebrate all students for demonstrating perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity and empathy. Learning and continuously modeling each component of P.R.I.D.E. prepares our students to become productive members of the community and provides a common language and expectations for all school community members.

Enrollment Comparisons:

Grade	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
PK			56	70	68	34	58
K	68	65	83	75	90	75	87
1	78	68	80	77	85	86	67
2	80	81	78	76	77	73	87
3	84	80	104	77	80	71	64
4	71	80					
5	72	68					
Total	453	442	401	375	400	339	363

HVES Curricula:

At the elementary school, we are implementing three new English Language Arts' programs this year: Heggerty, Foundations and Wit and Wisdom. In math, we continue to implement Eureka Math. All of these programs are evidence and research-based programs that support the needs of our students.

- **Heggerty**: A phonemic awareness program that provides students with consistent and repeated instruction to support the development of decoding and encoding skills by building an understanding that spoken words are made up of individual sounds called phonemes. Daily lessons engage learners in rhyming and onset fluency; isolating final or medial sounds; blending and segmenting words, syllables, and phonemes; adding and deleting phonemes; and substituting phonemes.
- **Foundations**: A multisensory, systematic, structured language program that supports lifelong literacy through the development of critical foundational skills, emphasizing: phonics/word study, high frequency word study, reading fluency, handwriting, and spelling.
- **Wit and Wisdom**: A comprehensive curriculum founded on the belief that literature, history, art, and science all have a place in ELA instruction which helps students build rich layers of content and world knowledge. Wit & Wisdom is composed of four 30-lesson modules per grade. Each module explores a specific topic and begins with art analysis as an entry point to literacy. With Wit & Wisdom, students use authentic texts to build essential reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills as well as grammar and vocabulary.
- **Eureka Math**: The most widely used math curriculum in the United States. Eureka Math is a Common Core-aligned curriculum published by the non-profit Great Minds Inc., that equates mathematical concepts to stories, with the aim of **developing conceptual understanding**. It is designed in a series of modules that highlight key concepts that layer over time, creating enduring knowledge. Students gain a complete body of math knowledge, not just a discrete set of skills. They use the same models and problem-solving methods from grade to grade, so math concepts stay with them, year after year.

Specials:

At Hoosac Valley Elementary School, our students also attend weekly classes in art, Physical Education, library, STEAM and music. Each special is student-centered and engaging for all children.

Title I:

Title I is a federal entitlement grant supporting school-wide academic support for all HVES students. The grant helps fund interventionists, instructional assistants and materials. Through this funding and programming, classroom teachers and interventionists are able to use assessment data in ELA and math throughout the year to inform targeted instructional groups and support students in their academic development. In grades 1-3, the ELA and math interventionists and paraprofessionals provide these push-in or pull-out services for both content areas.

Through Title I, we have also been able to host various family engagement opportunities as well. These events include a Where the Wild Things Are event, STEAM events and a Music Family BINGO. Each event has welcomed families into the school for the specific theme of the event, while also providing the families with a connection to the academic content as well.

Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

Hoosac Valley Elementary School's PTG provides support to the children of our school throughout the year. The group meets regularly to discuss ongoing support for our students. Their efforts support the HVES community in many ways, such as hosting events like Music Family BINGO and the holiday shop and helping fund field trips.

Closing:

All of us at HVES are eager to support your child and to build a relationship with each family. We will strive to ensure that each child is welcomed and supported in an environment that fosters growth and joy in learning. We will utilize the tenets of P.R.I.D.E. to prepare all students to be positive and productive citizens of the community.

We have a school community where high expectations are set for all and where students' needs are the priority. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you and your child!

Respectfully,

Erin Beaulac
Principal
Hoosac Valley Elementary School



Hoosac Valley High School - "Wings"

Special Services

Annual Report 2021-2022

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present unprecedented challenges for our students, their families, and our entire school community. Although this school year marked the return to full in-person learning, the impact of the continued pandemic is significant. Our faculty, staff, and administration have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of all learners, utilizing assessment to identify specific needs of each and every student and leveraging high quality, evidence-based curriculum to provide targeted, skills-based intervention based on those needs. It is our theory of action that in doing so we will more efficiently build student skills and close the achievement gaps that have been exacerbated by disrupted learning throughout the pandemic.

Despite the challenges we have faced, the 2021-2022 school year has included new opportunities and continued development of essential programming for our students in the areas of Special Education, English Language Education, and Early Childhood Programming. During the 2021-2022 school year, the Special Services Department provided support services to approximately 237 students with Individualized Education Programs both in district schools, as well as in out-of-district school placements, 11 students who receive English Language Education, and 20 students under McKinney-Vento and 20 students currently in foster care placements. Support provided through the Special Services Department is aligned with the established regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and policies and laws for educating students with limited English proficiency.

