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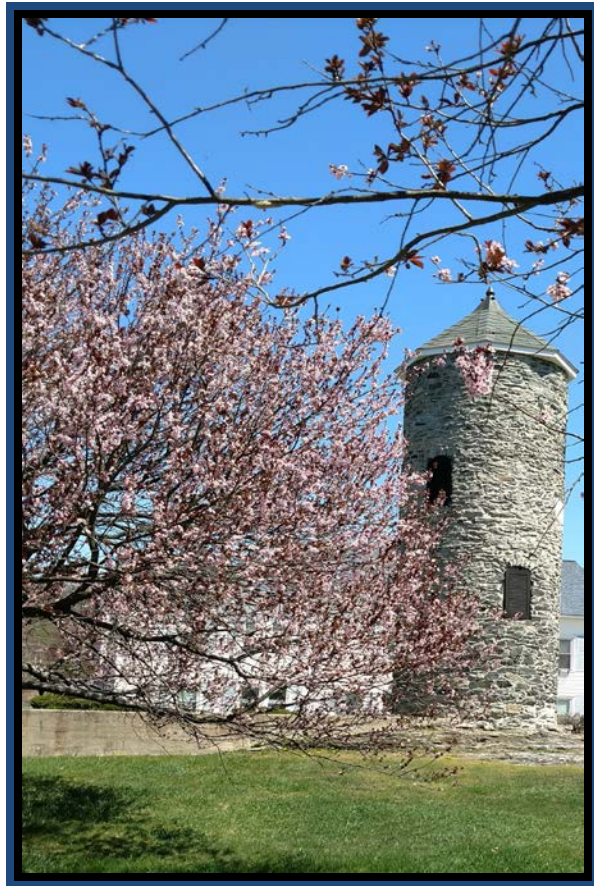


2017 ANNUAL REPORT



ANNUAL REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Millville, Massachusetts



**For the Year
2017**

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A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

--Marcus Garvey (1887- 1940)

I would like to personally thank the following very special people of Millville who are all dedicated and caring stewards of the history of this wonderful Town:

Margaret Carroll

Lois Salome

John Hadley

I hope you are all pleasantly surprised by how your personal photographic treasurers help to make this Annual Report of the Town of Millville a special document worthy of being preserved for future generations to reflect upon. May the capturing of such vintage moments in Millville's history remind us all of our past as we embrace the promise of the future. -- *Sincerely, Jennifer Callahan*

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Memoriam

Our appreciation and sympathy is extended to the families of those individuals we lost in 2017 who served our community well and whose many years of dedication to the Town of Millville shall never be forgotten.



Jennie (Stanley) Borek

August 5, 1925 ~ December 5, 2017

Owner Borek's Market of Millville
Millville Senior Center Receptionist & Longtime Volunteer
Millville Friends of the Library
St. Monica's Guild



Paul J. Gauthier

July, 1, 1932 ~ November 29, 2017

US Army Korean War Veteran
Millville Historical Commission
Chestnut Hill Community Association
J.G. Fitzgerald Historical Society



Charles A. Poulin, Jr.

July 10, 1936 ~ November 5, 2017

Captain Millville Fire Department
US Army Veteran
Trustees of Veteran's Memorial Park
Millville Memorial Day Parade Committee



**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Town Administrator	Jennifer Callahan
Animal Control Officer	Kevin Sullivan
Assistant Animal Control Officer	Gary Fagan
Assessor	David Manzello
Assistant Assessor	Natalia Alward*
Blackstone River and Canal	Margaret Carroll
Board of Assessors	David Manzello Marilyn Mathieu

	Karin Furno* Natalia Alward* Judith Monroe*
Board of Health Agent	Leonard Izzo
Board of Health Inspector	Robert Marks
Board of Health Animal Inspectors	Gary Fagan Kevin Sullivan
Board of Health Burial Agent	Diane Lockwood
Board of Registrars	Patricia Finn Diane Lockwood Elaine Ethier
Building Commissioner/Zoning	Lincoln Barber III
Building Inspector - Assistant	Lawrence Lench*
Cable Access Committee	Colleen Curis Roland M. Barrett
Cable Access Committee	Margaret Carroll Timothy Labonte Jesse Dufault (<i>Alternate</i>)
Capital Program Committee	Erica Blake (<i>Finance</i>)* Kelli Capozzoli Michael DiCecco John Hadley (<i>Planning</i>) Jennifer Callahan
Centennial Commemoration Committee	Margaret Carroll Jennifer Dean Wing Keith Wing Les Davis* Lois Salome Catherine Robinson Tina Cook Caryn Vernon Ronald Landry Pamela Dean Kobetitsch Jane Bonin

**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Central Massachusetts Regional
Planning Commission

Claudette Barrett*
Joseph Rapoza

Conservation Commission

Amy Sutherland
Eric Olson
Jeff Pettit
Pamela Maloney

Council on Aging

Susanne Robbins
Rhonda Wert
Linda Bassett
Lois Laflamme*
Andrew Alward
Marcia Lanctot*
Michelle Dumond*
Judith Monroe*

Council on Aging

Richard Hurteau*
Ellen Bowen*
Robert Bowen*

Cultural Council

Jackie Lima
Jane Reggio
Jane Bonin
Heather Olson
Francesca Monti

Custodian of Tax Possessions

Lisa Larue

Electrical Inspector

Jack Grenga

Assistant Electrical Inspector

Larry Ray*

Emergency Management Director

Steven Furno

Emergency Management Members

Paul Ouellette
Benton Phelps
Adam Batchelder
John Hadley

**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Enforcement Officer

Loriann Braza

Finance Committee

Michael DiCecco
Michael Foster
Paul Ouellette
Erica Blake
Brian Pacheco

Fire Department

Ronald S. Landry
Steven Furno
Danny Desmarais
Douglas Bartlett
Michael Cournoyer
Karin Furno*
Jonathan Guilbeault

Fire Department

Joseph Guilbeault
Charles Landry
Paul Mullaly
Alex Mullaly
Anthony Canali
Samantha Blanchette
James Cusack
Tyler Mullaly
Matthew Niro
James Perron
Jake Petrowicz
Joseph (Gary) Sheehan
Michael Therrien
John Wojcik IV
Mary Gilmore
Garrett Wante
Jaclyn Giachetti
Roy Liard
Nicholas Arcouette
Brennan Neylon

Flag Warden

Philip Clark

**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Flag Warden (Deputy)	Kevin Surette
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	John D'Agostino
Green Community Committee	Joseph Rapoza Patricia Benoit-Rudden Brian Faulkner Kris Homand Keith Boone
Historical Commission	Emile Berthelette Margaret Carroll Elaine Ethier Mary Gauvin Leonel Clement
Memorial Day Parade Committee	Jean Poulin Paul Ouellette Steve Furno Philip Clark Ronald Landry Linda Bassett Lois Laflamme Lori Ann Legere Kathy Ouellette Pam Dean Kobetitsch
Municipal Building Relocation Committee	Richard Crivello* Gerald Finn* James Fish* John Laura* Les Davis* Lincoln Barber III* Thomas Houle*
Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee	Thomas Mulvey Pamela Maloney

**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Kari Pisano
Mark Robinson
Jennifer Dean Wing
Kevin DelGizzi
Caryn Vernon
Jennifer Callahan
Hillary Carney
John Hadley
Lincoln Barber III

Planning Board

Brian Mullaly

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jeff Sutherland
Ronald Landry
Kevin DelGizzi
Ryan DelGizzi
Caryn Vernon

Police Department

Ronald S. Landry
Blaine Sheppard
William Coupe, Jr.
Cody Landry
Scott Gould
Roy Sullivan
Benjamin Lima
Philip Franzen
Ryan Mastromatteo
Jeffrey Beckwith
Tom Reynolds
Russell Gagne*

Assistant Tax Collector

Marcia Ferro

Finance Director

Justin Cole

Town Clerk

Diane Lockwood

Assistant Town Clerk

Krestina Alward*

Town Hall Study Committee

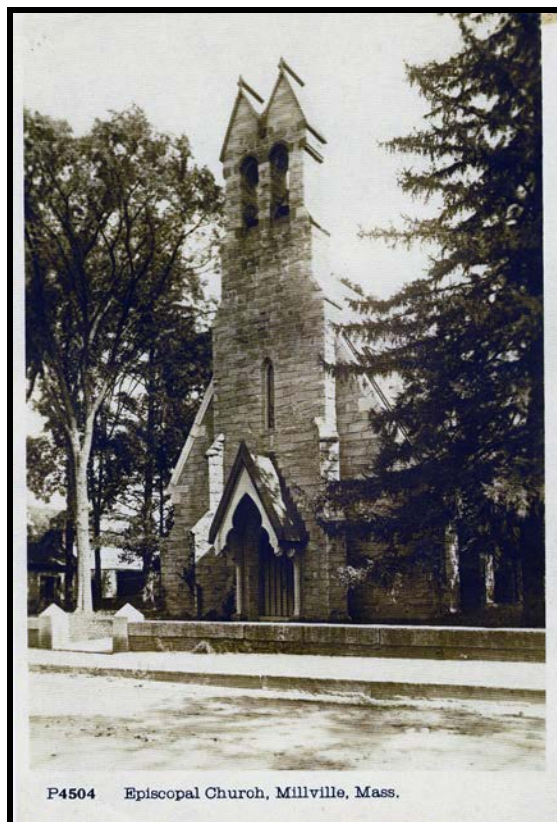
Richard Crivello

**APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

	Gerald Finn Lincoln Barber III James Fish
Treasurer/Collector	Lisa A. Larue
Veterans Agent	Lincoln Barber III
Zoning Board of Appeals	Corinne Barber Thomas Mulvey Joann Mulvey (Associate) Lincoln Barber*



ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Committee – Millville Members	Erin Vinacco Steven Tringali* Jane Reggio Tara Larkin
Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional Technical High School - Millville Representative	Gerald Finn
Board of Health	Catherine Robinson Dustin Ciccarelli Robert Marks
Board of Selectmen	Joseph Rapoza Jennifer Dean Wing Thomas Houle Roland P. Barrett John Laura* Andrew Alward
Constables	Philip Clark Paul Brothers Norman Thuot
Highway Surveyor	Brian Mullaly
Library Trustees	Colleen Curis Pamela Thistle Lynn Foley
Library Trustees - Permanent	Gail Bryson Evelyn McNamara James Mullaly
Planning Board	Claudette Barrett Richard Hurteau John Hadley Michelle DuMond

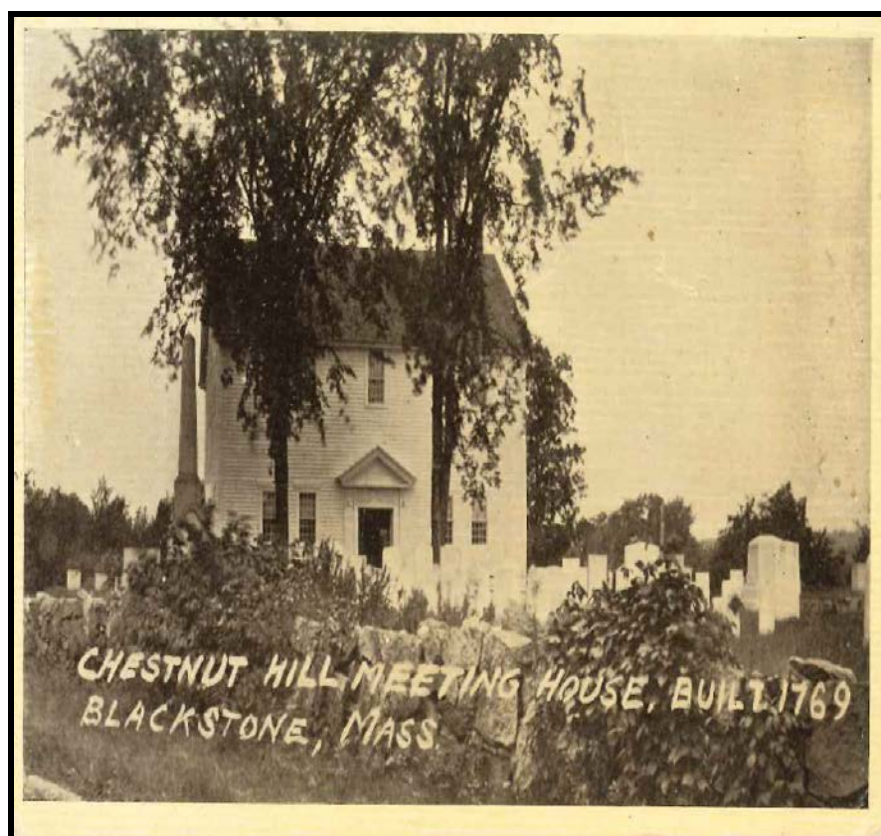
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January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

**denotes individuals who are no longer serving*

Planning Board - Associate Member	Natalia Alward*
Town Clerk	Diane Lockwood
Town Moderator	Leslie Davis
Tree Warden	Alex Mullaly
Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park	Norman Thuot John Hadley Richard Hurteau Elaine Ethier Margaret Carroll

ADMINISTRATION





BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of the Town of Millville:

We are honored to present the 2017 Annual Report of the Town of Millville Board of Selectmen. The Board is composed of five elected individuals, each serving three-year staggered terms. On April 3rd Millville's Thomas Houle and Andrew Alward were elected to serve 3 year terms as Millville Selectmen. The Board reorganized on April 4th with the Board voting to reappoint Selectman Rapoza as Chairman, Jennifer Dean Wing as Vice Chair and Thomas Houle as Secretary. Selectmen Roland Barrett and Andrew Alward complete the Board's membership. Mr. John Laura whose term expired on April 3rd decided not to run for re-election and this Board sincerely thanks Mr. Laura with deep gratitude and appreciation for his past service to the Town as a Millville Selectman.

The year began with town government conducting business operations sharing space with ongoing police operations in the Millville police station during the first eight months of the year. During this 8 months period, the Board conducted negotiations with Millville's American Legion Post 411 members to enter into a lease agreement for the facility located at 290 Main Street. As these negotiations progressed, work continued in renovating the property with an objective to accommodate town government operations while achieving both a functional and attractive environment for town employees and residents alike when conducting town business.

The lion's share of the renovation work at the 290 Main St. property was accomplished by Blackstone Valley Technical High School students under the supervision of BVT staff. Project management oversight responsibility was shared by town residents Mr. Les Davis (Millville Town Moderator) and Mr. Gerald Finn (Millville's BVT School Committee Member) in accordance with the vision and oversight of Millville's Town Administrator, Jennifer M. Callahan. Mrs. Callahan's hard work, solicitation of labor and material donations from commercial trade's people and companies and her many long hours devoted to this most successful project is greatly appreciated by this Board. A debt of gratitude and a huge THANK YOU go out to all involved in this project, including the members of the Millville American Legion Post.

The principle responsibility of a Board of Selectmen is to establish and codify town policy and procedure and it is in this regard and the priority of the Board is to keep its focus on and implement the recommendations made by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Service Report's *Assessing Office Review* of October 2010 and *Financial Management Review* of January 2016 reports.

In 2017 the Board made modest gains in achieving its objectives. Looking back on the year it can be regarded as year that continued with the momentum begun in 2016 in hiring a Town Administrator and in the related subsequent changes made in town governance and departmental operations. However, the calendar year began with the Board facing several challenges that included replacing the Longfellow Municipal Center to house town government operations along with facing revenue shortfalls and budget deficits.

Keeping pace with regional school district budget assessments year over year has been a significant challenge for Millville and has effectively depleted the Town's Fund Balance by approximately \$2,000,000 over the last 10 years. On June 29th a Special Town Meeting was convened for town residents to approve the transfer of \$104,750.00 from the town's Stabilization Fund to fund Millville's assessment in support of a recertified school budget. Given annual revenue receipts and year over year education cost increases that outpace revenues receipts at unsustainable levels has put the town in a precarious financial circumstance.

On more positive notes, in December with grant assistance, Millville was able to demolish the abandoned property located at 37 Central Street, a.k.a., Mug Pub and earlier in September Millville was honored with a visit from Lt. Governor Karen Polito. The purpose of the Lt. Governor's visit was to follow-up on Millville's Community Compact agreement with the Commonwealth and the associated grant award to replace Millville's 28 year old financial software and to upgrade business office technology. Lt. Gov. Polito was pleased to hear and witness first hand in meeting with Town Hall staff that the mission had been successfully accomplished. Lt. Gov. Polito was particularly complimentary regarding the layout and organization of the recently occupied 290 Main St. Town Hall.

To address and rigorously enforce zoning and building code violations and permitting delinquency issues in the coming years, the Board appointed Millville resident Lincoln Barber as the Town's Building Commissioner in conjunction with hiring a qualified assistant to assist Lincoln in the field. The Board's goals for 2018 include; codifying the budget process, establishing financial policies and establishing a comprehensive capital planning program. It is this Board's commitment to follow through with the ***DLS's Financial Management Review*** of 2016 recommendations by prioritizing and establishing a 'Goals and Objectives' program. In addition, the board is presently following through with the ***DLS's Assessing Office Review*** of 2010 by revamping the assessing department and consideration being given to outsourcing assessing office functions.

A look back on 2017 will hopefully be regarded as a year of appreciable change in Millville's course to move forward with the goal of ensuring long term financial solvency. We wish to thank all Town Employees as well as Board, Committee, Commission and Council Members for their dedication and effort working in behalf of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen will continue to work to serve all residents of Millville and provide the leadership to the best of its ability and as always it was an honor serving the Town's residents in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Rapoza, Chairman
Jennifer Dean-Wing, Vice Chairman
Thomas Houle, Secretary
Roland P. Barrett
Andrew Alward



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Millville:

"The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger--but recognize the opportunity." — President John F. Kennedy

As Town Administrator, stabilizing government operations and services, implementing financial management best practices and pursuing numerous grant sources continue to be leadership priorities in order to grapple with long standing challenges which have restricted the level of services provided to residents and stifled progress on strategic municipal projects.

From July of 2016 to July of 2017, a major objective has been to stabilize our actual physical government operations after being ordered to vacate the Longfellow Municipal Center with no advance notice due to structural safety problems. On Thursday, July 13, 2017, the entire municipal operations of Town Hall, along with all of its dedicated staff, finally moved out of the Police Station into a beautifully remodeled new Town Hall at 290 Main Street. For an entire year, Chief Ronald Landry demonstrated constant support for all of the relocated Town Hall staff which were sandwiched in all corners of the Police Station. His willingness to partner as a unified administrative team to overcome

this challenging town emergency demonstrated true leadership grace under pressure. His understanding of the need for collaborative management in addressing a crisis, as significant as losing a Town Hall, was crucial in enabling me to help move Millville forward to a successful relocation outcome. The Board of Selectmen successfully entered into a long term lease with the American Legion Post in an effort to bring operational stability in delivering basic public services. I would like to personally thank former Post Commander and Town Flag Warden, Phil Clark, for all of his collaborative efforts during the negotiations.

This new building has afforded staff and residents a much needed measure of normalcy after much upheaval. At the start of this project, the Town had already encountered months of tough negotiations with the insurance company and it was not clear there would be any coverage. This led to creative thinking among local officials, including the Chair of Municipal Building Relocation Committee, Rich Crivello, to pursue the rehabilitation of a building in town which could accommodate operations in as cost efficient manner as possible. As an Administrator, maximizing office floor space was a key organizational goal for relocation which would mean modernizing how town departments would actually deliver services in a much smaller building footprint.

The incredible transformation of the former American Legion Hall into our Town Hall has been a remarkable endeavor in the face of a community crisis. However, for myself, Project Manager Les Davis and Assistant Project Manager Gerald Finn it was truly a labor love. The Town remains in debt to both of these gentlemen for the hundreds of hours they dedicated to making this a state of the art municipal building in which the public has fully embraced as a wonderful facility to conduct the peoples' business. It has been a pleasure to work with both of them to achieve this milestone for the benefit of the townspeople. Of course, none of the project would have been possible without the countless hours of technical expertise, skills and labor from the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School students and faculty. The devotion of the School's administrative leadership and vocational instructors, especially Superintendent Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick and Vocational Coordinator Thomas Belland, demonstrated an outstanding commitment to help this town out of crisis it was not prepared to overcome on its own.

Along with successfully relocating Town Hall, we have administratively tackled an accounting and financial system in severe need of a major management reset. Appointing Millville's first Finance Director, Justin Cole, has allowed us to implement many of the recommendations outlined in the Millville 2016 Division of Local Services Report, including the modernization of accounting practices, procedures and technology. The Town has installed and now utilizes new accounting and treasurer/collector software systems which actually link to each other. It has also automated payroll and adopted rigorous tax collection strategies which have resulted in an increase of approximately \$250,000 in revenue. Additionally, the Administration along with the Finance Committee, Board of Selectman and Capital Planning have been working closely as a team in addressing the continued problem of closing a major annual operating deficit. It is evident that the Town can no longer raid one time revenues to balance its recurring

operational deficit and will have to right size its budget and reset its tax rate to fund the necessary public services the community has come to expect.

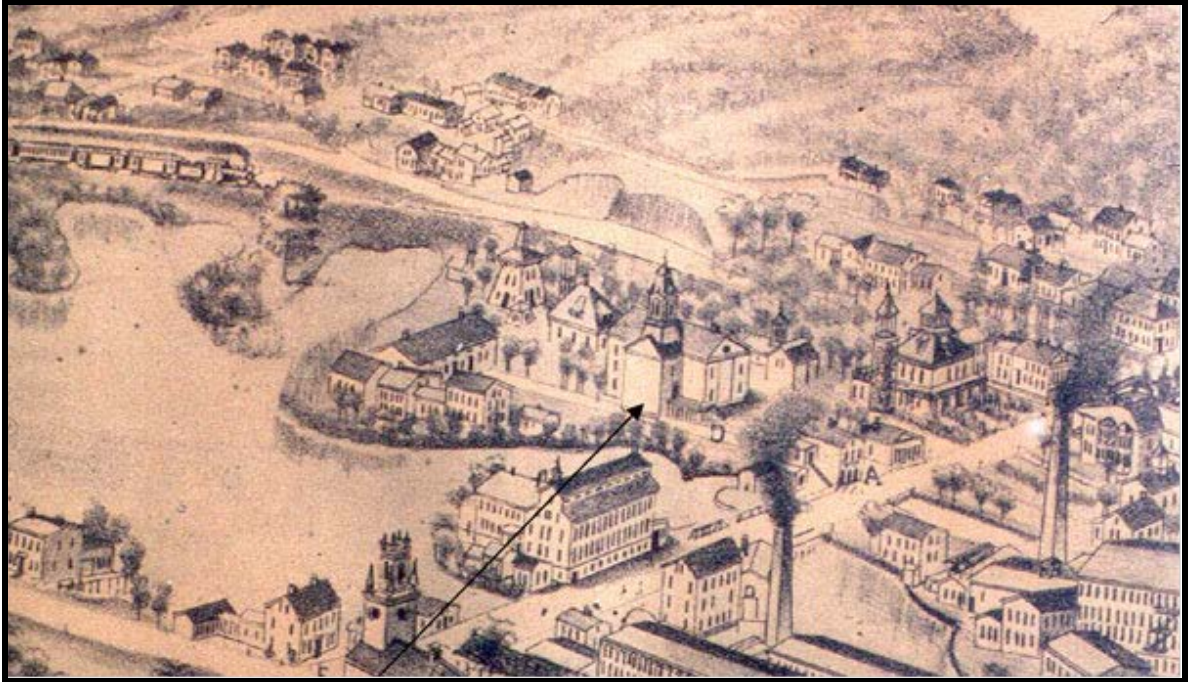
Administratively, I have renegotiated contracts and agreements to garner more than \$250,000 in savings. I have also vigorously pursued building new external partnerships along with sound grant proposal development which has resulted in over \$1.5 million in grant funding assistance for crucial projects which cannot be met through the annual operating budget. The significance of such grant awards will continue to yield positive results in addressing aging infrastructure, producing strategic plans to guide the Town forward and providing the community with improved services.

Despite the challenges the Town has faced this past year, the community has recognized the need for innovative thinking which embraces the possible over the impossible. The community will continue to face difficult choices in how to move itself forward and what level of public services it will be willing to support. I am optimistic about the future of Millville for it has demonstrated the necessary resolve to succeed in the face of crisis. The energy which has surfaced as a result of coming together to embrace the change necessary to move the community forward is both real and focused on building a community which is sustainable for future generations to come.

Author Jeannette Walls said, *“Sometimes you need a little crisis to get your adrenaline flowing and help you realize your potential.”* This community has definitely had its adrenaline flowing in the right directions to fix the problems which have plagued it for far too long. I look forward to another dynamic year ahead knowing it will be a humbling honor to be part of ***Millville on the Move!***

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Callahan
Town Administrator



TOWN COUNSEL

As Town Counsel, in 2017 we provided advice to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town officials, boards, committees and Town Meeting. Most of the work of Town Counsel involves providing advice and opinions, reviewing contracts and procurement issues, real estate transactions, preparation for Town Meetings, as well as assisting in enforcement actions and defending the Town in litigation. During the course of the last year, we provided advice on issues such as disposition of the former Town Hall, contracts, bylaw enforcement, land use, environmental law, wetlands, regional school, municipal finance, elections and personnel.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining our firm, and appreciate the assistance and cooperation received on all matters from the Board, the Town Administrator, Department Heads, Boards, Committees, and Town personnel. We look forward to working with the members of the Town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Riley, for
KP Law, P. C.
Town Counsel



TOWN CLERK

To the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of Millville:

As the elected Town Clerk of Millville, it is my pleasure to submit this Report for 2017.

Thank you for your continued support of this office. Serving the Town of Millville as your Town Clerk is a privilege and an honor.

2017 had many challenging moments. Continuing to work out of the police station in the spring of 2017 made serving the townspeople difficult. The residents of Millville had to wait in the foyer for all municipal employees to come to them, since no one could be allowed inside the police station. Everyone who came to the police station looking for municipal employees was very patient and understanding.

The Town Offices moved to 290 Main Street in July. Congratulations to Jennifer Callahan, Town Administrator, for all her hard work in making this transition.

In July of 2017, I attended my third year at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute (NEMCI). I graduated and in September, received certification as a Municipal Clerk (CMC). My goal is to continue attending NEMCI in pursuit of obtaining the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC).

Thank you to Krestina Alward, Assistant Town Clerk, for all of her support in 2017.

