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Millville, Massachusetts

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Memoriam

In memoriam of the Town residents who had passed away in 2021

Margaret Carroll

Stephen Jones

James Mullaly

Rosemary Phipps

Leonard Provencal

Helene Ryan

Amanda Trant

Santo Tulumello

Gail Wright

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of the Town of Millville,

We are honored to present the Annual Town Report of the town of Millville Board of Selectmen. The Board is comprised of five elected individuals, each serving three-year staggered terms. Erica Blake and Jennifer Wing opted not to seek re-election and Kevin Surette resigned his position. The Board would like to thank them for their service to the town.

On April 5, 2021, the Board welcomed two new members, Todd Trottier was elected to a three-year term and Adrienne Pettit, who previously served on Millville's Finance Committee from July 2018 to December 2020, was elected to finish the one year remaining on the term vacated by Kevin Surette. The Board of Selectmen reorganized on April 6, 2021 and elected Jennifer Gill as the Chair, Andrew Alward as the Vice-Chair, and Adrienne Pettit as Secretary. At this time, the Board of Selectmen only has four members.

The last year has been trying due to the Covid pandemic. We have had town meetings outside, all meetings virtually, and daily operations have changed. Millville has weathered this pandemic very well thanks to the leadership of our Town Administrator, Peter Caruso. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to the Town Hall staff and Peter for their hard work, flexibility and continued excellence amidst the challenges this pandemic has created over the past year.

Over the past couple of years, the Town of Millville has made tremendous progress in terms its financial stability. The stabilization accounts have healthy balances, while investing in a variety of capital items, such as: a backhoe and sanding truck for the highway department; and a new police cruiser and other equipment for the public safety departments.

In addition, the Board is incredibly grateful for Senator Ryan Fattman and Representative Mike Soter's partnership and support. In 2021, they were able to secure $250,000 to purchase a new ambulance. According to Senator Fattman, this is the single largest item funded by the state in Millville's history. The Board looks forward to this continued partnership and support from the Senator and Representative.

Despite all of these financial accomplishments, it is imperative that the Board continue to work closely with the Finance Committee to keep Millville in a strong financial position. Further, the Board is committed to continuing to work diligently with Millville's other boards and committees to meet the needs of our community and continue to build the financial health of our town, by heavily scrutinizing budgets and purchases, to ensure our

recommendations and decisions are maximizing the return on investment to make certain we are spending the citizens of Millville's hard-earned money in the best way possible. Another major accomplishment for the town is the recent approval of the amended Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Agreement. The district formed a sub-committee comprised of Dr. Jason DeFalco, BMR Superintendent, Matt Ehrenworth, BMR Assistant Superintendent, representatives from both Millville and Blackstone's Board of Selectman, School Committee and Finance Committee, as well as parent and citizen representatives from both towns, with a goals of both updating a long-outdated agreement for current state laws and regulations, document governance and, most importantly, provide the district with the ability to implement practices supporting equitable education across the district. We thank this sub-committee for the continued collaboration and diligent review during the year they spent to put forth an agreement to better serve our students, while considering the views of many stakeholders.
The Board of Selectmen opted to put together some goals for the following year. The goals are as follows:

1. Quarterly updates with the Finance Committee: The number one issue facing Millville is financial. Although our stabilization accounts have nice balances, we have yet to put forth a balanced budget. In order to achieve our goal of a balanced budget, the Board of Selectman must work closely with the Finance Committee and this board is committed to doing that.

2. Plan for the Town Hall Building on Central Street: This is a goal specifically from the Capital Planning Committee, but the Board of Selectmen must support this effort to ensure its success.

3. Continue to work in partnership with the Blackstone-Millville school district to understand their long- and short-term goals, both financially and in their efforts to provide the best education possible to our students. The district has already begun the work to assess its capital needs and develop a plan to address those needs. The Board is excited to participate in the district's Capital Planning Sub-Committee. In addition, the Board hopes to begin discussions with the district to address funding of its outstanding OPEB liabilities. Finally, the Board hopes to have a plan in place to address the water issues at Millville Elementary School.

4. Increased communications and transparency: In order to ensure we have increased awareness, not just for the Board, but for the citizens in Millville as well, we will be receiving regularly scheduled updates from various committee and board chairs.

5. BOS and Town Policies and Procedures review and update: The board hopes to review our policies to ensure they are still in alignment with current events,

policies, and procedures and to update as needed.

Thank you so much for your support over this last year. We cannot stress enough that we encourage and look forward to the participation of anyone and everyone in Millville. We encourage you to attend meetings, ask questions, and present new ideas. Many, if not all, meetings have open forum – we would love to hear from you.
The Board of Selectmen will continue to work and serve all residents of Millville to the best of our abilities. As always, it is an honor to serve the Town's residents for the last year.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Gill, Chairman
Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman
Adrienne Pettit, Secretary
Todd Trottier, Member

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Residents of Millville,

Who would have thought we would have had another year of Covid?

And yet your Town Hall team continued to serve you with a smile and good health.

Your Schools continued to teach.

Your Library continued to be a community focal point.

