

Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center - August 30, 2022

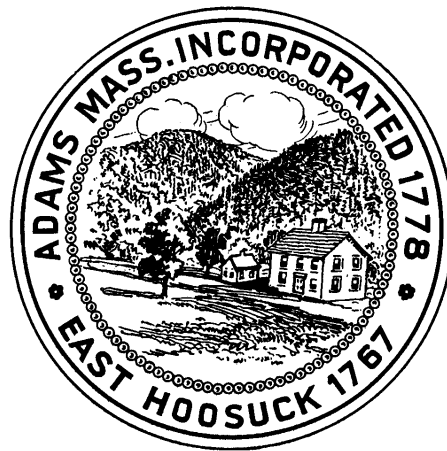
# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2022



*Town of*  
**ADAMS**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**REPORT OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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# General Information

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

## Population:

Town Census 2022	8,268
Town Census 2021	8,335
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	8,166
Federal Census 2010	8,485
Federal Census 2000	8,809
Federal Census 1990	9,455
Federal Census 1980	10,385

**Registered Voters October 9, 2022**      **6,354**

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

## Tax Rate FY22

Residential and Open Space	<b>\$ 20.89</b>
Commercial, Industrial & Personal	<b>\$ 26.16</b>

<b>Total Taxed Assessed</b>	<b>\$ 12,535,655.00</b>
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 571,094,197.00</b>

## Town Hall:

### Open

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Closed** Saturday, Sunday

## Selectmen's Meeting:

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Adams Town Hall, 8 Park Street

## Town Election:

First Monday in May

## State Senator, Berkshire District

ADAM G. HINDS – Pittsfield

## State Representative, 1st Berkshire District

JOHN BARRETT III – North Adams

## Governor's Councillor, 8th District

MARY HURLEY – Longmeadow

## United States Senators:

ELIZABETH WARREN – Cambridge

EDWARD J. MARKEY – Boston

## Representative in Congress,

**1st Congressional District**

RICHARD NEAL – Springfield

## Points of Interest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# In Memoriam



**CHESTER E. BURY**

Veterans Agent

**DANIEL L. LAFLEUR SR.**

Adams Housing Authority Member

**BARBARA F. COUTURE**

Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**JOAN OUELLETTE**

Personnel Board

**DONALD F. DELLERT**

Adams Historical Society

**ELEANOR ROBINSON**

Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**ROLLAND G. DUVAL**

Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**HAROLD J. SCARBO JR.**

Finance Committee Member

Town Meeting Member

**MARLENE J. HAYDEN**

Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**WILLIAM G. SCHRADE JR.**

Town Meeting Member

**CLYDE J. HORTON**

Town Meeting Member

**STANLEY S. TWORIG JR.**

Acting Town Accountant

**RICHARD R. KING**

Conservation Commission

**RICHARD F. WILLIAMS**

Town Meeting Member





# DEDICATION

*This year's Town Report is dedicated  
to a 40-year employee of the  
Town of Adams and a devoted husband,  
father, and community member:*

## **STEVEN SKROCKI**

Steve began his employment with the Town of Adams in 1982 as a Seasonal Laborer with the Department of Public Works. In 1985, Steve secured a full-time position with the DPW and worked his way up through the ranks as Laborer, Equipment Operator and Foreman of Parks & Grounds, the position he retired from in 2022 with 40 years of service.

Steve was a great role model to others within the Department of Public Works and often provided leadership and guidance to seasonal employees who are responsible for basic grounds-keeping in the parks and cemeteries. Steve's care and pride in his community was illustrated in his work, often going above and beyond the expectations of his job to fill a needed role.

Steve's goal was always to make Adams an attractive community. He took pride in the condition of the Town's fields and field houses. He collaborated with the Community Development Department on field renovations and the Parks Commission on acceptable uses of the facilities. He helped organize flower plantings around town and took great pride in making sure Downtown looked colorful and the cemeteries like golf courses for Memorial Day.

Steve especially loves to spread holiday cheer. He relished the opportunity to decorate the Town each year and facilitate the annual tree lighting. One of his last purchases as Foreman was new bows and garland for the ornamental light poles. He was also instrumental in developing the light pole banner program in the Downtown area.



Although retirement was a difficult decision for Steve, he still sought opportunities to contribute. On his own time, he provided mentorship to his successor as Parks & Grounds Foreman to ensure that all the details about maintaining the Town's recreational facilities were shared and without hesitation, stepped into the role of Transfer Station Attendant so that he could continue to serve and interact with the community that he adores. Similarly, this Spring, when the Town needed additional help with mowing and preparations for Memorial Day, Steve returned to where he began, as a Seasonal Laborer!

Steve is passionate about bringing smiles to the faces of those around him and his sense of humor (sometimes irreverent) and infectious laugh always accomplish that goal. Our community is better because of Steve's dedication and pride and we thank him for his contributions to our Town.

On September 23, 1983 Steve married the love of his life, Dianne Koperniak. The couple later went on to have two children. Steve and Dianne love to travel and we wish them both well in Steve's retirement.

# Adams Town Election Results

May 2, 2022

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
<b>Myra L. Wilk</b>	336*
Blanks	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>Richard Blanchard</b>	287*
<b>Joseph John Nowak Jr.</b>	335*
Write In Votes	7
Blanks	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

<b>TREASURER-COLLECTOR</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>Kelly F. Rice</b>	340*
Blanks	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>Lorraine M. Kalisz</b>	335*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>Amy Brooke Oberlin</b>	321*
Write In Votes	2
Blanks	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Two Years</b>
<b>Write In – Jessica R. Wilson</b>	21*
Write In Votes	10
Blanks	342
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>Virginia Phelps Duval</b>	341*
<b>Karen L. Kettles</b>	321*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

<b>PARK COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>for a term of Two Years</b>
<b>Mary Ciuk</b>	329*
<b>Sarah Marie Pansecchi</b>	318*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
<b>Aimee Lynn Sinopoli</b>	327*
Write In Votes	2
Blanks	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
<b>Sandra H. Moderski</b>	324*
Blanks	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
<b>James M. Taylor</b>	323*
Blanks	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
Write In Votes	11
Blanks	362
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>
<i>Failure To Elect</i>	

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
<b>Joseph W. Allard</b>	320*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

*\*Elected Official*

## Election Results *(continued)*

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

Joseph W. Allard	320*
Blanks	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

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

John F. Duval	332*
Erin Milne	310*
Write In Votes	1
Blanks	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

### Hoosac Valley Regional School District Committee - Cheshire Representative for a term of Three Years

Michael John Henault	321*
Blanks	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>

### Results of the Annual Town Elections Held for the Hoosac Valley Regional School District

#### Adams

#### Adams Representative – Three Year Term (*Vote For 2*)

	Adams	Cheshire
John F. Duval	332	200
Erin Milne	310	184
Write In Votes	1	0
Blanks	103	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>576</b>

#### Cheshire

#### Cheshire Representative – Three Year Term (*Vote For 1*)

	Adams	Cheshire
Michael John Henault	321	222
Write In Votes	0	0
Blanks	52	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>288</b>

*\*Elected Official*

## Elected Town Officers

### Term Expires

**Moderator**  
Myra L. Wilk 2023

**Town Clerk**  
Haley A. Meczywor 2024

**Selectmen**  
Christine D. Hoyt 2023  
John E. Duval 2024  
Howard Jay Rosenberg 2024  
Richard Blanchard 2025  
Joseph John Nowak Jr. 2025

**Treasurer-Collector**  
Kelly F. Rice 2025

**Assessors**  
George J. Haddad 2023  
Paula J. Wheeler 2024  
Lorraine M. Kalisz 2025

**Board of Health**  
David Brian Rhoads 2023  
Jessica R. Wilson 2024  
Amy Brooks Oberlin 2025

**Library Trustees**  
Brian R. Bishop 2023  
Linda S. Rhoads 2023  
James R. Loughman 2024  
Eugene F. Michalenko 2024  
Virginia Phelps Duval 2025  
Karen L. Kettles 2025

**Park Commission**  
Jacob N. Schutz 2023  
Aimee Lynn Sinopoli 2023  
James J. Fassell 2024  
Mary Ciuk 2024  
Sarah Marie Pansecchi 2024

**Planning Board**  
Lisa A. Gazaille 2023  
Michael J. Mach 2024  
David C. Krzeminski 2025  
David B. Rhinemiller 2026  
Sandra H. Moderski 2027

**Cemetery Commission**  
Frederick S. Hobart 2023  
Bruce Dale Shepley 2024  
James M. Taylor 2025

## Elected Town Officers *(continued)*

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	
Linda A. Cernik (State Appointee)	2016
Kelly F. Rice	2023
Adele P. Hale (Tenant Board Member)	2024
Vacant	2025
Carol A. Roberts	2026
 <b>Redevelopment Authority</b>	
Vacant (State Appointee)	
Elizabeth M. Bushey	2023
Elizabeth D. Irwin	2024
Stephen J. Dadak	2025
Joseph W. Allard	2027
 <b>Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee</b>	
Daniel J. Maloney, Jr.	2023
Bruce Dale Shepley	2024
Joseph W. Allard	2025
 <b>Hoosac Valley Regional School District Committee</b>	
<b>Elected At-Large</b>	
<b>(Adams)</b>	
Regina A. Hill	2023
Michael C. Mucci, Jr.	2024
John F. Duval	2025
Erin Milne	2025
 <b>(Cheshire)</b>	
Adam B. Emerson	2023
Bethany J. Demarco	2024
Michael John Henault	2025

## Appointed by Moderator

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
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
 Carol A. Cushenette	2025
Jeffrey P. King	2025
Sarah J. P. Kline	2025
David J. Lennon	2025
Jay T. Meczywor	2025
 <b>Adams Memorial Day Committee</b>	
Keith Lawson	
Keith Mclear	
Wayne Piaggi	
Mark Sebastino	

# Appointed Town Officials

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July 2022

## Agricultural Commission

Megan Bantle (*Appointed 09/21/2022*)  
Natasha Bordeaux (*Appointed 09/07/2022*)  
Sonia McWhirt (*Appointed 11/02/2022*)  
Christina Satko (*Appointed 07/20/2022*)  
Loren Steins (*Appointed 11/16/2022*)

## American with Disabilities Coordinator

Jay R. Green

## Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Michael Mach  
John Duval (Alternate)

## Board of Survey

Brian Eseppi

## Conservation Commission

Natasha L. Bordeaux  
Matthew Burdick  
Erica R. Deane  
James J. Fassell  
David Lipinski  
Stephen V. Melito  
Jeffrey D. Randall  
Emily Stockman (Wetlands Consultant)

## Constables

Herman Bishop  
Thomas A. Satko

## Council on Aging Board of Directors

Barbara Fiske  
Robert Joppich  
Barbara Lagowski (*Resigned 11/26/2022*)  
Elizabeth Mach  
Leona Meczywor  
Aleta Moncecchi  
Pamela St. John  
Bruce Dale Shepley  
Mary E. Whitman

## Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

### Adams Representatives:

George LaMaitre  
Erica Wall

## Fair Housing Officer

Eammon Coughlin

## Fence Viewers

Andrew Goyette  
Susan Denault  
Timothy Ziemba

## 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  
Michael Lahey (Assistant)

## Inspector of Plumbing

Norman Rolnick

## Local Building Inspector

Mark Kruzel

## Measure of Wood and Bark

Bruce Dale Shepley

## Mt. Greylock Advisory Board

Timothy Herrmann

## Preservation Officer

Eugene Michalenko

## Registrar of Voters

Casimer R. Kuza  
Timothy Rowley  
John J. Tarsa

## Right to Know Coordinator

Jay R. Green

## Special Police Officers

David Dean  
Scott McWhirt  
Timothy C. Sorrell

## Town Counsel

Edmund St. John III

## Town Scholarship Committee

George Haddad  
Haley Meczywor  
Kelly Rice  
Ashley Satko  
Christina Satko

## Traffic Commission

Timothy Cota (DPW)  
Lisa Gazaille (Planning Board)  
K. Scott Kelley (Police Chief)  
Gregory Onorato (Citizen)  
Thomas Satko (Citizen)

## Trench Board

Timothy Cota  
Gerald Garner  
Robert Wojcik

## Wire Inspector

David B. Rhinemiller

## Zoning Board of Appeals

Glendon Diehl  
Raymond Gargan Jr.  
Aaron Girgenti  
Nathaniel W. Karns  
Wayne V. Piaggi (*Resigned 09/26/2022*)  
David B. Rhinemiller

# Town Meeting Members – Special & Annual Town Meetings

Precinct 1	June 21	November 15	Precinct 2	June 21	November 15	Precinct 3	June 21	November 15
Baker, Patricia A.	X	X	Bishop, Brian R.	X	X	Allard, Joseph	-	-
Baker, Starr D.	X	X	Bishop, Dawn Lea	E	E	Blanchard, Richard	X	-
Biros, Ryan P.	X	-	Bury, Donald	X	X	Case, Corinne Z.	X	-
Butler, Michele A.	X	X	Cernik, Linda A.	-	X	Conroy-Shepley, Patricia	X	X
Charron, James F.	X	X	Cernik, Scott E.	-	-	Corrigan, Craig R.	X	X
Charron, Melissa M.	X	X	DeBlois, Gregory A.	X	X	Cowie, John R. Jr.	-	X
Clerc, Bruce P.	-	X	Driscoll, Edward J.	-	-	Dumouchel, Bruce D.	-	-
Cunningham, Travis Gray	X	X	Duval, John E.	X	X	Frederick, Jon A.	E	-
Cunningham, Vanessa Mae	X	X	Janik, Edward S.	X	X	Frost, Richard E.	X	X
Duval, Justin Scott	E	X	Ketcham, William Floyd	X	X	Frost, Susan K.	X	X
Duval, Virginia Phelps	X	X	Kolis, Dolores J.	X	X	Gargan, Raymond Jr.	X	X
Fijal, Jody A.	-	-	Lentine, Joseph A.	X	X	Kelley, Kelly Craddock	E	X
Hoyt, Christine D.	X	X	Meczywor, Michael V.	-	-	Kelley, Nancy A.	X	X
Hoyt, Peter L.	X	X	Meczywor, Paula	X	X	Kogut, Devin Matthew	-	-
Jette, Richard A.	X	X	Michalenko, Eugene F.	X	-	Kolis, Marilyn Phelps	-	-
Kline, Sarah JP	X	X	Moderski, Sandra H.	X	X	Lawson, John L.	X	X
Kolis, David	E	E	Odvar, Lisa A.	X	X	Mach, Michael J.	-	X
Kolis, Patricia M.	X	X	Penna, Nicholas Francis	X	-	Norcross, Robert	X	E
Kupiec, Anne E.	X	-	Satko, Christina	X	X	Oberlin, Amy Brooke	X	X
Kupiec, Neil	-	-	Schutz, Norman K.	E	X	Patterson, Robert Anthony Jr.	X	X
Meczywor, Jay T.	X	X	Sutliff, Mary Ellen	X	X	Powers, Michael J.	X	X
Moran, Terence E.	-	-	Sutliff, Shaun W.	X	X	Schaffrick, Melissa L.	E	-
Moyer, Christine A.	E	X	Tomkowicz, Rachel H.	E	X	Schutz, Jacob N.	E	X
Moyer, John D.	E	X	Tomyl, Peter	X	-	Shepley, Bruce Dale	X	X
Mucci, Erin	E	X	Turoczy, Lawrence	-	X	Silvia, Veronica A.	X	X
Nimmons, Jacqueline F.	E	X	Wilson-Malloy, Tonya M.	-	X	Tinney, Thomas N.	-	-
Poirot, Dayne P.	-	-	Wisniewski, Mitchell	X	X	Trzcinski, Bianca F.	-	-
Robinson, Brenda	X	X				Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J.	X	X
Robinson, Thomas	X	X				Ziemba, Barbara A.	X	X
Taylor, Judith L.	X	-						

Precinct 4	June 21	November 15	Precinct 4 (continued)	June 21	November 15	Precinct 5 (continued)	June 21	November 15
Alibozek, Elizabeth S.	-	-	Mendel, Bruce W.	X	X	Haddad, George J.	X	X
Blanchard, Scott M.	-	-	Sommer, Donald R.	E	E	Herrmann, Timothy J.	-	-
Blanchard, Steven M.	-	-	Sommer, Donald R. Jr.	-	X	Kleiner, Richard G.	X	X
Blanchard, William Todd	-	-	Taylor, James M.	X	X	Koperniak, Christopher T.	X	-
Bourdon, Beth L.	E	-	Taylor, Patricia F.	X	X	Lennon, David Alfred	X	X
Bourdon, Wilfred R. III	E	-	Wilk, Myra L.	X	X	Lennon, David J.	X	X
Cesan, Donna Elizabeth	X	X	Ziaja, Mark D.	-	-	Lesure, Sarah E.	X	X
Clough, Marnie Ann	-	-				Milne, Erin Mary	-	-
Dadek, Stephen J.	-	-				Moran, Frederick D.		
Deeley, Susan	-	X				(Deceased 01/08/2023)	X	X
Demastrie, Jacqueline M.	E	X	<b>Precinct 5</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>November 15</b>	Moran, Marilyn A.	X	X
Demastrie, Paul S.	E	X	Bissaillon, David R.	X	X	Ouellette, Michael G.	X	X
Dimitropolis, George Harry	-	-	Burdick, Timothy R.	X	X	Rhoads, David Brian	X	X
Donahue, Meagheanne E.	X	-	Clairmont, Lawrence A.	X	X	Rhoads, Linda S.	X	X
Duval, John F.	X	E	Cushenette, Carol A.	X	X	Satko, Ashley Ruth	E	X
Hayer, Joseph P.	X	X	Doyle, Ann Marie	-	X	Satko, Thomas A.	E	X
Irwin, Elizabeth D.	-	-	Doyle, Joseph Bernard	X	X	Tarsa, Barbara J.	X	E
Karns, Nathaniel Wilson	X	X	Fassell, James J.	X	X	Tarsa, Richard W. Jr.	X	-
Koscinski, Joseph P.	-	X	Girgenti, Aaron	X	X	Whitman, Mary E.	E	X
Meczywor, Leona	X	X	Girgenti, Erica Meranda	X	X			

## Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator



*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*

### **Board of Selectmen**

Calendar year 2022 saw the re-election of Richard Blanchard and Joseph Nowak to the Board of Selectmen. The Board voted to keep John Duval serving as Chairman and Christine Hoyt as Vice Chairman. Howard Rosenberg rounds out the active and engaged Board of Selectmen.

In March, the Board of Selectmen successfully negotiated another three-year contract for Town Administrator Jay R. Green. The Board is excited to continue to work with Mr. Green on the shared vision and goals for our community.

The Board voted to move the Town's official polling location from the DPW Garage on North Summer Street to Adams Memorial Building, located at 30 Columbia Street.

A group of motivated and dedicated individuals came forward in 2022 with plans for beautifying some green spaces in Town. Thus, the Adams Beautification Committee was started in 2022. This all-volunteer group works closely with the Town's DPW on several areas of town with seasonal plantings, decorations, etc. The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator sincerely thank this group for their work and to the many businesses and individuals in town who have donated money or supplies for this effort.

Following the funding approval at Town Meeting in September of 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. In 2021, the Board ratified a contract for Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates to work as a consultant for the Committee and advertised the volunteer opportunity to serve on this committee. The General Government Review Committee was appointed in February 2022 and began work right away reviewing the Town's governing documents.

After many years of RFP attempts, the Board received two bids for the 20 East Street property (formerly the Community Center building). The Board awarded 20 East Street to CMV Construction Services in April, and Town Meeting voted in June on the disposition of the property.

Howland Avenue was resurfaced at the end of 2022, funded solely by the State. The road was milled and resurfaced by the Department of Transportation (DOT) in October and November. In 2022, Town officials began the public outreach process to discuss a redesign of



*Thank the Adams Beautification Committee & DPW for enhancing the appearance of many public areas in town.*



Route 8/Howland Avenue. The proposed redesign would reduce the road from four lanes to two lanes. The Town is hopeful for construction to begin sometime in 2028 with funding from DOT.

