

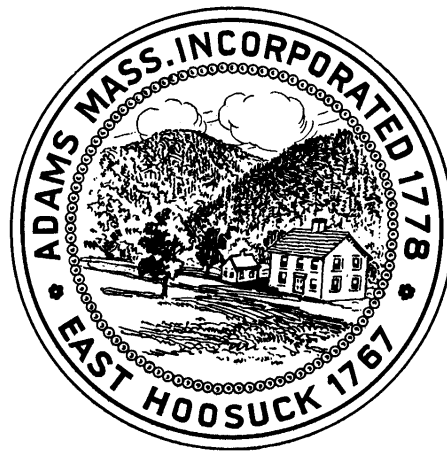




*Town of*  
**ADAMS**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**REPORT OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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**TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE**  
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# General Information

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

## Population:

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

**Registered Voters** as of May 2017      **6,000**

<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 FY16

Residential and Open Space	<b>\$ 21.39</b>
Commercial, Industrial & Personal	<b>\$ 26.00</b>
<b>Total Taxed Assessed</b>	<b>\$ 10,730,019.81</b>
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 482,882,333.00</b>

## Town Hall:

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

## Selectmen's Meeting:

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or 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

GAILANNE M. CARIDDI – North Adams  
JOHN BARRETT – 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 11.2 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.

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## Adams Industries

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**ADAMS PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.**

**ALADCO LINEN SERVICES**

**ATLANTIS EQUIPMENT CO.**

**BROWN PACKAGING**

**BURKE CONSTRUCTION CO.**

**CONSERVE THRU CONTROL, INC.**

**HOLLAND CO., INC.**

**MRA LABORATORIES, INC.**

**MULLEN MOVING AND STORAGE**

**PCA SYSTEMS CORP.**

**SHINE WIRE PRODUCTS, INC.**

**SOMMER ELECTRIC, INC.**

**SPECIALTY MINERALS, INC.**

**T&A TOOLS, INC.**



# In Memoriam



**MARK A. COVERT**  
Housing Authority Member

**FRANCES ORDYNA**  
Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**THEODORE CZUBRYT**  
Department of Public Works

**DOMINICK G. PAPAS, JR.**  
Finance Committee  
Personnel Board  
Town Meeting Member

**STANLEY J. KOPALA**  
Town Meeting Member

**JOHN G. SZYMANSKI**  
Police Officer

**ANTHONY P. MCBRIDE**  
Board of Selectmen  
Conservation Committee  
Town Moderator

**JUSTIN H. WARNER, JR.**  
Police Department

**LEON E. MEIER**  
Animal Inspector  
Sealer of Weights and Measures  
Town Meeting Member

**WANDA C. WOJTASZEK**  
Adams Cheshire Regional School District

**ROBERT R. ZIAJA**  
Wastewater Treatment Plant

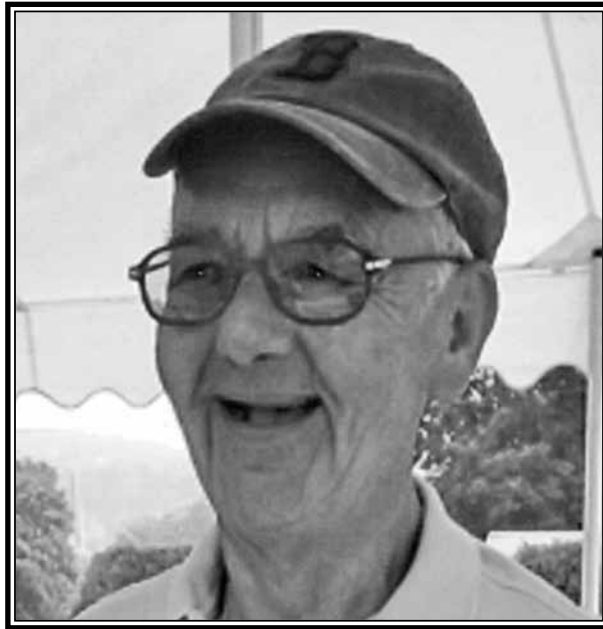


# DEDICATION

*The Annual Report is dedicated to*

**Francis J. “Tootsie” Wojtaszek, Jr.**

**1937 - 2012**



*This year's Town Report is dedicated to the memory  
of a devoted public servant, Francis J. “Tootsie” Wojtaszek, Jr.*

Tootsie loved his wife, his family and his town. He was born in Adams on May 13, 1937 and was a lifelong resident. He was the owner-operator of his family's business, the former Adams Sausage Company on Mill Street in Adams, which was founded by his grandfather until closing in 1972. He was first appointed to the Department of Public works in Adams in 1976 and stayed with the Department for 26 years until his retirement. During these 26 years he served as Highway Supervisor for 3 years and then as the Director of Public Works for nearly 11 years.

Over his lifetime he served the community of Adams in a number of capacities. He served with the Alert Hose Company as a firefighter for 16 years, with several terms as secretary, retiring as an Honorary Member on August

7, 1984. He was a Constable of the Town for 30 years from 1982 to his death in 2012. He served as a Special Police Officer 10 years from 1979 through 1989. Tootsie was a member of the Adams Retirement Board for 11 years, 2001 until his death, and a member of the Adams Finance Committee for 6 years, 2002 through 2008. He was a member of the Downtown Development Commission. Also a Town Meeting member, he was first elected on March 7, 1966 and served on and off for much of the next 42 years.

In addition to his steadfast contributions to help make his home town a better place to live he was a devoted family man. He married Judith Gross on September 4, 1961 and they raised their three children in Adams.

Tootsie always had a smile on his face and a baseball cap on his head.

# Adams Town Election Results

May 1, 2017

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>for a term of One Year</b>
MYRA L. WILK, Nine hundred seventy-eight	978*
Write In Votes, Three	3
Blanks, One hundred fifty-seven	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
ELIZABETH M. BUSHEY, Fifty	50
CHRISTINE D. HOYT, Nine hundred sixty-three	963*
CASSIE L. WITEK, One hundred fifteen	115
Blanks, Ten	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>ASSESSORS</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
GEORGE J. HADDAD, Nine hundred seventy-four	974*
Blanks, One hundred sixty-four	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
Write In Votes, DAVID BRIAN RHOADS, Three hundred five	305*
Write In Votes, Thirty	30
Blanks, Eight hundred three	803
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
ANITA L. JAMROS, Eight hundred sixty-two	862*
BRIAN R. BISHOP, Seven hundred ninety-five	795*
Write In Votes, Two	2
Blanks, Six hundred seventeen	617
<b>Total</b>	<b>2276</b>

<b>PARK COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
SCOTT E. CERNIK, Six hundred	600*
JACOB N. SCHUTZ, Seven hundred nine	709*
CYNTHIA H. BIRD, Five hundred eighty-seven	587
Write In Vote, One	1
Blanks, Three hundred seventy-nine	379
<b>Total</b>	<b>2276</b>

<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
SANDRA H. MODERSKI, Nine hundred forty-two	942*
Blanks, One hundred ninety-six	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
FREDERICK S. HOBERT, Nine hundred twenty-three	923*
Blanks, Two hundred fifteen	215
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Five Years</b>
Write In Votes, JOSEPH ALLARD, Two	2*
Write In Votes, Six	6
Blanks, One thousand one hundred thirty	1130
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
Write In Votes, Four	4
Blanks, One thousand one hundred thirty-four	1134
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>
<i>Failure to Elect</i>	

<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Two Years</b>
Write In Votes, Seven	7
Blanks, One thousand one hundred thirty-one	1131
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>
<i>Failure to Elect</i>	

<b>NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	<b>for a term of Three Years</b>
DANIEL J. MALONEY, JR., Nine hundred sixty-seven	967*
Blanks, One hundred seventy-one	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

*\*Elected Official*



## Election Results *(continued)*

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

REGINA A. HILL, Six hundred fourteen	614*
MICHAEL C. MUCCI, JR., Four hundred forty-one	441
Blanks, Eighty-three	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

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

ADAM B. EMERSON, Eight hundred fifty-two	852
Write In Votes, Three	3
Blanks, Two hundred eighty-three	283
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>

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

#### ADAMS

Adams Representative – Three Year Term		
	Adams	Cheshire
REGINA A. HILL	614	149
MICHAEL C. MUCCI, JR	441	261
Blanks	83	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>487</b>

#### CHESHIRE

Cheshire Representative – Three Year Term		
	Adams	Cheshire
ADAM B. EMERSON	852	436
Write In Votes	3	0
Blanks	283	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>487</b>

## Elected Town Officers

### Term Expires

<b>Moderator</b>	
Myra L. Wilk	2018
<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Haley A. Meczywor	2018
<b>Selectmen</b>	
John E. Duval	2018
Arthur W. Harrington ( <i>Resigned 3/2/17</i> )	2018
Richard Blanchard	2019
Joseph J. Nowak	2019
Christine D. Hoyt	2020
<b>Treasurer-Collector</b>	
Kelly F. Rice	2019
<b>Assessors</b>	
Donna Aitken MacDonald	2018
Lorraine M. Kalisz	2019
George J. Haddad	2020
<b>Board of Health</b>	
Bruce Dale Shepley	2018
Peter L. Hoyt	2019
David Brian Rhoads	2020
<b>Library Trustees</b>	
James R. Loughman	2018
Eugene F. Michalenko	2018
Virginia Phelps Duval	2019
Karen L. Kettles	2019
Brian R. Bishop	2020
Anita L. Jamros	2020
<b>Park Commission</b>	
James J. Fassell	2018
Todd Edward Shafer	2018
Jason Snizek	2018
Scott E. Cernik	2020
Jacob N. Schutz	2020
<b>Planning Board</b>	
Martha J. Stohlmann	2018
Barbara Ziemba	2019
David C. Krzeminski	2020
David B. Rhinemiller	2021
Sandra H. Moderski	2022
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
Bruce Dale Shepley	2018
James M. Taylor	2019
Frederick S. Hobart	2020

*\*Elected Official*

## Elected Town Officers *(continued)*

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	
Linda Cernik (State Appointee)	2016
Stephanie L. Melito	2018
Mark A. Covert ( <i>Deceased 10/20/17</i> )	2019
James M. DiCicco	2020
Carol A. Roberts	2021
<b>Redevelopment Authority</b>	
Vacant (State Appointee)	
Elizabeth M. Bushey	2018
Vacant	2019
Vacant	2020
Joseph W. Allard	2021
<b>Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee</b>	
Aaron M. Dean	2018
Joseph W. Allard	2019
Daniel J. Maloney Jr.	2020
<b>Adams-Cheshire Regional School District Committee</b>	
<b>Elected At-Large</b>	
<b>(Adams)</b>	
Stephen J. Vigna	2018
Paul K. Butler	2019
Jennifer J. Gageant	2019
Regina A. Hill	2020
<b>Adams-Cheshire Regional School District Committee</b>	
<b>Elected At-Large</b>	
<b>(Cheshire)</b>	
Darlene Rodowicz	2018
Peter J. Tatro	2019
Adam B. Emerson	2020

## Appointed By Moderator

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Mark J. Chittenden	2017
Sandra D. Kleiner	2017
Leon S. Parrott	2017
Joan Smigel	2017
Rachel H. Tomkowicz	2017
Timothy R. Burdick	2018
Craig R. Corrigan	2018
John R. Cowie, Jr	2018
Paul S. Demastrie	2018
Jeffrey M. Lefebvre	2018
Vacant	2019
Charles H. Foster	2019
Amy A. Giroux	2019
Brian R. Johnson	2019
Matthew Pitoniak ( <i>Resigned 7/6/17</i> )	2019
<b>Town Report Committee</b>	
Donna E. Cesan	
Mary Beverly	
Haley Meczywor	
Deborah J. Dunlap	
<b>Adams Memorial Day Committee</b>	
John F. Bordeau	
John A. Bordeau	
Anthony Donovan	
Joseph Kus	
David Smachetti	
Barbara Donovan	
Thomas Zepka	

## Appointed at Annual Town Meeting

<b>Fence Viewers</b>	
Victor Ziemba	2017
<b>Measurer of Wood and Bark</b>	
Donald Delmolino	2017
Walter Slosek	2017

# Appointed Town Officials – July 2017

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## **Right to Know Coordinator**

Tony Mazzucco

## **AdHoc Committee on Solid Waste**

Gregory DeBlois  
Edward Driscoll  
Bruce D. Shepley  
David Rhoads  
Linda Cernik

## **Agricultural Commission**

Wayne Piaggi  
Kelly Field  
Glenn Field  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)

## **American with Disabilities Coordinator**

Tony Mazzucco

## **Animal Control Officer**

Kim Witek

## **Animal Control Officer (Weekend)**

Daniel Lefebvre

## **Berkshire Regional Planning Commission**

Sandy Moderski  
John Duval (Alternate)

## **Berkshire County Regional Transit Authority**

Erica Girgenti

## **Chief Procurement Officer**

Tony Mazzucco

## **Code Enforcement Officer**

Thomas Romaniak

## **Community Development Director**

Donna Cesan

## **Conservation Commission**

James Fassell  
Tom Robinson  
Corey Bishop  
David Lipinski  
Tammie Shafer  
Zachary Bantle  
Brian Bishop

## **Constables**

Thomas Satko  
Herman Bishop

## **Council on Aging Director**

Erica Girgenti

## **Council on Aging Board of Directors**

Robert Joppich  
Deb Weinberg  
Aleta Moncecchi  
Melissa Schaffrick  
Pam St. John  
Mary Jane O'Brien  
Esther Turner  
Bruce Shepley  
Gregory Onorato

## **Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire**

### **Adams Representatives:**

Linda Rhoads  
Vacant

## **Department of Public Works Interim Director**

David Nuvalle

## **Emergency Management Director**

Richard Kleiner

## **Employee Insurance Advisory Group**

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

## **Fair Housing Officer**

Donna E. Cesan

## **Forest Warden**

Richard Kleiner

## **Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Tony Mazzucco

## **Historical Commission**

Eugene Michalenko  
Ryan Biros  
Jody Fijal  
Bruce D. Dumochel  
Anthony Archambault



# Appointed Town Officials – July 2017 *(continued)*

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**Housing & Building Inspector**

Don Torrico

**Information Technology Consultant**

Rob Wnuk

**Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances**

Norman Rolnick

**Inspector of Plumbing**

Norman Rolnick

**Mt. Greylock Advisory Board**

Timothy Herrmann

**No. Berkshire Solid Waste Management District**

Edward Driscoll

**Parks, Grounds and Recreation Superintendent**

David Nuvalle

**Preservation Officer**

Eugene Michalenko

**Registrar of Voters**

John J. Tarsa  
Timothy Rowley  
Casimir R. Kuza

**Retirement Board**

Patricia Wol

**Safety Committee**

Robert Rumbolt  
David Nuvalle  
Richard Tarsa  
Tony Mazzucco  
Erica Girgenti  
Holli Jayko

**Special Police Officers**

Allen Mendel

**Superintendent of Insect Control**

David Nuvalle

**Town Accountant**

Mary Beverly

**Town Counsel**

Edmund St. John, III

**Town Scholarship Committee**

Kelly Rice  
Ashley Satko  
Haley Meczywor  
George Haddad  
Vacant

**Traffic Commission**

Richard Tarsa  
Tom Satko (Citizen)  
David Nuvalle  
Gregory Onorato  
Vacant (Planning Board)

**Tree Board**

David Nuvalle  
Tree Warden  
David Nuvalle

**Trench Board**

Don Torrico  
Tom Romaniak  
David Nuvalle

**Veterans Agent**

Stephen R. Roy

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent**

Robert Rumbolt

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

Francis Waterman

**Mullen Movers**

Martin Mullen, Jr.  
William Donovan

**Specialty Minerals, Inc.**

Alan Giroux  
James Alibozek  
Alicia Williams  
Tim Sutliff  
Patricia Markland  
Derek Masse  
Kevin Hubbard

**Wire Inspector**

David Rhinemiller

**Assistant Wire Inspector**

Les Rhinemiller

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Peter West  
Brian Tenczar  
Michael Mach  
Anthony Donovan  
Peter Gutmann  
Robert Krzanik (Alternate)  
Francie Riley (Alternate)  
Vacant (Alternate)

# Town Meeting Members – Annual Town Meeting - 2017

Precinct 1	June 19	Precinct 2	June 19	Precinct 3	June 19
Baker, Patricia A.	X	Biros, Ryan		Allard, Joseph	
Baker, Starr D.	X	Cardin, Bruce E.		Blanchard, Richard	X
Bush, James	X	Cernik, Linda A.	X	Conroy-Shepley, Patricia	X
Butler, Michele	X	Cernik, Scott E.	X	Corrigan, Craig R.	X
Charron, Melissa M.	X	Chittenden, Mark J.	X	Cowie, John R. Jr.	X
Clerc, Bruce P.	X	DeBlois, Gregory A.	X	Dumouchel, Bruce D.	X
Cunningham, Travis		Delmolino, Donald L.	X	Frost, Richard E.	E
Fijal, Jody A.	X	Driscoll, Edward J.	X	Frost, Susan K.	E
Hoyt, Christine D.	X	Duval, John E.	X	Kolis, Marilyn Phelps	
Jette, Richard A.	E	Filkins, Andrea M.		Kopala, Stanley J.	
Kline, Sarah JP	X	Janik, Edward S.	X	(Deceased 6/27/2017)	
Kolis, David		Kolis, Dolores J.	X	Lawson, John L.	
Kolis, Patricia M.	X	Kozik, Michael A.		Mach, Michael J.	X
Kupiec, Anne E.	X	Lefebvre, Jeffrey M.	X	Norcross, Robert	X
Kupiec, Neil	X	Lentine, Joseph A.	X	Parrott, Leon S. Jr.	X
Moran, Terence E.		Meczywor, Michael V.	X	Parrott, Nancy A.	X
Morin, Norma P.		Meczywor, Paula	X	Powers, Michael J.	X
Moyer, Christine A.	X	Merlini, Donald J.	X	Satko, Ashley Ruth	E
Moyer, John D.	X	Michalenko, Eugene F.	X	Schaffrick, Melissa L.	
Mucci, Erin	X	Moderski, Sandra	E	Schutz, Jacob N.	X
Neep, Kristin Lynn		Odvar, Lisa A.		Shepley, Bruce Dale	X
Nimmons, Jacqueline F.	X	Richardson, Kevin M.	X	Silvia, Veronica A.	X
Poirot, Dayne P.		Schutz, Norman K.	X	Tinney, Thomas N.	
Robinson, Brenda	X	Sutliff, Mary Ellen	X	Trzcinski, Bianca F.	X
Robinson, Thomas	X	Sutliff, Shaun W.	X	Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J.	X
Taylor, Judith L.	X	Tomkowicz, Rachel H.	X	Ziamba, Barbara	X
Taylor, Marshall	X	Turoczy, Lawrence	X		
Wheeler, Paula	X	Wilk, Matthew J. Jr.	E		

Precinct 4	June 19	Precinct 4 (continued)	June 19	Precinct 5 (continued)	June 19
Blanchard, Scott M.		Sommer, Donald R. Jr.	X	Kleiner, Richard G.	E
Blanchard, Steven M.		Taylor, James M.	X	Kleiner, Sandra D.	X
Blanchard, William T.	X	Taylor, Patricia F.	X	Kondel, Geoffrey A.	X
Bourassa, Jessica L.	X	Wilk, Myra L.	X	Koperniak, Christopher T.	X
Bourdon, Beth L.	X	Ziaja, Mark D.	X	LaPlante, Daniel P.	X
Bourdon, Wilfred R. III	X			Lennon, David J. Jr.	X
Clough, Marnie Ann	X			Levesque, John Joseph	X
Deeley, Susan	X			Levesque, Lauryn B.	X
Dellagheffa, Jessica Ann	X			Meczywor, Donna	
Demastrie, Jacqueline M.	X			Melito, Stephanie L.	
Demastrie, Paul S.	X			Melito, Stephen V.	
Dimitropolis, George H.	X			Moran, Frederick D.	
Hayer, Joseph P.	X			Moran, Marilyn A.	
Koscinski, Joseph P.	X			Noyes, Nicholas G.	
Lillie, Dolores				Satko, Thomas A.	X
Meczywor, Leona	X			Schrade, Paula G.	
Mendel, Bruce W.				Tarsa, Richard W. Jr.	X
Pansecchi, John M.				West, Peter	X
Smachetti, David L.	X			Whitman, Mary E.	E
Sommer, Donald R.					

# Town Administrator / Board of Selectmen

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The Town Administrator's Office and the Board of Selectmen started 2017 with a strong momentum toward creating a more efficient, effective, and financially responsible Town during the leaner times that continue to be faced. The year proved to show both great fortune and unexpected moments that required a solidified team with unified vision and efforts. Extensive foresight for the future of the Town's budget, economic development, and providing the best quality services to citizens were the focus of the year.

Leadership transitions were a mix of unexpected and anticipated change during 2017. The sudden resignation of the Board's Vice Chairman, Arthur "Skip" Harrington in March left the Board to operate with four members throughout the duration of the year. His years of experience and service to the Town were appreciated and his absence felt. The Board also said a fond farewell to outgoing Chairman Jeffrey Snoonian, whose three-year term expired. The hours, effort and service he provided to the Board were valuable to the Town's leadership and momentum forward. Another significant loss to the Town of Adams and the entire region was the sudden and unexpected passing of State Representative Gailanne M. Cariddi, on June 17, 2017. The Town and its citizens mourned her loss and acknowledged her many efforts that positively impacted the entire region. She will be remembered fondly and her loss will be felt for years to come. The Town recognized the many years that Fire Chief Paul Goyette served the community, and he was wished a happy and healthy retirement. John Pansecchi took the helm as the Fire Chief of the Adams Alert Hose Company No. 1 in the summer. Finally, Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco departed his position to return to his roots in eastern Massachusetts, and Community Development Director, Donna Cesan, stepped into the role of Interim Town Administrator to work with the Board of Selectmen into 2018.

John Duval accepted the Board of Selectmen Chair position and Richard Blanchard assumed the Vice Chair seat in 2017 after the elections. Joseph Nowak and newly elected Christine Hoyt also served as Board Members. The Board of four members quickly got established as a team to continue initiatives in motion and to establish new ones. A Facility Sub-Committee was created to aggressively review and begin to gather data to create a plan for the maintenance and needs of the Town buildings. The Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee took the opportunity to take a closer look at the Town's historical financial practices. In an effort to put these guidelines and structure into a physical document and to assess the efficiency of these practices, an initial Financial Management Policy draft was created. It is anticipated that this document will be fine-tuned and evolve with the ever changing economy and the needs of the Town. Reserve Fund requests that were granted over the course of the year included funds for staff overtime for plowing of streets, additional needed salt for street safety, Wastewater Treatment Plant state required studies and sludge removal, and work done on the C.T. Plunkett Boiler Room Roof. A more thorough approach to filling appointed Board and Commission positions was adopted, and a process for application, interview, and appointment to these positions was created.

In continuing efforts toward a "greener" and cleaner community, and reducing costs for citizens, the Town entered into a Community Choice Power Supply Program contract to achieve the lowest possible electricity rates for citizens on National Grid electricity supplier services. The contract was able to save citizens money and offer a cost-free opt-in/opt-out feature for freedom of choice in the program. The Town was able to use grant funds to work on ordering replacement LED lighting for the downtown area to further reduce energy costs. The new LED lights are expected to be installed in the spring. In addition to the Town's Bag Ban, which took effect on March 30th, the Bag Share program became a citizen-interactive challenge that endeavored to provide free reusable bags made of discarded grain bag and irrigation tubing materials to citizens. The Board fully supported the institution of the Mobile Food Bank for the community which began in June and has had resounding success. Changes were made to the Senior Tax Program to expand the assistance further to seniors.

The Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee was created and quickly gained momentum to begin planning events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage and 200th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony in Adams. Exciting plans for the potential creation and location of a statue, fun and citizen-interactive events, a parade, and fireworks were all discussed. Fund-raising efforts were initiated, and this momentous year is enthusiastically anticipated in 2020 as efforts culminate into a town-wide celebration of its rich history. Adams proudly held a celebration to open the new one-mile section of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail that lengthened the trail north of the downtown area. The next phase of this project will connect the trail to North Adams. Additional forward motion was created with the second Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival and the Harry Potter themed MAGICon event at the Greylock Glen, on the base of Mount Greylock. The Nashville in the Berkshires festival at Bowe Field set off a new musical flair to the area and sparked anticipation for more attractions in the future. The rededication of the Mt. Greylock Veterans War Memorial Tower in July brought out legislative representatives. The work, initiated in 2009, improved the masonry, lighting, ventilation and interior marble panels. This event put the highest summit in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located in Adams, onto the map of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and top ranking officials in the state.