During the 2021-2022 school year, our students have received a wide range of special education services, depending on their individualized needs, from ages three through twenty-two (or graduation in some cases). Services provided include direct instruction and support in academic areas such as reading, writing, or math, as well as in other areas such as executive functioning skills, life skills, social skills, self-regulation skills and skills that will help students transition to adulthood. Additionally, students have received an array of related services, which include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision therapy, mobility training, support for students with hearing impairments, school counseling, and behavioral interventions. Increasing numbers of students requiring mental health and SEL supports have resulted in us seeking outside partnerships with agencies such as Optimal Healing to ensure that every student received the support they needed.

Our mandate and goal is to educate students in the least restrictive environment (LRE). To accomplish this, our special education services exist along a continuum that is individualized for each student to provide access to our schools' curricula. In the 2021-2022 school year, 71% of our students with disabilities had IEPs that called for services in a Full Inclusion environment, 17% in a Partial Inclusion Environment, and 12% in a Substantially Separate Environment. Over the course of the past year, the Special Services Office has been focused on improving the specificity of our students' IEPs to ensure that they meet their needs both academically and socially-emotionally. We have partnered with school psychologists, outside agencies,

and consultants to increase stakeholder repertoire for drafting high-quality IEP goals, provided training and access to high-quality curriculum and instructional practices, and placed an emphasis on assessment-driven, differentiated and targeted instruction. We continue to challenge each other to think outside of the box and outside of past practices to both to ensure that the time our students are in the general education classroom is meaningful and to ensure that we are providing explicit instruction in both academic and social emotional skills. While our goal is to provide inclusive opportunities for students whenever appropriate, many of our students continue to require specialized instruction outside of the general education setting based on their needs. We are committed to ensuring that they receive the highest quality instruction and intervention across all settings.

As has been the trend over the last several years, we continue to see rising numbers of students with high needs academically, socially, medically, emotionally, and behaviorally, and as a district we continue to recognize that our programming needs to shift and adapt based on the changing needs of our students. Upon return to fully in-person learning, coming off of two years of interrupted learning with a combination of remote, hybrid, and in-person instruction, we have seen a marked increase in the number of students' being referred for evaluation for special education. These students are being referred not only by teachers but directly from families as well. This year we saw three times as many referrals as we have in past years. Our school psychologists and special educators completed 143 evaluations of students including those who were referred for testing. This year we have focused our capacity building on increasing our faculty and staff's knowledge and training in systematic, direct, explicit reading instruction for struggling readers and targeted math instruction. Our goal in providing this training is to increase the number of interventions available to faculty and students. This allows us to match each program to a child's specific learning profile. Most specifically, we have trained our special education teachers, intervention staff, some of our paraprofessionals providing supporting services, and interested general education teachers in the following programs to support targeted instruction in math and reading: Wilson Reading, RAVE-O, Read 180, Heggerty, and AVMR. Furthermore, Hoosac Valley Elementary School has been participating in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)'s Early Literacy Grant. The focus of this grant this year was to continue to provide professional development in evidence-based practice in the science of reading. We have continued into year two of our Math Recovery Academy sponsorship from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) which provided access for our interventionists and special education teachers to more advanced course work in AVMR (Advancing Math Recovery) and will expand to all of our general education teachers working with our students on IEPs and 504s in the tier 1 setting, starting fall of 2022.

The Special Services Department has continued to maintain strong partnerships with community-based organizations, such as Rhythm & Rhyme Preschool, Berkshire Family and Individual Resources (BFAIR), Community Access to the Arts, Childcare

of the Berkshires Family Center, United Cerebral Palsy – Early Intervention, Pediatric Development Center which helps foster strong community connections for our students. Additionally, we have made connections with MCLA, Optimal Healing, and the Youth Center Inc. We also continue to partner with community-based organizations including Communicare, LLC and Tate Behavioral who have provided assistive technology, augmentative alternative communication, and behavioral supports to our students.

This year the Special Services Department has continued to strengthen our partnership with the Hoosac Valley Technology Department. All students now have access to a wide array of support tools (i.e., speech-to-text, text-to-speech, study tools) both at school, as well as at home, through the Read&Write for Google extension. Additionally, we have provided students access to Bookshare, which is a text-to-speech service for students with print disabilities. With the support of our Technology Department, tools that used to be rare or unique are now commonplace and part of the general education classroom and are readily accessible for our students.