### **Retirements & Hires**

After over thirty years of service to the Town of Adams, Richard Kleiner retired as the Town's Emergency Management Director and Forest Warden Chief. Mr. Kleiner was recognized at several meetings and events throughout the year including the Annual Town Meeting and a Board of Selectmen meeting. Amalio Jusino was appointed as the Town's Emergency Management Director and Griffin Willette was appointed as the Forest Warden Chief.

The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen welcomed Brianna Hantman as Administrative Assistant III to the office. Bri joined our team from the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. Her experience and community connections have been a welcome addition to the office.

The Town of Adams led efforts to secure a Community Compact Grant through the State to enter into a shared service agreement with the City of North Adams and the Town of Williamstown for Human Resources services. The three communities hired Cara Farrell for this role. Cara will split her time among the three communities over the course of this three-year pilot program.

### **Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting was held for the first time in Adams Memorial Building this past June. In addition to the approval of the FY23 budget, the following items were voted on allowing the Town to move forward:

- Cannabis Bylaw update
- Rescind the Garbage Disposal Bylaw
- Established an Enterprise Fund for Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Acquired land on Gould Road near Greylock Glen
- Disposition of 20 East Street property

A special Town Meeting was called in November to authorize funding for the updates and improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. An additional \$2.37 million in funding was approved.

### **Business Support Events and Programs**

Working with the Town of Adams, ProAdams worked on wayfinding signage as funded by a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) grant. The signs were located in existing locations but the revisions included a larger and easier to read font. Signage points visitors to the Visitor Center, Train Rides, Rail Trail, Museums, and

Parking. Additional signs were created to direct visitors to the Susan B. Anthony Museum, Greylock Glen and the Quaker Meeting House. Additionally, ProAdams worked with Town officials to create a brochure and a rack card highlighting businesses and attractions in Town. Four freestanding informational signs were placed at Park Street, the corner of East Hoosac and Summer Street, Russell Field, and Adams Station. Each includes a map for that area of town and a brochure case. Six smaller informational signs were installed near the Greylock Glen – three on Gould Road, two on West Mountain Road, and one at the Mount Greylock summit. Each of these signs include a QR Code that links to [exploreadams.com](https://exploreadams.com) which includes a business listing connecting our visitors to local services, events, and businesses.

The Board of Selectmen continued with their Ribbon Cutting celebrations for new businesses and businesses that have celebrated milestone anniversaries. In 2022, ribbon cutting celebrations were held for:

- Firehouse Café and Bistro, 47 Park Street
- Adams Incubator, 35 Park Street (a 6-month pop-up to support the Adams Theater)
- Russell Field Reopening and New Scoreboard with the Lions Club who provided the financial support for the scoreboard
- Mendel's Stained Glass, 1 E Hoosac Street
- Full Well Farm, 313 East Road
- Secret Sun Tanning Salon, 96 Summer Street
- Red's Viking Pub, 83 Commercial Street

The Board also congratulated The Daily Grind in March for 25 years in business and Chee's Chinese Cuisine in November for 30 years in business.



*The Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting at Full Well Farm on East Road.  
Left to Right: Town Administrator Jay Green, representatives of Full Well Farm,  
Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Christine Hoyt*

After only 18 months of owning the property and starting renovations, the Adams Theater hosted a benefit concert – Two Piano Journey – in November to help with the crowdsourcing and fundraising efforts. Nearly 300 people attended the concert and the community open house that preceded the event. The Theater was built in 1937 and was a cultural anchor that connected generations of local residents until its closure as a movie theater in 1967.

### **Greylock Glen**

2022 was a big year for the Greylock Glen development with the groundbreaking of the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center. The State came through with additional funding to help close the funding gap that existed due to the increase in construction costs. Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined State and local officials for a groundbreaking ceremony in August. Congressman Richie Neal visited Adams and the Greylock Glen site in October to announce \$3.9 million in federal funding for the Greylock Glen development. The funding includes a \$1 million earmark for the Outdoor Center and a \$2.9 million US Economic Development Administration grant to construct the Glen's water system, which will support the entire development area. In 2022, the Campground RFP was released. Two proposals were received and in December, the Board of Selectmen awarded the campground project to developer Shared Estates Asset Fund in Lenox.



*Greylock Glen groundbreaking ceremony, August 2022.*

*At Podium: Board of Selectmen Chair John Duval*

*Back Row, Left to Right: State Senator Adam Hinds, Governor Charles Baker, State Representative John Barrett III, Town Administrator Jay Green*

### **ARPA Funding**

In August 2021, the Town received the first disbursement of the 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 was 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 are one-time capital expenditures. The majority of the funds have helped the Town advance critical projects including the Greylock Glen Water System, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and boiler replacements at the Adams Free Library and old Town Hall.

### **Summary**

In summary, 2022 was a year of continued 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.



*Congressman Richard Neal visited Adams with the announcement of \$3.9 million in federal funding for the Greylock Glen development.*

*Left to Right: Town Administrator Jay Green, Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Christine Hoyt, and Congressman Richard Neal*

# 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.....\$ **24,596.00**

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Births Reported	75	80	59
Marriages Reported	31	24	21
Deaths Reported	121	106	105

**Storage Tank Renewals ..... 7**

## Number of Dog Licenses Issued

Males .....56  
Neutered Males.....274  
Females.....44  
Spayed Females .....307  
4 Dogs Kennel License.....3  
10 Dogs Kennel License.....2  
25 Dogs Kennel License.....0  
**Total ..... 686**

**Town Census 8,268**

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### Annual Town Election May 2, 2022

Registered voters as of the close of registration on April 12, 2022

<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem.</b>	<b>Rep.</b>	<b>Unenr.</b>	<b>Libert.</b>	<b>Other</b>
1	1166	327	93	731	7	8
2	1297	381	106	788	8	14
3	1263	397	121	726	7	12
4	1178	294	105	763	4	12
5	1339	370	92	858	9	10
	<b>6243</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>3866</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>

### State Primary Election September 6, 2022

Registered voters as of the close of registration on August 27, 2022

<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem.</b>	<b>Rep.</b>	<b>Unenr.</b>	<b>Libert.</b>	<b>Other</b>
1	1173	321	91	747	7	7
2	1303	377	105	799	8	14
3	1261	386	119	738	7	11
4	1214	297	108	794	4	11
5	1372	375	95	884	9	9
	<b>6323</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>3962</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>52</b>

### State Election November 8, 2022

Registered voters as of the close of registration on October 29, 2022

<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem.</b>	<b>Rep.</b>	<b>Unenr.</b>	<b>Libert.</b>	<b>Other</b>
1	1190	321	92	763	7	7
2	1310	370	104	814	8	14
3	1273	382	120	752	8	11
4	1203	291	105	792	4	11
5	1378	377	96	887	9	9
	<b>6354</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>4008</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>

# Adams Free Library

## Annual Report 2022

It was a great relief to emerge from the worst of the pandemic over the course of 2022. Mandatory mask wearing in the library was rescinded in the spring, and it was a pleasure to gradually see more and more of our patrons' smiles again! Having re-opened our doors to the public the previous year, this year we dedicated ourselves to the task of reaching out to our community, letting people know we are fully open for business and encouraging in-person use of our services and facilities. The library served an average of 1,600 patrons a month in 2022, a 28% increase over last year.

The decision in 2021 to no longer charge late fees for most of the library's circulating items ended a traditional library practice that came to be seen as inconsistent with the library's fundamental mission: to provide our community with equal access to services and resources, regardless of economic status. Eliminating overdue fines has been a general trend in public libraries, and in July the region's largest public library, Springfield, also followed suit and announced the end of late fees in all of its branches.

"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. Library Aide Roy Rudolph, who was hired in November 2021, was promoted to Adult Services Librarian in January 2022. His 28 years of library experience and Master's Degree in Library and Information Science made him an excellent candidate for the position. He is responsible for managing the interlibrary loan and delivery process for the more than 8,000 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 group. Library Aide Elizabeth Erdeski divides her time between the main circulation desk and the Children's Department. She helps curate the Young Adult Collection and handles circulation duties, reference questions, shelving, cataloging, and assists in the weeding of Children's Department materials. Library Aide Natasha Beauchesne works at both circulation desks where she handles circulation duties, reference questions and shelving. She is also responsible for cataloging the Local History Collection. Library Aide Jessie Gamm was hired in April. Her main responsibilities are customer service at the front desk, answering reference questions and weeding special collections. 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.

### Ms. Matthews report follows:

The Children's Department, for the most part, was back to normal with regular hours and in-person events. Throughout the whole year, we continued our weekly Friday morning story times, except for weather-related closures. Understandably, our summer events saw an increase in attendance compared to the previous few years.

"Libraries are tour guides for all of knowledge."

– Patrick Ness

In April, during school vacation week, we had a story time with Christine Hoyt, Vice Chair of the Adams Board of Selectmen/Director of Member Services for 1Berkshire. She read *Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor at two separate sessions. Everyone received a butterfly-shaped paper infused with wildflower seeds to take home and nurture, each in its own colorful egg, all provided by Ms. Hoyt.



April school vacation week - Story Time with Christine Hoyt.

June is when the Children's Department started to get delightfully busy. We had Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) events facilitated by Deb Payton, ParentChild + Early Literacy Program Coordinator, Family Center of Northern Berkshire County, Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc., to continue outreach to families in four different brain-building STEAM playgroups at the library throughout the month. The events offered multiple activities at tables set up to focus on themes of STEAM. Families and children rotated through every table and stayed for the duration of each event. Every family that attended also received a free book and bag with family support information that The Family Center provides. All events were on a Tuesday but the times differed, to be flexible with family schedules. Feedback was very positive.

Also, in June, a total of 938 summer reading flyers listing all events and other information were hand-delivered to local elementary and middle schools to be distributed to each child.

For summer events, the criterion was the availability of all performer artists for in-person indoors or outdoors with the option to switch to virtual, if needed. We planned accordingly and, fortunately, all events were held in person inside the library itself.

The theme for 2022 Summer Reading was “Read Beyond the Beaten Path,” to encourage readers of all ages to explore the world through reading and to get out to the great outdoors. Patrons were encouraged to go on a new adventure in the pages of a book or take the adventure outside: from camping to crafts, and to try something new. The program began in earnest on June 26 and the reading log deadline was August 15, winding down with a party on August 18.

“Read Beyond the Beaten Path” was sponsored by the Adams Free Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. At the end of 2021, we applied for a Cultural Council grant for summer reading. The summer reading program is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This grant saved the library \$1,200. Additional funding was provided by the Friends of the Adams Free Library. Our Friends group also provided eight raffle baskets, two for each of four age groups (2-3, 4-7, 8-12, 13-17). 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.

Summer event highlights included: various magicians, a mime performer, live butterflies, a ukulele lesson, a singer/storyteller, and a paleontologist with life-size inflatable dinosaurs. The magicians each brought a unique presentation, whether it be balloon art, glitter tattoos, learning impromptu tricks, or juggling.

In August, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens Travel Show offered a wonderful one-hour educational program covering the butterfly life cycle, habitat, nutrition and anatomy in a display case with approximately 30 live butterflies. Magic Wings also brought a lizard and several tropical insects which were the hands-on portion of the show. Everyone attending received an educational packet of all covered information. It was a beautiful and informative presentation.

On August 18, for our last event of the summer, families and children of all ages enjoyed a show by *Dinoman!* with Bob Lisaius. Bob led the audience on an informative search through natural history, to examine fossils and explain origins. At the end of the show, three life-sized, self-inflating dinosaurs appeared. Immediately following *Dinoman*, we had a party celebrating the 2022 summer reading challenge. Raffle basket winners were announced. Light refreshments were available.

We utilized Beanstack software and mobile app again in 2022, giving readers the ability to choose their logging method. The goal was to read either 20 books or for 400 minutes between June 26 and August 15. Sign-up for the program via Beanstack enabled readers to register, track reading, earn incentives and

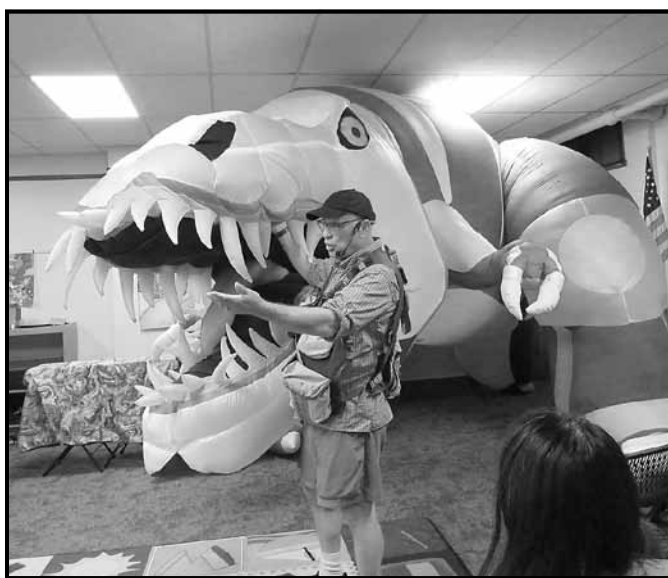


*Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens Travel Show brought the butterfly life cycle, lizards, tropical insects and more to the Miller Annex.*

prizes. They managed their reading log, kept track of total minutes or number of books, and earned virtual badges and tickets. Attendance at events earned extra tickets, with a secret code announced at the event. Paper logs were also available for patrons who did not use the Beanstack site, with bonuses and tickets for meeting the same criteria.

In 2022 we once again utilized reward tags for incentive in addition to the virtual badges and tickets, one tag for the first log entry (with a lanyard) and one for every three books or hour logged. It was again a great success, and well worth it.

In September, the Children’s Librarian attended three local school open houses, Hoosac Valley Elementary, Middle and High Schools to encourage students to register for a library



*Bob Lisaius is Dinoman!  
Everyone loves dinosaurs - particularly in your library!*

card, with parent/guardian signature as required. It was nice to see some familiar faces and meet some of our youngest and newest patrons.

In October, Nutshell Playhouse presented *SpyJinks!* – a live performance of a lively adventure with a singing llama and a parrot named Taco. Also, in October, the library issued an open invitation for all to “visit the library for a treat, no tricks” (and to borrow books while they’re at it) where we had numerous “take & make” kits.

The library participated in The Berkshire Libraries Fall Crawl. People were invited to pick up a passport at the first library visited and to drive from library to library collecting passport stamps, entering prize raffles and making crafts to keep or share.

In November, the children’s librarian led five separate groups of Hoosac Valley Elementary School first graders on a tour of the library – over 100 students. They visited Memorial Hall, the front desk, reading room, and finished in the children’s room where they took some time to look at books. Also, in November, Peggy Shartrand, Playgroup Engagement Coordinator, Family Center of Northern Berkshire, facilitated a drop-in STEAM event at the library. Families and children made coffee filter turkeys and cranberry structures with toothpicks. There was a Lego turkey challenge and more.

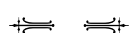
“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

– Kate DiCamillo

Special efforts are made during the year to meet the needs and requirements of students and the general public in acquisition of pertinent reading material. Strengthening the various children’s areas is always a must, and the replacement of material must be done carefully in order to have on hand works of comparable authorship and content. Because libraries are a wonderful resource for families who may not otherwise have access to books, we welcome their visits and encourage them to peruse our diverse collection of contemporary, classic and award-winning books, including educational fiction and non-fiction at all levels.

According to a study by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, “the frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.” To that end, we look forward to continuing our vital role of promoting the progress of knowledge by maintaining educational, recreational, and cultural resources with unrestricted access to information. We introduce many formats to our important youngest citizenry – picture and story books, chapter books, non-fiction and multimedia materials – music, audio, video, and even ukuleles. Our goal is to help students learn how to use the resources to enhance their study skills, their self-confidence, and, ultimately, their lives.

In addition to the Cultural Council, special thanks go to the Friends of the Adams Free Library for providing funding for all eight of the prize baskets; and Rainbow Shack for their generous donation of Gift Certificates. Much appreciation goes especially to Library Staff for always giving a welcoming first impression of the library, and of course, our patrons.



“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 121,000 eBooks, 64,000 eAudiobooks, 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, find new recipes, research 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. Our public access computers see an average of 90 users each month.

The Adams Free Library can be found online at:

[www.adamslibraryma.org](http://www.adamslibraryma.org)

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

In terms of our technology infrastructure, wiring was run last year to add four Meraki access points for the public Wi-Fi. This allowed us to increase the line speed for internet access this year. The cameras and security system were also upgraded.

In January, several condensate return pipes in the basement began leaking and had to be immediately replaced. At the same time, a large hole discovered in the 35-year-old H. B. Smith cast iron boiler meant that it would also need to be replaced soon. The remaining condensate return pipes were also replaced and, in the fall, a new Weil McLain 788 Steam Boiler was installed, just in time for heating season. The pipe leaks did cause some minor damage to the Lower Annex meeting space and adjoining bathroom, requiring repainting of the walls and new carpeting. All of these repairs and updates to the facility were ably overseen by Brian Bishop, Trustee Chair of Building Maintenance. In addition, thanks to a generous grant from the Feigenbaum Foundation we were able to have sanded and refinished the original wood treads, risers and landings of the two beautiful grand stairways that lead from the main floor of the library to Memorial Hall.

The Friends of the Adams Free Library and the Library Director applied for and received funding from Mass Humanities, made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan legislated by Congress. The “SHARP” grant (Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan) enabled the library to offer additional services in order to reach out to and re-engage with the local community, thus directly advancing the library’s mission to meet the literary and informational needs of the public we are charged with serving. Specifically, the grant funded free, in-person programming which brought in new library users and drew back former patrons in the aftermath of closings during the pandemic.

After a hiatus of several months, the Library Book Group restarted its monthly meetings in March. The reading highlight of the year was discovering the writing of Thomas Savage in his





**Left:**  
*Main Entrance stairway  
BEFORE*

**Right:**  
*Main Entrance stairway  
AFTER*

*A grant from the  
Feigenbaum Foundation  
restored and refinished  
both of the grand  
stairways to their  
original beauty.*



1967 novel *The Power of the Dog*, the book discussed in our July meeting. The group enjoyed the author's powerful writing style and the opportunity to compare it with the recently released award-winning film that was based on it.

Art and music were also featured in the year's programming. In June, the library hosted "Jellyfish," a workshop run by award-winning pastel artist Gregory Maichack. He guided participants of all skill levels in creating an original and stunning pastel rendition of a jellyfish. Memorial Hall was the venue for a free concert performance in August by the Ashplain Players, a musical group featuring our own staff member, Roy Rudolph, playing viola, along with violinist Janice Wright and cellist Laurie Israel. They performed an eclectic mix of classical, folk and popular tunes.

The programming highlight came on November 3rd with the appearance of New York Times best-selling author, Archer Mayor. In his masterful, off-the-cuff presentation in Memorial Hall, Mayor talked about his long-running mystery series and how his multiple, overlapping careers in law enforcement, fire-fighting and emergency medical transport, as well as his work as a medico-legal death investigator, have informed his storytelling. The event was well-attended, and the Q and A that followed enthusiastic.

Use of the building as a community gathering place for meetings and events saw a dramatic increase. The meeting rooms were used for political caucuses, Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum events, committee meetings, community training sessions, author visits such as those by Dennis Pregent and Archer Mayor, and a musical performance by the Eagles Brass Ensemble sponsored by the Adams Historical Society.

The Friends of the Adams Free Library had a successful fundraising year. Their Annual Book Sale held for three days in August was the biggest and most successful fundraiser of the year. The impressive results were due to the generous time and effort donated by the Friends: setting it up in the Lower

Annex, working the event, then breaking it down. They baked, donated raffle baskets and gift cards, and solicited raffle items from local businesses. In addition, the Friends raised money throughout the year through the sale of note cards, magnets, t-shirts, hats and hoodies, all with a local theme. The keepsake calendars with photographs of Adams provided by the Adams Historical Society, Eugene Michalenko and Stephanie Rapisarda were also popular sale items at the end of the year. (Thank you, Eugene, for putting the calendar together.)