The big project that the Town took on in 2017 was the transition of the Recycling Center to a Transfer Station. Collaborative efforts took place to pre-plan, design, and provide electrical access to the Recycling Center for a compactor in anticipation of upgrading to a full Transfer Station for solid waste. The Board of Selectmen worked with Town agencies to create a plan to expand services for the Citizens and to promote financial self-sufficiency of the Recycling Center. The Department of Public Works designed and constructed the area to efficiently accommodate the more extensive services. Work was done in conjunction with the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, the Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Town staff to be sure all permitting, inspections and steps were taken to open the facility. Additional projects



that were initiated throughout the year were the Community Development Block Grant projects of the Visitors Center Parking Lot Improvement Project and the Hoosac Valley Coal and Grain Project. The use of the grant funds will redesign and improve the Visitors Center parking to accommodate the current activity and prepare for the additional traffic as the Hoosac Valley Service Train Platform project, which is anticipated for 2018, completes and brings additional visitors to the downtown area. The initial process for the update of the Town Hall roof began, and will span into 2018 for completion. Progress was made on both the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan and the Route 8 Corridor Project. The Board worked closely with the Community Development Director to move these forward to commence in the next couple years.

The Board of Selectmen tackled a number of changes in 2017. With the transition of Charter Communications to Spectrum cable services, the loss of important local and Massachusetts channels became an early and continuing challenge. The Board requested legislative action to restore these channels, and is still awaiting a response. A televised meeting with Charter Communications officials took place to advocate for the services paid for by the citizens, and their local access needs. The installation of dash cameras in the police cruisers introduced Adams to the technology age and the reality of the changing times requiring more intensive citizen and officer safety protocols. An Ice Cream Vendor By-law was created by the Police Chief and put into effect at Annual Town Meeting. In accordance with the legalizing of marijuana in Massachusetts, the Town of Adams worked diligently to begin the creation of a Marijuana By-law to move forward with the new law and how it will fit into the town. The inception of this by-law is anticipated for 2018. A firm approach to managing slum and blight in Adams took place with more focused work on resolving the status of the former Curtis Paper property. A public hearing and decision to demolish the dilapidated 50 Commercial Street property anticipates a cleaner, safer environment in the upcoming year.



*Interim Town Administrator  
Donna Cesan*

The Board was proud to welcome new businesses into Adams in 2017, including the Coffee Liberation Front, Biggdaddy's Philly Steakhouse, and Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion restaurants. Tri-Petroleum, LLC broke ground on a new gas station with a convenience store, and work began on the Mount Royal Inn. Both are anticipated to open to the public sometime in 2018. This activity bodes well for continued growth of the town in the coming years. To celebrate new business openings, and to mark the benchmark dates of businesses in town that have been open for longer periods of time, the Board of Selectmen instituted a Ribbon Cutting Program. The Board is excited to acknowledge the businesses that establish in Adams, and become part of the fabric of the community over the years.

All in all, the Town of Adams accomplished a significant amount in a single year. Support for the citizens, business growth, and a cleaner and more efficient environment are part of the unified vision. Financially responsible decisions and well thought out strategies for long-term plans for the community's improvement through use of available grants and funding continue to move Adams forward. The anticipation of a more vibrant downtown is becoming a reality with the soon-to-be completed projects at the Visitors Center and Hoosac Valley Service Platform. The solidified team and vision of the Board Members, the Interim Town Administrator, the Staff and the community will continue the momentum that has begun. The Board of Selectmen and Interim Town Administrator anticipate continued positive forward motion in the upcoming months.

Respectfully submitted,

The Office of the Board  
of Selectmen and  
Interim Town Administrator



***The Adams Board of Selectmen - Left to Right:***

*Christine Hoyt, Chair John Duval, Town Administrator Antonio Mazzucco, Vice Chair Richard Blanchard and Joseph Nowak*

# 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..... **\$23,509.50**

Storage Tank Renewals ..... **8**

## Number of Dog Licenses Issued

Males ..... 84  
Neutered Males ..... 337  
Females ..... 32  
Spayed Females ..... 383  
4 Dogs Kennel License ..... 5  
10 Dogs Kennel License ..... 0  
25 Dogs Kennel License ..... 0  
**Total ..... 841**

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Births Reported	60	76	81
Marriages Reported	26	27	26
Deaths	100	99	99

**Town Census 8,523**

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### Annual Town Election – May 1, 2017

Registered voters as of the close of registration on April 11, 2017

Precinct	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenr.	Libert.	Grn/Rain	Reform	Socialist	Cons.	U.I.P.	Am. Ind.	Pirate	Pizza	W.C.P.
1	1159	382	98	666	6	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
2	1229	393	82	737	3	2	1	0	0	9	1	1	0	0
3	1220	419	115	675	2	2	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
4	1112	371	92	635	3	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0
5	1280	415	92	759	4	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>3472</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Special State Primary Election – October 10, 2017

Registered voters as of the close of registration on September 20, 2017

Precinct	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenr.	Libert.	Grn/Rain	Reform	Socialist	Cons.	U.I.P.	Am. Ind.	Pirate	W.C.P.
1	1136	374	95	654	6	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
2	1203	380	79	728	3	1	1	0	0	9	1	1	0
3	1202	410	111	669	2	3	0	0	1	5	0	1	0
4	1074	359	94	608	3	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
5	1249	400	89	745	5	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5864</b>	<b>1923</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>3404</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

### Special State Election – November 7, 2017

Registered voters as of the close of registration on October 18, 2017

Precinct	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenr.	Libert.	Grn/Rain	Reform	Socialist	Cons.	U.I.P.	Am. Ind.	Pirate	W.C.P.
1	1135	373	92	658	6	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
2	1200	380	77	727	3	1	1	0	0	9	1	1	0
3	1209	409	113	674	2	3	0	0	1	6	0	1	0
4	1069	357	93	606	3	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
5	1253	399	90	749	5	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5866</b>	<b>1918</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>3414</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

## Adams Agricultural Fair / Bowe Field

2017 was a busy year for Bowe Field. Most activities take place in the summer months, and this year was no exception.

June was an active month as the grounds hosted a family picnic. The “Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival” had its second annual event, which was quite well attended and successful. The ACS Girls’ Softball League began their seasonal practice on the field for the first time and utilized the field for the full summer. An opening picnic was held for the North Adams SteepleCats to kick off their season, and Mass MoCA held their annual “Solid Sound Festival” with three night camping on the Agricultural Fairgrounds.

July was a quieter month with the Boy Scout Troop 38 using the field for a public comment session and discussion.

In August the 43rd Annual Agricultural Fair was presented. It was estimated that attendance was approximately 4,000 people for this very fun and local attraction. The Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Association used the field for their annual Ham Radio Flea Market.

“Nashville in the Berkshires” was the main excitement on the grounds in September, and was graciously coordinated and sponsored by the Mill Children Museum for a day long music event. Specialty Minerals utilized the fields for an afternoon of activity for an employee picnic. Mass MoCA also worked together with the Agricultural Fair Committee to close out the season with the “Fresh-Grass Festival” camping event.



Improvements continue to be made to Bowe Field. Accomplishments in 2017 included electrical improvements, the installation of two new electrical poles and plumbing repairs. Wood chip flooring was provided for the Small Animal Barn, fence and gate repairs were completed and general maintenance to the grounds took place. A stage under the pavilion was constructed by volunteers, and was made possible by a grant from the William T. and Margery S. Barrett Fund for Adams, Cheshire and Savoy administered by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

The Agricultural Fair would like to thank the many volunteers that help put these events together and to maintain the Bowe Field facility, and we hope to see you all at next year’s 44th Annual Agricultural Fair!

*Above and Left:  
Installation of new electrical poles at Bowe Field.*

# Board of Health

The Board continues with its busy agenda, but we feel that we had a productive year.

Following adoption of the Tobacco 21 initiative last year, we agreed to join Jim Wilusz of Tri-Town Health in his application for a Mass Department of Public Health grant to enhance compliance to this program. Should Tri-Town be awarded the grant, it would provide funding for Mr. Wilusz to assist the Town of Adams (and other participating Berkshire municipalities) in monitoring, training, and enforcement of Tobacco 21 commitments over and above that provided by the Food and Drug Agency.

Second, we oversaw institution of the plastic bag ban in March. A few questions early on were readily clarified. Overall, we were gratified to see the level of acceptance and compliance.

Third, we set up an online permitting process to be launched for the 2018 calendar year. This computerized program is expected to greatly facilitate permit applications, renewals, recordkeeping, and inspections (performed using a computer notepad). Finally, the Board of Health participated in the Town's annual health fair while initiating an effort to convey information to parents on the importance of encouraging their children to wear sunglasses and insect repellent when going outside.

We anticipate increasing our future involvement in county-wide programs to augment our own efforts to improve community health. Our Board is currently an active member of the Berkshire County Boards of Health Association (BCBOHA) and the Berkshire Public Health Alliance (BPHA).

The Board's monthly meetings entailed the usual business of fielding complaints regarding pest infestations, trash, hoarding, rental property issues, property upkeep, unauthorized vehicle storage, and other issues under our jurisdiction. Our Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Romaniak, was able to remediate almost all issues within a reasonable time frame, if not addressed immediately when brought to the attention of the department.

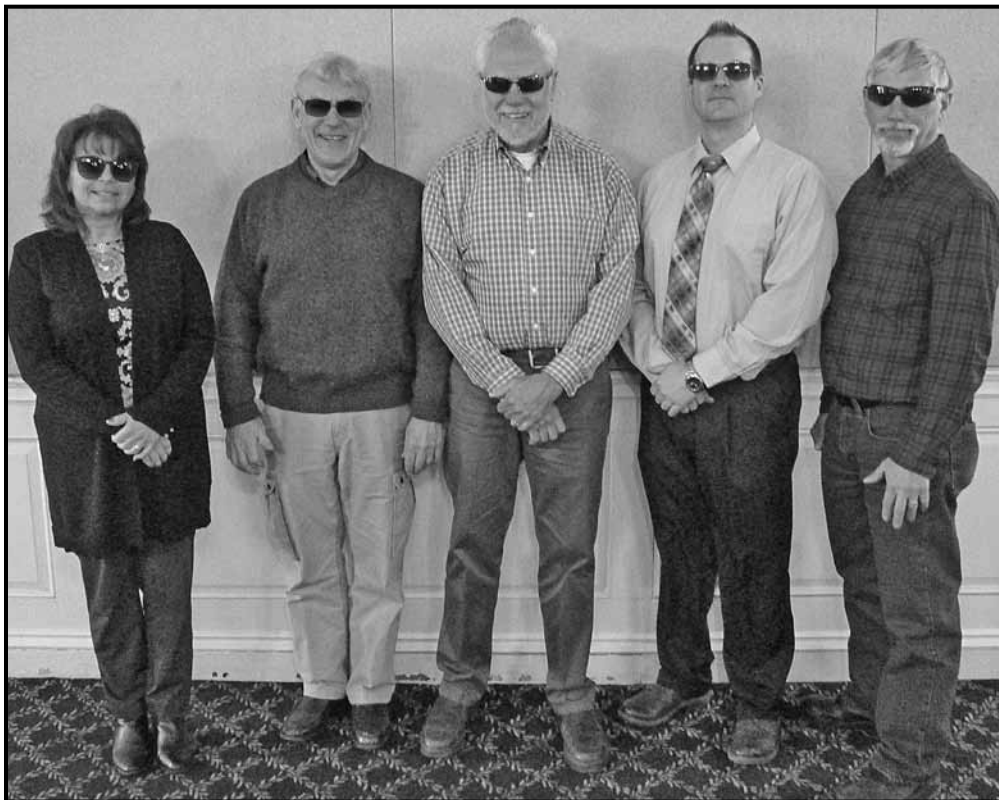
In closing, we thank Allen Mendel for his service to the Board over the last 6 years, during which time he readily pitched in to ease the transition in the code enforcement position. We also welcome new member Dave Rhoads.

## Permits issued:

Food Service Establishments .....	36
Retail Food .....	16
Catering .....	2
Frozen Desserts .....	8
Septic Hauler .....	2
Commercial Hauler .....	14
Septic Installer.....	2
Manufactured Housing.....	1
Mobile Vendors .....	2
Temporary Vendors .....	17
Body Art - Practitioners .....	1
Body Art Establishment .....	1
Residential Kitchen .....	2
Tanning Salon.....	1
Tobacco .....	8

A total of 172 rental inspections were performed during 2017. In addition, the department issued permits for two wells, one new septic system, and two septic system replacements.

\$19,399.40 net revenue was generated (Title V inspections were conducted by the BPHA).



*Left to Right, the Adams Board of Health: Administrative Assistant Pam Gerry, Member Bruce Shepley, Vice-Chairman David Rhoads, Chairman Peter Hoyt and Code Enforcement Tom Romaniak.*

*The Adams Board of Health would like to encourage parents to have their children wear sunglasses whenever they go outdoors.*

# Inspectors Reports

## Building Department

During 2017, The Adams Building Safety and Inspectional Services Department issued three hundred forty (340) permits for construction, demolition, alterations, additions, repairs, change of use, solid fuel appliances, trenching and sheet metal permits, certificate of occupancies, certificate of inspections, signs and curb cut permits.

Of those permits, three (3) were issued for new residential single-family dwellings in 2017.

A total of \$63,611 in permitting fees was collected during the year.

The Building Inspector's Office performed numerous inspections associated with permitting and addressed numerous zoning and building code violations, with some resulting in court action. Periodic inspections were performed on restaurants, bars, clubs, food establishments, schools, bed & 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 Dwellings	3
Residential additions, alterations, conversions, repairs, & insulation	246
Commercial/Business/Non-Residential additions, alterations, conversions, and repair	49
Sign Permits	8
Curb-cut/Driveway entrance	3
Certificate of Inspections/Certificate of Occupancy	19
Solid Fuel	8
Temporary Structures (Tents)	4
<b>Total Building Permits</b>	<b>340</b>

## Gas Inspector

Number of Gas Fitting Permits Issued	84
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<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$ 4,955</b>
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## Plumbing Inspector

Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	36
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<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$ 3,215</b>
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## Electrical Inspector

Permits Issued	158
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<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$ 14,480</b>
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## Planning Board

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The Planning Board held seven public hearings during 2017, at which time they addressed two Site Plan applications, two “Form A” subdivision plans and three hearings on the proposed Marijuana Bylaw.

Specific applications reviewed included Site Plan approval for the following projects: Lee’s Dynasty; 131 Columbia Street and RSP Petroleum, Inc; 160 Howland Avenue.

In addition, the Planning Board approved two Form A, (“Approval Not Required” under the Subdivision Regulations) for properties located at: 128 East Road and 1 Sommer Hill Road.

Members of the Planning Board are:

Chairman David Rhinemiller  
Vice-Chairman David Krzeminski  
Barbara Ziemba  
Sandra Moderski  
Martha Stohlmann.

In addition, Chairman David Rhinemiller is the board’s representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Several applications came before the Zoning Board during 2017. Eleven (11) Public Hearings were conducted involving seven (7) Special Permit requests and one (1) Variance. Additional requests by applicants included three (3) separate administrative appeals of the Building Officials determination.

During 2017, the Adams Zoning Board of Appeals consisted of (5) Permanent members and two (2) Alternate members.

The Zoning Board members were:

Chairman Peter West  
Vice-Chairman Brian Tenczar  
Michael Mach  
Anthony Donovan  
Peter Gutmann\*

Alternate members were:

Francie Riley  
Rob Krzanik

\*Member Peter Gutmann resigned from the Zoning Board on September 5, 2017 after many years of serving the Town of Adams with his dedication and knowledge. Alternate member Francie Riley was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on November 15, 2017, replacing Mr. Gutmann.

# Department of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works acts as the Town road and sewer infrastructure, cemeteries, parks and grounds, and equipment maintenance labor force, and also provides Transfer Station and Recycling Services. Under the authority of the Interim Director and the Foreman/Mechanic, 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 Foreman/Mechanic 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
- 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
- Maintaining the new section of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail
- Maintaining the Greylock Glen
- Transfer Station and Recycling Center Services

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

### **CEMETERIES**

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

#### **Maple Street Cemetery**

More maple trees were removed from the Maple Street Cemetery and it was noted that several older trees remain in poor condition. Additional tree maintenance and plantings will need to take place in the coming years. The cemetery was in pristine condition for Memorial Day and the entire summer. The Cemetery Division acquired several weed whackers in 2017 to maintain the cemetery.

#### **Bellevue Cemetery**

The town was able to hire seven seasonal employees to assist one full-time employee this season in maintaining all aspects of the cemetery and to assist in funeral excavations. Paving at this cemetery is anticipated in the 2018 season. The new "S" section on the south side of the cemetery has sold several lots this year. Initial discussions took place about potentially removing a storage building that is in significant disrepair and updating or replacing the currently existing garage. It is anticipated that decisions on these buildings will take place in the coming year.

### **FLOOD CONTROL**

The DPW still awaits the inspection report from the US Army Corps of Engineers that was performed in 2016. DPW employees performed as much vegetation and brush removal as possible and also cleared trees along many portions of the flood control system until winter conditions prohibited such work. The herbicide spraying program was again suspended in this area so challenging, unwanted vegetation was instead removed manually by DPW employees with the assistance of seasonal employees. Sincere appreciation goes to the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office and Trial Court Community Service Programs for their assistance with the entire flood control system, which would not have been able to be managed in conjunction with other duties without them.

### **PARKS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS**

#### **Russell Field**

Many of last year's issues still remain, such as flooding, access to facilities, fence replacement needs, building upgrades, and tennis court repairs. A feasibility study was performed to address these ongoing issues.

#### **Valley Street Field**

The Parks crew edged the baseball diamond and hauled several cubic yards of baseball mix to the field again this year. Trimarchi Nursery was hired to lay down new sod and material on the infield and to reshape the baseball mound. The two irrigation systems were professionally tuned up in the spring and fall.

#### **Renfrew Field**

The intensive use of Renfrew Field wore down the turf conditions significantly in 2017. This facility hosted many leagues this year, including Hoosac Valley High School baseball, soccer programs and baseball clinics. The Parks Commissioners worked with the leagues to schedule usage of the field since there was increased need for the facility.

#### **Reid Field**

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

#### **Town Common**

The Parks Division employees repaired a couple more wrought iron benches at the Town Common, and several will need to be fully replaced in the near future. They also decorated the entire common for Christmas which included a 20-foot evergreen tree. The gazebo had lights and red bows displayed

for the season. The Berkshire County Sheriff's Office and Trial Court Community Service Programs performed major clean up this fall. The Town Common is a wonderful central location that hosts community events such as weddings, music festivals and youth-based programs.

#### Other Duties

Parks & Grounds staff maintained lighting on Park Street, Armory Court and all of Memorial Park. Staff also maintained several miles of the flood control system, which spans from Lime Street to Reeves Street. This Division keeps all bridges, walkways and street crossing ramps clear of snow, assists the Highway Division with all public plowing and performs town-wide trash removal, which includes many public buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, cemeteries, and downtown street receptacles. Each year staff also decorates Park Street, Hoosac Street and Summer Street light poles with holiday decorations.

## EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION

There are presently two full-time employees in the *Equipment Maintenance Division*. This division holds the large responsibility of repairing, maintaining and repurposing all of the Town-owned vehicles and equipment. The *Highway Division*, *Parks, Grounds and Cemetery Division*, the *Wastewater Treatment Plant*, and the *Forest Wardens* utilize approximately fifty pieces of equipment and vehicles. The nine *Police Department* vehicles and two vans from the *Council on Aging* also require maintenance. Additional repairs and attention is 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, sand blasting and painting. Tires are changed on all vehicles, including loader tires and large truck tires, and specifications are written for all equipment to be purchased. This Division shows extensive creativity, out-of-the-box thinking and impressive expertise to perform the numerous repairs that present themselves each day with aging equipment and tight budgetary restrictions. A 2017 Ford F450 4x4 pick-up truck with plow was an anticipated replacement vehicle for a 2000 Ford F350 truck which had come to the end of its useful life. Extraordinary efforts were made to repurpose vehicles to maximize their life and usefulness as portions of vehicles deteriorate beyond repair due to their age.

In 2017 the Town of Adams, through the *Equipment Maintenance Division*, was able to purchase the following equipment:

- A Ford F450 4x4 pickup truck with plow
- A Patriot 5' Deck Mower for Parks and Grounds

#### MAJOR PROJECTS

##### Catch Basin and Manhole Repairs

The catch basins and manholes around town were a focus of repair in 2017 with over 42 different locations being repaired or rebuilt to maintain proper drainage.

##### Salt Shed

DPW employees performed several repairs to our aging salt shed again this year. The old wooden structure has begun to buckle under the weight of sand and salt storage. The Town continues to look for budget and ecologically friendly solutions for replacing the structure in the next few years.

##### Sidewalk Replacement

Sidewalks were replaced on Mill Street and Enterprise Street to provide a safer path for citizens to walk in those locations. Other areas are being identified for the upcoming years. Organic herbicides were utilized in Armory Court and on North Summer and Summer Streets in an effort to be environmentally friendly.

##### Black Top

During the spring and summer seasons pot hole repairs were a major issue. Hundreds of tons of black top were spread and rolled in all sections of the town. The recently acquired Hot Box and Asphalt Reclaimer simplified and sped up the process.

##### Solar Powered Crosswalk Signs

Solar-powered pedestrian crosswalk walks signs were installed at Columbia, Burt and Commercial Streets for additional safety of pedestrians in high volume crossing areas. Maintenance was done to numerous street and highway signs around town.

##### Railway Station

The Highway Division completely cleaned and painted the completely renovated Rail Station. Concrete work was done on the floor of the Rail Station to provide an appropriate flooring surface for the future needs of the building. The mobile stairway for entering the train was moved to accommodate entry of visitors to the rail cars.

##### 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.



2008 Repurposed chip and leaf Vacuum Truck



2017 Ford F450 4x4 with plow



### Ashwillticook and Greylock Glen Maintenance

The new mile of the Ashwillticook Trail and the expanding Greylock Glen usage area have become the responsibility of the Highway Division to maintain. Grass cutting, trimming, and vegetation removal have begun to require regular and additional manpower. Gazebo maintenance, including structural repair and staining were accomplished in 2017.

### Design and Construction of Transfer Station

The largest project by far in 2017 was the design and construction of the Transfer Station facility. The transition from a recycling center to a full transfer station took several months,

significant coordination, design, traffic flow assessment, and forethought. A drive-around loop was created with several drop-off stations for the ease of use. The design clearly separates brush and yard waste, leaves, grass clippings and wood ash. Electricity was run to the new compactor, which was put in place for general household trash, and bins were brought in for bulky waste items. Recycling is still taking place, and this full-service transfer station is outfitted with a heated shed and porta potty for the attendant. DPW Staff designed and constructed the setup, retaining wall, and worked with in collaboration with the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District and MassDEP to launch a well arranged transfer station with expanded services for citizens.

In conclusion, 2017 was a year of impact by the focus of the Department of Public Works on safety, expanding services for citizens and upkeep of areas of growing importance in Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Cota  
Working Foreman  
Department of Public Works



*Full Transfer Station redesign: the grass, leaves and wood ash partitions*



*New Compactor for general household trash*



*Drop-Off for brush & yard waste*



*New Transfer Station design: the loop road and the various drop-off areas*

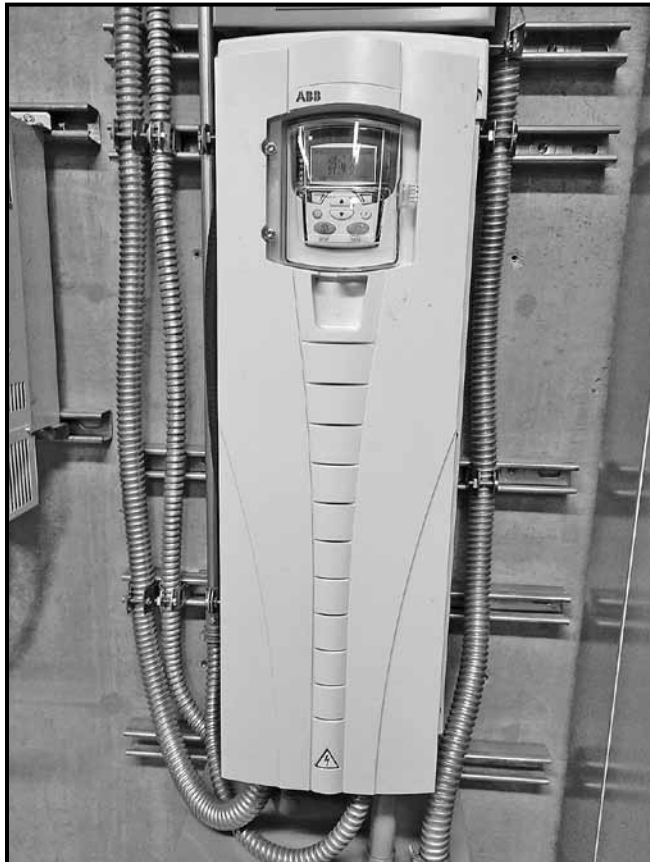
# Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant

In 2017 the Town of Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant provided wastewater treatment services for the town residents, commercial and industrial operations within the town plus wastewater treatment for Hardman Industrial Park and the Wal-Mart complex just north of the Adams, North Adams boundary line. Staffing levels are now operating at seven full time employees. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To meet the conditions set forth in our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for daily monitoring of the discharge to the Hoosic River the laboratory is staffed weekdays and for two hours each day on weekends and holidays. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and three wastewater pumping stations are inspected seven days a week (including holidays) by licensed mechanics to comply with Massachusetts General Law. Four employees at the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant, hold a Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's license of a Grade 4 level or higher. The other two employees are in the process of obtaining their licenses. With the retirement of the Laboratory Technician, the Plant is currently looking to fill this position to bring staffing levels of seven back into compliance with MassDEP.

