

# Annual Report

of the

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the Town of

## COLRAIN

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year

## 2024

# Colrain, Massachusetts

First Settled – 1735

Incorporated – June 30, 1761

Population – 1,606

## National, State, and County Officials

### United States Senators

Elizabeth Warren

Edward Markey

### Governor

Maura Healey

### Lieutenant Governor

Kim Driscoll

### U.S Representative District II

James McGovern

### State Senator

Paul W. Mark

### Representative In General Court

Natalie M. Blais

### Franklin Regional Council of Governments

#### Executive Committee

Jay DiPucchio, Chair

Jane Peirce, Vice-Chair

Bee Jacque, Secretary/Clerk

Emily Johnson

Virginia Desorgher

### Franklin County Register of Deeds

Scott A. Cote

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## About Colrain

The Town of Colrain is a community of 43.2 square miles located in north central Franklin County. Per the 2020 Federal Census, the population is 1,606, of which 1,394 are registered voters. To the north, Colrain borders two Vermont towns: Halifax and Guilford. Leyden is to the east, Greenfield to the southeast, Shelburne to the south, Charlemont to the southwest and Heath to the west. State Route 112 is the major highway through the town, running roughly north to south along the North River. There are 87.81 road miles in Colrain, the third highest amount in Franklin County. Approximately half of these roads are gravel. Colrain is primarily an agricultural and residential community. We have an open town meeting form of government, with a Select Board as the governing body.

Want to receive the latest Town news straight to your inbox  
or meeting reminders for Boards & Committees?

Visit [www.colrain-ma.gov/contact](http://www.colrain-ma.gov/contact)



Sign up for Colrain Alert Notification System  
[www.townofcolrainma.portal.finalseiteconnect.com](http://www.townofcolrainma.portal.finalseiteconnect.com)



Receive Town emergency and non-emergency notifications to your phone or email.

## Town Office Hours

The Town Office located at 55 Main Road, next to the Colrain Fire Station, is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with additional hours listed below for certain officials. The office is closed all day on Friday.

Town Administrator	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm or by appointment
Administrative Assistant	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday & Tuesday	4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Director of Assessing	Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Building Inspector	Wednesday	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Police Department	Monday	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## Board & Committee Meeting Times

Board of Assessors	Last Tuesday	5:00 pm
Board of Health	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm
Conservation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday/As Needed	
Council on Aging	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	2:00 pm
Finance Committee	As Needed	
Library Board of Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:00 pm
Personnel Committee	As Needed	
Planning Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	6:00 pm
Select Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	4:30 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	As Needed	

**\*\*For any board or committee not listed, please call the chair to inquire as to regular meeting times or visit [www.colrain-ma.gov](http://www.colrain-ma.gov) for more information.**

# Colrain Transfer Station Information/Hours

Located on Charlemont Road  
Saturdays 8:00 am—4:00 pm  
Summer Hours 1st Tues in May—1st Tues in October  
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

## General Information

Effective October 28, 2023, vehicles utilizing the Colrain Transfer Station must display a Colrain Transfer Station sticker. Two stickers will be issued to each Colrain household free of charge. *Non-residents disposing of non-supersite items will be charged a \$5 use fee.*

### Stickers are sold in \$10.00 bundles only.

All trash bags must have stickers  
13-gallon stickers – \$1.00/each  
33-gallon stickers – \$2.00/each  
34–55-gallon stickers – \$4.00/each

Trash bag stickers are available at the Transfer Station. Vehicle stickers are available at the Town Office.

### ***Bulky Waste and Mattresses accepted year-round***

Below is a summary of fees. For more information visit the Town’s website at [www.colrain-ma.gov](http://www.colrain-ma.gov).

## General Recycling

Paper and Plastics

To learn more visit [springfieldmrf.org/whats-recyclable-at-the-mrf](http://springfieldmrf.org/whats-recyclable-at-the-mrf)

## Scrap Metals/Appliances/Bulky Waste

Scrap Metal	Free
White Goods and CFCs	\$10 – \$15 each
Tires - Passenger	\$5.00 each with no rims
Bulky Waste (non-construction)	\$5.00 to \$30.00
Electronics – TV’s, Cellphones, etc.	\$0.00 - \$40 (pricing differs depending on item)
Construction/Demolition	\$45 - \$65/cubic yard
Mattresses	\$35/each
Furniture	\$10 - \$35/each
Textiles and books (clean)	Salvation Army Box

## Hazardous Materials Collected

Motor oil	\$1.50/gal	Switches	Free
Oil Filters	\$0.75/each	20 lb. propane Tanks	\$7.00
Auto Batteries	Yes	1 lb. LP Tanks	\$1.00
Anti-Freeze	\$1.00/gallon	Larger LP Tanks	\$10.00
Paint	\$5.00 per gallon, \$1.50 per qt. <b>No Latex</b>		
Fluorescent Lamps	\$0.50 <4 ft, \$1 > 4 ft.		
House Batteries	No Charge		
Ballasts	\$5.00 each		
Thermometer	Free		
Thermostats	Free		

# Town Officers, Boards, & Committees – Contact Information

<b><u>Committee/Board Chair/Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Phone #</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail Address</u></b>
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		
Kyle Dragon.....	413-774-7340.....	animalcontrol@fcso-ma.us
<b>Animal Inspector</b>		
Ken Shearer.....	624-3410	
<b>Board of Assessors Director</b>		
Alice Wozniak.....	624-3356.....	assessors@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Chair.....		boh@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Building Inspector</b>		
Shawn Kimberley.....	624-4728.....	buildinginspector@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Colrain Broadband/MLP Manager</b>		
Michael Slowinski.....	624-3454.....	info@colrainbroadband.net
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
David Nims, Chair.....	624-3400	
<b>Council on Aging</b>		
Janice Barnes, Chair.....	624-3378	
<b>Cultural Council</b>		
Betsy Shuipis.....	624-3454.....	shuipise@gmail.com
<b>Emergency Manager Director</b>		
Jim Lyons.....	624-3940.....	jim@winterberryfarm.org
<b>Energy Committee</b>		
Peter Brooks, Chair.....	624-3241.....	p.brooks46@icloud.com
<b>Finance Committee</b>		
Doug MacLeay, Chair.....	624-3454	
<b>Fire Chief</b>		
Nick Anzuoni.....	624-5528.....	firechief@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Griswold Memorial Library</b>		
Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Director.....	624-3619.....	griswold@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Highway Superintendent</b>		
Nate Gilbert (Interim).....	624-5500.....	highway@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Historical Commission</b>		
David Nims, Chair.....	624-3400	
<b>Library Board of Trustees</b>		
Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair.....		griswoldmemorialtrustees@gmail.com
Martin Dagoberto Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair		
<b>Personnel Committee</b>		
Ellen Weeks, Chair.....	624-5137	
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Robert Slowinski, Chair.....		planningboard@colrain-ma.gov
<b>Police Chief</b>		
Chris Lannon.....	624-3038.....	policechief@colrain-ma.gov

**Tax Collector**

Paula Harrison.....624-5549.....taxcollector@colrain-ma.gov

**Treasurer**

Paula Harrison.....624-5549.....treasurer@colrain-ma.gov

**Town Accountant**

David Fierro Jr.           Hill-Town Municipal Accounting & Computer Services

**Town Clerk**

Anna Lavarreda.....624-7100.....townclerk@colrain-ma.gov

**Select Board/Town Administrator**

Emily Thurber, Chair.....624-3454

Diana Parsons, Town Administrator....624-6306.....bos@colrain-ma.gov

**Tree Warden**

Tes Siarnacki.....624-3454.....colrain.tree.warden@gmail.com

**Transfer Station**.....625-9012.....highway@colrain-ma.gov

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Mark Thibodeau, Chair

## Elected Town Officers

### **Select Board** (Three-year term)

	<u>Term</u>
Emily Thurber, Chair	2023 – 2026
Ben Eastman	2022 – 2025
Katie Korby	2024 – 2027

### **Town Clerk** (Three-year term)

Anna Lavarreda	2022 – 2025
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### **Board of Assessors** (Three-year term)

Nicholas M. Anzuoni, Chair	2022 – 2025
Dwight Harrison	2023 – 2026
James J. Slowinski	2024 – 2027

### **Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee** (Three-year term)

John Chivers	2022 – 2025
Kate Barrows	2023 – 2026

### **Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees** (Three-year term)

Martin Dagoberto Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair	2022 – 2025
Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair	2023 – 2026
Betsy Browning	2022 – 2025
Mikaela Whitaker	2024 – 2026
Betty Johnson	2024 – 2027
Nancy Rich Turkle	2024 – 2027

### **Constables** (Three-year term)

Timothy Slowinski	2022 – 2025
Kevin A. Worden, I	2023 – 2026
Melinda A. Herzig	2024 – 2027

### **Moderator** (Three-year term)

Joseph Kurland	2024 – 2027
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# Select Board Appointments

All appointments are for a one-year term, unless otherwise specified, and expire June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in serving on one of the Boards or Commissions, please reach out to the appropriate appointing official.

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Council on Aging (Three-year term)</b>	
Marjorie Smith	2025	Janice Barnes, Chair	2026
		Kathleen A. Phelps	2026
<b>Agricultural Commission (Three-year term)</b>		Russell Barnes	2026
Valerie Finkel	2025	Valeda Peters	2026
Brian Scranton	2026	Kathy Steinem	2026
Joseph S. Hillman	2027	Michelle Hillman	2026
Jill Horton-Lyons	2027	Betty Johnson	2027
Scott Roberts	2027	Amy J. Herzig	2027
Lori Shearer	2027	Richard R. Herzig	2027
Brian Sullivan	2027	Elaine Stanley	2027
Lorena Loubsky (Alternate)	2027	Robbie Murphy	2027
		Susan Slowinski	2027
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		<i>Vacancies (3)</i>	
Kyle Dragon	2025		
<b>Animal Inspector</b>		<b>Cultural Council (Three-year term)</b>	
Ken Shearer	2025	Betsy Shuipis, Chair	2025
		Kaylee Mulligan	2025
<b>Board of Health (Three-year term)</b>		Nancy Rich Turkle	2025
Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Chair	2025	Helen Olson	2027
Timothy P. Slowinski	2025	Sarah Jarman	2027
Kate Minifie	2025		
Barbara Griffin	2027	<b>Director of Assessing</b>	
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>		Alice Wozniak	2025
<b>Board of Registrars (Three-year term)</b>		<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	
Anna Lavarreda, Ex Officio	2025	Jim Lyons	2025
Eugenia M. Shearer	2026	<b>Emergency Response Coordinator</b>	
Amy J. Herzig	2027	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2025
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>			
<b>Building Inspector (Three-year term)</b>		<b>Energy Committee</b>	
Shawn Kimberley	2026	Peter Brooks, Chair	2025
		Bing Waldsmith	2025
<b>Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Representative</b>		Brian Cady	2025
Michelle F. Hillman	2025	David Greenberg	2025
		Chris Krezmien	2025
<b>Conservation Commission (Three-year term)</b>		<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
David W. Nims, Chair	2027	<b>Franklin County Solid Waste District Rep.</b>	
Matthew G. Slowinski	2025	Ben Eastman	2025
Benjamin Beas	2026	Michael Slowinski (Alternate)	2025
William H. Dornbusch	2027		
Marshall L. Denison, Jr.	2027	<b>Fire Chief</b>	
Larry Richmond	2027	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2025
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>			

<b>Fire Station Building Committee</b>	
Douglas MacLeay	2025
Gary Ponce	2025
Kevin Worden II	2025
Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2025
<b>Franklin County Regional Animal Control Rep.</b>	
Ben Eastman	2025
<b>Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.</b>	
Emily Thurber	2025
<b>Franklin Regional Council of Governments Rep.</b>	
Katie Korby	2025
Diana Parsons (Alternate)	2025
<b>Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep.</b>	
<i>Vacant</i>	
<b>Highway Superintendent</b>	
Nate Gilbert	Interim
<b>Historical Commission (Three-year term)</b>	
David W. Nims, Chair	2025
Beldin R. Merims	2025
Harold (Guy) Wheeler	2026
Joan C. McQuade	2027
Sarah Davenport	2027
Mark Scranton	2027
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
<b>Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager</b>	
Michael Slowinski	2025
<b>Personnel Committee (Three-year term)</b>	
Ellen Weeks, Chair	2026
Kathleen A. Phelps	2025
Lynn DiTullio	2025
Valeda R. Peters	2027
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
<b>Plumbing &amp; Gas Inspector</b>	
Kyle Hartnett	2025
Jeffrey Bache (Alternate)	2025
<b>Police Chief</b>	
Chris Lannon	2025
<b>Police Officers</b>	
Derek Worden	2025
Tarrah Demsey	2025
Heather Sonn	2025

<b>Tree Warden (Three-year term)</b>	
Tes Siarnacki	2027
<b>Town Administrator</b>	
Diana Parsons	2025
<b>Town Accountant</b>	
David Fierro	2025
<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>	
Paula Harrison	2025
<b>Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District Rep.</b>	
Thom Griffin	2025
<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	
James Slowinski	2025
Clinton Dodge	2025
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals (Three-year term)</b>	
Marshall L. Denison, Chair	2027
John Peters	2025
Mark A. Thibodeau	2026
Jim Ryan	2027
Alec Jillson	2027

## Moderator Appointments

### **Finance Committee** (five-member board, three-year term)

Douglas Macleay, Chair	2025
Deborah Menard	2024
Betty Ringwood	2026
David Swiderski	2026
Thom Griffin	2026

### **Franklin County Technical School District Committee Member**

Nicole Slowinski	2025
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### **Planning Board** (seven-member board, three-year term)

Robert Slowinski, Chair	2027
Loren Feinstein	2025
Sara Wik	2026
David Greenberg	2026
Greg Olchowski	2027
Laurie Francis	2027
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	

## Board of Health Appointments

### **Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board**

Nina Martin-Anzuoni	2025
Barbara Griffin (Alternate)	2025

# **Town Office and Department Reports**

## **Accountant**

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Group as: \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2024

Start Date: 07/01/2023

end: 06/30/2024

# Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Code: 01 - General Fund	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>		114 - Moderator				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>						
01-114-5190-00000	Moderator Stipend		114.00	0.00	114.00	0.00
01-114-5580-00000	Moderator Other Expenses		60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>174.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>174.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		115 - Personnel Committee				
01-115-5580-00000	Personnel Committee Expenses		100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		122 - Selectmen				
01-122-5190-00000	Selectmen Salaries		10,800.00	-10,800.00	0.00	100.00
01-122-5340-00000	Selectmen Advertising		2,500.00	-2,374.15	125.85	94.97
01-122-5580-00000	Selectmen Other Expenses		1,000.00	-570.00	430.00	57.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>14,300.00</b>	<b>-13,744.15</b>	<b>555.85</b>	<b>96.11</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		123 - Coordinator				
01-123-5110-00000	Town Coordinator		107,094.00	-107,528.00	-434.00	100.41
01-123-5580-00000	Town Coordinator Other Expenses		500.00	-65.96	434.04	13.19
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>107,594.00</b>	<b>-107,593.96</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		131 - Finance Committee				
01-131-5385-00000	Finance Committee Expenses		330.00	-142.00	188.00	43.03
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>330.00</b>	<b>-142.00</b>	<b>188.00</b>	<b>43.03</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		132 - Reserve Fund				
01-132-5780-00000	Reserve Fund		500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		135 - Town Accountant				
01-135-5230-00000	Accounting Software		3,970.00	-3,970.00	0.00	100.00
01-135-5300-00000	Accounting Services		25,200.00	-25,200.00	0.00	100.00
01-135-5380-00000	Annual Financial Audit		16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>45,170.00</b>	<b>-45,170.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		141 - Assessors				
01-141-5110-00000	Director of Assessing Salary		44,287.00	-44,287.00	0.00	100.00
01-141-5190-00000	Assessors Stipends		10,755.00	-10,755.00	0.00	100.00
01-141-5420-00000	Assessors Expenses		19,080.00	-18,295.50	784.50	95.89
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>			<b>74,122.00</b>	<b>-73,337.50</b>	<b>784.50</b>	<b>98.94</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		145 - Treasurer/Collector				
01-145-5110-00000	Treasurer/Collector Salary		65,520.00	-65,520.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-5190-00000	Tax Title Custodian		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
01-145-5280-00000	Tax Title Expense		10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00	100.00