Funds raised by the Friends made possible numerous purchases for the library in 2022, including a subscription to the online service *Ancestry.com* and passes for local museum admission. The Children's and Adult Summer Reading Programs were supported with money to purchase reading incentives. The Friends sponsored the author event with Dennis Present, a Berkshire native, and author of *Born in the Berkshires*, a compilation of biographical sketches of notable Berkshire citizens,



*The Ashplain Players: Janice Wright on violin, Roy Rudolph on viola and Laurie Israel on cello, perform in Memorial Hall.*



and of *The Boys of St. Joe's '65 in the Vietnam War*. For the annual Halloween Parade, they provided bagged candy and children's books, and for the winter holidays, they set up a "candy cane" Christmas tree in the library and decorated the Memorial Hall Christmas tree with lights.

**Officers were:**

President – Ann Haddad Bartlett  
 Vice-President – Barbara Bessette  
 Secretary – Meaghanne Donahue  
 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 2022 LIBRARY STATISTICS

<b>Total Number of Holdings as of June 30, 2022:</b>	<b>31,982</b>
<b>Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions (including gifts):</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Registered borrowers:</b>	<b>2,264</b>
<b>Circulation:</b>	
Adult, young adult & Juvenile print	17,543
Video (DVDs and Blu-ray)	4,134
Audio Books & Music	784
E-books	2,331
Downloadable Audio/video (movies, audiobooks, music)	1,860
Misc. (Museum Passes, Hotspots, Ukuleles)	557
Print Periodicals	363
Materials in Electronic Format	197
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,769</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Fees Returned to Town Treasurer:</b>		<b>\$ 1,163.10</b>
Microfilm Printer Receipts	\$ 2.75	
Internet Printer Receipts	648.30	
Miscellaneous	78.10	
Photocopier Receipts	433.95	
<b>Returned to Revolving Fund via Town Treasurer:</b>		<b>698.81</b>
Fines for Overdue Materials	228.14	
Damaged or Lost Items Replacement Fees	470.67	
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>		<b>1,861.91</b>

### OTHER INCOME

Gifts, Memorial Donations, Used Items Sales	4,880.00
Grant: No. Berkshire Cultural Council	1,944.00
State Aid to Public Libraries Award	20,332.61

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
Dividend Income	7/01/21			6/30/22
W.T. Adams	\$ 5,190.97	\$ 5,649.90	\$ (6,717.15)	\$ 4,123.72
Dividends Fund	4,522.89	5,113.55	(7,266.07)	2,370.37
C.N. Miller	3,535.09	-	-	3,535.09
Plunkett / Saunders	1,447.89	-	-	1,447.89
H. Tiedemann	5,969.83	3,137.12	(2,984.45)	6,122.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 20,666.67</b>	<b>\$ 13,900.57</b>	<b>\$ (16,967.67)</b>	<b>\$ 17,599.57</b>

Memorial Book Funds as of Dec. 2022	\$ 43,756.64
Memorial Book Fund Investment Values as of Dec. 2022	\$ 197,839.97

# Adams Police Department 2022

## Chief of Police

Kevin Kelley

## Sergeants

Donna Malloy  
Gregory Onorato

Matthew Wright  
Dillon Hicks

## Patrol / Detective

Michael Wandrei  
Nicholas Dabrowski  
Travis Cunningham  
Dakota Baker  
Alexander Morse  
Christopher Whitney  
Christopher Lampiasi

Joshua Baker  
Curtis Crane  
Gregory Onorato  
Michael Rossi  
Nicholas Sorrell  
Kevin Stant  
Michael Strizzi

## Administrative Assistant

Melissa Schaffrick

## Special Police Officers

David Dean  
Timothy Sorrell

Scott McWhirt

## Animal Control Officer / Parking Officer

Kimberly Witek

## Training 2022

### In-Service Training

- Taser Recertification
- Stop the Bleed & Tactical Medicine
- Use of Force review
- Police Investigations refresher
- 550 CMR training
- Less Lethal Munitions training & qualifications
- Firearms training & qualifications
- Outdoor Tactical Movements and Approaches
- Motor Vehicle Stops refresher
- CPR First Responder
- Policy reviews
- Human Trafficking
- Responding to Emergencies Involving Mental Illness
- Legal update
- De-escalation & Use of Force
- Mass Gatherings
- Cultural Competency
- Law Enforcement Mental Wellness
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention

## Other Specialized Training In 2022

- Detective Wandrei, Officer Baker, and Officer Cunningham attended training on death investigations.
- Sergeants Malloy & Wright attended FBI/ LEEDA leadership training.
- Officer Dabrowski attended RAD Kids training.
- Officer Crane & Kumar attended the Working Dogs Seminar.
- 15 other specialized trainings that include multiple officers.

## 2022 Activity Report

Calls for Service..... 11127  
Animal Control Calls ..... 126

## Criminal & Custodial Activity

### Arrests:

Total ..... 263  
On View ..... 69  
Incident/ Warrant..... 31

## Motor Vehicle

Written Warnings ..... 163  
Civil Offenses ..... 63  
Arrests ..... 30  
Criminal Complaints ..... 127

## Accidents:

Investigated ..... 143  
Fatalities ..... 0  
Persons Injured..... 27  
Possible Injuries ..... 11  
Drugs Involved..... 3  
Alcohol Involved ..... 5

### Locations with the highest number of accidents:

- Columbia Street
- Commercial Street
- Howland Avenue

## Notable Events 2022

- In 2022, the Adams Police Department received a much-needed new cruiser for our fleet.
- Officer Lampiasi graduated from the MPTC police academy in April of 2022.
- Officer Michael Banks was hired, and began the MPTC police academy.
- Once again, Officer Dabrowski spearheaded a campaign during “No Shave” November. All proceeds went to Pop Cares.
- Officer J. Baker, along with other members of the BC-SRT Team attended, and competed in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge.
- Adams Police Department hosted National Night Out for the second year. As usual, the turnout from the community was tremendous.

## From the Desk of the Chief

Hello Everyone,

As I write this, 2022 has passed, and we are now in 2023. It's a positive feeling for me to reflect on 2022 in preparation for the Annual Report. During the year we had Officer Lampiasi graduate the police academy. We also hired Officer M. Banks, and he started the academy in 2022. We also rolled out our Bicycle Team, and it will continue to grow in the future. Training has been a priority for me since taking this position. In 2022, this department logged hundreds of hours of training on a multitude of topics.



*Officer Nick Dabrowski of the Bicycle Team*



*The Police Department Halloween cruiser*

Dedication to this community is also a priority to everyone at the Adams Police Department. This department was involved in such things as National Night Out, Hoosac Valley Schools "Trunk or Treat," St. Stan's Career Day, and "Touch a Truck" at HVES. That is just a few examples of what the officers in this department do every year for the community.

I could not be prouder of this department, and the officers within. We strive every day to serve the Town of Adams to the best of our ability. We would also like to thank the community. Your support of this police department has been unmatched. I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2023.

Sincerely,

Chief K. Scott Kelley



*Sgt. Donna Malloy honored for 30 years of service.*

*Left to right - Back row: Town Administrator Jay Green, Administrative Assistant Melissa Shaffrick  
Left to right - Front row: Officer Kevin Stant, Officer Nicholas Sorrell, Chief Kevin Kelley,  
Sgt. Donna Malloy, Sgt. Greg Onorato, Officer Travis Cunningham*

# Board of Health

## 2022 Annual Report

This was another eventful year for the board. We're as ready as everyone to move beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents basically adjusted to living with another endemic virus. The Health Department had turnover of two board members and our Code Enforcement Officer. However, their commitment and energy have allowed us to continue our efforts unabated.

### MAJOR INITIATIVES IN 2022

#### 1) *Opioid Harm Reduction Services*

After hearing a presentation last year from the Berkshire Overdose Addiction Prevention Collaborative on the availability of a mobile van to provide services to individuals with substance use disorders, we decided to proceed with the "Local Control" process in Adams. This initiative permits a harm reduction provider, Berkshire Health Systems in our case, to send a mobile van to Adams offering needle exchange, information on recovery programs for users and counseling for family members, Naloxone, and fentanyl test strips. The BHS van is funded by a Department of Public Health (DPH) pilot grant to BOAPC and comes to the former Adams Memorial Middle School the 2nd Wednesday each month.

#### 2) *Private Waste Hauler Regulations and Recycling*

Originally adopted in 2019, our hauler regulations were later rescinded due to enforcement challenges. However, with the impending expansion of recycling requirements last November, the board adopted revised regulations to guide our private waste haulers in best municipal practices for Massachusetts, importantly making recycling a priority. We're fortunate to have several excellent waste haulers to serve our residents & apartment buildings, providing a valuable supplement to our Transfer Station. The additional recycling requirements include mattresses and textiles. Fortuitously, businesses have stepped up, as there are now several textile drop-off bins around town and local mattress pick-up services are being offered.

#### 3) *Expanding Health Information Available on the BOH Web Page*

We recommended this in 2022 for upgrading. COVID-19 information was updated until it no longer appeared necessary. In addition, we revised our Tobacco/Vaping Resources and initiated a Cannabis Information page. Notably, we've highlighted the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (formerly National Suicide Prevention Lifeline), now more readily available by phone, text, or chat. Our web page is a work in progress; we also plan to add links to health-related programs and agencies. We welcome your suggestions.

### BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

In April, we said goodbye to 2-term member Peter Hoyt and one-year member Joyce Brewer. We were very grateful for their service and will miss their unique insights.

In May, we gained two new members: Dr. Amy Oberlin, a relative newcomer to town, and Jess Wilson, proprietor of *We All Need Bodywork*. Dr. Oberlin made herself known by a thoughtful response to our request for input on a masking directive during the pandemic. When asked, she agreed to run for the open 3-year seat, noting her interest in public health and desire to become involved in the community. Ms. Wilson is originally from North Adams and returned to the Berkshires 9 years ago. Ms. Wilson was recommended to us as a practitioner in health and wellness. She agreed to run for the open 2-year seat as a write-in, noting her interest in crafting public health policy for the good of the community.



*Board of Health, 2022-2023 Term.  
Members Dave Rhoads, Amy Oberlin, Jess Wilson.*

We also welcomed Sarah Lesure, formerly Assistant Clerk, as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Lesure previously served as construction site supervisor at Berkshire Gas. She successfully tapped into her technical expertise with code, specifications, inspections, etc., in becoming a vital part of our public health mission.

### STARTING FROM SCRATCH

As both new board members were new to municipal public health policy in Massachusetts, Dr. Rhoads arranged a series of presentations to orient them. Here's a brief run-down:

#### • *Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Public Health Group*

Laura Kittross, Public Health Program Manager, Sandra Martin, Senior Planner, and Lydia Shulman, Shared Services Coordinator, attended our first meeting together.

Along with DPH, we have responsibility to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), covering waste disposal and public water supplies. Ms. Martin gave a brief overview of public health, Ms. Kittross described the services and resources available through BRPC, and Ms. Shulman named several mailing lists relevant to our efforts. This group greatly supports our mission to serve the town.

- ***Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District***

To better understand waste disposal issues in Massachusetts, we invited Linda Cernik, NBSWMD Program Manager, to update us on current issues. High priorities were given to the impending waste ban changes and the increasing challenges of disposal/recycling in general. The Adams BOH and NBSWMD have a great working relationship as we strive to increase recycling and reduce landfill.

- ***Public Health Nursing***

All Massachusetts municipalities are required to have a public health nurse (or physician). Our PH Nurse Nancy Slattery, provided through a contract with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, gave us an overview of her services: disease surveillance, disease and health event investigation, vaccine clinics, and health/wellness education. Ms. Slattery has served Adams for many years, so she knows us well and works effectively with the board.



*Berkshire Health Systems Harm Reduction Van*

- ***Public Water Supply, Adams Fire District***

Water Superintendent John Barrett has regularly kept the board informed of the status of our water supply. These are very informative sessions because we can delve more deeply than the DEP-mandated annual Consumer Confidence Report. Sup. Barrett continues to “stay ahead of the curve,” consistently opting into state and federal testing programs before they become mandatory. Reassuringly,

our water quality is great. Recent testing revealed that our water has no detectable levels of the 6 target PFAS (per- & polyfluoroalkyl substances), otherwise known as “forever chemicals.” We look forward to following Sup. Barrett’s efforts on the town’s behalf.

- ***Old Stone Mill Center / Zero Waste Maker Space***

Leni Fried and Mike Augspurger were invited as exemplars of creative recycling and waste reduction. They described their programs to recover and repurpose items that would normally be sent to landfill. For instance, they have partnered with Aladco to pass linens that would otherwise be discarded to needy organizations such as shelters, soup kitchens, and care centers for veterans and the elderly. They have book and textile donation bins on their parking lot and their website lists many items that they accept for reuse.

- ***Tobacco Awareness Program / Tobacco Cessation***

Jim Wilusz and his colleague Kate Fletcher described their program to provide mandated education for tobacco sales personnel and to monitor compliance with state regulations. Their inspections assure that our vendors adhere to the law, as violations are currently very steep. Former board member Joyce Brewer also joined to explain her work with the Berkshire Tobacco-Free Community Program, dedicated to preventing underage use and promote smoking cessation.

- ***Full Well Farm,  
co-founded by Meg Bantle and  
Laura Tupper-Palches in 2018***

Ms. Bantle appeared before the board to explain their farming practices and commitment to the community and environment. Operating as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), almost half their shares go to food programs and pantries at discount or no cost. They practice no-till farming to preserve soil health. Full Well recently installed a Climate Battery Greenhouse to store summer heat underground for use into the fall and winter, extending their growing without fossil fuel.

In addition to these local presentations, we continue to take advantage of educational opportunities offered by the county, state, and Local Public Health Initiative at Boston University.

## ***UP & ADAMS WELLNESS INITIATIVE 2023***

Following up on another recommendation from last year, we began to plan for a wellness initiative for town residents. Selectman Howard Rosenberg offered to recruit a program coordinator and obtain grant funding. The board took advantage of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance mini-grant program to obtain further support for the initiative. We’re all eager to see the impact of the initiative and how it can be expanded into an annual event.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH IN ADAMS**

Our goal for 2023 is to build on our successes from 2022.

- (i) Education: Continue to expand our public health website to make it a useful resource for residents. This effort could include features such as “What’s New in Public Health?” and a “Board of Health Q & A.”
- (ii) Physical & emotional health: We would like to build on the *Up & Adams Wellness Initiative 2023* to expand opportunities for group learning and engaging in fun activities that take advantage of our outdoor resources.

- (iii) Community support: We would like to be more visible to town residents and businesses so that we can better serve your needs.

Visit our website at:

[town.adams.ma.us/board-health](http://town.adams.ma.us/board-health)

Most importantly, let us know what you think.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT PERMITS  
& OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Not available at report submission.

**Board of Health Budget**  
**(Fiscal Year 2022: 1 July 2021 through 30 June 2022)**

CATEGORY	Appropriated	TF's/Adj's	Revised	Expended	Encumbered	Remaining
Order Enforcement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ - 49.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,254.99	\$ 8,705.99
Legal/Professional Services	1,500.00	3,236.00	4,736.00	4,286.00	450.00	0.00
Advertising	250.00	530.00	780.00	779.90	0.00	0.00
Nursing Services*	3,000.00	1,510.00	4,510.00	3,970.00	540.00	0.00
Postage	450.00	-68.00	382.00	358.66	0.00	23.35
Office (Other Expenses)	550.00	89.00	639.00	638.97	0.00	0.00
Education/Travel/ Conferences/Meals	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues	300.00	-258.00	42.00	0.00	0.00	42.12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 11,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 990.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,539.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,033.53</b>	<b>\$ 8,244.99</b>	<b>\$ 8,771.46</b>

\*We switched to the Berkshire Public Health Alliance for public health nursing when the Berkshire VNA terminated their program.

The cost of our Online permitting system was omitted from this report as it is covered under the Town’s technology allocation.

# Community Development Department

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## Annual Report 2022

During 2022, the Adams Community Development Department continued progress on 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. The Community Development Department

### CDBG PROGRAM & PROJECTS

The Community Development Department continued to accomplish significant progress on several projects in 2022 throughout the community:

#### Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program

The goal of the Town's Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP) is to rehabilitate residential housing units, both owner-occupied and investor-owned, for low-to-moderate income residents within the Route 8 Target Area. In 2022 the Town completed the renovation of three (3) and began planning and approval of an additional ten (10) units in the coming year. 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.

#### Coal & Grain Park Project

The Town completed the design documents for construction of a new public park at 1 Cook Street, the former site of the Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain. The Town received \$411,500 in FY2021 CDBG funds to build Coal & Grain Park. The Town's designers and engineers for the project, Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architects and Tighe & Bond Engineers, worked closely with Town Staff to complete design documents which include an off-leash dog area, a plaza with tables and chairs, pollinator gardens, and unique play and climbing features. The park project is directly adjacent to the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and will offer an inviting rest stop for bikers and walkers along the trail.

#### Microenterprise COVID Relief Program

The Town continued implementation of the Northern Berkshire Microenterprise COVID Relief Program. Funded through a special Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to aid low to moderate-income business owners with five (5) or few employees and were impacted by the pandemic. The Town was able to assist five (5) additional businesses in Northern Berkshire Towns in 2022. The businesses awarded funds in 2022 include a motel, a local contractor, two small farms and a printer. The businesses are located in Adams, Cheshire and Williamstown.

### OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### 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), was completed in 2022. MassDOT and Maxymillian, Inc., the chosen contractor for the project, completed the full-depth reconstruction which included extensive repairs to underground sewer and water lines, improved stormwater drainage, new sidewalks, and multiple new tree plantings.

#### 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 have provided \$561,003 for 25% design with another \$140,250 (20% match) provided by the Town through its Chapter 90 funding. The Town is working with VHB Engineers to forward engineering and permitting for the extended trail, which will follow the Hoosic River in Adams before traversing along the old trolley line in North Adams. The 2.4-mile extension includes a new pedestrian bridge, stream crossings, and an extensive elevated boardwalk. Engineers and Town Planners will submit a Notice of Intent to the Adams Conservation Commission early in 2023 for planned boring in designated wetlands areas.

#### Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup

Adams received two grants from the Environmental Protection Agency in 2019; a \$200,000 Cleanup Grant for the Hoosac Valley Coal and Grain site at 1 Cook Street and \$200,000 Assessment Grant for various sites in Adams. The Town, working with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to administer the grant, completed the projects and submitted a final report to the EPA in December of 2022. The Cleanup Grant funded asbestos and hazardous material removal from the former grain elevator building at 1 Cook Street. The Town engaged Gem Environmental, Inc. as contractor for this project. The Cleanup Grant also funded soil remediation of the site, particularly soil and water testing, removal of a former building foundation, removal and coal remnants, removal of two oil drums, and nearby soil impacted by the drums. The Town contracted with Brighter Horizons Environmental, Inc. to complete this work. The Assessment Grant supported the completion of Hazardous Building Material Investigation, Technical Specifications and various other required reports for the following sites: 26 Commercial Street; 50 Commercial Street; 5-7 Hoosac Street; Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain; Curtis Fine Paper. TRC Companies served as the Licensed Sight Professional for both the Cleanup and the Assessment grants.



## **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 St. roundabout and the North Adams city line. The town worked with Van Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) engineers on a preliminary design. 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 held a public outreach meeting in Spring 2022 to review a conceptual design for the road that reduced the number of travel lanes to two (one in either direction) and created a center landscaped median. Based on feedback received at the meeting, the design concept was revised to remove much of the proposed landscaped median from the project in favor of a shared turning lane. The revised concept was reviewed by multiple businesses along Howland Ave in the Fall of 2022, who had few concerns with it. The revised concept will be shared with residents early in 2023 during a second public outreach meeting. Detailed survey work by VHB was also started during the fall of 2022.

## **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'-6" 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 project was completed in the spring of 2022.