A summary of the work and projects accomplished in 2017 is as follows:

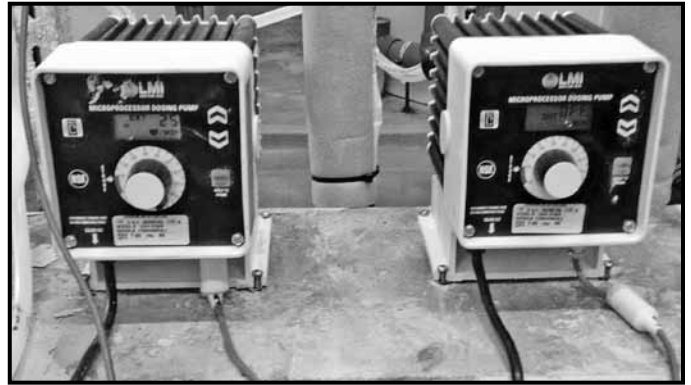
## DEWATERING and CONVEYING EQUIPMENT

- A new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) which operates the drive motor on the #2 return sludge pump was installed.



*Left:  
New Variable  
Frequency Drive  
(VFD) for #2 Return  
Sludge Pump*

*Right:  
New Variable  
Frequency Drive  
(VFD) for #5  
Aerator*



*New LMI pace flow pumps*

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

- #1 and #3 Peristaltic Hypochlorite pumps were replaced with new LMI pace flow pumps per (MassDEP).
- Compression fittings and new tubing was installed on all of the Hypo pumps.
- New mechanical seals were installed on #1 and #2 Return Activated Sludge pumps.
- A complete rebuild of the #1 return pump took place.
- All cooling fans (plenum, heat sink and stirring fans) were cleaned and serviced in all Square D Variable Frequency Drives to raw sewage pump motors, activated sludge return pump motors and aerator motors.
- New VFD for #5 Aerator was installed, and another VFD was purchased for an anticipated running date of July 2018.



## MOBILE EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EMERGENCY GENERATORS AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

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

## OTHER EQUIPMENT

- Air Handling Unit air filters were replaced.
- New LED exit lights were installed throughout the Plant.
- All fire extinguishers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the three pumping stations were tested and inspected.
- Five Magnetic Flow Meters were cleaned and calibrated.
- In November, all outside chemical solution lines were drained and purged with compressed air to prevent freeze damage from cold weather.
- #5 and #6 Aerator Oxygen Sensors and Float Balls were replaced with new style oxygen sensors.



*#5 & #6 Aerator Oxygen Sensor and Float Ball*

- Gearbox lubricants from mechanical aerators and clarifier drives were sent out for wear analysis.
- The Wastewater Plant's main back flow prevention valve was inspected and tested by the Water Department. The back flow valve passed all test parameters.
- A new SC200 Hach dissolved meter and probe installed at the headworks of the Plant.
- All three motors in the aeration/reaeration (1-2-3) were tested and operable.
- A pump was rebuilt at the Harmony Pump Station, and a new submersible pump, with all electrical upgrades above the flooding levels was installed.
- Scum through was jetted and rodded to insure even removal of floating grease.
- Clarifier draft tubes jetted and cleaned to maintain optimal operation.



*Harmony Street Pump Station - electrical work and new pump*

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Laboratory scales were cleaned and calibrated by All State Scale Company.
- The Alarm system insurance certification was performed by Alarms of Berkshire County.
- Groundwater was removed from electrical manholes and chemical line manholes in the spring and fall.
- Lawn damage from snow plowing was repaired in the spring.
- The annual state inspection of the facility's boilers and compressors passed.
- The fume hood in the lab had an annual inspection and test.
- Scum, grease and personal wipes were removed from the vault at Harmony Pump Station.
- Laboratory equipment was upgraded as follows:
  - ♦ The laboratory "Still" was cleaned.
  - ♦ The spring and fall chemicals were purchased.
  - ♦ Balances and weights were certified.
  - ♦ "Isco" stationary sampler tubing was replaced as needed.
  - ♦ Plant water pumps #1 and #2 flex piping were replaced.
  - ♦ Sump pumps in the clarifier and contact channel were replaced.
  - ♦ The aeration/reaeration (1-2-3) was cleaned of all weeds, grit and sludge.



*Harmony Street Pump Station piping*

## SUMMARY

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is still monitoring and inspecting a domestic water pumping station located at the bottom of Gould Road. Adams Fire District will assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Gould Road water pumping station upon completion of the project.

A review of the 2017 facility's records and reports documents 655.59 million gallons of wastewater was treated and cleaned before being discharged to the Hoosic River. This was an increase of 28.2 % from the 2016 annual flow of 493.58 million gallons.

A total of 114.74 dry metric tons of dewatered sludge was processed and hauled to an incinerator in Waterbury, CT for final disposal in 2017. This was a decrease of 17.3% from the 2016 sludge disposal total of 136.42 dry metric tons.

The monthly averages for removal of Total Suspended Solids ranged between a minimum of 45.3% to a maximum of 99.0% with an overall average for 2017 of 84%. Biochemical Oxygen Demand removals ranged from a minimum of 78.9% to a maximum of 99.0% with a twelve month average for 2017 of 94%.

## CONCLUSION

The EPA NPDES Permit went into effect on August 1, 2017. This new permit has lower permit levels, which are anticipated to be challenging to the entire staff. Professional knowledge of the staff will be utilized to meet the demands in order to treat Phosphorus with a new chemical (poly aluminum chloride Epic-70), instead of the past used Alum. More parameters of all total metals must be tested, which can be costly for the Plant. The Laboratory Technician passed all analytical parameters that were part of the EPA's annual Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Study 37. The performance study insures the data submitted in the monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Federal and State regulatory agencies are verified as accurate.

The Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant is staffed with dedicated and resourceful employees of the Town, who endeavor daily to provide effective wastewater treatment for the Town of Adams and the Hoosic River environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rumbolt  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent



*Removal of scum, grease and wipes from the Harmony Street Pump Station*

# Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

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

For 2017, 882.11 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled. 854.53 tons were recycled District-wide, a 3.1% increase from last year. The Town of Adams recycled 117.52 tons of paper and 50.66 tons of glass, cans, and plastic at the Recycling Station on East Road.

In November, 2017 the Recycling Center was approved as a Transfer Station through MassDEP. The permit cost per household is \$25.00, and is a pay-as-you-throw program with \$1.00 per bag tag for household trash. The fees are reflected from November 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. Permits are required to be purchased by July 1st of the fiscal year, and fees may be adjusted according to expense costs for the new fiscal year.

Six paint collections were held from May until the end of June. Latex paint was no longer accepted, and though it is not a hazardous waste, handouts were distributed educating district residents on reuse and disposal. 1,270 gallons of oil based paint and stain and 220 gallons of spray paint were shipped out at a cost of \$8,174.31. Special thanks and appreciation are expressed to the Transfer Station Attendants and Shawn Wright, Assistant Court Services Coordinator at the Office of Community Corrections and his crew for their volunteer efforts and hard work. Cheshire, Hinsdale and Williamstown DPW crews are also thanked for providing assistance and storage space for the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District supplies.

There was a need for the Paint Program which initiated its inception in 1998. This program increasingly consumes more of the program budget as time goes on. The NBSWMD is currently working with Paint Care, a paint manufacturer's group, the Product Stewardship Institute and Massachusetts Product Stewardship Committee to pass legislation that would have the paint manufacturers pay for paint collection, either at retail stores or municipal transfer stations. We are actively advocating its passage.

The District has six Mercury Product Sheds for district member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by MassDEP. This program has increased with collections and location of sheds in Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor and Williamstown Transfer Stations and NLR, Inc. is the designated facility for the district's recycling. To stay in compliance with MassDEP, all sheds must be cleaned and packed for shipping on a yearly basis. Again, thanks are warranted to Shawn Wright and his crew from the Office of Community Corrections for their volunteer efforts and hard work. The District recycled 383 NiCad, 287 Lithium and 169 Alkaline batteries, 1546 Compact Fluorescent Recycled Bulbs, 35 Compact Linear Fluorescent Bulbs, 50 U-Bend fluorescent style bulbs, 105 8-Foot bulbs, 2,611 4-foot bulbs, and 65 2-foot Fluorescent Lamp bulbs at a cost of \$4,230.49.

The District, with town volunteers, held bulky and electronic waste collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. The total material collected in Adams was 12,000 pounds of electronics, 4.25 tons of scrap metal, and 4.47 tons of furniture and other articles. The district had three successful events, each with an increase in collection. The schedule for 2018 will be listed on the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District website and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized.

This year NBSWMD filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" to nine towns in the District as well as NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants and purchase a Roll-Off Container. This container will rotate among the towns and every town will benefit. There were four Towns in the district that received a MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, and NBSWMD made a contribution of \$1,500.00.

The waste stream continues to evolve and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at collecting textiles, clothing, and household linens, to keep them out of the trash to reduce waste and increase recycling.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held in June 2018 for all District member Towns at an average cost for the district of \$10, 000. There will be no cost to residents, and pre-registration in May will be required.

Reuse, Recycle, Donate, Re-think

Linda Cernik  
NBSWMD Program Coordinator

Edward Driscoll  
NBSWMD Commissioner  
for the Town of Adams



*Adams Bulky Waste Collection held by Northern Berkshire Solid Waste*



## Adams Historical Commission

No major incidents have threatened or destroyed any historic properties in the year 2017. In fact, the Community Development Department has applied for grants to preserve two buildings of historical and architectural significance.

A grant application has been submitted for a new HVAC system in the Adams Memorial School which was abandoned by the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District in 2012. The school was built in



1952-53 and the classes officially began there on January 2, 1954. It held one of the best gymnasiums in Berkshire County befitting the champion high school basketball teams of that era. On seeing the architectural plans for this building, Attorney Walter J. Donovan *The Adams Memorial School built 1953* was quoted in *The Transcript*, saying "It seems...that we are building a gymnasium with a school attached." It housed grades 10-12 until June 1970. The 100th graduation exercises, the last one held in Adams, ended the building's use as a high school. Hoosac Valley Regional High School opened in Cheshire the following September. The old school then housed grades 7-8 until 1981 when the tax-cutting "Proposition 2½" closed the remaining neighborhood schools: Hoosac St., Commercial St. and Howland Ave.; and consolidated the middle grades at C.T. Plunkett School and located K-3 at the Memorial School. In 2012, the Hoosac Valley High School campus was enlarged to hold grades 6-12 and the Memorial School was no longer needed. The building has been vacant since then, but when a new heating and ventilation system is installed, it can be re-occupied.

The building is the only example of the International Style of architecture in Adams' building stock. The style grew out of the Bauhaus movement in Germany in the 1930s and gained popularity in this country after World War II. It is characterized by simple lines, steel frame construction and lots of glass with little or no ornamentation.

The second preservation effort is for the Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain building on Cook Street standing on the edge of the recently extended Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. It was built in 1902 by Dexter B. Cook who owned it for only eight years. During



*The Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain built 1902*

the 30s through the 50s, Frank Kruszy-na owned it. He was the first Selectman of Polish heritage. He was also a major proponent of the Flood Control Project and the town Administrator form of government.

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has seven (7) members:

Chair James Fassell  
Vice-Chair Corey Bishop  
Thomas Robinson  
David Lipinski  
Tammie Shafer  
Zachary Bantle  
Brian Bishop

There were ten business meetings held in 2017.

The Commission acted on four (4) Notices of Intent and six (6) Requests for Determination.

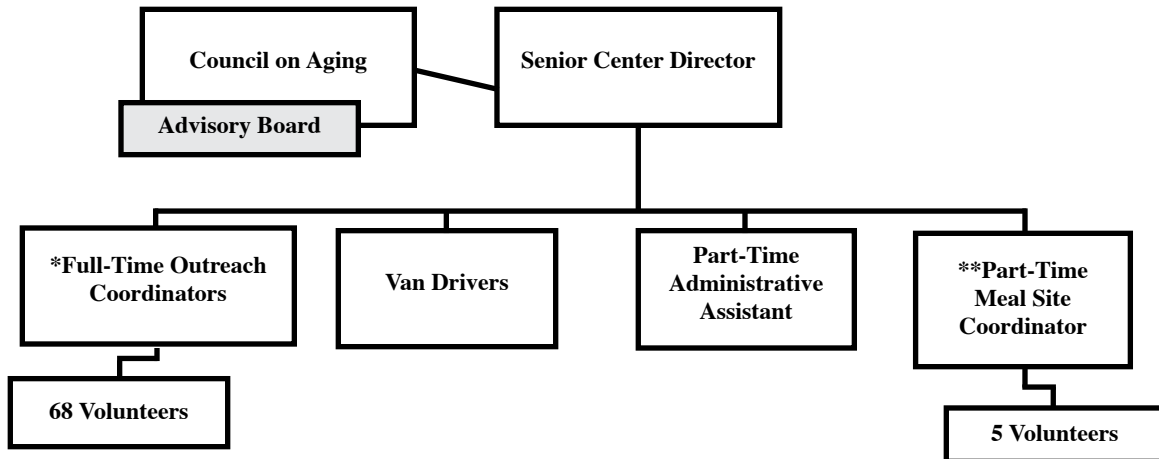
### **Notices of Intent were filed and the Commission issued Orders of Condition for the following projects:**

1. Specialty Minerals, Inc. property at 260 Columbia Street.
2. Ron Chenail property at 213 and 215 Gould Road.
3. MA Dept. of Transportation Rail and Transit Division property at Renfrew Street to Hoosac Street.
4. New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid property at 2 Zylonite Station Road.

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

1. Richard LaBonte property at 0 Burlingame Hill, (Map 223, Parcel 48.E).
2. Berkshire National Resources Council property at 400 East Hoosac Street.
3. Jane Burnette property at 313 East Road.
4. Maia Robbins-Zust property at 7 East Hoosac Street.
5. Jacob Belanger property at 86 Lime Street.
6. PCA Systems Corporation property at 155 Howland Avenue.

# Senior Center/Council on Aging



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

\* In 2017 the Outreach Worker's full time was funded with the assistance of grant funding from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

\*\* The Part-Time Office Assistant and Meal Site Coordinator are both funded through Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc. The Office Assistant Program is a two-year training program intended for job placement after or during the two year program. Every two years we have to turn over this position and re-train. The Office Assistant position is 20 hours a week and the Meal Site Coordinator is 15 hours a week, at no cost to the Town.

## Senior Center Initiatives and Accomplishment of 2017

1. Restored an administrative assistance position.
2. Increased partnerships with Food Bank of Western Mass by hosting their Mobile Food Bank.
3. Received three grants to increase programming, including one with the Department of Transitional Assistance where we became an official DTA Community Outreach Partner.
4. Gifted a brand new 2017 Nissan Rouge from Fallon Community Health to increase transportation options for seniors.
5. Increased intergenerational programming.

## Senior Center FY2018 Goals and Initiatives

1. Increase and enhance programs and activates at the Senior Center.
2. Increase the number of volunteers and participation at the Senior Center.
3. Explore additional grant funding to sustain and expand programming.
4. Create and/or expand revenue producing programming, i.e. Friends Group, etc.



*Volunteer Bob Joppich and Administrative Assistant Eric LaRoche, both Air Force Veterans, at our Veteran's Day Celebration.*

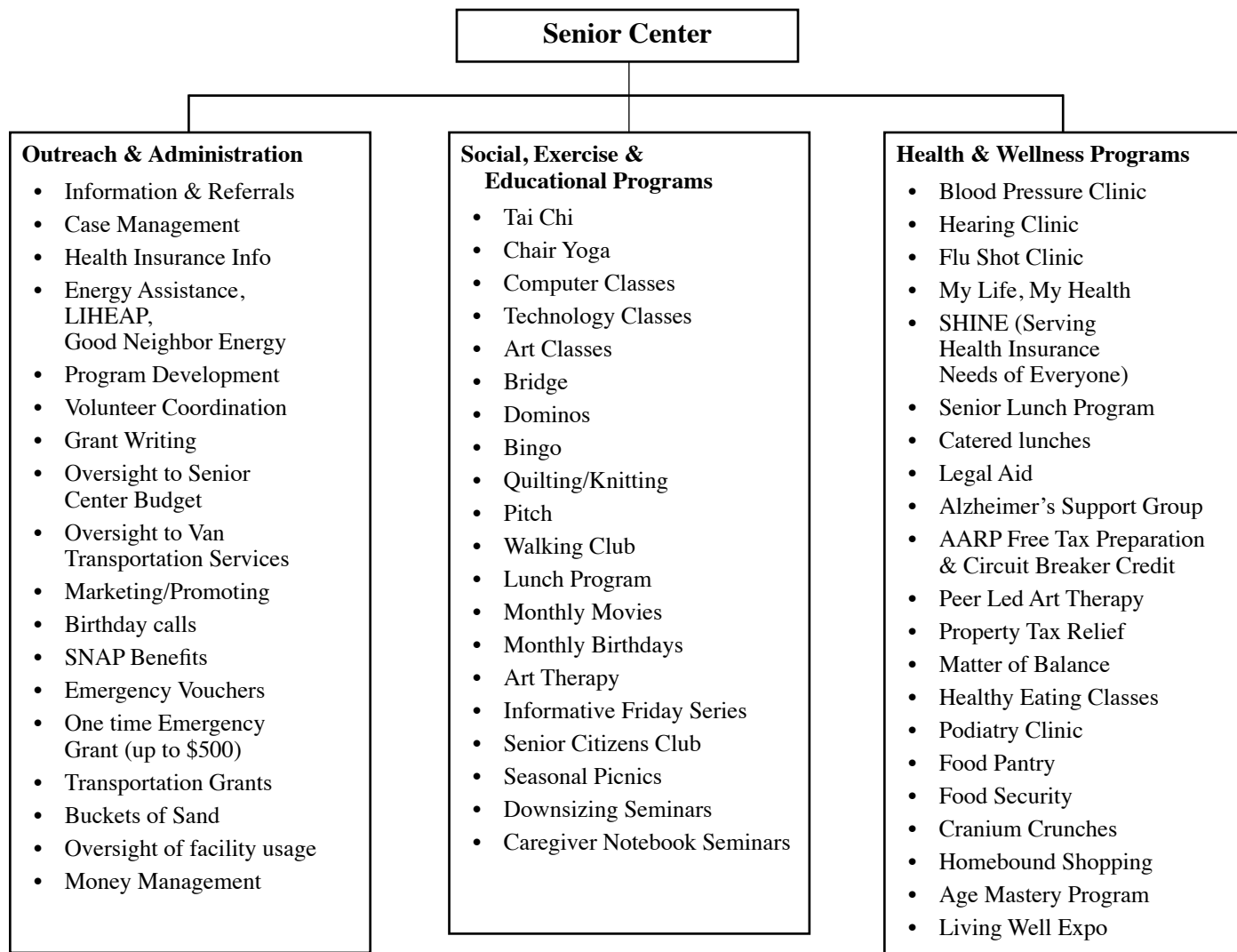


*Rita Clarke and friends at our Paint and Sip fundraiser for our Walk to End Alzheimer's team.*



*Tressa Girgenti (age 2) and Malia Coons (age 10) at the Walk to End Alzheimers.*

# Senior Center Programs and Services



*Mobile Food Bank Day  
with driver Kurt  
handing out valentines.*



*Members of Post 160  
at our Veteran's Day Celebration.*



*Art Instructor  
Donna Loncto*



# Emergency Management

The Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is in the process of being updated. The previous software the State used no longer supported this document and has been replaced. The Plan provides a framework for the Town of Adams to perform emergency functions during emergency situations on the local, state or national level.

The Emergency Response Team continues to invest a great deal of time to make sure the residents of Adams have a lifeline and a course of action to take in the event of an emergency, natural or manmade.

The Town retained MEMA's A+ rating. This was accomplished by attending quarterly meetings provided by MEMA in Agawam, MA. The meetings and seminars provided new and updated information to help improve the Emergency Management Plan of the Town.

The Town of Adams provided funds for the purchase of additional emergency shelter equipment.

Funds from a MEMA grant were also used to purchase supplies and equipment to upgrade and improve the Emergency Shelter.

The Town experienced two significant events. The Emergency Operations Center was activated.

The first event was a March snow event. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened and manned for 8 hours. MEMA State Control was notified. No significant incidents reported.

The second event occurred in June. A substantial amount of flooding, due to heavy rain, occurred in the Valley, Grant and Lincoln Street area. Members of the Forest Warden Department were called upon to assist in the flooded areas. Sand bags were deployed to keep water from flooding cellars. A portable pump was set up on Lincoln Street to pump out a flooded field behind a home located on Lincoln Street. Water from this field spread to homes located both on Valley and Lincoln Streets. A total of 4 hours was dedicated to this event.

The Adams Memorial School on Columbia Street is the designated overnight shelter for Adams residents in time of need.

Thanks to Town Department Heads, Fire, Police and EMS in their joint effort to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner  
Emergency Management Director  
Town of Adams



*June brought flooding to the Valley, Grant and Lincoln Street area requiring the use of sand bags and pumps.*



# Forest Warden

## SMOKEY SAYS ... "ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES!"

### The Adams Forest Warden Department is a Wildland Fire Department

The Town of Adams Forest Warden is charged with:

- Prevention and suppression of all outdoor fires within the boundaries of the Town of Adams
- Enforcement of the outdoor burning regulations as stated in Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws and in 527 CMR Section 1 and 310 CMR Section 7
- Issuance of outdoor burning permits

#### 2017 MT.GREYLOCK RAMBLE:

The Forest Warden Deputies provided communications and safety on all trails as they have done for the past 46 years.

Members of the Forest Warden department cleared fallen trees and limbs from the Cheshire Harbor Trail prior to the event to ensure the safety of the hikers.

#### BURNING PERMITS ISSUED: 206



*Rail Trail fire 2017*



*Mutual Aid New Marlboro  
April 15, 2017*

#### CALLS:

Wildland Fires	3
Illegal Burns and Smoke Investigations	21
Mutual Aid Calls	6

#### EVENTS:

Community Events	9
Community Service Details	17
Traffic Control	5

#### SEARCH & RESCUE/ RECOVERY:

Search & Rescue	3
Search & Recovery	1

#### The Department also participated in the Following:

- Provided support to the Adams Agricultural Fair for the three day event
- Provided manpower for traffic control in Town events
- Provided manpower to the Emergency Management Department in the March Snow Storm and in the April Rain/Flooding Event

**All 21 members were certified  
in CPR and as First Responders**

#### THANKS TO THE RESIDENTS OF ADAMS FOR A SAFE BURNING SEASON

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Kleiner  
Chief Forest Warden  
Town of Adams



*West Mountain Road Car fire June 10, 2017*

## Office of Veterans' Services

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Roy  
Veteran Service Officer

## Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

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In 2017/18, the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire (CCNB) awarded \$73,845 to 85 individuals and organizations to benefit citizens of the eleven towns within its jurisdiction: Adams, North Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesboro, Monroe, New Ashford, Savoy and Williamstown. Among the Adams recipients were schools - Hoosac Valley Middle School, Hoosac Valley Elementary School, St. Stanislaus Kostka and BART - the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, the Adams-Anthony Center, the Adams Agriculture Fair, the Adams Arts Advisory Board, Berkshire County Head Start and Bascom Lodge. This year, in addition, council member Stephanie Abrams, of Lanesborough, secured a generous grant of \$5,000 from Berkshire Bank to supplement funding for our schools.

Each year the legislature appropriates funds to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to the 329 local cultural councils (LCCs) that together serve all of the commonwealth's 351 cities and towns. Each LCC is comprised of a board of municipally appointed volunteers who make the difficult decisions about which programs to support and at what level. As a whole, the LCC Program, the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, annually supports thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities, with over \$3 million distributed in 2017/18. Grants contribute to a broad range of local activities, including: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, music enrichment, storytellers, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, puppeteers, theatre performances, dance, town library programs, community block parties, lectures, nature and science education programs, hands-on museum art activities and town fairs.

The Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire will solicit applications again in the fall. Application forms and more information about the LCC Program are available online at:

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

Applications are due in mid-October 2018 for programs to be offered in 2018/19.

Members of the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and the towns they represent are:

Melanie Mowinski, Chair	North Adams
Stephanie Abrams	Lanesborough
Shannon Badorini	Cheshire
Holly Edwards	Williamstown
Jane Hudson	Williamstown
Selma Josell	Lanesborough
Tammara Leminen	New Ashford
Leo Mazzeo	New Ashford
Jacque Metsma	Savoy
Ruth Mikulski	Hancock
Maureen Riley-Moriarty	Cheshire
Linda Rhoads	Adams
Anne Roecklein	North Adams

# Adams Free Library

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

This year the Adams Free Library Trustees and staff have been working to stay current with technology for our patrons. As the American Library Association says “Technology helps libraries do what they do best: connect people with resources and ideas...” To this end, the Library began lending Mobile Wifi hotspots. These devices allow the user to connect Wifi-enabled devices like laptops, tablets and smartphones to the internet from home. The library also has its own Boopsie App, now we go where you go. Patrons have 24/7/365 access to the library on any mobile device. The app allows access to the library catalog, online resources, ebooks, audiobooks and more. A library card today gives more than just access to books; it gives access to the world from home or while on the road. The library also purchased, with gift money, an electronic bulletin board. This allows the library to advertise upcoming programs, meetings and events for the library.