Your Senior Center kept folks engaged, active, and healthy.

Your Police and Fire/EMT Public Safety folks were always there for you 24/7.

Your various community leaders continued to hold meetings, make decisions, and act in ways they thought best served the Town and its residents.

So, in spite of: Do I wear a mask? Get a shot? Keep my distance? Somehow, we got through some challenging times that were unprecedented.

Yes, there were changes in various positions on boards and also in town staff. But new folks stepped right up and carried the ball without skipping a beat.

Your streetlights have come on. Your roads have been safe. Your needs for service have been met. Hopefully you believe your tax dollars have been wisely spent.

Working with your Board of Selectmen and your Finance Committee we provided carefully crafted budget guidance for our various department heads so the town could live within the means provided under Proposition 2 ½. Your department heads carefully adhered to and managed their budgets wisely.

Your Capital Planning Committee was also diligent in ensuring that facility and equipment needs were evaluated and managed using the resources available while keeping a careful eye on identifying solutions to long term facility and equipment needs.

The town also began its involvement with Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC) for its emergency dispatch - all funded by State 911 resources.

We further leveraged the use of CARES Act funds amounting to over $280,000 to purchase supplies, services, and authorized equipment needed by various departments, including BMR.

In addition, we received and started utilizing some of the $950,000 available under ARPA funds, fulfilling critical needs without dipping into taxpayer pockets.

There are so many to thank for helping Millville make it in Massachusetts. Including Senator Fattman and Representative Soter. But mostly you all need to be thanked. Without you there would be no Millville.

Thank you!

Peter Caruso, Millville Town Administrator

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Board of Selectmen and Residents of Millville:

2021 marked my sixth year in office as Town Clerk. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the townspeople of Millville. There have been many challenges in 2021 as the pandemic wreaked havoc with working conditions in both the Town Hall and elections. I am proud to say that with perseverance, the Town Hall of Millville stayed open throughout the whole year, and all elections ran smoothly.

Two long-serving members of the town passed away during 2021: life-long resident and amazing historian, Margaret Carroll and James Mullaly, Permanent Library Board of Trustee and election clerk. It was my privilege to have known them both and to have worked with them for several years.

It was a sad day for the Town Clerk's Office when CarolAnne Mullaly resigned as Assistant Town Clerk. My new Assistant Town Clerk, Chris Morse, came on board October 7, 2021 and is very diligent in her duties. She is simply amazed at the amount of work that the Town Clerk's office has to attend to. At eight hours per week, there is never a dull moment for her.

There were many rough months inside the Town Hall while the staff waited for the outcome of appointments for the Treasurer/Collector position and the Building Inspector position. It was very disheartening when the hard-working, dedicated staff members, Lisa Larue and Lincoln Barber, III were not reappointed to their respective positions. Even though this is the report for 2021, I feel it important to follow up that both Lincoln Barber, III and Lisa Larue passed away at the beginning of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES: 2021

Births: 26

Deaths: 29

Marriages: 9

Dog Licenses: 2021

Total number of licenses issued: 533

Amount of money collected: $5829.00

Appointed Town Officials

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Animal Control	Animal Inspector	Kevin Sullivan	6/30/2022
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	Kevin Sullivan	1/31/2023
Board of Assessors	Member	David Manzello	6/30/2023
Board of Assessors	Member	Paul Ouellette	6/30/2023
Board of Assessors	Member	Adrienne Pettit	6/30/2021
Board of Health	Health Agent	Leonard Izzo	6/30/2021
Board of Health	Burial Agent	Diane Lockwood	6/30/2021
Board of Health	Regional Health Inspector	Daniel Markman	6/30/2024
Board of Health	Health Inspector	Robert Marks, Jr.	6/30/2022
Board of Registrars	Registrar	Beth Crenshaw	4/1/2024
Board of Registrars	Registrar	Patricia Finn	6/30/2021
Board of Registrars	Registrar	Andrea Herrick	6/30/2022
Board of Registrars	Registrar	David Maloney	3/31/2023
Building Department	Assistant Building Inspector	Dale Bangma	6/30/2022
Building Department	Building Commissioner	Lincoln Barber	10/31/2021
Building Department	Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer	Joe Fitzpatrick	6/30/2022
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Richard Bremilst	10/31/2021
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Peter Caruso	10/31/2021
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Kristin Foody	10/31/2021
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Jennifer Gill	6/30/2022
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Thomas Mulvey	10/31/2021
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Todd Trottier	10/31/2021
Building Inspector Search Committee	Member	Kenneth Tubman	10/31/2021
Cable Access Committee	Member	Colleen Curis	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Jesse Dufault	6/30/2022