## **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 of 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 is hopeful to receive a formal award of funding from FEMA in early 2022.

## **Greylock Glen Project**

### **Campground:**

In August of 2022, staff released Request for Proposals (RFP) #23-003: Lease, Development and Operation of Campground at Greylock Glen. Two organizations responded to the RFP and in December 2022, the Board of Selectmen chose Shared Estates Asset Fund (SEAF) as the campground developer. Shared Estates already manages several properties in the Berkshires as short-term group rentals through Airbnb. The Developer proposed a campground concept which includes a range of small cabins, permanently placed Airstream trailers, tent sites, and other lodging types. Shared Estates will continue to refine the design for the campground, conduct public outreach meetings, and work toward project permitting through the Planning Board and Conservation Commission in 2023.

### **Outdoor Center:**

Construction of the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center began in July 2022 by contractor Souliere and Zepka. 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 environmental education programming.

### **Water System:**

In late 2022, staff released Invitation for Bids (IFB) #23-005: Greylock Glen Water System Improvements Project. After a competitive bidding process, the project was awarded to low-bidder Rifenburg Construction of Troy, NY at a cost of \$4.9 million. The vast majority of the project is funded through a Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. The scope of work includes installation of a new 350,000-gallon potable water tank at the end of Thiel Road and new water main along Thiel and Gould Roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Eammon Coughlin  
Community Development Director

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has seven (7) members:

Chairman James Fassell  
Erica Deane  
Natasha Bordeaux  
Jeff Randal  
David Lipinski  
Steve Melito  
Mathew Burdick

Erica Deane was sworn in to bring the Commission back to full membership in April 2022.

There were seven (7) business meetings held in 2022. The Commission acted on five (5) Notices of Intent and eight (8) Requests for Determination.

In addition, Commission members addressed various other business. They answered several complaints, and issued two (2) Emergency Orders as well as two (2) Certificates of Compliance.

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

1. Town of Adams property at 1 Cook Street
2. Jennifer Rogge property at 0 East Hoosac Street
3. Town of Adams property on Route 8 (upgrades)
4. B and B Micromanufacturing 201 Howland Avenue
5. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Old Adams Road Trail improvements

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

1. Specialty Minerals property at 260 Columbia Street
2. Thunderbolt Ski Runners trail work throughout the Greylock Glen
3. Carrie Burnett Property at 315 East Road
4. Berkshire Gas Company work at Peck's Brook Crossing
5. Berkshire Gas Company work at Powers Street
6. Berkshire Gas Company work at Gavin Avenue
7. Berkshire Gas Company work at Quality Street
8. Spinning Mills Partners, LLC Property at 5-7 Hoosac Street

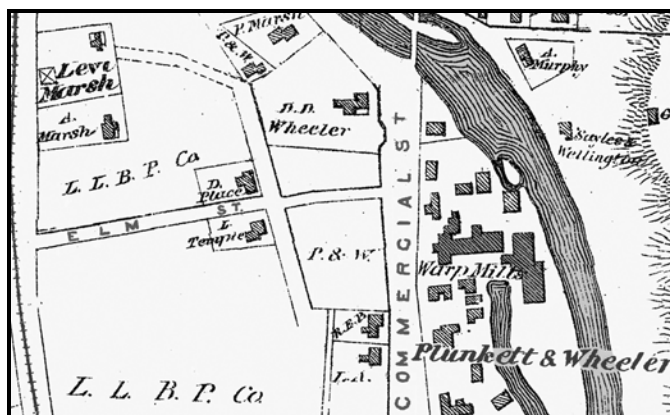
## Historical Commission

The Commercial Street section of Route 8 passing through the south of Adams continues to change considerably over the years. The road itself was rebuilt and paved in 2022 from the traffic lights at the town center to the Burnett-Bednarz Bridge in Maple Grove. In 2020, the Town of Adams was compelled to demolish the former Duteau's Auto Body (1922) at the corner of Edmunds and Commercial Streets, the third structure in the town's history built exclusively for automobile service. ALADCO (Adams Laundry and Dry Cleaning) demolished the Commercial Street School (1882) at the corner of Elm and Commercial Streets in 2019 to turn the land into a parking lot. Its neighbors across Elm Street—5 Elm Street, the former Al's Arco Station, and a house at 89 Commercial St.—were demolished to clear land for constructing Cumberland Farms, a gas station/convenience store.

The Elm Street property and the blighted former gas station (both c. 1949) are of no significant historical note, but the Daniel Wheeler house (c. 1845) at 89 Commercial Street is. Mr. Wheeler was a brother-in-law to W.C. Plunkett, who, in partnership, built and operated a mill that once stood south of the ALADCO building on Grove Avenue. That mill burnt on November 27, 1940 and was demolished. Its construction was part of the spur of economic development that occurred in anticipation of the Pittsfield-North Adams Railroad coming to Adams.



*The Daniel Wheeler house, formerly at 89 Commercial St., was occupied by his daughter until 1942.*



*The 1876 Beers Map show the mill and home of D.D. Wheeler.*

# Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works acts as the Town road and sewer infrastructure, cemeteries, parks and grounds, Greylock Glen, flood control, bike trail and equipment maintenance labor force, and also provides Transfer Station and Recycling Services. Under the authority of the Operations Supervisor, with a labor force of twelve 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
- Drain inlets and pipelines
- 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 grounds
- Transfer Station and Recycle Center Services

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

### **Cemeteries**

The Cemetery Commission met as needed this year. The commission members included Bruce Shepley as the reappointed chairperson, Jim Taylor re-elected for a 3-year term and Fred Hobart. The Plunkett Mausoleum and Harrison Mausoleum contracted work for cleaning and sealing was completed.

Five seasonal employees were hired this year to provide all aspects of cemetery maintenance as well as assistance with the Greylock Glen and Flood Control maintenance.

### **Maple Street Cemetery**

Maple Street Cemetery has several trees that continue to be maintained due to their age. 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 a couple of lots this year and there were several single lots sold in section G-West. Several trees were trimmed at the cemetery this year to maintain them, as well as regular grass cutting, and weed whacking.

### **FLOOD CONTROL**

The DPW employees performed as much vegetation and brush removal as possible. They cleared 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 the DPW employees with the assistance of seasonal employees.

### **PARKS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS**

The parks and fields were opened for seasonal use with several team and local school programs signed up such as ACS Girls Softball, ASC and ACSYS Soccer, Adams Lassie League, Adams-Cheshire Youth Football, BART Charter Public School for soccer practice, fitness, XC practice, kickball and frisbee. Berkshire Americans Baseball, Berkshire Adult Baseball League and Hoosac Valley High School for softball and football.

The Parks DPW team performed general maintenance throughout the seasons to help prepare them for the leagues' practices and games.

### **Valley Field**

The 8' x 8' shed that the Little League Program uses near Beaver Bard Park was replaced with a larger more efficient 10' x 12' shed due to disrepair on the smaller shed. The Little League Program raised funds to pay for half of the cost of the materials and McCann Technical School students provided the labor to build it to enhance their hands-on skills.

The Little League also raised funds to replace the scoreboard which is planned to be installed by the DPW team in the Spring of 2023.



*Beaver Bard Park Shed  
at Valley St. Field*

### **Reid Field**

The leagues worked together to share use of the fields.

## Russell Field

Russell Field reconstruction was completed last year; however, the turf is still young and we had an unusually dry season. The leagues that played on it were mindful and rotated their sections of play as to not cause turf damage, and in some cases, were allowed to use a portion of Renfrew Field for practice. The Tennis/Pickle Ball courts were a successful addition to the park. The Town also received a \$4,000 donation from the Adams Lions Club for a new scoreboard and \$3,750 for lighting repair/updates last year and the scoreboard was installed in the spring of 2022 before the season opened.



*Russell Field  
Pickleball/Tennis Courts*



*Russell Field  
Scoreboard  
donated by  
the Adams  
Lions Club.*

## Renfrew Field

Renfrew had a bit more activity this year accommodating the Youth Football League's practice as well as the Hoosac Valley High School football program. They rotated their playing sections at Renfrew Field in an attempt 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, 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 the staff annually 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 which are sometimes requested to assist in Highway and Parks and Grounds Divisions when the need arises. 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. There were two Facilities vehicles added to the fleet this year and are included in the maintenance rotation as well. 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.

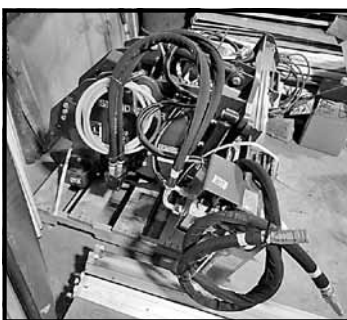
Extraordinary efforts are made to repurpose vehicles to maximize their life and usefulness as portions of vehicles deteriorate beyond repair due to their age.

The Department of Public Works acquired

some new equipment to replace aged vehicles and sure up the fleet for specific tasks such as the Wacker / Milling head.



*Above: 2010 International 4x4 Dump Truck  
with stainless steel bed (replaced  
due to heavy corrosion)*



*Left: 2022 Milling Head purchased as an  
attachment for the Skidsteer  
to scarify blacktop*

*Below Left: 2022 Ford F550 Dump Truck*

*Below Right: 2001 Wacker Neuson ST35*



## MAJOR NEW PROJECTS

### Lower Linden Street to Commercial Street Drainage

This particular project was a necessity due to lack of drainage and constant flooding on Lower Linden St. A new drain line had to be installed from Lower Linden St to Commercial St. Because of a high estimated cost from a contractor, the DPW accomplished the task with a significant savings to the town.



*Above Left: DPW Opening the Lower Linden Street to Commercial Street drainage project.*

*Above Right: Installing the new drain line.*

*Below: Repaired street.*



### Marshall Street Drainage Repair

The DPW team repaired the broken and collapsed drain line.



### Spring Street Bridge Sidewalk Repair

After inspecting the bridge, a baseball size hole was discovered and the DPW did extensive repairs by replacing the rebar cage and pouring fresh concrete to shore up the sidewalk.

*Left: DPW works on the rebar cage.*

*Right: Concrete has been freshly poured.*







### **West Road Drainage**

Due to lack of drainage, the DPW team installed a cross drain to alleviate excessive water and icing in the winter.

*Left: Preparing the cross drain on West Road.*

*Right: Installing the new cross drain.*



*Below Left: Resurfacing of West Road after cross drain installation.*

*Below Right: Completed West Road 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 challenge. Maintenance of these pot holes and frost heaves represented the bulk of black top work for 2022 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.

### **Flood Management and Repairs**

The Davis Street culvert repair has been completed. Regarding the Jordan Street culvert collapse from 2020, FEMA awarded the Town \$1,717,500 in federal funding for the project. The town would provide a 25% match to this amount for a total project cost of \$2.3M. The Town's engineer is now designing the proposed improvements to replace the culvert.

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 resulting in additional clean up. There were 54 catch basins and manholes needing repair/maintenance work this year. There were 8 structures added to the drain system in parts of the community due to new

drain lines added to the system. Additional procedures and reporting will continue in 2023 in the Smart Asset Management and Inventory System (MS4 stormwater management) protocols that the Town of Adams has implemented.

### **Overview**

2022 was a challenging year because a large number of projects were postponed due to the COVID epidemic in the past years and the team was able to continue with necessary 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 2022. 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

## Planning Board

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The Planning Board held six (6) public hearings during 2022, at which time they addressed three (3) Site Plan applications and five (5) Special Permit, as well as multiple meetings to discuss future zoning bylaw changes.

Specific applications reviewed included three (3) Special Permit approvals for installation and replacement of equipment at three cell tower sites located at 56 Wilbur Lane and 161 A Spring Road by SBA Towers II, LLC. In addition, a Site Plan Approval was approved for Indica, LLC in conjunction with their Special Permit to operate a retail marijuana establishment at 127 Columbia Street.

Members of the Planning Board were:

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

In addition, Michael Mach served as the board's representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

## Emergency Management Director

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The Town of Adams Emergency Management Department continues to work closely with the Adams Forest Wardens, as was a model of operation under the leadership of former Emergency Management Director Mr. Kleiner. This model has proven successful for both departments, and to the residents of Adams since the Emergency Management Director (EMD) has no additional staffing.

Current EMD, Amalio Jusino, reports that he has been able to secure several small grants both for the Town of Adams specifically, and through the Northern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee. The Adams specific grant through MEMA is the Emergency Management Performance Grant totaling \$2,900.00, which is being used to purchase Incident Command System equipment for effective scene management compliant with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, which focuses on the management of domestic incidents by having established a single, comprehensive national incident management system. This equipment will be available to not only Emergency Management, but all disciplines of emergency response to maintain accountability, and proper scene management.

The region also received \$10,000 to launch a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This is a national model of incident support by selected individuals to support larger scale operations, not only in the event of an emergency, but also community events such as downtown celebrations, the Ramble, National Night Out, and much more. The focus is to have the Forest Wardens be the core of this program, since much of their wildland fire suppression efforts are seasonal, but their desire and ability to assist is all year long.

In the next year, it is the focus of the Emergency Management Director to launch a broader community preparedness campaign, to open dialogue between Adams Fire, EMS, and Police Department to have a greater unified response to incidents, to continue to expand the Town of Adams in the regional Active Shooter Hostile Threat Event Response (ASHER) planning, to communicate with local businesses to elevate their preparedness, and to determine advances in technology, operations, and mitigation requirements to support community development such as the Greylock Glen.

As the EMD for the Town of Adams only in my first year, I look forward to making Adams a safer, well prepared community through interactive, equitable, and diverse all-hazard planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Amalio Jusino  
Adams EMD



# Forest Warden Report

## The Adams Forest 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 2022:

#### CALLS:

- 12 Outdoor Fires
- 9 Illegal Burns
- 21 Smoke Investigations
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 3 Search and Rescue

**Burning Permits issued: 295**

#### EVENTS:

- 22 Community Events / Traffic Control / Service Details



*Above:  
The Adams Forest Wardens volunteer at the  
COVID-19 Booster Clinic.*

*Below:  
The 2022 Adams Forest Wardens  
Department*

As of January 15, 2022, the Town of Adams Forest Warden Department saw a change in leadership. Long-time Chief Forest Warden Richard Kleiner retired after serving 53 years as a member and Chief, and 25 years as Emergency Management Director.

At the request of Chief Kleiner, he recommended Griffin Willette to become the new Chief Forest Warden, with John Harris Jr. and Ryan Biros as Assistant Chiefs.

Over the year we saw an increase of 8 new members to the Department.

We trained extensively with Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue to better prepare for any incidents on Mount Greylock and the surrounding areas.

The Adams Forest Warden Department assisted with the Steeplecats concession on multiple occasions over the summer.

J-Day Racing reached out to the Department to provide medical personnel and support for three races.

“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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Griffin L. Willette  
Chief Forest Warden  
Town of Adams



# Inspectional Services Department

## Annual Report 2022

During 2022 the Adams Building Safety and Inspectional Services Department issued six hundred and ninety-three (693) permits for construction, demolition, alterations, additions, repairs, change of use, solid fuel burning appliances, trenching, sheet metal, signs, electrical, plumbing and gas. There were 25 Certificate of Inspections issued for bars, restaurants, churches, and apartment inspections.

A total of \$89,561 in permitting fees was collected during the year.

The Building Inspector's Office performed numerous inspections associated with permitting and addressed numerous zoning and building code violations, with 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 organizing meetings.

Type of Permits:	# of Permits:
Single Family Dwelling	0
Residential additions, alterations, conversions, repairs, & insulation	265
Commercial/Business/Non-Residential additions, alterations, conversions, and repair	36
Sign Permits	4
Curb-cut/Driveway entrance	0
Certificate of Inspections/ Certificate of Occupancy	25
Solid Fuel	13
Temporary Structures (Tents)	0
Trenches	81
Sheet Metal	6
<b>Gas Inspector</b>	
Number of Gas Fitting Permits Issued	69
<i>Gas Fees Collected</i>	<b>\$ 3,360.00</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	
Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	39
<i>Plumbing Fees Collected</i>	<b>\$ 3,420.00</b>
<b>Electrical Inspector</b>	
Number of Electrical Permits Issued	180
<i>Electrical Fees Collected</i>	<b>\$ 15,300.00</b>

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

Adams has been abuzz with activity and building projects during 2022, with several projects finishing up from the previous year, while others were gearing up.

One of the projects that is going full steam ahead is the Adams Theater at 27 Park Street, which has restored the marquee, installed a new roof, modified the floor and seating area, reconfigured the stage area and created an orchestra pit, and has full accessibility throughout. A new addition has been constructed which will house the restrooms and which can accommodate up to 400 people. New sprinkler and alarm systems are currently being installed, and plans are being formulated to buildout the two storefronts for 2023.

Phase two of the new 38,000 square foot marijuana facility located at 173 Howland Avenue, otherwise known as LC Square, is nearing completion, and is an impressive facility with its multiple grow rooms, processing room, and candy making operation which will soon employ 35 to 45 employees. A 3.1 acre outside grow area is also proposed which will need an additional staff of 5 to maintain the crop.

Adams has been the destination point for other marijuana entrepreneurs as well. The Planning Board approved, and the buildout began for Indica LLC, which is a recreational marijuana retail store located at 127 Columbia Street. They expect to be open by the spring of 2023. Berk's Greens is looking to develop a retail, cultivation, and manufacturing space at 44 Spring Street. Mission Massachusetts built out the former Ronnie's Cycle building at 150 Howland Avenue, but has not occupied the space as of this writing. There was interest in developing a cannabis operation at 6 Renfrew Street as well, formerly known as Burke Construction, but the applicants are just now applying to go before the Planning Board.

The Fire House Café and Bistro, located at 47 Park Street, opened in May under new ownership after a long dormancy of eight years, and is serving up Mediterranean-infused cuisine. Miss Adams Diner located at 53 Park Street reopened, and is once again giving the diner car experience to those who crave the simpler times and a hearty breakfast or lunch.

Other businesses that have opened in town are the Secret Sun Tanning Salon on 96 Summer Street, Mendel's Stained-Glass Studio at 1 East Hoosac Street, North County Creates Custom Frameworks at 3 East Hoosac Street, Adams Tavern & Inn at 17 Commercial Street, and Red's Viking Pub on 83 Commercial Street.

The Cumberland Farms project finished its new building at 95 Commercial Street, replacing the former Al's Arco building and its surrounding residential buildings. Cumberland Farms is decommissioning its 45 Commercial Street location and will place the building up for sale as soon as the property has been remediated.

Congressman Richard E. Neal, Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Baker-Polito administration committed 7.3 million dollars for the development of the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center and its infrastructure. Work began immediately on the Outdoor Center, and with the concrete work finished by November the framing started and will continue through the winter.

In a separate project, the Greylock Glen Resort will also provide camping facilities in a location toward the western end of Gould Road. As one of the major components of the Resort, the campground will be built and managed in an environmentally sensitive manner.

While Inspection Services was considering starting a Receivership Program for the refurbishing of vacant and blighted properties, the project was put on hold due to the great interest with private investors ranging from local realtors, contractors, and local landlords to purchase blighted properties and bring them back into viable buildings. There are currently multiple vacant buildings being looked at and many are being purchased for renovations to bring some sorely needed housing to Adams.

The commercial solar farm on 101 Grove Street is on and is generating power. There are a few minor landscaping issues that will spill into 2023 but this will not impact energy production. Solar installations on residential homes was also once again popular with 50 permits being issued for roof and ground mounted installations.

I was appointed as the Facilities Director, so I went right to work getting the engineering of the new boiler at the Registry of Deeds after its catastrophic failure in 2021. Once the engineering was completed the project went out to bid and work began immediately. I decided early on to eliminate the oil-fired system in favor of the more energy efficient gas-fired boiler. This will increase efficiency by 20% and takes less energy to heat the building. The system was also reduced in size by over 350,000 BTU's, also increasing efficiency.