This year Brian Bishop was elected as a new Library Trustee. Once on board he was asked to take over the duties of the Building Maintenance Chair. He has been an active participant and instrumental in seeing that several projects were completed. Through a coordinated effort with the Town Custodian and the DPW, the rooftop decorative urns were cleaned and resealed. Brian also oversaw repairs to the sewer line in the basement, and minor repairs and a thorough cleaning of the boiler.

The Adams Historical Society now has a dedicated exhibit space on the main floor of the library. The “Jean Beauchemin Memorial Exhibit Room” is now open to the public during library hours. The Adams Historical Society is in charge of the collection on display. In addition, the main entrance hall was given a face lift by upgrading to new bulletin boards. Without the volunteer efforts of Jack Tarsa, Gil Duval and members of the Historical Society, these spaces could not have seen these improvements.

Over the course of 2017 a long-term library goal was finally met. The “Needs Analysis” from the 1995 long range plan for the library recommended a prominent outside sign clearly stating the address and library name to aid first-time visitors and delivery persons. The Trustees and staff worked throughout the year on the design and placement for a new sign. Thanks to two generous donations the library sign is now in place. Lighting and landscaping are still to come, but we are glad to have finally brought this project to fruition.

This year has seen more changes to staff. After 14 years of service Lyn Wilson retired in September. She worked at the library for 12 years as Cataloger and Circulation Librarian, and then took over as Children’s Librarian in July of 2016. Lyn maintained the operation of the Children’s department until her retirement in September. Juliana Matthews was promoted to Children’s Librarian in October and has enthusiastically taken over the day-to-day tasks of running our thriving Children’s Department.

Their report follows:

### Children’s Department

The Children’s Department of the Adams Free Library is a welcoming place where the love of learning and reading is furthered through early literacy, critical thinking and information-seeking. With that in mind we offer a wide assortment of high quality educational programs all year long. Each year we run a Summer Reading Program, weekly story times, special guest presentations, performances, and more.

During April vacation, Dale Abrams from Mass Audubon’s Berkshire Sanctuary presented a timely event “Vernal Pools Are Cool!: Newts, Salamanders, and Frogs, Oh My!” Children had fun learning about vernal pools and all the amazing animals that need these small pools for their livelihood. In May, the Family Center came to the library for “Spring Story Time: Stories in Bloom.” There were springtime stories and a special springtime craft.

The month of June saw the Summer Reading Program’s kick-off with a Make-and-Take Fairy House event, sponsored by the Local Cultural Council. Attendees made a natural fairy house in a container and learned about fairy lore. Some brought their own supplies.

The theme for the Summer Reading Program 2017 was Build a Better World. Children read books to raise money to help our local Habitat for Humanity. For every book read, our Trustees donated real funds to Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity. At the completion of a book, each participating child received play money to place in a canister in the children’s room. For example, a Picture book earned \$1; Chapter books netted \$5; and Chapter books with more than 350 pages garnered \$10. Our goal, set at the beginning of the summer was \$1,500. Not only did our youngest patrons meet expectations, but they exceeded our predictions by \$295. At the end of the program, we were gladly able to present to our Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity a check for \$1,795. The children were excited to see the canister fill up and to watch the total on the large thermometer gauge on our bulletin board.



*Library Trustees and staff present check to Habitat for Humanity*

In July the program really took off. We had two ongoing programs thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of the Adams Free Library. The “Girls with Grit Summer Book Club” with Michelle Gajda and Mary Boehmer was an educational program for children entering grades 3-6. They engaged in a five week exploration of books about women and girls who have shown “grit” in many areas of life. Also in July, on each Friday, was the always fun-filled and very well attended ukulele story times with the accomplished musician and singer, Julie Stepanek. We believe in the importance of story time for parents, caregivers and their children as Emilie Buchwald said “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”



*Ukulele Storytime with Julie Stepanek*



*“Coding with Minecraft” Workshop 2017*

We had four more events in July. Dan Berman ran a workshop on “Coding with Minecraft”. This program to promote mental exercise and teamwork for ages 8 and up, included introduction to coding concepts and building a game using Python language on the RaspberryPi. The “Lego Lady” Jean Daley, brought thousands of Legos to our library for ages 5 and up. This event was very well received. We also saw Nutshell Playhouse’s “Mambo & Nemonee’s Worldwide Adventure.” This event featured masks, movement, live music and puppetry and awak-



*The Lego Lady and thousands of Legos*

ened children to earth’s mysteries and the delicate balance of nature. Near the end of the month we hosted Otha Day’s “Drum to the Beat” a lively event utilizing drums and percussion instruments to create in-the-moment musical experiences to develop creativity, teamwork, active listening, and problem solving.

In August, as part of the “Girls with Grit” program, we had a visit by author Heather Lang. Heather’s love of research about real women who overcame obstacles and never gave up on their dreams shows in her writing and capped off a very informative series.

On August 16 we had the End of Summer Reading Program party. Musician Tom Sieling presented “Take a Tromp Through the Swamp.” Tom took children through the world’s most fun, upbeat, and participatory kid’s songs. This was the opportunity for Lyn Wilson, Children’s Librarian to present a check for \$1,795 to Keith Davis, Co-President of the Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity. It was truly a very satisfying and delightful day for all.



*Library Nutshell Playhouse performance of “Mambo and Nemonee’s Worldwide Adventure”*

## Friends of the Library

The Library is indebted to the Friends of the Adams Free Library for all their efforts throughout the year. This year was once again a busy and productive one for the Friends, who were able to make numerous purchases for the library through their fundraising efforts. They provided incentives for the Children's Summer Reading Program – Build a Better World. They purchased museum passes for the Mount, Norman Rockwell Museum, and the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum. The Friends covered the annual cost of the computer program Ancestry.com and the summer flowers for the window boxes and urns on the exterior of the library. The Friends sponsored the May pastel art workshop, expertly run by award-winning pastel artist Gregory Maichack.

The Friends were sponsors for the Savoy Loop Road Race, a local food pantry and the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee. They provided bags of candy for Trick or Treat at the Library. They also decorated the Christmas tree in Memorial Hall and set up the little Christmas tree in the main room with bookmarks and candy canes.

The Friends also put on the Annual Book Sale, which is their biggest and most successful fundraising event. Prior to the sale they spend numerous hours in preparation and set up. This event was a great success due to the generous time donated by the Friends who worked this event, made baked goodies, donated raffle baskets and gift cards, and solicited local merchants for raffle items. The trustees, staff and patrons are so very thankful for the hard work of all the Friends and for their many, many hours of voluntary service. They also offered another fundraising event, an "Evening of Song" with Ron Ramsay and Samantha Talora. This musical evening was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Friends of the library also volunteered their time and talents to the presentation of Paul Clermont's book "Bottoms Up," given by publisher Bill Ludwig.

## Other Events

Use of the building as a community gathering place for meetings and events remained steady for 2017. The meeting rooms were used for political caucuses, Family Childcare Provider meetings, Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum events, a STEM story time by the Family Resource Center, Financial Health Seminars, informational meetings, book discussions, author visits and musical performances such as the Eagles Brass Ensemble sponsored by the Adams Historical Society.

State Aid to Libraries funds were used during the year to provide museum passes not funded by the Friends and for a number of programs offered to our patrons of all ages. With these funds the library was able to host a musical evening "Celebrating New England" with Davis Bates. The library also purchased several databases for patrons which provide online language learning, resume writing, information and musical instrument instruction. The library continues to offer an adult coloring social which has been enjoyed by our community at no cost to the town or patrons.

## Our Staff

In addition to the hard work of Children's Librarian Juliana Matthews, the trustees are indebted to the dedicated hard work of all the library employees. Christa Sidway efficiently manages the interlibrary loan and delivery process for the many thousands of items that flow in and out of the building during the year while also adeptly handling administrative assistant duties and skillfully running the very successful monthly book discussion groups. Caren Les maintains the periodical storage system, handles reference questions and works at the main circulation desk.

The Library has two new part-time employees, Elizabeth Erdeski and Deborah Sala. Deborah works in the Children's Department as a library aide while Elizabeth handles the front desk. The members of the Board of Trustees are Chairman James Loughman, Treasurer Eugene Michalenko, Building Maintenance Chairman Brian Bishop, Karen Kettles, Anita Jamros and Virginia Duval.

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

James R. Loughman  
Chairman of the  
Board of Library Trustees

Holli Jayko,  
Library Director



# Fiscal 2017 Library Statistics

**Total Number of Holdings as of June 30, 2017:** **32,423**

**Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions (including gifts):** **65**

**Registered borrowers:** **2,779**

**Circulation:**

Adult and young adult print	14,939
Juvenile print	6,379
Video Cassettes/music CDs/DVDs, museum passes, misc.	11,579
Audio Books	1,463
E-books	918
Downloadable Audio (audiobooks, music)	548
Downloadable Video	24
Print Periodicals	647
Materials in Electronic Format	42

**TOTAL** **36,539**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Fees Returned to Town Treasurer:** **\$ 1,691.94**

Microfilm Printer Receipts	\$ 8.75
Internet Printer Receipts	848.92
Miscellaneous	81.25
Photocopier Receipts	753.02

**Returned to Revolving Fund via Town Treasurer:** **\$ 2,193.14**

Fines for Overdue Materials	1,678.14
Damaged or Lost Items Replacement Fees	515.00

**TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS** **\$ 3,885.08**

**OTHER INCOME**

Gifts, Memorial Donations, Used Items Sales	\$ 5,000.00
Grant: No. Berkshire Cultural Council	\$ 750.00
State Aid to Public Libraries Award	\$ 14,168.72

TRUST FUNDS DIVIDEND INCOME	BALANCE 7/01/16	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE 6/30/17
W.T. Adams	\$ 3,468.38	\$ 5,713.90	\$ (5,180.48)	\$ 4,001.80
C.N. Miller	2,834.56	784.30	(1,128.00)	2,490.86
Plunkett / Saunders	290.06	65.89		355.95
H. Tiedemann	2,761.47	1,681.69	(470.76)	3,972.40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9,354.47</b>	<b>\$ 8,245.78</b>	<b>\$ (6,779.24)</b>	<b>10,821.01</b>

**Memorial Book Funds** **as of Dec. 2017** **\$ 44,384.15**

**Memorial Book Fund Investment Values** **as of Dec. 2017** **\$ 174,785.86**

# Adams Police Department

## 2017 Activity Report

Calls for Service .....	11,936
Ambulance Calls .....	1,443
Mutual Aid .....	493
Fire Department Calls .....	275
Mutual Aid .....	22
Forest Warden Calls .....	32
Mutual Aid .....	7
Animal Control Calls .....	523

## Criminal and Custodial Activity

Offenses Committed .....	638
Arrest Made .....	194
Adult .....	179
Juvenile .....	15
Protective Custody .....	9
Domestic Violence .....	26
Summons Served .....	98

## Motor Vehicle Activity

Written Warnings .....	408
Civil Offenses .....	157
Arrests .....	69
Criminal Complaints .....	123

## Motor Vehicle Accidents

Investigated .....	208
Fatalities .....	2
Persons Injured .....	44
* Possible Injuries .....	15
** No Reported Injuries .....	321
* 11.5 % Persons involved that were injured	
** 83.6 % Persons involved that were not injured	

## Other Police Activity

B & E / Larcenies .....	131
Alarms Responded To .....	275
Parking Tickets Issued .....	440
Business / House Checks .....	1,886

## FULL TIME SERVICE

<b>Chief of Police:</b>	Richard W. Tarsa Jr.	04/05/87
<b>Sergeants:</b>	Shawn M. Briggs	04/05/87
	Scott McWhirt	01/30/89
	Donna Malloy	09/20/97
	Matthew Wright	05/02/07
<b>Patrol Officers:</b>	Lawrence Ordyna	08/11/80
	David Dean	01/28/02
	Gregory Charon	03/30/05
	Michael Wandrei	03/30/05
	Joshua Baker	04/17/08
	Nicholas Dabrowski	04/17/08
	Curtis Crane	05/20/10
	Travis Cunningham	01/24/13
	Colby Clark	06/05/15
	(resigned / transferred to Maine 06/17)	
	Gregory Onorato	01/12/15
	Dakota Baker	10/19/16
	Dylan Hicks	02/16/17

## Administrative

**Assistant:** Melissa Schaffrick

**Reserve Officer:** Robert Krzanik

## Special

**Police Officers:** Allen Mendel  
Michael Rossi  
Natasha Antona

## Animal

**Control Officers:** Kimberly Witek  
Daniel Lefebvre



## 2017 Training / Seminars / Community Events

**January** – In-Service Training: Active Shooter / Interaction with Youth, was attended by Sgt. McWhirt, Sgt. Malloy, Officer J. Baker, Officer Dean, Officer Clark, Officer Cunningham, Officer Onorato and Chief Tarsa. Addiction & Alzheimer's, was attended by Sgt. Briggs and Officer Crane.

**February** – In-Service Training: Legal Updates, was attended by Sgt. Briggs, Sgt. McWhirt, Sgt. Wright, Officer Wandrei, Officer Clark, Officer Crane, Officer J. Baker, Officer Charon, Officer Dean, Officer Dabrowski and Chief Tarsa. Active Shooter / Interaction with Youth, was attended by Sgt. Briggs, Sgt. Wright, Officer Crane and Officer Dabrowski. Addiction & Alzheimer's, was attended by Sgt. McWhirt, Sgt. Malloy, Officer Dean, Officer Wandrei, Officer Onorato, Officer Clark, Officer Crane, and Chief Tarsa. Chief Tarsa also attended the Berkshire District Attorney's Office training for Death Investigation & Protocols along with Identification, Cell Phone, Social Media, Overdoses and Motor Vehicle Fatalities.

**March** – Sex Offender Registration Work Group, was attended by Sgt. Briggs and Sgt. Wright.

**April** – Sex Offender Registration Training/Certification, was attended by Sgt. Briggs and Sgt. Wright. K-9 Recertification was attended by Officer Crane and K-9 Kumar.

**May** – New England Gang Conference, was attended by Sgt. Wright, Officer Dean, Officer Wandrei, Officer Clark and Chief Tarsa. In-Service Training: Taser / Defensive Tactics was attended by Sgt. Briggs, Sgt. McWhirt, Sgt. Malloy, Officer Charon, Officer Wandrei, Officer Dabrowski, Officer Crane, Officer Cunningham, Officer Onorato and Chief Tarsa. Hoosac Valley HS Career Day was attended by Officer J. Baker, Officer Crane and K-9 Kumar. Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking was attended by Sgt. Briggs, Officer Wandrei and Chief Tarsa. Chief Tarsa attended the Berkshire County Policy making work group regarding Human Trafficking and Sexually Exploited Children.

**June** – In-Service Training: CPR & 1st Responder / Officer Down Training was attended by Sgt. Briggs, Sgt. McWhirt, Sgt. Malloy, Sgt. Wright, Officer Ordyna, Officer Dean, Officer Charon, Officer Wandrei, Officer J. Baker, Officer Dabrowski, Officer Crane, Officer Cunningham, Officer Onorato and Chief Tarsa. Stop the Bleed Tourniquet Training was attended by Sgt. Wright, Officer J. Baker, Officer Crane and Chief Tarsa. Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking was attended by Sgt. Malloy, Sgt. Wright and Officer Dabrowski. Pediatric Psychological 1st Aid Training was attended by Chief Tarsa. Chief Tarsa attended the final session of the Berkshire County Policy making work group regarding Human Trafficking and Sexually Exploited Children. The Pathways to Justice Conference was attended by Chief Tarsa.

**August** – Chief Tarsa attended a round table session with Attorney General Healy on the Heroin/Opioid Epidemic.

**September** – Chief Tarsa attended In-Service Training for Police Chiefs.

**October** – All department members attended yearly firearms qualifications and use of force/DT.

**November** – Chief Tarsa attended the NBcc Group Meeting regarding Heroin/Opioids.

Throughout the year Massachusetts State Police Trooper Andrew Canata and Chief Tarsa continued to work with the schools regarding safety, lockdown drills and evacuation protocols and procedures. Chief Tarsa continued his monthly readings with the Berkshire County Head Start Program and Saint Stanislaus' Pre-school.

On February 16, 2017 Dylan Hicks began working as a full-time officer with the Adams Police Department. At the time of his appointment Dylan was a member of the Rochester Police Department. He was a former Berkshire County resident and his appointment allows him to return back to the Berkshires. Dylan is a member of the National Guard where he holds the rank of 1st Lieutenant. In March 2017 Dylan was deployed to Cairo, Egypt, where he would spend the next twelve months on active duty. We thank him for his service and eagerly waited for his safe return home which was scheduled for February 2018.

On Thursday, December 21, 2017, The Berkshire County SRT (Special Response Team) awarded Adams Police Officer Joshua Baker with the unit's George "Doc" Deering Swat Officer of the Year Award. The award is in memory of the ten tireless years that "Doc" donated to the Berkshire County Special Response Team and the citizens of Berkshire County. The award is annually presented to a team member who has gone above and beyond the expectations of his or her responsibilities. One who has shown an unwavering commitment to the Berkshire County SRT and to supporting the community by having an excellent work ethic, great teamwork and most importantly handling both routine and crisis situations with great ability and professionalism. Officer Baker has been our representative on the SRT for the past four years and his trainings and experiences with the team have been beneficial to his fellow officers at the Adams Police Department where he is also a defensive tactics instructor, firearms instructor and taser instructor. Congratulations Officer Joshua Baker on your award – it was well deserved!

In 2017 the Opioid problem has reached epidemic proportions. On the national level roughly 180 people a day die from opioid related overdoses which also includes prescription pain killers and heroin. Heroin is 100 times stronger than prescription opioids. Fentanyl, another pain medication, is 100 times stronger than heroin and carfentanil is 100 times stronger than fentanyl. Each drug by itself has the lethal potential to take a life through an overdose or misuse. Today's heroin is being "laced" with fentanyl which not only intensifies the potency but also its lethality. "Grey Death" is commonly referred to as a combination of heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil – as one can imagine it lives up to its name because it results in death. Those who are addicted to opioids often times turn to using a stronger and cheaper drug in the form of heroin.

This epidemic is not only a public health crisis but is a major law enforcement crisis as well. The want and need for the drug often leads to the act of committing crime to help support their addiction. There is no social barrier, no age discrimination, no limitations nor classifications as to who is affected by this because it effects every level of society. Every community, be it a city or town, has a drug issue in it – sadly the Town of Adams is also affected by it. Department records show that we had fourteen known overdose cases in 2017 which included prescription medications and/or heroin. One overdose related death is one too many. In August the Adams Police Department included Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, as another tool to assist in saving lives. Naloxone counters the effects of an opioid overdose. Opioid overdoses cause death by suppressing the respiratory system resulting in a complete breathing shut-down. Opioids attach to the receptors in the brain but Naloxone counters this effect and restores breathing, usually within 2-5 minutes. However, sudden reversal results in opioid withdrawal and along with the possibility of agitation. Naloxone, as with some drugs, does not have any side effects and only works to counter opioids.

Law Enforcement is at the front line in trying to combat this problem, but it's not just a law enforcement problem. It involves working with other groups and agencies while forming collaboratives. The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and the Berkshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative work hard on our local level. In an effort to combat the misuse of prescription drugs and heroin they provide resources and disseminate much needed information for those seeking treatment and for family/

friends who are trying to help someone with an addiction problem. A collaborative effort in Berkshire County has resulted in a decrease in the amount of prescription medications being prescribed by our local physicians. Even with such a reduction the problem persists because heroin is cheap to purchase causing further problems for law enforcement.

As you can clearly see, the Opioid Epidemic affects us all. Collaborations result in saving lives, the reduction of crime and making our community safer – isn't that what we all want? It just doesn't end here because you are our community and you are the eyes and ears that can provide law enforcement with much needed information. If you see something, say something. We can keep your name from being known and anonymous. Please report any suspicious activity that you see and if possible provide license plate numbers, but please keep your safety in mind because it is of paramount importance.

As always and I cannot stress this enough, I want to express my gratitude to the members of the Adams Police Department for their continued hard work, fidelity to duty and their tireless dedication. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. Most of all I wish to express a heartfelt thank you to you, the residents of the Town of Adams. Your continued faith in us, your support and your confidence are most appreciated and we are extremely grateful for that. We will continue to provide a dedicated commitment to the fair application of the law not only for our residents, but for those who travel through or visit Adams. Our continuing efforts will help make Adams a safe community to live in and raise a family.

Respectfully yours,

Chief Richard W. Tarsa Jr.

# Community Development Department

During 2017, the Adams Community Development Department implemented a broad work program, involving several community and economic development projects for the Town. These projects included those funded under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as well as several other grant funding programs. A total of \$800,000 was awarded for FY17 CDBG for construction of improvements to the Adams Visitors Center parking lot and design of a new park facility along the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. As in past years, administrative funds from CDBG cover the wages and benefits of the grants staff within the Community Development Department.

## ADAMS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The Community Development Department continues to implement recommendations in the *Adams Downtown Development Plan*. Significant progress on several downtown projects was accomplished in 2017:

Branch line for improved commercial rail access and operation of tourist train excursions, but protects the previous investment of over \$4.5M in public funds toward this important regional endeavor. With completion of the rail extension, the service will provide visitors a slow, narrated scenic trip over the five mile route. The operating plans for the rail service will be focused on providing a quality visitor experience and not emphasize train speed or frequency. Both Adams and North Adams identified this as one of their highest priority economic development projects and have worked hard to integrate it with other key municipal investments to maximize potential positive impact in their downtowns.

### Adams Visitors Center Parking Improvement Project

With the design for improvements in place, Community Development staff prepared an application for funding under the 2017 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for construction of improvements to the Adams Visitors



Adams Hoosac Valley Rail Station  
Adams, Massachusetts



### Hoosac Valley Rail Passenger Platform

The Town was awarded **\$2.6 million** from the 2016 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program to complete the proposed Hoosac Valley Service Track Extension Project to extend the Adams Branch rail line from its terminus at Renfrew Street approximately 0.9 miles south to Hoosac Street in downtown Adams, and to construct a new passenger platform at Adams Station. Completion of the project would fulfill the vision of connecting the downtowns of Adams and North Adams via tourist train service offered by Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum (BSRM). The track extension is within the abandoned rail corridor on property owned by the Commonwealth and it will share this right-of-way with the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. The first phase of the project - constructing 4,700 LF of new track, including installation of new ties, and ballast - was completed in June 2017. A new passenger platform will be constructed at Adams Station on Hoosac Street with the Town responsible for public bidding of the project, which was initiated in late fall 2017.

Extending the track and other associated work as requested under MassWorks not only fully completes the rail improvement project to purchase, upgrade, and extend the Adams

Center parking lot. The application was submitted in February 2017. The Town was notified in July 2017 that it had received the requested \$800,000 in CDBG funding, with about \$650,000 dedicated to the parking improvement project.

At the start of 2017, the Town's engineer (Waterfield Design Group, Inc.) had completed full construction plans and specifications for the proposed improvements to the Visitors Center parking facility and assisted the Town in developing the successful grant application. Given the poor condition and the heavy use of the existing 120-space parking lot, the improvement project is a critical need in the town center. The proposed improvements are expected to include the following: i) demolishing / removing existing sidewalks, curbing, and lighting; ii) milling existing parking surface pavement with approximately two-inches of material to be removed; iii) installing new and retrofitting existing drainage structures; iv) installing new lighting; v) installing new curbing; vi) installing new bituminous concrete pavement; and vii) installing new sidewalks with pedestrian curb extensions, handicapped ramps and tactile warning pads, new street trees, landscaping, and new street furnishings to include benches, bollards, trash receptacles, and decorative pavers.

Importantly the parking improvement project will complement other major state and local investments in the immediate vicinity: the new “Hoosac Valley Service” offering tourist train excursions between downtown Adams and downtown North Adams, the new extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, and the proposed mill redevelopment at 5-7 Hoosac Street.

### **Hoosac Valley Park Project**

The Town received \$50,000 under the FY2017 CDBG program to complete design of a proposed public park on approximately one acre of property. Acquired through a tax taking, the project site, located at 1 Cook Street, is the former “Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain property.” The main structure on the property, the former “Coal & Grain Elevator and Feed Store” building, c. 1900, is an important historic structure in the town center that represents the community’s growth and development during the age of railroads. The building is a prominent landmark along Route 8 and there is a strong community desire to save the main building. The property is uniquely situated adjacent to two important recreational projects – the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and the new Hoosac Valley Service tourist trains. Because this site is so prominently situated, eliminating the blighted appearance of the property, both buildings and grounds, is critical to maximize the potential of these other projects and the anticipated increases in tourist visitation they promised. Improving this property will also, in turn, protect the substantial public investment required for the implementation of these two important regional economic development projects.