Our integrated preschool program continues to thrive at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. As of January 2022, we currently provide half-day programming to approximately 58 students, in three integrated classrooms. The integrated preschool model provides all students the opportunity to develop and strengthen their foundational academic and social skills alongside their peers. Our preschool classrooms are considered side by side models, comprising seven students with Individualized Education Plans and 8 peers. Our preschool curriculum is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, as well as Massachusetts Standards for Preschool Social and Emotional Learning and Approaches to Play and Learning. Our youngest learners learn pre-reading skills such as blending sounds to create words, segmenting, rhyming and learning letter sounds. Math activities have included rote counting, numeral recognition, patterning, subitizing, counting objects and measurement. Additionally, using small group instruction we can integrate social skills practice to best meet the needs of diverse learners. Furthermore, some students also receive intensive services based on their specific needs and some students who participate in community preschool programs drop-in for special education services. This year Hoosac Valley Regional School District was awarded a Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative Planning grant with which we are currently looking at how to improve options

for families of preschool-aged students. This has begun with a district needs assessment and will be followed up with a strategic plan. In addition, we were awarded a state Teacher Diversification Grant which has allowed us to partner with MCLA to plan for the creation of a pathway for students at the high school to create a model pre-k program and provide our HVHS students with experience working in a pre-k classroom that we are hoping will help us to recruit future teachers and diversify our workforce. Putting in place this pathway in partnership with MCLA could potentially lead to free college credited coursework for our high school’s students and potentially our paraprofessionals in the future.

This year we have continued to refine our ESL programming and look for additional ways to engage the families of our English Learner (EL) students. Our ESL teacher provides direct services to students and consultation to teachers, administration, and families to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our EL students. He is a state-endorsed Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) trainer and will be offering SEI courses this summer to continue to build the capacity of our classroom teachers to provide support to the EL students within their classes. In support of our tier one teachers in order to ensure culturally proficient communication to all families in their preferred language, we have partnered with Lexikeet Translation Services. In the 2021-2022 school year, the Hoosac Valley Regional School District has 11 EL students enrolled. The current languages of our EL population include Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Mandarin, Arabic, Spanish and English.

Our mission, as a Special Services Department, is to partner with families and the entire education community to provide a wide range of effective and meaningful services for our students. This year we met with a great deal of success and significantly increased participation in our district Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). We are regularly seeking out grants and both state and community partnerships to strengthen our program and most effectively meet the needs of the students whom we serve. Ultimately, our goal as educators is to guide our students along their path to independent and connected adult lives. Looking to the 2022-2023 school year, our department is hoping to make a smooth transition to a new Director of Student Services, increase the number of licensed staff within our buildings, refine our assessment-driven IEP goal writing, and identify and implement consistent academic, social-emotional, and social-skills curricula for students in preschool through grade 12.

APPENDIX A – ELIGIBLE STUDENTS BY GRADE 2021-2022

Grade	Eligible Students	Grade	Eligible Students
PK	33	7	31
K	22	8	38
1	15	9	16
2	26	10	9
3	13	11	10
4	22	12	16
5	13	SP	0
6	20		

APPENDIX B – SPECIAL SERVICES FACULTY

Jacquelyn Daniels	- Interim Special Services Director
Lisa Fortin	- Administrative Assistant of Special Services
Catherine Salvini	- Accountability Coordinator
Courtney Bopp	- School Psychologist
Michael Vecchia	- School Psychologist
Linsday O'Dell	- School Psychologist
Kim Biagini	- BCBA
Kaitlyn Moresi	- BCBA
Andrea Ferris	- BCBA
Joshua Kellogg	- ESL teacher
Kathy West	- Contracted Special Service Provider
Brianna Shepard	- SLP
Diane Arduini	- SLP
Laura Underhill	- SLPA
Darian Kradin	- SLPA
Karen Levesque	- SLPA
Suzanne Harnick	- OT
Deborah Silveira	- COTA
Jamie Bannon	- PT
Karissa Kingsley	- PTA
Kelly Riechers	- Preschool Special Educator
Laura Crane	- Preschool Special Educator
Nicole Crane	- Preschool Special Educator
Denise Morin	- Special Education Teacher
Jessica Christman	- Special Education Teacher
Elizabeth Bean	- Special Education Teacher
Caitlin Larabee	- Bridges Teacher
Zachary Houle	- Special Education Teacher
James Bergeron	- Special Education Teacher
Rebecca Cohen	- Special Education Teacher
Elizabeth Phoenix	- Special Education Teacher
Lisa Delmolino	- Bridges Teacher
Dallas Berard	- Bridges Teacher
Noelle Skowron	- Cornerstone Teacher
Katlyn Breitenbach	- Special Education Teacher
Spencer Fraker	- Special Education Teacher
Cathy Abbot	- Special Education Teacher
Susan Descarage	- Perkins Consultant
Debra Scanlon	- Willie Ross Auditory Consultant
Jacquelyn Daniels	- Interim Director of Student Services Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Director of Food Services

In 2021-2022, the HVRSD Food Service Department, continued 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 & Veggie Program).

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

We are in our 4th year of being a CEP District. This Community Eligibility Program makes our entire District eligible for free breakfast & free lunch for each student daily.

There was 1 retirement in December 2021. Deb Wroblewski, who was the Kitchen Manager at Memorial Middle School for many years then the Kitchen Manager at HVMHS, retired after many years of dedicated service!!

Participation in the reimbursable National School Lunch Program for SY 21-22 was 80%. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 21-22 was 51%. These totals reflect participation from September 1, 2021 to April 29, 2022.