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Cable Access Committee	Member	Madison Durand	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	L. Carlton Hamilton	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Cable Coordinator	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Capital Program Committee	By Virtue of Town Position	Peter Caruso	6/30/2023
Capital Program Committee	Advisor	Richard Crivello	6/30/2023
Capital Program Committee	Member	Christian Munise	6/30/2022
Central Mass Regional Planning Commission	Delegate	Justin Allen	6/30/2021
Central Mass Regional Planning Commission	Alternate Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024
Conservation Commission	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Jeffrey Pettit	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Amy Sutherland	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Sandra Caswell	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Elaine Ethier	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Patricia Finn	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Pamela Dean Kobetitsch	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member/Volunteer	Lois C. Laflamme	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Diane Lamoureux	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Lori Ann Legere	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Paul Moore	6/30/2023
Council on Aging	Member	Larry Pearson	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member and Volunteer	Susanne Robbins	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Alan Whittemore	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Ron Kelly	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Cultural Council	Member	Cindy Walsh	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Keith Wing	6/30/2021
Elections	Election Clerk	Patricia Finn	3/1/2023
Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspector	John Grenga	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Member	Patricia Benoit-Rudden	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Member	Philip Franzen	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Director	Ronald Landry	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Acting Director	Roy Liard, Jr.	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Member	Paul Ouellette	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Member	Benton Phelps	6/30/2022
Emergency Management	Member	Matthew Roias	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Griffin Blake	6/30/2022
Fire Department	FT FF/EMT	Samantha Blanchette	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Nicole Bourassa-Pratt	6/30/2022
Fire Department	FT FF/EMT	Tyler Crenshaw	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF	Danny Desmarais	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call EMT	Audrey Drake	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	James Foster	6/30/2022
Fire Department	FT FF/EMT - Lieutenant	Steven Furno	6/30/2023
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Mary Gilmore	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-call FF	Jonathan Guilbeault	6/30/2021
Fire Department	On-call FF	Joseph Guilbeault	6/30/2022
Fire Department	Chief of Police and Fire	Ronald Landry	6/30/2024
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Roy Liard, Jr.	6/30/2022
Fire Department	Acting Fire Chief	Roy Liard, Jr.	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF	Tyler Mullaly	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF	Matthew Niro	6/30/2021

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Melanie Rielly	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Matthew Roias	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call EMT	John Wojcik, IV	6/30/2022
Flag Warden	Flag Warden	Neil Foley	6/30/2022
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspector	John D'Agostino	6/30/2022
Green Community Committee	Member	Patricia Benoit-Rudden	6/30/2022
Green Community Committee	Member	Matthew Kirk	6/30/2021
Historical Commission	Member	Emile Berthelette	6/30/2023
Historical Commission	Member	Leonel Clement	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Charles Dakai	6/30/2024
Historical Commission	Member	Maria Downing	6/30/2021
Historical Commission	Member	Elaine Ethier	6/30/2024
Historical Commission	Member	Mary Gauvin	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Diane Hadley	6/30/2022
Library	Permanent Trustee	Gail Bryson	1/1/2100
Library	Permanent Trustee	Colleen Curis	1/1/2100
Library	Permanent Trustee	James Mullaly	1/1/2100
Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee	Member	Jennifer Dean Wing	6/30/2021
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Ryan DelGizzi	6/30/2021
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Ronald Landry	6/30/2022
Planning Board	Associate Member	Preston Juskavitch	6/30/2021
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Jeffrey Beckwith	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Harry Cervantes	6/30/2022

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Police Department	FT Sergeant	William Coupe, Jr.	6/30/2023
Police Department	Acting Police Chief	William Coupe, Jr.	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	James Cusack	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Philip Franzen	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Peter Gallerani	6/30/2022
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Scott Gould	6/30/2023
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Nicholas Green	6/30/2022
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Taylor Hanson	6/30/2024
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Robert Johnson, V	6/30/2021
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Steven LaCava	6/30/2022
Police Department	Chief of Police and Fire	Ronald Landry	6/30/2024
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Benjamin Lima	6/30/2021
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Thomas Reynolds	6/30/2022
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Blaine Sheppard	6/30/2023
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Roy Sullivan	6/30/2023
Town Accountant	Town Accountant	Tara Bibeault	6/30/2024
Town Accountant	Town Accountant	Derek Geser	6/30/2021
Town Administrator	Town Administrator	Peter Caruso	6/30/2023
Town Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk	Christine Morse	4/4/2022
Town Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk	CarolAnne Mullaly	9/1/2021
Town Moderator		Jackie Lima	4/3/2023
Treasurer/Collector	Treasurer/Collector	Samantha Chatterton	6/30/2024
Treasurer/Collector	Assistant Collector	Marcia Ferro	6/30/2022
Treasurer/Collector	Custodian of Tax Possession	Lisa A. Larue	6/30/2021
Treasurer/Collector	Treasurer/Collector	Lisa A. Larue	6/30/2021
Veterans Services	Veterans Agent	Jean Turcotte	6/30/2021
Zoning Board of Appeals	Member	Thomas Mulvey	6/30/2024