### **Ashuwillticook Rail Trail Extension Project**

During 2017, the extension of the popular Ashuwillticook Rail Trail another 1.4 miles was completed. After the Town completed right-of-way acquisitions in the previous year, the project’s construction contractor, J. H. Maxymillian, Inc., worked diligently to complete the project in spring 2017. On **Friday, May 12, 2017** community members gathered at “Adams Station” located at 4 Hoosac Street to celebrate the opening of the Phase III extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, which extended the recreational path from Hoosac Street to Lime Street in Adams. The celebration was a collaborative event of the Town of Adams, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Berkshire Bike Path Council (BBPC), and Bike North Berkshire (BNB). Completion of this extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail has attracted even more visitors to the Hoosac Street area, which is becoming a focused hub of activity within the town center.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

### **Greylock Glen Resort Project**

The Town continued to work on implementation of the Greylock Glen Resort, the proposed four-season resort development focused on outdoor recreation and environmental education and located at Greylock Glen on the base of Mount Greylock. The Town issued a Request for Proposals for architectural design services for design of the Outdoor Center at Greylock Glen. Responding to the Town’s RFP in early 2017, the project



*Grain Elevator and Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, looking North.*

attracted submittals from 13 design teams, all of them with impressive portfolios of completed building projects. The Town's Designer Selection Committee selected **Maclay Architects** of Waitsfield, Vermont. Maclay is well known for their work in designing net zero energy buildings, which the Town anticipates for the Outdoor Center.

In June 2017, the Town completed negotiations with the firm and executed a contract with Maclay. By then the Town received \$250,000 from the Commonwealth for schematic design of the building, and a commitment for another \$500,000 to complete bid-ready plans and specifications. The 10,000 square foot building will include a welcome center, exhibit areas, three (3) classrooms used as flexible space, a café, concessions, and restrooms. The indoor welcome/orientation area will consist of a large open lounge with a large stone fireplace, along with an information desk and exhibit spaces. A four-season cafe will open out onto the lounge allowing hikers, skiers, cyclists and the general public a place to find sustenance before or after their outdoor explorations. The Town will seek construction funding from the Commonwealth.

### **Route 8 Design Project**

The Town's Route 8 Roadway Improvement Project (beginning from the bridge crossing the Ashwilticook Rail Trail north to McDonald's and the intersection with Route 116) continued to progress toward 25% design. The Town's engineer, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB, Inc.), submitted the draft "25% design plans" to District 1 of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) at the end of 2017. Following a review from various departments within MassDOT, the project will be able to advance to the MassDOT Design Public Hearing during 2018. The project is expected to involve a full depth reconstruction of the existing roadway, and include new pavement, new sidewalks, replacement and/or rehabilitation of some existing sidewalks, new bike lanes, new signage (including rectangular rapid flashing beacons at certain high-use crosswalks), drainage improvements, some slope work, and minor work on two bridges. The construction cost is estimated at **\$5.8 million** with funding from the Federal Highway Administration. This project is currently listed on the state FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan for Berkshire County. As with any major transportation improvement project, the Town will be responsible for securing all required rights-of-way (both permanent and temporary easements) in order for the project to be advertised by the Commonwealth for public bidding.



*Grain Elevator, Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain.*

### **Hazard Mitigation and Climate Resiliency Planning Projects**

The Town was awarded a pre-disaster planning grant in 2017 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update the Adams Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will identify actions that can eliminate or reduce the risk to life and property should a natural disaster occur: it is work done up front to minimize the impacts of a disaster. Pre-disaster mitigation actions for municipalities could include actions like:

- Replacing undersized culverts with a larger ones to reduce the risk of flooding or road washout;
- Elevating critical municipal infrastructure out of flood-prone areas; or
- Retrofitting cooling centers with generators to provide electricity during power outages.

The Town also received a **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant** from the Commonwealth to assess how climate change could affect the risks of natural disasters. In the Berkshires, climate change is expected to increase the number and severity of extreme storm events, increase the number of high heat stress days, and increase the risk of pathogens and insect-borne disease. Like the hazard mitigation planning process, the Town will identify actions that can be undertaken to lessen the impacts of climate change. This second grant also will allow the Town to conduct a more robust public participation process to receive input from Town officials, residents, business owners and vulnerable populations throughout the community. Future public workshops will be an important part of the Town's efforts to identify how Adams can become a more resilient community in the face of impacts from climate change.

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

The Town has developed a solid plan for renovation and reuse of the former Memorial School building located at 30 Columbia Street. The plan addresses several critical community needs, while trying to complete needed improvements to allow community use of portions of the building. Community Development staff is developing an application for Community Development Block Grant funding (FY2018) to replace the building's failed, antiquated heating and ventilation (HVAC) system and allow full use of the portion of the structure intended for community use (approximately 25,000 square feet in area). Renovating the Memorial School Building will assist Town residents in the following ways:



*Memorial School Gym*

- 1) Enables the Town's Council on Aging (COA) to relocate to the building, which is served by public transportation and easily accessible to the Town's seniors, and provides a larger, ADA-compliant, and more suitable facility for COA operations;
- 2) Provides critically needed indoor recreational opportunities for Town residents, especially active use of the gymnasium (the only facility of its size within the community) by seniors and various youth sports groups, BaRT Charter School, Youth Center, Inc., as well as other community groups and organizations;
- 3) Supports the growth and expansion of wellness and educational programming for residents, not only by the Adams Council on Aging but other community groups like the Adams Arts Advisory Committee;
- 4) Provides a centrally-located and handicapped accessible location for important municipal functions like voting and Town Meetings;
- 5) Accelerates the building's redevelopment, particularly development and reuse of the classroom wing into affordable housing.

Town staff, working with the Board of Selectmen, will issue a Request for Proposals to private developers for redevelopment of the classroom portion of the building to reuse as new residential. The proposed residential use could be senior housing, assisted living, or market-rate residential apartments. If the Town is awarded CDBG funding in 2018, completion of the HVAC replacement is anticipated by early spring 2019, allowing the Council on Aging to relocate to the building that summer.



*Memorial School Facade*

# Financial Reports

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### TAX RATE SUMMARY FOR FY 2018

Total amount to be raised	\$ 16,521,067.00
Total estimated receipts and other Revenue sources	- 4,973,589.00
Tax levy	<b>\$ 11,547,478.00</b>

Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
Residential	419,067,117	80.6040%
Open Space	0	0.0000%
Commercial	34,489,084	7.6212%
Industrial	28,856,688	6.3766%
Personal Property	24,428,418	5.3982%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>506,841,307</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>

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

As part of the state modernization program, the Board of Assessors will be replacing the state provided CAMA system with another newer version. This process will probably take approximately two years from start to finish.

Also, as part of the modernization program, recertification has been changed from every three years to every five years.

We recommend that homeowners review their property record cards online at: [www.town.adams.ma.us](http://www.town.adams.ma.us)

The file is updated once a year. If you have questions regarding your property record card,  
please contact the Assessor's Office at: 413-743-8300 ext. 178.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

#### Board of Assessors:

George Haddad  
Lorraine Kalisz  
Donna M. MacDonald

# Town of Adams

## Schedule of Taxes Receivable

### for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Uncollected Tax July 1, 2016	Add Commitments	(Add) Deduct Abatements and Adjustments	Add (Deduct) Prior years Tax Title Account	Deduct Collections	Correct Uncollected Tax June 30, 2017
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>						
2008 and older	128,481				6,604	121,877
2009	40,528				7,318	33,210
2010	25,063				7,357	17,706
2011	32,311				5,672	26,639
2012	49,202				12,188	37,014
2013	75,553				14,740	60,813
2014	152,733				62,789	89,944
2015	224,689				106,883	117,806
2016	343,976				187,748	156,228
2017		10,534,360	118,481		10,122,959	292,920
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>1,072,536</b>	<b>10,534,360</b>	<b>118,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,534,258</b>	<b>954,157</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>						
2010 and older	13,593					13,593
2011	961					961
2012	939					939
2013	1,298					1,298
2014	6,559				4,273	2,286
2015	6,098				3,276	2,822
2016	5,899				4,277	1,622
2017		597,601	8,875		586,610	2,116
<b>Total</b>						
<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>35,347</b>	<b>597,601</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>598,436</b>	<b>25,637</b>
<b>Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>1,107,883</b>	<b>11,131,961</b>	<b>127,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,132,694</b>	<b>979,794</b>



# Town of Adams

## Schedule of Taxes Receivable

### for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 *(continued)*

	Uncollected Tax July 1, 2016	Add Commitments	(Add) Deduct Abatements and Adjustments	Add (Deduct) Prior years Tax Title Account	Deduct Collections	Correct Uncollected Tax June 30, 2017
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>						
2010 and older	48,461				478	47,983
2011	3,186				279	2,907
2012	4,645				476	4,169
2013	6,734				731	6,003
2014	5,922	25			1,454	4,493
2015	19,246			1,828	12,035	9,039
2016	117,177	99,239	2,771		189,797	23,848
2017		887,076	16,166		744,577	126,333
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise</b>	<b>205,371</b>	<b>986,340</b>	<b>18,937</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>949,827</b>	<b>224,775</b>
<b>Grand Total Tax Receivables</b>	<b>1,313,254</b>	<b>12,118,301</b>	<b>146,293</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>12,082,521</b>	<b>1,204,570</b>

# Town of Adams

## Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

### June 30, 2017

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As of June 30, 2017 cash consisted of the following balances:

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

TD Bank	\$ 51,196
Adams Community Bank	397,867
UniBank	3,927,392
Century Bank	34,466
Value Line	11,044
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,421,965</b>
Petty Cash	590
<b>Total cash and Short-term Investments</b>	<b>\$ 4,422,555</b>

## Indebtedness

### June 30, 2017

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	Outstanding July 1, 2016	Retirement	Outstanding June 30, 2017
Town Hall/Police Station/Library	\$ 1,905,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 1,715,000
WWTP Plant Renovations	1,580,724	146,439	1,434,285
Tropical Storm Irene	76,100	76,100	00
Water Channel Improvements	140,000	70,000	70,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,701,824</b>	<b>\$ 482,539</b>	<b>\$ 3,219,285</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, 2017 (Audited)**

	<b>Actual Budget as Revised</b>	<b>Expenditures/ Revenue</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	11,131,708	11,007,714	(123,994)
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	825,000	1,000,921	175,921
Departmental receipts, licenses and permits	434,999	594,241	159,242
Earnings on invested funds	3,500	3,565	65
Total locally raised revenue	12,395,207	12,606,441	211,234
Intergovernmental revenues/Net of offsets	2,535,205	2,458,100	(77,105)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,930,412</b>	<b>15,064,541</b>	<b>134,129</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Selectmen/Moderator/Town Report	81,761	63,051	18,710
Town Administrator	181,687	203,171	(21,484)
Financial - Accounting/Fincom	367,397	184,194	183,203
Assessors	128,813	124,530	4,283
Treasurer	158,905	143,240	15,665
Town Counsel	40,772	40,716	56
Technology	164,491	133,549	30,942
Town Clerk/Elections/Registration/Codes	155,631	151,798	3,833
Property & Liability Insurance	170,150	153,122	17,028
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,449,607</b>	<b>1,197,371</b>	<b>252,236</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>228,402</b>	<b>137,963</b>	<b>90,439</b>
<b>INSPECTION SERVICES</b>			
Inspection Services/Gas/Plumbing/Etc	170,978	168,289	2,689
Conservation/Agriculture/Historical Commissions	3,610	2,100	1,510
Planning/Zoning Board	11,185	10,670	515
Board of Health	47,600	38,423	9,177
<b>Total Inspection Services</b>	<b>233,373</b>	<b>219,482</b>	<b>13,891</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police	1,687,413	1,664,924	22,489
Police Station	28,650	28,246	404
Emergency Management/Forest Warden	14,701	12,704	1,997
Animal Control Officer	38,877	34,100	4,777
Parking Management	4,950	1,410	3,540
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,774,591</b>	<b>1,741,384</b>	<b>33,207</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
Council on Aging	204,192	202,230	1,962
Veteran Services/Memorial Day	161,390	157,966	3,424
<b>Total Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>365,582</b>	<b>360,196</b>	<b>5,386</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, 2017 (Audited *continued*)**

	Budget as Revised	Actual Expenditures/ Revenue	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>EDUCATION - REGIONAL SCHOOLS</b>			
Adams-Cheshire Regional	5,443,509	5,443,509	0
Mccann Vocational Region	808,841	808,841	0
<b>Total Education - Regional Schools</b>	<b>6,252,350</b>	<b>6,252,350</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>241,131</b>	<b>232,189</b>	<b>8,942</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>			
Public Buildings/Property Maintenance	325,968	261,307	64,661
DPW Administration/Tree Warden	174,546	174,546	0
Highways	1,346,495	1,328,849	17,646
Snow & Ice Control	249,467	249,467	0
Flood Control	600	421	179
DPW Garage/Equipment Maintenance	283,600	251,783	31,817
Transfer Station	61,690	61,690	0
Wastewater Treatment/Collection	301,768	301,768	0
<b>Total Public Works, Buildings, Highway &amp; Streets</b>	<b>2,744,134</b>	<b>2,629,831</b>	<b>114,303</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE/RETIREE BENEFITS</b>	<b>1,168,372</b>	<b>1,093,818</b>	<b>74,554</b>
Cemeteries, Parks & Grounds	52,575	51,158	1,417
Recreation	9,000	9,000	0
Celebrations - Seasonal	2,200	2,124	76
<b>Total Cemetery, Parks &amp; Other</b>	<b>63,775</b>	<b>62,283</b>	<b>1,492</b>
<b>COURT JUDGEMENT</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>555,818</b>	<b>555,818</b>	<b>0</b>
Principal	439,632	439,632	0
Interest/Fees	116,186	116,186	0
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,093,385</b>	<b>14,498,934</b>	<b>594,451</b>
<b>OTHER AMOUNTS RAISED:</b>			
State Intergovernmental Assessments	40,852	40,852	
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	169,181	169,181	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,303,418</b>	<b>14,708,967</b>	<b>594,451</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2017 (Audited)

ASSETS	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue	Special Revenue Small Cities	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2017
<b>Cash</b>									
Petty Cash	590								590
Cash in Savings and									
Money Market Account Investments	3,532,003	331,968	1,034,291	69,345	-14,308	622,834	29,173		5,605,306
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>									
Personal Property Taxes	25,637								25,637
Real Estate Taxes	954,158								954,158
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-647,937								-647,937
Motor Vehicle Excise	224,775								224,775
<b>Tax Titles</b>									
Tax Possessions	331,792								331,792
Departmental - PD Off Duty - due from Vendors							9,080		9,080
Departmental - Industry Sewer							689		689
Departmental - Sewer/Water Liens AFD									0
Departmental - Veterans Services									858
Checks returned - ISF	858								1,155
Special Assessment - Demolition Lien	1,155								40,500
Departmental - Emergencies Agencies									0
Departmental - Federal Grant Receivable				40,500					47,628
Departmental - Comm of Mass Grants									
Departmental - Comm of Mass Chapter 90					47,628				
Due from SRF - Federal Grant Small Cities I	15,714								15,714
Due from SRF - PARC St Grant									0
Due from SRF - Chapter 90									0
<b>Amounts to be Provided for</b>									
Payment of Bond								3,224,392	3,224,392
Debt Authorized & Unissued								215,000	215,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,438,745</b>	<b>331,968</b>	<b>1,034,291</b>	<b>109,845</b>	<b>33,320</b>	<b>622,834</b>	<b>38,942</b>	<b>3,439,392</b>	<b>10,049,337</b>

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2017 (AUDITED *Continued*)

LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Special Revenue	Special Revenue Small Cities	Special Revenue Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2017
<b>Current Liabilities</b>									
Warrants Payable	125,705			40,738					166,443
Payroll Payable	133,759								133,759
Health Insurance Withheld	104,536								104,536
Workmans Comp/PD Accident Payable	8,163								8,163
Taxes Withheld/Payable	4,143								4,143
Unemployment Payable	4,395								4,395
Misc. Withheld	11,610								11,610
Cafeteria Plan Withheld	23,660								23,660
Retirement Withheld	558								558
Contract Retainage	31								31
Due to General Fund			15,714						15,714
Due to SR FED Grant			-75						-75
Due to Deputy Collector							16,765		16,765
Due to Commonwealth of Mass - F & G/FID							1,509		1,509
Miscellaneous									
Off-Duty Work							10,899		10,899
<b>Deferred Revenues</b>									
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	331,858								331,858
Tax Liens	331,792								331,792
Motor Vehicle Excise	224,775								224,775
Tax Possessions									
Departmental							9,080		9,080
Special Assessments	1,155						689		1,844
Due from Federal Government				40,500					40,500
Due from Comm of Mass Grants					47,628				47,628
<b>Unreserved Fund Balances</b>	2,006,557	331,968							2,338,525
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Encumbrances</b>	322,978								322,978
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Compensated Absences</b>	101,070								101,070
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Trust Funds</b>									
Restricted Trust Funds						499,830			499,830
Unrestricted Trust Funds						123,004			123,004

# Town of Adams, Massachusetts

## Office of the Town Accountant - Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2017 (AUDITED *Continued*)

<b>LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Special Revenue Small Cities</b>	<b>Special Revenue Capital Projects</b>	<b>Trusts Funds</b>	<b>Agency Funds</b>	<b>Long-term Debt Group</b>	<b>Total Memo only as of 06/30/2017</b>
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Fed/State Grants</b>			405,864	12,968					418,832
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Appropriation</b>									
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Gifts/Bequests/Revolving</b>			197,678						197,678
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Special Purposes</b>									
Reserved for Expenditure	702,000		429,198						1,131,198
Reserved for Emergency Spending - T/S Irene			1,551						1,551
<b>Fund Balances Reserved for Capital Projects</b>									
Reserved for Chapter 90					-47,628				-47,628
Reserved for Water Channel Improvements					28,244				28,244
Reserved for Old Town Hall/Library					3,348				3,348
Reserved for Library Renovation					1,728				1,728
Reserved for 10 Year Revaluation									
<b>Bonds Payable</b>									
Inside Debt Limit - Town Hall/PSD Station/Library								1,725,000	1,725,000
Inside Debt Limit - Water Channel Improvements								70,000	70,000
Inside Debt Limit - T/S Irene								0	0
Inside Debt Limit - MWPAI								1,429,392	1,429,392
<b>Bonds Authorized &amp; Unissued</b>								215,000	215,000
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,438,745</b>	<b>331,968</b>	<b>1,034,291</b>	<b>109,845</b>	<b>33,320</b>	<b>622,834</b>	<b>38,942</b>	<b>3,439,392</b>	<b>10,049,337</b>



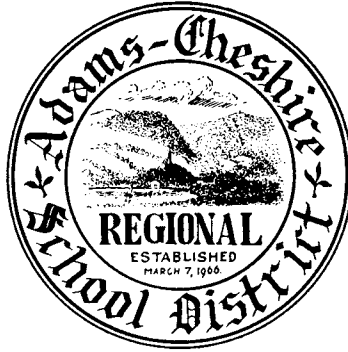
**Town of Adams, Massachusetts**  
**Office of the Town Accountant - Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances - Special Revenue Funds - for the year ended June 30, 2017**  
(AUDITED)

	Fund Balance 06/30/16	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/17
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>							
Federal Community Develop Block Grant	86,235.00	408,347.00	(425,237.00)	(16,890.00)			69,345.00
Massachusetts Small Cities Program	0.00	2,260.00	(2,260.00)	0.00			0.00
Brownsfield Grant							
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>86,235.00</b>	<b>410,607.00</b>	<b>(427,497.00)</b>	<b>(16,890.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>69,345.00</b>
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>							
Board of Health - Local Prep Grant	2,455.00			0.00			2,455.00
COA Grant	1,852.00	7,520.00	(920.00)	6,600.00			8,452.00
Elderly Grant	0.00	22,150.00	(22,150.00)	0.00			0.00
Early Poling Grant	0.00	500.00		500.00			500.00
Events Committee	233.00	1,060.00	(1,043.00)	17.00			250.00
Green Communities	0.00	54,216.00	(17,914.00)	36,302.00			36,302.00
Greylock Glen - State Grant	250,000.00			0.00			250,000.00
MEMA	148.00	6,057.00	(3,280.00)	2,777.00			2,925.00
PARC - Grant - Train Station	(630.00)	630.00		630.00			0.00
Public Safety	43,098.00	46,064.00	(57,149.00)	(11,085.00)			32,013.00
PWED - Cemetery Pres/Stormwater	1,056.00	11,050.00	(11,050.00)	0.00			1,056.00
Small Initiative Grant	250.00	750.00	(500.00)	250.00			500.00
Solarization/Energy Conservation	72.00			0.00			72.00
State Aid to Libraries	30,790.00	24,262.00	(8,840.00)	15,422.00			46,212.00
Visitor Center/Cultural Council	19,134.00	24,960.00	(18,968.00)	5,992.00			25,126.00
<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>348,458.00</b>	<b>199,219.00</b>	<b>(141,814.00)</b>	<b>57,405.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>405,863.00</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>							
Economic Development Fund	43,699.00	78,560.00	(34,792.00)	43,768.00			87,467.00
Parking Meter	46,593.00	8,380.00		8,380.00		(5,000.00)	49,973.00
Council on Aging	31,462.00	21,232.00		21,232.00		(15,000.00)	37,694.00
Technology Fund	59,680.00	19,638.00		19,638.00		(40,750.00)	38,568.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	206,620.00	8,876.00		8,876.00			215,496.00
Tropical Storm Irene	1,551.00			0.00			1,551.00
Other Special Revenue Revolving & Gifts & Donations	142,035.00	137,602.00	(81,959.00)	55,643.00			197,678.00
<b>Total Other Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>531,640.00</b>	<b>274,288.00</b>	<b>(116,751.00)</b>	<b>157,537.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(60,750.00)</b>	<b>628,427.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>966,333.00</b>	<b>884,114.00</b>	<b>(686,062.00)</b>	<b>198,052.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(60,750.00)</b>	<b>1,103,635.00</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, 2017**  
(AUDITED)

	Fund Balance 06/30/16	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/17
<b>RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Only	417,946	3,500		3,500			421,446
OPEB Trust	10,000	20		20	10,000		20,020
Library - Plunkett Fund	23,323	58	(58)	0			23,323
Library - Saunders Fund	5,041	8	(8)	0			5,041
East Road Solar Bond	30,000			0			30,000
<b>Total Restricted Trust</b>	<b>486,310</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>499,830</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Stabilization	261,054	914		914	70,000		331,968
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest Only	18,031	436		436		(5,000)	13,467
Cemetery Maintenance	12,711	103		103			12,814
Cemetery Endowed Lots - Harrington/Hall/Plunkett	28,012	56	(315)	(259)			27,753
Scholarship - Hall/Low	25,731	64		64			25,795
Scholarship - Kruszyna	9,760	1,504		1,504			11,264
Scholarship - Town	13,059	1,688	(1,800)	(112)			12,947
Conservation Trust	3,493		(820)	(820)			2,673
Historical Preservation - Quaker Meeting House	16,250	41		41			16,291
<b>Total Unrestricted Trust</b>	<b>388,101</b>	<b>4,806</b>	<b>(2,935)</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>454,972</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>874,411</b>	<b>8,392</b>	<b>(3,001)</b>	<b>5,391</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>954,802</b>

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHESHIRE, MA 01225**



**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**



***Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee***

*(Standing Left to Right):*

*Regina Hill, Vice-Chair Steven Vigna, Superintendent Robert Putnam, Darlene Rodowicz, Peter Tatros,  
(Sitting Left to Right): Chairman Paul K. Butler, Jennifer Gageant, missing from photo: Adam Emerson*

# Report of the Chairman

## Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

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Paul K. Butler, Chairman	Adams, appointed 9/00, elected 5/01, re-elected 5/04, 5/07, 5/10, 5/13, 5/16
Darlene Rodowicz, Vice-Chair	Cheshire, appointed 09/04, elected 5/06, re-elected 5/09, 5/12, 5/15
Regina Hill	Adams, appointed 09/10, elected 05/11, re-elected 05/14, 5/17
Steve Vigna	Adams, appointed 06/11, elected 05/12, re-elected 05/15
Peter Tatro	Cheshire, elected 05/16
Jennifer Gageant	Adams, elected 05/16
Adam Emerson	Cheshire, elected 05/17

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The Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee membership for this year has seen one change. Edmund St. John of Cheshire left the committee and ran successfully for a seat on the Cheshire Selectboard. The input that Mr. St. John gave to the committee during his tenure was much appreciated and we wish him well in his new role on the town board. In his place we welcome newly elected member Adam Emerson who joined the committee in May of 2017. Already he has shown to be a tremendous asset to the school system and we look forward to his presence in the coming years. Along with Mr. Emerson we have 2 members first elected in 2016, and 4 members who have been on the committee since at least 2011. The membership represents both towns and has a wide range of backgrounds and skill sets that allow each member to bring his or her unique perspective to the table.

The 2017/2018 school year is certainly one of enormous change. Berkshire County as a whole has seen declines in population and student enrollment. Demographic makeup of communities has shifted with many towns seeing the average age of its population on the increase. The challenges in providing quality education here in the North Berkshire region are compounded by a more transient population and a higher poverty rate than many other areas have seen. As we have been saying for a number of years, State Chapter 70 funding, which makes up roughly 60% of our school budget, has seen virtually no increase over the past decade. However, the cost to run our schools has continued to increase. Salaries, heat & utilities, maintenance, and especially health insurance costs have continued to put upward pressure on school budgets over the years. The net effect of this is that more and more of the school budget must be absorbed by the towns, or services to education must be cut.