The Library also had a boiler failure, as well as multiple steam pipe failures, which made the operation of the boiler untenable. The boiler was replaced in kind with a more efficient oil-fired unit, due to the lack of gas piping going to the building. Most of the pipes were replaced in the basement area and, with the assistance of the Department of Public Works, costs were kept down significantly.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Donna Cesan, and Town Administrator Jay Green for the opportunity to work for the residents of the Town of Adams. My experience here has been a positive one, and I find the community to be welcoming and supportive of our efforts. I started as a part-time Building Commissioner / Local Inspector on January 3, 2019 and was subsequently appointed as the full-time Building Commissioner on March 25, 2019 in charge of the Inspectional Services Department which encompasses the Building Inspectors Office, Weights and Measures, Facilities Director, and administrative oversight of the Code Enforcement Officer for the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Gerald W Garner  
Building Commissioner

# Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

The Town of Adams is one of the thirteen towns that comprise the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD).

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 thirteen 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 2022 included: Joseph Szczepaniak Jr., Chair (Lanesborough); Edward Driscoll, Vice Chair (Adams); and Terry Haig, Treasurer.

## In 2022, 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 and recyclables with Casella Waste Systems Inc.
- Execution of Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection.
- Working with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling.
- Coordinating special collections that are open to all thirteen member-towns, including annual Bulky and Electronics recycling events, Household Hazardous Waste collections, community Paper Shredding events, and Subsidized Home Composting Units.
- Management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, textiles, scrap metal, books, swap shops (household goods in Hinsdale, Savoy, and Windsor).
- Outreach with local youth groups introducing MassDEP "Green Team" Program, Youth Center Inc., Hoosac Valley Middle and High School and Plunkett Elementary.
- Introduction of New programming in 2022 District-wide; effective as of November 1, 2022, Massachusetts State Regulations 310CMR 19.017 "NEW" prohibits the disposal of the following materials: commercial organic material, mattresses, and textiles.
- Established mattress recycling "HUB" in partnership with the Town of Dalton for all thirteen NBSWMD member-town residents. There is a per unit cost at drop-off "HUB." Must be a resident of the towns within NBSWMD and/or Dalton. Currently the State Contract under FAC90, recycling processor is Raw Materials Recovery.
- Textile recycling effective November 1, 2022, is offered at Town Transfer/Recycling Centers and at offsite locations. Textile programs are CMRK, Apparel Impact, and Salvation Army.
- Submittal of member-town MassDEP annual recycling and solid waste surveys, grants through Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs (SMRP) and all reporting.

In 2022, the District held its annual Household Hazardous Waste collection on April 21, in the Town of Adams for all thirteen member-town residents. 150 households participated in this event. This year our annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, to kick off Earth Day. This allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, oil-based paints, oil, pesticides, and other products that are deemed hazardous.

Also, the District held 3 Bulky Waste and Electronics collections in 2022. Two community Paper Shredding events were held to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents. Over 51 totes containing a total 3,250 pounds of paper were shredded on site by Pro-Shred. The District continues to offer all member-town 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, the only employee! She also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and state officials, and newly appointed to Mass Recycle Board.

The NBSWMD has an annual operations assessment that is approved by the District's Board of Commissioners, which is based on the current census 2020. The combined assessments for all thirteen towns were \$97,930.41. 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, six universal waste collections sites with Next Level Recycling.

In 2022, all NBSWMD member-towns were eligible for and received grants under the MassDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). In total, the NBSWMD Towns received \$43,675.00 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programming. **The Town of Adams received \$6,300.** Funding is a result of a town's successful waste management and recycling infrastructure.

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively 777 tons of recyclable materials to Casella Waste Systems Inc., Vermont MRF. 100 Earth Machines were subsidized and distributed to all 13 member-towns for composting household brush, leaves, food.

District-wide, over 123,979 pounds of textiles was diverted from the waste stream. Electronics recycling with East Coast Electronics, collected over 40,567 pounds.

Thank you to all the District volunteers, Town DPWs, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Cernik  
Program Coordinator  
Edward Driscoll  
Board of Commissioners

# Council on Aging & Senior Center

- We asked our participants to anonymously answer the question, "What does the Adams COA mean to you?." Here's what some had to say:
- "Everything good in my life. Home, family, friends, comfort, safety, hugs, protection, help w/ anything possible."
- "Everything! Food great. Servers helpful, friendly. Socialization, friendliness. Staff wonderful. Activities great. Entertainment awesome. Clean. Informative staff."
- "FOOD."
- "It's a great place to spend time with friends and get help with services."
- "We love coming here. The food is good and it's a nice place to socialize and meet new friends. The staff is wonderful. They go out of their way to make everyone comfortable."
- "It is a way to reconnect with old friends and make new friends...The transportation availability saves me from being stuck at home."
- "An asset to the Town of Adams. New friends. Assistance."
- "A very nice place to meet new friends and participate in programs that enrich the lives of seniors."

## Staff:

**Director** - Sarah Fontaine

sfontaine@town.adams.ma.us

**Outreach Coordinator** - Barbara Proper

bproper@town.adams.ma.us

**Administrative Assistant** - Kathryn "Izzie" Bellizzi

kbellizzi@town.adams.ma.us

**Weekly Van Drivers** - Charles "Chuck" Gebauer and John Naughton

**Back-Up Van Drivers** - John Bianchi and Joe Sloane

(413) 743-8333

3 Hoosac Street Adams, MA 01220

2nd Floor of the Adams Visitor Center

## Sources of Information About the Adams COA

**Website:** [www.town.adams.ma.us/council-aging](http://www.town.adams.ma.us/council-aging)

**Facebook Page:** AdamsCouncil on Aging  
(please note, Adams and Council is one word when searching)

## Newsletter, The Buzz:

[www.town.adams.ma.us/council-aging/pages/newsletters](http://www.town.adams.ma.us/council-aging/pages/newsletters)

or through the publisher's website:

[www.mycommunityonline.com/organization/friends-of-adams-coa](http://www.mycommunityonline.com/organization/friends-of-adams-coa)

Hard copies are available at the COA and locations throughout town.

## 2022 Advisory Board:

**Chair** - Barbara "Barb" Lagowski

**Vice Chair** - Bruce Shepley

Barbara "Barb" Fiske

Elizabeth "Liz" Mach

Aleta Moncecchi

Mary Whitman

Robert "Bob" Joppich

Leona Meczywor

Pamela "Pam" St. John

## 2022 Friends of the Adams Council on Aging Board:

**President** - Lynda Bianchi

**Vice President** - Judith "Judy" Sheehan

**Co-Treasurers** - Barbara "Barb" Bessette and

Patricia "Pat" Catelotti

**Secretary** - Ann Bartlett

- The Friends of the Adams COA is a non-profit organization that provides financial and other means of support to the Adams COA and those we serve.
- By becoming a "Friend" and paying a \$10 annual membership fee, you help support the programs, activities, and cultural events for the older adults in our community.
- Events the Friends financially supported in 2022 include: Valentine's and Holiday Tea Party, the annual Nonagenarian (90+ years old) Birthday Party, mailing monthly birthday cards to residents, senior bus trips out of the county, apple picking trip to local orchard, local historical field trip to the Susan B. Anthony Museum and Statue and Quaker Meeting House.



*The COA/Lions Club Senior Picnic had over 100 people in attendance on August 18th.*

## 2022 Statistics:

Activity Type	Unduplicated (# of Individuals)	Duplicated (# of Occurrences)
Events	511	11,966
Rides	196	4,492
Services	420	824
Volunteers	77	1,121
Calls	720	3,631
<b>Total People Served</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>22,034</b>

## Social Events, Supports, and Services:

- Categories of events and supports held throughout 2022 include: Caregiver Support Groups, Community Education, Craft Classes, Cultural Programs, Exercise and Health Classes, Health Screenings, Health and Wellness Programs, Legal Aid, Lunch, Recreation and Social Events, and Volunteer Recruitment.
- Categories of services provided in 2022 include: AARP Tax Prep Program, Brown Bag, Case Management, Information and Referrals, Fuel Assistance, Good Neighbor Energy Fund, Housing, Meals, Neighbor 2 Neighbor Grant, One on One Support, Outreach, SHINE, SNAP Benefits, Transportation, Vaccine Assistance, and Wellness Checks.
- Please see our attached Programs and Services At-A-Glance graphic to see a detailed list of all we have to offer for our community.



*Adams COA van driver Charles “Chuck” Gebauer began service to Savoy seniors in July 2022, under the Adams and Savoy Shared COA Services Contract.*

## Transportation:

- The wellbeing of older adults is directly impacted by their ability to access quality health care, social services, and opportunities to socialize . . . isolation is a major factor in senior mortality rates.
- The COA began operating 2 accessible vans again in July 2022 due to increased need for Adams and Savoy residents 60+ years old. These are leased at no cost through BRTA, and BRTA also provides a monthly stipend to help operate the vans.
- 1 van operates Monday – Thursday 8 am - 3 pm and Friday 8 am - 12 pm; the other van runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 am - 3 pm; all within Adams, North Adams, Savoy, and Williamstown with a suggested donation of \$1 per town.

- The vans provided 162 people 4,242 rides in 2022.
- The Adams COA operates a 2017 Nissan Rogue SUV (“the orange car”) for long-distance medical transportation (Bennington, Albany, Springfield, Worcester, Boston, etc). This service is available for Adams, Cheshire, and Savoy residents and is supported by donations from riders, a grant from Elder Services and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and volunteer drivers.
- The Nissan Rogue provided 57 older adults 243 rides in 2022.
- The COA also operates a rickshaw bike, Rita’s Rides for Cycling Without Age. Volunteers provided 6 passengers with a total of 7 rides around town. It has also been used in various community events in 2022, such as National Night Out and Ashuwillticook Rail Trail events.

## Volunteers:

- In 2022, 77 volunteers provided over 3,600 hours of service to the COA and our participants. That would be worth over \$140,000 if they were paid for their service!
- Volunteer categories include: AARP Tax Program, Administrative Office Support, Legal Aid, Birthday Calls/Cards, Board Members, Brown Bag, Events, Gardening, Grocery Shopping, Meal Site, Mobile Food Bank, Newsletter Distribution, Program Leaders, SHINE, and Transportation
- Volunteers are vital to the success of our programs and services. We simply could not operate without them.
- We appreciate our dedicated volunteers very much... THANK YOU!



*Some of the Adams COA team members at the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on October 1st.*

## COVID Outreach:

- We worked with the Adams Board of Health in June, September, and December to coordinate delivery and distribution of over 6,000 COVID test kits and additional PPE to the Adams community.
- We collaborated with the CHP Mobile Health Unit and the Berkshire Public Health Alliance to host 4 COVID vaccine clinics throughout the year.

## Adams Memorial Building:

- The long-term plan is to move the Council on Aging over to the Adams Memorial Building, as we have outgrown the space at the Visitor Center.
- Currently, there is no available funding to finish renovating the building to make a safe and successful transition (\$150,000+ needed for the bathrooms, alone).



- The Adams COA and the Friends of the Adams COA will continue to work with the Town to seek out and secure funding. We are eager to finish this project so we can expand our programs and services.



*Above: Left to Right, Fran Meier, Gail Kolis, Barb Proper, and Che-Che Kozik at the hand-drumming showcase held on November 18th, in memory of Gail's mother, Mary Jane Kolis.*



*Above Right: The COA held our 1st belly dancing class on Sept 7th. It is now offered monthly.*



*Right: Joanne Gagne and Nancy Lanski participate in the Faerie Crown craft workshop, getting ready for the Faerie Festival in June 2022.*

## Adams: COA/Senior Center Programs and Services at a Glance

### Outreach & Administration

- Information & Referrals (I & R)
- Case Management
- Health Insurance Counseling (SHINE)
- Energy Assistance: LIHEAP (I & R only), Good Neighbor Energy Fund
- Program Development
- Volunteer Coordination
- Grant Writing
- Contract Management
- Oversight to COA Budget
- Oversight to Transportation Services
- Marketing/Promotion
- Monthly Birthday Calls & Cards
- SNAP Benefit Coordination
- One time Emergency Grant Application Access (up to \$500)
- Transportation Grants
- Buckets of Sand
- Facility Oversight

### Social, Exercise & Educational Programs

- Chair & Dance Yoga
- Art Classes
- Belly Dancing
- Bingo
- Bus Trips
- Craft Classes
- Cribbage, Dominoes, Pitch, Scrabble
- Friends of the Adams COA
- Hand Drumming
- Quilting/Knitting
- Lunch Program
- Movies
- Monthly Birthdays
- Nonagenarian Birthday Party
- Seasonal Picnics
- Periodic Seminars & Workshops on De-Cluttering/Downsizing, Retirement Preparedness, Caregiver Notebooks, & other related topics
- TBA Programs: Computers/Technology classes, Walking Club

### Health & Wellness Programs

- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Foot Care Clinic
- Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinics
- SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)
- Senior Lunch Program
- Catered Lunches
- Legal Aid
- Alzheimer's Support Group
- AARP Free Tax Preparation & Circuit Breaker Tax Credit
- Senior Citizen Tax Work-Off Program
- Emergency Food Pantry
- Food Security Programs: Brown Bag Mobile Food Bank, Farmers' Market Coupons
- Homebound Shopping Assistance
- Living Well Health Expo
- Periodic Seminars & Workshops on Healthy Eating, Balance, Brain Health, Healthy Aging, Disease Prevention, & other related topics

## Veteran Services

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### Annual Report

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 Executive Office of Veteran Services in Boston to ensure the community is reimbursed for the expenses these services entail. In calendar year 2022, VSO Roy processed and made payments totaling \$112,470.55 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, New Ashford 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

## Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Several applications came before the Zoning Board during 2022. Nine (9) Public Hearings were conducted involving nine (9) Special Permit requests and one (1) Variance. Additional requests by applicants included five (5) continuance hearings.

During 2022, the Adams Zoning Board of Appeals consisted of five (5) Permanent members and one Alternate member.

The Zoning Board members were:

Chairman Wayne Piaggi  
Aaron Girgenti  
Glen Diehl  
Nathaniel Karns  
Raymond Gargan

The Zoning Board's Alternate member was David Rhinemiller.

During the year, Wayne Piaggi resigned on September 26th from the Zoning Board and was replaced by David Rhinemiller as the Zoning Board's newly elected Permanent member.



# Wastewater Treatment Plant

For 2022, 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 at 7 full-time employees. 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; one employee holds a Grade 5 Operator's License; and 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 2022:

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

- Rebuilt #2 Plant water pump
- Replaced a hydraulic piston on our filter belt press
- Installed a new plant water booster pump
- Replaced 2 boiler condensate pumps

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

- Semiannual oil, oil filters and coolant filters changed on our two Caterpillar stationary emergency electrical generators
- Town purchased a 2012 F350 1-ton utility truck and a 2008 Ford Escape
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 a new CL 2 bench top meter.
2. Bought our usual (spring/fall) chemicals: Hypochlorite, Sodium Bisulfite, and Poly-Aluminum Chloride.
3. Had scale balance, calibration weight certified.
4. Laboratory scales were cleaned and calibrated by All State Scale Company.



*South Clarifier mechanical components being dismantled and removed.*

## OVERALL SUMMARY

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

A review of the 2022 facility's records and reports documents 602.67 million gallons of wastewater was treated and cleaned before being discharged to the Hoosick River. This was a decrease of 23.86% from last years (2021) annual flow of 791.54 million gallons.

## CONCLUSION

Although 2022 has brought on many challenges in the world, we stayed focused and the Town implemented a very important upgrade to the facility. I have attached a couple of pictures during the upgrade. (images 1- 4)

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

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

Their team effort and dedication are what keeps this 52-year-old facility operating so well.

Respectfully submitted,

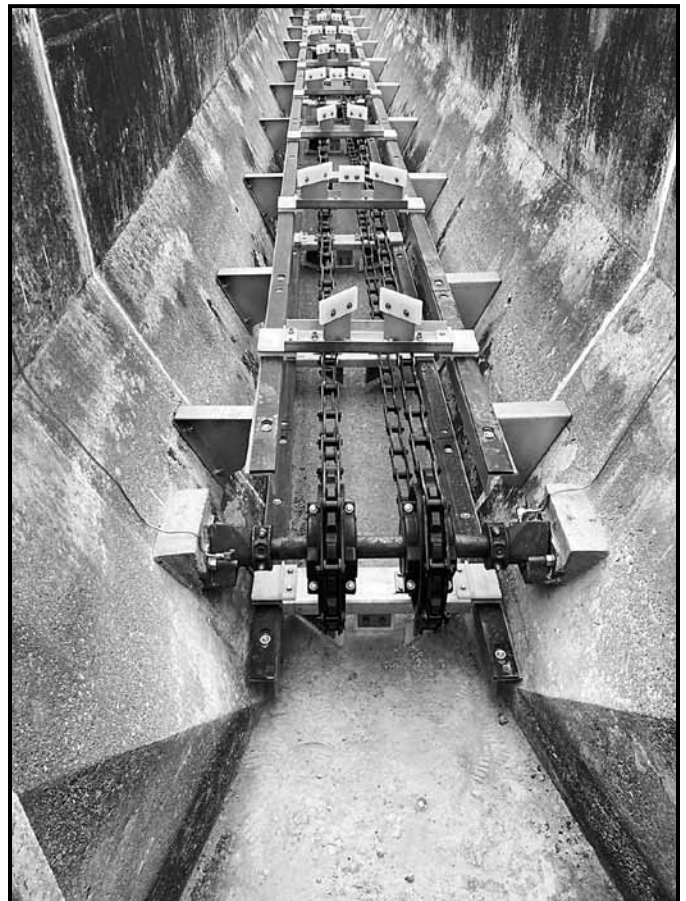
Robert Rumbolt  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Superintendent



*Above: Sluice Gate*



*Above: Aeration basin bridge work.*



*Right: New grit channel mechanical components.*

# 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 FY23 values and new growth in September of 2022.

### TAX RATE SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

a. Total amount to be raised	\$ 18,030,453.85
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources	- 5,153,504.00
<b>c. Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 12,876,949.85</b>

Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
1. Residential	\$ 544,593,462	78.4557%
2. Open Space	0	0%
3. Commercial	40,363,062	8.0387%
4. Industrial	28,076,977	5.5917%
5. Personal Property	39,737,003	7.9139%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 652,770,504</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>

**Tax Rate FY 2023      Residential - \$18.55      Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property - \$25.65**  
**\*\*\*Tax rate includes HVRSD Exclusion Override Debt of \$1.02**

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 the Assessing Department staff: Susan King and Elias Masse 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](http://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, 2022 (Audited)

	Uncollected Tax July 1, 2021	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, 2022
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>							
2015 and older	61,686		2,639				59,047
2016	1,151		905				246
2017	1,156		904				252
2018	4,149		959				3,190
2019	29,733		35	4,424		21,245	4,029
2020	49,264		3	11,912		28,891	8,458
2021	283,525		162	100,221		169,444	13,698
2022		11,561,287	87,866	13,203		11,181,873	278,345
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>430,664</b>	<b>11,561,287</b>	<b>93,473</b>	<b>129,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,401,453</b>	<b>367,265</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>							
2014	390					128	262
2015	1,804					247	1,557
2016	687					81	606
2017	635					91	544
2018	839					114	725
2019	865					136	729
2020	860					167	693
2021	1,575					714	861
2022		890,426	15			888,536	1,875
<b>Total Personal Property</b>	<b>7,655</b>	<b>890,426</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>890,214</b>	<b>7,852</b>
<b>Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>438,319</b>	<b>1,780,852</b>	<b>93,488</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>12,291,667</b>	<b>375,117</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>							
2014 and older	63,286					526	62,760
2015	4,257					557	3,700
2016	4,641		24			484	4,133
2017	6,875		24			625	6,226
2018	6,405		24			942	5,439
2019	8,763		500			2,108	6,155
2020	22,987	57	524			12,293	10,227
2021	154,006	103,057	13,358			220,837	22,868
2022		896,065	33,999	(18,680)		811,857	68,889
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise</b>	<b>271,220</b>	<b>999,179</b>	<b>48,452</b>	<b>(18,680)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,050,230</b>	<b>190,397</b>
<b>Grand Total Tax Receivables</b>	<b>709,539</b>	<b>13,450,892</b>	<b>141,940</b>	<b>111,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,341,897</b>	<b>565,515</b>