For the 2021-2022 SY, the Food Service Department had a profit of \$704.00 on Revenues of \$15,315.00. Government subsidies represented 47.1% of total Revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$38,681.14 were received so far in 2022.

There were 9 new hires, part and full-time, for Food Service during SY 21-22. HVES had 4. HVMHS had 6.

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of April 2022 was 56 %, an increase of 6% from 2020.

We are operating 2 kitchens in SY 21-22.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz
Food Service Director

Business Administrator

Overview of Fiscal Year 2021

The development of the FY 2021 budget began in the same manner as many budgets before it, however, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the budget process at the state level to be very different. As the state shut down, revenue streams became questionable and the status of state funding to schools in the form of Ch.70 became an area of uncertainty. As the towns waited for more information, the District was forced into a 1/12 budget for the months of July, August and September, but was ultimately passed by both towns in late September. The COVID-19 pandemic would continue to challenge educators, administrators and school business officials for the next year and a half.

In FY 2021, The Hoosac Valley Regional School District's Budget of \$20,100,111 represented an increase of \$624 or .003% over the previous fiscal year's budget. This minimal increase was largely due to a reduction of 18 paraprofessional positions that began the process of right-sizing the number of support staff that had increased over the past several years. This reduction mitigated increases in the areas of out-of-district tuition, school choice and charter assessment increases and contractual increases.

The 2021 fiscal year began with a fund balance of \$743,442 as certified by the Department of Revenue. The District ended the year with Excess & Deficiency certified at \$992,230. Regional School Districts are allowed to maintain up to 5% of the upcoming year's Budget as E&D. 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 FY 22 (\$300,000) is deducted. The District has worked to reduce the amount used to lower town assessments over the past few years and will now continue to slowly decrease the amount of E&D used to offset assessments and instead use it towards maintaining a fund balance closer to the 5% allowed, which will favorably impact the District's financial situation and bond rating.

The District was able to increase its fund balance due to a premium holiday for one month's Health & Dental insurance as voted through the Berkshire Health Group, through a negotiated decrease in bussing costs while students engaged in remote learning, as well as the use of grant funds to specifically support schools during this unprecedented time of remote and hybrid learning. Thankfully, the state provided various grant funds to support the remote learning efforts being made throughout the Commonwealth. With these funds, the HVRSD was able to purchase Chromebooks to send home with families, software to successfully transition to remote learning, supplies necessary to maintain safety measures throughout all schools once students did return to hybrid / in person learning, and also the support staff and materials necessary to provide families with a remote learning site for children to learn on their remote learning days. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education will be seen for many years to come. We are grateful we had these grant funds to support our administration, educators and students as they navigated such challenging times.

In closing, the FY 2021 budget had a focus on right-sizing staffing levels, which was much needed after several years of additions. The current trends in population decline and minimal Chapter 70 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 and specifically in FY 21, combating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder
Business Administrator
April 11, 2022

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 3,067,738	\$ 1,044,269	\$ 4,112,007
Receivables:			
Intergovernmental	5,814	304,207	310,021
Due from the Town of Adams	17,840	-	17,840
Inventory	-	30,179	30,179
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,091,392	\$ 1,378,655	\$ 4,470,047
LIABILITIES			
Warrants payable	\$ 244,408	\$ 15,701	\$ 260,109
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,145,594	41,780	1,187,374
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,390,002	\$ 57,481	\$ 1,447,483
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 1,321,174	\$ 1,321,174
Assigned	709,161	-	709,161
Unassigned	992,229	-	992,229
Total Fund Balances	1,701,390	1,321,174	3,022,564
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,091,392	\$ 1,378,655	\$ 4,470,047

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,780,738	\$ -	\$ 8,780,738
Charges for services	-	155,882	155,882
Intergovernmental	12,585,817	2,739,821	15,325,638
Investment income	22,815	-	22,815
Miscellaneous	13,203	2,000	15,203
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 21,402,573	\$ 2,897,703	\$ 24,300,276
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Administration	\$ 749,396	\$ 3,047	\$ 752,443
Instruction	6,655,024	1,135,405	7,790,429
Other school services	1,214,040	711,891	1,925,931
Operation and maintenance	1,045,633	-	1,045,633
Fixed charges	152,328	-	152,328
Acquisition	40,000	-	40,000
Special education	2,918,538	585,407	3,503,945
Employee benefits	5,516,056	-	5,516,056
Intergovernmental	1,799,044	-	1,799,044
Debt Service:			
Principal	620,000	-	620,000
Interest	307,600	-	307,600
Total Expenditures	21,017,659	2,435,750	23,453,409
Change in fund balance	384,914	461,953	846,867
FUND BALANCES, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,316,476	859,221	2,175,697
FUND BALANCES, AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,701,390	\$ 1,321,174	\$ 3,022,564