The school committee has tried to be sensitive to the taxpayers and to the realities of town budgets over the years when developing the school budget and formulating assessments to the towns. Prior to last year's budget process, the findings of the Collins center study were released. The overall goal was to help improve the quality of education for our district while at the same time putting the district in a more financially sustainable position. Every recommendation that was put forth by the Collins Center was reviewed by the school committee. Some were instituted immediately. Some required contract negotiation which has since occurred. And some were deemed not appropriate for specific reasons.

One of the changes suggested was to move to a 2-building district. This controversial suggestion would mean that either C.T. Plunkett or Cheshire Elementary School would be closed. The idea of closing a building was one that had been looked at and discussed for at least 2 years prior but was then supported by the study. Prior to making any such decision, different budget scenarios were studied, open forums held for the public, building walk-through events were conducted, and many hours were devoted to a very important topic and decision. The school committee felt it important to make changes in operations in order to improve education in the classroom. And the committee did vote unanimously to close a building and go to a 2-building district.

However, the vote to close a specific building was not unanimous and unfortunately was split along town representative lines. In the nearly 20 years I have served on this committee, I have never heard anyone say that they only represent the students from the town that they represent. It is our charge and oath to represent all of our students, regardless of which town they reside. It is understandable that there remains resentment in our communities over this decision. But we should remember how we got here. We didn't get here because one town or another didn't pay their fair share. We got here because we have a problem with declining population, reduced student enrollment, and a state funding formula that has failed to keep pace with the cost to educate our children.

The Berkshire County Education Task Force voted to put forth as their aspiration for Berkshire County the goal of moving toward a single county-wide district over the next 10 years. This can be a very controversial position for many schools and towns that may see this as move to reduce local control over the schools. But the studies and evidence suggest that with the current trends of shrinking populations and student enrollments throughout Berkshire County, there may be few other options that have the potential to reduce costs and improve education for every student in the region. It is important to remember that the task force is merely a recommending body, not a mandating one. However, I would strongly suggest that their work be looked at seriously for the benefits that could be afforded to everyone. For more details on the Task Force anyone can review their website at [berkshireeducation.org](http://berkshireeducation.org) or look them up on Facebook.

The school district continues to take measures within its available means to enhance performance on standardized testing. We continue to use Bay State Readers initiative in the elementary grades. Time on learning in the classroom is emphasized throughout the district, especially at the middle and high school grades. Investments in technologies have been ongoing for several years in all our schools. The reality is that a higher than average special needs population, an above average poverty rate, and overall lack of economic opportunity in our region all combine to put increased pressures on our schools. Additionally, our district has a below average per pupil spending which limits our ability to add resources to the classrooms.

Nonetheless, students who attend school in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District can and do succeed. And in order to help them succeed, we have committed to investing in new programs such as PLTW, Project Lead The Way. This program was instituted this past fall in a pilot format in the middle school. It has had such enthusiasm and success that PLTW will be expanded for the fall. The program focuses on technology, bio sciences, engineering, and others. It is important to get exactly this type of theoretic and hands-on education in our schools. When students and teachers alike become excited and enthused, learning happens naturally. Coding is being integrated in our curriculum for nearly all grades in some fashion. Many fields of employment now and in the future will require at least some knowledge of program coding. As I mentioned, students who graduate from Hoosac Valley can and do succeed. We continue to send graduating students to great schools including the U.S. Naval Academy, RPI, Northeastern University, Michigan University, Boston University, UMASS, UCONN, Merrimac College, and many many more. We graduate future physicians, nurses, lawyers, engineers, business professionals, and of course teachers. Despite the stigma of being a Level 2 and 3 school district, we are proud of our accomplishments and are confident of improvement.

Maintenance of both buildings within our district continues to be an enormous task. Hoosac Valley Elementary School is located in the C.T. Plunkett building. While this building was renovated, that project was done over 20 years ago and there were some areas of the building that were not re-worked at the time. Even with that, the facility is a very old one and while it has a very solid foundation, there remain the issues that typically are seen on older properties. The town of Adams has recently finished work on the boiler room roof. And a few other areas of priority are being addressed. The cold snap of late December to early January put a great deal of stress on the heating system which caused some broken pipes. This was quickly resolved with little to no damage to the building.

The Hoosac Valley Middle and High School campus is a much more modern facility. All building systems were updated to current code during the renovation. Nonetheless, a building of that size, which houses roughly 800 students each day, does require maintenance and repairs. With correct attention to these areas the Hoosac building should serve our district well for many years to come. We are committed to have buildings that at the very least offer clean and comfortable environments for our students and staff.

The school committee successfully came to agreement on the contracts for all our bargaining units last year. It is the goal of such negotiations to provide our employees with comparable salaries and benefits to enable the district to attract and retain talent. A number of changes were instituted in contract language to help achieve those goals. We especially appreciate the assistance of the Adams-Cheshire Teacher's Association for their help in finalizing these contracts. We feel that the students, the employees, and the taxpayers are well served by having these contracts finalized and implemented.

The school committee was notified in late December by Superintendent Dr. Robert Putnam of his intent to retire at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. The school committee has voted to establish a search committee made up of representatives of both member towns to assist in the process. Additionally, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees will be assisting with the search, recruitment, and vetting processes. Dr. Putnam has had as his chief goal the task of raising the district out of Level 3 status with regard to state MCAS standardized testing. He has made a number of changes, improvements, and recommendations to help move our schools toward that goal. We do thank him in advance for the energy and effort he has put into that goal. It will be important to find a replacement who will be able to continue the work of improving education for all our students.

Obviously a school district would not be a district without our students. The school committee has as its number one goal the well-being, safety, and education of every student within our district. Most of the members of the school committee are parents and most of us have children or have had children who attend school here in this district. We are naturally concerned and proud not only of our own children but of all the students in the district as well. There are so many exciting and good things happening in our schools every day. I simply want to say go out and enjoy an event involving students. Perhaps take in a football, baseball, or basketball game. Attend a soccer game or a ski meet. Watch and listen to the band as they march in one of the local parades. Go see the high school musical or one of the concert and jazz band and chorus performances. Support a pancake breakfast or spaghetti supper. Students enjoy being supported by their communities and you will probably be amazed by the level at which our students perform.

Finally, as chairman of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee, I would once again like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support for the school district and for the children who attend class here every day. I know that this has been a particularly difficult year and we are not lost on that fact. But we are committed to making the necessary changes to help improve the education for every one of our students. After all, they represent the future for all of us.

Paul K. Butler, Chairman

Adams-Cheshire Regional  
School District

# Superintendent of Schools

## Annual Report - 2017

The mission of the ACRSD, 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. Our mission statement acts as a rallying point for people in good times and in bad times. Our mission statement focuses us on the truly important things that will drive success for our students. In difficult times, the mission statement also serves as a reminder to stay on the task at hand.

The 2016-2017 school year was challenging time for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. The FY18 budget took the drastic step of closing one of our community schools in order to preserve the majority of existing personnel and programs while adding much needed personnel to provide intervention for regular education students and personnel for the implementation and coordination of Special Education services.

Over the course of the 2017 summer the district was transformed. The PreK-3 Hoosac Valley Elementary School opened in the C.T. Plunkett building, the 4-7 Hoosac Valley Middle School and the 8-12 Hoosac Valley High School opened in the Hoosac Valley Middle and High School building. The restructuring provided opportunities to redefine the district, to attain continuity of programming within and across grade levels, and implement programs that will improve the educational opportunities for all students.

The restructuring of the elementary and middle schools has led to consistent instruction and a more efficient allocation of resources. It has also facilitated greater opportunities, communication and sharing. Both schools have been working closely with our partners at the Bay State Reading Institute (BSRI) to improve instruction in both English language arts and mathematics.

All three schools have been working closely with the District and School Assistance Center (DSAC) to implement the four turnaround practices associated with improved student achievement: Leadership, Shared Responsibility and Professional Collaboration; Intentional Practices for Improving Instruction; Student-Specific Supports and Instruction to All Students; and School Climate and Culture. All three schools have established and trained Instructional Leadership Teams tasked with the job of improving instruction. DSAC will be working with the schools for the next two years.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses are being successfully implemented in grades 4 and 5 of the middle school and in the high school. CodeHS classes have also been implemented in the middle and high schools.

These initiatives are a part of a plan to redefine the district by implementing programming that sets the ACRSD apart from its neighbors. PLTW course will eventually be extended for grades 4-10. Computer coding program, an approach to thinking that will be required in many fields in the future, will eventually be extended to all grade levels. We are in the process of creating pathways in our middle and high schools that will prepare students for success in college and/or careers.

### Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee:

The School Committee is an elected body that oversees the Adams-Cheshire 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.

### Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee Members:

Paul Butler .....	Chairman, Adams
Stephen Vigna .....	Vice Chairman, Adams
Darlene Rodowicz .....	Cheshire
Regina Hill .....	Adams
Pete Tatro .....	Cheshire
Jennifer Gageant .....	Adams
Adam Emerson .....	Cheshire

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert R. Putnam  
Superintendent

# Hoosac Valley High School

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## 2017-2018 Annual Report

### *“Strive for Academic Excellence by Emphasizing Student Responsibility in a Climate of Mutual Respect”*

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This was a big year for Hoosac Valley High School. It marked the rebirth of our high school as a program serving students in grades 8-12. It has been a year filled with change, some challenges and a great deal of success. Throughout the year we have continued to work to build a culture of continuous improvement, achievement and mutual accountability.

We are proud of our rich and rigorous core and elective course offerings at Hoosac. This year we introduced several new and exciting courses, including Human Body Systems, Code High School, and Advanced Engineering. Human Body Systems is part of the Project Lead the Way program. This was our school's first year working with the program. Students in Human Body Systems examine the interactions of human body systems and apply what they learn to solve real-world medical cases. Code High School is part of a larger STEM initiative throughout the district. At the high school, it involves an Advanced Computer Programming course offered to upper-level students and an Intro to Computer Programming class offered to 8th grade students. Advanced Engineering was offered this year in conjunction with MCLA. The course was taught by both a Hoosac faculty member and an MCLA instructor. Participating students received college credit for the class as well as credit toward their Hoosac diploma.

This year we were thrilled to participate in a new program providing free breakfast and lunch to all of our students regardless of financial need. Kids who have time can visit the cafeteria before homeroom for a hot breakfast. Those in a hurry can grab a breakfast-to-go on their way to class. Free lunch is also available to every student, everyday.

Field trips have always been an important part of our curriculum and this year was no exception. Notable trips included a hike up Mt. Greylock, a performance at Barrington Stage Company, Chemistry Labs at Williams College, Career Fair for 8th graders at MCLA, Money Matters at Miss Halls School, a trip to NBCTV in North Adams, a STEM fair at BCC, and a visit to the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office.

During the April break, some students will travel to both England and Scotland for a week-long tour of the region. The trip itself will not extend beyond the April break. Planning, preparations and fundraising, however, started long ago and will continue until the bus pulls away from the school to take our world travelers to the airport. The trip is closely aligned with both our ELA and history curricula.

Also at the end of the year the 8th grade will be traveling to Washington D.C. as a class. Traveling by bus, students will visit many of the sites and institutions discussed in their classes, including the Smithsonian Museum and the National Holocaust Museum, among others. For many students, a high point of the trip will be a Washington Nationals baseball game.

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and Chorus were very busy this year. The marching band played at all home football games, at the North Adams Fall Foliage Parade, at our football playoff games (including a performance at Gillette Stadium!) and at Memorial Day parades in both Adams and Cheshire. Our concert band performed in December and in April, at the Annual Showcase Concert in May and at our school's graduation in June. The Jazz Ensemble played a holiday performance in December, the Art Hathaway Holiday Dinner and at the Berkshire Museum County-wide High School Arts Show. They also participated in our All Band Performance in April and played at Class Night. Chorus performances included the holiday performance in December, the Annual Christmas Tree lightings in Adams and Cheshire and our Showcase Concert in May. Many students from both ensembles participated both vocally and instrumentally in the annual musical - this year it was "The Addams Family" produced in March. Additionally, students from both band and chorus participated in the MMEA-WD music festival. We were proud to have two students qualify for an all-state audition with one student auditioning well enough to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston with the All-State Chorus.

Our National Honor Society had a banner year. The NHS inducted 19 new members this fall. The group continues to offer an after school tutoring center which serves many of our students throughout the school year. They also coordinated a book drive over the winter, donating what they collected to local charitable organizations.

The Leo Club welcomed 29 new members this year. In addition to their ongoing recycling program, the group hosted the 8th grade dance, a pancake breakfast, the Halloween dance, and a successful spaghetti supper.

Student Council, now comprised of students in grade 8-12, has been busy since before the school year began. During the summer months members offered tours to new and incoming students in both the middle and high school. Other activities included an ice cream social for students in grades 8 and 9, the Freshmen Reception, the Art Hathaway Dinner and the Snowball Dance. Many of our council members are also involved in the Peer Mentor program, which matches upperclassmen with students in grade 4 and 5 to act as mentors. Hoosac was proud to send three student council members as representatives to the Western Massachusetts Regional Student Advisory Council.

As part of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District's Turnaround Plan, Hoosac established an Instructional Leadership Team in the fall. The ILT is composed of a handful of teachers from different grade levels and disciplines who work collaboratively to analyze data, observe classroom instruction, and plan and deliver professional development. The make-up



of the group will change each year. They work closely with the advisors from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and building administrators within a shared leadership model.

Several new faculty and staff members joined us this year. In addition to these new faces, we were thrilled to welcome several new positions, including two math interventionists. Our interventionists work with teachers and guidance counselors to identify students who are struggling at grade level and might benefit from targeted, specialized instruction.

The Hoosac Outing Club was active again in 2017-2018. This year the Club completed several hikes (one up Ragged Mountain, another up Greylock) traveled to the Williams College climbing wall, and enjoyed a rafting trip on the Deerfield River.

We were proud to continue the tradition of Junior Prize Speaking this year. With guidance from teachers and their class advisor, juniors selected, practiced and performed orations on a variety of topics for an audience of students, families and community members. We're proud to continue this tradition and look forward to next year's performance.

We're grateful for all the support we receive in so many forms from parents, families and community members. Our school is blessed with a rich and proud history, filled with individuals who want to see their children and grandchildren benefit from the same quality education they received. We are proud to be a part of the Hoosac Valley tradition.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Ames  
Principal HVHS

# Hoosac Valley Middle School

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## 2017 Annual Report

### Every Student. Every Day.

Wow! What a year so far. The newly created Hoosac Valley Middle School had the challenging task of melding staff and students from the previous three schools all while collaborating with Hoosac Valley High School to share one building. As if that was not a large enough challenge a new administrative team was added just before school opened. It is a credit to the students, families, community members and staff that we have come so far in five short months. We are continuously seeking ways to improve the educational experience for the approximately 400 students in grades 4 – 7.

We have many new features of which the most pleasing are the faculty members who have joined us in 2017: Breanne DeMarco - Cornerstone Program, Kelsey Grey - Music, Shelby Superneau - 6th Grade ELA, and Stefanie Wondriska-Clark - 5th Grade Special Education. Three new paraprofessionals joined our team: McKenzie McNeice, Carla Rougeau and Melissa Turoczy. Also, we are pleased to have additional supports for our students in the form of three new positions: Math Interventionist, ELA Interventionist and 6 - 7 Special Education Coordinator.

We have numerous initiatives for student enrichment such as Project Lead the Way, CodeHS, Botvin Life Skills, Berkshire Theatre Group Plays!, Mentoring Program, Middle School PTG, and the list goes on.

Also, we have several initiatives and collaborations for staff enrichment including Baystate Reading Institute Coaches in ELA and Math, DSAC Team, Instructional Leadership Team, DataWise decision making, etc. all with the goal of refining practices to help increase student outcomes.

During the months of April and May, HVMS students will take a total of Nine MCAS Tests – ELA and Math for all grades, plus Science in grade 5. The new more challenging MCAS tests will be computer based. We are looking forward to the fall when our new school will get its first set of results on student performance on state tests.

Our 4th - 7th grade students are really taking ownership in the school. We have had several students come to administration with several creative ideas and we are working with these students to implement them. Some of these include a dance, student created comics set out for peers to read, a school newspaper, and teacher of the week/month. We are looking into getting a school student council up and running.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Sposato  
Interim Principal

# Hoosac Valley Elementary School

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

## District Beliefs

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

Hoosac Valley Elementary School services students in grades Pre-K - 3. The school is located on Commercial Street in downtown Adams housing five grade levels with between 56-104 students in each. The original building (formally C.T. Plunkett Elementary School) was constructed in 1923 and served as the town's junior high school for almost fifty years. It was then converted to an intermediate elementary school and served as an instructional facility for students in fourth through sixth grades until it underwent a complete renovation. The school reopened as an elementary school with a fourteen-classroom addition constructed on the south side of the building for students in Kindergarten through grade five in September 1994. In Spring 2017, the School Committee closed Cheshire Elementary School and all elementary students in the ACRSD entered the renamed Hoosac Valley Elementary School in Fall of this year.

The information included in this report highlights some of our special accomplishments, provides statistical information on enrollment and staffing, reviews some school-wide projects and initiatives, and tells about some significant changes.

*Special thanks to all of the teachers/staff who contributed submissions for this report; you are truly outstanding!*

## **Enrollment Comparisons**

Grade	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Pre-K					56
K	92	87	68	65	83
1	78	83	78	68	80
2	73	79	80	81	78
3	69	73	84	80	104
4	88	74	71	80	
5	83	85	72	68	
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Totals	483	481	453	442	401

## **Staffing:**

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

### **Pre-K**

Laura Crane and Kelly Riechers

### **Kindergarten**

Kristy Bachli, Heather Emerson, Antoniette Marquis,  
Robin Poirot and Mara Woolley

## **Grade 1**

Mia Allessio, Katie Chenail, Aprilee Mazzeo, Melissa Rusek and Kelly Ryan

## **Grade 2**

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

## **Grade 3**

Dawn Bombardier, Beth Bourdon, Dawn Prokopowicz, Ann Prudhomme and Danielle Taylor

## **School-Wide**

**Principal:** Michelle S. Colvin  
**Dean of Students:** Patricia Misiuk  
**Literacy Coach:** Nicole Dunham

**Elementary Coordinator:** Mary Tanner  
**District Specialist:** Kim Biagini  
**Special Education:** Nicole Crane, Dawn Daniels and Christine Harrington

**Bridges Program:** Caitlin Larabee  
**Cornerstone Program:** Travis Poirot  
**Art:** Wendy Lamberton  
**Music:** Jonathan Rowe  
**Physical Education:** Kathleen Hill and Dan Wehle  
**Title I:** Lorry Delmolino

**School Adjustment Counselor:** Jennifer Renzi  
**Speech/Lang:** Diane Arduini, Kelsy Pero, Sara Malloy, Karen Levesque and Brianna Bressett  
**Occupational Therapy:** Suzanne Harnick and Deb Silveira

**Physical Therapy:** Lora McGrath  
**ESL Specialist:** Joshua Kellogg  
**Administrative Assistant:** Paula Ciscowski  
**Main Office Para:** Cheryl Steuer  
**Library:** Laurie Gavazzi  
**Nurse:** Kari Ann Delsoldato  
**Cafeteria:** Cindy Gajda, Denise Moncecchi, Marianne Mirke, Gena Simoneau, Linda Pelczynski, Shirley Deneault and Nadine Sadlowski

**Daycare:** Sharon Girard and Miriam Serrano  
**Custodians:** David Richards, Marc McCarthy and Dennis Pinnsonault

**Paraprofessionals:** Pat Alibozek, Shannon Badorini, Linda Bonnavier, Kathy Bradbury, Susan Burzimati, Monica Carpenter, Deb Ciempa, Tanelle Ciempa, Ashley Davis, Lila Fetter, Kim Galli, Judy Gaylord, Amoreena Gazaille, Kelsey Hosley, Karen Isbell, Susan Knapp, Donna LaBonte, Suzanne Lamb, Beth Larabee, Julie Lech, Carrie Lewis, Kathy Malloy, Sue McLear, Paula Meczywor, Donna Mullany, Susan Randall, Shannon Speed, Emily Thurston, Lisa Waltermire, Clara Wilusz, Kendall Winston, Becky Zaleski and Jackie Ziarnik

#### **ACRSB Partners with Bay State Reading Institute, (BSRI)**

All teachers in K through 3 have been continuing to work with Literacy Coach, Nicole Dunham, on the partnership with BSRI and the goal of improving instruction in English/Language Arts. BSRI Principal's Coach, Judith Fletcher, comments, *"BSRI provides the winning combination. We work as a team with school staff to make instructional decisions based on data while providing on-going professional development and coaching for every teacher and principal."*

This partnership has been ongoing for the past 4 years and has positively impacted the school's academics and instruction throughout all grades. From kindergarten to grade 3, students have been receiving differentiated instruction and individualized support for their reading and writing needs. This year at HVES, there has been large focus on incorporating more writing into the day and in centers. Teachers have created their own new writing rubrics to assess student work and students have been working on increasing their stamina in writing.

In addition, this year we also have worked to incorporate more novels and texts into the ELA block. While the reading program Scott Foresman's Reading Street provides an amazing amount of practice for students, the school knows that students need to be reading more at their instructional levels. Teachers are beginning to introduce their groups to novels and other books, and having them practice reading these books to increase fluency and foster a love of reading. It is a goal of HVES to work towards having a literacy closet in which teachers will be able to use a variety of books to support their students and to use in conjunction with the Scott Foresman reading program we already have.

As a reminder, here is an outline of the BSRI model and how it is used in our school.

#### **BSRI's model includes:**

- Teaching techniques that emphasize synthesis, analysis, and problem-solving and result in higher-order thinking and deep conceptual understanding
- A focus on reading, writing, and speaking grounded in evidence from texts, both literary and informational
- A content-rich CCSS-aligned core curriculum
- Use of real-time data to guide classroom decision making
- Differentiated, small-group instruction with tiered intervention

#### **Kindergarten Update:**

It's been another fabulous productive year in Kindergarten. We are enjoying that we are all in the same building and being able to collaborate with each other. The children love being able to make new friends.

This fall we were able to take a field trip to Jaeschke's Orchard, in Adams. We were able to learn all about apples and how they grow. We even got to pick our own apples!

For Fire Safety Week we all walked to the Adams Fire Station. While there we were given a tour of the station, learned about fire safety and got to sit in a fire truck! Thank you to the Adams Fire Station for a fun and informative field trip!

This year, each Kindergarten student is assigned a 3rd grade buddy/mentor. These students serve as tutors, friends and role models throughout the year as they get together for various academic and/or creative activities.

We are continuing with our Bay State Readers Initiative (BSRI) to teach reading. The children are learning so much and are challenged on a daily basis. The program has been so successful with Reading that we have implemented it in Math this year. The children are enjoying learning math through differentiated math centers. In addition to our Lexia Core 5 program, we have begun using Symphony Math this year. Both programs challenge students to learn reading and math through engaging computer programs.

Our classes are benefiting from a partnership with MCLA to provide STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) lessons that include interactive activities taught by Dana Schildkraut. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Mass MoCA, and will visit the museum in the Spring.

Thanks to the Parent Teacher Group - through their fundraising efforts we are able to go on field trips, enjoy enrichment programs at the school both during the day and in the evening and supplies for our classroom.

Thank you to the support of our townspeople with all Hoosac Valley Elementary activities! You play a key role in our school's success!

#### **Grade 1 Update:**

First grade has been working towards increasing rigor in ELA through our partnership with the Bay State Reading Institute (BSRI). Since fall 2016 we have added the use of ECRI (Enhanced Core Reading Instruction) as part of small group ELA instruction. Two of our team members have been trained to be the trainers. This allows us to continue to receive refresher courses in the strategies for implementing ECRI. We have also been successful in implementing and extending the BSRI small group rotation model into our math block. Student have enjoyed the opportunity to work in small, peer-led math groups in order to further explore their understanding of new math concepts. This model has also allowed for teachers and support staff to work directly with students in smaller groups, resulting in the ability to provide prescriptive instruction that meets the various needs of students.

We are happy to announce that we have continued to increase and strengthen our implementation of STEAM related instruction and activities as a part of daily classroom instruction. We are continuing our partnership with MCLA through funding provided by the ITQ grant. This partnership allows K-2 teachers to have monthly meetings with their grade level and STEAM coach as well as the opportunity to attend STEAM workshops at various Berkshire County locations such as MCLA, Mass MoCA, Clark Art, Berkshire Museum and Miss Hall's School in order to increase understanding and develop curriculum. The first grade teacher's are working towards displaying pictures of various STEAM lessons on the ACRSD Facebook page throughout the year.

As part of our desire to maintain strong community involvement we have continued our participation in various family friendly events such as Bingo for Books, Meet the Teacher Night, Literacy Fair, Seasonal Concerts, Trick-or-Treat night, and new to this year; a family Polar Express night! The week before December break, HVES families were invited to participate in a Polar Express themed event (based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg) along the 1st floor hallway. Faculty and staff decorated doorways on the 1st floor and handed out fun items such as hot cocoa packets and cookies to children and families. It was certainly a wonderful event with an incredible turn out! It was a fun filled night for all staff and families who attended. Over 200 families attended both our Trick-or-Treat and Polar Express nights!