As Town Clerk, I also hold the following titles: Burial Agent, Records Access Officer, Notary Public and Justice of the Peace.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your elected Town Clerk for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Lockwood, CMC
Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK

2017 BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES & DOG LICENSES

BIRTHS:

MALES: 13 FEMALES: 8 TOTAL: 21

DEATHS:

MALES: 10 FEMALES: 10 TOTAL: 20

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES:

TOTAL: 8

DOG LICENSES ISSUED:

TOTAL: 506



2017 BOARD & COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

Last Name	First Name	Department	Position	Term Expires	Resignation
Tringali	Steve	BMRSD Committee	Millville Member	4/3/2017	4/3/2017
Laura	John	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/3/2017	4/3/2017
Lench	Lawrence	Building Department	Building Inspector	6/30/2018	8/2/2017
Davis	Leslie	Centennial Celebration Committee	Member	6/30/2018	8/2/2017
Bowen	Ellen	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2018	6/20/2017
Bowen	Robert	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2017	6/30/2017
DuMond	Michelle	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2018	12/21/2017
Hurteau	Richard	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2017	6/30/2017
Lancot	Marcia	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2019	10/25/2017
Monroe	Judith	Council on Aging	Member	6/30/2020	12/18/2017
Haggerty	Valerie	Cultural Council	Member	6/30/2017	6/30/2017
Lench	Lawrence	Earth Removal Board	Earth Removal Agent	6/30/2018	8/2/2017
Ray	Larry	Electrical Inspector	Asst Electrical Insp.	6/30/2018	10/2/2017
Furno	Karin	Fire Department	On-call EMT	12/31/2017	7/26/2017
Davis	Leslie	Municipal Center Building Committee	Alternate Member	6/30/2018	8/2/2017

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MILLVILLE**

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE
IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the **Town of Millville**, who are qualified to vote in the election and Town affairs, to vote at **St. Augustine Church Hall, 17 Lincolns Street in Millville, MA** on **Monday, April 3, 2017**, to elect the following:

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

One (1) Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for four (4) years
One (1) Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for four (4) years
One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years
Two (2) Board of Selectmen for three (3) years
One (1) Constable for one (1) year – unexpired term
One (1) Highway Department Highway Surveyor for three (3) years
One (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years
Two (2) Planning Board Members - one for five (5) years and one for four (4) years - unexpired term
One (1) Tree Warden for three (3) years
and
One (1) Veterans Memorial Park Trustee (Veteran) for three (3) years

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Senior Center at least seven (7) days before the time of holding said election.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR 2017.

SELECTMEN OF MILLVILLE

Elected Town Officials - April 3, 2017

Blackstone-Millville Regional School

Member Caryn Vernon

Term Expires
4 /5 /2021

Board of Health

Member Dustin Ciccarelli

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

Board of Selectmen

Member Thomas Houle

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

Member Andrew Alward

4 /6 /2020

Highway Department

Highway Surveyor Brian Mullaly

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

Library

Trustee Pamela Thistle

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

Planning Board

Member Michelle DuMond

Term Expires
4 /4 /2022

Tree Warden

Tree Warden Alex Mullaly

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

Veterans Memorial Park

Trustee - Veteran Richard Hurteau

Term Expires
4 /6 /2020

TOWN OF MILLVILLE

**WARRANT ARTICLES UPDATED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

**TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE,
IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,**

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millville who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Millville Elementary School on **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. MONETARY INCREASES.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding source that will be reduced by the same amount; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

Explanation: This article requires that any individual making or amending a motion, which will increase any budget line item that has not been recommended by the Finance Committee, must also provide the source of funding for said increase.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

Explanation: This article seeks Town Meeting authorization to pay prior years bills; which is required pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64. Passage of this article requires a 4/5th's majority.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 3. SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of monies from the Stabilization Fund to fund deficits incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per M.G.L. Chapter 44; Section 31D; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee & Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks a transfer from the Stabilization Fund in order to pay the deficit in the Snow/Ice account, which can be lawfully overspent pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D. A 2/3rd's vote of Town Meeting is required to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 4: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 90.

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sum or sums of money allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for fiscal year 2018, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for such purposes; and, further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts; or to take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

Explanation: This is an annual article, which allows the Town to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer funds in anticipation of reimbursement revenues from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road repair assistance under M.G.L. c.90, said funds not to exceed the Town's apportionment.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 5. CABLE LICENSE FEES.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Funds account the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00)** to forward to the Superintendent of Schools of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for use by the Director of Library and Media Services to enhance the curriculum offerings that are available in the School District; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

Explanation: This is an annual article, which allows the Town to forward a certain sum of money from fees collected pursuant to the Town's Cable Franchise License Agreement with Charter Communications to the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District. A similar arrangement exists with the Town of Blackstone as well.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 6. FUND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00)** to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

Explanation: This article authorizes the Town to partially fund in FY18 the previously created OPEB Liability Trust Fund to address the Town's unfunded liability for employee retirement benefits. If the account is not funded, the Town's financial statement may be negatively impacted, possibly affecting the Town's bond rating and future ability to borrow.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 7. REVOLVING FUNDS.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to: (1) establish the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2018 and further to establish fiscal year spending limits as set forth below; and (2) amend the General By-laws by inserting a new by-law establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

§10-9 Revolving Funds.

- A. There are hereby established in the Town of Millville pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds, from which the specified department head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from without appropriation in accordance with the limitations set forth in this by-law.
- B. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
- C. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
- D. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting or any increase therein as may later be

authorized by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

E. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the General Fund.

F. Authorized Revolving Funds

	<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authority to Spend</i>	<i>Revenue Sources</i>	<i>Use of Fund</i>
1	Parks and Recreation Commission	Parks and Recreation Commission	Ball Field User Fees	Maintenance and improvements to ball fields or playgrounds
2	Police Department	Chief of Police and Fire	Firearms and Fingerprinting Fees	Costs related to providing both services
3	Board of Health	Board of Health	Sticker fees for additional trash pickup beyond two barrel limit	Costs related to providing service
4	Senior Center	Senior Center Director	Fees and donations for transportation, Senior Center rental & other events	Costs related to providing services

G. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ and this by-law, all applicable state and local laws and regulations that govern the receipt, custody, expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of revolving funds established and authorized by this by-law.

And, further, to establish the following spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2018:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission - \$5,000
2. Police Department - \$1,000
3. Board of Health - \$10,000
4. Senior Center - \$10,000

Or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town of Administrator & Town Accountant***

Explanation: This is an addition to the town bylaw, as required by the Municipal Modernization Act. Passage of this article sets a bylaw that will govern the receipt and expenditures of the Town's revolving funds. It will also eliminate the need for the annual reauthorization of town revolving funds.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 8. FUND CAPITAL BUDGET.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Capital Budget; or take any other action relative thereto. ***Submitted by: Capital Program Committee***

Explanation: This annual article allows for funding the Capital Budget as part of the Town's ongoing goal to create a 5-year Capital Plan in order to address the numerous capital improvement projects and equipment, which exceed the operating budget.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 9. STABILIZATION FUND.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Finance Committee***

Explanation: This annual article allows for transferring funds into the Stabilization Fund as part of the Finance Committee's ongoing goal to build up the Town's reserves. The Stabilization Fund is a reserve fund which can be used for catastrophic or emergency events, or when revenue sources are below prior year levels. A majority vote of Town Meeting voters is required to appropriate funds into the Stabilization Fund.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 10. FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town expenses for all departments, including debt and interest and compensation for Town Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Board of Selectmen***

Explanation: This annual article provides for all tax-supported Town operations and activities including the operating budgets of the schools and general government. Approval of this article will set salaries and expenditures for the FY2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) operating budget and will allow for the proper allocation of resources for the continuing operation and welfare of the Town. The operating budget may include funding which provides for additional work hours and/or salary increases for employees, including those previously negotiated and/or under contract. Please refer to the document

entitled, “Proposed FY18 Budget” and note that the columns include FY17 Approved Budgets, FY18 Department Requested Budgets, and FY18 Finance Committee Recommended Budgets.

Finance Committee Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 11. ACCESSORY APARTMENT LANGUAGE.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the Zoning Code entitled: “Specific Uses Requirements” by specifically amending the following sections.

§100-502. Accessory Apartments.

Subsection B (4) thereof by adding the words “primary residential” so that the subsection will now read “...gross floor area of the **primary residential** dwelling...”

Submitted by: Planning Board

Explanation: This change is recommended to clarify language in the existing apartment bylaw. A 2/3rd’s vote of Town Meeting voters is required to approve amendments to Zoning Bylaws.

Planning Board Recommends: 4-0 Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

ARTICLE 12. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Millville by adding a new Section 100-304, **TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS** that would provide as follows:

Section 100-304, Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

§1. Purpose.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. The law, which allows for certain personal use and possession of marijuana, begins to take effect on December 15, 2016 and requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding licensing of commercial activities by September 15, 2017.

Currently, under the Zoning Bylaw, a Recreational Marijuana Establishment, as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1, is not a permitted use in the Town. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments.

The regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana establishments to allow the Town sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the Zoning Bylaw in a consistent manner.

§2. Definition.

“Marijuana establishment” shall mean a “marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer, or any other type of marijuana-related business.”

§3. Temporary Moratorium.

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments and shall consider adopting a new Zoning Bylaw in response to these new uses or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Planning Board***

Explanation: Implementation of this bylaw will postpone introduction of a permitting bylaw until such time as the Commonwealth can implement process and procedures to regulate the sale of recreational marijuana. A 2/3rd's vote of Town Meeting voters is required to approve amendment to Zoning Bylaws.

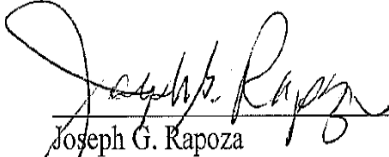
Planning Board Recommends: 4-0

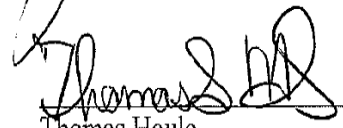
Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Longfellow Municipal Center, Millville Post Office, Millville Senior Center and George's Variety Store, all in the Town of Millville, fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for said meeting.

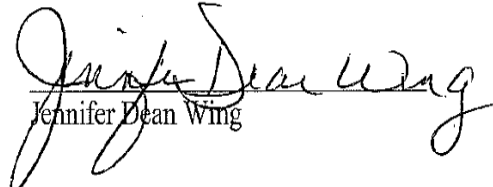
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20 day of April in the year 2017.



Joseph G. Rapoza


Thomas Houle



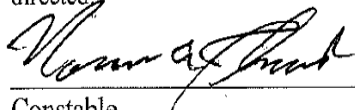
Jennifer Dean Wing

Roland P. Barrett

Andrew Alward

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Warrant by posting true and attested copies as herein directed.



Constable

4/21/17

Date

**RESULTS OF THE MILLVILLE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

Number of Registered Voters Attending: **118**

In attendance:

Town Moderator: Les Davis

Town Clerk: Diane Lockwood

Town Administrator: Jennifer Callahan

Town Counsel: Brian Riley

Board of Selectmen: Joseph Rapoza
Roland Barrett
Thomas Houle

Jennifer Dean Wing
Andrew Alward

Finance Committee: Paul Ouellette
Mike Foster

Erica Blake
Brian Pacheco

State Representative: Kevin Kuros

Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Town Moderator and seconded by Marcia Davis and Jane Reggio that a “consent agenda” be approved for **Articles 1, 4, and 5** on the Warrant. The motion was approved and declared a unanimous vote.

Article 1. MONETARY INCREASES

Article 4. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 90

Article 5. CABLE LICENSE FEES

ARTICLES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

A motion was made by Mike Foster and seconded by Brian Pacheco to move that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate a sum of \$83.73 which is necessary for the purpose of paying the following outstanding bills from prior fiscal years:

FY 2016: Veterans Services in the amount of \$62.80

FY 2016: Building Department in the amount of \$20.93

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 3. SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

A motion was made by Brian Pacheco and seconded by Paul Ouellette to move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$106,443.00 from the Stabilization Fund to fund deficits incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31D.

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 6. FUND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

A motion was made by Brian Pacheco and seconded by Paul Ouellette to move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees.

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 7. REVOLVING FUNDS

A motion was made by Mike Foster and seconded by Erica Blake to move that the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E1/2, as most recently amended, to:

- (1) Establish the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2018 and further to establish fiscal year spending limits as set forth below; and
- (2) Amend the General By-laws by inserting a new by-law establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide, as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 8. FUND CAPITAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Erica Blake and seconded by Paul Ouellette to move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to fund the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Capital Budget as follows:

\$10,000.00 towards replacement of Police Cruiser
\$20,000.00 towards replacement of Ambulance

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 9. STABILIZATION FUND

A motion was made by Paul Ouellette and seconded by Erica Blake to strike this article. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Article 10. FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

A motion was made by Mike Foster and seconded by Paul Ouellette to move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,905,826.00, to transfer the sum of 4201,334.00 from the Stabilization Fund and to transfer the sum of \$72,500.00 from Assessors Overlay Surplus for a total of \$6,179,660.00 as may be deemed necessary to defray Town expenses for all departments, including debt and interest and compensation for Town Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

ARTICLE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE

Article 11. ACCESSORY APARTMENT LANGUAGE

A motion was made by Joseph Rapoza and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing to move that the Town vote to amend Article V of the Zoning Code entitled “Specific Uses Requirements” by specifically amending the following Sections.

§100-502. Accessory Apartments.

Subsection B (4) thereof by adding the words “primary residential” so that the subsection will now read “...gross floor area of the primary residential dwelling...”

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Article 12. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

A motion was made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Joseph Rapoza to move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Millville by adding a new Section 100-304, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

At 9:46 PM, a motion was made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Roland Barrett to dissolve the Warrant. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Lockwood
Town Clerk
Notary Public, Justice of the Peace



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MILLVILLE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE,
IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millville who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Millville Elementary School on **Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

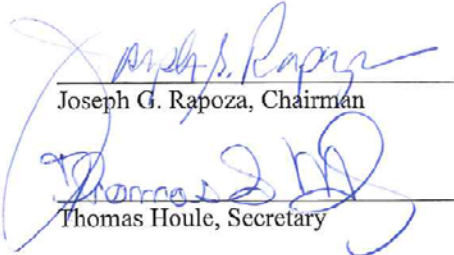
ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER OF FUNDS. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$298,429.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$104,750.00 to supplement the amount voted in Article 10 of the May 8, 2017 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the FY18 Blackstone – Millville Regional School District budget, and to meet this appropriation by transferring \$104,750.00 from the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Longfellow Municipal Center, Millville Post Office, Millville Senior Center, Millville Library and George's Variety Store, all in the Town of Millville, fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for said meeting.


Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

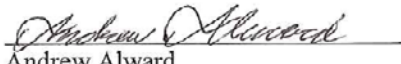
Given under our hands this 14th day of June in the year 2017.


Joseph G. Rapoza, Chairman

Jennifer Dean Wing, Vice Chairman



Thomas Houle, Secretary


Roland P. Barrett


Andrew Alward

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Warrant by posting true and attested copies as herein directed.


Constable


Date

6/15/17

**RESULTS OF THE MILLVILLE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM, then recessed until all Selectmen and Finance Committee Members were present. Reconvened at 7:06 PM

Number of Registered Voters Attending: **118**

In attendance:

Town Moderator:	Les Davis	Town Clerk:	Diane Lockwood
Town Administrator:	Jennifer Callahan	Town Counsel:	Brian Riley
Board of Selectmen:	Joseph Rapoza	Jennifer Dean Wing	
	Andrew Alward		
Finance Committee:	Paul Ouellette	Erica Blake	
	Mike Foster	Brian Pacheco	
State Representative:	Kevin Kuros		

Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Les Davis mentioned that Millville Town Meetings follow “Town Meeting Times”, not “Roberts Rules of Order”

Article 1: TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Article 1 failed by a majority vote.

Article 2: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. A motion was made by Jane Reggio, and seconded by Kara Kirby to strike the words “stabilization fund” and insert “free cash”. A request for a secret ballot was made. The vote was YES: 75 NO: 40

Article 2 passed by a majority vote, and the sum of \$104,750.00 was approved to be appropriated from free cash.

A motion was made by Paul Ouellette and seconded by Mike Foster to reconsider Article 1, and transfer the amount of \$193,679.00 to the stabilization fund. The motion passed by a majority vote.

A motion was made by Jennifer Dean and seconded by Joseph Rapoza to dissolve the warrant. The motion passed by a majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Lockwood, Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

Worcester, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Millville in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millville who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Millville Elementary School on **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: UNPAID INVOICES FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator and Finance Director*

Explanation: This article seeks authorization Town Meeting authorization to pay prior years bills; which is required pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64. Passage of this article requires a 4/5th's majority.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 2: AMEND REVOLVING FUND BYLAW. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Section 10-9, Revolving Funds, by adding the following to subsection (F), Authorized Revolving Funds:

	<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authority to Spend</i>	<i>Revenue Sources</i>	<i>Use of Fund</i>
5	Firearm License Application Fees	Chief of Police	Firearm license application fees	Costs associated with application processing

And, further, to establish the following spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2018:

5. Firearm License Application Fees - \$1,500.00

Or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted by: Police Chief and Finance Director*

Explanation: This is an addition to the Town's existing Revolving Fund Bylaw. Passage of this article establishes a revolving fund that will govern the receipt and expenditure of funds related to Firearm License Application Fees on an annual basis with a spending limit of \$1,500.00.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 3: AMEND CHAPTER 75, LICENSING. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Chapter 75, §75-2 (A), Licenses of Delinquent Taxpayers, so as to make the by-law consistent with recent amendments to General Laws Chapter 40, §57, by adding the text marked in italics and deleting the text marked with strikethrough as follows:

Listing of delinquent taxpayers. The Treasurer/Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereafter referred to as the "Treasurer/Collector," shall annually, *and may periodically*, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation or enterprise, hereafter referred to as the "party," that has neglected or refused to pay local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve-month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

Or take any other action related thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Administrator and Treasurer Collector***

Explanation: This amended language to the Town's existing bylaw is necessary and permitted under the Mass Municipal Modernization Act in order for the Treasurer Collector to be able to report delinquent taxpayers on a more frequent basis than annually. This means any outstanding taxes or charges owed to the Town can be considered in subjecting someone to denial or revocation of a license or permit.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 4. ESTABLISH GRANT MATCHING AND CAPITAL NEEDS STABILIZATION FUNDS. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, §5B, to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of matching funds that may be required for grant proposals and to establish another stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of funding for long term capital needs, or take any other action related thereto. ***Submitted By: Town Administrator and Finance Director***

Explanation: This article seeks to establish two stabilization funds which are essential in demonstrating the Town is improving its strategic financial planning in the specific areas of pursuing grants and providing for long term capital needs. Many matching fund grant programs require applicants in advance to show evidence of an actual source for a percent match in order to be awarded funding or to even be considered eligible to apply. A grant matching stabilization fund can help improve the Town's success in pursuing grant funding by saving towards and demonstrating a matching revenue source. Also, although the Town has a Capital Planning Bylaw, it has not established a specific "savings account" which is designated exclusively for addressing long term capital needs. Many towns have this specific type of stabilization fund which helps improve a community's overall financial standing, build savings, better manage prospective debt and increase resident confidence in government decision-making.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 5: ACCEPT PROPERTY BY DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE.

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Kenneth Beal, Suzanne Beale, Patricia J. Spencer, and Nicole Y. Beaudet, or the then current owner, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, to two parcels of land located at 35 and 37 Central Street, identified as Assessor's Parcel ID 123-79-0 and Assessor's Parcel ID 123-80-0, which are subject to tax takings held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcels to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to record the deed, provided the Board of Selectmen determines that the deed and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator***

Explanation: This article seeks Town Meeting approval to accept the deed of 35 and 37 Central Street properties (former Mug Pub) in lieu of foreclosure for the purpose of demolition. The Town was recently awarded a grant to remove this severely blighted and abandoned building due to major public safety concerns. Formal acceptance of the deed is a necessary step in the grant execution process. After demolition, the Town will seek Requests for Proposals to redevelop the property and place it back on the tax rolls.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 6: POWER/NET METERING CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to (i) enter into one or more power/net metering credit purchase agreements with one or more owners of renewable energy facilities for terms of up to 20 years, and (ii) take any actions and

execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the power/net metering credit purchase agreements, all of which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, or to act in any manner in relation thereto.

Explanation: This article seeks Town Meeting approval (Majority Vote) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into net metering credit agreements to take advantage of a share of the savings generated from three new solar projects. The agreements provide for a 22% discount to net metering credit value. The expected annual electricity cost savings to the Town is \$3,375 per year over 20 years for a total savings of \$67,500.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 7: REVISIONS TO EARTH REMOVAL BYLAW.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 55 of the Town General By-laws, Earth Removal, as follows:

- Rescind §55-3(A), Members, and insert in its place the following text:

Members. There shall be established an Earth Removal Board to administer the provisions of this bylaw. The members of the Earth Removal Board shall be the Building Commissioner; one member of the Conservation Commission, recommended by and from it; one member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, recommended by and from it; one member of the Planning Board or the Town Planner, as recommended by the Planning Board; one member of the Board of Health, recommended by and from it; the Enforcement Officer and the Highway Surveyor. No person employed by or having a direct or indirect beneficial interest in a commercial earth removal business in the Town of Millville shall be eligible for appointment to the Earth Removal Board.

- Amend §55-4(C) (6), Land Plan, by adding the following sentence: The land plan, or a separate plan filed with it, shall include all reclamation work that the applicant intends to complete after the approved quantity of earth has been removed.

- Rescind §55-10, Enforcement, in its entirety and insert in its place the following text:

§ 55-10. Violations and penalties; enforcement.

- A. *The Board or its authorized agent shall enforce this article, its regulations, and the requirements and conditions of permits issued thereunder and may pursue civil and criminal remedies for violations of the same.*
- B. *The Building Commissioner is authorized to conduct inspections on behalf of the Board. To the extent permitted by law, or if authorized by the owner, operator, or other person in control of the site, the Building Commissioner or other agent of the Board may enter on the site to conduct inspections.*

- C. *The Building Commissioner or other authorized agent of the Board may issue such orders as are deemed necessary to stop violations and ensure compliance with this by-law, its regulations, and permits, including an order to cease and desist operations. Such orders may be issued by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by delivery, to the property owner, permit holder, or person responsible for operations at the site.*
- D. *The Board may seek injunctive relief to restrain violations or to compel abatement or remediation of violations.*
- E. *Any person who violates any provision of this article or regulations, permits, and orders issued thereunder may be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 per offense. Each day that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.*
- F. *As an alternative to a criminal fine, the Town may utilize the noncriminal disposition procedures of MGL c. 40, § 21D, in which case the Building Commissioner shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the first offense shall be \$100. The penalty for the second offense shall be \$200. The penalty for the third and subsequent offenses shall be \$300. Each day that a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.*
- G. *If the violator holds a permit issued under this article, the Board may revoke the permit after a hearing, at which point all operations shall cease until such time as the necessary measures are taken to assure compliance with this article and a new permit is issued.*

Or take any other action related thereto. ***Submitted by: Building Commissioner and Town Administrator***

Explanation: This article seeks to amend our current Earth Removal Bylaw in the following ways: 1) To alter the membership of the Board to better reflect the necessary expertise and knowledge to oversee compliance and enforcement of the bylaw, 2) To improve upon existing language which requires the filing of a Land Plan that also provides a detailed accounting of all reclamation work to be done by an applicant on a site, and 3) To enhance the Violations and Penalties associated with enforcement for noncompliance with the bylaw.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 8: ADD BYLAW: REMEDY OF PUBLIC NUISANCES. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw authorizing the Town to seek remediation of public nuisances on private property, or take any other action related thereto:

REMEDY OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

Section 1 Authority and Purpose

Pursuant to the general powers granted to cities and towns by Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and the specific powers granted by the Massachusetts General Laws, this by-law is adopted to remedy nuisances within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

In this by-law, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) Building: A combination of any materials, whether portable or fixed, with exterior walls or firewalls and a roof, built, erected or framed, to form a structure for the shelter of persons, animals, or property. The word "building" shall be construed where the context requires as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

(2) Interested Parties: In connection with the notification requirements of this by-law, interested parties are the owner(s) of the property which is the subject of the hearing; the Town Administrator or his designee; owners of property directly opposite the subject property on any public or private street or way; abutters of the subject property; and abutters of abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the subject property. Ownership of land shall be determined by the most recent tax list.

(3) Nuisance: All public nuisances as known at common law or in equity jurisprudence; and furthermore whatever is dangerous to human life or detrimental to health. Specific conditions which may be characterized as nuisances include, without limitation:

(a) Burned structures not otherwise lawfully habitable or usable

(b) Dilapidated structures

(c) Dangerous or unsafe structures

(d) Dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, debris or trash

(e) Unregistered or abandoned vehicles or discarded vehicle parts which are not reasonably related to a use of the property permitted under current zoning and are not otherwise authorized under Town bylaws

(f) Commercial vehicles in excess of that permitted under current zoning by-laws

(g) Construction equipment not being diligently employed in construction activity on-site in a single family (RS) zoning district.

(h.) Scrap metal

(4) Owner: The recorded title holder to the property, or the authorized agent, assignee or representative of said title holder.

(5) Occupant: The person occupying or in control of such property.

(6) Structure: A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter such as a building, framework, retaining wall, reviewing stand, platform, bin, fence, sign, flagpole, or mast for an antenna or the like. The word "structure" shall be construed, where the context allows, as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

Section 3 Investigation

The Town Administrator shall, upon written complaint, have any condition inspected which may constitute a nuisance. The Town Administrator shall assign the investigation

to the town official who, in the Town Administrator's judgment, is the most appropriate investigating authority.

Section 4 Report

If, in the opinion of the Town Administrator or his/her designee, the reported condition does constitute a nuisance, his/her designee shall make a written report to the Selectmen of such condition, together with a petition for remedial action, and shall file a copy of the petition with the Town Clerk.

Section 5 Hearing

Upon receipt of such petition and report, the Board of Selectmen shall set a date for a hearing before said Board, not more than thirty (30) days after the date of filing of the petition with the Town Clerk.

Section 6 Notification

Notice of said hearing shall be posted, published and sent to all interested parties not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of said hearing. Notice of the hearing shall state the subject matter sufficient for proper identification, and the date, time and place of the hearing and shall be made in the following manner:

- (1) Publication of the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town
- (2) Mailings by first class mail to the addresses of interested parties.

Section 7 Order

Within seven (7) days of the hearing, the Selectmen shall determine whether or not the condition constitutes a nuisance, and shall determine what action shall be taken by the owner to remove the nuisance. Such actions may include, but shall not be limited to abatement or removal of the nuisance at the owner's expense within twenty-four hours after service of the order, or such other time as may be determined by the Selectmen.

Section 8 Service of Order

The Town Clerk shall deliver a copy of the order to an officer qualified to serve civil process, who shall forthwith serve an attested copy thereof. Such order shall be in writing and shall be served on the owner in the manner specified by MGL, Ch. 111, s. 124, as amended.

Section 9 Penalty

An owner or occupant shall forfeit twenty dollars (\$20.00) for every day during which he willfully violates such order.

Section 10 Appeal to Superior Court

In accordance with MGL, Ch. 139, s. 2, a person aggrieved by such order may appeal to the Worcester Superior Court. This civil action must be commenced within three (3) days after the service of the attested copy of the order upon said aggrieved person.

Section 11 Removal of Nuisance by Selectmen

If the owner fails to comply with the order within the time limit given in the order, the Selectmen may cause the nuisance to be removed and all expenses incurred thereby shall constitute a debt due the Town upon completion of the removal and the rendering of an account therefor to the owner, and shall be recoverable from such owner in an action of contract. Any such debt shall constitute a lien on the land upon which the nuisance was located. The Selectmen shall follow the procedures relative to liens provided in MGL, Ch. 139, s. 3A, as amended.

Or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Building Commissioner, Fire Department and Town Administrator*

Explanation: This article seeks to establish a new bylaw to address numerous public nuisance factors in which our enforcement officers must address and attempt to remedy when issuing violations and addressing repeated resident complaints. Other nearby communities have found similar bylaw language extremely helpful in gaining compliance and withstanding legal scrutiny.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 9: UNREGISTERED VEHICLES. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 90, Article II of the Town General By-laws, Unregistered Vehicles, as follows:

- by rescinding §90-6 and §90-7 in their entirety;
- by renumbering §90-8 and §90-9 to preserve sequencing; and
- by deleting the words “or as provided in §90-6 of this bylaw” from the second sentence §90-5.