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Office Holder	Dept	Position	Effective Date	Term Expires
Gerald Finn	Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee	Millville Representative	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
Amanda Guilmain	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Member	4/6/2021	3/24/2022
Erin Vinacco	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	6/15/2020	4/1/2024
Jane Reggio	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	4/2/2018	4/4/2022
Tara Larkin	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	4/1/2019	4/3/2023
Catherine Robinson	Board of Health	Member	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Dustin Ciccarelli	Board of Health	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Robert Marks, Jr.	Board of Health	Member	4/4/2022	4/7/2025
Andrew Alward	Board of Selectmen	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Jennifer Gill	Board of Selectmen	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Todd Trottier	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
VACANCY SELECTMAN	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/5/2021	4/1/2024
VACANCY SELECTMAN	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/4/2022	4/1/2025
Gregory Gomes	Constable	Constable	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Norman Thuot	Constable	Constable	4/1/2019	4/4/2022
Brian Mullaly	Highway Department	Highway Surveyor	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Alyssa Thompson	Library	Trustee	4/6/2021	4/4/2022
Pamela Maloney	Library	Trustee	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Pamela Thistle	Library	Trustee	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Chris Drew	Planning Board	Member	6/15/2020	4/7/2025
Justin Allen	Planning Board	Member	6/15/2020	4/4/2022
Pamela Maloney	Planning Board	Member	4/1/2019	4/1/2024
Preston Juskavitch	Planning Board	Member	9/21/2021	4/4/2022
William Coupe, Jr.	Planning Board	Member	4/2/2018	4/3/2023
Diane Lockwood	Town Clerk	Town Clerk	4/1/2019	4/4/2022

Office Holder	Dept	Position	Effective Date	Term Expires
Alex Mullaly	Tree Warden	Tree Warden	6/15/2020	9/1/2021
Charles Dakai	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Veteran	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Elaine Ethier	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Veteran	4/1/2019	4/4/2022
John Hadley	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Non-Veteran	4/1/2019	4/4/2022
Norman Thuot	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee-Veteran	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Normand Gamache, Jr.	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Non-Veteran	4/6/2021	4/1/2024

RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

Number of Registered Voters: 2316 Turnout: 147 Voter Percentage: 6%

BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) 4 Year Term	
Keri Lynn Gaudette	97
Timothy Wayne Howell	30
Blanks	20
BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) Expiring 2022	
Kerri Gaudette	2
Tim Howell	5
Blanks	140
BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) Expiring 2024	
Sarah E. Williams	126
Blanks	21
BMR District School Committee (Millville Rep) 4 Year Term	
Amanda Guilmain	126
Blanks	21
Board of Health 3-Year Term	
Catherine Ann Robinson	127
Blanks	20
Board of Selectmen (Two Positions) 3-Year Term	
Todd Alan Trottier	113
Jennifer Dean Wing	4
Erica Blake**	**8**
Steve Furno	3
Gary Gill	1
Linda Bassett	1
Normand Gamache	1
Paul Buono	2
Lincoln Barber	2
Josh Poznanski	2
Jonathan Sheehan	1
Beth Crenshaw	1
Blanks	113
Blanks	42

Board of Selectmen Expiring 2022	
Adrienne P. Pettit	124
Erica Blake	1
Jennifer Dean Wing	1
Blanks	21
Constable 3-Year Term	
Gregory Steven Gomes	124
Blanks	23
Constable Expiring 2022	
Scott Bilodeau	1
Leo Ethier	1
Michael Crenshaw	1
Paul Canali	1
Blanks	143
Library Trustee 3-Year Term	
Pamela J. Maloney	132
Blanks	15
Library Trustee Expiring 2022	
Alyssa A. Thompson	126
Blanks	21
Planning Board 5-Year Term	
Emile Berthelette	1
John Kobetitsch	1
Brian Mullaly	1
Blanks	142
Trustee of Veterans Memorial Park – Veteran 3-Year Term	
Norman A. Thuot	131
Blanks	16
Trustee of Veterans Memorial Park – Non-Veteran 3-Year Term	
Normand T. Gamache, Jr.	135
Blanks	12

** Refused 3 Year Selectman Position: FAILURE TO ELECT - VACANT POSITION
Constable Position expiring 2022: FAILURE TO ELECT – VACANT POSITION
Planning Board 5-Year Term: FAILURE TO ELECT – VACANT POSITION

TOWN OF MILLVILLE

RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

PRESENT WERE

Board of Selectmen: Andrew Alward, Jennifer Gill, Adrienne Pettit, Todd Trottier

Finance Committee: Aubrey Buono, Gary Gill, Brian Pacheco, Angela Prizio, Ken Tubman

Town Administrator: Peter Caruso

Town Counsel: Brian Riley

Town Moderator: Jackie Lima

Town Clerk: Diane Lockwood

Sixty-two (62) Registered voters were present, which is 2% of the voter population.

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.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded 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 sources that will be reduced by the same amount.

Moderator declared: Unanimous Vote

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: Town Accountant***

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

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town take no action on this article.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of monies from the Free Cash or available funds 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 annual article seeks a transfer from Free Cash or other available funds, including General Stabilization funds, in order to pay the deficit in the Snow/Ice account, which can be lawfully overspent pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer $73,648.70 from the General Stabilization Fund to fund the deficit incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D.

Moderator declared a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote.