### **Grade 2 Update:**

This year in second grade we have many wonderful changes and additions to our grade level, including a combination of amazing staff. New additions include a Second Grade Book Club funded by an ACE grant and the use of novel studies in our instruction. Our Book Club gives students a free book to read at home and when they return to school we have an engaging book discussion, just as an adult book club would be run. Our goal is share the love of reading with students, to engage in meaningful discussions, to meet new friends, and to participate in an activity that allows for creativity and imagination! Novel studies are also new this year. We are bringing in more high interest texts to show students that reading can be a fun, lifelong skill. This also helps us dig deeper into reciprocal teaching, one of our comprehension strategies.

Again this year second grade will be given the opportunity to visit Mass MoCA to view the newest exhibits and create some artwork of their own. We will also be visiting the Berkshire Museum, and the Clark Art Institute courtesy of the Improving Teacher Quality Grant (ITQ). Many of our second grade teachers attend the ITQ STEAM Workshops offered by MCLA along with the ITQ grant to learn ways to incorporate lessons in the classroom on a regular basis. The students are enthusiastically participating in these activities including coding, technology, engineering, life science, and more. Second grade continues to use Scholastic News to enrich the students' understanding of the world around us. We appreciate PTG funding this valuable resource for the children.

During the holiday season, students took a walking field trip to local businesses to see the wonderful festive displays in town. Back in the classroom children participated in "Holidays

Around the World" where we virtually traveled to different countries around the world learning some geography along with how different cultures and countries celebrate the holiday season. We completed holiday activities such as ornament making, gingerbread houses, and holiday literature and math activities corresponding with each country.

Once again second grade will fully participate and host the Literacy Fair - now known as the Celebration of Success, Read Across America, and of course Alex's Lemonade Stand. Celebration of Success is a showcase of hard work, dedication, and love for not only reading, but all areas of the curriculum. Each child is represented with a project to be displayed in the gymnasium for families and friends. Read Across America honors Dr. Seuss's Birthday in which local business owners and townspeople are invited to read to classrooms. The day is dedicated to reading and participating in many literacy activities relating to Dr. Seuss. The Lemonade Stand is an annual event at Hoosac Valley Elementary that allows children to make, serve, and sell lemonade to the rest of the school. This teaches empathy and awareness for childhood cancer.

We are continuing to implement the BRSI Model, which fosters cooperative learning and academic conversations through center-based instruction. This year our focus is to incorporate this model into our math. During this time the students use manipulatives, technology, and activities to enhance student learning. Through Framing Your Thoughts and Scott Foresman, children are learning how to write a variety of styles of paragraphs, for example descriptive, compare and contrast, and narrative. We have begun using "Stop Light Writing" to help formulate our paragraphs along with 6+1 traits to focus on strengthening each writing trait.

Overall second grade is a busy and exiting year for the students. Lots of learning, fun, and academic growth take place!!

### **Grade 3 Update:**

The new Hoosac Valley Elementary 3rd grades have come together beautifully with our neighboring Cheshire students! Together these students integrate their love for learning, friendship, and excitement about our new school! Third grade continues to enjoy having Gayle Raser from the Massachusetts Audubon Society with us again this school year. Gayle, an instructor with Mass Audubon, teaches our students with hands on instruction in the area of science and shares her experiences about native Berkshire wildlife. Gayle visits and presents lessons in each of the 3rd grade classrooms approximately 2x per month. Third grade teachers, students, and parents, worked hard through the fundraising efforts to help with this program and were able to raise approximately \$1,000. The PTG donated \$1,000; General Dynamics graciously awarded us a grant of \$2,000, and the ACE Grant awarded us \$800. Due to these efforts, all third grade students will benefit from 14 in-house class sessions with Ms. Raser. They will also engage in a culminating field trip to the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in June 2018. This wonderful, hands-on curriculum helps teachers to address many of the topics in the third grade science curriculum.

Third grade continues to work successfully implementing the BSRI approach to teaching and learning reading and math. The model consists of brief whole group teacher led instruction,

followed by small group differentiated instruction for collaborative and independent practice. Students continue to use the Envisions Math Common Core Program, while implementing additional instructional tools with an emphasis on math fact mastery, problem solving, and the everyday applications necessary for continued math growth. Recently we have integrated a new online math program; Symphony Math, which instructs students at their level while allowing them to progress by demonstrating the meaning of numbers in several different ways. We are excited about this new independent math program which can be accessed from home and school!

Social Studies continues to be explored and students are kept up-to-date with current events by engaging in readings and class discussions in Scholastic News. Focus is placed on the state of Massachusetts and our corner of the state; the Berkshires!

Our students will be taking the MCAS test this year in reading and language arts and math. These assessments are taken via computer based testing on Chromebooks. Continued daily use of these Chromebooks allows students to practice their computer skills, learn computer keyboarding, practice LEXIA (an online reading program) and investigate math topics (Moby Max and Symphony Math).

This spring all 3rd grades will continue to plant flowers around Hoosac Valley Elementary School. This project called "Beautification for Education" was started 13 years ago and the funds to support this have always been provided through fundraising efforts of the third grade staff. Mr. John Trimarchi and Michelle Whitney provide help and assistance with the delivery and purchase of the flowers and mulch. It truly is a continued community effort that we are very proud to be a part of.

In conclusion, we would like to continue to recognize Fran Eichorn who devotes her time volunteering for the teachers, staff, and students of Hoosac Valley Elementary! Thank you Fran!

## Library

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Library houses approximately 29,000 books, videos and magazines. The automated circulation and cataloging system makes it possible for students and staff to access the electronic card catalog. Approximately 4,111 items were checked out so far this school year. Students visit the library once a week and have the opportunity to listen to stories and borrow a variety of books, including picture books, fiction, biographies and non-fiction.

Our Library Assistant, Mrs. Laurie Gavazzi, and her team have organized several book fairs themed with special events for our faculty, staff and students. The book fair held in May of 2017 raised \$3,145.32 and our most recent book fair in December of 2017 raised \$3,036.21. These funds help to ensure that our students are reading and working with the most current, award-winning and classic pieces of literature in our school.

## Parent Group (PTG)

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

## Arts Enrichment:

- Performances in music, drama, science, history and dance, both in-house and off-site
- Sponsoring multiple children's authors
- Musician and songwriter for Family Literacy Night

## Activities

- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Give-a-Gift to promote the spirit of holiday giving and donating, from children to children.
- Hoosac Valley Elementary School Yearbook creation
- Holiday cookie decorating night (with help from Big Y staff), Arctic Friends stuffed animal night, 4th Annual Spring Fling Craft and Vendor Fair (partnered with the HVMS PTG), and Family Fun and Food Festival (also with HVMS PTG)
- Audubon science program
- Field Day treats

## Appreciation Days

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

## School Improvements/Equipment Maintenance:

- Playground fundraising and maintenance
- Purchased and Installed Playground equipment for Ages 2-5 years old
- Purchased and Installed a ADA complaint swing for children with disabilities

## School Council

A School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers and community members. School councils are to assist principals in:

1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards
2. Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school
3. Reviewing the annual school building budget
4. Formulating a school improvement plan

The Council meets throughout the school year. Any person can attend school council meetings.

## Title I

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

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

Not only are a multitude of supports provided throughout the school day, Title I also provides funding for extended day academic activities through the Homework Help Program for grades 2 and 3. Family involvement is proven to correlate to higher student achievement, so this has been a priority this year. Topics suggested by parents and staff are addressed throughout the year through informational meetings, and workshops as well as during evening programs. This year we have already held events such as a Trick-or-Treat, Polar Express and Bingo for Books. We also hosted Family Reading Night which showcased guest readers and promoted parent/child activities. To end our Family Reading Night, guest performer Odd Bodkins performed for all families in attendance. We are excited to work closely with our families and members of the community to help make these events possible.

### **Reading Is Fundamental**

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

### **Music Program:**

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

### **Art:**

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Visual Arts Program creates exposure to a variety of artists, materials and techniques for students in Pre-K through 3rd grade. This exposure fosters creativity and increases the students' art knowledge and appreciation. Students develop and expand their Visual Arts skills through a combination of literacy-based art lessons and techniques. Cross-curricular art lessons including language arts,

math, science and art history enhance the students' experience of art techniques such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, mosaic and collage. Our students are encouraged to "Explore" the manipulation of various art materials such as paint, clay, ink and oil pastel. This art experience enables students to create multi media artwork.

The students' beautiful artwork can be seen decorating the school's hallways throughout the year. The culmination of the students' talents, creativity and knowledge will be on display at our school for the annual Student Art Show on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 5-7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend this spectacular showcase.

### **Physical Education:**

Hoosac Valley Elementary physical education classes work to both actively engage a student's mind and body while conveying the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Physical education is both fun and challenging to all students, no matter their ability or skill level. A student enrolled in our program learns how to physically perform a skill, the rules involved and the social aspect surrounding that activity or sport.

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

All students participate in our "Kidnastics" unit, which is an age-appropriate version of gymnastics, the New York Roadrunner's Rising Runner program and our fifth annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser event through the American Heart Association. Students are engaged in cross-curricular activities that include mathematics, history, health, and foreign language. Adaptive students have been actively engaged in the physical education program where they receive attention and accommodation focusing on their specific needs through the use of modified equipment and lesson plans.

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

### **Technology**

The current District Technology Plan continues to guide decisions in this vital area of educational practice. This year the District was able to increase internet-accessibility throughout the building by adding additional cloud based access points for better coverage. These access points allowed for the creation of a public network for guests of the building to access the Internet, while providing valuable data to monitor and control internet traffic. In addition to improved coverage we increase our bandwidth from 100mbps to 250mbps for improved internet speeds.

We continue to update content and improve communication between school/community/families through our district and individual school webpages. There is more work to be done on individual teacher pages; hopefully we will see greater utilization in the coming months. We see this as an opportunity to give families direct access to homework assignments, classroom calendars, information and upcoming events, classroom policies and procedures.

Our on-line software offerings to students both in and out of school continue to expand. We are excited to be continuing with implementing coding through the use of an online website *code.org*. Students in grades 1-3 have begun using this website to understand the basics of block coding. We are proud to announce the addition of a new on-line software offering for our students in the area of Math, Symphony Math. This new student-use program aligns with the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) and helps students connect the BIG IDEAS in mathematics. Mastery of new math skills is achieved through Conceptual Understanding, Fluency, and Adaptive Branching. It provides all students the opportunity to progress at their own rate of learning while responding to their individual needs as they work through the 26 stages of the program. This program currently covers skills at the K through Grade 5 levels and next year will include Grade 6 skills. Lexia CORE 5 is utilized in grades Pre-K to 5; which is based on the 5 components of reading and is compliant with the CCSS. As with Symphony it meets each student at their own level of learning and allows students to ability to acquire skills above their current grade level. Moby Max continues to be used for practice in all areas of curriculum, (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies). Classroom teachers can access the data from these programs to guide instruction for individual students. These programs can be accessed at home directly from our school website and used on the Chromebooks, iPad, desktop, or Android, within your web browser. We continue to review our offerings and explore new additions to our technology hardware/software to assist our staff in meeting the educational needs of all learners.

### Community Connections

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

- The Berkshire Humane Society (pet care/classroom lessons)
- The Pittsfield Red Cross Unit (classroom lessons)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Social Services (family support)

- McCann Technical High School (hygienists for classroom visits)
- Hillcrest Dental (hygienists for classroom visits)
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society (classroom lessons)
- Adams Police Department (school resource officers, practice safety drills)
- Mass MoCA (Grant funded program for all students K-5 to attend performances/tour spaces)
- The Berkshire Museum
- The Family Place (Backpacked for Success Program)
- Adams Library, Fire Department, and local banks (educational programs)
- Hoosac Valley High School (Leo Club)
- Specialty Minerals, INC. (field trips)
- Berkshire Community College (nursing interns)
- Adams Youth Center (Volunteers and after school child care)
- Adams Visitor Center - Joe Novak (Presentations and visits)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (practicum students and administrative interns)
- The Police Athletic League who use our gymnasium for basketball games
- REACH Foundation
- The South Adams Savings Bank provides our school with a generous donation of one thousand dollars each year.
- The Golden Varsity volunteers continue working in the library, office and classrooms in our school on a regular basis
- Parent volunteers regularly work in classrooms, library and chaperone field trips

*“No dreamer is ever too small; no dream is ever too big.”*

*~ Anonymous*

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

Submitted by,

Michelle Colvin,  
Principal,  
Hoosac Valley Elementary School



## Remembering Cheshire School



# Hoosac Valley High School Athletics

The 2016-2017 Athletic Program has a great deal to be proud of! From successful seasons to championships to demonstration of positive sportsmanship, the student-athletes, coaches and families of Hoosac Valley Athletics work tirelessly to represent their communities.

In general, the Athletic Program includes over 300 participants and 27 varsity and sub-varsity programs. Teams participate in the Berkshire County District G leagues as well as several PVIAC leagues. In addition, we offer several cooperative teams – as the host and guest; these cooperative teams offer more flexibility to increase participation.

In the Fall of 2016, our teams saw success in the regular season as well as with post-season play. The Hoosac Valley Football team finished out their season with a victory over Drury under the lights at Renfrew Field on Thanksgiving Eve, where Brenden Ellsworth was awarded the Annual Mike Rysz Trophy for outstanding performance by a senior in the Hoosac - Drury game. Seniors Austin Mendel and Chris Larabee went on to play in the Senior Bowl All Star Game held at South Hadley High School where the Berkshire County team beat the Pioneer Valley team by a score of 33-10.

*Below: junior Vance Eugene breaks a tackle for a touchdown.*



Our Girls' Soccer team, under the direction of Kathy Budaj, finished 11-8-1 and reached the post-season for the second time, beating Mahar in the first round and then suffering a tough defeat to Monument, losing 2-1. Our Boys' Soccer team continued to rebuild and grow both the JV and Varsity programs under the direction of Coach Mike Russo; senior Steve Crouch led the team in scoring. Cross Country was led by Nick Curelop and saw several runners qualify for Western Mass. Coach Curelop continues to build the Cross Country program and develop a love of running.

In the Winter of 2016-2017, our Girls' Basketball team once again had a successful season under the coaching of Ron Wojcik. They earned their fifth straight Western Mass title and continued their successes by winning the State Semi-final game and earning a trip to States where they fell to Archbishop Williams. The team was led by Seniors Fallon Field and Kailynne Frederick as well

as a slew of talented underclassmen. The Boys' program had a new coach with Mike Larabee, although not new to the Hoosac Valley bench as Coach Larabee was Bill Robinson's assistant for years. Coach Larabee earned his team another trip to the Western Mass tournament. They beat Pioneer in the first round but lost to Drury in an exciting rematch between rival schools. The team finished 12-10 for the season led by Seniors Keagan McGrath, Colin Rousseau and Austin Mendel. Last, Coach Alicia Gwozdz continued to build the Nordic Ski team with a wide range of training opportunities. Her expert knowledge sees positive impacts throughout the season.

In the Spring of 2017, our teams included: Baseball, Softball, Track, Boys' Lacrosse and Girls' Lacrosse. For Baseball, Coach Larabee took over for longtime coach Bob Rivard. The team earned a 14-8 overall record, beating Frontier in the first round of the Western Mass playoffs and losing to Wahconah in the Semi-Finals. Senior Noah Matrigali had the win in the playoff win versus Frontier. Coach Mike Ameen continued on as the Softball Coach. They had a successful season and earned another Western Mass Division 3 spot, losing to Athol. In Track & Field a group of our student-athletes qualified to compete in the Western / Central Mass meet held at Westfield State University. Kayla Garabedian (110 Hurdles) and Shaleigh Levesque (Javelin) both had strong showings in their events.

On the Boys side, Nolan Roberts was the only freshman to qualify for the Discus throw and Dominic Acquista finished 10th in the Boys Shot Put. Kayla Garabedian also went on to compete in the Western Massachusetts Girls Heptathlon where she finished in 15th place out of 52 girls competing.

In Girls' Lacrosse, Coach Molly Meczywor and the team earned the program's first ever Western Mass. Playoff spot. The team grew in numbers, hosting several junior varsity games as well. Last, Coach John Alibozek led the Boys' Lacrosse team to another Western Mass playoff spot, losing a tight contest to Pope Francis. The team looks to bring back a majority of their players for the 2018 season.

*Below: Hoosac hurdler runs hurdles*



# Director of Food Services

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In 2016-2017, the Adams Cheshire Regional School District continues to participate in the National School Lunch Program & the School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program & the Summer Food Service Program. We also are participating in a USDA Program called Department of Defense (DOD) Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program (FFAVORS), where we can purchase fruits & vegetables with our Entitlement Dollars.

The ACRSD Food Service Department joined a Purchasing Program called Collaborative for Educational Services to purchase groceries for the Food Service Program. The ACRSD Food Service Department is still a member of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative, that puts out bids for bread, dairy & paper products, yearly, on a county wide basis.

Food Service worked closely with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to be able to make Plunkett Elementary School a Community Eligibility Provision school (CEP). That meant that all students at Plunkett Elementary School had a free breakfast and a free lunch everyday for the school year.

Starting 8/31/16, the first day of school, we implemented a Breakfast in the Classroom program (BIC) at Plunkett Elementary School. This program helped increase breakfast participation from 35% to 90% for the school year! Food Service was awarded two grants: one from the New England Dairy Association and one from the Eos Foundation. This grant money was used to help kick off our BIC program by helping us to purchase a new milk cooler for the cafeteria to accommodate the increase in milk consumption, 22 portable, insulated coolers to service each classroom daily with students breakfasts, and equipment for the custodians to help with classroom trash.

The grants also were able to support a two-hour worker to help prepare breakfast for the school year.

Food Service was also awarded a grant to participate in the Fruit & Vegetable program at Plunkett School for the 2016-17 school year. The grant supported a four-hour worker who delivered daily samples of a fruit and a vegetable to each class to help teach the students about choosing healthy snacks.

Food Service was also awarded an equipment grant to replace an antique floor mixer at Plunkett School.

Parent participation in our online payment website continues to be well received. Deposits for the past year were \$32,000.

For the 2016-2017 school year, the Food Service Department had a profit of \$66,863 on revenues of \$698,539. Government subsidies represented 75.9% of total revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$49,000 were received in 2017.

Participation in the reimbursable School Lunch Program for SY 2016-17 was 57%, a decrease of 2% from the previous year. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 2016-17 was 37%, an increase of 18.7% from the previous year. The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of June 2017 was 55%, a decrease of 2% from the previous year. We operated three kitchens in 2016-2017.

There was no price increase for the school year 2016-2017.

Paid Student Lunch (CES)	\$2.50
Paid Student Lunch (HVMHS)	2.75
Paid Student Breakfast	1.25
Paid Adult Lunch	3.75
Reduced Student Breakfast	.30
Reduced Student Lunch	.40

We had one retirement during SY 2016-17. Ann Conroy retired after many years of dedicated service as a part-time kitchen helper for the Food Service Department. A part-time kitchen helper was hired to fill the vacancy.

Food Service continues to work with DESE to explore CEP possibilities for more schools or the whole district for SY 2017-2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz  
Food Service Director

# ACRSD Special Services

## 2017 Annual Report

The ACRSD Special Services Department continues to provide student support and develop educational programs to meet the unique needs of our district. It is the mission of the Adams-Cheshire Special Services Department to provide a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive setting. We aim to maximize academic achievement, independence, and participation in the classroom and community. The Special Services Department works collaboratively with general education colleagues, administration, community agencies and other educational entities to develop and enhance in-district supports that allow students to access the curriculum successfully. In that regard, we continually explore creative program development and evaluate existing programs to ensure their effectiveness. These intentional efforts are in keeping with the Beliefs and Values of the Adams Cheshire Regional District; specifically, that all of our students develop into educated, responsible, and productive citizens. This year begins a multi-year journey to increase inclusion and universal design for learning in our education system.

The ACRSD Special Services Department offers a full continuum of programs and services. There is a variety of options available for prescribing services for each child. Academic support programs that offer small group, direct, systematic instruction and remediation in content areas including reading and math balance with accommodations provided in the regular classroom setting to promote individual student success. Other services for students are provided by Speech and Language Pathologists, Speech Assistants, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Sign-Language Interpreter, tutors, and an ESL instructor allowing us to provide services on site, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to the academic day for students. We continue to contract the services of a local Physical Therapist, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, a Teacher of the Deaf from the Willie Ross School for the Deaf as well as Perkins School for the Blind, to provide services on site for students who have the need. We also receive specialized consultation services through United Cerebral Palsy, Communicare, and the Hampshire Collaborative for Educational Services to name a few.

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

When an older student is referred for special education by a caregiver or teacher, parent consent is sought and an evaluation is conducted. The district has a .4 school psychologist, Michael Vecchia, as well as contracted with Hillcrest Educational Support Services, and Siracusa and Associates to assist in the intake

and identification of students who may qualify for special services and provide recommendations for the teachers working with them. District special education staff is also specially trained in research-based evaluation tools for identification of a disability. Our diagnostic prescriptive specialists and outside evaluators provide the district additional information to determine eligibility and design programming individualized for a student.

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

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

The number of students with significant special needs continues to increase. Two programs have been designed to assist them - Bridges and Cornerstone. Kim Biagini - BCBA, has worked closely with the director of special services and special education teachers to set up Bridges classrooms to provide a therapeutic setting for students requiring a higher level of support and intensive therapies. Travis Poirot, a special educator, also facilitates a substantially separate program, Cornerstone, at Hoosac Valley Elementary School for students with extensive social-emotional and behavioral needs. The special education elementary staff work closely with regular education staff to ensure students are successful academically and supported in all areas of elementary school. Mary Tanner, Early Childhood Coordinator, is an invaluable resource for families and staff alike.

At Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, the addition of Jamie Lamour as the Special Services Coordinator has allowed a point person for staff to consult with and provide ongoing support to our programs. Our middle and high school students' needs are met through a variety of available programs. Inclusive

classrooms provide the opportunity for co-teaching with special and regular education staff and/or paraprofessional support to the classrooms. Other students' individualized plans require remedial reading and math instruction and/or content support. These services occur in a smaller, more structured setting with a special educator and may include paraprofessionals who are trained and supervised by the teachers. For students with a higher level of need, other substantially separate models like Bridges and Cornerstone, continue in this building.

The Cornerstone program which is a safe, structured and predictable environment that provides multiple supports, rigorous social skill training and specific focus on preparing students to successfully transition to post-graduation life including the working world. Therapeutic and behavioral supports augment a case management model that provides significant outreach to home, family and community ensuring a holistic model for educating these youth. We welcome Amanda Brooks-Clemeno and Brianne Caritey-Demarco as Cornerstone special educators. The goal of transitioning students to less restrictive settings through a system of scaffolding supports remains constant in the Cornerstone program. Dr. David Boyer consults with the district to assist constant program improvements.

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

At the middle and high school levels, special education teachers offer academic support programming. The teachers consult with classroom teachers on a regular basis in order to facilitate success in the most inclusive setting. Additional services are provided as needed for remediation of reading and math skills.

Extended year programs continue to be available during the summer months to assist students who have shown documented substantial regression of their educational progress both academically and socially following vacations and or long illnesses. A program for our younger students balances academic growth with "camp like" experiential projects to foster social emotional and language development. The summer program for older students combines academic support and pre-vocational skill development with community and recreational outings. Tutoring is also provided on an individual or small group basis to maintain academics. These programs provide diverse offerings for students in Pre-K through age 22.

Our efforts to develop and sustain programs which support students within their communities have had a dramatic impact on reducing the cost of out-of-district residential placements. Nevertheless, we periodically have the need to place a student with intensive needs in an out of district therapeutic setting, where they are monitored by the special services department. The district also offers services to St. Stanislaus Kostka School for those students identified with a disability.

The district welcomes parents to join our joint Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The purpose of the SEPAC is twofold: to help guide the district in making programmatic decisions and to serve as a resource for parents of children with special needs. The SEPAC board has developed and implemented by-laws for their organization and governance. The ACRSD has joined together with neighboring SEPACs in North Adams Public Schools, McCann Technical School, and North Berkshire School Union to share resources and maintain continuity of contact with families. The district has joined the Massachusetts Parent Advisory Council and set up informational workshops with community agencies and Title I to assist families with students with special needs. Anyone interested in joining the SEPAC should contact the ACRSD special services director.