# Town of Adams

## Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

### June 30, 2022

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As of June 30, 2022, cash consisted of the following balances:

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

Bank North, NA	\$ 29,612
Adams Community Bank	11,397,167
UniBank	4,733,146
Century Bank	35,853
Value Line	15,736
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,211,514</b>
Petty Cash	410
<b>Total cash and Short-term Investments</b>	<b>\$ 16,211,924</b>

## Indebtedness

### June 30, 2022

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	Outstanding July 1, 2021	Retirement	Outstanding June 30, 2022
Town Hall/Police Station/Library	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 895,000
WWTP Plant Renovations	765,703	180,536	585,168
Storm Damage Sept 2018	2,175,000	135,000	2,040,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,995,703</b>	<b>\$ 475,536</b>	<b>\$ 3,520,168</b>

**Town of Adams, Massachusetts, Office of the Town Accountant**  
**Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures,**  
**Budgetary and Actual - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2022 (Audited)**

	Original Budget	2021 Encumbered to FY 2022	2022 Reserve Fund Transfers	2022 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Property Taxes	11,782,000				11,782,000	12,305,557	523,557
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	960,700				960,700	1,091,931	131,231
Departmental receipts, licenses and permits	405,367				405,367	780,732	375,365
Earnings on invested funds	4,300				4,300	3,635	(665)
<b>Total locally raised revenue</b>	<b>13,152,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,152,367</b>	<b>14,181,855</b>	<b>1,029,488</b>
Intergovernmental revenues/Net of offsets	2,894,407				2,894,407	2,862,878	(31,529)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>16,046,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,046,774</b>	<b>17,044,733</b>	<b>997,959</b>
Selectmen/Moderator / Town Report	16,894		-	16,252	33,146	14,026	19,120
Town Administrator	220,276		-	6,117	226,393	213,183	13,210
Financial-Accounting / FinCom	341,584	3,802	(113,000)	(18)	232,368	224,538	7,829
Assessors	146,344	9,712		467	156,523	129,973	26,550
Treasurer	158,663	2,578	-	-	161,241	157,779	3,462
Town Counsel	45,903				45,903	45,003	900
Technology	140,255	62,682	-	18,377	221,314	156,922	64,392
Town Clerk / Elections / Registration/Codes	171,691	1,441	-	11,212	184,344	162,966	21,378
Property & Liability Ins.	233,300	1,719	-	920	235,939	224,119	11,820
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,474,910</b>	<b>81,933</b>	<b>(113,000)</b>	<b>53,327</b>	<b>1,497,170</b>	<b>1,328,508</b>	<b>168,663</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>254,314</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>260,599</b>	<b>188,840</b>	<b>71,759</b>
Inspection Services / Weights & Measures	217,891	-	-	(3,950)	213,941	198,216	15,725
Conservation/Agriculture/Historical Commissions	2,475	-	-		2,475	1,526	949
Planning / Zoning Board	8,435	-	-	750	9,185	3,813	5,372
<b>INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	<b>228,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,200)</b>	<b>225,601</b>	<b>203,555</b>	<b>22,046</b>

	Original Budget	2021 Encumbered to FY 2022	2022 Reserve Fund Transfers	2022 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Police	1,919,684	14,233	-	5,692	1,939,609	1,912,492	27,117
Police Station	28,450	1,035	-	312	29,797	29,485	312
Emergency Management / Forest Warden	18,530	1,217	-	18,397	38,144	33,630	4,514
Animal Control Officer	28,638	7,529	-	-	36,167	25,597	10,570
Parking Management	28,411	2,109	-	-	30,520	23,681	6,838
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>2,023,713</b>	<b>26,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,401</b>	<b>2,074,236</b>	<b>2,024,886</b>	<b>49,351</b>
Council on Aging	241,881	6,033	-	386	248,300	228,837	19,464
Veteran Services / Memorial Day	186,505	-	-	3,882	190,387	147,164	43,223
Board of Health	11,550	-	-	-	11,550	10,034	1,516
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>439,936</b>	<b>6,033</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>450,237</b>	<b>386,034</b>	<b>64,203</b>
Hoosac Valley Regional School District	6,137,746	-	-	17,879	6,155,625	6,155,588	37
McCann Vocational Regional	1,055,418	-	-	-	1,055,418	1,055,418	-
<b>EDUCATION-REGIONAL</b>	<b>7,193,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,879</b>	<b>7,211,043</b>	<b>7,211,006</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>305,568</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>311,760</b>	<b>298,445</b>	<b>13,315</b>
Public Buildings / Prop MA	311,899	6,711	33,000	104,138	455,748	400,643	55,105
DPW Administration / Tree Warden	58,313	340	-	6,494	65,147	58,766	6,381
Highways	1,524,349	9,716	-	(18,168)	1,515,897	1,409,833	106,064
Snow & Ice Control	246,000	12,094	-	74,315	332,409	221,518	110,891
Flood Control	600	-	-	-	600	599	1
DPW Garage / Equipment Maintenance	195,500	12,693	80,000	96,623	384,816	274,209	110,607
Transfer Station	75,814	-	-	(9,180)	66,634	38,077	28,557
Wastewater Treatment / Collection	362,225	155	-	33,680	396,060	291,950	104,110
<b>PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS, HIGHWAY &amp; STREETS</b>	<b>2,774,700</b>	<b>41,709</b>	<b>113,000</b>	<b>287,902</b>	<b>3,217,311</b>	<b>2,695,595</b>	<b>521,716</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE / RETIREE BENEFITS</b>	<b>1,513,195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,929</b>	<b>1,546,124</b>	<b>1,445,953</b>	<b>100,171</b>
Cemetery, Parks & Grounds	53,675	2,495	-	117	56,287	41,491	14,796
Celebrations - Seasonal	1,800	793	-	-	2,593	2,593	0
<b>CEMETERY, PARKS &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>55,475</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>58,880</b>	<b>44,084</b>	<b>14,796</b>
<b>COURT JUDGEMENT</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>-</b>

	Original Budget	2021 Encumbered to FY 2022	2022 Reserve Fund Transfers	2022 Budget Adjustments	Budget reflecting Reserve Acct. Transfers & Prior Year Encumbrances	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue including PY encumbered amounts	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>603,761</b>	<b>16,720</b>			<b>620,481</b>	<b>586,774</b>	<b>33,707</b>
Principal	475,536				475,536	475,536	0
Interest / Fees	128,225	16,720			144,945	108,225	36,720
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>16,867,537</b>	<b>184,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>421,338</b>	<b>17,473,443</b>	<b>16,429,930</b>	<b>1,059,763</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(820,763)	(184,568)	-	(421,338)	(1,426,669)	614,803	
<b>OTHER AMOUNTS RAISED:</b>							
State Intergovernmental Assessments	(46,461)				(46,461)	44,279	
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	(152,318)				(152,318)	149,927	
Underassessment Hoosac Valley RSD Court Judgement	(16,250)						
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,035,792)				(1,625,448)	809,009	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>							
Other Available Funds	61,000				61,000	61,000	
Operating Transfers Out	330,471				330,471	330,471	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures and Operating Transfers	(644,321)				(1,233,977)	1,200,480	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES / (USES):</b>							
Free Cash for Capital & Offset Tax Rate	437,321				437,321		
Economic Development Fund Appropriation	89,000				89,000		
Reserve Fund Balance Transfer	118,000				118,000		
Other Financing Sources & Transfers	644,321				644,321		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures with Other Financing Sources	Balanced				(589,656)		



# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

### As of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

<b>ASSETS</b>									
	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 06/30/2022
<b>Cash</b>									
Petty Cash	410								410
Cash in Savings and Money Market Account	3,674,742	824,087	10,932,927	56,629	-18,492	713,612	28,113		16,211,618
									0
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>									
Personal Property Taxes	7,853								7,853
Real Estate Taxes	367,267								367,267
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-484,415								-484,415
Motor Vehicle Excise	190,397								190,397
Tax Titles	911,551								911,551
Tax Possessions									
Departmental - PD Off Duty - due from Vendors							47,012		47,012
Departmental - Industry Sewer									
Departmental - Sewer/Water Liens AFD									
Departmental - Veterans Services	47,241								47,241
Departmental - Bank Error - Fraud	0								0
Prepaid Expenses	100								100
Departmental - Emergencies Agencies									
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	53,508								
Due from SRF - PARC St Grant									
Due from SRF - Chapter 90									
<b>Amounts to be Provided for</b>									
Payment of Bond								3,520,168	3,520,168
Debt Authorized & Unissued								215,000	215,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,768,654</b>	<b>824,087</b>	<b>10,932,927</b>	<b>56,629</b>	<b>-18,492</b>	<b>713,612</b>	<b>75,125</b>	<b>3,735,168</b>	<b>21,087,710</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

### As of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited - Continued)

<b>LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Special Revenue Small Cities</b>	<b>Special Revenue Capital Projects</b>	<b>Trusts Funds</b>	<b>Agency Funds</b>	<b>Long-term Debt Group</b>	<b>Total Memo only as of 06/30/2022</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>									
Warrants Payable	142,338								142,338
Payroll Payable	49,384								49,384
Health Insurance Withheld	66,236								66,236
Workmans Comp / PD Accident Payable	5,068								5,068
Taxes Withheld / Payable	11,270								11,270
Unemployment Payable	1,624								1,624
Misc. Withheld	1,499								1,499
Cafeteria Plan Withheld	29,233								29,233
Retirement Withheld	-2,311								-2,311
				53,508					53,508
Due to General Fund									
Due to SR FED Grant									
Due to Deputy Collector							1,242		1,242
Due to Commonwealth of Mass - FID							3,092		3,092
Miscellaneous - Escrow - Chenail Farm							5,000		5,000
Off-Duty Work							5,021		5,021
Miscellaneous - ROD Ramp/Housing Escrow							13,758		13,758
<b>Deferred Revenues</b>									
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	-109,402								-109,402
Tax Liens	911,551								911,551
Motor Vehicle Excise	190,397								190,397
Tax Possessions									
Departmental	47,241						47,012		94,253
Special Assessments									0
Due from Federal Government									0
Due from Comm of Mass Grants									0
<b>Unreserved Fund Balances</b>		<b>2,162,886</b>	<b>824,087</b>						<b>2,986,973</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Encumbrances</b>		<b>650,901</b>							<b>650,901</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Compensated Absences</b>		<b>110,739</b>							<b>110,739</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited - Continued)

<b>LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Small Cities</b>	<b>Special Revenue Capital Projects</b>	<b>Trusts Funds</b>	<b>Agency Funds</b>	<b>Long-term Debt Group</b>	<b>Total Memo only as of 06/30/2022</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Trust Funds</b>								
Restricted Trust Funds					574,319			574,319
Unrestricted Trust Funds					139,293			139,293
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Fed/State Grants</b>			9,579,365	3,121				9,582,486
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Appropriation</b>	250,000		439,574					689,574
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Gifts/Bequests/Revolving</b>			195,053					195,053
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Special Purposes</b>								
Reserved for Expenditure	250,000							250,000
Reserved for Emergency Spending - Storm Damage		718,935						718,935
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Capital Projects</b>								
Reserved for Chapter 90				-22,537				-22,537
Reserved for Water Channel Improvements				3,244				3,244
Reserved for Old Town Hall/Library								0
Reserved for Library Renovation				801				801
Reserved for 10 Year Revaluation								
<b>Bonds Payable</b>								
Inside Debt Limit - Town Hall/PPD Station/Library							895,000	895,000
Inside Debt Limit - MWPAI							585,168	585,168
Inside Debt Limit - Storm Damage							2,040,000	2,040,000
Bonds Authorized & Unissued							215,000	215,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,768,654</b>	<b>824,087</b>	<b>10,932,927</b>	<b>-18,492</b>	<b>713,612</b>	<b>75,125</b>	<b>3,735,168</b>	<b>21,087,710</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### All Funds for the year ended June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	General Fund	Federal Grant SRF CDBG	Federal Grant Brns/FEMA/ RT IV ARPA	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Memo only 2022
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Taxes	13,817,764							13,817,764
Departmental Receipts, Licenses & Permits	255,545						12,756	268,301
Charges for Services				64,149			471,953	536,102
Earnings on Invested Funds	3,635	143		845		-847		3,776
Contributions								0
Net Gain (Loss) on Securities								
Gifts and Bequests								0
Miscellaneous Revenues	104,911	34,591		242,641		7,225	23,051	412,419
Intergovernmental Revenues - Federal		147,040	1,524,914					
Intergovernmental Revenues - State	2,862,878			4,679,819	120,569			7,663,266
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>17,044,733</b>	<b>181,774</b>	<b>1,524,914</b>	<b>4,987,454</b>	<b>120,569</b>	<b>6,378</b>	<b>507,760</b>	<b>24,373,582</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Government	961,335		907,221	249,088	3,000	6,742	26,858	2,154,244
Community Development	186,465	37,962	12,367	165,295				402,089
Public Safety	1,902,599		56,472	34,273			464,258	2,457,602
Education	7,211,006							7,211,006
Public Works & Buildings	2,241,752	100,366		986,883	216,150		14,365	3,559,516
Health and Human Services	351,957			5,917				357,874
Culture and Recreation, Gifts, Cem & Parks	300,854			18,904		344		320,102
Library	279,239			17,431				296,670
Retirement	982,565							982,565
Intergovernmental Expenditures	73,979							73,979
Health and Other Insurance	993,479							993,479
Employee Benefits	356,667							356,667
Court Judgement	16,250							16,250
Debt Service								0
Principal Retirement	475,536							475,536
Interest and Financial Charges	108,225							108,225
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>16,441,908</b>	<b>138,328</b>	<b>976,060</b>	<b>1,477,791</b>	<b>219,150</b>	<b>7,086</b>	<b>505,481</b>	<b>19,765,804</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	602,825	43,446	548,854	3,509,663	-98,581	-708	2,279	4,607,778

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### All Funds for the year ended June 30, 2022 (Unaudited - continued)

	General Fund	Federal Grant SRF CDBG	Federal Grant Brns/FEMA/ RT IV ARPA	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Total Memo only 2022
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>								
Bond Issue								
Bond Premium								0
Cost of Issuance								0
RAN Issue								
RAN Retirement								
Due to PD/DPW off duty							-2,279	
Operating Transfers In	61,000			79,862		62,000		
Operating Transfers Out	-141,862			-61,000				
	<b>-80,862</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,862</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>-2,279</b>	<b>-2,279</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	521,963	43,446	548,854	3,528,525	-98,581	61,292	0	4,605,499
<b>FUND EQUITY on July 1</b>	<b>2,902,562</b>	<b>13,184</b>	<b>-317,555</b>	<b>7,173,100</b>	<b>80,089</b>	<b>1,476,406</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,327,786</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY on June 30</b>	<b>3,424,525</b>	<b>56,630</b>	<b>231,299</b>	<b>10,701,625</b>	<b>-18,492</b>	<b>1,537,698</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,933,285</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Special Revenue Funds

### for the year ended June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/21	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/22
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>							
Federal Community Develop Block Grant	13,184.00	181,774.00	-138,328.00	43,446.00			56,630.00
Massachusetts Small Cities Program	-70,536.00	76,952.00	-253,719.00	-176,767.00			-247,303.00
Brownsfield Grant	-53,239.00	16,763.00	-12,367.00	4,396.00			-48,843.00
Federal Grant IV - Rail Trail	-193,780.00	234,078.00	-56,472.00	177,606.00			-16,174.00
FEMA - Covid-19	0.00	1,197,121.00	-653,502.00	543,619.00			543,619.00
ARPA							
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>-304,371.00</b>	<b>1,706,688.00</b>	<b>-1,114,388.00</b>	<b>592,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>287,929.00</b>
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>							
General Governments Grants							
Recycling Grant/Small Initiatives	7,399.00	4,900.00	-500.00	4,400.00			11,799.00
Community Compact / EEF & SR	12,304.00	100,000.00		100,000.00			112,304.00
Massachusetts Office of Disability	-80,000.00	80,000.00		80,000.00			0.00
Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	57.00			0.00			57.00
Mohawk Trail 20 Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	-434,398.00	461,098.00		461,098.00			26,700.00
Mohawk Trail 21 Municipal Vulnerability Partnership	-572,100.00	572,100.00		572,100.00			0.00
Municipal Mohawk Trail/Woodland Partnership	-21,766.00	15,000.00	-21,889.00	-6,889.00			-28,655.00
REDO 22 Grant	0.00	16,280.00		16,280.00			16,280.00
EEA STATE GRANT	0.00	0.00	-17,075.00	-17,075.00			-17,075.00
40R Smart Growth	-22,150.00	350,000.00	-127,241.00	222,759.00			200,609.00
Public Safety Grants							
Public Safety / VAWA / DPIR	38,109.00	22,976.00	-25,449.00	-2,473.00			35,636.00
Public Works Grants/Maple St / Solarize Mass	1,128.00			0.00			1,128.00
DEP WWTP AMP Grant / Capital Proj	0.00	-48,848.00	-48,848.00	-48,848.00			-48,848.00
Howland Ave	0.00	-16,087.00	-16,087.00	-16,087.00			-16,087.00
Mass Emergency Management Agency	-2,377.00	5,800.00	-2,906.00	2,894.00			517.00

# 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, 2022 (Unaudited - *continued*)

	Fund Balance 06/30/21	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/22
Culture & Recreation Grants							
Adams PARC Grant	-119,683.00	112,592.00	-85.00	112,507.00			-7,176.00
Visitor Center Grant	13,617.00		-5,742.00	-5,742.00			7,875.00
Cultural Council Grant	-1,130.00	2,625.00	-1,770.00	855.00			-275.00
Greylock Glen	6,501,797.00	2,843,032.00	-468,565.00	2,374,467.00			8,876,264.00
Council on Aging Grants							
Elder Formula Grant	30,882.00	26,160.00	-5,606.00	20,554.00			51,436.00
COA State Grant	5,956.00		-312.00	-312.00			5,644.00
Library State Aid Grant	65,755.00	20,333.00	-12,952.00	7,381.00			73,136.00
Other State Grants							
BOH Local Preparedness Grant	2,347.00			0.00			2,347.00
Events Planning	3,723.00	6,579.00	-4,134.00	2,445.00			6,168.00
Early Polling	1,843.00		-115.00	-115.00			1,728.00
Green Communities	-3,790.00	40,344.00		40,344.00			36,554.00
<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>5,427,523.00</b>	<b>4,679,819.00</b>	<b>-759,276.00</b>	<b>3,920,543.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,348,066.00</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>							
Economic Development Fund	150,771.00				79,862.00		133,119.00
Parking Meter	41,510.00	3,559.00	-97,514.00	-97,514.00		-10,000.00	35,069.00
Council on Aging	40,093.00	52,378.00		52,378.00		-23,000.00	69,471.00
Technology Fund	48,843.00	28,922.00		28,922.00		-28,000.00	49,765.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	139,561.00	12,588.00	0.00	12,588.00			152,149.00
September Storm Damage 2018	1,084,475.00		-365,540.00	-365,540.00			718,935.00
Other Special Revenue Revolving & Gifts & Donations	240,325.00	210,188.00	-255,461.00	-45,273.00			195,052.00
<b>Total Other Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>1,745,578.00</b>	<b>307,635.00</b>	<b>-718,515.00</b>	<b>-410,880.00</b>	<b>79,862.00</b>	<b>-61,000.00</b>	<b>1,353,560.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>6,868,730.00</b>	<b>6,694,142.00</b>	<b>-2,592,179.00</b>	<b>4,101,963.00</b>	<b>79,862.00</b>	<b>-61,000.00</b>	<b>10,989,555.00</b>

# 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, 2022 (Unaudited)

	Fund Balance 06/30/21	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/22
<b>RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Only	436,246	5,200		5,200			441,446
OPEB Trust	52,106	-8,262		-8,262			43,844
Library - Plunkett Fund	23,482	142		142			23,624
Library - Saunders Fund	5,075	30		30			5,105
East Road Solar Bond	30,000			0			30,000
Grove Street Solar Bond	30,120	181		181			30,301
<b>Total Restricted Trust</b>	<b>577,029</b>	<b>-2,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>574,320</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Stabilization	757,538	4,549		4,549	62,000		824,087
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest Only	30,654	2,801		2,801			33,455
Cemetery Maintenance	14,328	415		415			14,743
Cemetery Endowed Lots - Harrington / Hall / Plunkett	28,031	168	-4,952	-4,784			23,247
Scholarship - Hall / Low	23,352	140		140			23,492
Scholarship - Kruszyna	21,083	-1,164		-1,164			19,919
Scholarship - Town	13,727	1,995	-2,136	-141			13,586
Conservation Trust	108	123		123			231
Historical Preservation - Quaker Meeting House	10,556	63		63			10,619
<b>Total Unrestricted Trust</b>	<b>899,376</b>	<b>9,090</b>	<b>-7,088</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>963,378</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>1,476,405</b>	<b>6,381</b>	<b>-7,088</b>	<b>-707</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,537,698</b>



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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

# Report of the Superintendent

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The mission of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District, in partnership with families and community members, is to promote meaningful learning in a safe environment that prepares our youth to be creative thinkers, motivated learners, and positive, productive members of society. As such, there has been intentional work to develop our use of High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM), further develop our teaching practices, and look for ways to engage our students and the greater community in more meaningful ways.