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 2022, 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: Highway Surveyor & Finance Committee

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.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town 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 MGL Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for the fiscal year 2022, 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.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

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 and Cable Advisory Committee***

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.
Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town 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 be forwarded 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.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. FISCAL YEAR 2022 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee***

Explanation: This annual article provides for all tax-supported Town operations and activities including the operating budgets of the schools and general government. Please see the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Document.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ **6,642,611** as 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, with such appropriation to be funded as follows: Raise and Appropriate the sum of $6,594,911, and to transfer the sum of $40,820 from the Septic Title V account, and to transfer the sum of $6,880 from the General Stabilization Fund, for a total of $6,642,611 as set forth in the budget document presented to Town Meeting.

Moderator declared motion passes with a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

ARTICLE 7. CAPITAL ITEMS - FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

To see if the town would vote to appropriate $16,000 to purchase new Fire Department Turnout Gear from the Public Safety Stabilization fund. ***Submitted by: Capital Program Committee***

Explanation: The fire department periodically has to replace the Turnout Gear (firefighting safety apparel) for its members. This is to replace 4 outdated sets of gear. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee to allocate these funds to ensure the Fire Department has the equipment they need to maintain the efficient daily operation of the department. This requires a 2/3rd's vote.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 Finance Recommend: 5-0 Capital Recommend: 6-0

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to ~~allocate~~appropriate $16,000 to purchase new Fire Department Turnout Gear from the Public Safety Stabilization fund.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL ITEMS – SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the town would vote to appropriate $17,500 to fund facility improvements at the Senior Center from the Capital Stabilization fund. ***Submitted by: Capital Program Committee***

Explanation: The Senior Center has bundled a number of critical and necessary improvements to its facility for safety and general facility repair and maintenance upgrade purposes, including specifically identified building repairs, carpeting and flooring, and lighting. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee to allocate these funds to ensure the Senior Center has the resources they need to maintain the facility used for the efficient daily operation of the department. This requires a 2/3rd's vote.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 Finance Recommend: 5-0 Capital Recommend: 6-0

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to ~~allocate~~appropriate $17,500 to fund facility improvements at the Senior Center from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL ITEMS – LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the town would vote to appropriate $30,000 to fund facility improvements at the Library from the Capital Stabilization fund. ***Submitted by: Capital Program Committee***

Explanation: The Library also has bundled a number of critical and necessary improvements to its facility for safety and general facility repair and maintenance upgrade purposes, including specifically identified building repairs and improved storage. At the time this Article was approved and submitted it included $13,450 for the shared cost of a furnace replacement included in a pending Green Community Grant application. The Library furnace portion of the grant was subsequently withdrawn so a revised capital request of $16,550 will be made at Town Meeting. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee to allocate these funds to ensure the Library has the resources they need to maintain the facility used for the efficient daily operation of the department. This requires a 2/3rd's vote.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0*** ***Capital Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to ~~allocate~~appropriate $16,550 to fund facility improvements at the Library from the Capital Stabilization fund.

Moderator declared a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

ARTICLE 10. BMR SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the annual amount of said compensation at $1500.00 per member and $1800.00 for the Chairman, or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee***

***Explanation from BMR District School Committee*:** This article seeks to accept the compensation, as defined, to be provided to members of the Regional School District Committee.

Selectmen Recommend: 1-2 ***Finance Recommend: 4-1***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the annual amount of said compensation at $1500.00 per member and $1800.00 for the Chairman.

Moderator declared the vote passed.

ARTICLE 11. TOWN BYLAW – ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaw, Chapter 30, §30-1. A. Annual Town Elections as follows, with deleted terms indicated as strike through and new terms underlined, or take any action relative thereto:

Town Elections. The Annual Town Election for all purposes except Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Committee Member Elections shall be held on the first Monday in the month of ~~April~~ June of each year. ***Submitted by: Board of Selectmen***

Explanation: This article changes the date of non-school committee elections to take place after Annual Town Meeting (ATM). It is believed that voters being asked to vote on major capital items and other ballot box issues will be better informed to make decisions after capital, budgetary, and other warrant article issues have been explained and deliberated on by voters at ATM. It is also believed that newly elected officials will be better informed and able to contribute to their roles after ATM rather than being thrust into and having to take "ownership" of the various often-time complex budgetary and regulatory decisions needing to be made leading up to ATM.
Selectmen Recommend: 1-2

A motion was made and duly seconded that this article be struck from the Warrant.