Group as: \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2024

Start Date: 07/01/2023

end: 06/30/2024

# Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
01-145-5300-00000	Treasurers Prof Services & Payroll	9,600.00	-7,921.89	1,678.11	82.52
01-145-5320-00000	Treasurer Software	8,800.00	-8,800.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-5340-00000	Treasurer Postage	1,350.00	-1,692.88	-342.88	125.40
01-145-5385-00000	Treasurer Professional Development	1,250.00	-1,191.43	58.57	95.31
01-145-5420-00000	Treasurers Supplies	1,200.00	-466.60	733.40	38.88
01-145-5720-00000	Treasurers Business Travel	850.00	-708.13	141.87	83.31
01-145-5730-00000	Treasurers Licenses/Dues	60.00	-60.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>145 - Treasurer/Collector</b>	<b>103,630.00</b>	<b>-96,360.93</b>	<b>7,269.07</b>	<b>92.99</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>150 - Town Office Pool</b>				
01-150-5110-00000	Administrative Assistant Wages	31,150.00	-31,150.00	0.00	100.00
01-150-5120-00000	Boards & Committee Clerical	2,483.00	-2,239.56	243.44	90.20
01-150-5190-00000	Constable	0.00	-441.00	-441.00	0.00
01-150-5210-00000	Town Office Electricity	4,000.00	-3,466.81	533.19	86.67
01-150-5215-00000	Heating	3,500.00	-1,399.02	2,100.98	39.97
01-150-5240-00000	Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance	5,000.00	-4,863.91	136.09	97.28
01-150-5241-00000	Town Hall Grounds	4,000.00	-1,910.00	2,090.00	47.75
01-150-5242-00000	Town Hall Security	400.00	-250.47	149.53	62.62
01-150-5243-00000	Town Hall Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-255.06	744.94	25.51
01-150-5244-00000	Town Hall Forms Supplies and Machinery	3,100.00	-2,449.90	650.10	79.03
01-150-5247-00000	Town Hall Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-150-5248-00000	Website Support	1,200.00	-1,140.00	60.00	95.00
01-150-5249-00000	IT Support/Licensing	30,470.00	-30,035.53	434.47	98.57
01-150-5250-00000	Copier Leases	4,800.00	-3,741.82	1,058.18	77.95
01-150-5340-00000	Office Postage	1,200.00	-484.15	715.85	40.35
01-150-5345-00000	Office Telephone	4,500.00	-3,892.36	607.64	86.50
01-150-5385-00000	Office Professional Development	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
01-150-5420-00000	Office Supplies	0.00	-149.68	-149.68	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>150 - Town Office Pool</b>	<b>97,303.00</b>	<b>-87,869.27</b>	<b>9,433.73</b>	<b>90.30</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>151 - Legal</b>				
01-151-5300-00000	Town Counsel	11,800.00	-11,799.65	0.35	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>151 - Legal</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>-11,799.65</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>160 - Clerk</b>				
01-160-5110-00000	Town Clerk Salary	25,116.00	-25,116.00	0.00	100.00
01-160-5190-00000	Clerk Election/Registrar Workers	5,615.00	-2,304.90	3,310.10	41.05
01-160-5580-00000	Clerk Other Expense	4,466.00	-2,924.15	1,541.85	65.48
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>160 - Clerk</b>	<b>35,197.00</b>	<b>-30,345.05</b>	<b>4,851.95</b>	<b>86.21</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>171 - Conservation</b>				

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01-171-5580-00000	Conservation Commission Expenses	100.00	-97.00	3.00	97.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	171 - Conservation	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-97.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	175 - Planning				
01-175-5580-00000	Planning Board Expenses	1,000.00	-744.40	255.60	74.44
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	175 - Planning	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-744.40</b>	<b>255.60</b>	<b>74.44</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	192 - Town Hall				
01-192-5190-00000	Town Office Custodian	6,491.00	-6,343.04	147.96	97.72
01-192-5215-00000	Town Office Heating	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	192 - Town Hall	<b>6,491.00</b>	<b>-6,343.04</b>	<b>147.96</b>	<b>97.72</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	195 - Annual Report				
01-195-5300-00000	Town Reports	800.00	-452.25	347.75	56.53
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	195 - Annual Report	<b>800.00</b>	<b>-452.25</b>	<b>347.75</b>	<b>56.53</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	210 - Police				
01-210-5101-00000	Police Chief Salary	34,137.00	-40,086.60	-5,949.60	117.43
01-210-5110-00000	Police Salaries	76,763.00	-39,267.81	37,495.19	51.15
01-210-5245-00000	Police Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	-2,036.18	1,963.82	50.90
01-210-5385-00000	Police Training	6,000.00	-6,497.09	-497.09	108.28
01-210-5420-00000	Police Office Expense	1,800.00	-1,531.99	268.01	85.11
01-210-5480-00000	Police Fuel	7,500.00	-4,885.08	2,614.92	65.13
01-210-5870-00000	Police Equipment	16,835.00	-11,695.53	5,139.47	69.47
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	210 - Police	<b>147,035.00</b>	<b>-106,000.28</b>	<b>41,034.72</b>	<b>72.09</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire				
01-220-5110-00000	Fire Chief Salary	6,850.00	-6,850.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5112-00000	Fire Administrative Assistant	2,483.00	-1,618.80	864.20	65.20
01-220-5120-00000	Firefighter Salaries	41,791.00	-42,423.64	-632.64	101.51
01-220-5190-00000	Fire Officer Stipends	2,948.00	-2,855.30	92.70	96.86
01-220-5210-00000	Fire Electricity	6,000.00	-6,442.27	-442.27	107.37
01-220-5215-00000	Fire Building Heat	6,000.00	-3,249.60	2,750.40	54.16
01-220-5240-00000	Fire Building Maintenance	5,000.00	-5,546.73	-546.73	110.93
01-220-5245-00000	Fire Vehicle Maintenance	14,000.00	-14,142.57	-142.57	101.02
01-220-5246-00000	Fire Equipment Maintenance	29,650.00	-28,414.94	1,235.06	95.83
01-220-5300-00000	Fire Prof Services	4,500.00	-1,737.18	2,762.82	38.60
01-220-5320-00000	Fire Software Technology	4,600.00	-3,535.00	1,065.00	76.85
01-220-5345-00000	Fire Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	-2,352.34	147.66	94.09
01-220-5380-00000	Fire Radio Maintenance	3,000.00	-2,882.30	117.70	96.08
01-220-5385-00000	Fire Training	10,228.00	-14,582.86	-4,354.86	142.58
01-220-5420-00000	Fire Supplies	1,500.00	-521.06	978.94	34.74

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01-220-5480-00000	Fire Fuel	1,500.00	-2,146.10	-646.10	143.07
01-220-5730-00000	Fire Licenses/Dues	750.00	-150.00	600.00	20.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>220 - Fire</b>	<b>143,300.00</b>	<b>-139,450.69</b>	<b>3,849.31</b>	<b>97.31</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>241 - Building Inspections</b>				
01-241-5110-00000	Building Inspector Salary	9,746.00	-9,746.00	0.00	100.00
01-241-5320-00000	Building Inspector Software	3,445.00	3,445.00	6,890.00	-100.00
01-241-5420-00000	Building Inspector Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
01-241-5730-00000	Building Inspector Dues/Certification	870.00	0.00	870.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>241 - Building Inspections</b>	<b>14,261.00</b>	<b>-6,301.00</b>	<b>7,960.00</b>	<b>44.18</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>291 - Emergency Management</b>				
01-291-5190-00000	Emergency Management Stipend	1,997.00	-1,997.00	0.00	100.00
01-291-5580-00000	Emergency Management Expenses	2,700.00	-2,575.00	125.00	95.37
01-291-5690-00000	FRCOG REPC Assessment	150.00	-150.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>291 - Emergency Management</b>	<b>4,847.00</b>	<b>-4,722.00</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>97.42</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>292 - Animal Control</b>				
01-292-5190-00000	Animal Control Assessment	5,021.00	-5,021.00	0.00	100.00
01-292-5243-00000	Inspector of Animals Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
01-292-5300-00000	Franklin Regional Dog Assessment	350.00	-350.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>292 - Animal Control</b>	<b>5,571.00</b>	<b>-5,371.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>96.41</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>300 - School Committee</b>				
01-300-5190-00000	School Committee Stipend	900.00	-600.00	300.00	66.67
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>300 - School Committee</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>-600.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>66.67</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>312 - Mohawk Regional</b>				
01-312-5696-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Assessment	2,283,353.00	-2,283,353.00	0.00	100.00
01-312-5910-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Capital	73,947.00	-73,947.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>312 - Mohawk Regional</b>	<b>2,357,300.00</b>	<b>-2,357,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>315 - Franklin County Technical</b>				
01-315-5696-00000	Franklin County Technical Assessment	289,423.00	-289,268.00	155.00	99.95
01-315-5910-00000	Franklin County Technical Capital	4,820.00	-4,819.96	0.04	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>315 - Franklin County Technical</b>	<b>294,243.00</b>	<b>-294,087.96</b>	<b>155.04</b>	<b>99.95</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>422 - Highway</b>				
01-422-5110-00000	Highway Salaries	246,693.00	-190,769.96	55,923.04	77.33
01-422-5130-00000	Highway Overtime	0.00	-6,610.62	-6,610.62	0.00
01-422-5240-00000	Highway Building Maintenance	20,900.00	-18,108.86	2,791.14	86.65
01-422-5245-00000	Highway Machinery Maintenance	43,000.00	-37,525.03	5,474.97	87.27
01-422-5290-00000	Highway Bridge Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-422-5300-00000	Highway DOT Physicals/Drug & Alcohol Screening	2,000.00	-220.00	1,780.00	11.00

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01-422-5420-00000	Highway Supplies	0.00	-41.20	-41.20	0.00
01-422-5480-00000	Highway Fuel	65,800.00	-22,804.87	42,995.13	34.66
01-422-5535-00000	Highway Road Maintenance	0.00	-710.66	-710.66	0.00
01-422-5538-00000	Highway Roadway & Public Works Supplies	121,300.00	-126,991.59	-5,691.59	104.69
01-422-5580-00000	Highway Uniforms	0.00	-6,737.97	-6,737.97	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>422 - Highway</b>	<b>501,693.00</b>	<b>-410,520.76</b>	<b>91,172.24</b>	<b>81.83</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>423 - Winter Roads</b>				
01-423-5245-00000	Winter Equip Maintenance	7,300.00	-7,080.26	219.74	96.99
01-423-5300-00000	Contracted Services-Snow and Ice Removal	40,000.00	-24,785.00	15,215.00	61.96
01-423-5530-00000	Winter Salt	39,550.00	-32,615.18	6,934.82	82.47
01-423-5531-00000	Winter Sand	39,550.00	-39,893.49	-343.49	100.87
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>423 - Winter Roads</b>	<b>126,400.00</b>	<b>-104,373.93</b>	<b>22,026.07</b>	<b>82.57</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>424 - Public Street Lighting</b>				
01-424-5210-00000	Street Lights	6,600.00	-6,599.85	0.15	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>424 - Public Street Lighting</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	<b>-6,599.85</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>433 - Transfer Station</b>				
01-433-5110-00000	Transfer Station Salaries	22,486.00	-19,452.60	3,033.40	86.51
01-433-5240-00000	Transfer Station Maintenance	0.00	-260.44	-260.44	0.00
01-433-5420-00000	Transfer Station Expenses	79,112.00	-67,602.44	11,509.56	85.45
01-433-5580-00000	Solid Waste District Assessment	6,460.00	-4,845.00	1,615.00	75.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>433 - Transfer Station</b>	<b>108,058.00</b>	<b>-92,160.48</b>	<b>15,897.52</b>	<b>85.29</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>491 - Cemeteries</b>				
01-491-5290-00000	Cemetery Maintenance	1,100.00	-1,245.00	-145.00	113.18
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>491 - Cemeteries</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>-1,245.00</b>	<b>-145.00</b>	<b>113.18</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>511 - Animal Inspector</b>				
01-511-5190-00000	Animal Inspector	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>511 - Animal Inspector</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>512 - Board of Health</b>				
01-512-5190-00000	Board of Health Wages	2,600.00	-931.14	1,668.86	35.81
01-512-5580-00000	Board of Health Expense	500.00	-808.64	-308.64	161.73
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>512 - Board of Health</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	<b>-1,739.78</b>	<b>1,360.22</b>	<b>56.12</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>513 - FRCOG Regional Health Assessment</b>				
01-513-5243-00000	FRCOG Regional Health Assessment	12,408.00	-12,408.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>513 - FRCOG Regional Health Assessment</b>	<b>12,408.00</b>	<b>-12,408.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>541 - Council on Aging</b>				
01-541-5300-00000	Council on Aging Professional Services	0.00	-9,924.33	-9,924.33	0.00
01-541-5490-00000	Council on Aging Food & Food Services	0.00	-9,051.67	-9,051.67	0.00

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01-541-5580-00000	Council on Aging Expenses	20,000.00	-1,024.00	18,976.00	5.12
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	541 - Council on Aging	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>-20,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	543 - Veterans Services	3,906.27	-3,906.27	0.00	100.00
01-543-5300-00000	Veterans Services District Assessment				
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	543 - Veterans Services	<b>3,906.27</b>	<b>-3,906.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library	40,537.00	-40,537.00	0.00	100.00
01-610-5110-00000	Librarian Director Wages				
01-610-5190-00000	Library Wages	13,435.00	-13,452.39	-17.39	100.13
01-610-5210-00000	Library Electricity	2,500.00	-2,092.52	407.48	83.70
01-610-5215-00000	Library Building Heat	3,300.00	-4,132.20	-832.20	125.22
01-610-5230-00000	Library Other Utilities	135.00	-120.00	15.00	88.89
01-610-5240-00000	Library Building Maintenance	5,750.00	-7,422.74	-1,672.74	129.09
01-610-5251-00000	Library Programming	700.00	-1,573.41	-873.41	224.77
01-610-5320-00000	Library Technology/Online Services	4,895.00	-2,833.84	2,061.16	57.89
01-610-5385-00000	Library Professional Development	1,000.00	-1,179.00	-179.00	117.90
01-610-5420-00000	Library Supplies	1,350.00	-1,353.80	-3.80	100.28
01-610-5550-00000	Cleaning	2,600.00	-1,449.00	1,151.00	55.73
01-610-5580-00000	Library Books	20,599.00	-21,351.82	-752.82	103.65
01-610-5720-00000	Library Business Travel	270.00	-395.28	-125.28	146.40
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library	<b>97,071.00</b>	<b>-97,893.00</b>	<b>-822.00</b>	<b>100.85</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	691 - Historical Commission	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-691-5580-00000	Historical Commission Expenses				
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	691 - Historical Commission	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	692 - Celebrations	1,000.00	-869.00	131.00	86.90
01-692-5380-00000	Memorial Day Celebration				
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	692 - Celebrations	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-869.00</b>	<b>131.00</b>	<b>86.90</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	700 - Debt Service	26,150.00	-7,966.67	18,183.33	30.47
01-700-5926-00000	Interest on Short Term Debt				
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	700 - Debt Service	<b>26,150.00</b>	<b>-7,966.67</b>	<b>18,183.33</b>	<b>30.47</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	830 - FRCOG Assessments	2,850.00	-2,850.00	0.00	100.00
01-830-5300-00000	FRCOG Procurement Services Assessment				
01-830-5690-00000	FRCOG Core Assessment	9,871.00	-9,871.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	830 - FRCOG Assessments	<b>12,721.00</b>	<b>-12,721.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	911 - County Retirement	126,163.00	-123,994.00	2,169.00	98.28
01-911-5690-00000	Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment				
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	911 - County Retirement	<b>126,163.00</b>	<b>-123,994.00</b>	<b>2,169.00</b>	<b>98.28</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	914 - Group Health/Life				

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01-914-5170-00000	Employer Contr. Group Health Insurance	148,245.73	-109,857.52	38,388.21	74.11
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	914 - Group Health/Life	<b>148,245.73</b>	<b>-109,857.52</b>	<b>38,388.21</b>	<b>74.11</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	945 - P/L Insurance				
01-945-5740-00000	Property & Casualty Insurance	50,950.00	-47,353.00	3,597.00	92.94
01-945-5741-00000	VFIS	8,250.00	-8,216.00	34.00	99.59
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	945 - P/L Insurance	<b>59,200.00</b>	<b>-55,569.00</b>	<b>3,631.00</b>	<b>93.87</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	946 - Public Official Insurance				
01-946-5740-00000	Employee Surety & Bonds	1,800.00	-650.00	1,150.00	36.11
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	946 - Public Official Insurance	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>-650.00</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>36.11</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	990 - Transfers				
01-990-5960-00000	Interfund Operating Trans. Out	0.00	-10,700.84	-10,700.84	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	990 - Transfers	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-10,700.84</b>	<b>-10,700.84</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 01 - General Fund	<b>4,723,284.00</b>	<b>-4,462,507.23</b>	<b>260,776.77</b>	<b>94.48</b>



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Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	990 - Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 02 - Special Articles & Appropriations	714,330.66	-630,796.68	83,533.98	88.31

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<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	176 - Zoning				
22-176-5580-00267	Zoning 53E1/2	0.00	-354.76	-354.76	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	176 - Zoning	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-354.76</b>	<b>-354.76</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire				
22-220-5190-00263	Fire Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-1,365.00	-1,365.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,365.00</b>	<b>-1,365.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	243 - Plumbing Inspections				
22-243-5190-00260	Pumbing Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-1,270.00	-1,270.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	243 - Plumbing Inspections	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,270.00</b>	<b>-1,270.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	245 - Electrical Inspections				
22-245-5190-00262	Electrical Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-3,311.50	-3,311.50	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	245 - Electrical Inspections	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3,311.50</b>	<b>-3,311.50</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,301.26</b>	<b>-6,301.26</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Group as: \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>					
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
23-145-5300-00266	Tax Title 53E1/2	0.00	-6,745.44	-6,745.44	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,745.44</b>	<b>-6,745.44</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,745.44</b>	<b>-6,745.44</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Code: 23 - Other Revolving  
145 - Treasurer/Collector  
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145 - Treasurer/Collector