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Assessments to Member Towns

June 30, 2021

Member Town	Minimum Contribution	Contribution Outside Net School Spending	Transportation & Capital Assessments	Total Assessments
Adams	\$ 3,863,738	\$ 984,145	\$ 1,077,444	\$ 5,925,327
Cheshire	2,090,604	361,032	403,775	2,855,411
Total	\$ 5,954,342	\$ 1,345,177	\$ 1,481,219	\$ 8,780,738

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

June 30, 2021

Future Debt Service

Year	Principal	Bonds - Direct Placements Interest	Total
2022	\$ 640,000	\$ 289,000	\$ 929,000
2023	655,000	269,800	924,800
2024	635,000	250,150	885,150
2025	650,000	231,100	881,100
2026	675,000	209,000	884,000
2027 - 2031	3,760,000	683,050	4,443,050
2032 - 2033	1,695,000	87,300	1,782,300
Total	\$ 8,710,000	\$ 2,019,400	\$ 10,729,400

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 2021 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.

McCann continues to offer high quality vocational and academic education. The faculty and staff prides itself on meeting the needs of all of our learners as the best practices in teaching and education are constantly being developed and refined. Our vocational programs are updated annually to the latest industry-recognized techniques and equipment. Academic programs consistently implement updated and relevant material for their disciplines. The support from our member towns is integral in creating this culture of learning which is reflected in our students' accomplishments.

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

The class of 2021 was the eighteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination as designated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Competency determination for the class of 2021 was modified as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and certified through an attestation of a four-year course-completion requirement. 110 graduates of the class of 2021 saw 48% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 45% enter the workforce, and 6% proudly enter into military service. The graduation class was able to have an in-person commencement ceremony on its regularly scheduled day, June 6, 2021.

GRADE 10 – ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2019	2020	2021
Exceeding Expectations	2%	NA	9%
Passing	96%	NA	82%
Not Meeting Expectations	2%	NA	9%

GRADE 10 – MATHEMATICS

Performance Level	2019	2020	2021
Exceeding Expectations	0%	NA	2%
Passing	94%	NA	83%
Not Meeting Expectations	6%	NA	15%

GRADE 10 – SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

Performance Level	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Advanced	26.1%	13.7%	16.0%	NA	NA
Proficient	51.3%	53.3%	56.0%	NA	NA
Needs Improvement	20.1%	30.6%	25.0%	NA	NA
Failing	1.7%	2.4%	3.0%	NA	NA

Fall and winter sports were cancelled in 2020-2021 as a result of the pandemic. Our students were able to resume athletic activities in the spring with boys and girls lacrosse, softball, and baseball. The baseball team advanced to post-season play but all the teams benefited from being back out on the field and engaged in extra-curricular activities. Our student athletes continue to represent the school in a positive fashion.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to remove asbestos floor tile and renovate two bathrooms and related storage areas. We completed the painting and reequipping of the automotive shop, expanded the culinary classroom area, renovated the information technology and computer assisted design and advanced manufacturing shops, installing new computers in all these areas capable of using advanced software. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the installation of over 30 energy recovery ventilator (ERV) systems in all classroom, laboratory, and related occupied areas. We also installed ERV's and made other ventilation upgrades in the automotive, advanced manufacturing, metal fabrication, carpentry, and business technology shops. We completed the

installation of a new CAT 6 internet cable throughout the building and completed the wiring of our additional security system cameras. We completed construction of a new concrete front entryway, installed new safety fences on the athletic fields, and installed lighting on our football field for use during the 2022 football season. We installed a new oven and grill in our culinary arts program and upgraded furnishings in the Tea Room.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We used our Perkins Grant to continue our upgrade of software in all of our technical areas. We purchased new desktop and laptop computers with expanded storage and computing capacity to enable our students and staff to accommodate all of the software upgrades. We became a 1:1 Chromebook school purchasing the necessary systems to issue to every student. The switch to remote education during the height of the pandemic enabled us to install a variety of educational software systems which complemented and enhanced our offerings. We also received a Skills Capital grant of \$188,800.00 enabling us to add two CNC lathes with Y-Axis capability for our advanced manufacturing program.

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. The 2021 SkillsUSA district competition was held virtually at McCann in accordance with the school's policies and the SkillsUSA guidance. McCann students earned twelve gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Industrial Motor Control, Sheet metal, Technical Computer Applications, Technical Drafting and Web Design. Fourteen silver medals were awarded in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Electrical Construction Wiring, Restaurant Service, Sheet Metal, Technical Computer Applications, Technical Drafting, Web Design and Welding. Five bronze medals were also earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Architectural Drafting, Technical Computer Applications and Technical Drafting. At the 2021 SkillsUSA state competition McCann students earned four gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing and Architectural Drafting. Three silver medals were awarded in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Architectural Drafting and Sheet Metal. Seven bronze medals were earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Carpentry, Industrial Motor Control and Technical Drafting. 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 virtual 2021 BPA State Leadership Conference (SLC), McCann students received a total of nine awards in Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design, and Management, Marketing and Communications. McCann BPA members earned one 1st place, two 2nd place, three 3rd place, one 4th place, and two 5th place awards at the SLC in March. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the National Leadership Conference scheduled in Orlando, Florida was cancelled, but held virtual.