Moderator declared that the motion to strike Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12. CABLE APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate $25,000 from the Peg Access and Cable Fund available fund balance to fund the cable operation for FY2022, starting July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 under the direction of the Cable Coordinator said funds to be spent on professional wages in the amount of $8,000, part time wages $12,000 and expenses $5,000. ***Submitted by: Town Accountant and Cable Advisory Committee***

Explanation: This article appropriates sufficient amounts to fund the operations of the Cable Coordinator and team from funds collected in the Peg Access and Cable Fund pursuant to the Town's Cable Franchise License Agreement with Charter Communications.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 ***Finance Recommend: 5-0***

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to appropriate $25,000 from the Peg Access and Cable Fund available fund balance to fund the cable operation for

FY2022, starting July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 under the direction of the Cable Coordinator said funds to be spent on professional wages in the amount of $8,000, part time wages $12,000 and expenses $5,000.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. CITIZENS' PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the town would vote to appropriate $50,000 to purchase a new police cruiser from the Public Safety Stabilization Fund. ***Submitted by: Citizens' Petition***

Explanation: This article provides funding for replacement of the oldest of four police cruisers used daily. The one being replaced has nearly 100,000 miles on it and is over 6 years old. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee that the Town plans to purchase a new police car every 2 years which will enable the Police Department to manage the usage across the fleet of police cars so that each is replaced with approximately 100,000 miles. Funding for this is anticipated to substantially come from prior year capital appropriations no longer needed, including $19,372 previously set aside for cruiser purchase needs, $10,000 previously set aside for Taser purchase needs, and $20,000 previously set aside for ambulance purchase needs.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 Finance Recommend: 0-5 Capital Recommend: 4-1

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to appropriate $49,372 to purchase a new police cruiser from the reserve for continuing appropriations fund related to capital purchases no longer needed, including $19,372 previously set aside for police cruiser purchase needs, $10,000 previously set aside for Taser purchase needs, and $20,000 previously set aside for ambulance purchase needs.

Moderator declared the vote passed.

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the Warrant. The moderator declared the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Lockwood
Town Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR

I am delighted to submit the report as Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Millville.

Collection rates continue to be high at 97% collected for Real Estate and 100% collected for Personal Property, which falls in line identically to collections for fiscal year 2020. Those numbers are remarkable considering both years were impacted by the pandemic.

One of our main objectives for FY21 was cash reconciliations for each month. For FY22, we will continue to reconcile cash and strive to streamline policies and procedures regarding the cash recon process for years to follow.

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 and Personal Property on the town's website through our Unipay System.

I would like to specifically acknowledge assistant collector Marcia Ferro, who has gone above and beyond during a staff transition and continually works exceedingly hard to keep the office running smoothly, while always maintaining a pleasant and courteous demeanor for all public interactions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Chatterton
Treasurer/Collector

FUNDS PER BANK STATEMENT AS OF 6/30/21

Cash on Hand	392
Depository	928,342
Debit Account	1,854
Compensated Absence	12,692
Tax Collector	22,090
Payroll	8,386
Vendor	44,003
Bank of America Depository	2,855
Library Trust	35,611
Wildwood Estates	1,293
Treasurer	22,377
MMDT	43,308
Stabilization	1,196,580
Public Safety Stabilization	343,394
OPEB	142,767
TD Bank Library	15,297
Arts Lottery	18,772
Garden Wonders	60,134
53G Accounts	5,838
Planning Board Bonds	38,530
Program Income	673,482
	3,617,997

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES		
Year Ending 6/30/2021		
	REAL ESTATE TAXES	
2021	Real Estate Taxes Collected	4,833,984
	Outstanding Taxes	132,552
2020	Real Estate Taxes Collected	106,767
	Outstanding Taxes	25,249
2019	Real Estate Taxes Collected	19,802
	Outstanding Taxes	17,561
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	
2021	Personal Property Taxes Collected	322,783
	Outstanding Taxes	297
2020	Personal Property Taxes Collected	36
	Outstanding Taxes	343
2019	Personal Property Taxes Collected	
	Outstanding Taxes	292
	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	
2021	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	326,040
	Outstanding Taxes	80,286
2020	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	93,514
	Outstanding Taxes	14,059
2019	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	7,184
	Outstanding Taxes	5,587

	TAX TITLE	
	Tax Title Collected	-
	Interest on Tax Title	-
	DELINQUENT	
	Interest	24,551
	Demand & Warrant Fees	21,579
	Municipal Lien Certificate	4,075

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
2021 ANNUAL COMPENSATION

Last Name	First Name	Salary
Alton-Brillant	John	6861.25
Anderson	Colleen	13570.80
Banner	Susan	1950.00
Barber III	Lincoln	47160.80
Benoit	Kimberly	20.25
Benoit-Rudden	Patricia	36735.08
Blake	Griffin	1358.25
Blanchette	Samantha	47696.30
Boone	Margaret	3418.33
Bourassa-Pratt	Nicole	7201.77
Canali	Wanda	5616.47
Caruso	Peter	81960.06
Catalano	Anthony	3768.38
Cervantes	Harry	29897.13
Collette	Robert	400.00
Cook	Christine	13001.22
Coupe Jr	William	97286.68
Crenshaw	Tyler	20319.88
Cusack	James	4256.11
D'Agostino	John	4855.00
Dafault	Jesse	693.00
Daigle	Patrick	440.00
Desmarais	Danny	311.75
Drake	Audrey	12608.50
Dunlavey	Philip	440.00
Ferro	Marcia	27202.24
Finn	Gerald	750.00
Fish	Susan	20.25
Foster	James	1959.50
Franzen	Philip	6909.87
Furno	Steven	66151.08
Gagnon	Roger	723.33
Gallerani	Peter	26602.04
Gauvin	Mary	1165.59
Gilmore	Mary	5376.00