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<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>					
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
24-145-5580-14501	Taxpayer In Need of Relief Distribution	0.00	-774.90	-774.90	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	145 - Treasurer/Collector	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-774.90</b>	<b>-774.90</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
24-220-5385-00253	Fire Donations Training	0.00	-22,058.22	-22,058.22	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-22,058.22</b>	<b>-22,058.22</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
24-541-5300-00253	CoA Donations Professional Services	0.00	-4,955.63	-4,955.63	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	541 - Council on Aging	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-4,955.63</b>	<b>-4,955.63</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
24-543-5243-54301	Veterans Memorial Park Expenses	0.00	-417.77	-417.77	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	543 - Veterans Services	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-417.77</b>	<b>-417.77</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 24 - Gifts	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-28,206.52</b>	<b>-28,206.52</b>	<b>n/a</b>

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>					
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
25-123-5420-22318	Opioid Settlement Expenses	0.00	-49.99	-49.99	0.00
25-123-5535-22315	Jacksonville Road/Rte 112 Storm Damage	0.00	175,638.82	175,638.82	0.00
25-123-5580-12312	Ashfield CSO Expenses	0.00	-5,192.00	-5,192.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>170,396.83</b>	<b>170,396.83</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
25-171-5340-00210	Conservation 53G Public Hearing Advertising	0.00	-284.41	-284.41	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>-284.41</b>	<b>-284.41</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>170,112.42</b>	<b>170,112.42</b>	<b>n/a</b>



Group as: \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 30 - Chapter 90				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	422 - Highway				
30-422-5535-16903	Mass Ch90 Fiscal 2016 Paving Projects	0.00	-43,609.82	-43,609.82	0.00
30-422-5535-19903	Chapter 90 Expenses	0.00	-92,471.88	-92,471.88	0.00
30-422-5580-30002	WRAP Expenses	0.00	-205,046.02	-205,046.02	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	422 - Highway	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-341,127.72</b>	<b>-341,127.72</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 30 - Chapter 90	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-341,127.72</b>	<b>-341,127.72</b>	<b>n/a</b>

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Fund</b>					
Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise					
<b>Group 2: Department</b>					
650 - Broadband Network					
50-650-5101-00000	MLB Manager	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	100.00
50-650-5210-00000	Electric	4,500.00	-3,371.54	1,128.46	74.92
50-650-5216-00000	Middle Mile Access Fee	50,000.00	-34,992.51	15,007.49	69.99
50-650-5217-00000	ISP Charge - 1 Gbps Internet	420,000.00	-218,936.80	201,063.20	52.13
50-650-5218-00000	ISP Charges Phone	86,000.00	-78,379.96	7,620.04	91.14
50-650-5219-00000	Static IPs	1,000.00	-688.00	312.00	68.80
50-650-5220-00000	Stripe Fees	22,000.00	-19,323.17	2,676.83	87.83
50-650-5221-00000	Annual Pole Attachment Licensing Fee	22,500.00	-20,401.26	2,098.74	90.67
50-650-5222-00000	Retainer for Third Party R&M	10,000.00	-8,314.54	1,685.46	83.15
50-650-5223-00000	Pole Bonding Fee	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
50-650-5225-00000	Drop Costs	15,737.00	-24,730.58	-8,993.58	157.15
50-650-5226-00000	Uncollectibles	0.00	-6,041.49	-6,041.49	0.00
50-650-5230-00000	Utility Charges/Services Purchased	7,500.00	-6,279.14	1,220.86	83.72
50-650-5240-00000	Repairs and Maintenance	65,500.00	-34,192.85	31,307.15	52.20
50-650-5243-00000	Miscellaneous	25,000.00	-8,359.37	16,640.63	33.44
50-650-5740-00000	Insurance	5,000.00	-12,000.00	-7,000.00	240.00
50-650-5910-00000	Principal on Debt	0.00	-105,000.00	-105,000.00	0.00
50-650-5915-00000	Interest Expense	0.00	-110,952.78	-110,952.78	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Department</b>		<b>754,737.00</b>	<b>-696,963.99</b>	<b>57,773.01</b>	<b>92.35</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Fund</b>		<b>754,737.00</b>	<b>-696,963.99</b>	<b>57,773.01</b>	<b>92.35</b>

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## Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Code: 80 - Trust	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>		312 - Mohawk Regional				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		Qunitas Allen Ed Fund Interfund Transfers Out				
80-312-5960-00501			0.00	-6,753.00	-6,753.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>		312 - Mohawk Regional	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,753.00</b>	<b>-6,753.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>		Code: 80 - Trust	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,753.00</b>	<b>-6,753.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Group as: \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

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## Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
	214 Account(s) totaling:	6,192,351.66	-7,267,085.45	-1,074,733.79	117.36

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# Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>					
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
01-000-4110-22100	Personal Property 2021	0.00	269.04	269.04	0.00
01-000-4810-00000	Miscellaneous Revenue	-13,054.37	45,188.95	32,134.58	346.16
01-000-4840-00000	Misc Non Recurring Rev	0.00	7,959.85	7,959.85	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>000 - Undefined</b>	<b>-13,054.37</b>	<b>53,417.84</b>	<b>40,363.47</b>	<b>409.20</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
01-122-4410-00000	Selectmen Liquor Licenses	-2,000.00	1,850.00	-150.00	92.50
01-122-4420-00000	Selectmen Other Licenses	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>122 - Selectmen</b>	<b>-2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
01-141-4320-00000	Assessors Departmental Fees	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	<b>141 - Assessors</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>					
01-145-4100-00000	Rollback/Supplemental Taxes	0.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00
01-145-4110-21900	FY19 Personal Property Revenue	0.00	105.01	105.01	0.00
01-145-4110-22000	FY20 Personal Property Revenue	0.00	169.80	169.80	0.00
01-145-4110-22200	Personal Property Tax Revenue 2022	0.00	95.54	95.54	0.00
01-145-4110-22300	FY23 PP Revenue	0.00	632.96	632.96	0.00
01-145-4110-22400	FY24 Personal Property Revenue	-447,167.66	445,994.84	-1,172.82	99.74
01-145-4120-22300	FY23 RE Revenue	0.00	74,210.17	74,210.17	0.00
01-145-4120-22400	FY24 Real Estate Revenue	-3,565,497.12	3,459,722.45	-105,774.67	97.03
01-145-4142-00000	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	19,130.70	19,130.70	0.00
01-145-4150-00000	Motor Vehicle Excise Prior Years	0.00	348.32	348.32	0.00
01-145-4150-21900	Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	0.00	145.11	145.11	0.00
01-145-4150-22000	FY20 Motor Vehicle Excise	0.00	240.75	240.75	0.00
01-145-4150-22100	Motor Vehicle Excise 2021	0.00	1,135.03	1,135.03	0.00
01-145-4150-22200	Motor Vehicle Excise 2022	0.00	3,389.07	3,389.07	0.00
01-145-4150-22300	FY23 MV Revenue	0.00	34,695.23	34,695.23	0.00
01-145-4150-22400	FY24 Motor Vehicle Revenue	-189,512.38	169,341.86	-20,170.52	89.36
01-145-4170-00000	Penalties & Int on Taxes	-26,766.37	19,935.93	-6,830.44	74.48
01-145-4171-00000	Penalties & Int on Excise	0.00	1,914.15	1,914.15	0.00
01-145-4172-00000	Penalties & Int on Tax Liens	0.00	6,148.92	6,148.92	0.00
01-145-4320-00000	Collector Departmental Fees	0.00	12,529.62	12,529.62	0.00
01-145-4370-00000	Collector MARK Registry Fines	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
01-145-4610-00000	CS State Owned Land	-66,710.00	66,638.00	-72.00	99.89
01-145-4661-00000	CS Unrestricted Govt Aid	-345,020.00	345,020.00	0.00	100.00



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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	243 - Plumbing Inspections				
22-243-4450-00260	Plumbing Permit Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	243 - Plumbing Inspections	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	245 - Electrical Inspections				
22-245-4450-00262	Electrical Permits 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	2,986.50	2,986.50	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	245 - Electrical Inspections	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,986.50</b>	<b>2,986.50</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	292 - Animal Control				
22-292-4420-00264	Dog License Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	1,618.06	1,618.06	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	292 - Animal Control	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,618.06</b>	<b>1,618.06</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,366.98</b>	<b>8,366.98</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 23 - Other Revolving				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
23-145-4172-00266	Tax Title Revolving 53E1/2	0.00	14,157.62	14,157.62	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	145 - Treasurer/Collector	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,157.62</b>	<b>14,157.62</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 23 - Other Revolving	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,157.62</b>	<b>14,157.62</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 24 - Gifts				
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	123 - Coordinator				
24-123-4830-24001	Barnhardt Culvert Donations	0.00	93.73	93.73	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	123 - Coordinator	<b>0.00</b>	<b>93.73</b>	<b>93.73</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
24-145-4830-14501	Taxpayer in Need of Relief Fund	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	145 - Treasurer/Collector	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	210 - Police				
24-210-4830-00253	Police Donations	0.00	1,275.00	1,275.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	210 - Police	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,275.00</b>	<b>1,275.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire				
24-220-4830-00253	Fire Gifts and Donations	0.00	3,894.00	3,894.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	220 - Fire	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,894.00</b>	<b>3,894.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	541 - Council on Aging				
24-541-4830-00251	COA Meal Donations	0.00	810.00	810.00	0.00
24-541-4830-00252	COA - Foot Clinic Donations	0.00	2,841.00	2,841.00	0.00
24-541-4830-00253	COA Donations	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	541 - Council on Aging	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,901.00</b>	<b>3,901.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library				
24-610-4830-00207	Friends of the Library Donations	0.00	12.84	12.84	0.00
24-610-4830-00253	Library Donations	0.00	25,214.82	25,214.82	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,227.66</b>	<b>25,227.66</b>	<b>n/a</b>







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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	491 - Cemeteries	<b>0.00</b>	<b>94.19</b>	<b>94.19</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library				
80-610-4820-00250	Griswold Library Capital Stabilization Interest	0.00	5,816.97	5,816.97	0.00
80-610-4960-00250	Griswold Library Capital Stabilization Fund	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department</b>	610 - Library	<b>0.00</b>	<b>105,816.97</b>	<b>105,816.97</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund</b>	Code: 80 - Trust	<b>0.00</b>	<b>566,121.34</b>	<b>566,121.34</b>	<b>n/a</b>
	112 Account(s) totaling:	-5,495,847.15	7,775,502.55	2,279,655.40	141.48



# Board of Assessors

The New Year started out with the Assessors conducting inspections of building permits, demolitions, and properties on the town’s cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors of Massachusetts to visit every property in each town once every ten years. Over a decade ago, the Assessors started a rotation of visiting the properties themselves rather than hiring an outside contractor at a substantial fee to the town. Since many of the contractors are from outside the area, the board felt that keeping the work “in house” would give them a better handle on errors for the future.

In the spring election, Jim Slowinski won re-election to the Board of Assessors. This is Jim’s sixth term as an Assessor. The Assessors’ office is the only elected board that is required within one year of taking office to successfully complete a 30-hour course and pass an examination. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town’s tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the office granted one abatement in the amount of \$59,110 of value which translates into \$1,121.90 of tax dollars. No appeals were filed at the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) for Fiscal Year 2023.

Most properties in town have been inspected over the last few years, which has greatly reduced our number of abatements. This does not mean that the property record cards are flawless-some can go undetected for years. We encourage all residents to check the information on their property record cards periodically, especially after any building permit or demolition work has been completed.

In mid-December, we set our Fiscal Year 2025 tax rate at \$18.26/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. This brings the overall decrease in the taxation rate from 2021-25 to \$2.90 due to strong property assessments.

The Colrain Fire District tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025 was \$3.16/per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

The Town of Colrain’s parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>%</u>
• Residential	\$192,322,800	84.1681
• Commercial	\$ 6,050,624	2.6480
• Industrial	\$ 4,282,300	1.8741
• Personal Property	\$ 25,842,850	11.3098
Total amount of 2025 Property Tax Levy	<b>\$228,498,574</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our maps and property record cards are available online on the town’s website [www.colrain-ma.gov](http://www.colrain-ma.gov) under the tab “Town Office”, “Assessors’ Office”. Please check them out; this is another way to verify the accuracy of your assessments.

There are several property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from \$175 to \$500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult; we encourage the elderly to contact the office to see whether you may qualify. Any information that is provided to qualify for these exemptions is strictly confidential and is not available to the public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans with a service-connected disability.

We want property owners to know that assessing is a complicated field, and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. With that said, our office is open for any questions Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-4:00 PM and our board typically meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM in the Assessor's office as needed. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at (413) 624-3356 since meeting times sometimes change due to scheduling conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors  
Nicholas Anzuoni, Chairman  
James Slowinski  
Dwight Harrison  
Alice Wozniak, MAA & Director of Assessing

## **Building Inspector**

A building permit is required by the State Building Code to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove, or demolish a building or structure, or change the use or occupancy of a building or structure. If you are not sure whether your project will require a building permit, please call before you begin construction.

A majority of the building permit applications this last year were for photovoltaic installations and insulation/weather sealing. We have had some recent inquiries for the building of new homes in Colrain that may come to fruition in 2025.

On October 11, 2024, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Massachusetts State building code became effective. A concurrency period with the ninth edition runs till July 1, 2025. After July 1 all work must be constructed to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

My office hours are every Wednesday night between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the town hall. My office telephone # is 624-4728, I can also be reached at home, weeknights before 9 p.m. at 624-9621.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Kimberley  
Colrain Building Inspector

## Griswold Memorial Library

In 2024, Griswold Memorial Library was awarded the National Medal for Library Services from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the highest honor given to American libraries and museums. The award is given in recognition of exemplary services. Fix-It Day, the Pop-Up library at the Colrain Transfer Station, “Read to the Children” at the Franklin County Jail, Crafts with Ms. Betty, the People’s History of Colrain Podcast, the Carol Purington Poetry Collection, and William Apess Day were recognized among the library’s initiatives. The library was nominated by Congressman Jim McGovern with letters of support from members of the community. No other Massachusetts library has ever received this award, which was given to five libraries and five museums, who received a framed certificate and medal at an awards ceremony at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Art Museum, in Washington, D.C.



This photo shows, from left to right: Nancy Turkle, Chair, Library Board of Trustees; Dagoberto Lydgate-Driggs, Library Trustee; Rhonda Anderson, Western Massachusetts Commissioner on Indian Affairs and Colrain resident; Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Library Director; Congressman Jim McGovern; Maureen Amyot, Director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; Pete Johnson, Colrain resident; Betty Purington Johnson, Library Trustee and Past Director, at the National Medal Awards Ceremony at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Art Museum, in Washington, D.C.

The Griswold Memorial Library has served the people of Colrain and visitors since 1892, when it was first established by the School Committee, including Arthur A. Smith. The building was constructed and dedicated to the Town of Colrain by Joseph Griswold, in 1908. The library is a department of town government governed by an elected six-member board of Library Trustees, who delegate responsibility for library management, collection development, and provision of library services to the Library Director. The library’s mission is to be a “community hub where open access to current tools, resources and services support the enjoyment of reading and the informational, educational, and communication needs of the public.”

Following a strategic plan helps the library to stay on course with its mission. This outlines two key priorities: “We stay true to our roots and safeguard what matters,” and, “We adapt to change, and grow our collective future.” This report tells how we took action and achieved results in these two areas this past year.

## **We stay true to our roots, and safeguard what matters:**

Reading and literacy are always at the forefront of library operations. The library fosters a love of reading by maintaining its collection of books for all ages and abilities, and through programs such as Summer Reading Club, a StoryWalk at Pine Hill Orchards, and “Read to Lamby,” which helps readers to gain confidence by reading out loud to a therapy dog. The library also hosted educators from the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art to facilitate workshops for caregivers who are incarcerated at Franklin County Jail, who are able to then make videos of themselves reading a book to their children to give to their families, along with a copy of the book.

Ms. Betty and Chelsea also attended Family Literacy Night at Colrain Central School, and this past year, the library worked with teachers and the school librarian to provide books for service learning projects and to welcome more class visits at the library. Students learn about our library’s history and about using public libraries through CW MARS, the Central Western Massachusetts Area Regional System. The Pop-Up Library at the Colrain Transfer Station has been a great way for the library to let people know what events are happening in the community, what resources the library offers, and to sign people up for library cards.



This photo shows the Library Director, Chelsea, with a Library Trustee, “Dago” Lydgate-Driggs, at the Colrain Transfer Station in April of 2024.

The GML has been fine-free since 2019, and provides access to a variety of materials besides just books: equipment like a movie projector, paper shredder, and snowshoes, new board games, and museum passes help families to save money and time. In 2024, the library loaned 23,186 items, and filled about 5,000 holds. We added more than 1,000 new items to the library collection, which includes about 10,000 items in total, plus about 100,000 eBooks and downloadable audiobooks available through OverDrive and the Libby app.

The library reached over 1,500 people through programs, and answered close to 3,000 reference questions over the year. A “return on investment” calculator shows that the library provided \$550,528 worth of services for \$107,700 in funding—a return on investment of more than 400%.

To stay responsive to community needs, the library led a community input survey, designed to evaluate how well we were delivering on the priorities outlined in our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. There were 184 responses in total: 134 online, and 50 in print. In answer to the question, “How would you rate the library, overall?,” over 90% of respondents said it was excellent or satisfactory. A strategic planning committee has been assembled to use these data to seek more input from the community and write a new strategic plan for the years ahead.