Or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted by: Building Commissioner, Police Department and Town Administrator*

Explanation: This article seeks to eliminate the old language provisions allowing the Board of Selectmen to issue special permits for the storage of multiple vehicles on a property. This current provision can be interpreted by the courts as a permissible use on a property, even when someone has clearly violated the law and amassed numerous unregistered junk cars in residential neighborhoods. By removing this conflicting language, the Town’s enforcement efforts will be less likely to be legally undermined.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

ARTICLE 10: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF HURTEAU ROAD. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Hurteau Road as described on a Plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Hurteau Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge,

Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Hurteau Road as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 11: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF TWIN POND CIRCLE. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Twin Pond Circle as described on a Plan entitled "Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Guerriere & Hanlon, Inc., Whitinsville, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated August 15, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Twin Pond Circle as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 12: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF PAULETTE WAY. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Paulette Way as described on a Plan entitled "Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Guerriere & Hanlon, Inc., Whitinsville, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated August 15, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Paulette Way as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 13: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE I). To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Albert Drive as described on a Plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Albert Drive in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering,

Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Albert Drive Partial (Carriage I) as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 14: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE II). To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Albert Drive as described on a Plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan for Albert Drive (Sta 4+67.26 – 22+48.16) in Millville, Massachusetts", prepared by Marc N. Nyberg Associates, Inc. 501 Great Road, Unit 104, North Smithfield, RI, scale 1" equals 60, dated October 10, 2017, together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Albert Drive Partial (Carriage II) as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 15: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road as described on a Plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Ronden Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Ronden Road as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

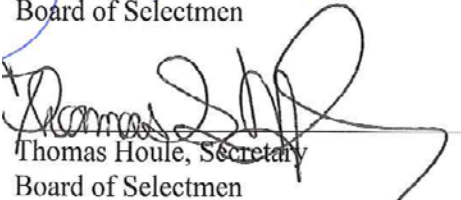
Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 3-2

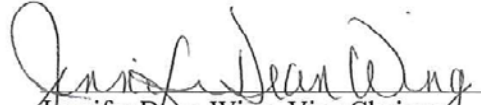
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Millville Town Hall (290 Main Street), the Millville Post Office, the Millville Senior Center, the Millville Library and George's Variety Store, all in the Town of Millville, fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for said meeting.


Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

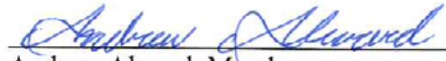
Given under our hands this **26th day of October in the year 2017.**


Joseph G. Rapoza, Chairman
Board of Selectmen


Thomas Houle, Secretary
Board of Selectmen


Jennifer Dean-Wing, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen


Roland P. Barrett, Member
Board of Selectmen


Andrew Alward, Member
Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF SERVICE

I, NORMAN A. THUBOT, Constable for the Town of Millville, hereby certify

I have served this Warrant by posting true and attested copies as herein directed.


Signature

10/27/17
Date

TOWN OF MILLVILLE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MILLVILLE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

Worcester, ss

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Millville, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met at the Millville Elementary School, in said Millville, and transacted the following business on November 13, 2017:

Moderator Les Davis called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00pm, declaring the presence of a quorum (40 required, 46 voters present).

ARTICLE 1: UNPAID INVOICES FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator and Finance Director*

Explanation: This article seeks authorization of Town Meeting to pay prior years bills; which is required pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64. Passage of this article requires a 9/10 majority or unanimous vote.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #1:

I move that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate **\$247.98** for the purpose of paying outstanding bills of the Library and Police Departments from the prior Fiscal Year 2017.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 2: AMEND REVOLVING FUND BYLAW. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Section 10-9, Revolving Funds, by adding the following to subsection (F), Authorized Revolving Funds:

	<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authority to Spend</i>	<i>Revenue Sources</i>	<i>Use of Fund</i>
5	Firearm License	Chief of Police	Firearm license	Costs associated with

	Application Fees		application fees	application processing
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And, further, to establish the following spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2018:

5. Firearm License Application Fees - \$1,500.00

Or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted by: Police Chief and Finance Director*

Explanation: This is an addition to the Town's existing Revolving Fund Bylaw. Passage of this article establishes a revolving fund that will govern the receipt and expenditure of funds related to Firearm License Application Fees on an annual basis with a spending limit of \$1,500.00.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #2:

1. I move that the Town vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Section 10-9, Revolving Funds, by adding the following to subsection (F), Authorized Revolving Funds:
- 2.

	<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authority to Spend</i>	<i>Revenue Sources</i>	<i>Use of Fund</i>
5	Firearm License Application Fees	Chief of Police	Firearm license application fees	Costs associated with application processing

And, further, to establish the following spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2018: Firearm License Application Fees - \$1,500.00

The motion was seconded
Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 3: AMEND CHAPTER 75, LICENSING. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Chapter 75, §75-2 (A), Licenses of Delinquent Taxpayers, so as to make the by-law consistent with recent amendments to General Laws Chapter 40, §57, by adding the text marked in italics and deleting the text marked with strikethrough as follows:

Listing of delinquent taxpayers. The Treasurer/Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereafter referred to as the "Treasurer/Collector," shall annually, *and may periodically*, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation or enterprise, hereafter referred to as the "party," that has neglected or refused to pay local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve-month period~~, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

Or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator and Treasurer Collector*

Explanation: This amended language to the Town's existing bylaw is necessary and permitted under the Mass Municipal Modernization Act in order for the Treasurer Collector to be able to report delinquent taxpayers on a more frequent basis than annually. This means any outstanding taxes or charges owed to the Town can be considered in subjecting someone to denial or revocation of a license or permit.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #3:

I move that the Town vote to amend the Town General By-laws, Chapter 75, §75-2 (A), Licenses of Delinquent Taxpayers, so as to make the by-law consistent with recent amendments to General Laws Chapter 40, §57, by adding the text marked in italics and deleting the text marked with strikethrough as printed in the warrant.

The motion was seconded
Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 4. ESTABLISH GRANT MATCHING AND CAPITAL NEEDS STABILIZATION FUNDS.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, §5B, to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of matching funds that may be required for grant proposals and to establish another stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of funding for long term capital needs, or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted By: Town Administrator and Finance Director*

Explanation: This article seeks to establish two stabilization funds which are essential in demonstrating the Town is improving its strategic financial planning in the specific areas of pursuing grants and providing for long term capital needs. Many matching fund grant programs require applicants in advance to show evidence of an actual source for a percent

match in order to be awarded funding or to even be considered eligible to apply. A grant matching stabilization fund can help improve the Town's success in pursuing grant funding by saving towards and demonstrating a matching revenue source. Also, although the Town has a Capital Planning Bylaw, it has not established a specific "savings account" which is designated exclusively for addressing long term capital needs. Many towns have this specific type of stabilization fund which helps improve a community's overall financial standing, build savings, better manage prospective debt and increase resident confidence in government decision-making.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #4:

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, §5B, to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of Matching Funds that may be required for grant proposals and to establish another stabilization fund for the purpose of providing a source of funding for Long Term Capital Needs.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 5: ACCEPT PROPERTY BY DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE.

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Kenneth Beal, Suzanne Beale, Patricia J. Spencer, and Nicole Y. Beaudet, or the then current owner, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, to two parcels of land located at 35 and 37 Central Street, identified as Assessor's Parcel ID 123-79-0 and Assessor's Parcel ID 123-80-0, which are subject to tax takings held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcels to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to record the deed, provided the Board of Selectmen determines that the deed and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator***

Explanation: This article seeks Town Meeting approval to accept the deed of 35 and 37 Central Street properties (former Mug Pub) in lieu of foreclosure for the purpose of demolition. The Town was recently awarded a grant to remove this severely blighted and abandoned building due to major public safety concerns. Formal acceptance of the deed is a necessary step in the grant execution process. After demolition, the Town will seek Requests for Proposals to redevelop the property and place it back on the tax rolls.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #5:

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The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 6: POWER/NET METERING CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to (i) enter into one or more power/net metering credit purchase agreements with one or more owners of renewable energy facilities for terms of up to 20 years, and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the power/net metering credit purchase agreements, all of which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, or to act in any manner in relation thereto.

Explanation: This article seeks Town Meeting approval (Majority Vote) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into net metering credit agreements to take advantage of a share of the savings generated from three new solar projects. The agreements provide for a 22% discount to net metering credit value. The expected annual electricity cost savings to the Town is \$3,375 per year over 20 years for a total savings of \$67,500.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0 Finance Recommendation: Approve 3-0

Motion Article #6:

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The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

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Massachusetts General Laws, this by-law is adopted to remedy nuisances within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

In this by-law, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) Building: A combination of any materials, whether portable or fixed, with exterior walls or firewalls and a roof, built, erected or framed, to form a structure for the shelter of persons, animals, or property. The word "building" shall be construed where the context requires as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

(2) Interested Parties: In connection with the notification requirements of this by-law, interested parties are the owner(s) of the property which is the subject of the hearing; the Town Administrator or his designee; owners of property directly opposite the subject property on any public or private street or way; abutters of the subject property; and abutters of abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the subject property. Ownership of land shall be determined by the most recent tax list.

(3) Nuisance: All public nuisances as known at common law or in equity jurisprudence; and furthermore whatever is dangerous to human life or detrimental to health. Specific conditions which may be characterized as nuisances include, without limitation:

(a) Burned structures not otherwise lawfully habitable or usable

(b) Dilapidated structures

(c) Dangerous or unsafe structures

(d) Dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, debris or trash

(e) Unregistered or abandoned vehicles or discarded vehicle parts which are not reasonably related to a use of the property permitted under current zoning and are not otherwise authorized under Town bylaws

(f) Commercial vehicles in excess of that permitted under current zoning by-laws

(g) Construction equipment not being diligently employed in construction activity on-site in a single family (RS) zoning district.

(h.) Scrap metal

(4) Owner: The recorded title holder to the property, or the authorized agent, assignee or representative of said title holder.

(5) Occupant: The person occupying or in control of such property.

(6) Structure: A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter such as a building, framework, retaining wall, reviewing stand, platform, bin, fence, sign, flagpole, or mast for an antenna or the like. The word "structure" shall be construed, where the context allows, as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

Section 3 Investigation

The Town Administrator shall, upon written complaint, have any condition inspected which may constitute a nuisance. The Town Administrator shall assign the investigation to the town official who, in the Town Administrator's judgment, is the most appropriate investigating authority.

Section 4 Report

If, in the opinion of the Town Administrator or his/her designee, the reported condition does constitute a nuisance, his/her designee shall make a written report to the Selectmen of such condition, together with a petition for remedial action, and shall file a copy of the petition with the Town Clerk.

Section 5 Hearing

Upon receipt of such petition and report, the Board of Selectmen shall set a date for a hearing before said Board, not more than thirty (30) days after the date of filing of the petition with the Town Clerk.

Section 6 Notification

Notice of said hearing shall be posted, published and sent to all interested parties not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of said hearing. Notice of the hearing shall state the subject matter sufficient for proper identification, and the date, time and place of the hearing and shall be made in the following manner:

- (1) Publication of the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town
- (2) Mailings by first class mail to the addresses of interested parties.

Section 7 Order

Within seven (7) days of the hearing, the Selectmen shall determine whether or not the condition constitutes a nuisance, and shall determine what action shall be taken by the owner to remove the nuisance. Such actions may include, but shall not be limited to abatement or removal of the nuisance at the owner's expense within twenty-four hours after service of the order, or such other time as may be determined by the Selectmen.

Section 8 Service of Order

The Town Clerk shall deliver a copy of the order to an officer qualified to serve civil process, who shall forthwith serve an attested copy thereof. Such order shall be in writing and shall be served on the owner in the manner specified by MGL, Ch. 111, s. 124, as amended.

Section 9 Penalty

An owner or occupant shall forfeit twenty dollars (\$20.00) for every day during which he willfully violates such order.

Section 10 Appeal to Superior Court

In accordance with MGL, Ch. 139, s. 2, a person aggrieved by such order may appeal to the Worcester Superior Court. This civil action must be commenced within three (3) days after the service of the attested copy of the order upon said aggrieved person.

Section 11 Removal of Nuisance by Selectmen

If the owner fails to comply with the order within the time limit given in the order, the Selectmen may cause the nuisance to be removed and all expenses incurred thereby shall constitute a debt due the Town upon completion of the removal and the rendering of an account therefor to the owner, and shall be recoverable from such owner in an action of

contract. Any such debt shall constitute a lien on the land upon which the nuisance was located. The Selectmen shall follow the procedures relative to liens provided in MGL, Ch. 139, s. 3A, as amended.

Or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Building Commissioner, Fire Department and Town Administrator*

Explanation: This article seeks to establish a new bylaw to address numerous public nuisance factors in which our enforcement officers must address and attempt to remedy when issuing violations and addressing repeated resident complaints. Other nearby communities have found similar bylaw language extremely helpful in gaining compliance and withstanding legal scrutiny.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

Motion Article #8:

I move that the Town vote to adopt the following bylaw authorizing the Town to seek remediation of public nuisances on private property, as printed in the warrant with one change that the word “permitted” shall be inserted in Section 2 Definitions (3) (g) prior to the words “construction activity”

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 9: UNREGISTERED VEHICLES. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 90, Article II of the Town General By-laws, Unregistered Vehicles, as follows:

- by rescinding §90-6 and §90-7 in their entirety;
- by renumbering §90-8 and §90-9 to preserve sequencing; and
- by deleting the words “or as provided in §90-6 of this bylaw” from the second sentence §90-5.

Or take any other action related thereto. *Submitted by: Building Commissioner, Police Department and Town Administrator*

Explanation: This article seeks to eliminate the old language provisions allowing the Board of Selectmen to issue special permits for the storage of multiple vehicles on a property. This current provision can be interpreted by the courts as a permissible use on a property, even when someone has clearly violated the law and amassed numerous unregistered junk cars in residential neighborhoods. By removing this conflicting language, the Town’s enforcement efforts will be less likely to be legally undermined.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 4-0

Motion Article #9:

I move that the Town vote to amend Chapter 90, Article II of the Town General By-laws, Unregistered Vehicles, as follows:

- by rescinding §90-6 and §90-7 in their entirety;
- by renumbering §90-8 and §90-9 to preserve sequencing; and
- by deleting the words “or as provided in §90-6 of this bylaw” from the second sentence §90-5.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 10: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF HURTEAU ROAD. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Hurteau Road as described on a Plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Hurteau Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1”=40’, dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Hurteau Road as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: *Approve 5-0*

Motion Article #10:

Motion to Strike Article #10

The motion to strike Article #10 was seconded

Moderator declares the motion to strike Article #10 carries

ARTICLE 11: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF TWIN POND CIRCLE. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Twin Pond Circle as described on a Plan entitled “Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Guerriere & Hanlon, Inc., Whitinsville, Massachusetts, scale 1”=40’, dated August 15, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Twin Pond Circle as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

Planning Recommendation: 3-0

Motion Article #11:

I move that the Town vote to accept Twin Pond Circle as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan entitled “Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts”, dated August 15, 2016, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town of an easement or fee in said street and the drainage easements associated with said street as shown on said plan.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 12: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF PAULETTE WAY. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Paulette Way as described on a Plan entitled “Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Guerriere & Hanlon, Inc., Whitinsville, Massachusetts, scale 1”=40’, dated August 15, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Paulette Way as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

Planning Recommendation: 3-0

Motion Article #12:

I move that the Town vote to accept Paulette Way as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan entitled “Layout Plan of Paulette Way and Twin Pond Circle in Millville, Massachusetts”, dated August 15, 2016, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town of an easement or fee in said street and the drainage easements associated with said street as shown on said plan.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 13: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE I). To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Albert Drive as described on a Plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Albert Drive in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1”=40’, dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Albert Drive Partial (Carriage I) as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

Motion Article #13:

Motion to Strike Article #’s 13, 14, and 15

The motion to strike Article #’s 13, 14, and 15 was seconded

Moderator declares the motion to strike Article #’s 13, 14, and 15 carries

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares the motion carries

ARTICLE 14: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE II). To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Albert Drive as described on a Plan entitled “Road Acceptance Plan for Albert Drive (Sta 4+67.26—22+48.16) in Millville, Massachusetts”, prepared by Marc N. Nyberg Associates, Inc. 501 Great Road, Unit 104, North Smithfield, RI, scale 1” equals 60, dated October 10, 2017, together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Albert Drive Partial (Carriage II) as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0

ARTICLE 15: PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road as described on a Plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Ronden Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)”, prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1”=40’, dated September 30, 2016 together with a deed of conveyance of such Street and drainage easements all as shown on the Plan. A copy of said Plan is on file with the Board of Selectmen’s office and the Town Clerk’s office, or do or act anything in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Planner and Highway Surveyor*

Explanation: This article seeks to have the Town accept Ronden Road as a public way conditional on meeting all official road acceptance standards and provisions.

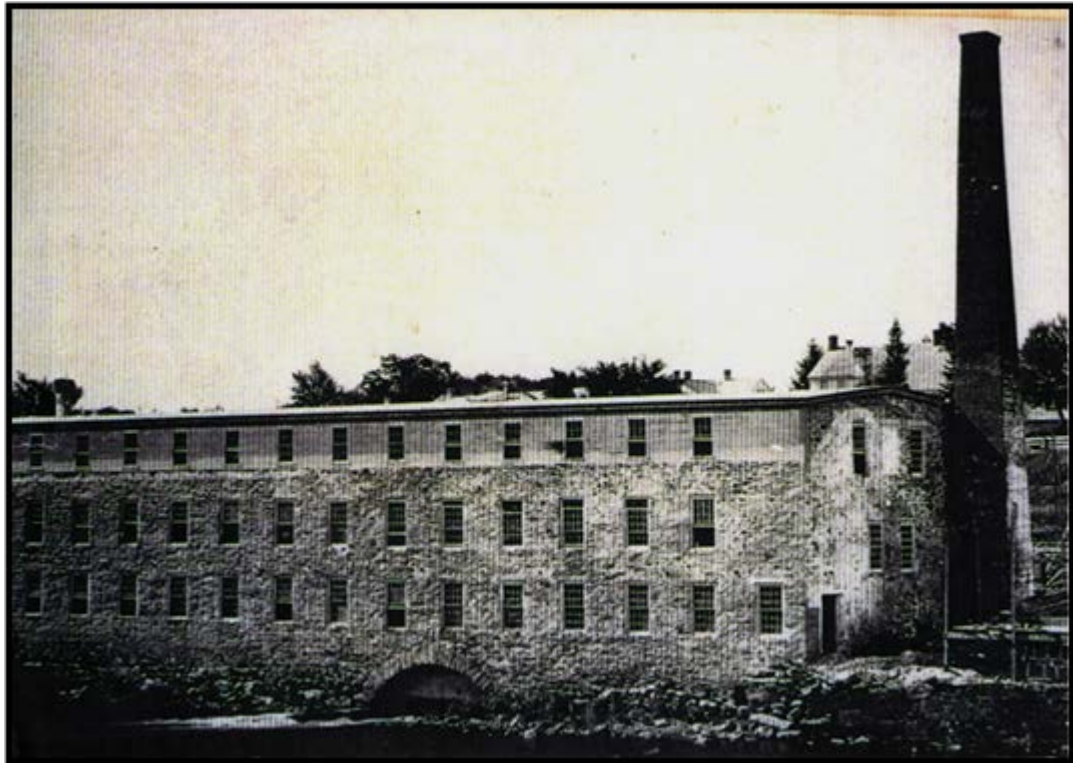
Selectmen Recommendation: *Approve 3-2*

All articles having been acted upon, the moderator declared the meeting closed at 7:55pm.

A true copy attest,

Kelly J. Dumas
Town Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENTS



TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

I am pleased to submit my report as the appointed Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 2017.

As Treasurer I continue to balance monthly cash reconciliations and reports continue to be filed in a timely manner. I would like to give special acknowledgement to Assistant Collector, Marcia Ferro. Marcia is extremely efficient and hard working. She is very helpful and courteous when assisting the town residents.

July, 2016 through July 12, 2017 town hall employees were relocated to the Police Department, due to on-going structural issues in the Town Hall. I want to thank Chief Ronald Landry and Trish Benoit-Rudden for their hospitality and assistance throughout our year in the Police Department.

On July 13th we moved into the new Town Hall in the former American Legion Hall on Main Street. I would like to thank Town Administrator, Jennifer Callahan, for the countless hours she put into the renovation and remodeling of the new Town Hall. I would also like to thank her for the endless support she has offered since she was appointed.

Tax Title Properties-

Four (4) properties were paid off and redeemed

One (1) property was foreclosed on

Five (5) properties were sent to Land Court

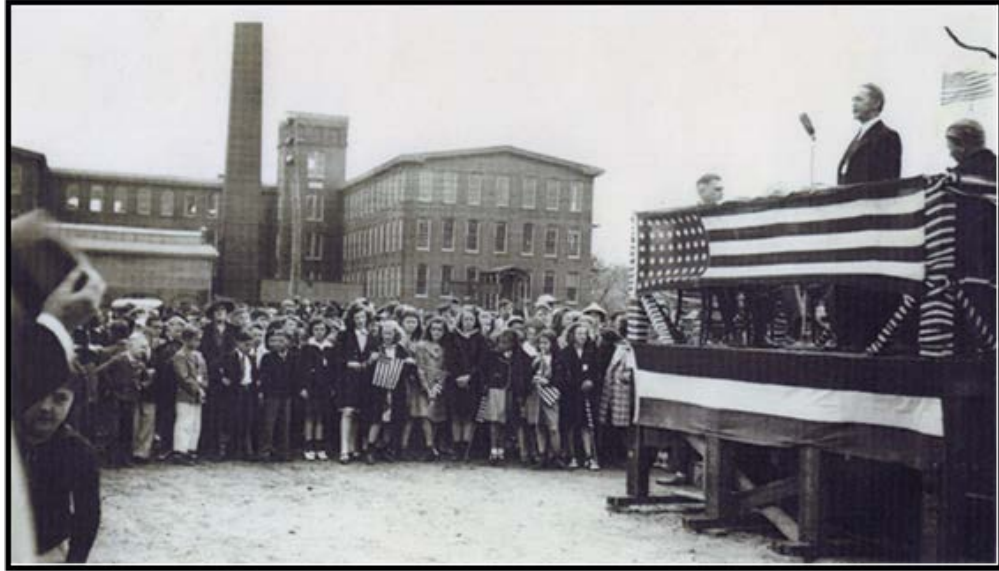
Our collection rates continue to be extremely successful at 96% collected for Real Estate and 100% collected for Personal Property. The office informs property owners when bills are mailed and as we approach collection dates. Notices are posted on our local cable channel, as well as in the local newspaper. Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle bills are the taxpayer's responsibility. The tax is owed even if a bill isn't received. We also offer taxpayers the convenience of paying their Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle bills on the town's website through our Unipay System.

In FY2017 the office received 114 requests for municipal lien certificates.

I would like to say thank you to my co-workers who continue to provide support whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Larue
Treasurer/Collector



FUNDS PER BANK STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Cash on Hand	600
Ambulance	67,575
Arts Lottery	8,085
Checking	9669
Depository	2,394,968
Housing Rehabilitation	67,312
Library	15,150
Library Trust	35,596
Parks & Rec Coe Field	654
Program Income	81,001
Septic Repair	18
Septic Recapture Grant	63,425
Septic Loan	7,686
Stabilization Accounts	154,811
Tax Collection Account	2,614
Treasurer's Accounts	63,563
Wildwood Estates	1,283
Milford National Bank	22,975
Unibank for Savings	38,451
Debit Account	1,343
Compensated Absense Fund	12,692
Council on Aging Cert of Deposit	<u>121,582</u>
	3,171,053

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES		
Year Ending 6/30/17		
	REAL ESTATE TAXES	
2017	Real Estate Taxes Collected	4,188,116
	Outstanding Taxes	164,862
2016	Real Estate Taxes Collected	165,867
	Outstanding Taxes	4,116
2015	Real Estate Taxes Collected	115,535
	Outstanding Taxes	3,270
2014	Real Estate Taxes Collected	21,735
	Outstanding Taxes	387
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	
2017	Personal Property Taxes Collected	264,369
	Outstanding Taxes	340
2016	Personal Property Taxes Collected	-
	Outstanding Taxes	306
2015	Personal Property Taxes Collected	-
	Outstanding Taxes	373
2014	Personal Property Taxes Collected	-
	Outstanding Taxes	387
	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	
2017	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	317,421
	Outstanding Taxes	74,461

2016	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	74,973
	Outstanding Taxes	9,775
2015	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	7,145
	Outstanding Taxes	3,949
2014	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	1,552
	Outstanding Taxes	1,806
	TAX TITLE	
	Tax Title Collected	27,493
	Interest on Tax Title	14,850
	DELINQUENT	
	Interest	36,127
	Demand & Warrant Fees	12,840
	Municipal Lien Certificate	2,850
	Duplicate Bill Fee	246



TOWN OF MILLVILLE 2017 ANNUAL COMPENSATION

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alward	Krestina	5366.20
Alward	Andrew	750.00
Alward	Natalia	26565.58
Anderson	Colleen	12200.00
Anderson	Jill	15797.28
Arcouette	Nicholas	1980.00
Barber III	Lincoln	14005.00
Barrett	Claudette	570.00
Barrett Sr	Roland	800.00
Bartlett	Douglas	2444.25
Beckwith	Jeffrey	5433.75
Benoit-Rudden	Patricia	38958.97
Blanchette	Samantha	2223.50
Boone	Margaret	2926.00
Bouvier	Dennis	2117.50
Braza	Loriann	528.00
Cahill	Daniel	344.00
Callahan	Jennifer	71752.00
Canali	Wanda	7205.26
Carney	Hilary	11440.00
Catalano	Anthony	1799.00
Choquette	Michael	911.60
Ciccarelli	Dustin	900.00
Coupe	William	60984.00
Cusack	James	16247.50
D'Agostino	John	5765.00
Dafault	Jesse	2064.00

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Desmarais	Danny	64343.24
Dumond	Michelle	550.00
Dunlavey	Philip	344.00
Fagan	Gary	4100.00
Ferro	Marcia	16913.00
Finn	Patricia	100.00
Finn	Gerald	1800.00
Franzen	Philip	2528.00
Furno	Karin	3227.25
Furno	Steven	70253.77
Gauvin	Mary	2644.00
Giacchetti	Jaclyn	2009.00
Gilmore	Mary	727.00
Gould	Scott	53081.00
Grant	Shirley	18992.00
Grenga	John	5075.00
Guilbeault	Jonathan	1503.00
Guilbeault	Joseph	616.00
Hadley	Karen	125.00
Hadley	John	650.00
Heldenbergh	Richard	25.00
Heldenbergh	Barbara	260.00
Herrick	Kristina	17116.04
Herrick	Andrea	100.00
Houle	Thomas	600.00
Houle	Samuel	1619.75
Hurteau	Richard	550.00
Izzo	Leonard	4005.00
Labonte	Timothy	17055.00
Labrie	Jeffrey	3517.00
Landry	Ronald	91024.00
Landry	Charles	455.00
Landry	Cody	57949.00
Landry	Craig	344.00
Laplume	Jeanette	125.00
Laplume	Marcel	125.00
Larue	Lisa	46496.00
Laura	John	200.00
LeBlanc	Kelly	1468.50
LeBlanc	Michael	14847.50
Lench	Lawrence	4505.00
Liard Jr.	Roy	5703.75
Lima	Benjamin	33784.00
Lockwood	Diane	31062.50
Marks	Robert	1310.00
Mastromatteo	Ryan	6420.60
Mathieu	Marilyn	4050.00
Mercure	Jonathan	704.00
Monroe	Judith	1188.00
Mullaly	Brian	17995.62
Mullaly	Tyler	564.00
Mullaly	Alex	1404.50
Mullaly	James	125.00
Mulvey	Thomas	300.00
Murray	Peter	50.00
Neylon	Brennan	2243.00
Niro	Matthew	1452.00
Olson	Eric	150.00
Perron	James	189.00
Petrowicz	Jake	349.00