The Hoosac Valley Regional School District has made the commitment to ensuring that there are high quality instructional materials in every classroom. We have engaged in a 5-year cycle of curriculum updates that began with the purchase of an updated ELA curriculum for grades Pre-K to 12 in 2021. The elementary levels now utilize a combination of *Foundations*, *Heggerty*, and *Wit & Wisdom* for core programming and the secondary levels (6-12) utilize *Into Literature*. The last two school years have included training and coaching on the implementation of these programs.

In the 2022-2023 school year our focus has been on maximizing our Math curriculum and updating intervention materials and strategies. Middle school and intervention Math staff have been engaged with AVMR (Add Vantage Math Recovery) training, been retrained in the use of Eureka, and have received coaching on implementation of the programming. Grades 4-8 have received targeted coaching driven by TNTP (The New Teacher Project) as part of our work with the state which is focused on improving Math pedagogy.

This school year, we have also begun the examination of Science programming. In the 2023-2024 school year, staff will begin piloting curriculums that place student-centered, collaborative problem solving and discourse at the center of the science classroom. We will receive implementation support from DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) as well as grant funding to support professional learning. In addition to this work, we have begun examining upcoming work in the areas of Social Studies and other subject areas with the goal of having completed updates in ALL subjects by the 2025-2026 school year.

In addition to our curriculum work, we have provided staff with professional development on standards unpacking and high leverage teaching practices. Administrators have all been trained in the area of Analyzing Teaching for Student Results (ATSR) through Research for Better Teaching (RBT) and have begun the application of skills learned during collaborative time with staff. Furthermore, we have developed a staff induction program that includes Studying Skillful Teacher workshops to support them and to help them develop their instructional practices. Furthermore, we have created robust professional learning experiences in the summer to avail staff of opportunities to develop skills in Curriculum Implementation, Classroom Management, Analyzing Student Data, and many other targeted areas.

While our MCAS scores have not shown the desired growth to this point, benchmark data at the elementary level in particular has shown positive signs regarding student acquisition of early reading skills. In addition, we anticipate with additional professional development, to see a trend in a positive direction with student acquisition of Math skills. We continue to develop staff skill sets in effectively collecting data through the use of Formative Assessments and further addressing student needs through taking FIRME action (Feedback, Investigation, Reteaching, Re-engaging, or Regrouping, Moving on, and Extension).

Lastly, in order to address our diverse interests at the secondary level, we have worked to develop options for those entering the workforce as well as those looking to further their education in college. A great deal of effort has been put into deepening engagement with the community as Hoosac Valley works to find its niche. The state has formally recognized our Biomedical & Healthcare and Environmental Science Pathways as Innovation Pathways, which will provide us with further resources to make these programs even more robust. Moreover, our *Portrait of a Graduate* and *Workforce Development* teams have partnered with stakeholders from the school and greater community to work on development of other pathways that will provide students with both early college experiences and robust internships. We are excited by the potential of the transformative work across the district and look forward to celebrating the student successes as result of this work!

## **Hoosac Valley Regional School Committee:**

The School Committee is an elected body that oversees the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. Members work with the Superintendent to set broad policies, develop a recommended budget for submission to the Towns and monitor the overall operation of the School Department. The Committee is composed of seven elected members for a three-year term. Three School committee members live in Cheshire and four members live in Adams.

## **Hoosac Valley Regional School Committee Members:**

Michael Mucci, Chairman, Adams  
Adam Emerson, Vice Chairman, Cheshire  
Regina Hill, Adams  
Bethany DeMarco, Cheshire  
Erin Milne, Adams  
Michael Henault, Cheshire  
John F. Duval, Adams

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron M. Dean  
Superintendent  
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

# Hoosac Valley High School

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#hvhsfamily!

At Hoosac Valley High School 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 out the year mask-optional and have worked hard to incorporate social-emotional learning strategies to navigate our way around natural feelings of anxiety and even waves of uncertainty. This year we scheduled a daily SEL/WIN block for ALL students. The Social-Emotional/What I Need block focuses on Hoosac PRIDE, while incorporating lessons on perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity, and empathy. So far this year we’ve celebrated Black History month, and we’ve focused on conversations that will inspire and ignite ideas from our students to help them and us understand how we can work together to create a better HVHS.

We welcomed new faces at the high school and familiar faces changing positions; Regina Diesz has taken on the role of assistant principal of teaching and learning; Mrs. Nancy Pedercini-Acquista is our full-time instructional coach; Ms. Jennifer Austin laced up her sneakers with the physical education department and has been working with middle school and high-school students in health & wellness and physical education. Ms. Cori Scaduto joined the 8th grade team as our science teacher, while Mr. Sean Keogh added his own expertise to the 8th team teaching English. Mr. Thorstein Murray has been helping us out all year as a long-term sub in both history AND English, while Ms. Karylee Doubiago is our long-term substitute for computers/technology. Our athletic department joined forces with North Adams Public Schools and welcomed Jeffery Puleri as our athletic director. Ms. Abi Ruble joined our school counseling department, and we CELEBRATED Ursula Nowak in her retirement this year and welcomed Eli Phillips as he transitioned into that role. Gary Duranko has been hired as our newest math teacher; he is a veteran teacher coming to us from Maryland. And last but not least, Ms. Amanda Watroba is our NEW music teacher/band director!

Our days start at 7:30 a.m. with our *What I Need* block as a way to promote and grow meaningful relationships between staff and students, while providing social-emotional and academic support to students. In addition to the focus on engaging educational activities and an increase in academic rigor - we have invited guest speakers in as part of our “Speaker Series” during our scheduled half days – AND we’ve built in some team-building activities for students opposite the speaker series.

We continue 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:

[www.hoosacvalley.org](http://www.hoosacvalley.org).

**Meet Hoosac Valley High School** was held in September. Student Picture Day went off without a hitch that same month, and our **GRADE 8** students were engaged in an orientation with the Hoosac P.R.I.D.E. mentors as an introduction to the school year.

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 interventions for students via our Student Support Center and our *What I Need* blocks, strengthening our inclusive practices and support services by offering faculty meeting time with the Director of Special Services, and becoming more inclusive with our professional development. Our full-time instructional coach continues 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. Our focus – with the help of the district Curriculum Coordinator – 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.

## WHAT WE ARE OFFERING AND MAINTAINING AT HVHS:

### HVHS PATHWAYS:

**NEW this year** is the recognition from the state for an Innovation Pathway! Our high-school 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. We are seeking designation for Biomedical and Environmental Innovations to more intentionally provide access to opportunities for our students. Currently 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 (in lieu of study hall)
  - Leave school early, schedule permitting (in lieu of study hall)
- Off-Campus Lunch
- Senior lounge, schedule permitting (during study hall)
- 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:**

### **Sign Language Club:**

This NEW club was born from a student's 8th grade Civics Project. It is led by a student who is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). The club meets once a week on Tuesdays and our student teaches her classmates different signs and discusses deaf culture and important figures. The teacher advising that group is only a facilitator and is an ASL student herself.

### **P.R.I.D.E. Mentors:**

Hoosac Valley initiated the MENTOR 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, P.R.I.D.E. MENTORS 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 MENTORS organized and held activities involving Grade 8 students, including SEL team-building days with guest speakers!

### **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 went to New York City for training.

### **HVHS Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band:**

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching Band are now being led by Amanda Watroba! Ms. Watroba has years of experience in all of the above; she is dazzling us with some of our "oldies" (playing at home games, marching in the Fall Foliage parade, and playing in the halls before our winter break) but she's also incorporating NEW and exciting opportunities for our students – bringing back Chorus, offering a preview of the spring musical to our entire student body, and more! They will be playing LIVE again 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:

- Bi-Weekly meetings
  - Discuss school policies and procedures
- Organize and run school election of class officers
- Elect and organize class elections
- Provide student-body representation at School Committee meetings
- 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.

#### **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 pm to 3 pm

There are many exciting things happening at Hoosac Valley High School, and we are proud to include you in our #hvhs-family! WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Byrd  
Principal  
Hoosac Valley High School

# Hoosac Valley Middle School

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## 2022-2023 Town Report

### Engaging Everyone Every Day

The 2022 - 2023 School Year saw some fantastic new additions to the school and the return of a signature moment.

We continue our relentless efforts in improving the educational experience for students. Through coursework in Analyzing Teaching for Student Results (ATSR) Building Leadership has been engaged in increasing their skills to support instructional delivery directly affecting student learning. Ms. Bridget O'Neil-Hopkins, Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Arrin Barnes, Instructional Coach, are integral parts of helping teachers adjust their instruction to meet student needs. Jennifer "JJ" Choquette joined the HVMS family as the new Dean of Students.

Teachers continue to develop their proficiency with the curricula that were adopted and have seen an increase in student engagement.

Perseverance Respect Integrity Diversity Equity (PRIDE) Rallies continue to see high levels of student participation. In fact, some 7th-grade students remarked that the most recent rally was the best ever!

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. Students need only try their best on these assessments in order to move our scores up!

This year also marks the much anticipated return of Nature's Classroom. Sixth-grade students will be able to participate in a hallmark educational experience that has been part of our district's history for over 25 years.

Over 100 Students have been able to participate in various after-school activities including Drumming, Pokemon, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Drama, Tutoring, Yoga and Cooking.

Our partnership with Optimal Healing has been able to provide services to over 25 students.

Our indefatigable School Adjustment Counselor, Scott Balawender, serves nearly every student in the middle school. He has met with over 240 of the nearly 300 students at least once and most of them on multiple occasions.

Our students continue to rate their supportive relationships in and out of school in the highest category on the Panorama Survey!

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 Elementary School

*Kind. Connected. Visible.*

Hoosac Valley Elementary School serves around 400 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. Our staff continues 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	2022-2023
PK			56	70	68	34	58	66
K	68	65	83	75	90	75	87	75
1	78	68	80	77	85	86	67	100
2	80	81	78	76	77	73	87	66
3	84	80	104	77	80	71	64	91
4	71	80						
5	72	68						
Total	453	442	401	375	400	339	363	398

## HVES Curricula:

At the elementary school, we are in our second year of implementing three English Language Arts' programs: 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, technology, science 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 and school community. 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 further develop a relationship with each family. We 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

# Department of Student Services

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## Annual Report 2022-2023

Teaching and learning during the past three years has been increasingly difficult due to COVID-19 restrictions, staffing shortages, enacted safety protocols, and evolving Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) guidance. The impact of the pandemic continues to present unprecedented challenges for our students, families, and entire school community. Hoosac Valley Regional School District's (HVRSD) faculty, staff and administration have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of all of our learners, utilizing many avenues of assessment to identify specific student focus areas and leveraging high quality evidence-based curriculum to provide targeted instruction in our schools. The District believes that our commitment to these practices, both within academic and social emotional learning, will increase student achievement and break barriers that have been exacerbated throughout the pandemic. The Student Services Department has identified areas of academic regression over the past three years and has put that at the forefront of our planning for the 2022-2023 school year.

Despite the increased challenges in education, the Student Services Department 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 throughout the year. We provided support to approximately 271 students with Individual Education Programs, both in district schools, as well as in out-of-district school placements, 12 EL students, 23 of McKinney-Vento, and 18 in foster care placement. Support provided through our 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 2022-2023 school year, our student population has received a wide range of special education services, depending on student needs from the ages of three to twenty-two (or graduation in some cases). Services provided include direct instruction and support in academic areas such as reading, writing, and mathematics, as well 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, assistive technology training, and behavioral interventions. Increasing numbers of students requiring mental health and social emotional support have resulted in us seeking outside partnerships with agencies such as Optimal Healing and Berkshire Applied Behavior Analysis to ensure we are approaching student needs through multiple lenses.

Our District recognizes the positive opportunities that result when students with disabilities participate in general education classrooms and when the curriculum has a universal design of learning for equitable access. In order to accomplish our goal of educating all students in the least restrictive environment (LRE), our special education services exist along a continuum

that is individualized for each student to provide access to the curriculum brought forth by the schools. In the 2022-2023 school year, 63% of our students with disabilities had IEPs that called for services in a Full Inclusion environment, 24% in a Partial Inclusion environment, and 13% in a Substantially Separate environment. All of our schools strive to establish inclusionary opportunities for students, and enriched educational experiences for all students are a priority.

As has been the trend over the last several years, we continue to see rising numbers of students with high needs academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally and as a district we continue to recognize that our programming and instructional practices need to shift and adapt based on the changing needs of our students. We have seen a pattern in the number of students being referred for evaluation for special education. Last year we saw three times the number of referrals as we have in past years. To address this underlying problem, we have implemented a Building Based Team (BBT) process to provide a systematic approach to responding to the ever changing needs of our students. The BBT process helps HVRSD educators utilize district resources and supports available so that teachers increase their instructional repertoire and build capacity to inform instruction by meeting diverse learning styles in the general education classroom. We have also used this team to help build content and systematic vetted program knowledge including data analysis and implementation of appropriate instructional strategies based on that analysis. More specifically in regard to programming, this year we have included Advanced Math Recovery (AVMR), Read 180 and System 44 training. Furthermore, Hoosac Valley Elementary School (HVES) has been participating in the DESE Early Literacy grant. The focus of this grant is to provide professional development in evidence-based practice within the science of reading. We also have continued in year two of (AVMR) expanding this to all teaching staff at HVES and HVMS.

The District continues to focus on the development of a district-wide tiered system of support to meet the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of all students. A tiered system of support is defined as a data-driven, prevention-based framework for improving learning outcomes for every student through a layered continuum of evidence-based practices and systems. HVRSD leaders, educators, support staff and specialists work together to examine data and identify areas of social, emotional, and behavioral needs impacting school safety or access to education. These systems of support are continuously being updated and adjusted. To aid in this process, we have introduced a District Curriculum Accommodation Plan and trained all teachers in writing these plans as they collaborate with other educators and investigate ways to meet student needs in a more non-traditional way. With rising student needs, regular education and special education have begun breaking barriers to work as one and address student learning by matching curriculum and instructional practice to specific learning styles in the general education setting, responding to intervention using a very individualized approach.

Our integrated preschool program continues to thrive at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. We currently offer half-day programming to approximately 60 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 composed of seven students with Individual Education Plans and 8 regular education peers. Our preschool curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, as well as Massachusetts Standards for Preschool Social Emotional Learning and Approaches to Play and Learning. Hoosac Valley Regional School District has been 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, including expanding to full day. This has begun a district-wide needs assessment and will conclude with a strategic plan. In addition, this year, we have applied for the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative Grant which was written to expand quality full day/year PreK options and improve meeting the needs of students with disabilities within the district, as well as working closely with EEC licensed community partners of the Youth Center in Cheshire and Magic Seasons in Adams. It was written to include transportation of all preschool children within the district to HVES programs, hire itinerant speech and language and occupational therapy services for students placed with community partners, open one additional classroom at HVES that would run a full day schedule, and fund Cheshire and Adams community full day-full year programs so that tuition for families would be free or reduced significantly.

We continue to refine our English Learner programming and look for additional ways to engage our EL families and students. Our EL teacher provides direct service and collaborates with our EL students' teachers, administration and families to ensure we are providing the most enriching experiences for our EL students. We offer Sheltered English Immersion courses over the summer to continue to build the capacity of our classroom teachers in instructing our ELs and to ensure cultural proficiency in communication to all families. Hoosac Valley Regional School District partners with Lexikeet Translation Services to

interpret correspondence and conversation. Our goal moving into the 2023-2024 school year is to create more meaningful relationships with our EL families and provide opportunities where our families can come together to discuss their experiences so that we as a district can learn and respond to better serve our EL population.

The Department of Student Services partners with families and the entire community to provide meaningful services that match our student needs to curriculum, instruction and social/emotional supports. This year we have worked to break barriers between regular and special education by introducing a new BBT process that focuses on a district-wide tiered system of support to meet the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of all students. Hoosac Valley Regional School District is working to partner with practitioners outside of our district to build our repertoire in meeting diverse learning needs. We have strengthened our Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) to include multiple venues and opportunities for families to provide input in decision making. We welcome all members of the school and greater community to our monthly meetings. We regularly seek out grants and community and state partnerships to strengthen our program and most effectively meet the needs of the students we serve. Looking into the 2023-2024 school year, our department is hoping to build educator capacity within the general education setting to meet the ever growing diverse needs of our students. We will also clearly define our criteria for diagnosis, provide professional development in the writing of the new IEP developed by DESE, and create more opportunities to provide social emotional support for our students and their families.

HVRSD SPECIAL EDUCATION 2022-2023 DATA:				
District	1020	total/271	Special Education	26.5%
HVES Prek-3	402	total/115	Special Education	28.6%
HVMS 4-7	288	total/ 69	Special Education	23.9%
HVHS 8-12	330	total/ 87	Special Education	26.3%

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zanin  
 Director of Student Services  
 Hoosac Valley Regional School District

# Hoosac Valley Athletics

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2022-23

## **Department Overview:**

During the summer of 2022, Hoosac Valley made a significant change in regards to their operational components as they collaborated with the North Adams school district to create a full time athletic director position. In August, the position was filled with the hiring of Jeff Puleri as their new athletics director. He began that position on August 1, 2022. The department will continue to seek ways to alleviate larger expense items and consolidate some resources to make the student athlete experience at Hoosac Valley a positive one.

## **Fall Programs:**

During the fall of 2022, Hoosac Valley offered the following programs: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Football, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Golf, and Cheer. All programs competed at the Varsity level but Girls Soccer also offered Junior Varsity competition.

There were roster challenges related to participation for many of the sports at Hoosac Valley, which is why there were not many JV programs in place. This appears to be an on-going issue with smaller enrollments, however numbers did “rise” in relation to previous seasons. Girls Soccer had enough numbers to support both Varsity and JV programs. Football saw their numbers however in the low to mid-20’s, while Boys Soccer was in the upper teens.

Cross Country programs along with Golf had enough to compete, but in some cases were individuals only. Golf did Co-Op with Drury High School in 2022.

Both Soccer programs qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament while the Boys program qualified for the MIAA Division 5 State Championships.

Cheer fielded a quality team as well with over 15 participants for the fall season. They were a welcome addition to football games this fall.

## **Winter Programs:**

In the winter months, we offered Boys and Girls Basketball, and Nordic Skiing for Hoosac Valley. In addition to those, we had cooperative agreements with Mount Greylock (wrestling) and McCann Tech (Hockey). We offered a co-op for Swimming with Wahconah, but didn’t have any students register.