The library worked with Boston Public Library to digitize several items from the local history collection: The “Personal War Sketches presented to H.S. Greenleaf Post No. 20, Department of Massachusetts, by Lorenzo Griswold, Colerain, 1890, Grand Army of the Republic,” ca. 1890, and “Records, Colrain soldiers in Company B, 52nd Regiment, M.V.M.,” ca. 1888. The original copies are now stored in the vault at Town Office for safer keeping.

A feasibility study got underway to estimate the costs of fixing the library’s drainage and improving access and programming space. Meanwhile, we fixed some electrical problems and refinished the front door.

### **We adapt to change, and grow our collective future!**

The library continued partnering with public health nurses at the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments to provide programs relating to health, and helping people in our communities to find and access resources related to their healthcare.

We launched a new peer-to-peer technology training program to help people with their specific technology needs. The service is led by Bill Dornbusch, who has helped people with a range of skills so far, such as organizing their cloud storage, sharing photos, and managing their email. Library staff also help with technology during regular library hours. The top question they answered was probably how to download eBooks and audiobooks with the Libby app.

The library hosted more “pop-up” services at the Colrain Transfer Station, and was joined there on one occasion by Paul Mark. Annual events included Candidates’ Night, William Apess Day, Earth Day, Fix-It Day, and the Summer Reading Club Kickoff and the Summer Reading Awards/StoryWalk Launch, which celebrate reading and literacy. We had several one-off programs: an eclipse-viewing party, a party to celebrate when the library received the IMLS National Medal for Library Services, in May, and a meet-and-greet with the new town administrator. The library also hosted its first movie matinee, a screening of *Elf* on December 21st.



In this picture: Summer Reading Club participants and their families catch a lift at the StoryWalk Launch Party and Summer Reading Club Awards Ceremony at Pine Hill Orchards in September 2024. There were 107 participants in this year’s Summer Reading Club.

The Carol Purington Poetry Collective is in its fourth year, and continues to meet the first Friday evening of the month. Online “Crafts with Ms. Betty” continue to be popular on YouTube, and craft kits are available in person at the library. We also experimented with a new program, Yoga with Judith, led by Judith Roberts.

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To know by heart  
where the sun rises, the moon sets—  
I speak the words aloud  
and they become  
my vow of stability.

-Carol Purington, in *Faces I Might Wear*, Winfred Press, 2013

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We produced several new episodes of the “People’s History of Colrain Podcast,” which is available for free through SoundCloud, and via the library website. Topics include “Carol Purington and the ‘Vow of Stability,’” “Mike, Tony, and the Neon Flag,” and Marianne Stafford, plus another in the works with David Nims.

The library received a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association (ALA) to fund the Read to the Children program and other services at the Franklin County Jail and Re-entry Center. This partnership is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Franklin County Sheriff and the Library Trustees.

We are grateful to Jill Horton-Lyons for her service as a Library Trustee. Mikaela Whitaker became the newest library trustee, and Betty Johnson and Nancy Turkle were re-elected to their positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Jordan-Makely

## Select Board

The Colrain Select Board is pleased to submit the annual report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2024.

Emily Thurber, Select Board chair, is in her second year on the board and looks forward to continuing her service. Ben Eastman is currently serving his third year on the board. He hopes to serve a second term and is seeking re-election. Katie Korby was elected to the board and is just finishing her first year. She replaces Thom Griffin, who did not run for re-election.

Kevin Fox retired from his position as Town Administrator after serving the Town for over a decade. The Select Board hired Diana Parsons to fill the position. Diana worked as the first Town Coordinator in Colrain early in her career and we welcome her back. An Ad-hoc Town Administrator Search Committee assisted with the search.

We saw the start and completion of the Jacksonville Road Slope Stabilization Project. This project was made possible by a \$1,000,000 MassWorks Grant. Repairs to the road were done by ET&L and allowed traffic to return to two lanes.

Western Earthworks began the Heath Road Culvert Replacement Project in the very late fall, projected to be finished around the new year.

The Mohawk Regional School District continued to work with Berk12 on the 2D8T Sustainability Study. Options were identified through community engagement and Berk12 will continue to dive further into each model.

The Town voted to join the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts. A regional group made up of 21 municipalities, some of their work includes supporting natural resource based economic development, forest conservation and stewardship, and assisting with financial and technical resources.

Keeping us moving in this forward direction are all the members of our various boards and committees as well as our office and department staff. Each piece is important and we appreciate all of the time, dedication and hard work put forth by these individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Thurber  
Colrain Select Board Chair

# Tax Collector

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

## REAL ESTATE

2024	Real Estate	\$ 3,623,153.08
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (3,464,103.58)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (17,757.84)
	Adjusted Payments	\$ 2,586.76
	Refunds	\$ 1,794.37
	Transfer to Tax Title	\$ (18,188.98)
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 127,483.81</u>
2023	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2023	\$ 92,415.14
	2023 adjustment to Tax Title	\$ 325.86
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (76,856.95)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (2,019.81)
	Adjusted Payments	\$ 1,669.06
	Refunds	\$ 977.72
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 16,511.02</u>

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

2024	Personal Property	\$ 447,167.80
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ ( 447,137.98)
	Abatements	\$ (1,121.92)
	Refunds	\$ 1,143.14
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 51.04</u>
2023	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2023	\$ 736.21
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (632.96)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 103.25</u>
2022	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2023	\$ 203.26
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ ( 95.54)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 107.72</u>
2021	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2023	\$ 269.04
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (269.04)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
2020	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2023	\$ 169.80
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (169.80)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
2019	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2023	\$ 114.39
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Adjustments	<u>\$ (105.01)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 9.38</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

2024	Motor Vehicle	\$ 195,721.36
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(171,291.58)
	Refunds	\$ 1,783.49
	Abatements	\$ (4,073.58)
	Adjustments	<u>\$ 166.23</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 22,305.92</u>
2023	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 13,217.17
	Additions	\$ 29,126.08
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(36,255.67)
	Refunds	\$ 528.04
	Abatements	\$ (441.74)
	Adjustments	<u>\$ 1,080.13</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 7,254.01</u>
2022	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 7,128.84
	Additions	\$ 0.00
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(3,534.90)
	Refunds	\$ 145.83
	Abatements	<u>\$ (145.83)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,593.94</u>
2021	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 2,069.24
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(1,189.54)
	Refunds	\$ 54.51
	Abatements	<u>\$ (54.51)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 879.70</u>
2020	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 1,531.48
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(240.75)
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Abatements	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 1,290.73</u>
2019	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 1,708.24
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (0.00)
	Refunds	0.00
	Abatements	\$ (0.00)
	Adjustments	<u>\$ (1,708.24)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

## Town Clerk

### Elections:

Presidential Primaries, March 5, 2024 – 1,324 Registered Voters; 372 Ballots Cast

Town Election, May 7, 2024 – 1,337 Registered Voters; 351 Ballots Cast

Assessor: Jim Slowinski

Constable: Melinda Herzig

Library Trustees: Betty Johnson, Nancy Turkle

Moderator: Joseph Kurland

Select Board: Katie Korby

State Primaries, September 3, 2024 – 1,362 Registered Voters; 211 Ballots Cast

State Election, November 5, 2024 – 1,394 Registered Voters; 1,050 Ballots Cast

### Vital Statistics:

Births – 9

Deaths – 11

Marriages – 4

Dogs tagged 2024 – 270

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Lavarreda

Colrain Town Clerk

413-624-7100

# Treasurer

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Location of Accounts:

People's Bank	SSRP	\$	41,745.46
People's Bank	Covered Bridge	\$	22,832.15
People's Bank	Deputy Collector	\$	27.39
MMDT	General	\$	2,451.98
MMDT	Arts' Council	\$	5,945.35
Unibank	General	\$	782,019.50
Unibank	Payroll 2015	\$	3,669.70
Unibank	AP 2015	\$	64,945.96
Unibank	Dept. Online	\$	3,477.33
Unibank	Collector Online	\$	5,083.73
Unibank	Fire District #1	\$	955.38
Unibank	Allocation Accounts		
	Barnhardt Culvert Donation	\$	306,662.47
	LSTA	\$	4,200.00
	Veterans Memorial Park	\$	865.30
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	General	\$	97,626.37
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	Griswold Memorial Library	\$	114,528.95
Balance as of June 30, 2024		\$	1,455,237.02

## **TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Location of Funds:

People's United Bank			
Martha Babbitt Fund		\$	764.00
MMDT			
Stabilization Fund		\$	563,285.02
Davenport		\$	7,231.79
Bartholomew			
East Colrain Cemetery Fund		\$	1,211.68
Annie Browning Trust Fund		\$	130.26
Miller-Denison Lots		\$	234.35
Grace A Teney Fund		\$	232.25
Meetinghouse Cemetery Fund		\$	201.72
Stabilization Assessors Fund		\$	17,958.62
Stabilization Audit Fund		\$	606.25
Stabilization Fire Fund		\$	209,530.72
Stabilization Griswold Library		\$	172,752.65
Stabilization Highway Fund		\$	415,137.66
Stabilization Police Vehicle/Equipment		\$	70,207.55
Stabilization Technology		\$	34,606.67
Stabilization Transfer Station		\$	<u>44,840.57</u>
Total Trust Funds June 30, 2024		\$	<u>1,538,931.76</u>

**BROADBAND ENTERPRISE FUND**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Unibank	
Colrain Broadband	\$ 779,014.96
Bartholomew	\$ 352,780.97

**OPEB FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Location of Funds:

Bartholomew	
OPEB Fund	\$ 340,342.45

**TAX TITLE REVOLVING FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Tax Title Revolving Fund	
Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2023	\$ 27,809.83
Revenue	\$ 14,827.62
Expenditures	\$ <u>(7,415.44)</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$ <u>35,222.01</u>

# Board/Committee/Commission Annual Reports

## Board of Health

The State of Massachusetts has implemented uniform training for health agents so that housing and food inspections, septic laws, and Title V are enforced in a consistent manner across the State. There is a new education program, Foundations Course (approximately 100 hours) for BOH Members so that we better understand the laws we are enforcing. The BOH members are slowly working their way through the individual sections.

Colrain is part of the 12 town Cooperative Public Health Service [CPHS] that is based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The CPHS health agents act as agents for Colrain and do all annual inspections, including campgrounds, food permits, Title V, and much more. FYI, even if you buy a house with cash, you are still legally required to have a Title V inspection. Another service offered by the CPHS nurses is that they hold drop-in hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the library from 4-6 PM and are looking at adding hours in 2025 during Council on Aging programs. The Health Agent's report is included as part of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments annual report.

January 2024 brought a new member to the Board of Health. Barbara Griffin is a retired nurse, who worked at the Rowe Elementary School for many years. She jumped in with both feet and completed her required training within 6 months of being appointed. Welcome Barbara!

This year was a busy one with a condemnation order issued on a property, a multi-unit property that had to eliminate a unit due to septic failure; as well as aiding in relocating a temporary resident who had limited resources. Also, we held hearings and accepted tobacco and septic regulations, etc.

In 2024, Colrain purchased 25 low-cost tick tests. These tests are available through the town website under Boards & Committees>Board of Health> Additional Pages. If a tick meets certain parameters (Is a deer tick, is engorged, was attached to you for 24 hours) then for a nominal fee you can have the tick tested to see if it is positive for Lyme's Disease.

The BOH typically meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Highway Department Meeting Room. We currently have one opening on the board. If you are interested in being on the Board of Health, please stop into one of our meetings or contact Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant at [boh@colrain-ma.gov](mailto:boh@colrain-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Chair  
Tim Slowinski  
Kate Minifie  
Barbara Griffin

## **Conservation Commission**

In 2024, Con Com lost one of our newer members: Jennifer Blythe who moved to Greenfield.

The Commission had a moderately busy year hearing four Requests for Determinations [RDA's] and several Notice of Intents [NOI]. One NOI was a continuation from 2023; the bank stabilization plan for Jacksonville Rd which finally began in July 2024. A second was for inserting a series of small logs in the Tisdell Brook to enhance areas for fish and the last one was for Eversource who are updating as well as adding to their current poles on West Leyden & Avery Hill Rds.

David Nims, Chair

William Dornbusch, Clerk

Matthew Slowinski

Lee Denison

Benjamin Beas

Larry Richmond

## Council on Aging

Chairperson: Janice Barnes

Secretary: Elaine Stanley

Co-Secretary: Michelle Hillman,

Treasurer: Betty Johnson

Members: Richard Herzig, Amy Herzig, Elaine Stanley, Valeda Peters, Russell Barnes, Janice Barnes, Kathy Phelps, Michelle Hillman, Betty Johnson, Kathleen Steinem, and Susan Slowinski.

The main objective of the Council on Aging is to make certain services available to the senior population in Colrain such as a monthly foot clinic, social times which might involve food, and other activities depending on time of year.

A monthly foot clinic was held at the fire station until the end of November, then was successfully moved to the room used by the COA, downstairs in the town office in December. Our participant numbers have increased as awareness of this great service has been gaining the attention of Colrain seniors. Currently we are serving approximately 45+ seniors over a two-month time period. This service is funded in part by Life Path and the Colrain COA.

This past year we had six senior meals at the Eagles in Shelburne Falls, two picnic meals catered by Pine Hill Orchards, one in July, and one in August. The COA also covered the cost of a senior's meal when food events were put on by the Colrain Fire Department. The COA arranged for the Shelburne Falls Military band to play in Colrain on August 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Colrain Fire Dept serving hamburgers and hot dogs, which the COA covered the cost of the band and food provided to the Colrain seniors. In September we held our annual "Apple Day" at Pine Hill Orchards, where seniors get to pick their own apples, have coffee/cider & donuts along with social time. During the good weather months seniors were able to travel to Town Line Ice Cream for ice cream, and we also had a monthly senior social time at the Pine Hill Gazebo where coffee & donuts were available. A weekly craft time is available downstairs of the town office throughout the year, along with a low impact exercise time and a social time for seniors to meet on Thursdays, weather permitting. We were also able to organize for a representative from SHINE to attend our October meal and give a presentation on Medicare and health insurance needs. Meg Ryan BSN, RN, from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments provided blood pressure clinics at several events and administered flu and Covid shots at the October meal. At the November meal, Susan White from Life Path gave a presentation of different programs available for seniors.

Future goals will be to pursue transportation opportunities for Colrain seniors.

We hope to keep continuing our present activities and adding new ones as the year progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Barnes, COA Chair

**Colrain Council on Aging Treasurer's Report July 2023-June 2024**

Income

Town Appropriation	20,000.00
Donations	3,205.63
Formula Grant	7,504.00
Foot Clinic Grant	1,500.00
<u>Walking Grant</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,459.63</b>

Expenses

Meals at Eagles	7,343.00
Pine Hill	6,108.75
Catamount	6,000.00
Pancakes/Concert	1,719.00
Band Concert	200.00
Foot Clinic	10,245.00
MCOA Dues	265.00
Misc.	91.56
<u>Ice cream social</u>	<u>487.32</u>
Total expense	<b>32,459.63</b>

## **Cultural Council**

The Colrain Cultural Council supports activities in our community and surrounding areas for children and adults. Funded programs include art, lectures, dance, music theater, workshops, performances in schools and entertainment venues. The Colrain Cultural Council is funded by the Local Cultural Council (LCC) program of the Mass Cultural Council.

Every year the Colrain Cultural Council meets to discuss and vote on submitted grant applications. For 2025, the council received \$5,700 from the Mass Cultural Council to be distributed. The council met December 4, 2024 to discuss and vote on new applications for 2025. We reviewed 27 applications of which 24 were accepted and 3 were declined.

### Members

Helen Olson

Sarah Jarman

Kaylee Mulligan, co-chair

Nancy Rich-Turkle, co-chair

Betsy Shuipis, co-chair

Sharon Wickland-Shearer

## Energy Committee

This year the Colrain Energy Committee expanded to five members, by merging with the Solar Planning Committee.

We have continued our work to increase the energy efficiency of Town owned buildings. This work is all funded through our original grant of \$129,000, acquired through the State Green Communities program of DOER.

This year we have succeeded in further insulating the Fire Dept. The building has a failed heat pump which is used for cooling. Individual window air conditioners have now been installed for cooling because a new heat pump would overload the main panel. Chris Mason, the Western Mass Green Community representative, suggested that we increase the building's insulation so that a smaller heat pump could be used without increasing the load on the panel. The Center for Eco Technology arranged for the Energia company from Holyoke to install more insulation in the attic of the building.

We are currently in the process of getting a quotation for installing a new digital control system at Colrain Central School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Co-Chairs:

Peter Brooks, David Greenberg

Members:

Brian Cady,  
Bing Waldsmith  
Chris Krezmien

## Finance Committee

We are happy to report that the financial condition of Colrain continues to be good. The town has little debt. The town office staff continues to perform well and are a major reason for the financial stability of the town.

The Highway Department remains short-handed. We hope to hire more employees going forward as the present staff has to be very selective in deciding what maintenance is done. The Jacksonville Road washout was repaired successfully and there is surplus money left over from the project which will be used for further road improvements.

The Municipal Light Plant continues to be self-sufficient and is continually improving their system and reliability.