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rapoza	Joseph	800.00
Reynolds	Thomas	18266.71
Robinson	Catherine	800.00
Sheehan	Joseph	152.00
Sheehan	Jonathan	25857.01
Sheppard	Blaine	58349.00
Sullivan	Kevin	4675.00
Sullivan	Roy	4410.48
Sutherland	Coll	1897.50
Sutherland	Jeffrey	50.00
Sutherland	Amy	3203.28
Therrien	Michael	77.00
Whalen	Holly	5966.00
Wing	Jennifer	800.00
Wojcik	John	5887.50
Grand Total 102 Records		1064282.89



FINANCE DIRECTOR
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

SCHEDULE A PART 1

GENERAL FUND REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
(FUND 01) – FISCAL YEAR 2017

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A. TAXES		
4110	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	264,436
4120	REAL ESTATE TAXES	4,239,905
4150	EXCISE TAXES	385,572
4179	PENALTIES & INTEREST	60,627
4180	IN LIEU OF TAXES	
4191	OTHER TAXES - HOTELS/MOTEL	
4196	URBAN REDEVELOPMENT EXCISES	
4199	OTHER TAXES	56,734
A. TOTAL TAXES(NET OF REFUNDS)		5,007,274
B. CHARGES FOR SERVICES/OTHER DEPTMENTAL REVENUES		
4211	WATER CHARGES	
4212	OTHER UTILITY CHARGES	
4229	OTHER CHARGES	
4243	PARKING CHARGES	
4244	PARK & RECREATION CHARGES	
4246	SEWERAGE CHARGES	
4247	TRASH COLLECTION CHARGES	
4248	TRANSIT CHARGES	
4370	OTHER DEPARTMENT REVENUE	25,245
B. TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES/OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES		25,245
C. LICENSE, PERMITS & FEES		
4322	FEES RETAINED FROM TAX COLLECTION	
4400	LICENSES & PERMITS	47,908
C. TOTAL LICENSE, PERMITS & FEES		47,908
D. FEDERAL REVENUE		
4540	UNRESTRICTED - DIRECT	
4580	UNRESTRICTED - THROUGH STATE	
D. TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE		
E. REVENUES FROM STATE		
4600	STATE REVENUE	524,144
E. TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE		524,144
F. REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4695	COURT FINES	
4720	RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES PERFORMED	
4730	RECEIVED FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED	
F. TOTAL REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
G. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
4750	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
G. TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		

TOWN OF MILLVILLE

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

SCHEDULE A PART 2

FISCAL YEAR 2017

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (100)

ACCOUNT NO.	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	LEGISLATIVE	EXECUTIVE	ACCOUNT AUTHOR	COLLECTOR	TREASURER	LAW DEPT. TOWN/CITY COUNSEL	PUBLIC BUILDING/PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE	ASSESSORS	OPERATIONS SUPPORT	LICENSE/REGISTRATION	LAND USE	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	OTHER
5100	SALARY/WAGES		74,432	18,093	18,562	47,012		23,257	29,738		39,920	13,017	3,136	
5700	EXPENDITURES		1,613	31,371		32,018	33,253	77,265	28,230	21,180	8,488	1,704	212	1,234
5800A	CONSTRUCTION													
5800B	CAPITAL OUTLAY													
TOTAL			76,045	49,464	18,562	79,030	33,253	100,522	57,968	21,180	48,408	14,721	3,348	1,234

PUBLIC SAFETY (200)

ACCOUNT NO	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	POLICE	FIRE	EMERG MED SERVICES	INSPECTION	OTHER
5100	SALARY/WAGES	383,276	171,985		14,655	49,326
5700	EXPENDITURES	45,680	74,671		4,155	62,515
5800A	CONSTRUCTION					
5800B	CAPITAL OUTLAY	54,128	19,847			
TOTAL		483,084	266,503		18,810	111,841

EDUCATION (300)

ACCOUNT NO.	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	EDUCATION	REG SCHOOL ASSESS. 1	REG SCHOOL ASSESS. 2	REG SCHOOL ASSESS. 3	REG SCHOOL ASSESS. 4
5100	SALARY/WAGES					
5700	EXPENDITURES	33,627	345,517	139,935	46,200	2,794,616
5800A	CONSTRUCTION					
5800B	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
TOTAL		33,627	345,517	139,935	46,200	2,794,616

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

SCHEDULE A PART 2
FISCAL YEAR 2017

PUBLIC WORKS (400)

ACCOUNT NO.	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	HWYSTREETS (SNOWICE)	HWYSTREETS(O THERS)	WASTE COLLECT/DISP	SEWER COLLECT/DISP	WATER COLLECT/DISP	PAINTING GARAGE	STREET LIGHTING	OTHER
5100	SALARY/WAGES	4,457	48,360						952
5700	EXPENDITURES	182,068	52,529					20,617	1,884
5800A	CONSTRUCTION								
5800B	CAPITAL OUTLAY								
TOTAL		186,525	100,619						

HUMAN SERVICES (500)

ACCOUNT NO.	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	HEALTH SERVICES	CLINICAL SERVICES	SPECIAL PROGRAM	VETERANS SERVICES	OTHER
5100	SALARY/WAGES	23,594				24,085
5700	EXPENDITURES	236,538	2,500		2,674	12,935
5800A	CONSTRUCTION					
5800B	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
TOTAL		260,132	2,500		2,674	37,020

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

SCHEDULE A PART 9

SCHEDULE OF CASH & INVESTMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2017

<u>ACCOUNT #</u> <u>FUNDS</u>	<u>ITEM</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CASH &</u> <u>INVESTMENTS</u>
0016	GENERAL FUND	1,208,074
0017	SPECIAL REVENUE	765,128
0018	DEBT SERVICE FUND	
0019	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	95,453
0020	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
0021	TRUST FUNDS	431,199
0022	AGENCY FUNDS	33,153
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		2,533,007

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

SCHEDULE A PART 11

RECONCILIATION OF FUND EQUITY (RETAINED EARNINGS) FOR
FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2017

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>TRUST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 TOTAL REVENUE	5,628,091	630,612			6,258,703
2 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,809,823	475,562	377,624	4,063	6,667,072
3 TOTAL EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES)(LINE 1-LINE2)	-181,732	155,050	-377,624	4,063	-408,369
4 TRANSFERS FROM THER FUNDS	195,263	165,000			360,263
5 OTHER FINANCING RESOURCES	165,000				165,000
6 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	165,000	155,263		40,000	360,263
7 OTHER FINANCING USES					
8 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES) SUM OF LINES 4 & 5 MINUS LINES 6 & 7	195,263	9,737		-40,000	185,000
9 TOTAL EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES SUM OF LINES 3 & 8	13,531	164,787	-377,624	-44,063	-243,369
10 FUND EQUITY(RETAINED EARNINGS) BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,279,093	349,793	137,123	433,957	2,199,966
11 OTHER ADJUSTMENTS					
12 TOTAL FUND EQUITY(RETAINED EARNINGS) END OF YEAR (SUM OF LINES 9-11)	1,292,624	514,580	-240,501	389,894	1,958,597



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Once again, it is time for me to write to the townspeople about the financial state of affairs of Millville. In preparation of this task, every time I have done it, I read the previous year's report. Occasionally, I read back a couple of years also, and try to determine if we have made the right recommendations, and are keeping the town of Millville on the right track to move forward.

The bad news is, our lack of revenue has not improved. We are faced with a significant revenue shortage as we enter into the Fiscal Year 2019 budget planning sessions. So much so, that without a correction in our revenue, we will be unable to balance next year's budget. For the last many years, the Finance Committee has been warning the townspeople that this day would come. We have made recommendations that our revenue needs to be increased or our budget track would not be sustainable for any future, near or far. The townspeople spoke! They voted another additional amount to the school of \$106,000. Our recommendations are only affective to those that are willing to listen.

The positive news is that we have made some excellent strides to get Millville on track for success. The Town Hall is now a newly renovated building at 290 Main St., formerly the VFW. The project was completed primarily with donations, like-kind exchanges, and insurance proceeds received from the inability to use the old town hall building. It cost the town very little for the move, and is already yielding returns in increased efficiency of new mechanical systems and reduction in maintenance costs. I have also noticed what seems to be a sense of pride from the employees in this new surrounding and that can certainly lead to a more efficient workplace.

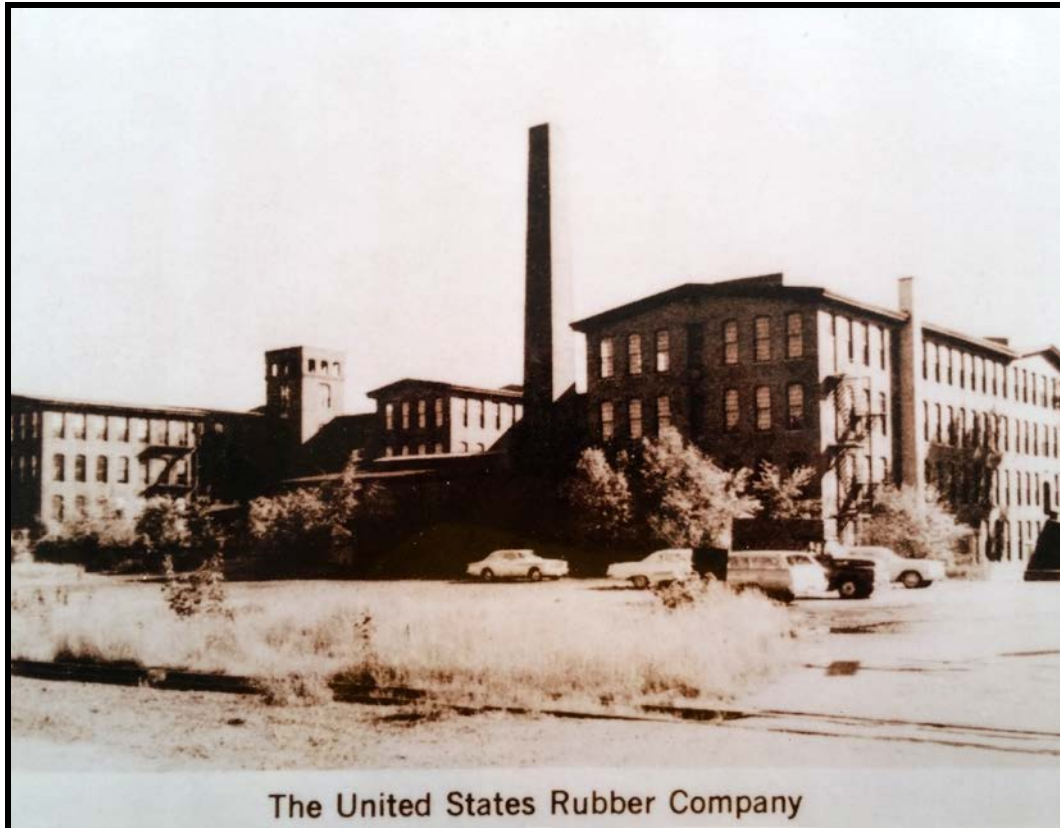
With the ever increasing efficiencies in our departments and a dedication by the employees, Town Administrator, and Selectmen, we have begun to address some issues more fervently. Previously uncollected revenues are flowing in at a rate never seen. We have collected, at last count, approximately \$250,000 in the last 18 months. Violations of our bylaws that have previously gone unchecked are being enforced. Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to remain current. The Town of Millville has received nearly \$2,000,000 dollars in grant money to fund necessary projects that would otherwise be impossible to budget for. Our financial system has received a full update and audit to bring us up to current legal and technological standards (replacing a 28 year old software system). Central Street is on track to be redone from the Millville bridges to the North Smithfield line, with grant money. We have already seen the demolition of one blighted property with grant assistance, and similar projects are under review.

In summary, I can, with all good conscience and experience, ensure the taxpayers of Millville, the management of your finances is strong and efficient. Our shortage, while currently unpleasant, has been a long time coming. For many years we have been funding our annual shortages with savings and reserves. Our reserves are depleted. Our expenses, on the 45% town side have not increased over 2% while the education budget has skyrocketed. Our revenue grows at a conservative 2 ½ %. As an example, our contribution to the BMR school district increased by \$321,000 for Fiscal Year 2018 and our entire tax levy increase amounted to \$119,000. That deficiency has been compounded over the last many years, and last year alone we used \$450,000 in savings and reserve to balance the budget.

Stay informed, stay involved, stay positive, and most importantly, look to the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul R. Ouellette,
Finance Committee Chairman



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal 2018 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	92.086	270,990,180	16.56	4,487,597.38
Open Space	-0-	-0-	16.56	-0-
Commercial	1.609	4,739,012	16.56	78,478.04
Industrial	0.6739	1,984,850	16.56	32,869.12
Personal Property	5.7085	16,813,081	16.56	278,424.62
TOTALS	100	294,527,123	16.56	4,877,369.16

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Total Valuation	Tax Levy	Accounts	Tax Levy
2017	16.11	282,052,664	1,301	4,543,868
2016	16.91	269,791,233	1,301	4,562,170
2015	17.24	252,290,638	1,300	4,349,491
2014	17.18	244,231,653	1,299	4,195,900
2013	15.11	268,524,895	1,291	4,057,411

Fiscal Year 2018 Abstract of Valuations

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg.Value
012 – 043 Mixed Use Properties	16	4,778,200	298,638
101 Residential Single Family	830	227,404,300	273,981
102 Residential Condominiums	110	13,677,800	124,344
103,109 Mobile Home/Multiple Dwelling	5	872,900	174,580
104 Residential Two Family	59	12,708,600	215,400
105 Residential Three Family	22	5,122,200	232,827
111 – 125 Apartments	3	1,018,800	339,600
130 – 132, 106 Vacant Land	185	6,742,400	36,445
200 – 231 Open Space	-0-	-0-	-0-
300 – 393 Commercial	18	3,601,600	200,089
400 – 442 Industrial	12	1,636,000	136,333
501 – 552 Personal Property	39	16,813,081	431,105
600 – 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	10	151,242	15,124
TOTALS	1,309	294,527,123	

New Growth Revenue

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Tax Rate	New Revenues
2018	1,503,030	16.11	24,214
2017	3,867,240	16.91	65,395
2016	1,775,390	17.24	30,608
2015	1,778,221	17.18	30,550
2014	637,490	15.11	9,633

In Massachusetts, assessors are either appointed or elected to three-year terms. The assessors' primary responsibility is to value all real estate and personal property subject to taxation. Assessed valuations are based on "full and fair cash value" as of the January 1st preceding each fiscal year.

In order to maintain assessments at or near market value, the assessors' regularly compare property valuations with the selling prices of properties that have sold. Assessment-to-sale ratio statistics are analyzed to determine the median assessment level, as well as, assessment uniformity.

No valuation methodology can accurately predict what a property will sell for. A secondary and perhaps more important role of the Board of Assessors' are to generate equitable assessments. To that end we continually strive to maintain an accurate property database and refine valuation tables and formulas that yield both equitable and explainable assessments.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Manzello, Assessor
Marilyn Mathieu

PUBLIC SAFETY



MILLVILLE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

In 2017, we experienced a year of great support from our community and local organizations that helped the department, along with the support from our members and their families. Without their efforts, we could not be an effective department in meeting our obligations to our community.

We continue to improve officer and firefighter training by offering continuing education for our members. Improving the quality and hours of our training is paramount to the department and its members. The challenge for a combination department is doing it in manageable amounts.

We have a two person duty crew that works Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. During these hours, the crew performs fire inspections and responds to all calls in the town, alleviating the need to page for certain calls. Administrative support is provided by my Clerk, including but not limited to payroll, accounts payable, burning permits, deposits, as well as grant writing and administration.

Emergency responses, department training, fire prevention and education, and public events keep us busy throughout the year. We constantly look for new ways to be involved in the community and spread our safety messages. The fire service is an ever changing environment to explore new methods of training and technologies to better utilize our firefighter's time and to improve our department. Our successes are due to the dedication of all the members of Millville Fire Rescue, the support of our community and its leaders. We couldn't meet our mission without this dedication and support.

Millville Fire Rescue Roster

Fire Chief:

Ronald S. Landry

Fulltime firefighters:

Steven B. Furno, Deputy Chief/EMT

Danny Desmarais, FF/EMT Fire Prevention

Officer

On-Call Firefighters:

Lieutenant Paul Mullaly

FF Charles Landry

Lieutenant Joseph Guilbeault

FF Alex Mullaly

Lieutenant Jonathan Guilbeault

FF Matthew Niro

Lieutenant Roy Liard, Jr.

FF James Perron

FF Douglas Bartlett

FF Jake Petrowicz

FF Michael Cournoyer

FF Gary Sheehan

FF James Cusack

FF Michael Therrien

On-Call EMTs

Nicholas Arcouette
Roy Liard, Jr.
Jacklyn Giacchetti
Karin Furno

Douglas Bartlett
James Cusack
John Wojcik IV
Brennan Neylon

Without their dedication to the fire department and its mission goals, we would not be able to continue to provide the quality of service to the citizens that they expect from us.

Our 2010 ambulance is scheduled for replacement in the next 3 years. The EMS service we provide to our town brings in additional revenues, a portion of which is earmarked each year towards the eventual replacement of the ambulance.

Federal and State grants are extremely competitive and we often fall short of their required criteria. However, we continue to vigorously pursue all funding opportunities. We annually receive the SAFE grant, which provide programs in our school, day care centers and our senior population to promote health, home safety and fire education. This year we sent our Fire Prevention Officer to the SAFE annual conference as well as purchased a Hazard Kitchen Stovetop, backpacks and duffel bags. Our Fire Prevention Officer hosted 4 presentations at Millville Elementary School for grades 1-5 as well as attending lunch and presenting to our seniors at the Senior Center regarding trip hazards and fall safety as well as providing a goody bag with oven mitts, pot pullers and various safety flyers and pamphlets..

We were extremely fortunate to receive the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award for \$41,680 which will enable us to purchase and install a source capture exhaust extraction system for the fire station to help improve the breathing environment for the full-time and on-call firefighters and EMS personnel. The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program is among the Department of Homeland Security's and FEMA's most competitive grant program. In FFY 2016 FEMA received over 9,770 AFG applications requesting more than \$2.1 billion in federal assistance.

Firefighters Support Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting firefighting, rescue and EMS personnel perform their jobs effectively and safely. Additionally, they help mitigate life-threatening, fire-scene dangers by offering equipment grants to under-funded departments. Millville Fire Rescue was awarded a Firefighter's Support Foundation grant in June of 2017 in the amount of \$5,097 to purchase 3 new AEDs for Police and Fire Department use.

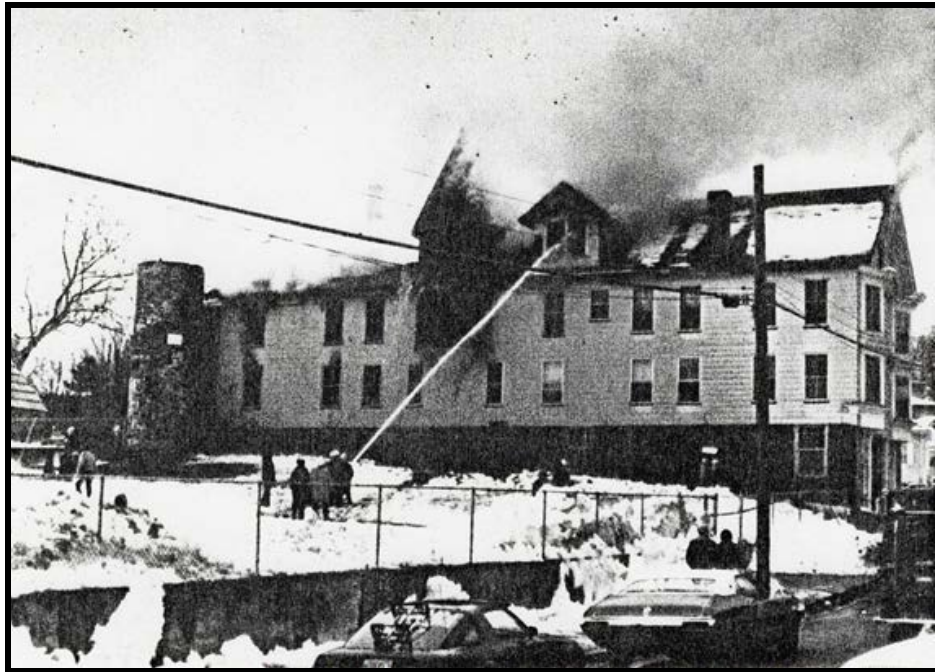
Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%. Sudden cardiac arrest causes the cessation of blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. With multiple rescue apparatus outfitted with AEDs, the chance of survival is increased exponentially.

This department continues to set high standards, identify areas of improvement and highlight great achievements. Our employees are the backbone of our organization and are proud of the services they deliver in our community each and every day. Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Fire Chief. I am happy to be able to serve in this capacity and lead such a dedicated organization. I value the people I work with and witness their commitment daily. I am honored to be a member of this organization and of this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald S. Landry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being more prominent.

Ronald S. Landry
Fire Chief





FIRE STATISTICS FOR 2017

Fire:

Structure:	8
Chimney:	1
Smoke Invest:	1
CO:	7
Alarms:	26
Coverage:	4
Vehicle fire:	4
MVA:	13
Trees/wires down	8
Outside fire:	6
Water rescue:	1
Odor invest:	1
Electrical hazard:	5
Woods Rescue:	3
Haz-mat:	3
Gas odor:	6
Smoke invest:	2
Public assist:	1
Fire detail:	4

Medical:

Medical calls:	251
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	13

Medical Mutual Aid Given:

Uxbridge:	4
Blackstone:	3

Medical Mutual Aid received:

Uxbridge:	32
Mendon:	7
Hopedale:	1
Blackstone:	1

Fire Mutual Aid Given:

Blackstone:	2
Burrillville:	3
Douglas:	1
Mendon:	1
Northbridge:	1

EMS detail: 3
Search: 2
Assist police: 1
Lockout: 1
Water emergency: 1

North Smithfield: 2
Princeton: 1
Uxbridge: 2
Woonsocket: 1

Fire Mutual Aid Received: 1

Permits:

Oil Burner: 14
L.P.G.: 4
Smoke New: 4
Burning Permits: 79
Flammable Liquids: 5
Acetylene: 1
Inspections: 83





MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

The Millville Police Department consists of dedicated and professional officers who take pride in serving the community. We take our responsibility seriously and strive to improve our services. We enjoy being part of the community and interacting with our citizens, civic organizations and town departments. Our officers provide fair, impartial, and efficient services to everyone, which is often lacking in other communities. This report provides a glimpse into our activities, accomplishments and needs of the department.

We continue to do more with less; however, this concept is becoming more difficult to achieve. The lack of funding and resources has become a detriment to the department. Therefore, I must often find ways to maximize our resources. I routinely review the way we deploy our resources in an effort to increase our ability to service the community. The department stays aware of law enforcement trends, state and federal grants, technological and equipment advances, etc. to modernize and staff our department.

The Police Department is staffed with trained and experienced personnel who enjoy working with the community. They provide a high level of service and strive to protect our residents and their property. Our full-time officers are experienced and many have

come to us from other agencies, which has allowed the town to realize great savings in training and employee benefits.

As the town continues to grow, we will experience a greater need for our services. Currently, seventy-five percent of our patrol shifts are staffed with two officers, obviously our goal should be one hundred percent. We live in a changing society with mandates sufficient personnel to assure the safety of our officers and the community. This year part-time Officers Beckwith and Choquette resigned from the Department to seek other endeavors. Officer Benjamin Lima was appointed to a full-time position from our part-time roster.

Full Time Officers	Part Time Officers	Full Time Clerk
Chief Ronald S. Landry	Officer Roy Sullivan	Trish Benoit-Rudden
Sergeant William Coupe	Officer Ryan Mastromatteo	
Officer Blaine Sheppard	Officer Jeffrey Beckwith (resigned)	
Officer Scott Gould	Officer Mike Choquette (resigned)	
Officer Cody Landry	Officer Thomas Reynolds	
Officer Benjamin Lima	Officer James Cusack	
	Officer Philip Franzen	

Our Department's training program meets or exceeds training requirements imposed by the Executive Office of Public Safety. The Commonwealth requires every Police Officer to receive a minimum of forty hours of training yearly. Our training program assures that our officers will be prepared to satisfactorily resolve issues within our community. In addition to these mandatory training courses, the department regularly sends employees to supplemental training to enhance skills and to learn new disciplines. Some officers have received specialized training, which allows them to instruct other officers.

The regional dispatch agreement between the town of Millville and Mendon has proven to be a success and we will be entering into another five-year service contract with a substantial savings. However, the agreement doesn't provide or fund needed communication equipment, maintenance agreements or services, which must be funded in our budget.

The police department is staffed with a clerk during normal business hours and is monitored, after hours, by an audio/visual conferencing system linked directly to the Mendon Police Department. The Police Clerk provides administrative support and properly records and maintains all paperwork and technology equipment associated with this Police Department, as well as providing administrative support to the Fire

Department. This support includes but is not limited to payroll; accounts payable; detail billing; burning permits; deposits of fees; citations and motor vehicle accident report submissions; grant writing and administration; CJIS and SORIS representative.

The Police Department currently maintains three uniform cruisers and one SUV, which are regularly serviced to maintain their longevity. Each vehicle is equipped with a host of emergency equipment and mobile data terminals, necessary to provide first-response services. To properly maintain the fleet, I strongly recommend that a new vehicle be purchased every eighteen months.

Our department has used social media to increase emergency preparedness, to communicate information regarding crimes as well as to advertise community initiatives the department planned. We recognize that social media will continue to be a vital tool for our department to connect to the community and we will continue to increase our knowledge and use of it. Visit our Facebook page at “Millville Massachusetts Police Department.”

The Millville Police Department and State Representative Kevin Kuros have set up a zone outside our station to allow online transactions to happen in a secure and public environment. The zone has signage and is in an area covered by our security camera system, giving buyers and sellers a safe place to interact.

The Police Department continues to aggressively seek programs and funding that will benefit the community. This year the department applied for the following grants:

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security’s Highway Safety Division awarded \$3,500 in Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment grant funding to the Millville Police Department. The police department is one of the few departments that offers CPS technician services to citizens throughout the Blackstone Valley.

The Police Department applied for and are awaiting an award of \$6,944 for EOPSS Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant.

The Police Department also received the 2017 MIIA Loss Control grant in the amount of \$950 to equip both the Police and Fire SUVs with carbon monoxide detectors.

The Blackstone River Greenway has been completed, and this recreational pathway attracts individuals from distant locations. To assure everyone’s safety, we routinely patrol the pathway. The department purchased two bicycles and riding apparel to accomplish this new task.