Our winter programs had successful seasons. The Girls Basketball program captured the Western Massachusetts title and is poised for a deep run in the MIAA Division 5 State Championships. We hired a new staff in 2022-23 with the additions of Jon Frederick (Varsity) and Cheryl Green (Junior Varsity). Both were welcome additions to the staff.

On the boys side, they qualified for the Western Massachusetts tournament and also the MIAA Division 5 State Championships. Under coach Bill Robinson, they continued their impressive run as a program and are well respected amongst peers.

The Nordic Skiing program only had two students, one boy and one girl, this season. The decline in numbers over the last few years will initiate a full review of the program and its viability. There are potential co-op options available in the coming years.

We did have students compete and excel in both of the other cooperative programs. Hoosac sent 7 wrestlers to Mount Greylock, many of whom enjoyed their experiences. HV sent 4 hockey players to McCann Tech this past season as well.

## **Spring Programs:**

Our spring offerings are underway and once again Hoosac Valley is poised to offer the following programs:

**Girls Lacrosse** - HOST but will co-op with Drury

**Boys Lacrosse** - HOST but will co-op with Drury and Mt. Greylock

**Baseball** - Expect Varsity ONLY

**Softball** - Expect Varsity ONLY

**Track and Field** - HOST but will co-op with Drury and McCann in boys and girls

Participation continues to be a hot button topic this Spring. The lack of Junior Varsity programs is concerning, but none of the programs listed are in danger of not competing at the Varsity level. Encouraging more sign-ups and students to participate will continue to be a focus moving forward.

## Director of Food Services

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### 2022 - 2023

In 2022 - 2023, the HVRSD Food Service Program, continued to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, Summer Food Service Program, BIC (breakfast in the classroom) 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 5th 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 will be 1 retirement in June 2023 - Laurie Malloy, who is the kitchen manager for HVES. Laurie is retiring after many years of dedicated service!!

Participation in the reimbursable National School Lunch Program for SY 22-23 was 68%. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 22-23 was 56%. These totals reflect participation from August 31, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

For the 2022-2023 SY, the Food Service Department had a deficit of -\$5872.00 on Revenues of \$582,575.00. Government subsidies represented 94.7% of total Revenues. USDA Commodities valued at \$38,152.12 were received so far in 2023.

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of March 1, 2023 was 52%.

We are operating 2 kitchens in SY 22-23.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz  
Food Service Director

## Business Administrator

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### Overview of Fiscal Year 2022

The Hoosac Valley Regional School District's School Committee and Town members approved a budget of \$20,228,715. This represented an increase of \$128,604 or 0.6% over the previous fiscal year's budget. The use of COVID-19 related grants such as ESSER funding allowed the District's increase to remain minimal while also mitigating increases in the areas of fringe benefits, school choice and charter assessment increases and contractual increases.

The 2022 fiscal year began with a fund balance of \$992,230 as certified by the Department of Revenue and ended the year with a certified E&D of \$1,002,309 to start fiscal year 2023. 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 FY23 (\$275,000) 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 by the Berkshire Health Group. As mentioned above, the use of COVID related grants allowed the district to move forward, and provided funding for new positions which will aid the District in recovering from learning time lost during the pandemic. With these funds, the HVSRD was able to add a Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development and a Reading Interventionist, update ELA curriculum, strengthen math interventions and add a school Psychologist. These grant funds will help target needs created by the pandemic, update programming, and address building maintenance and technology needs.

In closing, the FY2022 budget had a focus on moving forward and addressing the impact the pandemic had and will continue to have on learning in years to come. Administration continues to be mindful of how grant funding is used as it will not be there to bridge any gaps in FY25 funding. In terms of funding sources, the current trends in population decline and minimal Chapter 70 funding are all challenges that present themselves each year. Stagnant Chapter 70 funding will continue to burden the towns of Adams and Cheshire to fill the gaps. We are hopeful that additional funding sources will be made available to Districts like ours in the future, but until then, the District's School Committee, Administration and Staff will continue to strive to make great gains in educating our children while facing the reality of the financial constraints around us, and for the foreseeable future, combating the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder  
Business Administrator  
February 10, 2023

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## Governmental Funds

### Balance Sheet

#### June 30, 2022

	General Fund	School Choice Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,930,693	\$ 560,378	\$ 1,194,682	\$ 4,685,753
Intergovernmental receivables	20,608	-	119,486	140,094
Inventory	-	-	30,663	30,663
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,951,301</b>	<b>560,378</b>	<b>1,344,831</b>	<b>4,856,510</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Warrants payable	145,366	-	69,467	214,833
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,176,033	-	64,888	1,240,921
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,321,399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,355</b>	<b>1,455,754</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted	-	560,378	1,210,476	1,770,854
Assigned	606,992	-	-	606,992
Unassigned	1,022,910	-	-	1,022,910
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,629,902</b>	<b>560,378</b>	<b>1,210,476</b>	<b>3,400,756</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,951,301</b>	<b>\$ 560,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,344,831</b>	<b>\$ 4,856,510</b>

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## Governmental Funds

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	School Choice Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,928,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,928,229
Charges for services	-	-	269,827	269,827
Intergovernmental	12,915,893	175,372	3,266,260	16,357,525
Investment income	19,113	-	-	19,113
Miscellaneous	40,977	-	-	40,977
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>21,904,212</b>	<b>175,372</b>	<b>3,536,087</b>	<b>25,615,671</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Administration	896,774	-	3,075	899,849
Instruction	6,829,823	-	1,647,934	8,477,757
Other school services	1,399,967	-	1,015,144	2,415,111
Operation and maintenance	1,273,667	-	-	1,273,667
Fixed charges	168,822	-	-	168,822
Special education	2,820,545	-	595,626	3,416,171
Employee benefits	5,566,249	-	-	5,566,249
Intergovernmental	2,090,853	-	-	2,090,853
Debt Service:				
Principal	640,000	-	-	640,000
Interest	289,000	-	-	289,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>21,975,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,261,779</b>	<b>25,237,479</b>
Change in Fund Balance	(71,488)	175,372	274,308	378,192
<b>FUND BALANCES, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RECLASSIFIED</b>	<b>1,701,390</b>	<b>385,006</b>	<b>936,168</b>	<b>3,022,564</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 1,629,902</b>	<b>\$ 560,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,476</b>	<b>\$ 3,400,756</b>

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## Assessments to Member Towns

### June 30, 2022

Member Town	Minimum Contribution	Contribution Outside Net School Spending	Transportation & Capital Assessments	Total Assessments
Adams	\$ 3,658,276	\$ 1,319,582	\$ 1,159,888	\$ 6,137,746
Cheshire	2,037,253	401,686	351,544	2,790,483
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,695,529</b>	<b>\$ 1,721,268</b>	<b>\$ 1,511,432</b>	<b>\$ 8,928,229</b>

# Hoosac Valley Regional School District

## June 30, 2022

### Future Debt Service

Year	Principal	Bonds - Direct Placements Interest	Total
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	700,000	186,050	886,050
2028 - 2032	3,895,000	554,900	4,449,900
2033	860,000	29,400	889,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,070,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,730,400</b>	<b>\$ 9,800,400</b>



# Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District



The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2022 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 2022 was the nineteenth 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 2022 was modified as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and certified through an attestation of a four-year course-completion requirement. 104 graduates of the class of 2022 saw 49% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 49% enter the workforce, and 2% proudly enter into military service. The graduation class was able to have an in-person commencement ceremony on its regularly scheduled day, June 1, 2022.

## GRADE 10 – ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2019	2021	2022
Exceeding Expectations	2%	9%	4%
Passing	96%	82%	94%
Not Meeting Expectations	2%	9%	2%

## GRADE 10 – MATHEMATICS

Performance Level	2019	2021	2022
Exceeding Expectations	0%	2%	0%
Passing	94%	83%	94%
Not Meeting Expectations	6%	15%	6%

## GRADE 10 – SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

Performance Level	2019	2021	2022
Advanced	16.0%	NA	14.0%
Proficient	56.0%	NA	49.0%
Needs Improvement	25.0%	NA	32.0%
Failing	3.0%	Na	5.0%

*There were no MCAS tests in 2020 and no Science and Tech/Eng MCAS in 2021.*

2021-2022 saw the full return to sports seasons throughout the year. COVID-pandemic measures were in place for indoor sports but students were fully engaged in a complete slate of athletic offerings. The values of teamwork, personal fitness, healthy competition, and school spirit were welcomed back by the school community and the student athletes represented the school well.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to remove asbestos pipe covering and replace our heating and air handling equipment in the gymnasium and locker rooms, upgrade bathroom exhaust fans and replace additional heating units in the building. We upgraded electrical systems in the gymnasium and the IT and CAD departments. We installed new security fencing on the athletic fields and installed new equipment in the culinary department.

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 installed replacement servers and new cabling throughout our network and expanded our Wi-Fi network to accommodate additional computers and Chromebooks. We received a Skills Capital Grant of \$96,403.00 enabling us to replace welders and add a robotic welding system for our metal fabrication program. We installed Smartboards in our CAD, AMT and IT programs.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 331,000 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 2022 SkillsUSA district competition was held virtually at McCann in accordance with the school's policies and the SkillsUSA guidance. McCann students earned thirteen gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Sheet Metal, Technical Drafting and Web Design. Fourteen silver medals were awarded in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Carpentry, CNC Milling, Commercial Baking, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Restaurant Service, Sheet Metal, Technical Drafting and Welding. Fourteen bronze medals were also earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Commercial Baking, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Customer Service, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Technical Drafting and Web Design. The 2022 SkillsUSA state competition was held in Marlborough, MA. McCann students earned five gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Sheet Metal, Cosmetology and Dental Assisting. Three silver medals were awarded in Restaurant Service, Sheet Metal and Cosmetology. The gold medal winners advanced to The National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA in June. 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 BPA State Leadership Conference (SLC), McCann BPA members earned one 1st place, two 2nd place, three 3rd place, two 4th place, and one 5th place award at the SLC in March. McCann students competed in Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design, and Management, Marketing and Communications. Four students traveled to Dallas, TX for the National Leadership Conference in May.

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.

Advanced Manufacturing Technology students continued to excel as evidenced by their performance on the MACWIC exams. MACWIC is an industry-recognized credential that provides students with certifications demonstrating their proficiency in the manufacturing industry. 12 of our underclassmen received level 1 certification and 16 of our upperclassmen received level 2 certification.

Fourteen of our information technology sophomores achieved certification in Cybersecurity Essentials, and nine received the TestOut Certified PC Pro certification while eighteen of our freshmen attained the Cybersecurity Essentials certification.

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 \$114,503.00 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 64 electricians completing modules in 2021-2022.

James J. Brosnan  
Superintendent

## Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District

FY22 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
<b>City &amp; Town Assessments</b>		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 3,268,863.00	\$ 3,268,863.00
Capital	21,670.00	21,670.00
Transportation	188,150.00	188,150.00
Municipal Assessment	507,037.00	507,037.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	261,000.00	375,503.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	5,316,141.00	5,316,141.00
Tuitions	737,642.00	737,642.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,386.00	8,386.00
<b>Total Revenue Received</b>	<b>10,308,889.00</b>	<b>10,495,011.00</b>
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(114,503.00)
	<b>\$ 10,308,889.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,308,889.00</b>

Source	Grant	Amount
<b>(Federal Entitlement)</b>		
Federal	Sped IDEA	\$ 136,877.00
Federal	Title I	140,524.30
Federal	Title II A	18,823.00
Federal	Title IV	10,000.00
Federal	Perkins	76,805.00
Federal	Postsecondary Perkins	3,979.00
Federal	ESSER II	318,281.10
Federal	ESSER III	67,466.96
Federal	MyCap	4,800.00
Federal	CVTE Admissions	30,000.00
Federal	ARP Sped	30,295.00
<b>(Federal Grants Other)</b>		
	REAP	33,549.35
<b>(State Grants)</b>		
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	96,403.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Connecting Activities	2,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Advanced Manufacturing	20,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Welding	20,000.00
	FY22 Foundation Reserve	2,300.00
<b>(Private)</b>		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	General Dynamics	2,000.00
Private	Gene Haas Foundation (AMT)	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>		<b>\$ 1,024,603.71</b>

# Adams Business Directory

Organization Name	Address	Organization Name	Address
413 Renovations LLC D/B/A		Bark N Groom	190 Howland Avenue
Savannah Dodge Interiors	3 Gavin Ave., Apt. D	Bark N Groom by Meghann	190 Howland Avenue
57 Park Street	57 Park Street	Barrett House	17 Pleasant Street
7-Eleven	223 Columbia Street	Bascom Lodge	30 Rockwell Road Lanesboro 01237
Adams Chiropractic PC	37 Park Street	B & B Micro Manufacturing	201 Howland Avenue
Adams Community Bank	PO Box 306	Belanger Photography of the Berkshires	20 Turners Avenue
Adams Hometown Market	11 Myrtle Street	Bellevue Memorials	146 B Bellevue Avenue
Adams Housing Authority	4 Columbia Street	Benchmark Behavioral Solutions	110 Columbia St., 1st Floor
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 Dance Theatre	46 Howland Avenue
Adams Plumbing & Heating	65 Printworks Drive	Berkshire Decorators	109 East Hoosac Street
Adams Redemption Center	56 Commercial Street	Berkshire Green Cleaning	4 East Walnut Street
Adams Specialty Printing Co.	14 Pine Street	Berkshire Hair Trendz	68 Park Street
Adams Stove Company	108.5 Columbia Street	Berkshire Hauler	9 Crotteau Street
Adams Street Fair Committee	62 Spring Street	Berkshire Outfitters	169 Grove Street
Adams Tavern & Inn	17 Commercial Street	Berkshire Production Resources	7 East Hoosac Street
Adams Turners, Inc.	6 Turners Avenue	Berkshire Wood Floors	1 Lehs Lane
AFFOUE Management	9 Pearl Street	Betsy Sage	90 Summer Street
AJ's Trailside Pub	12 Pleasant Street	Bezzle's BBQ	40 Burt Street
Alcombright Prof. Drywall	9 East Street	BG's Luxury Apparel	89 Friend Street, Apt. 201
All In One Landscaping	23 Spring Road	Bishop West Real Estate	39 Park Street
Al's Service Center	P O Box 574	Bounti-Fare Restaurant	200 Howland Avenue
Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc.	69 Columbia Street	Broadlawn Farm	46 Walling Road
Amelia's	64 Summer Street	Bruce D. Dumouchel, PHD	41 Park Street
Anahata Schoolhouse	201 North Summer Street	Burke Construction	6 Renfrew Street
Anderson and Son		Burnett Farm	312 East Road
Home Improvement	40 North Summer Street, Apt. B	C. Diesz Electric LLC	126 East Road
Angelina's Submarine Shop	34.5 Columbia Street	C Squared Home Improvement	42 Commercial Street
Apex Virtual Media	160 East Road	C. W. Construction Co.	46 Howland Avenue
Area Carpet Cleaning	130 Columbia Street	Calderara Construction	41 Melrose Street
ARh+ Lab Tattoo	100 Summer Street	Capital Speed Equipment	63 Alger Street
Arigoni Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	Carolyn's Tax Service	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 107
Ashford Heights Farm	1 Ashford Heights	Carpentry Plus Much More	3 Oak Lane
Atlantis Equipment Corp.	16 Print Works Drive	Cataract & Laser Center Assoc.	One Berkshire Square
Atwell Cattle Raising	312 East Road	Charles Phykitt Ins. Agency, Inc.	74 Park Street
Ayotte Construction	82 Commercial Street	Chee's Chinese Cuisine	13 Columbia Street
B.A.C.K.		Chop Shop	81 Summer Street
To The Basics Cleaning Service	82 Columbia 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
Cumberland Farms	46 Commercial Street
Custom City Cycle	2.5 Pleasant Street
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 Contractor	2 No. Hoosac Street
Dean's Auto Repair Shop	112 West Road
Decker Enterprises, Inc.	9 Grove Street
DJ BIZZ Entertainment	103 Commercial 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
Ebony H Nursing Consultant Firm	27 Jordan Street
Edward Jones	One Berkshire Square, Suite 114
Field Property Development	129 East Road
Fillion Inc.	101 Howland Avenue
Flower Gallery	249 North Summer Street
Forest Park Country Club	Forest Park Avenue
Frank Field General Contracting	129 East Road
Full Well Farm	312 East Road
FunAwesomeastic Ventures	69 Lime Street
Gabriel's Cleaning Service	46 East Jordan Street
Gary Lecuyer On Line Gallery	3 Country Club Avenue
Geary Builders	60 Printworks Drive
Gene's Sales & Service	108 Howland Avenue
George Apkins & Sons, Inc.	37 Pleasant Street
Goth CA Digital Ventures	69 Lime Street
Greylock Alliance	Bascom Lodge

Organization Name	Address
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
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
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
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 Terr.

Organization Name	Address
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
Lynda's Antique Clothing Loft	126 Columbia Street
Maple Grove Equipment	8 Leonard Street
Martin K. Bush, DDS	9 Park Street
McAndrews-King GMC	PO Box 450
McDonald's	2 Commercial Street
MCP OPS, LLC	71 Grove Street
MCR Roofing	84 Alger Street
Mendel's Stained Glass	1 East Hoosac Street
Meraki Salon	90 Summer Street
Miami 2 Mass Dispensary	20 North Summer Street
Michael Stubbs d/b/a Limited Editions Barber Shop	84 Summer Street
Midtown Tax & Bookkeeping 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
ML Contracting	12 Miller Street
Modena Painting	126 Howland Avenue
Monarch Realty	97 Summer Street
Moncecchi Plumbing	71 Summer Street
Mop Shoppe	24 Fisk Street
MOTAH 420, LLC	6 Renfrew Street
Mountain Club	6 Anthony Street
Mountain View Painters	64 East Street
Mr. Rooter of Berk. County	194 Howland Avenue
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
OKYEREBEA Home for the Needy	242 Columbia Street
Organized by FAR	71 Park Street

Organization Name	Address
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 d/b/a Boards, Bites & Brews	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
Pytko's Pigtales & Playgrounds	77 East Street
R. S. Lee Company	14 North Street
R.P.A. Home Repairs	20 Thompson Street
Rainbow Shack	85 Summer Street
Raybella's Gifts & More	37 Park Street
Real Eyes Gallery	71 Park Street
Rebecca Field	75 Commercial Street, B103
Revelation IT Services, LLC	70 Commercial Street
Rick's Lawn & Garden	26 Meadow Street
Robert Colvin Custom Builders LLC	184 East Road
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
Sarah Cohen LMT	122 Columbia Street
Saldo Electric	90 Howland Avenue
Salon D	24 Willow Street
Scarpmalli	69 Lime Street
Scotty's Trucking	41 Park Street, Suite 6
Seasonal Change Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration	49 North Summer Street, Apt. 3
Second Chance Composting	19 Leonard Street
Serrano Builders	42 Alger Street
Servistove Solutions	7 Lower Linden Street
Shannon Perin Photography	49 Glen Street

Organization Name	Address
Shine Wire	25 Printworks Drive
Shire Donuts, LLC	52 Summer Street
Silver Birch Jewelry & Gifts	90 Park Street
Simply Different Supplements	15 Fryc Lane
SL Photography	31 Park Street
Smith Bros. McAndrews Ins. Co.	45 Park Street
Sommer Electric	117 Grove Street
Sommer Hill Farm	1 Sommer Hill Road
Soulier & Zepka Construction	5 Spring Street
Sparkle Clean	28 Burt Street
St. John Law Offices	2 Center Street
Standard Furniture	66 Summer Street
Stanley's Lumber & Hardware	20 North Summer Street
Stash 'N Daz Boyz	9 Powers Street
Steepleview Realty	63 Park Street
Stephen Faucher Photography	8 Baskin Lane
Stitchaholique	7 Glendale Drive
Secret Sun Tanning Salon	96 Summer Street
Summit Home Improvement Handyman	17 Summit Avenue
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

Organization Name	Address
The Shire Cottage Bakery	1 Upper Linden Street
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