McCann students continued to excel in receiving industry-recognized credentials through their vocational programs. Six of our culinary arts seniors received their American Culinary Federation credentials and a culinary arts sophomore won the silver medal at SkillsUSA district competitions. The vast majority of the business technology students earned their certifications in a number of Microsoft Office programs including Access Expert, Excel Associate, and Word. Information technology students obtained their cyber-security certifications and all of our sophomores school-wide earned their OSHA-10 certifications. Industry-recognized credentials such as these are prevalent in all of our vocational programming and offer our students a competitive advantage when entering the workforce.

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 principles and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$165,000.00 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 78 electricians completing modules in 2019-2020 while 17 completed the master electrician program.

James J. Brosnan
Superintendent

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District

FY21 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
City and Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 3,203,871.00	\$ 3,172,869.00
Capital	59,163.00	59,163.00
Transportation	136,000.00	136,000.00
Municipal Assessment	440,761.00	471,763.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	310,000.00	340,297.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	5,161,888.00	5,071,520.00
Tuitions	718,480.00	809,261.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,439.00	8,026.00
Total Revenue Received	10,038,602.00	10,068,899.00
Member City and Town Transportation Refunds		(30,297.00)
	\$ 10,038,602.00	\$ 10,038,602.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Federal Entitlement)		
Federal	Sped IDEA	\$ 131,161.00
Federal	Title I	123,298.00
Federal	Title II A	17,986.00
Federal	Title IV	10,000.00
Federal	Perkins	70,234.00
Federal	Postsecondary Perkins	3,138.00
Federal	CvRF	109,125.00
Federal	ESSER/Cares	84,099.00
Federal	SPED Improvement	7,784.00
(Federal Grants Other)		
	REAP	40,241.00
	FEMA	5,259.91
	Summer Vacation Learning	6,012.00
(State Grants)		
	State Coronavirus Prevention	26,825.00
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	188,800.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Connecting Activities	6,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Advanced Manufacturing	20,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Welding	20,000.00
	Safer School and Communities	19,956.00
(Local Grants)		
	Municipal CARES Act	61,417.29
(Private)		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	Adams Community Bank for Graduation	1,000.00
Private	Superintendent's Association Teacher PD	4,000.00
Private	Gene Haas Foundation (AMT)	10,000.00
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 973,336.20

Adams Business Directory

Organization Name	Address	Organization Name	Address
7-Eleven	223 Columbia Street	Belanger Photography of the Berkshires	20 Turners Avenue
Adams Chiropractic PC	37 Park Street	Bella Sky Gifts	35 Park Street
Adams Community Bank	PO Box 306	Bellevue Memorials	146 B Bellevue Avenue
Adams Hometown Market	11 Myrtle Street	Benchmark Behavioral Solutions	110 Columbia St., 1st Floor
Adams Housing Authority	4 Columbia Street	Berkshire Beauty Salon	18 Hoosac Street
Adams Internists	2 Park Street	Berkshire Clean Air	34 Maple Street
Adams Outlet	29 Park Street	Berkshire Consulting Associates	1 Sommer Hill Road
Adams Physical Therapy	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 109	Berkshire County Martial Arts Academy	39 Park Street
Adams Plumbing & Heating	65 Printworks Drive	Berkshire Dance Theatre	46 Howland Avenue
Adams Redemption Center	56 Commercial Street	Berkshire Decorators	109 East Hoosac Street
Adams Specialty Printing Co.	14 Pine Street	Berkshire Green Cleaning	4 East Walnut Street
Adams Stove Company	108.5 Columbia Street	Berkshire Hair Trendz	68 Park Street
Adams Street Fair Committee	62 Spring Street	Berkshire Hauler	9 Crotteau Street
Adams Turners, Inc.	6 Turners Avenue	Berkshire Outfitters	169 Grove Street
AFFOUE Management	9 Pearl Street	Berkshire Production Resources	7 East Hoosac Street
AJ's Trailside Pub	12 Pleasant Street	Berkshire Studio	10 Allen Street
Alcombright Prof. Drywall	9 East Street	Berkshire Wood Floors	1 Lehs Lane
All In One Landscaping	23 Spring Road	Betsy Sage	90 Summer Street
Al's Service Center	P O Box 574	Bezzle's BBQ	40 Burt Street
Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc.	69 Columbia Street	BG's Luxury Apparel	89 Friend Street, Apt. 201
Amelia's	64 Summer Street	Bishop West Real Estate	39 Park Street
Anahata Schoolhouse	201 North Summer Street	Bounti-Fare Restaurant	200 Howland Avenue
Anderson and Son Home Improvement	40 North Summer Street, Apt. B	Broadlawn Farm	46 Walling Road
Angelina's Submarine Shop	34.5 Columbia Street	Bruce D. Dumouchel, PHD	41 Park Street
Area Carpet Cleaning	130 Columbia Street	Burke Construction	6 Renfrew Street
ARh+ Lab Tattoo	100 Summer Street	Burnett Farm	312 East Road
Arigoni Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	C. Diesz Electric LLC	126 East Road
Arrowbend Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	C Squared Home Improvement	42 Commercial Street
Ashford Heights Farm	1 Ashford Heights	C. W. Construction Co.	46 Howland Avenue
Atlantis Equipment Corp.	16 Print Works Drive	Calderara Construction	41 Melrose Street
Atwell Cattle Raising	312 East Road	Capital Speed Equipment	63 Alger Street
Ayotte Construction	82 Commercial Street	Carolyn's Tax Service	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 107
B.A.C.K. To The Basics Cleaning Service	82 Columbia Street	Carpentry Plus Much More	3 Oak Lane
Bark N Groom	190 Howland Avenue	Cataract & Laser Center Assoc.	One Berkshire Square
Barrett House	17 Pleasant Street	CC Coaching	66 Summer Street
Bascom Lodge	30 Rockwell Road, Lanesboro	Charles Phykitt Ins. Agency, Inc.	74 Park Street
B & B Micro Manufacturing	201 Howland Avenue	Chee's Chinese Cuisine	13 Columbia Street
		Chop Shop	81 Summer Street