The Police Department handled 13,029 calls for service in 2017. A call for service does not necessarily mean the incident is a crime or criminal in nature. Calls for service can result in a police report, an area check, an arrest of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen. Calls for service are also not limited to requests from citizens. Officer-initiated

activities such as traffic stops, foot patrols, and business or residential security checks are also considered calls for service.

The police department's building is showing its age and needs to be replaced or renovated. The converted two room school displays structural deficiencies and is deteriorating. The building sits on a damp concrete slab, which supports the growth of mold. The block walls have noticeable stress cracks allowing cold air to infiltrate building. Ceilings lack meaningful insulation and an abundance of old electrical wires haphazardly rest above the ceiling tiles. An older furnace heats the building through an assortment of rusting air ducts in the slab. The hot water tank and piping is inadequate and often fails to provide hot water throughout the building. State inspectors find the water temperature in the cell blocks in violation of state regulations.

There is a two-stall unheated garage attached to the building. This basic garage lacks space and other amenities. The garage houses the department's aging generator. During a recent inspection several problems with the generator were uncovered and the cost to repair it exceeds its value.

The building lacks interior space, which is needed to properly accommodate the public, officers; and to provide accommodations to train and educate our personnel. The officer's locker room is too small and contains an open toilet with no privacy. There are no female accommodations, making it difficult to recruit female officers. During an emergency, officers spend many hours on duty; our facility lacks the accommodations to remain in the building for long periods of time. Obviously, the building was never intended to be a police station. The time has come to consider replacing it.

On behalf of the entire Millville Police Department, we would like to thank the community for their support and collaboration which has led to a successful partnership. The Police will continue to provide exceptional service to our citizens with a commitment to our core values.

Sincerely,



Ronald S. Landry

Chief of Police

MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Statistics for 2017

Animal Issue	190	Arrests	143
Assist Citizen	108	Breaking & Entering	3
Burglar Alarms	54	Business Checks	7562
Citations Issued	1441	Vandalism	8
Neighbor Dispute	9	Disturbance	42
Disabled Motor Vehicle	36	Domestic	13
Harassment	8	Harassment Prevention Order	0
Incidents	440	Intoxicated Persons	5
Keep the Peace	14	Missing Person	8
Motor Vehicle Accident	42	Motor Vehicle Complaint	14
Motor Vehicle Lockout	4	Motor Vehicle Stop	1576
Notice of Trespass	10	Illegal Parking	35
Property Watch	255	Restraining Order Service	21
Radar Posts/Enforcement	500	Summons Service	19
Theft/Larceny	31	Threats	5
Trash Complaint	3	Traffic Complaint	44
Tree Damage	61	Trespassing	5
Traffic Hazard	57	Death	3
Well-being Check	41	Warrant Service	16
FID/LTC Applications	68		





MILLVILLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my 2017 annual report to the citizens of Millville. I have 4 volunteers on my staff, they are Paul Ouellette, Benton Phelps, John Hadley, and Adam Batchelder.

Millville had a quiet year to start 2017 for the Emergency Management team. The Governor did not declare any state of emergencies. I attended the MEMA quarterly meetings, and trainings.

We did receive our annual EMPG grant and have yet to spend the monies. We are looking at numerous things and weighing what is best for our community. After the old town hall was closed, we moved our equipment into the fire station and police station for storage. Now we have set up at the fire station which will now be our EOC. The transition to the fire station was a smooth one.

At the end of the year, we had a major storm and opened the Elementary School as a shelter for precautionary reasons. Luckily, we did not have any residents that required the shelter, but it was there for our residents if needed. We are looking towards 2018 and hope to have more equipment for our future shelter needs. We will be looking to purchase more items in preparation for the next major storm event.

Steven B. Furno
Millville Emergency Management Director



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Townspeople:

The 2017 year started out with a Blizzard at the end of the first full week of January. We made our way through the winter with average accumulation of snow. The town plows and sanders, along with the snow plow contractor Northeast Auto, was on top of all the snow and ice events that did occur.

The Highway Department with the assistance of the Town Administrator and the accounting team were able to create Millville's first full time position for the Highway Department. This was accomplished with in the existing budget with no impact to the taxpayers. We were able to hire within the existing part time employees and Jonathan Sheehan was moved to full time status in August.

Projects completed this year were the total reconstruction of Ironstone Street including new berms and sidewalk. The project was paid 100% from Chapter 90 funds. Another project was the resurfacing of Legg Street. This included the replacement of 160 feet of 14" drain pipe and the installation of a new storm drain at the intersection of Chestnut Hill Road and Legg Street.

General maintenance on all town roads were performed including catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, line painting, and general road repairs.

The MassWorks Grant for the reconstruction of Central Street Continues to progress forward with many public meetings and 100% design completed. We continue to work closely with TEC Engineering, National Grid and the residents of Millville and are looking to place the project out to bid in 2018. We also submitted a grant application to seek assistance in starting to implement our Complete Streets Prioritization plan which we finished with an approximately \$30,000 grant from Mass DOT. We are hopeful to be a recipient in 2018 and have applied for the maximum award of \$400,000 in assistance.

We were able to successfully apply for and receive a MIIA grant and with the help of our Town Administrator and Administrative Assistant Kristina Murphy. The Department was granted \$2,987.00 for new safety equipment and protection devices. This equipment will be purchased in the spring of 2018.

The summer crew did very well with cutting back of the brush and grass along all town roads, culverts and retention ponds.

I would like to thank the Townspeople for their patience and cooperation throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone or email (508)-883-0977 or highway@millvillema.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Mullaly, Highway Surveyor





ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Millville's Animal Control Officers (ACO) are responsible for capturing and impounding dangerous or stray animals, investigating cases of animal cruelty, enforcing licensing laws, providing expert testimony in court cases, rescuing trapped animals, writing incident reports, and providing humane care to animals under their supervision. The ACO also responds to resident complaints, assists in the removal of deceased animals from town roadways and transports injured animals to various local animal hospitals. In addition, the Millville Animal Control Officer's serve as the Town's Animal Inspector's.

This past year has been an exciting year with lots of changes in the Animal Control Department. As my first year as Animal Control Officer, after a restructuring of the department, we have received multiple donations and an incredible outpouring of community support. To include a generous gift of two humane animal traps from the Ethier Family, in recognition of Romeo Ethier, Millville's former long-time Animal Control Officer. We have successfully collaborated with the MSPCA, ARL, and neighboring communities to improve the lives of animals in our community. There has also been a concerted effort by Animal Control and the Town Clerk to help increase collections of outstanding dog license fees which has been successful. In addition, a

regional shelter agreement with the Town of Blackstone has been signed, which allows all stray animals to be housed at the Blackstone Regional Animal Shelter.

Please find the following data as part of the Annual Report of ACO:

Dog Licenses Issued	443
Complaints Received	190
Dogs Impounded	4
Animals Euthanized	0
Quarantines Issued	8
Barn Inspections	14
Dog License Fees	\$4,420
Dog License Late Fees	\$1,325
Violations	\$85.00

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Sullivan, Animal Control Officer
Gary Fagan, Assistant Animal Control Officer

HEALTH AND REGULATORY



BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Millville:

The Millville Board of Health consists of three elected members - (3) year terms.

Dustin Ciccarelli - Chairman
Catherine Robinson - Member
Robert Marks – Member

Term: 04/06/2020
Term: 04/02/2018
Term: 04/01/2019

The Board of Health issued the following permits:

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Number Issued</u>
Septic Construction Permit	13
Well Construction Permit	7
Tobacco Permit	2
Disposal Works Installer's License	11
Percolation Permit	5
Food Establishment Permit	9
License to Pump and Transport Sewerage Permit	7
Barn, Coop, Shelter, Stable Permit	10
Trench Permit	10
Transport Rubbish Permit	4

The Board contracts with the following companies:

- Visiting Nurses Association of Milford:
Communicable Disease Follow-Up, Seasonal
Flu Clinics and EDS Preparedness Assistance
- Republic Services:
Trash Pick-Up & Recycling
- Wheelabrator Millbury:
Trash Disposal
- EST Associates:
Landfill Testing

Flu Clinics:

On October 3rd and October 16th there were seasonal flu clinics held by the Visiting Nurses Association along with the help and assistance from the Council on Aging. The clinics were held at the Senior Center and were open to all residents 6 months and older. There were (44) residents served.

Inspections:

The Board of Health inspects all food establishments, garages, barns and retail tobacco sellers in Millville, as well as reviews all Title 5 Inspection Reports and septic plans.

Mercury Program:

Millville continues to participate in the Mercury Recovery Program which includes fluorescent lamp recycling and batteries.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP):

The Town continues to spray high risk areas for mosquitoes and resident properties. Traps are set in those high-risk areas and are monitored for EEE and the West Nile Virus (WNV). Any resident who wished not to have their property sprayed, had submitted a NO Spray request to the Board of Health or CMMCP. Any resident who wanted their property specifically sprayed, either called the Board of Health or called CMMCP directly.

Municipal Water Quality Testing:

Water quality testing was completed for all town buildings. All tests passed satisfactorily.

Septic Betterment Loan Program:

The Board of Health continues to offer residents of Millville the Septic Loan Betterment Program to upgrade failed septic systems. This loan program currently offers a 2% loan of the total repair costs over (20) years which is added to the taxes on the property.

Emergency Preparedness:

The Emergency Dispensing Site Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan continue to be updated frequently. The Board recruits residents to volunteer their services in the event the EDS is activated, as well as from the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps.

Sharps Mail-Back Program:

Needles/Sharps are not an allowable item to be disposed of in the trash. Therefore, the Board of Health, through Republic Services, has implemented a sharps Mail-Back Program for the residents. It is an easy to use, safe, cost-effective and convenient method for proper disposal of medical sharps and other related medical waste. Republic Services will supply a “Sharps Mail-Back Kit” to the resident that will contain all the necessary components for the safe handling, collection, transportation and disposal of medical sharps – all free of charge. Simply go on-line to www.republicsharps.com or call (855) 737-7871 or contact the Board of Health for additional information.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Board of Health,

Dustin Ciccarelli, Chairman
Catherine Robinson
Robert Marks



BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents:

The Millville Building Department went through several changes this year. First and foremost, we were able to move office hours from the vestibule of the police department into the new Town hall at 290 Main Street. The new office space has proven to greatly improve inter office communications as well as expediting the sharing of information and tasks between individual town departments. A second change was our Commissioner, Larry Lench, stepped down to a backup role of Local Inspector and a new Commissioner, Lincoln Barber, was appointed in July. The third major change is the State of Massachusetts has updated the Building Code. This Code transition began in September 2017 and was fully implemented on January 1, 2018.

The Building Department has a staff of five, the Commissioner, Local Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and the Administrative Assistant. All of these employees are part time at this time. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9AM to-1PM and Wednesday evenings 6PM to 8PM. The responsibilities of the department cover a wide spectrum, from assisting people and businesses with questions relating to zoning, boundary and plot issues, to the complete permitting process. We are also responsible for enforcing the Town of Millville's Zoning Bylaws and the State Building Code. We encourage people to ask questions and learn about the building and permitting processes in advance. It is best for residents to do so while they are in the planning stages when it does not cost any money. By not approaching the department until after taking actions without consulting our department's resources, means residents have all too often begun projects and are committed to a course of action which may not be their most cost effective one in terms of being compliant with town and state building regulations.

All building and remodeling contractors are required by the State of Massachusetts to be licensed and enrolled in the Home Improvement Contractor program, as well as carry the proper liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance where appropriate. Home owners are encouraged to have their contractors apply for all permits. This allows the homeowner to be eligible for some state sponsored consumer protection programs. Any questions you have about a contractor's license status with the state can be found at the following website links:

<https://services.oca.state.ma.us/hic/licenseelist.aspx>
<http://elicense.chs.state.ma.us/Verification/Search.aspx>

We are committed to helping the home owner, whether it is to obtain a permit or answer questions about their project or what is going on next door. We encourage and welcome all departmental related inquiries, so please come in and see us.

The following is a list of permits issued by the department from January 1 2017 to December 31 2017

Single Family Dwelling	3	Garage	3
Solar	6	Roof	22
Pellet/Wood Stove	2	Demo	1
Insulation	3	Bathroom	3
Siding	2	Foundation	3
Above ground pool	4	Deck	4
Shed	4	Windows	6
Kitchen	1	Sign	1
Remodeling	2	Commercial	1

Total Building Permits for 2017 71
Total Permit Fees collected \$15,838.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Lincoln Barber III
Building Commissioner



MILLVILLE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

To The Town of Millville:

The mission of the Electrical Inspector's department is to contribute to the protection of the public through the enforcement of electrical codes. The Electrical Inspector enforces the National Electric Code (NEC) as amended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Many of the functions of the department are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including enforcement and implementation of the Code. The staff members issue permits, inspect construction sites and initiate enforcement actions when necessary to obtain code compliance. Kristina Herrick is the department Secretary.

Solar Inspections:	7
Residential Inspections:	40
Commercial Inspections:	0
Total Inspections performed in 2017:	47
 Total Fees Collected:	 \$6397.50

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Grenga
Electrical & Wiring Inspector



GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Town of Millville:

There was a decline in the gas and plumbing permits from the previous year as follows:

2016	Gas Permits: 20	Plumbing Permits: 25	Total Inspections: 45
2017	Gas Permits: 9	Plumbing Permits: 21	Total Inspections: 30

Total Fees collected in 2017 amounted to **\$2310.00**

All the work was approved or corrected for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

John D'Agostino
Plumbing & Gas Inspector



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Board of Selectmen, Town Officials and the Residents of the Town of Millville:

During the Fiscal Year 2017 the Zoning Board of Appeals received two requests for Petition for Variance in accordance with the Millville Zonings Requirements. Subsequently, Public Hearings were held in accordance with the Millville Zoning By-Laws.

Total fees collected for Fiscal Year 2017 for both Petition for Variance totaled \$600.00.

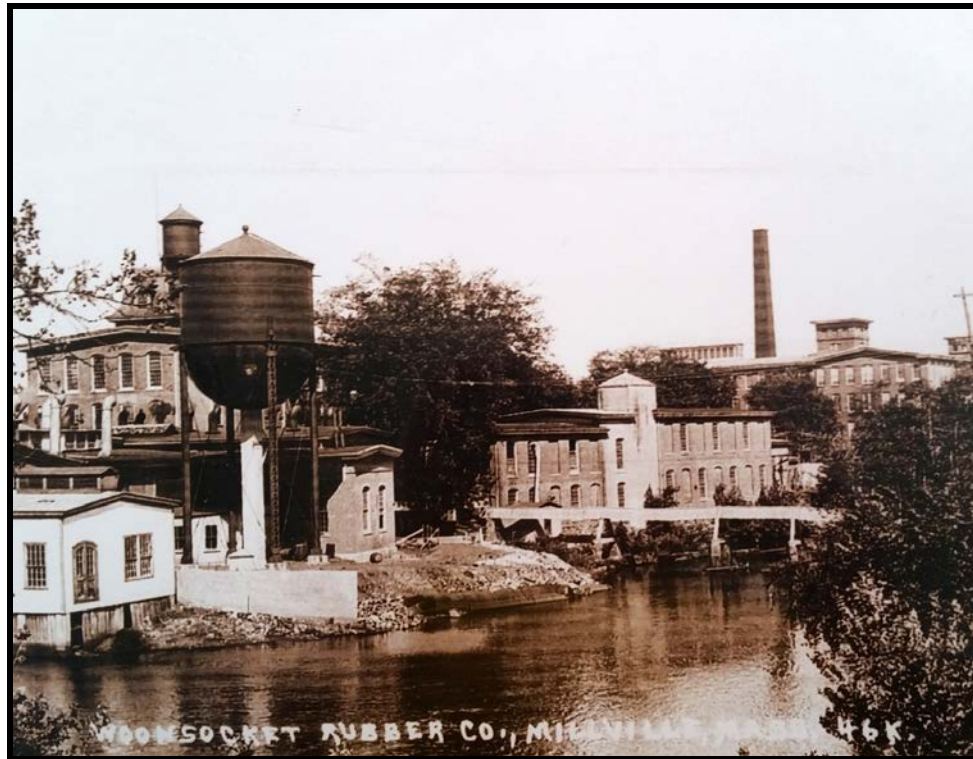
The Zoning Board of Appeals coordinated with other Town Boards during the fiscal year to ensure the Millville Zoning requirements were met and not infringed upon.

In closing, the Zoning Board of Appeals would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen Town Residents, Town Officials and the Residents of Millville for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Mulvey
Jeff Sutherland
Lincoln Barber

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT





PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for administering the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations and Storm Water Management Regulations. Duties of the Planning Board include the review and acceptance of "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lots, approval of land subdivision plans, review of site plans, granting of Special Permits for specific uses of residentially zoned property, and granting Storm Water Management permits for projects that will disturb more than one acre of land.

The Planning Board usually meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Board membership is comprised of five individuals elected to five year staggered terms. Long time Planning Board member, Steve Furno, decided against running for re-election citing his busy schedule. Through a voting error, Planning Board member Michelle DuMond was elected again to another five year term ending in 2022. Brian Mullaly was appointed to Ms. DuMond's term ending in 2021 but will need to stand for election in 2018 for the balance of that term.

According to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board is required to submit to Town Meeting a report on all proposed Zoning Amendments. There are as follows:

- Wording Clarification to the Accessory Apartment bylaw. The public hearing was held on April 24, 2017.

- Temporary Recreational Marijuana Moratorium until December 31, 2018, to allow time for the State to develop guidelines for implementation. The public hearing was held on April 24, 2017.

Both of these changes were approved at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting on May 8, 2017 and approved by the State Attorney General's office. The Town of Millville received a grant to have Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) conduct a Zoning Diagnostics of the current Zoning Code to determine compliance with the State Zoning Code and areas that could be addressed to better serve the Town of Millville.

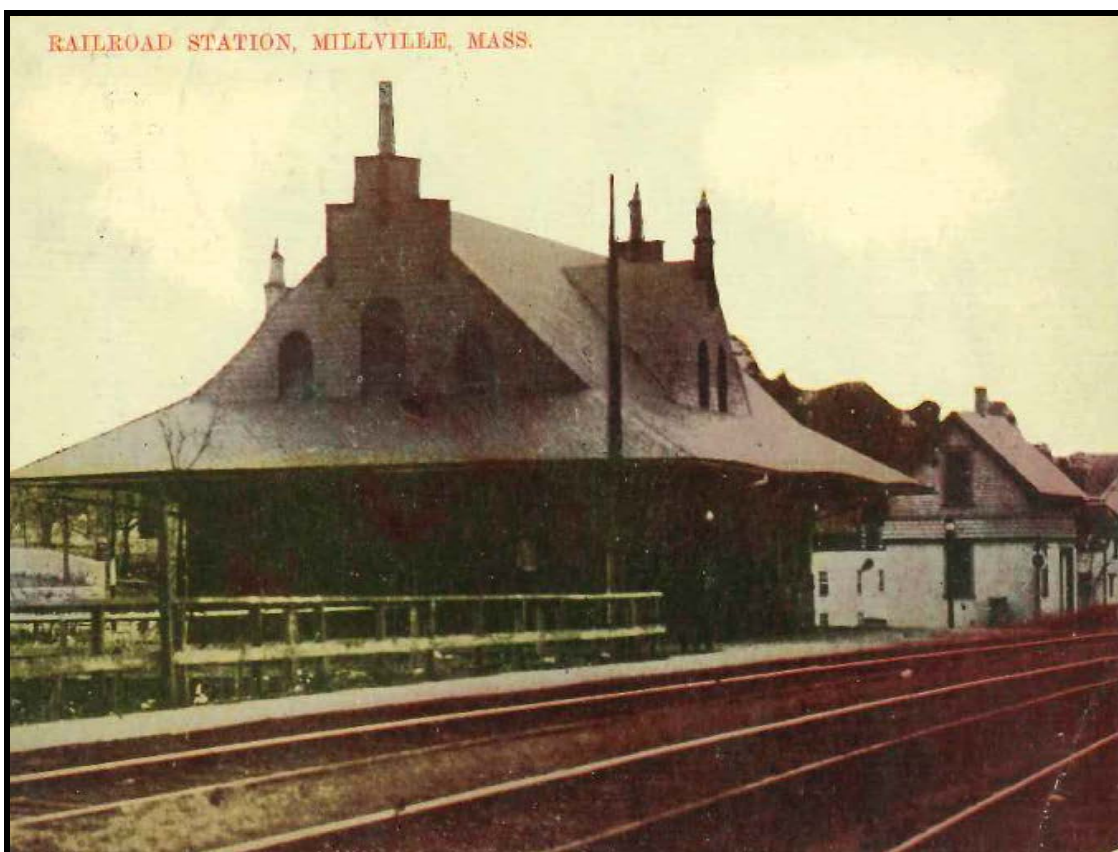
Other actions of the Planning Board include but are not limited to the following in 2017:

- Of the three incomplete subdivisions in Millville, Afonso Estates was completed and the final two roads accepted at the Special Town Meeting in November 2017. Carriage Estates I and II (two different developers) are on target to be accepted at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2018.
- There was one (1) Approval Not Required (ANR) application which created two (2) new lots on Berthelette Way.
- There was a public hearing for the rescission of the 2006 Subdivision Approval for Millville Estates but the Planning Board voted not to rescind the Approval. The developer of Millville Estates will be coming back to the Planning Board to modify the existing plan (at his request in a public hearing process) in 2018. They will also be required to seek a StormWater Management permit, Conservation Commission approvals and extend the existing fire suppression waterline to the development site.
- A Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment was applied for but denied because it did not receive the super majority vote required for a Special Permit.
- The Planning Board accepted a newly created "Development Guidelines" to aid with future development. They also accepted new application forms for various types of development projects which provide better contact information for applicants. A new Fee Schedule was also adopted. All of these can be located on the Town website.
- The Planning Board drafted a policy for the release of all future (construction beginning after January 1, 2018) subdivision surety bonds once the road(s) have been accepted by the Town to better protect the Town.
- The Master Plan will be completed by CMRPC. It required much more work that could be done in-house. Completion and Acceptance is anticipated for early 2018.
- Work has begun by the Open Space Recreational Plan Committee to create a new Open Space Plan. Completion and acceptance is anticipated for late Spring/early

Summer 2018. This will mean that the Town will be eligible for further grants for various Town projects.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hadley, Chairman
Richard Hurteau, Vice Chairman
Claudette Barrett, Clerk
Michelle DuMond
Brian Mullaly





OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectman, Town Officials and the Residents of the Town of Millville:
As a result of the Town being awarded a Conservation Assistance for Small Communities Grant, the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee was formed in December of 2017. The Committee was charged with developing the Town's first official Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) by June of 2018. An approved OSRP is required to qualify for State program funding for virtually all environmental, conservation, recreation or park grants, including the acquisition and protection of priority open space and recreational lands.

The Committee consists of representatives from each of the Town's Boards and Community Members of Millville. The OSRP Committee has been working in conjunction with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission to develop the OSRP using both new and existing data from various sources.

The Committee has released two surveys to date and is currently extrapolating that data. A Public Forum was held on April 12, 2018. The OSRP Committee and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission presented topics such as the purpose of an OSRP, mapping identifications for features, habitats, farm lands, historic landmarks, etc., as well as the issues, challenges, needs and opportunities for the Town of Millville regarding open space and recreation. Attendees were invited into group discussions after the presentation about the Goals and Objectives of the OSRP.

The OSRP Committee is continuing their work on the New Open Space and Recreational Plan with completion in June of 2018. Once the OSRP is submitted to the State, it will be followed by the Town's submission of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant application for a priority project within the Town of Millville.

In closing, The OSRP Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Town Officials, and the Residents of Millville for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mulvey, Chair
Pam Maloney, Vice Chair, Conservation Commission
Kari Pisano, Member
Mark Robinson, Member, Community Garden Club
Kevin DelGizzi, Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission
Caryn Vernon, Parks & Recreation Commission
Lincoln Barber, Building Commissioner
Jennifer Dean Wing, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen
Jennifer Callahan, Town Administrator
Hillary Carney, Town Planner





MILLVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Millville Conservation Commission is to administer the performance standards of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town's Wetlands Bylaw; preserve and develop the Town's natural resources; protect watershed resources; and advise other town boards and officials on aspects of conservation and environmentally related issued.

Currently serving on the Millville Conservation Commission are the Chairman, Eric Olson and members Jeff Petite, Pam Maloney and Amy Sutherland. The Commission does not have a full complement of board members. They continue to seek members who are willing to serve the community. The meetings are held based on the applications which are submitted to the Commission.

Fees collected by the Conservation Commission from Notice of Intents and other applications go into a Conservation Commission reserve fund. The use of the Conservation Commission reserve fund is limited to Wetland Protection related activities. There were no reserve account expenditures in the last fiscal year. The budget remained level funded.

The Conservation Commission received the following applications over the last fiscal year for the following: Notice of Intent, Certificate of Compliance Requests, Requests for Determination of Applicability and Enforcement Orders. The Commission held the

hearings and issued the Order of Conditions for this project. We did receive complaints throughout the year regarding illegal cutting and dumping of debris.

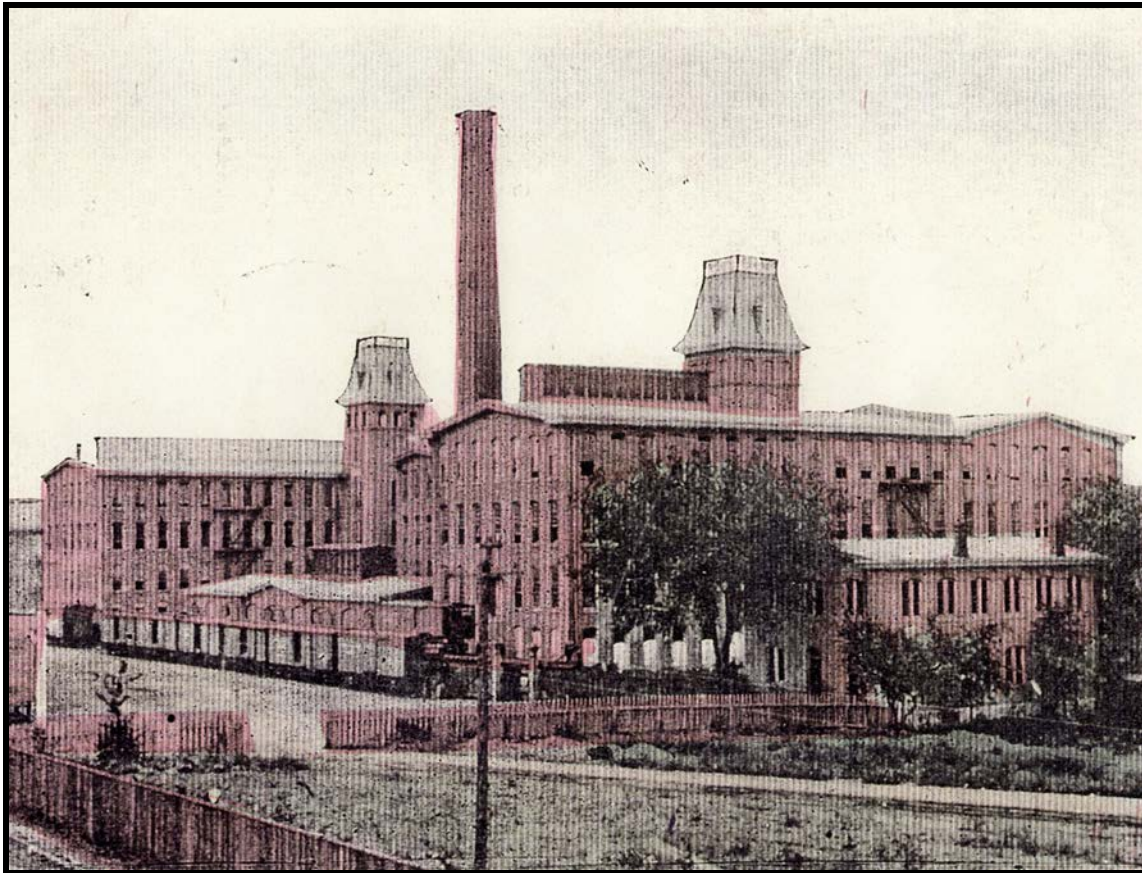
The Commission had a very successful Earth Day Clean-up. Thank you to the volunteer efforts of the Millville residents, Board of Health and the Millville Highway Department. The Millville Commission coordinated the day along with the Department of Conservation and Recreation who was tasked with cleaning the bikeway.