Gould	Scott	63822.92
Grant	Shirley	30672.61
Green	Nicholas	16298.50
Grenga	John	2985.00
Guilbeault	Jonathan	2326.00
Guilbeault	Joseph	951.75
Guilbeault	Jonathan	2326.00
Guilbeault	Joseph	951.75
Hadley	Karen	168.75
Hadley	John	168.75
Hanson	Taylor	71786.28
Heldenbergh	Barbara	168.75
Heldenbergh	Richard	168.75
Herrick	Kristina	1875.00
Herrick	Andrea	175.00
Hoecker	Sarah	10230.00
Izzo	Leonard	4835.00
Labonte	Timothy	7412.10
LaCava	Steven	45981.37
Landry	Ronald	194971.73
Laplume	Marcel	189.00
Larue	Lisa	47492.25
LeBlanc	Michael	1091.95
Liard Jr	Roy	10283.00
Lockwood	Diane	31909.08
Marks	Robert	825.00
Morse	Christine	1490.64
Mullaly	Tyler	6285.00
Mullaly	Alex	666.00
Mullaly	Brian	23391.21
Mullaly	Carol	5148.75
Mullaly	Brian	23391.21
Niemczyk	Joseph	550.00
Reynolds	Thomas	11809.62
Rielly	Melanie	3569.25
Rivera Lockwood	Ashley	112.00
Robeau	Marc	1564.25
Robinson	Catherine	275.00
Roias	Matthew	15728.25
Ryan	Richard	440.00
Ryan Jr.	Peter	2386.00
Sheehan	Jonathan	39705.40

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Respected Citizens of Millville:

It is with privilege that I bring to you the 2021 Annual Town Report for the Millville Finance Committee. After a tumultuous and uncertain year due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, calendar year 2021 brought about a number of much needed financial highlights for Millville. Some of the many highlights included: successful completion of the FY19 annual audit; a strong and active Capital Planning Committee with a focus on investing for the future; strengthened relationships with BMR leadership; and new revenue streams via marijuana sales and fees. Perhaps most importantly, town leadership, including the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and department heads, worked together with a united vision when it came to fiscal budgetary responsibility and ownership. Millville's established budget guidance memo helped provide standardization for the department heads as they considered their budgetary needs in the context of Millville's annual revenues and the boundaries of Proposition 2 1/2.

The FY22 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Town was $6,642,611, representing a 2.68% increase to the total budget as compared with the prior fiscal year. This budget had a number of high points – it met the requests of our various education departments, increased spending to our public safety departments by 4.45%, increased funding to salaries above and beyond the issued budget guidance for the Council on Aging and the Library, and turned back on Millville's streetlights.

As we look forward to future years and ways to further strengthen our financial stability and success, the Finance Committee continues to push for excellence when it comes to closing our books and certifying our free cash numbers. In the meantime, our stabilization balances remain healthy, our budget has been balanced, our books are being regularly audited, and our leadership team is united with a singular goal of financial wellness for the Town of Millville.

In conclusion, it would be remiss not to mention that without the continued support and cooperation from you, the residents of Millville, our financial stability can easily be turned upside down. The Finance Committee urges the citizens of Millville to consider the information put forth by the Finance Committee, engage in town meetings, and VOTE with an informed mind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Buono

Finance Committee Chair

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal 2021 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	91.6973	306,453,850	15.93	4,881,809.83
Open Space	-0-	-0-		-0-
Commercial	1.5518	5,186,130	15.93	82,615.05
Industrial	0.6823	2,280,450	15.93	36,327.57
Personal Property	6.0686	20,281,271	15.93	323,080.65
	100.00	334,201,701		5,323,833.10

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Taxable Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy
2020	16.07	321,283,301	1,322	5,165,022.64
2019	16.16	311,921,752	1,322	5,040,655.51
2018	16.56	294,527,123	1,309	4,877,369.16
2017	16.11	282,052,664	1,301	4,543,868.42
2016	16.91	269,791,233	1,301	4,562,169.75

Fiscal Year 2021 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 - 043 Mixed Use Properties	12	4,264,100	
101 Residential Single Family	835	258,751,900	309,900
102 Residential Condominiums	110	16,875,100	153,400
104 Residential Two Family	56	12,733,000	227,400
105 Residential Three Family	24	5,729,400	238,800
103&109 Misc Residential	6	1,010,700	
111 - 125 Apartments	3	995,700	331,900
130 - 132, 106 Vacant Land	191	7,178,400	37,600
200 - 231 Open Space	-0-	-0-	
300 - 393 Commercial	19	3,942,900	
400 - 442 Industrial	14	2,110,600	
501 - 506 Personal Property	39	20,281,271	
600 - 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	10	172,930	
TOTALS	1,319	334,201,701	

New Growth Revenue

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Tax Rate	New Revenues
2021	2,140,153	16.07	34,392
2020	2,698,280	16.16	43,604
2019	4,032,913	16.56	66,786
2018	1,503,030	16.11	24,214
2017	3,867,240	16.93	65,395