Organization Name	Address
Ciempa Landscaping & Home Improvement	78 Howland Avenue
Ciempa Professional Tree Service	6 Burns Lane
Color-Me Creative Gifts	98 Summer Street
Conserve Thru Control	PO Box 377
Coones Travel and Tours	97 Summer Street
Corner Lunch	50 Summer Street
Country Construction	110 Walling Road
Country Crowchet	17 Commercial Street
Cumberland Farms	46 Commercial Street
Custom City Cycle	2.5 Pleasant Street
Cutting Edge Family Haircare	37 Park St., Suite 1
Cutting Edge Fitness & Martial Arts Center	73 1/2 Summer Street
D & S Linen Services d/b/a Aladaco	82 Commercial Street
Daily Grind	37 Park Street
Dancecapade School of Dance	44 Spring Street
Dave Krzeminski Electric LLC	210 East Road
David C. Field Building Contractor	13 Friend Street
David W. Kittler	2 Pleasant Street
David L. Krutiak Tree Farm	219 West Road
David Ryan General Constractor	2 No. Hoosac Street
Dean's Auto Repair Shop	112 West Rd
Decker Enterprises, Inc.	9 Grove Street
DJ BIZZ Entertainment	34 Upton Street
Domino's Pizza	80 Summer Street
Duda & Holland Construction	24 North Summer Street
Dunkin Donuts	177 Columbia Street
East Adams Trucking	34 Meadow Street
Edward Jones	One Berkshire Square, Ste. 114
Elevated Printing	10 Allen 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 Rd
FunAwesomeastic Ventures	69 Lime Street
Gabriel's Cleaning Service	46 East Jordan Street
Gary Lecuyer On Line Gallery	3 Country Club Avenue

Organization Name	Address
Gene's Sales & Service	108 Howland Avenue
George Apkins & Sons, Inc.	37 Pleasant Street
Goth CA Digital Ventures	69 Lime Street
GreenTopia	10 Pleasant Street
Greylock Alliance	Bascom Lodge
Greylock Apartments	3 Myrtle Street
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
H & R Machine Company	101 Alger Street
Haas Appraisals	56 Wilbur Lane
Hafflinger House Restaurant & Inn	17 Commercial Street
Hairloom Beauty Salon	19 Leonard Street
Hesnor Engineering Company	2A River Street
Hilltown Consulting	40B Richmond Lane
Historic Susan B. Anthony Farm	20 Walling Road
Hobby World	171 Grove Street
Holland Co. Inc.	153 Howland Avenue
Holland's Remodeling	2 Sayles Street
Honey Bee Sweets	47 Willow Street
Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain	2 Gavin Avenue
Hyland Home Solutions	21 Enterprise Street
Hytech Computer	57 Columbia Street
Interior Specialties	8 Sparrow Street
J & A Distributing	1 Potter Street
J & S Home Improvement	41 Temple Street
Jacqueline Tessier	6 Crotteau Street
Jaeschke Apple Orchard	23 Gould Road
James Kemper Roofing Company	18 Anthony Street
Jeremy Johnson Finish Carpentry	47 Spring Street
Jim Gancarz Builders	11A Pinnacle Drive
Jones and Dews WX Restaurant Group	47 Park Street
Joseph DaSilva	5 Pinnacle Drive
JP's Painting a/k/a Peltier Painting & Papering	119 Spring Road
K A Construction	10 Burt Street
K. Davis Painting	11 Summit Avenue