The Conservation Commission is working in the best interests of you and your environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Olson, Chair
Amy Sutherland
Jeff Petite
Peter Murray





HISTORICAL COMMISSION

"The Local Historical Commission is the agency responsible for identifying and recording the historical aspects of the community and for developing and implementing a program of preservation" according to William F. Galvin, Secretary of State. The establishment of an Historical Commission is governed by MGL, Chapter 80 Section 8D. The Commission consists of five members, appointed by the Town Administrator subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Appointments are for terms of three years. The acquisition of articles of significant historical value are managed by this Commission.

The closure of the Longfellow Municipal Center/Town Hall resulted in the dismantling of all historic exhibits and displays once mounted in that building. All written documents and records required special attention and transfer to the Town Hall, 290 Main Street. This effort to access space for the most important maps and pictures that depict the

Town's past is still in process. We face many decisions regarding all Historical Commission acquisitions.

The Honor Rolls for Veterans of World 1 and 11 remain affixed to the walls of the Veterans' Room in the Old Town Hall. An appropriate space or use of them must be found in the future. Chalk Writing and Chalk Drawings, dated 1887, are found on the interior walls of the original Millville Grammar School, 1850. The original walls were painted black and used as the first Blackboards in the new school. These are irreplaceable and a method of recording their presence is under study today. Similar chalk drawings dated 1925 remain on the walls in the front room on the second floor. Original decorative tin scrolls moved from the Old Town Hall remain in that room.

Another challenge facing the Commission is the future of the unique, colorful painted Stage Curtain measuring 11 x 26 feet. It was installed in the former Town Hall on Main Street when that building was the Knights of Columbus Hall. It was removed when the municipal offices were transferred to the Longfellow School and has been stored for twenty five years. A final decision must be made regarding its future.

Our only direct contact with the community was a very successful presentation at the Chestnut Hill Community Association Hall where member, Emile Berthelette, presented a program, "The Growth and Prosperity of Millville's Past."

The Commission will continue its work of preserving all the historical aspects under its care. We present our mission to municipal offices and residents to create interest and support of our efforts. Our twenty-eighth year of "Preserving the Past" will be a great challenge to all who are concerned about Millville's Past, Present and Future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Carroll, Chairman
Emile Berthelette
Leo Clement
Elaine Ethier
Mary T. Gauvin



GREEN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Millville's Green Community Committee addresses identified municipal energy reduction measures and projects to reduce the Town's overall energy usage and costs by 20% in 5 years.

In 2017, Millville's Green Community Committee, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and the Millville Police Department partnered with Stealth Power on installation of the first advanced mobile power and idle-reduction systems installed in a Massachusetts emergency response vehicle.

Stealth Power's law enforcement series is engineered for integration with police units, to operate a cruiser's electrical equipment without idling, including lights, camera, radio, license-plate reader, computer and communications. Millville contacted Duggan Vehicle Equipment out of Worcester upon receipt of the system from Texas, and installation took less than 4 hours.

Stealth Power idle reduction systems have prevented the release of thousands of tons of hazardous emissions into the atmosphere, and preserved millions of gallons of fuel – as well as millions of dollars – for their client partners.

The Town received initial funding in May of 2015. This funding enables the Committee to address identified municipal energy reduction measures and projects to reduce the Town's overall energy usage and costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Rapoza, Chair
Brian Faulkner
Keith Boone
Trish Benoit-Rudden



PUBLIC SERVICES





VETERANS SERVICES

Millville Veterans Services is available weekdays by appointment. With the opening of the new Town Hall at 290 Main Street, it is a little easier to contact me as I am in and out of Town Hall frequently. I can always be contacted electronically at veterans@millvillema.org or by telephone at (508) 570 8465. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services is now doing 100% of the paperwork on line through the VISMIS system and it has sped up the whole process of applying for Chapter 115 benefits. Millville has seen a steady decline in those applying for and receiving benefits through Chapter 115. Annual training was again conducted in Leominster Massachusetts over four days.

There are many veterans throughout the town receiving benefits and health care from the Veterans Administration System. I can be of assistance to those veterans and veteran dependents looking for answers or trying to apply for help.

There is an ever-growing amount of information available to veterans and their dependents and families regarding their rights and benefits as well as local, state and national programs. One of the best and most comprehensive websites for Massachusetts veterans is massvetsadvisor.org

Millville Veterans Services saw a reduction in Chapter 115 beneficiaries this past year and at present has no recipients. There are numerous veterans receiving some form of pension or disability from the U.S. Veterans Administration. New applications for benefits saw a decrease as well with no new qualifiers. Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services is now doing 100% of its paper processing online through the VISMIS System. In providing services and benefits to veterans, this technological change has resulted in a substantial reduction in paperwork. Annual training was again conducted in Leominster Massachusetts over a four day period.

Respectfully submitted,

Lincoln Barber III
Veterans Services Officer





MILLVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Millville Free Public Library exists to provide the citizens of Millville, regardless of age, income, or race, with resources and programming for educational and entertainment purposes. In addition, the librarians are available to provide services such as answering reference questions and providing guidance on reading selections. The library's collection includes 5,417 adult books, 564 young adult books, 7,121 children's books, 257 audio books, and 1,223 DVDs.

The library also makes available to its patrons passes which give discounted pricing to Mystic Aquarium and the Capron zoo and free entry to the USS Constitution and the Salem Witch Museum. In addition, it provides 2 free annual MassParks passes, and in 2017, through generous funding from the Friends of the Library, the library was able to provide 50 Millville families with one free ticket to the Southwick Zoo. As a member of the CW/Mars library network, Millville library patrons can request books from other libraries in the network and download books to read or audio books to listen to at their pleasure. Lastly, the library has an active outreach to the community's seniors through a monthly write-up in the Senior Newsletter.

In the summer, the library received a generous \$800 grant from Unibank to sponsor a “seniors with students” read which brought together Millville seniors with 3rd graders from the Millville elementary school for a monthly reading experience. Each month the seniors and 3rd graders read books together related to a selected theme. These sessions allowed both age groups to learn while enjoying each other’s company. In December the library was also notified that it had been awarded 3 cultural council grants: one grant brings the Museum of Science from Boston to perform a program titled “Science Magic”, another brings storyteller Diane Edgecomb to perform “Rock Solid”, an opener for the summer reading program, and the third grant continues the library’s very popular Pinterest craft programs.

The library provides both adult and children’s programs for the community’s enjoyment. The 2017 adult programs were diverse and well attended. Several Pinterest craft programs ran throughout the year with an average attendance at each program of 16 patrons. A Gentle Yoga program in March and April had 12 regular attendees. In May the library held a Mother’s Day Tea where 13 ladies gathered to celebrate mothers while enjoying tea and sweet cakes. In the fall a “Book & Bake” club was started that brought together 11 people who baked selections from the book *The New England Orchard Cookbook*, and a mystery book club was started with 6 members meeting monthly.

The children’s programs ran throughout the year and gave the librarians an opportunity to expose the attending children and their parents to the library’s large children’s collection. In July the library held a summer reading program with 12 children attending. 28 children attended the library’s Easter Egg Hunt, 11 children attended the library’s Halloween Party and 7 children attended the library’s Reading with Santa event. The parents enjoyed these events as much as the children.

The library continues to provide educational and cultural experiences to the citizens of Millville at a price of about \$13 per citizen. This seems a great value for the cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Anderson
Library Director, Millville Free Public Library



TRUSTEES OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

"On March 25, 1945, residents of Millville voted to establish a Memorial Park to commemorate the services of veterans of all wars. Work on the park was completed on November 12, 1946 and dedication ceremonies took place on May 5, 1947."

In response to increasing inquiries about the use of the name "Town Common" in place of Veterans Memorial Park, the Trustees clarify the incorrect use of the name. The Village and Town of Millville never had land designated as a Town Common.

Soldiers Memorial Park was established on Main Street where residences and several flourishing business buildings stood. These had all been demolished during the late 1930s and 1940s, when the town was under the control of the Millville Municipal Finance Commission.

During World War 11 a committee of World War 1 Veterans and other Millville residents under-took the challenge of establishing the first memorial to all veterans in the town. The new space on Main Street was chosen as the site of this memorial. The initial name Soldiers Memorial Park was chosen but that name was officially changed to Veterans Memorial Park in 2012.

The lawn care of the park is done by the landscape company that services all municipal properties. Many general upkeep tasks are done by the Trustees and Volunteers.

Plant Urns, small shrubs and annual flowers are maintained at the monument; in May a wreath is placed there by the Veterans Agent and in December, in keeping with Wreaths Across America, a wreath was put in place by the Trustees.

We acknowledge the generous contributions to the park. Bill Dukai designed and built an identifying sign to be erected in the park. Dan Berthelette, arborist, pruned and mulched the new Christmas Tree planted in 2016. Rene Marcotte, donated his service in repairing and leveling the park benches. All men are Millville residents.

Trustee John Hadley coordinated work adjacent to the parking area of the Fire Station as the first step in landscaping that portion off the park. Excavation of the area and placement of crushed rock completed the first stages of this project. This is the proposed site of the new sign to be erected.

The 34th Annual Tree Lighting was observed on December 5th, with Paul Donnelly, members of the Millville Fire and Rescue, the Trustees and Santa Claus once again responsible for continuing this traditional Community event. We thank the Girl Scouts for their musical performance.

Meetings are held in the Fire Station at 10:00 A.M., the last Friday of the month, unless posted otherwise on the Town Calendar. The five-member Board of Trustees, is elected for terms of three years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Richard Hurteau
Margaret Carroll
Elaine Ethier
John Hadley
Norman Thuot



COUNCIL ON AGING

Council members retiring in 2017: Ellen Bowen, Robert Bowen, Michelle Dumond, Richard Hurteau, Marcia Lanctot, Judy Monroe

Current Council Members: Andrew Alward, Linda Bassett, Pam Dean Kobetitsch, Lois Laflamme, Lori Legere, Susanne Robbins, Rhonda Wert

To The Residents of the Town Of Millville:

The seven member Council on Aging (COA) is an advisory board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It sets policies for the operation of the Senior Center and advocates for programs and services for Millville residents sixty years of age and older. The COA Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and are open to the public. Participation is encouraged.

Volunteers contribute many hours assisting at the Senior Center and are essential to its operation. Whether it is answering the phone, organizing or conducting an activity, accompanying the chorus, or helping serve the weekly lunch, we depend on the generous spirit of our senior participants and friends. In 2017 there were 1452 volunteer hours and an additional 167 COA member volunteer hours offered at the Senior Center on behalf of Millville's Seniors and disabled residents. The Council on Aging is also

grateful for donations received from local residents and businesses, which support the Center.

Our Director, Jill Anderson, is on site Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. She works closely with the COA, the Millville Senior Club, local officials and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Jill manages the Fuel Assistance and SNAP Programs, coordinates the Senior Van service, and applies for state and local grants. She assists seniors and their families with a wide range of social service needs, often referring them to the appropriate agency or program.

An effort is made to develop new programs and activities to take advantage of opportunities that are offered from various sources. The following programs and activities were conducted in 2017, with attendance noted:

Senior Club Monthly Luncheon/Meetings	499
Tri-Valley Elder Services weekly luncheons	777
Painting Class	19
Line Dance Class	261
Pitch League	517
Crafts Class	445
Exercise	558
Informational Lectures	101
Monthly Bingo	133
Flu clinic in conjunction with the Board of Health	32
Blood Pressure Clinic	279
Elementary School Thanksgiving event (signup)	15
Chorus	364
SHINE-Health Ins. Counseling	21
Other Miscellaneous	18
TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR ALL CLASSES/EVENTS	4039

51 Millville residents (of all ages) received a total of **\$38,614.00** in Fuel Assistance.

Informational programs presented at the Center during the year included programs on mosquito control, probiotics, the importance of eating a good breakfast daily and the latest updates on Medicare. The updates were provided by Lee and Judy Katz, who as SHINE counselors met with residents needing help with medical insurance decisions. We were very fortunate to have this experienced and knowledgeable duo on our team. Also, students from the Blackstone-Millville Vocational Technical High School gave one-on-one tutorials to seniors needing training on their computer and phone devices.

Our participants find ways to contribute to others. The “Millville Melodious Senior Ensemble” chorus performed at The Beaumont and Lydia Taft health care facilities, to very appreciative audiences. Several members of our crafts class contributed their time and talents to a project that sells afghans to support a youth education project in Mexico.

Thank you to the local Cultural Council for granting funds to support our Painting and Crafts Classes as well as a special theatrical performance presented at the April Senior Club Luncheon/Meeting. The State Formula Grant this year also provided support for programming, newsletter printing and other expenses.

Our monthly newsletter publication is an excellent informational tool for seniors and disabled, featuring programs offered at the Senior Center. Ellen Bowen gives many hours to finding and writing articles of interest to seniors; Jill Anderson provides mainly editorial support. Neal and Sue Robbins assisted with preparing each monthly issue for mailing. Sue also solicits ads from local businesses for the newsletter.

The Senior Van continues to provide accessible transportation to local residents. A total of 655 one-way trips were provided in 2017; our three part-time drivers went the extra mile in more ways than one.

The grounds of the Senior Center continue to require attention and we recognize the generosity of the Town in providing mowing services from a private vendor. When the weeds got ahead of us Town Administrator Jen Callahan sent over a crew from the Highway Department to tackle the jungle. The CoA also expresses sincere appreciation to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for donating inmate time for grounds upkeep. Lois Laflamme, our lunch coordinator, volunteered to provide home cooked meals to this group.

We thank the past and present members of the Council who give of themselves and contribute their focus and dedication to the seniors of Millville. When we had an unexpected number of openings on the Council, several residents heeded our call, for which we are grateful.

Police Chief Landry, Town Administrator Jennifer Callahan and the Board of Selectmen have been very supportive of the Center and we thank them all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Anderson
Senior Center Director



CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

The year 2017 was one of change for the Cable Access Committee due to the relocation of the Municipal Offices to the New Town Hall, 290 Main Street. All equipment was moved to provide continuing and improved coverage on Channels 191, 192 and 194.

Cameras and our directing unit were transferred to the Town Hall. We acknowledge the cooperation of Les Davis and Gerard Finn, who worked closely with us in coordinating Cable Access facilities in the Selectmen' Meeting Room.

The installation of a permanent projector and motorized screen included speakers and microphones to improve audio amplification. Eight audio inputs were installed to provide quick and easy set up for meetings. These included VGA and HDMI connections to accommodate computers. This will make it possible for guests or presentations to be shown on the room's projector as well as into the directing unit for a direct feed during the recording of meetings. This process proved to be very successful during Lt. Governor Karyn Polito's presentation to municipal personnel and residents.

These major changes were not all positive since Cable Access is no longer able to go live from the New Town Hall on the town government Channel 192. We have made

provisions to present programs on YouTube and Facebook, both of which have become extremely active in accessing Cable programs of Community interest.

Millville Cable continued to record regular Board of Selectmen's and Town Meetings as well as the Memorial Day Celebration and the 34th Annual Tree Lighting. Other programs included are an Historical Commission presentation by member Emile Berthelette: "The Growth and Prosperity of Millville's Past," MassWorks and Power Plan, the 8th MA Walking Tour performance at the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club, the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program and the Senior Center Holiday Program..

We continue our partnership with Cable Access Groups in neighboring towns in presenting Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Labonte, Cable Access Coordinator

Colleen Curis, Chair

Roland M. Barrett, Member

Margaret Carroll, Member

Jesse Dufault, Member



CULTURAL AND SOCIAL





PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen and Residents of the Town of Millville:

The Mission Statement for Millville Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide a safe and well-kept environment for the families in our community to enjoy. This past year, the Commission was very busy with the major project of constructing an entirely new playground up in the John Dean Memorial Park near the Millville Elementary School grounds. The playground was an incredibly generous donation made to the Town in memory of Captain Joseph D. Vinacco.

The Town is extremely grateful to have had this gift made in honor of such a special Millville resident. Our Commission and Town Administrator worked many hours in securing thousands of dollars in donations to help not only construct the actual playground, but also a winding five foot wide path that runs 600 feet to the actual playground which is located in the far corner of the park.

Since this is a new playground, the State has been working with the Town to ensure all aspects of handicap accessibility are met before a grand opening in the spring of 2018. The Town is working hard to identify the additional funds needed to complete the final phases of making the playground fully ADA compliant. We are all very excited to see

the families for many generations to come enjoy this beautiful addition to the Town's outdoor recreation and play opportunities

The Commission also hosted a very successful Halloween Event at the Udon Tower Park. Ghostly storytelling, an outdoor movie, pumpkin decorating and trick or treating were provided for all the children attending. Finally, the Commission had several new picnic tables made and had volunteers stain them. They have been placed at the John Dean Memorial Park for families to sit and enjoy watching a ballgame or children play on the new playground.

We were also approached by a town resident to start a Community Garden Club. With the permission of the Board of Selectman, it was decided to start our first community garden behind the police station. It was a rich and bountiful endeavor! We would like to recognize Mark Robinson and Lisa Foster for all of their efforts in making this a success. We welcome him back next year to lead the way with this great community initiative.

Finally, the Town has been working on its first Open Space & Recreation Plan of which Commission members are supportive in completing. We are looking forward to helping implement its future key parks and recreation goals and objectives. In closing, I would like to thank my fellow members, Caryn Vernon, Ron Landry, Jeff Sutherland and Ryan Delgizzi for all of their hard work and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Del Gizzi, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Commission



MILLVILLE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Annual Voting Meeting of the Millville Cultural Council was held on November 20th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at The Millville Town Hall. Members present were, Jackie Lima, Francesca Monti, Heather Olson and Jane Reggio. Member Jane Bonin was absent from this meeting.

We were allotted an amount of \$4,500 to be granted out for 2018.

FY2018 Grant Cycle Review – There were sixteen applications received for FY2017. Eight applications were approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0, as follows:

FY2018	Grant Applications	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
10541	Millville Free Public Library	\$380	\$380
11185	Millville Council on Aging	\$450	\$450
11485	Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club	\$150	\$150
13046	Millville Free Public Library	\$500	\$500
13665	MESPA	\$700	\$700
15388	Jennifer Wing Dean	\$300	\$300

16853	Lynn Foley	\$400	\$400
17209	MESPA	\$1,650	\$1,650
		TOTAL	\$4,530

The council saw the exact same number of applicants this year as opposed to last year.

We enjoyed the performances and events our Council sponsored in 2017 and look forward to these new events in 2018!

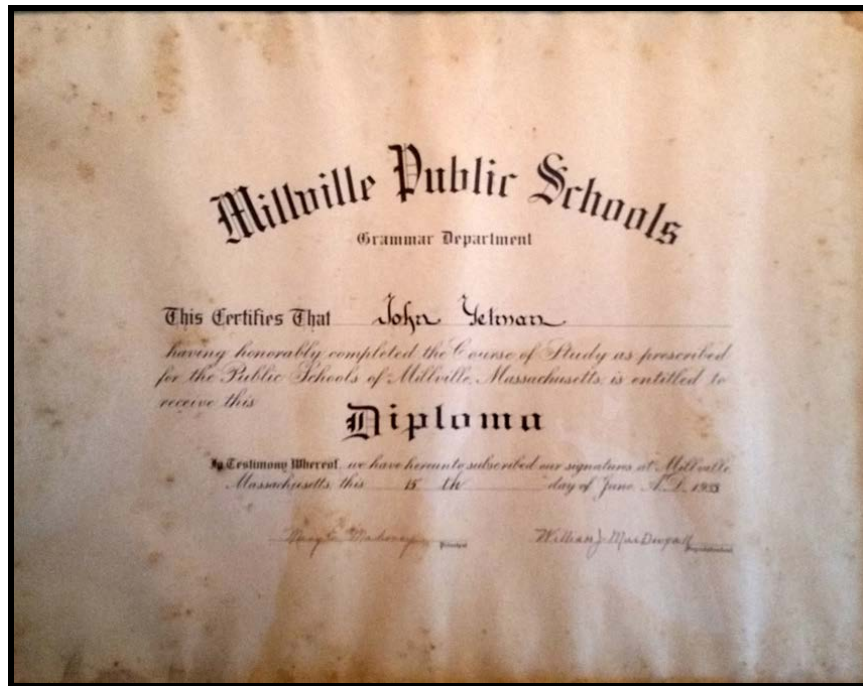
Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Lima, Chairperson
Millville Cultural Council



EDUCATION





BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community Members,

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District continues to rely, now more than ever, on the support of the citizens and families of the Towns of Blackstone and Millville. Our mission statement must guide us in all that we do: Schools and Community Working in Unity. In my Three Year Strategic and Financial Plan submitted to the School Committee in November, 2017 and available on the District website at www.bmrds.net, I outlined the challenges facing the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District; stabilizing enrollment, continuing to update curriculum and technology, and improving infrastructure. These issues and their solutions will require planning and systematic funding increases so we can provide the best education for all of our students in a rapidly changing world.

2017 was an eventful year for staff and students at BMRSD. We now have chrome books for every student at the High School and we are integrating technology into our teaching and learning. We plan to roll out this one to one initiative to the Middle School as well. To that point, there were over 17,000 jobs in Massachusetts in technology related fields that were unfilled as of July 2017; so we must continue to invest in and support technology. The skills needed for college and career success emphasize how to

breakdown and synthesize information, the ability to read complex text, sharing work in a team, how to search for data and prove that it is valid, and how to present material in a clear and concise manner using multiple technologies.

Our curriculum continues to evolve through state regulations with the new K-8 science standards that now need to be implemented. Our history and social studies frameworks are being revised to meet today's societal needs and are expected to be approved for the 2019-2020 school year. Due to the overwhelming shift in jobs and careers that use technology, Massachusetts is looking to make computer science a core requirement for all students as well so this will dictate much planning, funding, and professional development. What we teach, how we teach, and when we teach is constantly being examined to align to the needs of our twenty-first century world.

Public education is changing constantly to meet the needs of today's learners but there is less funding at the federal and state level. By working together and looking at new ways to solve our problems, we will insure that Charger pride is alive and well for all of our students. Our heartfelt thanks to parents and community members who have given so much of their time and money to support our students. You have indeed made a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen W. Himmelberger
Superintendent of Schools





BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The end of the year is a good opportunity to take a moment to reflect back and embrace all the successes, the learning, the decisions, and established relationships. As a community of learners that welcomes our goal of meeting the needs of all our students, I am proud of the accomplishments gained at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School.

The 2017 school year was highlighted by the forty-seventh Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening the second of June. Class advisors, Ms. Nicole Sacco and Mrs. Nicole Shaughnessy led the one hundred-fourteen graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Mr. Allen Himmelberger presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Saralynn Spear, Salutatorian Abigail Austin, and class president, Colin Bisbee delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The keynote speaker, Alumni, Dr. Michael Hill (class of '06), spoke about his positive memories of BMR and shared insight on how to lead a happy and successful life.

The members of the graduating class chose to enter the workforce, serve our country in the Armed Forces, or continue their studies at a college/university level. Many of the prestigious college and universities graduates are currently attending included University of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Boston University, Hofstra University, Quinnipiac University, and Catholic University of America.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2018 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: Temple University, University of Maine, University of Vermont, Worcester State University, Bridgewater State University, and the University of Tampa. Additional academic accolades include college book awards/scholarships, increased participation in leadership conferences, as well as the Blackstone Lion's Club Speech Competition.

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School has had a successful run as a partner in the Mass Insight Advanced Placement Initiative Grant. In order to extend on student opportunities within the classroom, this timely initiative allowed the high school to offer a larger number of advanced placement courses, increasing our sections from 4 to 9 courses. Further, this grant offered staff professional development focusing on effective instructional practices and student engagement. Additionally, an invaluable amount of financial resources, student workshops, and faculty mentorships have increased community awareness in raising the academic bar for all students. Our efforts to increase AP level enrollments and challenging students in a rigorous academic setting have paid off. Our students' qualifying AP scores have increased from 29 in 2013, to 99 in 2017. Currently, we have a record number of students (113 total) enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. We are also proud of our 21 AP Scholars who have taken at least four AP courses and averaged a score of 3 or higher on their exam.

Demonstrating the value of personal responsibility and service to others, the National Honor Society members continue to actively engage in their school and greater community in a number of ways. Members volunteer their time to tutor their peers, write letters to elementary students from Santa, supervise young students during elementary parent conferences, and help maintain the Verry Family Cemetery. Community Service projects include volunteering at the community food pantry and collecting funds for Toys for Tots.

The high school's recognized "silver" Student Council was also very active in the school and community. Leadership opportunities continued to be part of the student council experience as several of our members attended the following: annual state conference in Hyannis, national student council conference in New Hampshire, MASC summer leadership training at Worcester State, as well as multiple regional conferences. Senior, Antia Lahue was also elected delegate of the State Student Council Association.

Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, our middle and high school musicians continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. Last Spring, six students earned district recognition while two students earned All-State status, selected by the Massachusetts Music Educations Association. Our Jazz Ensemble and Marching Band continue to rise to the occasion and personify what it means to be a CHARGER.

Many other department initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering and exploring their talents and interests. Student leaders attended several conferences including Girls State and Boys State, as well as the Hugh

O'Brien Leadership Conference at Bentley College, and the START Leadership Conference at Becker College. BMRHS is 1 of 125 schools in the country to participate in the PBS student reporting labs that are connected to 35 news stations and 2500 students. Under the direction of staff and student leaders our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances. Additionally, "Charger Pride" continues to grow on the athletic fields and courts. Student-athletes have opportunities to learn and lead others through their involvement in MIAA conferences and workshops.

As Principal, it is an honor to serve a community dedicated to communication, academic excellence, respect, and personal responsibility. The community support of the arts, athletics, and academic programs in the district have allowed us to meet the needs and interests of our students. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. I am proud to say that we are truly a family. Together we will rise!

IN THE KNOW: BY THE NUMBERS

- **84% of the class of 2017 was accepted to college or post-secondary program**
- **All BMRHS students participate in our 1:1 Learning program and have been issued a Chromebook**
- **52% of the class of 2017 enrolled in at least one advanced placement course while at BMRHS**
- **The BMR Marching Band are two-time National Champions (2015 & 2016)**
- **More than 235 student-athletes participate in 21 MIAA-approved sports**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Dudek
Principal



FREDERICK W. HARTNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Principal Transition

During the month of June, I met numerous times with the outgoing principal, Justin Cameron, to learn about the school, staff, budget, and our school improvement plan. I created a summer Google Classroom for our One Book, One School book, *The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall, as well as math practice assignments. Every student received the book at no cost. If the student completed the work, they were able to participate in a Penny Social raffle for prizes in the fall.