We anticipate a request from the Fire Department to replace an engine which is over twenty years old. Although the existing engine still functions well, it is advised to replace it to ensure the fire insurance rates remain low.

There are three areas of concern that need to be carefully addressed.

### MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The most significant of these is the Mohawk Trail Regional School District which in its present condition is not financially sustainable. The PRESENT total enrollment in the district is less than 800 students spread throughout four buildings. The cost of heating, maintaining and staffing these buildings is not sustainable given present enrollment. The present configuration also leads to a busing system which is inefficient and very costly. The reconfiguring of the district is inevitable and necessary for achieving sustainability.

### FIRE STATION

The present fire station, due to its construction and issues regarding its location cannot be modernized or expanded and is not adequate to house all of the equipment needed by the fire department and the ambulance service.

Planning needs to proceed with the construction of a public safety complex at another location would solve many space issues by housing Police, Fire and Ambulance in a modern energy efficient building.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Given the number of residents over the age of 60 there is an increasing need for a senior center and senior housing. The council does not presently have an adequate meeting place and is finding itself forced to sponsor meals out of town. Very clearly the town is not adequately serving its senior population.

It is possible that the solution to the Mohawk District sustainability problem may help Colrain move forward in efforts to solve its other issues. The clear fact is change is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas MacLeay Chair  
Betty Ringwood Vice Chair  
David Swiderski Clerk  
Debra Menard  
Thom Griffin

## **Municipal Light Plant (MLP)**

The broadband network is governed by the Municipal Light Plant Board (Selectboard) and is managed by Whip City Fiber. Local issues are handled by the MLP Manager and the MLP Board.

Network expenses and revenues are held in the Enterprise Fund and are separate from other town finances. Subscriber fees pay all expenses and no funds from taxation are used.

The RRR project continues to provide benefits to the 5 Northern Tier towns of Charlemont, Colrain, Heath, Leyden, and Rowe. The increased Reliability, Redundancy, and Resiliency is augmented by the combined purchasing of backhaul services at lower prices for the 5 towns. The result is more bandwidth at a reduced cost.

The Select Board and Finance Committee voted to reduce the monthly fee from \$89 to \$84. If approved at Town Meeting, the reduction will be effective in July 2025.

Bond payments for the construction of the broadband network continue. Interest and principal paid in FY25 is \$173,125. FY26 totals are \$167,875. Enterprise Fund monies are used to make these payments.

Whip City can answer many of your questions. Please contact them at:

Customer Service: 8:00AM-5:00PM 413-485-1251 [customerservice@whipcityfiber.com](mailto:customerservice@whipcityfiber.com)

Technical Support: 24-hour service 413-485-1204 [techsupport@whipcityfiber.com](mailto:techsupport@whipcityfiber.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Slowinski, MLP Manager

## Personnel Committee

Anticipating the need for a new Town Administrator in 2024 with the retirement of Kevin Fox, a Search Committee comprised of two Personnel Committee members, one Finance Committee member, one Select Board member, and one resident was formed. With valuable input from department heads and town board chairs, the committee crafted an updated job description. The advertising and hiring process kicked off in 2024, drawing a range of applicants.

While many applied, only a handful brought the experience and qualifications we sought. By May, after careful review of the applications and interviews with the top three candidates, the committee presented its recommendations to the Select Board. Following an additional round of interviews, the Select Board voted to unanimously offer the Town Administrator position to Diana Parsons.

In July, we welcomed Diana Parsons as our new Town Administrator. Diana brings 25 years of experience in municipal government and finance to the job, and comes full circle, having originally started her career in public administration here as Colrain's first Town Coordinator in 2000.

She takes over from Kevin Fox, who retired at the end of June. During his 12 years as Town Administrator, Kevin provided strong fiscal leadership and management, putting the Town on solid financial footing, facilitated the completion of the town-owned broadband network, and coordinated the completion the new veterans' memorial and reworked town common project, among many other accomplishments.

Since July, some important changes in the town's Highway Department have been implemented. In August, Nate Gilbert accepted the position of Interim Highway Superintendent. Nate has been with the Town of Colrain as a Laborer/Equipment Operator and Mechanic for over 15 years and has been a valuable member of the team. In September, the Select Board promoted Lee Wheeler to Laborer/Equipment Operator II in recognition of his dedication, skills, and expertise. Lee has been a committed member of the Highway Department for over 30 years. Joel Paszko joined the Highway Department in September as a Laborer/Equipment Operator I, filling a long vacant laborer position and bringing with him several years of municipal experience. These changes have helped resolve chronic understaffing in the department.

The Town's Personnel Policies continue to be reviewed with an eye towards improving working conditions for Town employees while staying competitive in a very competitive municipal labor market. The policies are continually reviewed in order to stay current, with periodic updates as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Weeks, Chair

## Zoning Board of Appeals

Zoning had a rather quiet year in 2024, only holding one hearing. The hearing was for a Variance to allow a solar array within the sideline setbacks. The property has significant old trees and the best area without removing many trees was within the setback. The abutting neighbor is family and sent a letter of support for the project. The request was granted by the board.

This year two new members were added to the Zoning Board; while they haven't officially met, they have been appointed. We are happy to welcome Alec Jillson and Jim Ryan.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Thibodeau, Chair

John Peters

Lee Denison, Clerk

Alec Jillson

Jim Ryan

# Public Safety Reports

## Colrain Fire Department

The Colrain Fire Department experienced another busy year. Shelburne Control dispatched 306 calls for the fire department from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. These incidents are sorted as follows:

- Rescue Calls **163** (Includes Medical responses, Motor vehicle accidents, swift water rescue, extrications etc.)
- Hazardous Condition **32** (Includes Power lines down, electrical problems, hazmat, CO incidents, gas leaks, Aircraft standby etc.)
- Fire/Explosion **30** (Includes any incident with a fire, Building, wildland, vehicle etc.)
- Good Intent **39** (Includes calls where units were dispatched and canceled enroute, no incident found on arrival etc.)
- False Calls **21** (Includes smoke alarm, fire alarm, CO alarm activation with no findings)
- Service Calls **15** (Includes water problems, illegal burns, smoke removal, public service)
- Severe Weather **4** (Includes station being manned for coverage, welfare checks, assisting DPW, flood assessment etc.)
- Overpressure/Rupture **1** (Overpressure, rupture, overheat or explosion)
- Special type/complaint **1**

The department responded to three structure fires in town. The severity for those responses were as follows: two 1<sup>st</sup> alarm fires and one 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire. Colrain Fire provided mutual aid or automatic aid to the following towns for a total of 77 fire and EMS incidents. Shelburne Falls, Shelburne Center, Heath, Leyden, Charlemont, Monroe, Rowe, Northfield, Greenfield, Halifax, VT; Great Barrington, Holden & Monson. These calls included 3 multi-day deployments with the Franklin County Wildfire Crew.

Colrain received mutual aid for 5 incidents from the following departments: Shelburne Falls, Shelburne Center, Heath, Halifax, VT; Charlemont, Greenfield, Leyden, Buckland, Whitingham, VT; Readsboro, VT; Wilmington, VT; Bernardston and Conway. The Department would like to thank all our mutual aid partners for their support in 2024.

This past year we lost retired member Richard “Rick” Walsh after a lengthy battle with cancer. Rick joined the department in July of 1997 and retired in October 2020. He served as a firefighter and later became a fire inspector prior to his retirement. In his previous jobs he had served the towns of Windsor, CT and Newington, CT starting as a firefighter and then became Fire Marshall. He applied the skills learned at these departments to the Colrain fire department. Rick was courteous, practical, methodical and paid strict attention to the details of the fire codes used to keep the residents of Colrain safe. He will be missed by the members of the department, his family and friends.

The Colrain Fire Department continues to recruit new members, enabling the department to fulfill its mission to provide fire protection and emergency services to the residents of Colrain. There are over twenty-five active members on our roster and many of them are Emergency Medical Technicians. Firefighters require mandatory first aid, CPR, and hazardous material training in addition to basic Firefighter 1 class. Colrain FD continues to lead the county in training opportunities for our firefighters by way of increased in-house opportunities and the use of outside venues. The department is always looking for new members so please contact one of our members if you are interested and want to be part of a very active and motivated crew. We also have an active junior firefighter program for members 14-17 years of age. This program allows juniors to receive first aid and CPR training in addition to an opportunity to observe and train with the town firefighters. Interested parties can contact Lieutenant, Jim Martin at 624-0014. The department will be looking to replace our 2001 KME fire pumper which is beginning to show deterioration from road salt and also reaching the end of its service life of 20 years. It is expected to have some retail value, and it is in the process of being appraised.

Please note that it is important to have your house number visible to emergency responders. This is important for homes with long driveways that may be difficult to see, especially at night.

The online burning permit system will be available again at [www.fcburnpermits.com](http://www.fcburnpermits.com). The open burning season usually runs from January 2024 to May 1, 2024. Burning trash or construction materials is not permitted under the Massachusetts open burning laws. You may also contact Shelburne Control at 625-8200 to obtain a permit if you are unable to use the online system. Please take caution when burning and keep the fire to a minimum of 75' from any structure, maintain a clean fire break around the burn area and keep at least 5 gallons of water on the site.

In closing, we thank the Select Board, town office staff, finance committee, personnel committee, Colrain Ambulance Association, Colrain Firefighter's Association, police department and the highway department for their continued support throughout the year. Our gratitude also goes out to the residents of Colrain for your continued support of the Fire Department in so many ways. We wish you all a safe and hopeful 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Anzuoni  
Fire Chief

## Colrain Firefighters' Association

2024 was another busy and productive year for the Colrain Firefighters' Association. We continued our mission by providing the Colrain Fire Department and its members with the ability to purchase new equipment that will enhance the department's capabilities. We also provided assistance to our members and their families in their time of need, as well as donating our time to help and support those members.

Our members also volunteered their time with public events such as Fix it day, Colrain Central School's trunk or treat and hosted the Shelburne Falls Military Band at the fire station.

We continued the tradition of our semi-annual pancake breakfasts and boot drives. Our fall pancake breakfast was one of the biggest we've ever had! We served a record high of over 300 breakfasts! We'd like to thank our local businesses and residents who graciously donated items as well and all of you who came out to support us! We'd also like to thank George and Marge Randall for all their hard work collecting donation items. We look forward to many more pancake breakfasts to come!

The Fire Association purchased a 2018 Polaris Ranger XP for the Fire Department to upgrade their off-road capabilities. The Polaris has both tires and tracks, which are changed out for the seasons. This will continue to allow the Department to assist with off-road rescues and state of emergency's when other apparatus are unable to be utilized.

We are very proud to support our Fire Department and all their hard work and dedication. In addition to everything the Colrain Firefighter's Association has done this year we would like to thank everyone that has made our organization, events, and the achievement of our goals possible. From the members and their families to the people who have donated, and the community that we serve, we thank you. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Worden  
President Colrain Firefighters' Association

# Colrain Police Department



## Mission Statement:

The Mission of Colrain Police Department is to *“make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community.”*

The Colrain Police Department would like to thank the community for their continued support during 2024. With the changes in policing and the community, we would like to extend our gratitude.

Colrain Police is comprised of four Officers who provide coverage, handling a mix of rural policing duties, including community engagement, traffic enforcement, and emergency response. Colrain Police works closely with Shelburne Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police to ensure public safety and law enforcement coverage in the area.

In 2024, Colrain Police officers responded to approximately 800 calls for service and logged many hours of case investigations. These calls for service include but are not limited to motor vehicle accidents, burglar alarms, keeping the peace, assisting citizens, assisting other agencies and community outreach. Colrain Police Officers are trained to a high standard set for by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission and recertify annually to meet these standards.

In 2020, Massachusetts passed the “An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth” Commonly known as the Police Reform Act, which includes provisions for police certification, increased accountability. Since the Police Reform Act was implemented, each Colrain Officer has undergone physicals, completed 180 hours of course instruction, passed multiple in-person exams, and met the required 2,400 hours of work experience. Once this criterion was completed, Colrain Officers have become certified peace officers in the Commonwealth.

As we move into 2025, members of the department are dedicated to maintaining high standards of community policing, a commitment to excellence through continued training and best policing practices. As the community advances, the Colrain Police Department remains committed to continually monitoring and enhancing our professional services.

To contact or leave a message for an Officer, or to report a non- emergency please call:

The Colrain Police Department – 413-624-3038  
Shelburne Control Dispatch Center- 413-625-8200  
**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Christopher Lannon  
Colrain Police Department

# Regional Service Provider Reports

## Franklin County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer

TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF COLRAIN:

In 2019, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne join to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program to provide full-time services to these towns. Since its inception, the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program has expanded to provide these services to (15) towns in Franklin County, with the Towns of Leverett, Wendell and Whately joining in 2024.

The program has also expanded its staff to include (2) part-time Animal Control Officers, with Heather Sonn and Jessecah Gower join the program in June of 2024.

During 2024, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 1202 total events for service between January 1st and December 31st 2024.

### Calls for Service:

- 🐾 20 – Animal Bite Reports.
- 🐾 199 – Animal Complaints or Concerns.
- 🐾 19 – Investigations.
- 🐾 67 – Found or Lost animals.
- 🐾 21 – Inspections.
- 🐾 18 – Sick or Injured animals.
- 🐾 43 – Assistance to other agencies.
- 🐾 30 – Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.

*\*Note: The above does not represent all the calls that where received.*

### Breakdown of calls by Town:

🐾 Bernardston:	<u>43</u>
🐾 Buckland:	<u>43</u>
🐾 Charlemont:	<u>48</u>
🐾 Colrain:	<u>42</u>
🐾 Conway:	<u>40</u>
🐾 Gill:	<u>67</u>
🐾 Heath:	<u>31</u>
🐾 Leyden:	<u>17</u>
🐾 Leverett:	<u>8</u>
🐾 Monroe:	<u>5</u>
🐾 New Salem:	<u>36</u>
🐾 Northfield:	<u>51</u>
🐾 Shelburne:	<u>58</u>
🐾 Wendell:	<u>4</u>
🐾 Whately:	<u>25</u>
🐾 Other*:	<u>180</u>

In the spring of 2024 with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Rob Schmidt and Jaimie Remillard we were able to host rabies clinics in Greenfield and Heath.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at [animalcontrol@fcso-ma.us](mailto:animalcontrol@fcso-ma.us) or by phone at **413-774-7340**. If you have an urgent or immediate situation, please contact the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center at **413-625-8200**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer*  
*Jessecah Gower, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer*  
*Heather Sonn, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer*

## Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter has been in operation since 2012. The shelter was started by Sheriff Christopher Donelan who saw the need in the community for a dog sheltering facility and is currently the only brick and mortar dog shelter in Franklin County.

As of this date, the dog shelter provides services to 23 of the 26 Franklin County towns. During the course of 2024, the Regional Dog Shelter logged **198** canine intakes, (**166** where brought in as strays, and **32** where Surrendered, Transferred or Returned to our facility)

- 🐾 **97** where returned to their owners;
- 🐾 **74** where adopted into new fur-ever homes; and
- 🐾 **7** where transferred to another facility to better meet their specific needs.

While we are primarily a dog facility with the addition of the Sheriff's Office Regional Animal Control Position the shelter assisted in the holding and transfer of 42 felines. At this time, the shelter does not have the capability to process cat adoptions, therefore all felines are transferred to an appropriate agency.

### **Working with the Community:**

**Food Pantries:** If you are struggling to feed your pet, or know of a food pantry that could use dog/cat food please let us know!

**Rabies Clinics:** In 2024, the shelter partnered with (2) local veterinarians to sponsor rabies clinics in Greenfield and Heath.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of the shelter, without them, we would not have the success that we have today. Donating over 7075 hours in 2024, volunteers helped with Daily Kennel Chores, Foster Homes, Event Staffing and providing Enrichment specific to each dog's needs. We are always in need of new volunteers, if you are interested in joining our volunteer team; please check out the volunteer application on our website.

**Did you know?** The overall average length of stay for a dog at our kennel is 30 days? During this time, all their costs and care are covered by the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter.

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to 21 member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and educational outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2024 shows that it was almost identical to 2023 recycling tonnage. District residents recycled just under 2,500 tons of paper and containers through their town programs. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We held a May and October Clean Sweep bulky waste collection in 2024. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Erving Senior Center and Highway Garage, and Whately transfer station. Combined, the events served 578 households and collected over 58 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2024 at Greenfield Community College and Orange transfer station. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 390 households participated in this event. Residents have access every year to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$98,600 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 117 Main St. in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

# Franklin Regional Council of Governments Cooperative Public Health Service

## Services to Colrain

The Town, along with the other member towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, and Shelburne, is served by the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS provides professional support to the Colrain Board of Health for all public health issues. The following sections describe activities undertaken by CPHS staff in 2024, in addition to their regular participation in Colrain Board of Health meetings. Colrain's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2024 were Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Kate Minifie. CPHS staff members look forward to working with them, other members of the Colrain Board of Health and residents to improve the health of the community in the coming year. For more information, see <https://frcog.org/project/cooperative-public-health-service>.