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

The Special Services Department is small but hardworking. Mary Ellen Sutliff is the Administrative Assistant to the Director and is an invaluable asset to the district to maximize the department's efficiency and compliance standards. Kim Biagini is the district BCBA-Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Mary Tanner and Jamie Lamour share the responsibilities of Special Services Coordinators. Joshua Kellogg implements EL services. This team assists the director in the consultation and training of staff, attending meetings, and providing input in continual program improvement and compliance. All of the ACRSD Special Services staff and paraprofessionals strive to maximize potential and lead students to successful transitions to be college and career ready.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Daniels,  
Director of Special Services

**Special Services- Special Education**  
**Population as of Oct 1, 2017**

Grade	HV Elementary	HV Middle	HV High	Out of District
PK	22			
K	22			
1	16			
2	20			1
3	31			
4		34		1
5		26		
6		20		
7		21		
8			27	
9			18	1
10			11	
11			20	
12			16	
12+ (to age 22)			5	
<b>Total School</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>

**ACRSD SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF**

STAFFING	POSITION	STAFFING	POSITION
Jacquelyn Daniels	Director of Special Services McKinney-Vento Coordinator Foster Care Point of Contact English Language Learner Coordinator Early Childhood Coordinator	Kelly Riechers	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District
Mary Ellen Sutliff	Administrative Assistant	Brianne Caritey-Demarco	Cornerstone Program HVMS
Mary Tanner	Hoosac Valley Elementary Coordinator PreK - 5	Melissa Marchetti	Special Education Teacher <i>Bridges Program HVMS</i>
Jamie Lamour	Hoosac Valley MHS Coordinator Grades 6 - 12+	Stefanie Wondriska-Clark	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Kim Biagini	Board Certified Behavior Analyst District Specialist	Rebecca Cohen	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Diane Arduini	Speech Language Pathologist	Lisa Folino	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Brianna Bresett	Speech Language Pathologist	Seth Jenkins	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Kelsey Pero	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Brandon Noyes	Transitional Program HVHS
Karen Levesque	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Cathy Abbott	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Sara Malloy	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Michelle Boire	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Suzanne Harnick	Occupational Therapist	Alexandria Renton	Bridges Program HVHS
Deb Silveira	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	Amanda Brooks-Clemeno	Cornerstone Program HVHS
Lora McGrath	Physical Therapist	<b>Other Related Services:</b>	
Nicole Crane	Special Education Teacher HVE	Michael Vecchia	School Psychologist
Dawn Daniels	Special Education Teacher HVE	Rick Ely	Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Christine Harrington	Special Education Teacher HVE	Amy O'Brien	Teacher of the Visually Impaired - Perkins School for the Blind
Joann Kingsbury	Special Education Teacher HVMS	Greg Delisle	Willie Ross School for the Deaf – Director of Education
Travis Poirot	Cornerstone Program HVE	Debra Scanlon	Willie Ross School for the Deaf – Educational Audiologist
Caitlin Larabee	Special Education Teacher HVE <i>Bridges Program</i>	Eileen A. Daneri	Teacher of the Deaf
Laura Crane	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District	Stacey Ellery	ASL Interpreter/Sign Language
		Joshua Kellogg	ESL Program Teacher

# Director of Business

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## OVERVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2017

The fiscal year 2017 budget process proved to be no less challenging than the years preceding it. The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District was forced to make hard decisions as minimal increases in state aid and rising operational costs continued to put a strain on funds available for the positions that had been added in the prior year.

The FY2017 operating budget, which is comprised of foundation and transportation costs, decreased by .19% over the FY2016 operating budget. The reduction of positions, as well as a reduction to utilities through a net metering credit agreement, largely led to this decrease. There were also significant cuts throughout the budget in an attempt to keep the overall increase to towns within their own spending limits. Increases in operational costs continue to exceed the increases in funding from the state. With an increase in funding not likely, the District is now forced to contemplate a building closure in order to maintain viability going forward.

All challenges aside, the 2017 fiscal year ended financially on a positive note with a surplus of \$540,071 which was then closed out to Excess & Deficiency. The Department of Revenue certified the ACRSD's Excess & Deficiency, or E & D as it's often called, as of July 1, 2017 at \$963,206. This amount was 5% of the total FY2018 budget, which was approved on April 10, 2017 to be \$19,275,538. A regional school district is allowed to retain up to 5% of the succeeding year's budget as their certified E & D. That being said, the ACRSD has consistently used a significant portion of their available E & D to reduce the town assessments each year. In FY2016 this amount was \$300,000, in FY17 & FY18 it was \$350,000 and we anticipate using a similar amount as a funding source for the FY2019 budget. However, this will depend on how the FY18 projected fund balance looks as we proceed through the year.

In FY2017, The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District was run by newly appointed Interim Superintendent Robert Putnam. In his first year as Superintendent, he made great strides in supplementing our operating budget by applying to and receiving grant funds which would go a long way in continuing the support for the work done by the Bay State Reading Institute in our Elementary Schools and for Project Lead the Way which would launch in FY2018. These ongoing supports and initiatives were all put into place to help achieve two main goals of retaining/gaining back students in the district and making our way out of Level 3 status.

Going forward we must continue to be innovative, invite and encourage collaboration and keep the priority and focus of our District - the students - in the forefront of our minds. At the end of the day, our goal as a District is to provide our youth with the best possible education. It continues to be my goal as Director of Business, to focus as much of our resources as possible directly in the classroom with the children, and support them as they continue to strive for greatness under the instruction of our extremely dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder  
Director of Business  
January 31, 2018



# Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

## Governmental Funds

### Balance Sheet

#### June 30, 2017

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,967,212	\$ 997,013	\$ 3,964,225
Intergovernmental receivables	-	3,035	3,035
Inventory	-	32,928	32,928
Other assets	8,000	-	8,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,975,212</b>	<b>\$ 1,032,976</b>	<b>\$ 4,008,188</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Warrants payable	196,958	22,998	219,956
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,168,746	41,751	1,210,497
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,365,704</b>	<b>\$ 64,749</b>	<b>\$ 1,430,453</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	32,928	32,928
Restricted	-	935,299	935,299
Assigned	646,304	-	646,304
Unassigned	963,204	-	963,204
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,609,508</b>	<b>968,227</b>	<b>2,577,735</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,975,212</b>	<b>\$ 1,032,976</b>	<b>\$ 4,008,188</b>

**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues and Other Sources,**  
**and Expenditures and Other Uses**  
**- Budget and Actual -**  
**for the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
REVENUES:				
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,086,772	\$ 8,086,772	\$ 8,086,772	\$ -
Intergovernmental	10,558,990	10,558,990	10,647,518	88,528
Investment income	-	-	18,392	18,392
Miscellaneous	-	-	9,203	9,203
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 18,645,762	\$ 18,645,762	\$ 18,761,885	\$ 116,123
EXPENDITURES:				
Administration	630,356	697,430	683,286	14,144
Instruction	6,036,524	6,224,243	6,127,695	96,548
Other school services	423,387	408,809	374,902	33,907
Operation and maintenance	1,461,131	1,393,045	1,223,085	169,960
Employee benefits	4,441,886	4,366,096	4,304,028	62,068
Fixed charges	134,187	139,085	136,033	3,052
Special education	2,646,871	2,518,524	2,489,334	29,190
Transportation	887,047	874,047	848,871	25,176
Intergovernmental	1,377,000	1,407,433	1,390,228	17,205
Acquisiton	38,200	38,200	77,867	(39,667)
Debt service	919,173	928,850	928,850	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,995,762	\$ 18,995,762	\$ 18,584,179	\$ 411,583
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(350,000)	(350,000)	177,706	527,706
Other Financing Sources/Uses:				
Use of free cash:				
Operating budget	350,000	350,000	-	(350,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ (350,000)
EXCESS OF REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,706	\$ 177,706

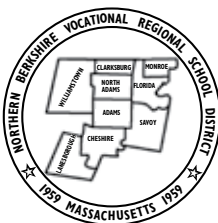
**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District**  
**Assessments to Member Towns**  
**June 30, 2017**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Minimum Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution Outside Net School Spending</b>	<b>Transportation &amp; Capital Assessments</b>	<b>Total Assessments</b>
Adams	\$ 3,515,077	\$ 729,583	\$ 1,202,047	\$ 5,446,707
Cheshire	1,987,506	255,659	396,900	2,640,065
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,502,583</b>	<b>\$ 985,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,598,947</b>	<b>\$ 8,086,772</b>

**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District**  
**June 30, 2017**  
**Future Debt Service**

<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018	\$ 575,000	\$ 360,700	\$ 935,700
2019	590,000	343,450	933,450
2020	605,000	325,750	930,750
2021	620,000	307,600	927,600
2022	640,000	289,000	929,000
2023 - 2027	3,315,000	1,146,100	4,461,100
2028 - 2032	3,895,000	554,900	4,449,900
Thereafter	860,000	29,400	889,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,356,900</b>	<b>\$ 14,456,900</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 2017 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:

**Communication** strengthens partnership development and teamwork.

**Achievement** is attained through a strong work ethic.

**Respect** from all guarantees a safe learning environment.

**Ethics** ensure a dedication to honesty and integrity.

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

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

The Class of 2017 became the fourteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.

Twenty-nine members of the Class of 2017 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for their academic record and MCAS achievement.

Our 113 2017 graduates saw 57.5% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 39% enter the workforce and 3.5% proudly enter into military service.

The results of the spring 2016 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty. Once again McCann posted solid scores highlighted to the right.

## GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Advanced	15%	17%	25.7%	24.7%	28.4%
Proficient	76%	77%	68.9%	72.6%	69.8%
Needs Improvement	8%	6%	4.5%	2.6%	1.7%
Failing	1%	1%	.7%	0%	0.0%

## GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS

Performance Level	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Advanced	35%	44%	32.35%	34.5%	32.5%
Proficient	39%	29%	46.25%	45.7%	46.5%
Needs Improvement	17%	24%	19.2%	17.2%	18.4%
Failing	9%	3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.6%

## GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

Performance Level	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Advanced	13%	19%	11.3%	24.5%	26.1%
Proficient	53%	52%	63.7%	61.8%	51.3%
Needs Improvement	24%	27%	23.4%	10.9%	20.1%
Failing	9%	2%	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%

The McCann Athletics program continues to enjoy success in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Our programs enjoy healthy participation numbers and our student athletes continue to represent our school admirably. League championships were won by our men's basketball and baseball programs. Cooperative teams were formed between Drury and McCann in both cross country and track and field. The lacrosse program, in its second year, continues to draw interest and participation numbers continue to increase as well as the team's season win total.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to upgrade our electrical service in several areas of the building, install new heating and ventilation systems in several classrooms and install new ceiling mounted LCD projectors in several additional classrooms.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We received a Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant for \$131,976.00 which allowed us purchase 6 new CNC lathes to provide our machine technology students with state of the art machining practice in combination with our CNC milling and CNC manufacturing center equipment. We also utilized the Perkins grant funds to purchase a new automotive tire mounting and balancing machine consistent with industry technology requirements and upgraded laptops throughout the school and a MLSC grant to complete equipment requirements for our Robotics program.

Community service projects continue to provide our students with excellent opportunities to display their technical skills while exhibiting the passion and commitment to support their community. Our carpentry students completed the exterior roofs on the Lanesboro town hall, framed an historic painting to be displayed in the Cheshire town hall, and our culinary arts students continue to support a number of community events including the Relay for Life. Our BPA students collected items for the homeless veteran's shelter, placed flags on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day, participated in the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Tree Showcase and assisted with the set-up of the Relay for Life event. Our Skills USA students' community service included the "Buddy Walk of the Berkshires", placing flags on veterans' graves, the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Showcase, Relay for Life, a series of Louison House fundraisers including food drives and Christmas gifts for the children.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 300,000 members working to ensure America has a skilled work force. McCann is a 100% member of SkillsUSA which has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. At the 2017 SkillsUSA state competition, McCann students earned gold medals in 3-D visualization and animation, automated manufacturing technology, CNC turning specialist, and technical computer applications at the high school level and dental assisting and job interview at the postsecondary level. Silver medals were awarded in freshman sticker design at the high school level and cosmetology and dental assisting at the postsecondary level. Bronze medals were earned in automotive service technology at the high school level. All gold medal winners were able to attend the national competition in Louisville, KY where more than 15,000 people participate in the weeklong event. Competitions included 96 different hands-on trades, technical and leadership fields. Our Automated Manufacturing Technology team of Salvador Alcala, Madison Gigliotti, and William Kipp won a national gold medal at the high school level and Carey Contini won a national bronze medal at the postsecondary level. McCann is extremely proud of the accomplishments of these students, demonstrating their ability to the extent of national competitions.

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 2017 BPA State Leadership Conference held in Framingham, MA, McCann students received a total of eighteen awards in finance; business administration; management information systems; digital communication & design; and management, marketing & communication competitions, bringing home four 1st place, four 2nd place, and one 3rd place award. Additionally, two McCann students were elected to positions on the Massachusetts State Officer Team. In May 2017, nine McCann students traveled to Orlando, FL to join over 6,000 other conference attendees from across the nation to participate in business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and intern assignments. Achievements earned at the national competition included a first place finish in Integrated Office Applications, a third place finish in Website Design Team, and top-ten medals in Administrative Support Concepts and Advanced Spreadsheet Applications.

Project Lead the Way is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education programs in schools across the U.S. Students enrolled in the program take as many as four courses above and beyond their graduation requirements. Since its inception, over 60% of participating students - over one hundred - have become eligible for college credits through Rochester Institute of Technology or New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. In last year's PLTW cohort, 6 students achieved this eligibility. Additionally, 10 of our PLTW students enrolled in our new computer science principles course, an advanced placement PLTW course. 8 of these students achieved scores on the related AP exam that were high enough to earn college credit.

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

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$48,291.00 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.

<b>FY17 Budgeted Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>City &amp; Town Assessments</b>		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 2,766,472.00	\$ 2,766,472.00
Capital	98,438.00	98,438.00
Transportation	161,978.00	161,978.00
Municipal Assessment	353,510.00	353,510.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	244,000.00	292,291.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	4,650,236.00	4,666,196.00
Tuitions	804,865.00	804,865.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	10,182.00	8,982.00
State Bonus Aid		1,200.00
<b>Total Revenue Received</b>	<b>9,089,681.00</b>	<b>9,137,972.00</b>
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(48,291.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D		0.00
	<b>\$ 9,089,681.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,089,681.00</b>

<b>Source</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>(Federal Entitlement)</b>		
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$ 115,340.00
Fed	Title I	100,306.00
Fed	Title II A	18,490.00
Fed	Perkins	65,112.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins	3,190.00
<b>(Federal Grants Other)</b>		
	REAP	41,502.00
<b>(State Grants)</b>		
	Massachusetts Life Science	20,662.62
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	131,976.00
<b>(Competitive/Private)</b>		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	BCREB: Connecting Activities	1,000.00
Private	City of Chicopee Nurse Grant	2,850.00
Private	MASS MoCA	990.00
Private	Gene Haas Foundation	15,000.00
Private	LRIG – NE	2,069.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>		<b>\$ 525,487.62</b>

09-12-2017

# Adams Business Directory

Business Name	Address	Business Name	Address
7-Eleven	223 Columbia Street	Berkshire Consulting Associates	1 Sommer Hill Road
A Stitch In Time	45 Commercial Street	Berkshire Dance Theatre	21 Maple Street
A1 Pitching & Baseball Academy	5 Hoosac Street	Berkshire Decorators	109 East Hoosac Street
Adams Chiropractic PC	37 Park Street	Berkshire Hauler	9 Crotteau Street
Adams Community Bank	PO Box 306	Berkshire Outdoor	173 Howland Avenue
Adams Housing Authority	4 Columbia Street	Berkshire Outfitters	169 Grove Street
Adams Internists	19 Depot Street	Berkshire Photovoltaic Services	46 Howland Avenue
Adams Physical Therapy	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 109	Berkshire Studio Photography	10 Allen Street
Adams Plumbing & Heating	65 Printworks Drive	Big Y Foods, Inc.	11 Myrtle Street
Adams Redemption Center	56 Commercial Street	Bill Moncecchi Plumbing	71 Summer Street
Adams Specialty Printing Co.	14 Pine Street	Bohemian Road	57 Park Street
Adams Stove Company	108.5 Columbia Street	Bounti-Fare Restaurant	200 Howland Avenue
Adams Therapeutic Massage	64 Summer Street, Unit #1	Broadlawn Farm	46 Walling Road
Adams Travel	6 Grandview Terrace	Brown Packaging Service	PO Box 510
Adams Turners, Inc.	6 Turners Avenue	Bruce D. Dumouchel, PHD	41 Park Street
Adams Veterinary Clinic	83 Summer Street	Burke Construction	6 Renfrew Street
AJ's Trailside Pub	12 Pleasant Street	Burnett Farm	312 East Road
Alcombright Professional Drywall	9 East Street	C and R Contracting	27 Melrose Street
Al's Service Center	95 Commercial Street	C. W. Construction Co.	46 Howland Avenue
Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc.	69 Columbia Street	Calderara Construction	41 Melrose Street
Angelina's Submarine Shop	34.5 Columbia Street	Capital Speed Equipment	63 Alger Street
Anita Louise Photography	6 Quaker Street	Carolyn's Tax Service	1 Berkshire Square, Suite 107
Archie L Dupont Professional Video	3 Myrtle Street	Carpentry Plus Much More	3 Oak Lane
Area Carpet Cleaning	130 Columbia Street	Cataract & Laser Center Assoc.	One Berkshire Square
ARh+ Lab Tattoo	43 Park Street	Chee's Chinese Cuisine	13 Columbia Street
Arrowbend Construction	27 Mill Street, Unit B	Chicks Lunch	128 Columbia Street
Ashford Heights Farm	1 Ashford Heights	Chilson's Pilot Car	27 Grove Street
Ashuwillticook Rentals	5 Hoosac Street	Chop Shop	81 Summer Street
Atlantis Equipment Corp.	16 Print Works Drive	C. Diesz Electric LLC	126 East Road
Ayotte Construction	82 Commercial Street	Ciempa Landscaping & Home Improvement	78 Howland Avenue
B.S.L. Painting	8 Edward Avenue	Ciempa Professional Tree Service	6 Burns Lane
Barrett House	17 Pleasant Street	Conserve Thru Control	PO Box 377
Bascom Lodge	30 Rockwell Road	Corner Lunch	50 Summer Street
Bella Sky Gifts	100 Summer Street	Country Construction	110 Walling Road
Bellevue Memorials	146 B Bellevue Avenue	Cumberland Farms	46 Commercial Street
Benchmark Tech. Design	9 Hoosac Street	Custom City Cycle	2½ Pleasant Street
Berkshire Barks Pet Sitting	26 Summer Street	Cutting Edge	68 Park Street
Berkshire Beauty Salon	18 Hoosac Street	Cutting Edge Fitness	73½ Summer Street Street
Berkshire Commercial Cleaning Service	7 Donald Avenue	D & S Linen Services d/b/a Aladco	82 Commercial Street
Berkshire County Landscaping	213 Gould Road	Daily Grind	37 Park Street
Berkshire County Martial Arts Academy	39 Park Street		

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Dancecapade School of Dance	44 Spring Street
David C. Field Building Contractor	13 Friend Street
David Kittler	2 Pleasant Street
David L. Krutiak Tree Farm	219 West Road
Dean's Auto Repair Shop	112 West Rd
Domino's Pizza	80 Summer Street
Duda & Holland Construction	24 North Summer Street
Duff's Towing and Recovery	33 Highland Avenue
Dunkin Donuts	177 Columbia Street
East Adams Trucking	30 Meadow Street
Edward Jones	One Berkshire Square, Ste. 114
Elevated Printing	52 Summer Street
Experienced Attire	83 Park Street
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
Gary Lecuyer On Line Gallery	3 Country Club Avenue
Gary Griswold Construction	14 Oak Lane
Gene Sebastino's Towing	25 Columbia Street
Gene's Sales & Service	108 Howland Avenue
George Apkins & Sons, Inc.	37 Pleasant Stet
Girl on the Run	27 Melrose Street
Good Intentions	37 Park Street, Ste. 2
Gordon's Garage	173 Howland Avenue
Green Garden Man	15 Powers Street
Greylock 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
Haflinger House Restaurant & Inn	17 Commercial Street
Hairloom	19 Leonard Street
Haley Building & Remodeling	194 West Road
Hesnor Engineering Company	2A River Street
HEWN	15 Grove Street
Hill Engineers	44 Spring Street
Historic Susan B. Anthony Farm	20 Walling Road
Hobby World	171 Grove Street

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Holland Co. Inc.	153 Howland Avenue
Holland's Remodeling	64 Friend Street
Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain	2 Gavin Avenue
HRJ Associates	47 Willow Street
Hytech Computer	10 Allen Street
Interior Specialties	8 Sparrow Street
J & S Home Improvement	41 Temple Street
Jacqueline Tessier	6 Crotteau Street
Jaeschke Apple Orchard	23 Gould Road
Jeepers Creepers	19 Hoosac Street
Jim Gancarz Builders	11A Pinnacle Drive
K. Davis Painting	11 Summit Avenue
Karen's School of Dance	90 Park Street
Karen's School of Driving	7 Park Street
Kay Canavino Photography	201 North Summer Street
Kern's Plumbing & Heating	19 Dubis Street
Kim Byrd d/b/a KB Masonary	69B Park Street
Lablue's Taxidermy	121 Alger Street
Lahey Plumbing Heating	22 Grandview Terr.
Landers Pub, Grub & Play	8-10 East Hoosac Street
Landscape One	9 Mill Street
Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion	131 Columbia Street
Leslie's Lawn & Garden	23 Bobs Hill
Lillie's Enterprises	18 Lower Linden Street
Lynda's Antique Clothing Loft	39 Park Street
Maple Grove Equipment	8 Leonard Street
Martin K. Bush, DDS	9 Park Street
Marshall Arts Music	40 East Jordan Stet
McAndrews-King	PO Box 450
McDonald's	2 Commercial Street
MCR Roofing	84 Alger Street
Meehan & Company Inc.	7 Hoosac Street
Menty's Computer Services	1 East Hoosac Street
Meraki Salon	90 Summer Street
Michael's Home Improvement LLC	70 North Summer Street
Midtown Tax & Bookeeping Service	44 Spring Street
Millhouses of Adams	75 Commercial Street
Minerals Technologies/ Specialty Minerals	260 Columbia Street
Modena Painting	126 Howland Avenue
Monarch Realty	91 Summer Street
Mop Shoppe	24 Fisk Street



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Mountain Club	6 Anthony Street
Mr. Rooter of Berkshire County	194 Howland Avenue
MRA Laboratories	15 Print Works Drive
Mullen Moving & Storage	71 Grove Street
Mountain View Painters	25 Burt Street
Needlejig Tattoo Supply, Inc.	43 Print Works Drive
Newaves Unisex Hair Salon	79 Park Street
Nick Johnson Photography	4 Edmunds Street, M101
North County Creates	3 East Hoosac Street
Northeast Custom Flatbeds	11 Pinnacle Point
Northern Berkshire Loss Support	17 East Road
Nova Real Estate Services	27 Anthony Street
Oasis Liquors	35 Spring Street
O'Geary's Package Store, Inc.	60 Commercial Street
Organized by FAR	71 Park Street
Osterman Propane	60 Printworks Drive
Ouellette Bros. Plumbing	4 East Hoosac Street
Paciorek Funeral Home	13 Hoosac Street
Patriot Laundromat & Car Wash	215 Columbia Street
PCA System Corp.	155 Howland Avenue
Penny Entertainment	170 Columbia Street
Pete's Gun Shop	9 Grove Street
Pizza House	26 Hoosac Street
PNA	13 Victory Street
R. S. Lee Company	14 North Street
Racing Mart / Saad Keyrouz	73 Columbia Street
Rainbow Shack	85 Summer Street
Red Carpet Restaurant	69 Park Street
Rite-Aid	21 Columbia Street
Rogowski Distribution	60 Printworks Drive
Ronnies Cycle	150 Howland Avenue
Rowley Fuel	1 Grove Street
Sadlow Enterprises	21 Crandall Street
Saldo Electric	90 Howland Avenue
Salon D	24-26 Willow Street
Scotty's Trucking	41 Park Street, Suite 6
Serrano Builders	42 Alger Street
Servistove Solutions	7 Lower Linden Street
Shine Wire	25 Printworks Drive
Simply Different Supplements	15 Fryc Lane
Sit and Stay	30 Winter Street
Smith Bros. McAndrews Ins. Co.	45 Park Street

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Solshine	43 Park Street
Sommer Electric	117 Grove Street
Sommer Hill Farm	1 Sommer Hill Road
Soulier & Zepka Construction	5 Spring Street
St. John Law Offices	2 Center Street
Standard Furniture	66 Summer Street
Stanley's Lumber & Building Supplies, Inc.	PO Box 87
Steepleview Realty	63 Park Street
Stephen Faucher Photography	8 Baskin Lane
Stitchaholique	7 Glendale Drive
Stockman Associates, LLC	29 Park Street
Straight Edge Barber Shop	30 Park Street
Styling Station	56 Summer Street
Subway	27B Park Street
Sunny Dayz Tan	36 Park Street
Superneau Construction & Concrete	23 Willow Street
Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum	67 East Road
T & A Tool Inc.	73 Summer Street
The Coffee Liberation	1 Park Street
The Creative Designs	48 Columbia Street
The Grille Restaurant	77 Summer Street
The Hair Loft	37 Park Street
Thompson & Linscott	P.O. Box 190
Thrifty Bundle Laundromat	41 Spring Street
Topia Arts Center	27 Park Street
Topia Inn	10 Pleasant Street
Total Access Computers	69 Columbia Street
Trimarchi Nurseries	15 Burns Lane
Trottier Pringle Funeral Home	6 Summer Street
Troy's Tree Service	5 McKinley Street
Ultimate Entertainment Adams	52 Howland Avenue
Val's Pipe and Package	5 Columbia Street
Viking Pub	83 Commercial Street
V's Car Wash	76 Columbia Street
Waterman Excavating, Inc.	44 Spring Street
Whitman AD	0 Upper Liden Street
Whitmans PM	168 Friend Street
Whitman's Crystal Cleaning	2 Melrose Street
Windsor Bush Consulting	36 Melrose Street
Wizard Man Computer Repair	15 Powers Street
Wojo's	27 Spring Street
Xtreme Cleaning	45 North Summer Street



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