Upon my start on July 1st, I shared my principal entry plan with the superintendent and the middle school staff /families. As part of my plan, I set aside time to meet with the staff on a one-to-one basis throughout the summer. Students had two opportunities to meet me and make either a stress ball or a Minion origami character. Parents had two opportunities to meet and have coffee with me.

Enrollment

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School greeted 426 students for the school year on August 30, 2017.

As of October 1, 2017, the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6 130 students

Grade 7 141 students

Grade 8 155 students

Curriculum and Instruction

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well-rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Students can enroll in band as an elective class.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra (grade 7), Extended Algebra/Algebra (grade 8), Life Science, World History, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Electives are Band, Fitness for Life, Exploring the Arts, and Chorus (grade 8).

Our Intervention and Enrichment or Growth in English and Math (GEM) classes are assigned to students on a quarterly basis. Using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA), the results determine placement in either an ELA/math intervention (a need for core strengthening) or ELA/math enrichment (a high-achieving opportunity). Other enrichment classes offered are Spanish I (grade 8), CSI, Math Beyond Numbers, Art, Making Math Matter, Early Horror Writers, The Joy of Literature, Two Sides to a Story, Making Literacy Matter, Exploring Literacy Devices Through Film, and Virtual Middle School.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, PBIS Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs include: Cooking Club, Art Club, Hoops for Life Club, Flag Football Club, Photography Club, Movie Maker Club, Lego Club, Board Games Club, Off-Season Sports Training Club, Coding Club and Ski Club. The funding source for these focus clubs came from a very successful school fundraiser, the National Grid's Energy Savings Program, and the HMS PTO.

Musical opportunities (beyond band during the school day) include marching band, color guard, winter guard, and Jazz band.

Sports opportunities include soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country, track and field, cheerleading, and basketball.

Students have an opportunity to engage in a number of community service projects sponsored by StuCo and NJHS. Some of these projects included the Kindness Rocks campaign, a canned Food Drive, a Penny Wars, Holiday Food Baskets, and Winter Clothing Drive.

Our eighth grade class traveled to Washington D.C. while seventh grade went to the YMCA Hockomock Ropes Course Challenge and the sixth grade had an overnight trip at Nature's Classroom.

Parent-Teacher Organization

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising by hosting several school-wide events such as their annual Volleyball Marathon. Their fundraising has helped to provide funds towards field trips, assemblies, dances/socials, honor roll breakfasts, and other special events.

The HMS PTO purchased two 3D printers for our new Makerspace. It is housed in our media center/library. Students from all grades have been able to make use of these printers in their academic classes.

School Resource Officer

This year we welcomed a new SRO to our school, David Loudon. He has quickly worked to build relationships with all our students so they are comfortable talking to throughout the day. We have greatly appreciated his support as well as the support of the entire Blackstone Police Department.

This has been an exciting year for students and staff at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School. Everyone feels extremely fortunate and offers our sincere appreciation to the communities and the district administration for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Curt-Hoard
Principal



AUGUSTINE F. MALONEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Our doors opened on August 30, 2017 welcoming students back to school. 299 students in grades 3 through 5 and 50 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning. Students were greeted by our new school mascot, balloons and bubbles. It was a true celebration of the AFM school family.

Throughout the summer AFM was transformed from furniture piled high, bare walls in the classrooms and hallways to a welcoming learning environment. Teachers were in during the summer working in classrooms. I would like to welcome Mr. Dennis LaRose, as our Head Custodian. We are thrilled to be able to have him as part of our AFM family. Under his guidance, our custodial staff worked tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. All of the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: AFM students.

The Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) worked throughout the summer as well to plan for ways to provide for enrichment learning opportunities for our students.

The October 4th Move-A-Thon was a huge fundraising success for BEPO; but it was also a way for the school community to come together and celebrate each other. BEPO's efforts, on behalf of students and staff is second to none. Words alone cannot express the level of appreciation, gratitude and thanks we have for all their hard efforts. BEPO meets the first Monday of each month in the AFM cafeteria at 6:15PM. Please consider joining us. There are so many ways in which you can volunteer and help make a difference in the education of our students.

We continue our efforts to plan for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) to become imbedded in our school day as well as finding ways to support expected behaviors and recognizing positive choices. The Golden Spoon Award is given monthly to one classroom per grade level who consistently meet the cafeteria expectations. AFM has monthly school spirit days. We continue to work to find ways to recognize those who meet our three R's of schoolwide expectations - Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn. Citizens of the Month are nominated for their consistent modeling of the Charger values by being: Cooperative, Honest, Attentive, Respectful, Good-Hearted, demonstrating Effort, and Responsible. Activities are planned for these students, allowing them the opportunity to pay it forward to the community.

Recognizing that school and home must form a partnership to support student learning and safety, AFM hosted Ellen Miller from District Attorney Joseph Early Jr.'s office during our Meet the Teacher Night. This informative presentation focused on Massachusetts Bullying and Harassment Laws, Emerging and Existing Technology, and how to keep safe while using today's technology. Ms. Miller also hosted students in Grades 4 and 5 to talk about making responsible decisions when using social media.

Curriculum and Instruction

Empowering Writers is in its first year of implementation for students in grades 3-5. Teachers are receiving professional development in order to effectively implement instructional methodologies, provide productive student feedback, support students in making connections between reading and writing and evaluate student progress.

Students will participate in MCAS testing during the Spring of 2018. Computer-based testing is planned for students in grades 4 and 5, while students in grade 3 will take MCAS paper-based testing. Our technology support under the guidance of Mr. Bouzan as well as Mrs. Carty, our technology teacher, are working to ensure infrastructure/hardware readiness as well as student familiarity with the testing format.

Teachers worked diligently to revise the K-5 report card to be standards-based, reflecting the current Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. This was a process that began during the 2016/2017 school year and was implemented for the first trimester marking period in December 2018. Teachers volunteered to be part of the Report Card Committee and worked with their grade-level colleagues both at A. F. Maloney and Millville Elementary to build a report card that is an effective tool to communicate student performance to parents. A Frequently Asked Question and Glossary was sent home to families to help explain the revised report card.

Superintendent Himmelberger, for your unwavering support of teachers, staff and families, thank you. Your dedication to the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District is greatly appreciated. To our School Committee I thank you for recognizing the challenges we face to meet the needs of all our learners and for doing your due diligence to certify a budget that strives to meet the needs of BMR. Mrs. Wenn Cob, Business Manager, works closely with Leadership to address curriculum and building needs; I thank her for all her efforts. As Director of Special Education, Ms. Braverman continues to focus her efforts on student need and I thank her for her time and support. Welcome to Officer David Laudon, who has been named our School Resource Officer. He is an important member of our AFM family and is quickly building positive relationships with students and staff.

I would like to thank all of our families who support student learning at home, but also here at school. You are the first educator for your child and continue to be a critical part of your child's learning.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at A. F. Maloney. Teachers, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant Mrs. Breault all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none and I am extremely proud to be able to work alongside this compassionate and supportive colleagues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Brown
Principal



JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The new school year began as the buses rolled up to JFK/AFM on August 30, 2017. Our new Charger mascot greeted students as they piled off the buses to begin a new school year. During the summer the Blackstone Elementary School Parents Organization (BEPO) had worked hard to re-landscape the grounds of the school, adding gravel and bright colors around our schools. The John F. Kennedy Elementary School covers grades kindergarten through second grade, while the A.F. Maloney Elementary School covers grades 3 through 5. Our schools operate as two separate schools, however we share staff, resources, physical spaces and work collaboratively to smooth transitions between the schools.

Our parent-teacher organization, BEPO, works hard to support both JFK and AFM staff and students through a variety of fund-raising efforts and additional learning opportunities for our students. In the fall, the Move-A-Thon was a phenomenal success both in terms of its fund-raising and its fun factor! Other events that the BEPO organized for our students included the Trunk or Treat, Pajama time with Santa, Scholastic Book Fair, Boy and Special Lady event, Girl and Special Guy event. BEPO also organized our Mascot election day where the students chose the name Blaze, for our new school mascot! We are very grateful for all that BEPO does to support our school.

We continue to expand our implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) program in our schools. This program outlines and reinforces expected student behaviors for various areas in our school and on our buses. We have monthly Citizen of the Month awards for students who are demonstrating desired behaviors. We also award the “Golden Spoon” award each month to the class that consistently models the cafeteria expectations. More PBIS programs will be added to support students and their behaviors.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our teachers continue to align their instruction and assessments with the Massachusetts State and Common Core Standards. We follow a Reader’s Workshop model as part of our literacy instruction. We target phonemic awareness through our use of the Foundations program. This year we have begun implementing the Empowering Writers program to develop student writing skills. Teachers are receiving ongoing professional development in instructional methodologies, providing student feedback and how to support students as they make connections between their reading and writing. Teachers continue to refine and develop their skills as they implement the enVisions Math Program. This math program facilitates mathematical critical thinking skills to prepare all students for ongoing success in higher education. This school year also marked the use of our new Standards-based report card. These report cards were developed by an in-house committee to build a report card that communicates student achievement in reference to student mastery of specific curriculum standards. Besides the new report cards, a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions and Glossary of terms and acronyms was sent home to help explain the newly revised report card.

Thank you to our superintendent of Schools Allen Himmelberger, for your guidance and support of students, teachers, staff and families. A warm welcome to Blackstone Police Officer Dave Laudon, who was recently named our School Resource Officer. Officer Dave has been a solid presence in our schools from his first day, he can be seen riding buses occasionally, greeting students each morning, and throughout the day in various supportive roles throughout our schools. We have also had several new staff join our team this year, welcome to Mrs. Taylor Teixeira, Grade 2 teacher, Mrs. Lisa Clark, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Cathleen Nikosey, Special education teacher. These experienced professionals have made a great addition to our staff at JFK. An additional welcome to Mr. Dennis Larose, who is our new head custodian. Dennis is a familiar face to those in town, he has worked in various capacities throughout the district and has done a great job caring for our building and all of us in it!

Thank you to all of our families who support student learning at home and here at school. We are grateful for all of the parents who have been able to support our students and teachers as classroom volunteers. We have also begun to form a partnership with the Blackstone Council on Aging, whereby they have been sending seniors to work alongside the students in our classrooms. All of these demonstrate that we all have a role to play in our children’s education and our children are better off for all of your efforts!

I am very pleased to have begun my first year here at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School. I am thoroughly impressed with the dedication and commitment the staff makes to the children of Blackstone. Your children are well taken care of when they come through our doors each day.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Tringali
Principal





MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Professional Development in the areas of writing and curriculum revisions were our overarching focus this year. All faculty and staff (Grades 2-5) attended professional development for Empowering Writers. Empowering Writers emphasizes a unique approach to writing instruction, emphasizing the connection between good writing skills and literacy achievement as a whole. As well, Aspen/X2 curriculum efforts in the online web portal continued this year - so we have a “live” data warehouse of all of our teaching and learning efforts as a school (Preschool – Grade 5). All members of Millville Elementary School community participated in Alice training, which emphasized safety preparedness in times of crisis; as well as various forms of technology integration workshops on our district-wide professional development days. All staff returned to Millville Elementary on August 29th, 2017 to prepare for the year ahead by taking part in the first professional development offerings. On August 30th, two hundred eighty nine students arrived back to Millville Elementary for their first day of school.

Our staff took steps to support our community by partnering with the Millville Elementary School Parent’s Association (MESPA) to put on an ice cream social at the start of the school year; a Halls-o-ween event at the end of October; a Colonial Feast for the Senior Citizens of Millville; a Toys for Tots & Teens Drive supported by our local U. S. Marine Corp; and a Cookies and Sleigh Ride event with Mr. & Mrs. Claus to close out 2017. In 2018, we had a “Blanket Drive” in support of the MSPCA as well as a

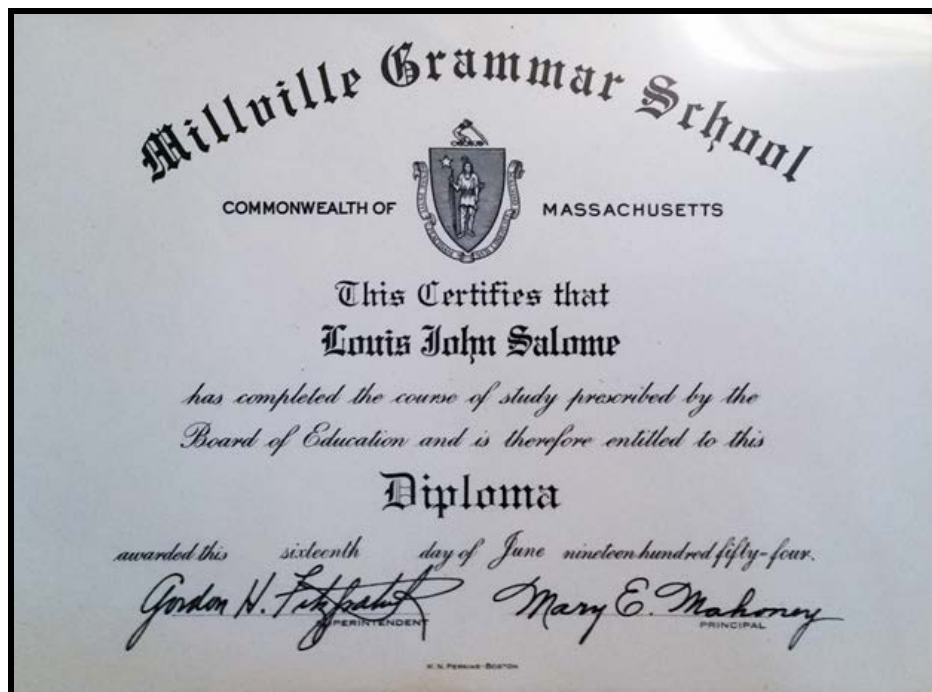
Scholastic Book Fair; a Community Reading Day in recognition of Dr. Seuss' Birthday in March as well as a number of other fun opportunities for the school and the community-at-large - to celebrate our faculty, staff, students and their families – in all that they do to promote the importance of teaching and learning – together!

In an effort to continuously promote our core values of respect, responsibility and a readiness to learn, staff acknowledged student's good deeds by presenting them with "Give Em a Big Hand" certificates; morning announcements whereby the Principal announced their names and gave each student a "Spirit Stick." We also had a "Student of the Month" Lunch with the Principal to recognize their ability to model our school's goals for each month.

In conclusion, all of us at Millville Elementary wish Mr. Allen W. Himmelberger, Blackstone-Millville Regional's Superintendent of Schools, well as he prepares for his retirement. Our administration, faculty and staff deeply appreciate the leadership and communication with all stakeholders, thus making our school district, in general, and Millville Elementary School, specifically, a "very special place to teach and learn!"

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.
Principal





SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Office of Student Services is dedicated to overseeing the provision of special education programs and services to students between the ages of three and twenty two who have been identified as educationally disabled. Additionally, this department oversees English as a second language (ESL) programing, preschool programming, Medicaid and the education of the homeless and unaccompanied youth.

The philosophy of the Student Services Department is “to minimize obstacles and maximize opportunities” for all students. To achieve these ends, our department’s primary goal is to provide each student with the necessary strategies, skills, and supports needed to function as independent and contributing members of the school and community.

The faculty and staff have worked to provide quality programs and services to more than 325 students with disabilities. In English Language Education, we have provided the most comprehensive programs, services and supports to more than 87 English Language Learners. Our preschool program is experiencing fantastic success with our young children entering the district for the first time between the ages of three to five.

Entering my third year with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, it is my honor and privilege to serve the community as the Director of Students Services. The faculty and staff work tirelessly to meet the needs of diverse learners and exceptional

students. Moreover, it is impressive to see our students in action each and every day realizing the goals of the District.

In a mandate to provide a free appropriate public education to all students, we know that cost is not to be a consideration. The provision of FAPE, however, is not free; and in fact, is very costly. With the decreases in the State and Federal Special Education Grants, managing fiscal resources has been a challenge in prioritizing our needs which is the administrative predicament of special education funding. Allocating resources in a tense fiscal environment demands that data is collected to develop and monitor the special education budget and the Special Education Improvement Plan. We analyze special education enrollment trends, staff-student ratios and trends, parent feedback, disability trends, out-of-district trends, special education referrals and evaluation data to inform our budgetary obligations.

The list of factors contributing to the funding crisis in special education is both familiar and staggering to consider.

- **Funding formulas which are inequitable, disparate, complex, and inadequate**
- **Legal costs which are unparalleled in almost any other area of education**
- **Uncontrolled cost of nonpublic or private placements**
- **The need for discretionary dollars to meet the unexpected needs of families who move into the District**

In conclusion, by nature I am optimistic and committed to the Blackstone–Millville Regional School District community of children, families, and staff. I am prepared to proactively generate solutions as well as carefully understand the complexities of issues and offer hope to support special education programs and services and the students served. Please accept my deepest gratitude for all of the assistance and support you have graciously provided, in general, and as a department, specifically, throughout this academic year.

Respectfully Yours,

Loretta Braverman, MSW
Director of Student Services



BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY LISTING

Name	Salary	Name	Salary
Abisla, Stephanie P	\$74,284.54	Carty, Monica M	\$53,875.97
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$81,724.82	Chaplin, Victoria A	\$20,113.46
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$14,164.49	Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$60,651.55
Allard, Denise L	\$27,629.91	Chase, Louise W	\$73,052.75
Allard, Pamela J	\$52,711.74	Cividino, David A	\$31,238.22
Allen, Courtney B	\$16,232.45	Clark, Lisa D	\$16,061.41
Amylon, Philip M	\$13,278.28	Cobb, Wen S	\$91,671.28
Anderson, Jillien L	\$50,658.56	Colgan, Susan M	\$57,770.61
Andrade, Denise M	\$21,385.30	Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$63,405.96
Andrews, Darren S	\$24,132.56	Conrad, Eleanor M	\$59,802.77
Angelini, Stephen T	\$61,930.48	Conti, Carol M	\$61,490.58
Arno, Laura L	\$19,126.79	Costa, Maria	\$71,904.46
Arroyas, Ann R	\$43,939.18	Costello, Diane L	\$22,158.43
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$10,941.98	Cote, Esther H	\$73,108.84
Bacon, Paul M	\$42,250.70	Covino, Diane J	\$13,024.93
Bacon, Wilfred R	\$48,355.67	Crandall, Jennifer R	\$12,276.30

Bak, Tracy J	\$10,459.62	Crocker, Elizabeth H	\$18,847.80
Baldini, Ann M	\$14,632.67	Croteau, Leslie A	\$11,129.88
Barbato, Jessica A	\$12,113.99	Cunningham, Marcia D	\$74,276.66
Barber, Wendy S	\$18,372.78	Curran, Jeffrey M	\$72,578.68
Bartusek, Karen E	\$14,596.83	Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	\$47,338.05
Beaven, Donna M	\$7,312.01	Cusack, Sharon K	\$18,757.50
Beech, Lona M	\$13,483.18	D'Andrea, Tara J	\$48,527.65
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$65,858.27	D'Eletto, Nicholas M	\$56,816.81
Blanchard, Michele M	\$76,801.78	Dansereau, Linda A	\$62,162.36
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$70,940.95	Davia, Janine M	\$73,537.69
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$74,943.73	Davidge, Debra A	\$17,672.59
Borchard, Susan P	\$65,750.00	Davies, Mary F	\$14,990.73
Bourassa, Susan D	\$9,490.63	Davis, Karyn A	\$19,717.70
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$78,804.72	Dean, Shannon M	\$12,431.25
Bouzan, Sean M	\$86,047.54	DeCelles, Dale L	\$38,005.23
Boyan, William J	\$42,860.27	Deleo, Lauren V	\$15,287.12
Boyko, Michael	\$38,940.52	Demers, Lisa M	\$72,098.75
Boyle, Lauren M	\$15,451.21	Denomme, Elise A	\$59,865.95
Braverman, Loretta	\$101,414.31	DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$43,486.92
Breault, Karen J	\$50,380.48	Dery, Diane M	\$14,262.91
Breen, Molly K	\$18,190.50	Desai, Varsha B	\$51,036.56
Brown, Carol A	\$107,275.69	Deschamps, Lisa A	\$20,768.43
Buteau, Karen E	\$13,838.59	Descoteaux, Stefanie A	\$71,839.86
Buurma, Ann P	\$18,772.33	Desilets, Susan J	\$20,997.36
Cameron, Justin A	\$60,645.52	Desjardins, Kim C	\$55,880.79
Carlson, Katherine W	\$26,133.01	Dewolf, Mark A	\$64,565.81
Carpentier, Jamie L	\$47,948.09	Dextraze, Michelle D	\$49,724.10
Carr, Hillary M	\$29,705.59	DiCecco, Dawn M	\$69,616.75
Carroll, Deborah A	\$60,791.58	DiCecco, Kristie J	\$73,199.83
Carson, Lauren M	\$70,973.60	Dorfman, Sarah P	\$52,838.87
Doten, Elizabeth J	\$39,982.67	Hernandez, Jennifer R	\$48,008.63
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$68,076.75	Highcove, Dawn	\$74,788.59
Dubofsky, Grace A	\$48,329.31	Himmelberger, Allen W	\$161,732.10
Dubois, Katharine E	\$67,584.71	Hindle, Kayla R	\$23,236.27
Ducharme, Keith A	\$93,043.70	Holihen, Amy M	\$71,729.87
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$78,316.73	Hook, David C	\$53,407.38
Dudek, Michael E	\$108,117.06	Hughes, Karen A	\$6,581.08
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$29,603.71	Hughes-Paterno, Colleen F	\$46,330.41
Dutremble, Carolyn	\$3,296.46	Hunt, Ursula	\$40,639.59
Dutremble, Kristen T	\$10,010.94	Isenberg, David	\$74,805.73
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$3,504.60	Jackson, Lynnea D	\$14,612.06

Euglow, Joshua M	\$53,496.21	Jones, Bianca C	\$31,688.44
Eyssallem, Denise	\$7,237.50	Jones, Kathleen M	\$69,429.17
Fanning, Kevin T	\$42,354.09	Juba, Mark P	\$74,300.95
Faulkner, Edie A	\$73,268.27	Kearnan, Julie A	\$11,848.83
Faulkner, Ian M	\$4,843.88	Kerwin, Stephanie A	\$17,855.64
Finn - Campopiano, Barbara	\$40,853.00	Kiely, Kevin P	\$74,780.51
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$70,763.57	Labrecque, Diane F	\$52,957.57
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$25,467.08	Labrie, Lauri A	\$16,500.05
Fontaine, Jeffrey R	\$14,634.07	Lacroix, Tina M	\$57,426.00
Fortini, Meghan A	\$30,491.62	Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$29,229.66
Franzosa, Tara K	\$63,473.09	Lanctot, Nicole L	\$22,247.70
Gallagher, Amy L	\$55,209.76	Lanctot, Richard J	\$40,566.91
Gallagher, Jason E	\$36,780.73	Landry, Alison M	\$29,599.74
Gallo, Lise M	\$69,365.34	Landry, Richard N	\$41,498.56
Ganis, Eilizabeth	\$18,153.36	Landry, Steven J	\$19,846.54
Gaudet, Damien W	\$48,554.85	Landry, Susan A	\$24,933.04
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$34,225.84	Langone, Kerri	\$76,399.14
Gentile, Charlsey L	\$34,449.02	Laporte, Janis H	\$90,655.41
Ginish, Laura E	\$50,832.43	Laren, Norma C	\$75,531.91
Gomes, Lynne M	\$68,102.86	LaRose, Dennis J	\$39,050.57
Goulet, Peter R	\$79,841.72	Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$18,064.42
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$56,026.99	Lauzon, Karen E	\$50,883.17
Grube, Lynnell	\$47,105.35	Le-Gagne, Thien-Phuong T	\$6,247.27
Guidi, Vanina V	\$19,269.07	LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$51,563.60
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$21,120.58	Lee, Linda P	\$36,652.63
Hagan, Maribeth	\$7,537.50	Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$78,203.97
Hagerman, David T	\$37,606.63	Levitre, Suzanne E	\$39,287.01
Haggas, Lory J	\$21,587.29	Liard, Linda M	\$13,677.21
Hannon, Heather M	\$60,225.66	Liard, Roy J	\$60,520.48
Hardy, Natalie A	\$41,537.45	Lipsett, Edward F	\$38,335.17
Harpin, Rebecca E	\$70,658.84	Lovely, Mary E	\$47,220.81
Haughey, Paul S	\$105,291.53	Lynch, Timothy A	\$9,808.68
Healy, Brendan M	\$48,630.80	MacMillan, Maureen	\$78,206.00
Hebert, Debra A	\$19,335.94	Mailloux, Jennifer M	\$46,833.14
Hebert, Ethan J	\$46,417.53	Maloney, Deborah A	\$29,943.67
Hebert, Scott A	\$43,403.82	Maranda, Jonathan A	\$21,032.55
Marchand, Kimberly A	\$40,431.12	Reilly, Jenna L	\$15,067.40
Marcotte, Nicholas N	\$52,969.91	Reilly, Sheri L	\$58,911.46
Marlborough, Carrie A	\$14,421.39	Remillard, Erica D	\$7,696.06
Martinelli, Christine J	\$16,520.75	Renz, Christine E	\$53,387.52

Martino-Harms, Andrea J	\$57,569.20	Renzi, Andrea A	\$13,835.42
Martins, Kevin M	\$52,786.55	Riedel, Jean L	\$44,560.51
Martufi, Caitlin P	\$49,492.12	Rielly, Susan S	\$64,234.87
Maurice, Jamie A	\$67,974.12	Roberge, Hillary J	\$51,151.41
McCall, Candace M	\$15,138.32	Robertson, Christine R	\$67,402.51
McCormick, William J	\$75,593.97	Robinson, Lynn A	\$14,483.73
McCourt, Kevin M	\$80,751.14	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$14,380.89
McCrum, Kelly A	\$27,566.69	Rodriguez, Antonia	\$31,032.72
McLean, Marianne J	\$84,107.89	Roe, Ethan	\$77,515.36
McNamara, Keith M	\$59,033.21	Romano, Ann M	\$51,119.12
McQuaid, David P	\$22,759.69	Rondeau, Jill A	\$41,103.90
Medeiros, Jessica S	\$53,207.11	Rose, Maureen	\$76,791.12
Menard, Jacqueline A	\$17,612.05	Rosenbaum, Katherine M	\$58,798.50
Menard, Kristi A	\$52,523.59	Rounds, Lisa A	\$57,286.09
Menard, Megan L	\$49,173.88	Rousselle, Renee	\$75,117.18
Mignanelli, Barbara	\$73,727.63	Rowden, Audra, A	\$41,486.00
Moreau, Linda A	\$71,507.56	Ryan, Paula M	\$57,929.43
Morgan, Melissa J	\$30,644.82	Sacco, Nicole L	\$47,864.34
Morin, Diane M	\$79,801.00	Salome, Linda A	\$47,436.24
Morrisson, Kelly L	\$6,982.71	Samson, Barbara E	\$33,414.92
Murphy, Eileen S	\$12,621.59	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$67,111.32
Nagelschmidt, Mary J	\$10,536.01	Schaper, Nicholas P	\$12,272.76
		Schimmelpenningh, Matthew L	\$19,771.64
Najarian, Robin A	\$70,244.59	Scott, Lynne S	\$75,853.48
Nerbonne, Jean M	\$15,916.71	Scott, Sean P	\$36,783.38
Nerbonne, Richard E	\$31,959.41	Scoville, Kristen N	\$42,962.43
Newman, Colette L	\$73,083.57	Shafer, Christina M	\$80,188.61
Nikosey, Cathleen H	\$17,869.94	Shafer, Todd L	\$92,971.36
Nneji, Lynne M	\$74,889.23	Shaughnessy, Nicole E	\$53,836.28
Northup, Jacob K	\$16,954.66	Shea, Debra L	\$17,343.02
O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$37,719.90	Sheerin, Angela R	\$51,014.35
Olbrys, Maria S	\$71,891.71	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$35,243.89
Oliveira, Rachel R	\$27,178.00	Sherman, Mary B	\$82,144.10
Pereira, Cliff R	\$80,547.79	Simard, Monique F	\$56,348.79
Pilibosian, Carol A	\$13,022.50	Simonetti, Pamela	\$15,115.29
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$83,508.19	Slate, Steven H	\$73,609.37
Pilling, Christopher S	\$18,757.96	Solari, Jennifer A	\$72,473.84
Poirier, Jessica R	\$21,833.40	Soule, Patricia E	\$72,428.92
Poirier, Tina M	\$30,705.77	Spont, Anne M	\$57,032.67
Porter, Richard A	\$15,508.69	St. Germain, Kelli S	\$5,031.90
Potter, Joann R	\$14,961.87		

Powers, Maria A	\$25,866.63	Stalnaker, Carrie M	\$3,214.80
Powers, Patricia J	\$82,103.04	Staples, Daniel R	\$10,760.01
Rayos, Lora J	\$21,417.00	Stearman, Kathy L	\$9,970.48
Stefanik, Karen M	\$19,636.09	Stone, Pepper A	\$3,250.00
Sullivan, Allison K	\$65,611.29	Sullivan, Timothy J	\$48,185.73
Swanson, Francine P	\$17,490.61	Swanson, Gwyn J	\$8,321.25
Takessian, Brenda L	\$14,258.93	Tasick, Lori A	\$72,492.63
Tasker, Sara E	\$23,030.09	Teixeira, Taylor M	\$16,588.17
Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$49,627.25	Thompson, Karen P	\$65,861.16
Thomson, David L	\$62,497.95	Torvi, Janice A	\$71,013.67
Tosti, Jill M	\$64,637.05	Tringali, Steven J	\$44,164.62
Trottier, Lisa A	\$72,166.83	Trudeau, Kimberley NT	\$51,050.76
Tullock, Alexandria D	\$15,953.82	Tunnessen, Arthur M	\$13,453.19
Turgeon, Emily E	\$65,340.58	Uppstrom, Kelsey L	\$44,072.93
Vaughan, Maryalice	\$48,431.75	Verreault, Amy L	\$41,277.50
Villucci, Kaitlyn R	\$40,183.44	Volk, Kari M	\$56,832.36
Walker, Jennifer L	\$16,211.16	Walker, Matthew B	\$40,531.15
Walsh, Brigitte B	\$57,886.00	Warren, Maureen L	\$72,490.35
Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$61,082.00	Wiggin, Cassandra A	\$2,990.88
Williams, Michelle L	\$65,439.65	Wolfgang, Lea D	\$17,483.31
Wolford, Julianne C	\$23,527.54	Young, Karen M	\$54,389.10
Yurick, Juliet D	\$55,816.19	Zilonis, Tessa G	\$18,631.86



**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

A Message from the Superintendent-Director:

In true BVT fashion, we have once again chosen to use our Annual Report as an opportunity to integrate our student successes in academic and vocational classrooms with the achievements of the District as a whole and the facts and figures of our operation. Our students have experienced tremendous success during this fiscal year thanks in part to the financial support of our 13 District towns. Perhaps the most telling indicator of the impact of your investment comes from the letters, e-mails, and phone calls we receive from our alumni sharing their accomplishments.