## The Town's Health Agent Team

*Randy Crochier, Kurt Schellenberg, Jasmine Ward and Liz Jacobson-Carroll*

- **Improving Food Safety:** For Colrain, reviewed 10 food establishment permit applications (plus 8 for regional food trucks) and conducted 10 on-site inspections. During the nationwide outbreak of listeria stemming from Boar's Head Provision products, performed multiple inspections and assisted district businesses in interpreting and complying with official guidance. Offered two low-cost food safety training classes (ServSafe® and Choke Saver with use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for food-serving establishment workers throughout the region.
- **Protecting Water Quality** through enforcement of Title 5 (septic system) code: Witnessed 16 system inspections prior to property transfer. Witnessed 16 soil evaluations (perc tests) for new systems. Reviewed 13 system plans and 2 local upgrade requests. Issued 8 permits for septic system construction/repair, and approved 2 local upgrades. Inspected installations prior to issuing certificates of compliance. Permitted installers and waste haulers. Supported the Board of Health in passing septic regulations. Attended Colrain Sewer District conference calls and an emergency meeting of the sewer district to provide guidance and technical support. Also permitted the drilling of 4 new wells, reviewed potability reports, and issued well certificates of compliance.
- **Protecting Children and Visitors:** In Colrain, reviewed applications for 6 short-term rental units. Throughout the region, conducted numerous inspections and site visits at 16 camps serving over 2000 children. Along with public health nurse colleagues, worked to ensure compliance with the updated state code for recreational camps for children. Supported the Board of Health in passing tobacco regulations.
- **Ensuring Housing Safety:** Responded to numerous housing safety complaints throughout the CPHS district, working to resolve dangerous living situations for vulnerable people including older adults, disabled people, children, and veterans. Addressed non-functioning bathroom facilities, lack of heating, hoarding issues, chronic moisture leading to mold, rodent infestation, and the presence of lead paint in houses with children. Worked with residents and owners, Housing Court, and supportive services.

## The Town's Public Health Nurses and Health Educator

*Lisa White, Meg Ryan and Maureen O'Reilly*

- **Vaccine Access:** Organized COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics with state vendors, schools and senior centers in CPHS towns serving 477 individuals with 777 doses of vaccine. A clinic at Mohawk Trail Regional School served 99 individuals with 156 doses of vaccine. Public Health Nurses gave 286 Flu and 344 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours, and home visits throughout season, including 22 vaccines to Colrain residents.
- **Connections to Healthcare:** Served as a resource for residents and provided monthly drop-in nursing hours at Colrain Library, Colrain COA Luncheon (new this year), and attended the Family playgroup at Trinity Church to support young families, serving 62 different people in 120 separate contacts. Services included blood pressure, other health screenings, assistance addressing health concerns, and where appropriate, home visits. Made 6 home visits to Colrain residents through the year. Staffed an informational table at the library's Fix-It Fair. Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District. 69 boxes were exchanged. Continued certification as Medicare insurance "SHINE" counselor and assisted 2 Colrain residents with insurance enrollment.
- **Communicable Disease Management/Epidemiology:** Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for reportable disease cases, checking state infectious disease reporting system daily and following up as required. Of 43 communicable diseases reported in Colrain in 2024, 18% were tick-borne, 65% respiratory (flu and COVID-19), and 5% were enteric (gastrointestinal).
- **Age- and Dementia-Friendly Community planning:** Attended Mass In Motion workgroup meetings.  

Continued to support the regional Age and Dementia Friendly initiative as member of steering committee. Provided regional training on Ageism and Reframing Aging, which was attended by Colrain residents.
- **Reducing Impact of Opioids:** Worked with the town to address the devastating impact of opioids in the community by: hosting an opioid listening session to hear how residents impacted by the opioid crisis recommend spending settlement funds; supplying 11 naloxone cabinets in the district including one at Griswold Memorial Library, distributing 660 doses of naloxone (Narcan); training 168 Franklin County residents in how to reverse an overdose, and supporting the BOH and Select Board to spend Opioid Settlement funds proactively to support those in need.
- **Tick-Borne Disease:** Collaborated with the board of health to provide prevention materials and 3 permethrin shoe-spraying events. Through a district program Colrain residents sought 9 low-cost tick tests, a saving value of \$270. Of the tested ticks, 33% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen and 12% tested positive for each the anaplasmosis, babesiosis and miyamotoi pathogens.
- **Community Education:** Hosted community CPR and first aid classes which trained 64 residents.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Prepared for possible mosquito borne disease outbreaks by serving as town's arbovirus coordinator, monitoring weekly mosquito disease data reports from the state and providing regular updates to the town, as well as hosting a 15-town Mosquito Disease Tabletop exercise. Drafted a CPHS regional emergency communications plan.
- **Public Communication:** Provided a monthly newsletter with updates to pertinent public health topics, CPHS services, events, trainings, local data, and relevant epidemiological analyses. Provided public health topics for town/COA/library newsletters.

## Franklin Regional Retirement System

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 669 retirees, 51 beneficiaries, 1,111 active employees, and 818 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) oversees us at the state level. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years. We contract with an independent auditor annually to complete a full audit of our system. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system. We are a Defined Benefit plan that pays a lifetime retirement benefit based on the age, salary, and years of creditable service earned at the time a member of our system retires. Membership eligibility requires permanent employment in one of our governmental units working a minimum of 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or more annually. The funding of these benefits includes deductions from our members and are combined with matching funds from the employing unit. These funds are then invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of the retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Our fiscal year is the calendar year, from January to December.

Current reports and more information can be found on our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Mathis, Executive Director

# Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

*Veteran Resource and Referral Center located in Greenfield, satellite locations throughout the district*

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for veterans, their spouses, dependents, widows or widowers for Veterans' Benefits on the Local, State and Federal levels

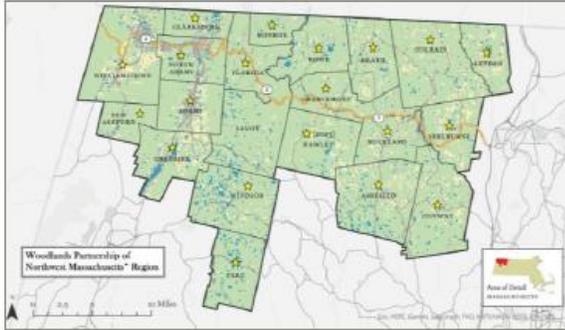
Office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have dramatically increased the amount of VA claims we have been completing due to increased VA Presumptive diseases for numerous eras of service:

- District now brings in \$2,060,625.34 in Federal money per month from the VA in Disability Compensation, Veteran Pension, DIC Compensation and Death Pension. This is an increase of VA Benefits from CY24 of \$54,703.81 a month.
- District has three qualified National Veteran Service Officers.
- District added three more outreach satellite office hours to be more assessable to the Veterans who live in the out shirts of our District.
- Office attended the yearly Executive Office of Veteran Services for Massachusetts mandatory training and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers annual training.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers.
- Expect a much less increase to Chapter 115 due to inflation coming back under control
- We project a slight increase from the overall operational budget Fiscal Year 25 budget while continuing to expand services in 2026.
- The Office has produced 270 claims and 80 appeals with the VA for Veterans and their Dependents this year. A 150 net increase from last FY. Mostly due to the PACT ACT.

Christopher Demars, Director  
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

# Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA

The Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts (established as the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership in 2018 state law) is a public body with its board comprised of representatives from the 21-town region (Franklin County: **Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Florida, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe, Shelburne**; Berkshire County: **Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, New Ashford, North Adams, Peru, Savoy\*, Williamstown, Windsor**) as well as from Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Deerfield River



Watershed Association, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Franklin County Community Development Corporation, Franklin Land Trust, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Hoosic River Watershed

Association, Lever, Inc., Massachusetts Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Forest Alliance, Ohketeau Cultural Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the U.S. Forest Service. New England Forestry Foundation serves as Administrative Agent for the Partnership.

## Active & Ongoing

- Ten-Year Plan (2023-2033) continues to guide Board action.
- WoodlandsPartnership.org – our new website – launched in June.
- TheForestCenter.org also debuted in June – The Forest Center of Northwest Massachusetts (sponsored by the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program) is a resource provided by the Forest Climate Resilience Program, a multi-partner initiative hosted by Mass Audubon. This website provides community members as well as state and municipal staff with information on the region’s forests, threats to their healthy functioning, and options for land stewardship.
- The Woodlands Partnership has been awarded \$75,000 through the MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to contract with the UMass Boston Collins Center for Public Management to study the effects of tourism and state Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) shortfalls/inequities on municipal safety services within the region and provide recommendations.
- Planning and implementation of climate-smart forestry practices on properties with Forest Stewardship Climate Plans is underway with cost-share funds and application development. Practices include thinning, riparian buffer planting, invasive species treatment, under-planting, forest regeneration patches, and forest improvement of degraded stands or timber stand improvement.
- “Go Big” Forest Legacy application submitted – local regional land trusts work on pursuing conservation projects following the Partnership’s successful admittance into the eligibility area.

\* As of January 2025, Savoy has not yet voted to join the Partnership.

2024

- \$550,000 awarded in grant funding to ten rural communities and six regional conservation and economic development organizations (details on the back!)
- Colrain voted to join—welcome!
- Governor Healey signs Partnership name change legislation into law—thank you to Sen. Mark and Rep. Blais!
- U.S. Forest Service formally recognizes the name change to the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts
- The Woodlands Partnership Board votes to pursue National Heritage Area Designation and complete the necessary feasibility study
- The Woodlands Partnership is named a Regional Conservation Partner (RCP) joining a network of over 50 RCPs and over 600 organizations and agencies
- Workshops on Estate planning and land conservation held – at Franklin Land Trust and Williamstown Rural Lands
- Woods walks held in Hawley, North Adams, Rowe, and Savoy
- Trees planted in Charlemont for riparian restoration
- Inaugural Indigenous-led book club reading *Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future* by Patty Krawec
- Ethan Tapper book reading hosted in Shelburne Falls – *How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World*

<b>Town(s) or Regional Organization</b>	<b>FY 2024 Project</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Rowe & Heath	Highlands Regional Trail – Route and Landowner Agreements	Creates a regional trail extending from Shelburne across these two towns to the Mohawk Trail State Forest.	\$50,000
Berkshire’s Tomorrow Inc.	Berkshires Outside Website (Phase II)	Supports improvements to <a href="http://www.berkshiresoutside.org">www.berkshiresoutside.org</a> , a county-wide, comprehensive website of information about outdoor recreation assets in the region. This grant will facilitate improvements, as well as outreach and promotion.	\$75,000
Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)	Forest, Trees, Ecology and Climate Educational Project	Educates locals and visitors about forests, trees, and ecology through the creation of educational handouts, and hosting tree walks. An estate planning workshop will be hosted to encourage landowners to consider land conservation in their plans.	\$13,164
Windsor	Road Maintenance for a Climate Resilient State Forest (Invasives Reduction)	Implements invasive species inventory and management recommendations for 15 miles of gravel roads through Windsor State Forest maintained by the Town.	\$25,000
Charlemont	Recreational Infrastructure Project and River Access parking	Installation of portable toilets at the Shun Pike rest area to provide facilities for visitors and enhanced parking facilities in town to improve weekend river access and use.	\$25,000
Williamstown	Town Green Plantings for Resilience and Diversity	Completes the planting of the Town Green with a diversity of species to replace ash trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer.	\$25,000
Shelburne	Improve and expand trail access in Shelburne	Establishes the trailhead for a hiking trail along the Deerfield River that will connect to the Mahican Mohawk Trail.	\$9,000
Franklin Land Trust	Lands for Hope	Installation of signage to promote public access, as well as to educate visitors about management practices at three Franklin Land Trust properties located within the Partnership Region.	\$49,532
Connecticut River Conservancy Heath	Deerfield River Wild and Scenic Study and Stewardship Plan	Completes a Wild and Scenic River Feasibility Study and Stewardship Plan for the Deerfield River.	\$75,000
	Wayfinding Kiosks	Creates new wayfinding infrastructure to direct the public to trailheads and other public recreation opportunities.	\$25,000
Rowe	Pelham Lake Park – Implementing Climate Smart Forest Plan	Continues to implement one of the first climate smart forestry plans in the Commonwealth with data collection to assess the success towards meeting long-term goals and educational signage.	\$12,840
Greenagers	Youth based jobs program	Develops a youth-based job program designed to address trail safety, accessibility, and sustainability in the City of North Adams, the town of Savoy, and the town of Williamstown with youth, ages 14-24, recruited and hired from local high schools and colleges.	\$18,057
New England Forestry Foundation	A study of the Effects of Tourism on Municipal Services in the Woodlands Partnership Region	Evaluates municipal services in the Partnership region to identify opportunities to improve services to meet increasing tourism, use and accessibility of public forests in the region, and ensure that municipal services can keep pace.	\$75,000
Peru	Purchase of an UTV	Purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for search and rescue purposes and wildlands fire prevention.	\$25,000
Leyden	Purchase of an UTV	Purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for search and rescue purposes and wildlands fire prevention.	\$25,000
Adams	Greylock Glen Forest Center (shade structure)	Funds the design and installation of a cantilevered shade structure for outdoor events and educational programs.	\$25,000

*The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) offers yearly grants to communities that have voted to participate in the Partnership and to regional organizations that work in the Partnership Region to advance the goals of the Woodlands Partnership. To learn more visit [woodlandpartnership.org/implementation-grants](http://woodlandpartnership.org/implementation-grants)*

# Education Reports

## Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

The Fund was established under the provisions of the Will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships.

Recipients shall reside in the nine Town School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

**Each one of the nine Towns has a representative on the Committee:**

Ashfield	Jennifer Pease	Buckland	Marion Scott
Charlemont	Marge Porrovecchio	Colrain	Michelle Hillman
Hawley	Lisa Johnson	Heath	Robert Gruen
Plainfield	Vacant*	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

\*We were saddened by the passing of our Plainfield representative Allen Irvine. His seat will be filled by an appointment made by the Plainfield Select Board.

**Additional members:**

Chairperson of the School Committee:	Martha Thurber
Past School Committee Member:	Robin Hartnett
Members at Large:	Pamela Guyette, Donald Purington & Angel Bragdon

Elections of Officers were held at our meeting on September 10, 2024. Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co-chairs. Pamela Guyette is Secretary, and Bing Waldsmith is Treasurer.

In 2024 the Awards Committee read twenty-four applications. Fourteen applications were from Seniors and ten applicants were from students continuing their higher education. The total funds awarded was \$41,000. Seniors received \$12,300 and \$28,700 was awarded to continuing ed students.

From 1991-2024 a total of \$1,208,475 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk Seniors have received \$369,825 and Mohawk graduates have received \$838,650.

Mr. Nilman will long be remembered by his generosity and foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our committee members are honored to bring the wishes of Mr. Nilman's Will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and living in the nine-town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs.

Applications are available at the guidance office at Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

## Colrain Central School

During the 2024-2025 school year, we had 97 students in grades PK-6 enrolled at Colrain Central School. We have one classroom per grade, along a network of professional and support staff to meet students' educational needs. We service students who live in Colrain and Heath, as well as having several students from surrounding towns through School Choice.

This year is our third year of implementation of our new English Language Arts curriculum titled "Expeditionary Learning" or EL for short. We are finding the program to inspire classroom conversations and academic discourse has deepened. We continue to challenge students to cite evidence from the text to support their learning, understand complex perspectives, and make inferences about all aspects of literature.

We are in our fifth year of implementation of "Bridges" which is our math curriculum. Students have become very comfortable with the language of mathematics and how to deconstruct and reconstruct numbers. They are understanding how numbers work and how to utilize a variety of strategies to problem-solve. They are also able to use what they know to approach novel tasks and make meaningful connections.

While we still greatly value Service Learning, we have been struggling a bit with how to devote the time and attention to it, given all the other aspects of what we must cover. If Service Learning is an unfamiliar term to you, it is the idea that content information is taught through a hands-on, service-focused delivery model. Think of it as project-based learning with an emphasis on community service. We work with community partners to help students solve real world problems connected to the academic content areas and "learn by serving". We continue to look for ways to expand our connections with our community and welcome you to bring "problems" that students can study, learn about, and see what may be feasible by way of solutions.

We have worked hard this year to strengthen the climate and culture of our school community. We have incorporated several activities across the school to help students connect with their peers and staff members. We have implemented an approach to discipline known as "Collaborative and Proactive Solutions" which helps give students a voice and allows them to be a part of the problem solving process when conflicts arise. As a result, students are beginning to take some ownership of both their learning as well as the culture and climate of the community.

Some of the facility maintenance and improvement projects that happened in 2024 included:

- Scheduling the repointing of the damaged brick
- Monthly water testing
- Pumped the sewer
- Re-urethaned the gym floor
- Upgraded the phones to meet the 911 compliance
- Regular inspections and cleaning of the fire panel, fire extinguishers, kitchen hood, boilers, propane pressure test, and grease trap
- Updated pest management plan
- Miscellaneous daily operation repairs and clearing (unit vent filters, sinks, lighting, roof top vents, etc.)