Organization Name	Address
Karen's School of Driving	7 Park Street
Kathy's Cuts	111 Alger Street
Kern's Plumbing & Heating	19 Dubis Street
Kim Byrd d/b/a KB Masonary	6 Depot Street
K M R Massage	64 Summer 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
Life Balance Acupuncture & Wellness	86 Summer Street
Lillie's Enterprises	18 Lower Linden Street
Luke Celetano DBA	30 Walling Road
Lynda's Antique Clothing Loft	41 Park Street
Mama's Place	85 Commercial Street
Maple Grove Equipment	8 Leonard Street
Martin K. Bush, DDS	9 Park Street
McAndrews-King	PO Box 450
McDonald's	2 Commercial Street
MCR Roofing	84 Alger Street
Mendel's Stained Glass	1 East Hoosac Street
Meraki Salon	90 Summer Street
Michael Stubbs d/b/a Limited Editions Barbar Shop	84 Summer Street
Midtown Tax & Bookeeping Service	44 Spring Street
MIJA Landscaping Inc.	5 Noonan Street
Millhouses of Adams	75 Commercial Street
Minerals Technologies/Specialty Minerals	260 Columbia Street
Miss Adams Diner/under Auth. of PJO Corp.	53 Park Street
Modena Painting	126 Howland Avenue
Mohawk Recording Group	27 Mill Street, Unit B
Monarch Realty	97 Summer Street
Moncecchi Plumbing	71 Summer Street
Mop Shoppe	24 Fisk Street
Mountain Club	6 Anthony Street
Mountain View Painters	64 East Street
Mr. Rooter of Berkshire County	194 Howland Avenue
Mullen Moving & Storage	71 Grove Street

Organization Name	Address
NASHCO	17 Albert Street
Newaves Unisex Hair Salon	79 Park Street
North County Creates	3 East Hoosac Street
Northern Berkshire Loss Support	17 East Road
Northern Berkshire Sports Academy	89 Park Street
Oasis Liquors	35 Spring Street
O'Geary's	60 Commercial Street
Organized by FAR	71 Park Street
Original Seed Cigar & Lounge	32 North Summer 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
Perinnault Realty	49 Glen Street
Pine Brook Pub LLC	128 Columbia Street
Pizza House	26 Hoosac Street
Poseidon Coffee	3 Hoosac Street
PPC Personalized Private Care, LLC	2 Tower Avenue
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 Electricial Services, LLC	1 Berkshire Sq.
Real Eyes Gallery	71 Park Street
Rebecca Field	75 Commercial Street, B103
Revelation IT Services, LLC	70 Commercial Street
Robbie's Gluten Free Ma, LLC	1 Burns Lane
Ronnies Cycle	150 Howland Avenue
Rowley Fuel	1 Grove Street
RSP Petroleum, Inc. dba Racing Mart	73 Columbia Street
Safe Choice Services	34 Highland Avenue
Saldo Electric	90 Howland Avenue
Salon D	24 Willow Street
Scarpmalli	69 Lime Street
Scotty's Trucking	41 Park Street, Suite 6
Serrano Builders	42 Alger Street

Organization Name	Address
Servistove Solutions	7 Lower Linden Street
Shine Wire	25 Printworks Drive
Shire Donuts, LLC	52 Summer Street
Simply Different Supplements	15 Fryc Lane
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 & Hardware	20 North Summer Street
Stash 'N Dah Boyz	9 Powers Street
Steepleview Realty	63 Park Street
Stephen Faucher Photography	8 Baskin Lane
Stitchaholique	7 Glendale Drive
Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum	67 East Road
T & A Tool Inc.	73 Summer Street
Tandem Custom Builders Corp.	62 Commercial Street
The Coffee Liberation	1 Park Street
The Family Apparel & More	56 Columbia Street
The Shire Cottage Bakery	1 Upper Linden Street

Organization Name	Address
Thompson & Linscott	P.O. Box 190
Thrifty Bundle Laundromat	41 Spring Street
Thunderbolt Business Services LLC dba Cole Mountain Farm	391 West Rd
Top's Wellness Lifestyle	8 Pearl Street
Total Access Computers	16 Hoosac Street
TRI Petroleum LLC dba Adams Express	160 Howland Avenue
Trimarchi Landscape	15 Burns Lane
Trottier Pringle Funeral Home	6 Summer Street
Troy's Tree Service	5 McKinley Street
Val's Variety	5 Columbia Street
Victory Lounge	13 Victory Street
Viking Pub	83 Commercial Street
V's Car Wash	76 Columbia Street
Walgreens #19038	21 Columbia Street
Waterman Excavating, Inc.	44 Spring Street
Waterman Paving & General Contracting	17 Morningside Avenue
We All Need Body Work	30 Park Street
Whitco	186 Howland Avenue
Whitman's Crystal Cleaning	2 Melrose Street
Wojo's	27 Spring Street

Architectural Elevation of The Greylock Glen Outdoor Center



The Gathering Space



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