We first heard of 2013 Business Technology graduate Jennifer “Jen” Lannon’s career success when she was featured as the cover story of the July 2015 edition of Plumbing & Mechanical magazine. Jen is building a lucrative career in the plumbing industry as a member of a very small demographic of female plumbers. Of course, breaking boundaries was not unusual for Jen who earned a co-op placement as a junior, and spent her senior year participating in a dual enrollment — completing a co-op education and taking classes at Quinsigamond Community College.

Jen's initiative and drive, along with the myriad of customer service skills and general "people skills" she says she learned while walking the halls of BVT, has earned her company a stellar reputation throughout the Cape Cod region. Jen's success in an industry so outside of her original comfort zone is not unusual for BVT graduates. Our students are given the tools and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive and ever-changing world by our faculty and staff. While we celebrate the accolades our alumni have earned, we also continue to commit ourselves to providing the best quality education for our current and future students. I invite you to join me in exploring Jen's story and the stories of our current students and staff who are breaking boundaries along the road to success at Blackstone Valley Tech.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

Jennifer Lannon – Breaking Boundaries

Overwhelmed. Hesitant. Unsure.

It's a simple description of how Jennifer "Jen" Lannon felt walking through the maze of display tables boasting the majors offered at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI. Registered to be a freshman in the fall, Jen came to an important realization as she stood surrounded by excited co-eds at the orientation: college was not for her.

"I didn't like the college experience," she said. "I didn't like living in a dorm, and none of the majors I thought I was interested in interested me enough to want to study them for four years."

Deciding not to pursue a college degree was simple, but choosing a career path was difficult for the 2013 Business Technology graduate. She explored a variety of options including working as a personal trainer and completing an internship with the District Attorney's office, but neither experience inspired her.

"With both jobs, I thought 'I like working out, but I don't like being a personal trainer' and 'I like Law and Order, but I don't like sitting in a courtroom,'" she said. "I was really stressed out trying to figure out what I wanted to do."

As Jen struggled to find a career path to fit her passions, her father, John Lannon, was looking for a career change. The 1975 BVT graduate was tired of the stress and long hours associated with his work as a VP for JJ Bafaro, the plumbing company he worked at for 30 years.

"He said to me, 'well, what about the trades?' and I said, 'well, what about them?' Then he said, 'well, what about plumbing?' and I said 'well, what about it?'" Jen said. "I had never even considered working in the field."

John had experienced a lucrative career as a plumber. He has held a master plumbing license for more than 40 years, worked on his own, ran his own small business, and

worked his way up the ranks of JJ Bafaro. He proposed starting a father-daughter owned and operated plumbing company. Jen would have dual responsibilities using her BVT education to run the business and learning the plumbing trade as his apprentice.

The father-daughter duo did exactly that taking their idea and turning it into Jen's Plumbing & Heating. With two hours' worth of work lined up, John and Jen moved to Sandwich, MA where they had owned a summer home before becoming full-time Cape Cod residents. They completed their first job — replacing a water heater in Osterville — on March 31, 2014.

"It was interesting because I had never seen anything like it, and I had never done anything like it before," Jen said. "I knew the more I worked in the field the more I'd get the hang of it. It definitely got my attention watching things go from start to finish."

A love of seeing projects through each stage to the final product was one she had previously discovered while working at Consigli Construction Co., Inc. through BVT's cooperative education program. As a junior, Jen began her placement at the company bouncing throughout the office working with project management, marketing, accounting, business management, and engineering. During her senior year, she landed on a job site working directly with the project management team.

"When I was working at Consigli, I realized how fascinating it is watching a project from start to completion and everything that goes into it," she said. "I got the construction bug."

Now a registered plumbing apprentice, the construction bug is serving her well. Each day, she and her father set out to replace water heaters, complete the plumbing of new homes, repair leaks, and more throughout the Cape Cod region. Jen and John make an ideal team as he teaches her the ins and outs of the trade.

"She has a great work ethic and great people skills," John said. "The one thing we've heard from the day we set up shop is that none of the plumbers call anybody back. Even if we can't do it, we call them back and give them somebody else's name. We make it a point to call people back, always the same day they call."

Jen credits her time at BVT for teaching her the importance of customer service. Answering the phones in the Business Technology shop, working at the school store, and interacting with students and instructors taught her to value the customer experience by returning phone calls, beginning appointments on time, and responding to each job with a smile and friendly face.

There is one other factor Jen says helps her customers feel at ease with her — she is female.

"I think that our customers really appreciate that I am a female," she said. "When we first started, my dad made a point that typically when we go to someone's house for a service

call a woman is home during the day, and usually the woman would be more comfortable with me showing up at the door versus your typical male plumber.”

Most of her customers are so comfortable with her in fact that they greet her at the door with a hug and offer her coffee and lunch while she is working in their homes. The relationships she’s built with customers has allowed Jen’s Plumbing & Heating to run without advertising.

“When we first started we did advertising. We placed an ad in the church bulletin, in the Cape Cod Times, in Prime Time Magazine, and we did BNI [Business Network International]. After spending all this money on advertising, we came to the conclusion that 90 percent of our business was word of mouth.”

Simply driving to different jobs in their work van with the pink logo Jen designed brought business to the company.

“We have the white truck with pink and blue letters and pink shirts and pink business cards. We capitalize on it being father-daughter owned and operated and a woman plumber,” she said. “The pink and blue shiny business cards, the pink shirts... it’s just the little things that people appreciate.”

As a female in the plumbing trade, Jen will have a multitude of options once she receives her journeyman’s and master’s plumbing license. She and her father can choose to continue to be simply father-daughter operated, they can hire additional plumbers or apprentices, or Jen can choose to join a large corporation.

Jen’s career in the plumbing industry is bright as only 1.3 percent of all plumbers are female.

“A woman licensed plumber could get a job in a minute,” said John.

Jen will go for her journeyman’s license in early 2019. The journeyman’s license will allow Jen to work on her own in the field. One year after she earns her original license, Jen plans to go for the master’s license test, which will allow her to hire additional plumbers and apprentices.

“We’ve talked about getting a high school student who wants to go on a co-op program and working with him or her,” Jen said. “I think that’s the most important advice I’d give to students now. If you can get a job on co-op, get a job on co-op no matter what that job is. It will open so many doors for you.”

Confident. Focused. Determined.

It’s a simple description of how Jen feels walking up to a new jobsite ready to install or repair water lines, waste piping, vent piping, and more. More than three years into her

apprenticeship, Jen and her father have turned their simple idea into a lucrative business and countless opportunities for Jen's future.

Is There Anything More American Than Apple Pie?

The participants of the 2016 WorldSkills General Assembly, co-hosted by Canada's Skills Competencies Canada and the United States' SkillsUSA, were treated to an All-American Barbecue including the American culture's signature dessert: Apple Pie.

BVT students baked 300 individually wrapped mini apple pies for delegates of the WorldSkills General Assembly over two days before sending them off with the US delegation of SkillsUSA to be enjoyed at the event.

"It was an honor to present each participant with an individual apple pie made by our students," said Karen Ward, Executive Director of SkillsUSA Massachusetts. "The pies not only represented America's pastime, but the extraordinary talent and skill of our career and technical education students. We were very proud as participants raved about the pies."

The 2016 WorldSkills General Assembly marked the first time the General Assembly was held in North America, and the first time two countries co-hosted the event. As a co-host, the United States had the opportunity to showcase students and national pastimes.

"The pies became a gathering point to welcome the world — 63 countries from Austria to Zambia enjoyed a slice of America thanks to the talents of our students," said Ward. "Thank you to Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, the teachers, students, and members of the school's administrative team for bringing our vision to reality and our hospitality to the world. We are very grateful."

BVT's own Stacey Muanya represented the United States as the official spokesperson for SkillsUSA at the international event.

BVT Celebrates the Class of 2017

Showing off their artistic and technical talents with colorful, 3-dimensional, and LED lit mortarboards, members of the Class of 2017 celebrated their graduation from Blackstone Valley Tech on June 1st at Worcester's Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. This year, 286 students officially concluded their dual high school education by crossing the graduation stage and receiving their industry-recognized vocational certificates and diplomas.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick commended students for their academic achievement, technical prowess, community service dedication, and humility during their high school careers. He advised students to continue to pursue educational opportunities in all areas to become masters of lifelong learning.

“As you write your next story, be a curious seeker of adventurous learning. Acquire new skills and view the world as an ocean of opportunity,” Fitzpatrick said. “Recognize that occasional challenges and disappointment will likely be part of your journey, and strive to spread goodness wherever you go.”

After receiving their dual credentials, members of the BVT Class of 2017 were greeted outside the Hanover Theatre with cheers, balloons, and congratulations from hundreds of proud parents, guardians, family members, and friends.

See the photo gallery at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2017

FY17 – Another Outstanding Year of Achievements

BVT students continue to display their mastery of rigorous academic topics and industry validated vocational technical competencies.

409

During the 2016–2017 school year, a total of **409 AP course exams** were given to 262 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Computer Science A, Physics 1, and Spanish Language & Culture.

15 years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System’s (MCAS) Spring 2016 test results revealed a tremendous performance by BVT students for the **15th straight year**. In English Language Arts, 100% of our students scored Advanced or Proficient compared favorably to the statewide average of 91%. In Math, 95% of students scored Advanced or Proficient compared favorably to the statewide average of 78%.

95%

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. An impressive **95%** of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient compared to 73% statewide.

100%

In Spring 2016, 174 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and **100%** scored in the Advanced and Proficient categories. This was the third straight year 100% of the BVT freshmen taking the Science exam scored in the two highest categories.

\$4.2 million

Members of the BVT Class of 2017 earned more than 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value in excess of **\$4.2 million**.

302

A total of **302** BVT juniors and sophomores participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and new spring PSAT 10 test administrations. Designed by the College Board, the tests are an

early indicator of potential student success on the College Board's SAT tests and Advanced Placement program.

An Integrated History Lesson

The students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at BVT never thought they'd learn about the Civil War as a part of their shop curriculum. Neither did the Health Services students, or the students in English and Art classes. Nevertheless, instructors throughout BVT used the Civil War Reenactment held at Daniels Farmstead on October 8th and 9th as an opportunity to integrate the Civil War into seemingly unrelated subjects.

The fusion of history into different programs allowed students to understand the complexities and multifaceted nature of the Civil War.

The Culinary Arts program used the reenactment as a springboard to teach students about the availability and quality of food during the Civil War period. The students created a beef stew using ingredients and techniques from the era. The stew used substitutions when necessary, but the final version gave students and guests an idea of what soldiers ate while serving in the war.

The history lesson continued to transcend the history department when students in the Health Services program discovered the many ways modern medicine differs from Civil War era medicine. Through an in-class project, students traced the path medicine followed through the Civil War to evolve into what they are learning about today by researching the medical care and treatment of wounded and sick soldiers.

"The students were astounded by the crude instruments and the simple medications used. The class research showed students how the Civil War aided in the evolvement of medical care," said Health Services Instructor Judith Lavallee.

The vocational programs were not the only ones integrating social studies into their curriculum by using the event to bring a more detailed understanding of the time period. The English and Art programs teamed up to create a contest for students to display their new knowledge. Students were encouraged to create a short story, poem, comic strip, or other piece of art based on the reenactment. Students were able to take in the sights and sounds of the event, couple them with their knowledge of the time period from their social studies classes, and create something new.

The students' knowledge of the Civil War was further developed by an interactive presentation where two reenactors, dressed in Union soldier uniforms, answered students' questions about the Civil War and the process of planning and executing a reenactment of one of the most turbulent times in American history. The reenactors gave detailed answers about everything from women's role in the war to how soldiers set up their camps.

"Our multifaceted Civil War reenactment project, established in partnership with Daniels Farmstead, served as a recipe for active and applied learning," said Superintendent-

Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “The venture was a biology lesson blended with a history lesson, spiced with a culinary arts lesson, incorporated within a creative writing lesson, and embedded within a health services field hospital setting.”

The integrated history lessons provided by the Civil War reenactment created a school-wide learning initiative. The reenactment, which was well attended by students, teachers, and the general public, allowed history to take center stage and inspired students to see how history is involved in every facet of education.

SkillsUSA: A BVT Triumph

The annual SkillsUSA competition series, an elite vocational technical skills event, gives BVT students the chance to prove that their technical skills are among the best in the country. Competing in trade-based events judged by panels of business and industry experts, our students kept their impressive winning streak alive in 2017 by earning 153 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

Massachusetts District V Conference
35 GOLD, 33 SILVER, and 30 BRONZE

Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference
24 GOLD, 14 SILVER, and 6 BRONZE

National Leadership and Skills Conference
2 GOLD - Connor Andrews of Sutton and Zachary Rivernider of Mendon (Mobile Robotics Technology – Team Event).
1 SILVER - Elizabeth Stallcup of Upton (Restaurant Service).
8 BRONZE - Steven Alger of Uxbridge and Bryan Desrosiers of Millville (Robotics & Automation Technology – Team Event); Rachel Arnold of Northbridge and Jonathan Lynch of Mendon (Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue – Team Event); Gabrielle DeCosta of Grafton (First Aid-CPR); Matthew Keith of Douglas (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration); Priya Patel of Douglas (Job Skills Demonstration Open); Olivia Rice of Grafton (Health Occupations Professional Portfolio).

TOP 15 – Bailey Martin of Upton (4th Diesel Equipment Technology); Sarah Arnold of Northbridge (7th Commercial Baking); Kevin Konieczny of Upton (7th Welding); Kristina Richardson of Uxbridge (7th Photography); Alexandra Valoras of Grafton (7th Principles of Technology); Christopher Coley of Upton (8th Culinary Arts); Mackenzie Varieur of Blackstone (10th Medical Math); Donovan Tames of Northbridge (12th Telecommunications Cabling).

STATE OFFICER - Adam Cavanaugh of Milford

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES - Anika Koopman of Northbridge; Kelley Muanya of Milford

NATIONAL OFFICER - Stacey Muanya of Milford



Students Lured to Fishing

The sound of a 3 a.m. alarm clock is often met with enthusiasm by Corey Smith and Conner Polymeros because it means a morning of bass fishing at tournaments throughout Massachusetts.

In 2016, Smith and Polymeros created a bass fishing team at BVT. In its inaugural season, the team had four members who traveled to compete in tournaments. After a successful first year, Smith and Polymeros recruited new members through social media and the school's daily announcements.

In 2017, the 19 members of the bass fishing team competed in three tournaments during their April–June season. At each tournament, participants are judged by the weight of their catches with a maximum of five fish per person. The tournaments also give students the chance to learn from older fishers who offer advice on the sports' best practices.

“The older fishers like to teach us different things. They might give advice about where to fish because of the time of day or water temperature. I’ve learned a lot from them,” said Smith, an Electrical student from Uxbridge.

In a typical BVT entrepreneurial approach, the students raised outside funding versus relying upon operational budget support. They received sponsorships from area businesses, and the supports coupled with the students' and school's contributions allowed each student to receive a personalized fishing jersey. This education in sales is just one life skill the club has provided.

"I learned a lot about getting familiar with people and starting different conversations and asking for advice," said Polymeros, an Engineering Technology student from Northbridge.

Smith and Polymeros are enjoying the fruits of their labor with their well-received club while looking towards the future.

"The club grew a lot in a single year," said Polymeros. "It exploded, and we know there will be people to carry it on when we graduate."

The bass fishing team created another place for students to showcase and hone their skills thanks to the passion of two students, the school, and local community that supported their drive.

FY17 Awards & Accolades

Presidential Scholar

Class of 2017 graduate Stacey Muanya of Milford was selected as a national semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

Muanya was one of only 722 semifinalists selected from nearly 5,100 candidates nationwide.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in the community and school activities.

Green Up New England Challenge

The students in the Students for Environmental Awareness (S.E.A.) club gave area residents a quick, simple, environmentally friendly option to rid themselves of excess waste through their Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge, and they received the Honorable Mention award at the Green Up New England Challenge.

The students collected plastic grocery bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, Ziploc bags, bubble wrap and more from December 2016 through April 15, 2017. The students weighed and recorded the amount of plastic film received through the recycling bins spread throughout the school. In total, the S.E.A. club redirected 565 pounds of plastic away from landfills.

Citizenship Awards

In April 2017, Sarah Arnold, a junior Culinary Arts student from Northbridge, and Silvana Reid, a junior Manufacturing and Engineering Technology student from Mendon, received Citizenship Awards from the Leukemia & Lymphoma society.

The award recognizes their dedication to the society's mission of curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, myeloma, and improving the quality of life for patients and families, as well as their efforts to get the community involved in fundraising to find a cure for blood cancers.

CareerSafe Spotlight

In December, Information Technology Instructor John Kelly was recognized by CareerSafe, an organization dedicated to delivering safety education for America's future, for his commitment to educating students about workplace safety. Kelly was featured in several CareerSafe publications including their website and print magazine, and drew praise from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators for the accomplishment.

While teaching at BVT, Kelly saw a need for a safety protocol upgrade within his program, as well as surrounding programs. Kelly thought it was important to stay ahead of safety issues and grow safety protocols in accordance to the technology and resources available to the district. The CareerSafe spotlight showcased Kelly's drive to bring safety to all students, and the success he is finding with his lessons.

The Oscars of Food

The James Beard Foundation presented its 2017 James Beard Award for Outstanding Service to Blue Hills at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills, New York — a restaurant managed by 2007 Culinary Arts graduate Christine Langelier. The Outstanding Service award is presented to a restaurant in operation for five or more years that demonstrates high standards of hospitality and service.

"As the General Manager, I've helped train and mentor the staff that contributed in this year's award," said Langelier. "Having my team able to stand beside me to accept one of the industry's highest awards was such positive affirmation for the hard work we all put into the restaurant."

PN Program Earns Top Spot

PracticalNursing.org, an organization that promotes the growth of nursing professionals through education, ranked BVT's Practical Nursing as the number one LPN program in Massachusetts.

The ranking assessed 17 practical nursing programs in Massachusetts, focusing on how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. The National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) pass rates for the previous five years were analyzed and weighted by year. Blackstone Valley Tech received an overall score of 100 to secure the top spot.

Community Projects

Each year, community projects give District residents a tangible return on their investment while providing BVT students with real-world experience. Throughout our 13-town District, Valley Tech's work on capital improvement projects is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets. As a vocational technical school, we maximize the impact of stakeholder investments by using internal talent and resources on campus improvements and renovations. District residents realize further savings by enjoying the discounted services offered in our student-run restaurant, salon, and school store.

In FY17, a total of 332 projects and services resulted in significant savings for District communities and residents:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$372,105
In-School Projects, Installations, and Repairs	<u>\$194,464</u>
Total Savings to Taxpayers	\$566,569

A few of the FY17 community projects and services include:

Retrofitting the Temporary Millville Town Hall

The town of Millville received a helping hand from BVT students as it worked to retrofit the town's American Legion Hall into a temporary town hall. Approximately 100 students offered their drafting, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC skills to the project.

For the next three years, the American Legion Hall will house municipal offices and town operations while the town develops and builds a new town hall. The existing Longfellow Municipal Center was closed in the summer of 2015 due to structural issues.

BVT students were heavily involved in taking the American Legion building apart to create offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, and other things necessary for it to function as a town hall. Drafting students created renderings, Construction Technology students were involved in demolition work and built a ramp for the rear entry, Plumbing students re-plumbed the bathroom to make it ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, Electrical students rewired approximately two-thirds of the building, HVAC students installed a central cooling system, and Painting & Design Technologies students painted the interior of the building.

Upton State Forest CCC Camp Restoration

The Construction Technology and Painting & Design Technologies students teamed up to restore the CCC Camp at Upton State Forest. Students in the Construction Technology program removed a portion of the old, weathered siding from the building before replacing it with new siding that matched the original grain. Once the new siding was installed, Painting & Design Technologies students went on location to stain it to blend with the existing siding.

Refurbished Uxbridge Fire Truck

A focus on the details and pride in their work led BVT students to go above and beyond when working on the Uxbridge Fire Department's 2006 Ford Maintenance 1 pickup truck. The project began as a replacement of the rear bed, which was almost completely rotted. As the students worked on the truck, they identified other rust spots, a dent in the hood, and a faulty starter. With the guidance of instructors David Beaudreau and Benjamin Bertrand, students fixed each problem before painting the entire vehicle. The Painting & Design Technologies students also created and applied lettering identifying the truck for the Fire Department.

"It looks brand new!" the Uxbridge Fire Department said on its Facebook page. "This partnership with BVT saved us a lot of expense and will keep this 11 year old vehicle in service for several more years."

Return on Investment

BVT's Budget Helps to Connect Skills, Workforce, and Post-Secondary Training

As the BVT School Committee advanced the District's FY17 budget, they developed a blueprint that was responsive to Governor Charlie Baker's concerns of the looming skills shortage. Valley Tech's budget includes those resources necessary to respond to the challenges posed by both the state and its regional employers. Utilizing relationships with industry partners and securing grant opportunities and other monetary gifts, the operating budget was held to a modest 3.00% increase. In order to further mitigate the state's increase in the minimum contribution rates of our District towns, the School Committee authorized the use of \$250,000 in available reserve funds.

Significant among a variety of cost containment measures is the ongoing green efforts of our faculty, staff, and students with regards to printing, energy consumption, and waste recycling. Additionally, the District continues to seek solar power opportunities (Net Metering Credits) that will reduce energy costs and return valuable dollars to the classroom.

The District's FY17 operating budget of \$21,956,739 was funded primarily by \$8,840,232 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$12,718,507 in Member Assessments. As a dedicated partner of our District towns, we remain committed to further assisting their fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single, consolidated annual request. Valley Tech operates within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Grants: Additional Funding to Support Our Mission

BVT continues to aggressively pursue any non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations to support enhanced learning, programs, and services for students. In FY17, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$1.3 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In FY17, Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced that Valley Tech was selected to receive a portion of an \$11.8 million grant aimed at expanding opportunities and training programs for careers in growing industries.

“These investments have a major impact for the educational institutions training our workforce and the students who stand to benefit from enhanced skills and career paths,” said Governor Baker. “Strengthening relationships between educational institutions and local industry as this program seeks to do is crucial to the success of our communities and Commonwealth as a whole.”

The \$495,000 Workforce Skills Capital Grant will help BVT train students on specific equipment identified as “must-haves” by the school’s 300-plus business and industry advisors. Key pieces of equipment include a SIMS Mother & Baby Birth Simulator, a Mock Pharm Tech Lab, a Panoramic X-Ray Machine, a 3D printer, and a Roland 30” Printer/Cutter among other exciting STEM opportunities.

In addition to grants, BVT saved on capital expenses throughout FY17 by accepting donations of equipment and funding from business and industry partners. Our athletic program received one such gift when UniBank generously donated \$30,000 to install a new digital scoreboard on the athletic field. BVT also secured financial support from National Grid to mitigate the cost of installing energy efficient LED lights throughout the building.



Class of 2017: Millville

NHS = National Honor Society NTHS = National Technical Honor Society

Elizabeth Kate Constantineau, Electronics and Engineering Technology; Brett Lenny Desjardins, Business Technology; Bryan Charles Desrosiers, Electronics and Engineering Technology; Liliana Ruth Gambach, Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing; Lindsay Rae Harper, Business Technology (NHS); Jacob Ryan Platt, Construction Technology; Kaylee Danielle Smith, Painting and Design Technologies (NHS); Kenneth Lord Tubman, V, Information Technology (NHS/NTHS); Cameron Robert Vaillancourt, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Arielle Gordon Wilson, Multimedia Communications.

Our School Committee

Valley Tech's School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy.

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James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge

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