As always, I invite you to explore and see the wonderful things happening in our school. Our dedicated, hardworking staff continues to go above and beyond to meet the needs of all students and prepare them to be active, involved citizens and strong, creative problem solvers. I continue to be honored to serve this town, its families and children as principal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy K. Looman

# Franklin County Technical School

## Franklin County Tech Member Towns



### ADMINISTRATION

Rick Martin  
Russ Kaubris  
Brian Spadafino  
Nathan May  
Margaret Nugent  
Ben Niles  
Amber Crochier  
Joe Gamache

### ROLES

Superintendent-Director  
Business Manager  
Principal  
Director of Student Services  
Director of Career & Technical Education  
Assistant Principal  
Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator  
Dean of Students

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Brad Stafford  
Adam Griffin  
Nicole Slowinski  
John Pelletier  
Bob Decker  
Jacquie Boyden  
Sandy Brown  
Paul Doran  
George VanDelinder  
Barb Yetter  
Matthew Duley  
Arthur Schwenger  
Gerald Levine  
Richard Kuklewicz  
Christopher Bonnett  
Bryan Camden  
Laura Earl  
Tim Currier  
Amber Robidoux  
Robert Miller  
James Bernotas  
Todd Weed  
Jeffrey Budine  
Amy Lavallee

### COMMUNITY

Bernardston  
Buckland  
Colrain  
Conway  
Deerfield  
Erving  
Gill  
Greenfield  
Greenfield  
Greenfield  
Greenfield  
Heath  
Leyden  
Montague  
Montague  
New Salem  
Northfield  
Orange  
Orange  
Shelburne  
Sunderland  
Warwick  
Wendell  
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## FCTS Mission Statement

*It is the mission of Franklin County Technical School to prepare all students to achieve a future of successful careers, technical and intellectual curiosity, healthy life choices and strength of character*

## FY25 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for the 2024-25 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. The enrollment numbers presented below are from the Statewide October 1, 2024 enrollment count, the State's annual "official" count. As of October 2024 the Franklin County Technical School (FCTS) has an enrollment of 590 students with member town breakouts as follows:

Town	Students	Town	Students	Town	Students	Town	Students
<b>Bernardston</b>	25	Erving	31	Montague	73	Sunderland	9
<b>Buckland</b>	24	Gill	16	New Salem	12	Warwick	5
<b>Colrain</b>	29	Greenfield	135	Northfield	50	Wendell	6
<b>Conway</b>	8	Heath	13	Orange	87	Whately	14
<b>Deerfield</b>	32	Leyden	10	Shelburne	11		

The Franklin County Technical School awarded 143 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2024. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS to receive a high school diploma, and once again, our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted its measures for evaluating district/school accountability, and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 accountability status out of a 5- point scale, with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest. Additionally, the district is meeting targets the Department of Education set for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, and advanced precision machining to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility, saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 in capital improvement projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2023, FCTS had approximately 38% of our seniors involved in paid co-op jobs related to their vocational field of study. FCTS also offers excellent academic offerings with increased course offerings in advanced placement, honors, foreign language, credit recovery, and special education to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational-technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science, Medical Assisting, and a new Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) program. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years, bringing the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 15. Unlike other school districts, which may offer a 45-minute course in a specific trade area, FCTS students follow a strict Chapter 74 guided program where students are immersed in their trade for 6.5 hours a day, develop industry recognized credentials, and are often placed in paid employment through COOP. This robust schedule allows students to meet industry competency guidelines.

FCTS has received an occupancy permit and is completed with a new 4,800-square-foot Veterinary Science Learning Center and Clinic. The building is located on the FCTS campus. This facility will be used to provide students with real-world experiences in the veterinary field.

The new Aviation program has started for the 2024-25 school year. This program will provide students with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) credentials in Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT). FCTS was fortunate to receive a 4.2-million-dollar competitive grant to build a new 12,000-square-foot aviation hangar and 1.4 million dollars of certified FAA equipment, aircraft, and training modules. This grant should cover the entire cost of the facility with no additional financial help needed from our member towns. The FCTS hangar will be located on the adjacent Turners Falls Municipal Airport grounds. The AMT program will include a twin-engine airplane, two single-engine airplanes, one glider, and one helicopter, as well as machines, equipment, engine simulators, and tools required by the FAA for an AMT certification program. FCTS will become one of the few high schools in the country to offer a credentialed FAA program. Graduating students of the AMT program will have the opportunity to obtain 1200 hours of FAA training, allowing them to sit for an FAA license exam. Upon leaving high school, an FAA certification will send our students on their way to a career in aviation.

FCTS is nearly 50 years old and has experienced electrical switch gear issues, roof leaks, plumbing and drainage issues, underground piping and conduit related issues, elimination of auditorium to accommodate enrollment, and a host of additional facility concerns to provide adequate student space and learning needs. This has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the FCTS facility over the last several years. To resolve this, FCTS has been approved for a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funded project for either a renovation or core building. FCTS has budgeted money over the last several years to fund a Feasibility Study without having to bond or charge our member towns with additional assessments. We are currently in the design phase of the project to determine what is feasible for FCTS and its member towns to renovate, build new, or seek other alternatives. The design phase will take a couple of years for completion prior to seeking town approval.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through competitive Skills Capital Grants. FCTS has received more than 6.2 million dollars in State grants over the last 7 years. These funds have significantly enhanced our Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, Machine Technology, and Aviation vocational-technical programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Greenfield Community College to offer evening programs for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using the latest 21st-century technology in our CNC machines. Through these highly competitive skills grants, FCTS also received \$500,000 to build a mobile welding simulator lab to develop technical skills for FCTS students toward certification. FCTS has begun partnering with the Franklin County House of Corrections to utilize the new mobile welding simulator lab and provide competency training to inmates.

In addition, FCTS applied for and received a total of 1.8 million dollars in grants over the last several years to implement new adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth Corporation's Career Technical Initiative (CTI). Since 2022, FCTS initiated adult training courses in Welding, Auto Technology, and Carpentry through the CTI grant. FCTS continues to explore more programs for evening courses in 2024. The CTI grants are helping FCTS to start its adult program offerings, such as electrical and hobby courses with plans to add more in the future. FCTS has hired a full-time adult evening school coordinator to accomplish these goals and meet industry and community needs.

The following lists our many projects conducted in the past few years:

- Home building project on Petty Plain Road in Greenfield. Funded by a non-profit foundation.
- Storage shed for the Charlemont Federated Church
- Pavilion for Shelburne Falls pocket park
- Town of Heath parking lot and office lights retrofitting
- Landscaping design for Shelburne Falls pocket park
- Landscaping at the Shelburne Hills Cemetery

- Landscaping at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Pelham
- Landscaping at Peskeompskut Park in Turners Falls
- Tree planting for South Deerfield and Turners Falls
- Wreaths made and hung at the Conway Covered Bridge
- Technology support to the Montague Senior Center
- Website development for the UCC Church in Conway
- Audio and video help for online church services at the First Congregational Church of Ashfield
- New construction assistance on the new FCTS Hangar and Veterinary buildings
- Culinary presentation to the Northfield Senior Center
- Luncheons for the Montague Housing Authority and the Erving Red Hat Society
- Breakfast Catering for the Chamber of Commerce, School Resource Officer’s and Light Up the Fairgrounds
- Repairs to the Highland Cemetery Gate in Millers Falls
- Fabrication of an air conditioner cover for the Town of Warwick
- Installed a bench at the French King Bridge in Erving
- Installed brackets for the Franklin County Land Trust for signage
- Repairs to recycling carts for the Franklin County Fair
- Time capsule design and construction for the towns of Deerfield and Northfield
- Blood pressure clinic and nail clinic for the Erving Senior Center.
- Volunteer work at the Arbors Assisted Living and Regal Care facilities in Greenfield
- Holiday meals served at the Stone Soup Cafe in Greenfield
- Cosmetology services for Poet Seat Nursing Home, Linda Manor Assisted Living, Quabbin Valley Nursing Home, and the Bernardston Senior Center
- Volunteer work at the Dakin Humane Society

The Franklin County Technical School is forward-thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs to its offerings. The School Committee supports our students as they obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace or at college. Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

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Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz  
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin  
Superintendent-Director

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



## FOUR YEARS AGO...

we imagined a future for the Mary Lyon Foundation in which we would expand our programming and grow our operating and program endowments to meet the extraordinary challenges of the families in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts in perpetuity. Because of the commitment of community members like yourself, we have almost met our **Comprehensive Campaign Goal of \$5,000,000. With \$435,042.52 left to raise by September 30, 2025**, we are confident that, with your continued commitment, we will reach our goal.

Our endowments are invested accounts. Over the past four years, we have created an endowment for all our programs. The Foundation only uses a small percentage of the growth of the accounts to ensure the principal grows and the fund is available in perpetuity. The creation and development of our endowments have stabilized our operational capacity and ensured the continuation of our programming.

The Mary Lyon Foundation's impact in Western Franklin County is substantial. Our commitment to providing families with basic needs to ensure that children come to school fed, warm, and ready to learn is at the forefront of our mission. Ensuring that children have books to read in the classroom and at home, eyeglasses so they can see, adequate school supplies, and scholarships for college and postsecondary programs is evidence that the Mary Lyon Foundation has realized its vision. The families in Western Franklin County are being provided with a lifeline like never before.

The Mary Lyon Foundation's impact in West County can be much more. As part of our strategic plan, we've begun helping other local families in Franklin County. The needs

in our region are extraordinary, and we believe we can and should support all of Franklin County. Over the past four years, we've helped a young mom acquire tires for her car so she could start her new job as a phlebotomist, helped young families with re-homing costs, gave gas cards to travel to doctor's visits, helped pay utility bills and much more.

We visualized a community in Franklin County where families have the essential resources to make ends meet and children are revered and nurtured. Imagine the educational outcomes for children when families can provide for them!

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

We will continue our good work and expand our services to help more people in Franklin County. Through the generosity of a new donor, we are endowing a new fund named the Union 38(FRS) and Mohawk Trail (MTRS) Family Fund. This new fund meets the goals of our strategic plan and will support the essential needs of students and families in both districts. We will continue to work to expand our programming and, over the next few years, will roll out a plan to provide comprehensive wrap-around services for everyone living in Western Franklin County.

We are grateful to those who have supported us over the past years. With an eye toward the future, we will continue our good work and hope you will continue supporting our mission. For those who still want to assist us, please join our campaign today.

**Happy New Year,**

*Kristen Tillona Baker*

**Kristen Tillona Baker**  
*Executive Director*

# Fueled by Your Generosity: Four Years of **IMPACTFUL GIVING**

We've **distributed thousands** of diapers, personal hygiene products, and feminine hygiene products to **support women and children**.

Held two **Community Resource Fairs and Vaccine Clinics**.

**Partnered** with more than **forty agencies** to provide more resources to our families. **and so much more!**



**640**  
Winter Coats



**\$25,000**  
in Books to Support  
Literacy



**350**  
Backpacks & Supplies



**ENDLESS**  
Eyeglasses thanks to Tom  
Miner, The Optician



**208,000 lbs**  
of Groceries



**\$40,000**  
in Educator Mini-Grants



**\$150,000**  
in Funds to Support  
Families



**\$250,000**  
in Scholarships



**\$25,000**  
to Help End  
Homelessness



**475**  
Children received gifts  
through our holiday giving  
tree at Greenfield Savings  
Bank

# Mohawk Trail Regional School

## **Culture building**

As part of our Barr grant application process, we hosted a Springpoint school evaluation visit in the fall of 2023. The evaluators commented on our strong and positive building culture. We use this as a way to build on our core focus on community and student voice. This intent is encapsulated through schoolwide reference to the three slogans greeting guests on arrival to the lobby at MTRS:

- I am part of this community
- I can contribute in a positive way
- I will be accountable for my words and actions

Peer relationships and student-staff relationships continue to strengthen through our daily advisory program in 7-12 as well as regular student-led whole school assemblies on Wednesday mornings. Additionally our focus on providing opportunities for student voice and student to authentically lead their own learning are apparent through our prioritizing student led conferences and standards based teaching and learning and a concentration on a mastery and application of curricular skills beyond MTRS.

## **Feedback and Communication**

A key part of culture building is that transparent communication continues to be important to MTRS. There are numerous ways for the community to provide continuous feedback to MTRS as a way of improving the student and family experience. These include bi-monthly drop in hours, a student advisory group, and semesterly *How are we doing?* Surveys to students, families and staff. These ongoing structures continue to provide opportunities for community members to give immediate feedback on what goes on at MTRS. In addition the Local Educational Committee continues to provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

## **Barr Funding and Innovation**

In January of 2024 MTRS received the first of two annual \$450,000 grants from the BARR foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer model. This payment will allow us to continue to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. This will provide students, staff, and community members to have the opportunity to engage in professional development, working groups, and site visits in order to continue to implement and refine our Trailblazer Model

The second phase of the Trailblazer Model continues to build on the existing key focus areas: high quality instruction through a shift to standards based teaching and learning, advisory and social emotions learning, restorative practices and equitable educational experiences for all students, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, and student-led-conferences.

Working with a variety of Nationally recognized organizations, students, families and staff will be supported in a developing and refining a unique transformational school experience which includes:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: EL Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning

- Pedagogical supports for staff as the school shifts towards competency based education through a standards based teaching and learning approach
- Building a portfolio of student work and Student-led-conferences
- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Continued community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students and community members that meets several times a year
- Opportunities for teacher leadership in continuing to develop elements of our Trailblazer model

A highlight of teacher innovation and community involvement is the Smithsonian collaboration with the Social Studies and Civics team. This collaboration is based around the "[Voices and Votes: Democracy in America](#)" exhibit which is coming to Buckland in April and May 2025.

As well as the addition of Climate Resilience to the Middle school exploratory electives, this year we realised the building of two outdoor classrooms on campus. These were the result of a Deerfield River grant and allow all staff the opportunity to take advantage of our unique rural setting.

Finally, a collaboration between MTRS and the SFPD has enabled us to partner with Fire, Police and EMT services in providing students with a Forensic Science elective.

At the time of writing, a scheduling group, composed of staff, admin and district leaders is looking at schedule redesign for the school year 25/26. This is also informed by the Berk 12 sustainability study which is now in its second phase of work.

Schedule redesign - Berk 12

### **Distributed Leadership and District-Wide Structures**

A number of staffing changes have been made in service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer model of distributed leadership, opportunities for student voice and increased Social and Emotional Learning student need: AP Brault successfully wrote and was awarded a two year bryt grant to provide additional support for students in 7-12. Additionally, lead teachers are working with EL in order to provide leadership for staff and support with rolling out Standards Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL) in grades 7-12. The District Athletic Director also continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district as well helping retain students at the end of grades 6 and 8.

Distributed leadership continues to be evident through the work of the teacher based Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and their work in designing and delivering staff PD on Standards Based Teaching and Learning development as well as our successful adaption of twice yearly Student-led Conferences.

Finally, the district literacy and numeracy coaches have helped create and support data driven grade level numeracy and literacy teams in grades 7 and 8 to help strengthen the student learning experience.

### **College and Career Supports**

MTRS continues to focus on supporting students in taking their learning beyond the classrooms. In addition to providing opportunities for students to participate in Dual Enrolment classes at GCC, the guidance team has focussed on providing grade 12 students with the opportunity, as part of their schedule, to extend their Capstone projects into Work based learning and Internship opportunities with business and organizations in the community.

Our guidance team continues to define Pathways and early college/ dual enrollment opportunities beyond MTRS for all of our students. Additionally, the team is working with Masshire and other partners to look at ways to provide students with the opportunity to obtain certification for CPR, First Aid, ServeSafe & Driver's Education.

### **College Preparedness and Student Retention**

The guidance team held a second annual alumni college conversation with students in December. This is a great opportunity for returning students to talk to current MTRS students about life and college experience beyond Mohawk Trail.

In addition to the alumni event, the guidance team helped provide grade 8 students with an information morning as well as the opportunity to experience a day in high school. Admin will visit grade 6 classes later in the winter/spring to talk with students about life and opportunities at MTRS.

### **Field Trips**

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilize the two new district mini-buses for local trips as we continue to innovate in providing students with learning experience outside of the classroom. To date this year, teachers have led field trips to the following locations:

Smith College, GCC, UMASS Amherst, Springfield College, Amherst Art museum, Boston Aquarium, Clarke Museum, Shelburne Falls and numerous other locations linked to classroom activities - in the school year 23/24: staff organized 45 learning experiences, involving 909 students

### **Community Involvement**

We continue to be thankful to parents and care providers for their active involvement in MTRS life through the Local Education Committee (LEC)

Other community wide opportunities such as Open House, the Celebration of Learning and the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association (MTAA) organized Spring Fling continue to imbibe MTRS with positive community spirit. Additionally, Graduation took place indoors in the MTRS auditorium in May of 2024 and we are planning for this to be the venue for graduation for the Class of '25 on Friday 30th May, 2025.

### **Communications & Outreach**

Communications director, Carol Foote continues to support all schools in the MTRSD through internal and external coverage of events in school and related to students and events in the broader community. Examples of her support can be found below:

[December 31, 2023: \\$450K Grant to Support Trailblazer Education Model at Mohawk Trail Regional School](#)

[January 4, 2024: Willis Tapped for Co-Director Role](#)

[January 14, 2024: Franklin County's YMCA Contributing to Study While Opening Satellite Site in Buckland](#)

[May 2, 2024: 'Stand Up for Our Democracy': Voting Rights Activist John Bonifaz Keynote Speaker During Law Day Event](#)

[May 5, 2024: "We are Among the Leaders": Ashfield Town Meeting Voters Pass Bevy of Clean Energy Proposals](#)

[May 9, 2024: Peacemaker Awards Recognize Anti-Bullying, Outreach Work Done by Area Students](#)

[May 17, 2024: Mohawk Trail Regional School's Tierney Honored As Promising New Teacher](#)

[May 21, 2024: 48 Mohawk Trail Regional School Students Become Published Authors in Writing Contest](#)

[June 3, 2024: Mohawk Trail Regional School Expanding Cellphone Policy for Students](#)

[September 17, 2024: \\$300K to Support Hiring Two Mental Health Clinicians at Mohawk Trail Regional School](#)

[September 27, 2024: Buckland Student Named National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist](#)

[November 3, 2024: Mohawk Trail Students Exploring Forensic Science, Climate Resiliency](#)

[November 5, 2024: Mary Lyon Foundation Connects Students, Families with Resources](#)

## **Music and Theatre**

We are really pleased with the continued resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2024, *Charlie Brown*, a winter play, *And then there was one*, took place in early January 2025. Our annual Winter Concert took place on December 19th and our Spring school concert and district concerts are scheduled for later this year.

## **Athletics**

2024 was an incredible year to be associated with Mohawk Trail athletics! While offering programming for grades K-12, our athletic department benefited from record breaking participation numbers while experiencing great success on both the field and court. Whether it was our ski team's bid for a third consecutive state title, or our volleyball team winning their first Western Mass Championship in school history, all of our athletes continue to work incredibly hard to achieve their goals and make our community proud!

## **Youth Athletics**

Similar to years past, Mohawk Trail continues to work closely with West County Baseball, West County Soccer, and the Hilltown Basketball League to offer seasonal athletic opportunities to our district students in grades K-6. In addition to these programs, summer offerings through the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department include both the Summer Track Series, as well as youth field hockey clinics. Both are held weekly throughout the summer months! All of these programs are run by community volunteers, as well as Mohawk Trail coaches and athletes. We cannot thank these contributors enough for all of the hard work and dedication they have put into ensuring the sustainability of our district's athletic programs.

## **Middle School Athletics**

Mohawk Trail continues to have incredibly high participation rates amongst our 7th and 8th grade students. More than 75% of our Mohawk Trail middle school students participate in at least one athletic season, while many participate in as many as three! Middle school students have the ability to choose

from 14 different athletic offerings, spread out over three seasons. In addition to this, Mohawk Trail continues to be the only school in Franklin County that offers both alpine and nordic skiing. Middle school students account for nearly half of the total athletes in grades 7-12 and continue to play a huge role in the success and sustainability of our varsity programs.

### **Cooperative Programs...The Future of Athletics in Franklin County**

In order to ensure the continued success and sustainability of athletic programs in rural areas, the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) has continued to allow smaller schools in rural areas to join forces in order to field teams that they would not be able to field on their own. Currently, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is involved in six separate cooperative programs. They include...

Varsity Golf - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Wrestling - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Football - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Boys and Girls High School Soccer - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
High School Baseball - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Nordic Skiing - Host School (w/ Hampshire Regional)

Our district has developed great working relationships with both the Greenfield Public School System, as well as Hampshire Regional. In the very near future, we will also be looking to team with GHS for both ice hockey and boys' tennis. Two sports that are beginning to spark interest among Mohawk Trail students. By the start of FY26, Mohawk Trail should be able to offer as many athletic opportunities to its students as a much larger school that is six or seven times our size. With enrollment essentially stagnant and budgets becoming tighter, we in the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department will continue to prioritize giving our students every opportunity to compete in the sport of their choice, at the absolute highest level. Go Warriors!

### **Get Involved!**

Curious as to how you can help facilitate the success of the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department? Please reach out to District Athletic Director Greg Lilly at [glillyAD@mtrsd.org](mailto:glillyAD@mtrsd.org) or Mohawk Trail Athletic Association President Jenn Pease at [jpease@admin.umass.edu](mailto:jpease@admin.umass.edu) to see how you can lend a helping hand!

### **Student Numbers**

At the mid-point of the 2024-2025 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 320. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 78 students in seventh grade and 88 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 41 students; 10<sup>th</sup> grade with 47 students; 31 members of the Junior class, and 34 MTRS Seniors. We have one student enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland  
Principal

## Special Education and Pupil Services

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts provide special education and related services to students in five buildings: Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, Colrain Central School, Sanderson Academy, Hawlemont Regional School, and Mohawk Trail Regional School. The primary function of special education is to ensure that students with disabilities who are eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are provided with a free, appropriate, public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Students with disabilities who are not eligible for an IEP may qualify for a Section 504 Plan. A 504 plan provides accommodations for students in general education settings in order to ensure access to instruction among their peers. An IEP provides specialized instruction that is evidence-based and designed to meet the unique needs of the student, in addition to accommodations in general education settings. Under both plans, student progress is regularly monitored by teachers and specialists to ensure that students with disabilities are making effective progress given the necessary supports and services.

In addition to specialized academic instruction, special education provides related services in other areas that are critical to learning. The table below includes related services that are provided by school-based employees, or for which we contract with outside providers.

Related Service	Licensed Professional
Speech and/or language (S/L)	Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP)
Reading	DESE Reading Specialist Licensure
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Licensed Occupational Therapist (MS, OTR/L)
Physical Therapy (PT)	Physical Therapist (PT) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
Counseling	Adjustment Counselor (MSW, LMHC) or School Psychologist (NCSP)
Behavior Support	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
Vision	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI)
Hearing	Audiologist (CCC-A)
Orientation & Mobility (O&M)	Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS)

The two districts currently employ five speech and language pathologists across our five buildings. Both districts share one PT, one OT, and one BCBA. We have two school psychologists. We contract for an additional day of OT services at Buckland-Shelburne in order to meet the needs of our largest elementary population. Every school building has an assigned mental health counselor, and there are three counselors providing services to middle and high school students at Mohawk Trail. The number of

service providers in each building is based on student population, student needs, and the legal requirements of the IEP.

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont share one Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). This is a small group of volunteer parent leaders, in conjunction with the Director of Pupil Services, who work to build effective parent-school partnerships specifically designed for families of students with disabilities. Massachusetts state law assigns both an advisory and participatory function to SEPACs. Membership is offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Buckland-Shelburne is our largest elementary school campus. On site, we provide a substantially separate setting for students with cognitive and behavioral challenges that prevent them from being fully included in grade-level classrooms. This program is overseen by a special education teacher with expertise in severe-needs programming, as well as our Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students access this separate setting to varying degrees according to their individual learning needs. On the Mohawk Trail campus, we offer two substantially separate classrooms for students in grades 7 and above. The Mohawk Trail Supported Classroom (MTSC) provides a full-time clinician and special education teacher for students with social-emotional challenges which prevent them from accessing grade-level instruction independently. Additionally, the Mohawk Trail Vocational Program (MVP) provides life skills training and academic instruction that is modified to meet the needs of students who are working on common core curriculum standards below grade level. Students within the MVP program may receive educational services with us until they are 22.

The tables below include data reflecting special populations within our schools. These data were provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) from the 2023-2024 school year.

**Mohawk Trail Regional School District**

<b>Selected Populations: 2023-2024</b>	<b>% of the District</b>	<b>% of the State</b>
First Language Not English	1.2%	26%
English Language Learner	0.5%	13.1%
Low-income <sup>1</sup>	46.3%	42.2%
Students with Disabilities	24.8%	20.2%
High Needs <sup>2</sup>	58%	55.8%

<sup>1</sup> Low-income status is calculated based on a student's participation in one or more of the following state-administered programs: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); the Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) foster care program; expanded MassHealth (Medicaid) up to 185% of the federal poverty level; students that are homeless

<sup>2</sup> High Needs status is calculated based on the number of high needs students, divided by the adjusted enrollment. A student is high needs if he or she is designated as either low income (prior to 2015, and from 2022 to present), economically disadvantaged (from 2015 to 2021), EI/former EI, or a student with disabilities. A former EI student is a student not currently an EI, but had been at some point in the four previous academic years.

data as of: October 1, March 1, End of Year

**Hawlemont Regional School District**

<b>Selected Populations: 2023-2024</b>	<b>% of the School/District</b>	<b>% of the State</b>
First Language Not English	1.8%	26%
English Language Learner	0.0%	13.1%
Low-income	53.6%	42.2%
Students with Disabilities	41.4%	20.2%
High Needs	67.2%	55.8%

Compared to the previous school year (2022-2023), trends in special education populations in both districts have largely mirrored trends at the state level. Both the Mohawk Trail Regional Schools and schools across the state saw a small increase in the number of students who qualified for special education services. Hawlemont Regional School saw a relatively larger increase in their population of students with disabilities. However, given the small size of the overall student body in Hawlemont, this increased percentage reflects a relatively small number of students. Both districts saw a decrease in their population of English Language Learners, while the state itself registered an increase of these same students overall. Finally, both Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Schools serve a larger percentage of students from low-income households compared to the state average.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Superintendent of Schools

## Central Office News

Long-time Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Karen Totman, retired on December 31, 2024. Shana Garcia started on November 1, 2024, and after training with Karen, took over the role as of January 1, 2025. Wayne Kermenski took on the role of District Math Coach, as Amy Chang decided to pursue a leadership role in the national efforts to implement inquiry-based mathematics instruction. We welcomed Julia Lignori as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. We thank Leanne Loomis and Amy Chang for their many years of dedicated service to the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts.

## Focus on Literacy

We've reimaged structured elementary literacy, which includes three components that come together for better overall readers and writers. The components include: 1.) EL Education for knowledge building and comprehension; 2.) Framing Your Thoughts/Sentence Structure for syntax and writing expression; and 3.) UFLI for foundational reading. Sarah Forbes, a kindergarten teacher at Sanderson Academy, along with her team, piloted the approach during the 2023-2024 school year and reported that she has never before had students reading such advanced level texts in their development. In the 2024-2025 school year, district teachers received training and were prepared to roll out the method.

## Making Calculated Moves in Mathematics

For the last 6 years or so, the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts have been moving teachers toward inquiry-based teaching and learning. This approach includes shifting teachers into the role of facilitator, elevating student voices, and integrating more physical activity. We have been working with the Bridges curriculum at the elementary level. At the middle school and high school levels, courses have been exploring methods with increased inquiry-based learning.

Though the pandemic created an environment of considerable learning loss in students across the nation, the implementation of [Building Thinking Classrooms](#) was part of our district's recovery plan. This book, written by Peter Liljedahl and published in 2020, has 14 research-based teaching practices that can be implemented in any math classroom, regardless of content, and are designed to encourage thinking and agency.

Successful trials of this work have woven their way through classrooms across the district (4th grade, 6th grade, and middle school, so far), and we see the work as promising for the future of not only mathematics but also general problem-solving and the cultivation of collaborators. Now, with new math coach Wayne Kerminski on staff, we are moving toward an integrated mathematics (IM) model at the high school level. In the model, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II (AGA) are integrated so that concepts can be frequently reviewed and built on. Additionally, concepts in Algebra and Geometry are interwoven in order to make connections between the two traditionally separate math's. Wayne has been working with Principal Chris Buckland, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Sarah Jetzon, and the School Committee's Education Subcommittee to develop the new program after being invited to watch Northampton High School math teachers teach Integrated Math lessons.

## Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) are a version of a parent-teacher conference in which students take a leadership role and are held twice a year. Focus areas include academic development engagement, personal responsibility, communication & collaboration, inquiry & exploration, and personal reflection. To prepare for the conference, students have reflection time and mini-lessons during their advisory block. They have a template that guides them through sharing how they are doing, where they want to go, and what they need to do next to get there. They communicate their progress towards academic standards, what they are most proud of, what can be celebrated, areas for growth, and what teachers and families can do to support their goals.

This change to the way student updates are communicated encourages each student to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance, improves students' skills in reflection and self-evaluation, facilitates the development of a student's organizational and oral communication skills, increases their self-confidence, and develops student-advisor-parent learning partnerships. What results is an open and honest dialogue about learning and progress, both where students are and where they need to go next.

### **Sustainability Study**

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts acknowledge that the trends of declining enrollment, rising operational costs, relatively flat state aid, and increasing needs of our student body have made the districts' current operations financially unsustainable. These trends are national but directly affect our communities, creating financial concerns for our school districts, our member towns, and their taxpayers. As a result, the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts have embarked upon a Sustainability Study designed to help us create a path forward that maintains or enhances high-quality education for all of our students and is affordable for our towns.

The project is funded through a Massachusetts Community Compact Regionalization and Efficiency Grant, which the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts applied for and received in partnership with the Town of Charlemont. Using these funds, the Districts retained an experienced consultant - Berkshire Educational Resources K12(BERK12) — to assist with the project.

During 2024, updates, resources, and reports have been created by the BERK12 team, all of which may be accessed on the [2 Districts 8 Towns](#) website. From these materials, the work of the BERK12 team and the steering committee, five models are being explored:

- **No Change**
  - Examine the status quo with projections into the near future if the districts remain as they are currently—no school closures.
- **Districts Merge**
  - Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts become a single PK-12 regional school district with 8 towns—no school closures.
- **Move 6th Grade**
  - Move students to Mohawk Trail Regional School (MTRS), making it a grade 6-12 school with a 6-8 middle school.
    - All elementary schools become PK-5—no school closures.
    - The two scenarios to be considered are maintaining HRSD and MTRSD as separate districts and merging the two districts into a single PK-12 district.
- **Move 6th grade (and possibly 5th) to MTRS and close one to three elementary schools**
  - The three scenarios to be considered are closing one elementary school, closing two elementary schools, or having all elementary schools consolidate at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary site.
- **Single Campus**
  - All schools combine onto a single PreKindergarten-12 campus at MTRS.

Over the past several months, the project's consulting team, BERK12, has completed an in-depth financial and educational analysis of the five options selected as "necessary" or "most promising" by the Sustainability Project Steering Committee.

### **Rural Advocacy**

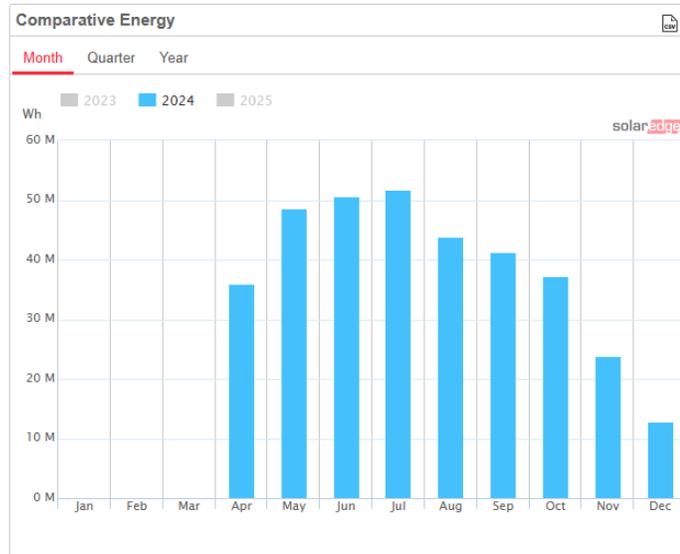
As a community of leaders, we work together with our municipal partners to ensure students in Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont have an outstanding educational experience in our schools. Together, we lead our local and statewide efforts at advocacy for our rural community. This work is promising not only for our students but for all students who learn in small and rural communities throughout the Commonwealth.

It is exciting to hear from Senator Comerford that the State Senate is committed to examining the state funding formula and its inequitable funding of small and rural districts in the wake of the Student

Opportunity Act. We continue to work with Representative Blais and Senators Comerford and Mark to pursue legislative solutions to issues our rural education communities have been facing for decades.

### Green Initiatives

In 2023, Mohawk Trail Regional School had 781 solar panels installed on its roofs, which became operational in early 2024. Since harnessing the power of the sun, the school has generated 359.87 MWh of energy and saved 555,688 lbs in CO2 emissions, which is the equivalent of planting 4,199 trees.



Air quality sensors have been installed as a result of grant funding led by BSE 6th-grade teacher David Conlon. As a part of a MassDEP Air Sensor Grant, Purple air quality sensors have been installed across the district. They [work by using laser counters](#) to determine the size and number

of particles in the air. These sensors were calibrated by the Yale School of Public Health in collaboration with the [Healthy Air Network](#) and [Hitchcock Center for the Environment](#). The sensors will provide the public with information on what’s in the air they breathe, as well as give teachers a chance to explore environmental science and climate change topics with his students using real-life examples that are relevant to them. David has also been responsible for initiatives such as BSE campus tree planting, paper towel composting, installing a weather station, and more.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to green energy consumption and cost savings for the districts as we advance toward a cleaner economy.

### Volleyball Brings Home A New Title

The varsity volleyball players enjoyed a strong season that earned the players their first Western Massachusetts Volleyball Championship title in Mohawk Trail Regional history. The matches that determined the winners were against top-seeded Lee. Congratulations to Coach Lannon and her players on bringing home this title.

### Wrapping Up

It is a pleasure and an honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. It has been a year with much to celebrate. It’s exciting to see the enthusiasm for our learning community. Our students are amazing athletes, musicians, artists, leaders, and friends; they demonstrate what it means to be a Trailblazer: we are unique, and our educational paths are filled with exploration, curiosity, individualized learning, community involvement, and deep connections. This is evident in so many areas of our districts. I continue to be incredibly proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to celebrate our learning community and look to the future to address our rural community’s unique challenges.

I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton  
Superintendent

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

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