Millville Board of Assessors
David Manzello, Member/Tax Assessor
Paul Ouellette, Member

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Honorable members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Residents:

In FY2022, the Capital Program Committee (CPC) continued to build on the foundation that was put forth in FY 2021. The members of the Committee reorganized in January 2022 and are as follows:

- Peter Caruso, Chair: townadmin@millvillema.org
- Jennifer Gill, Vice Chair: selectman3@millvillema.org
- Steven Tringali, Secretary: sdctringali@yahoo.com
- Gerry Finn, Citizen Representative: finna93@charter.net
- Jeff Pettit, Citizen Representative: moosehead1426@gmail.com
- Preston Juskavitch, Planning Board: juskavitchpreston@yahoo.com
- Rich Crivello, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to participate on this committee: rvcrivello@charter.net

At the time of this writing (Feb 2022), the balances were as follows:

Account	Balance as of Feb. 2022
General Stabilization	$699,197.06
Capital Stabilization	$166,281.57
Public Safety Stabilization	$236,280.15
Other Post-employment Benefits Trust (OPEB)	$142,778.26

Please note: These balances are subject to change. The CPC wanted to provide a point in time balance reference for transparency to the townspeople. Our guidance and commitment is these accounts will increase once free cash is certified and deposits to the appropriate accounts are complete.

Overview

The Town bylaws has defined a capital project to be a specified item or activity with a cost of at least $10,000 and a useful life of 5 years. The CPC is forward looking, at a minimum of 5 years, continually evaluating needs and improvements to capital interests in the Town of Millville.

Typical Capital Projects include; and not limited to:

- Purchasing vehicles or other equipment
- Purchasing land or buildings
- Constructing, expanding, or renovating a building
- Maintaining or upgrading infrastructure
- Contracting for services

There are a number of benefits to managing a capital program and developing a discipline associated with long-range planning. For example, the work done by the CPC:

- Anticipates future expenses for the town
- Establish and maintain replacement schedules
- Supports Town officials with capital planning
- Informs residents of future projects and expenses
- Encourages departments and committees to plan for the future

Approach

We were able to leverage our capital plan from last year and we also thoroughly reviewed all the department requests; the CPC took a two-prong approach exactly as last year:

1. Evaluated immediate needs with a full financial analysis
2. Researched local best practices for replacement of key capital items.

The capital plan for spring 2022 will largely focus on immediate capital items with recommendations and reviews of longer-term investments (e.g. Buildings).

The committee will continue to revise and evaluate the capital plan through the spring and summer months to evaluate and make informed recommendations on longer-term investments. The CPC will provide a spring version of the plan in March every year to ensure the Finance Committee has ample time to review and consider the capital plan in the town budget.

Millville was very fortunate to receive almost $1 million in ARPA funds, which we were able to use to fund several projects preserving our stabilization accounts.

Millville recommends the following investments:

Department	Request	Amount	Funding Source	Notes
Police Dept.	Administration Car	$50,000	ARPA and/or MA Budget Earmark	
COA	Van Senior Center – Match Funds for Grant	$10,000 (not included in total)	ARPA	Pending BOS approval and will only be spent if the grant for the other $40K is approved
Fire Dept	Chest Compressor – Fire Department	$16,000	ARPA	
Fire Dept	Turnout Gear – Fire Department	$16,000	ARPA	
Cap Planning	NESHAP Assessment – Old Town Hall/Police	$10,000	ARPA	

	Station			
Highway Dept	Salt Shed Highway Dept. – Funds to Supplement Grant	$25,000 (up to)	ARPA	This is a $100,000 project, $75,000 was secured by Senator Fattman
Town Hall	PPE & COVID-19 At-home Test Kits – Board of Health	$30,000 (up to)	ARPA	
Town Hall	Water Compliance Solutions – MES Consultant (on going)	$25,000 (up to)	ARPA	
Town Hall	Server Upgrades – Town Hall	$10,000.00	ARPA	
Town Hall	MES Outdoor classroom improvements	$25,000	Representative Soter	

Building Needs

The Town has several building needs. The Longfellow Building needs to be addressed, the Police Station needs to be repaired, and the Fire Station needs updating. There are several options the Capital Planning Committee is investigating. We were hoping to present options to be voted on in May 2022.

Old Town Hall

This is a top priority for the town. One of the following options for the Longfellow Building needs to be executed:

1. Renovate the building – We need to see if we can renovate and use this building
2. Sell the building – If executed, we need another permanent solution for the Town Hall.
3. Demolish the building

Current Town Hall Solution

The town was very fortunate to be able to partner with Blackstone Valley Technical High School and the American Legion to renovate the current town hall for use. However, the lease expires in 2026 and the town hall needs a permanent home. Several options have been discussed by the CPC including repairing the old town hall building for use, purchasing a building, and others. It is important to note that we are in early phases of envisioning and planning a long-term solution. All options are up for consideration.

Other Building Needs

The town needs to investigate the building requirements across several departments. The town hall itself as mentioned needs a permanent home. The Police Station also needs to be re-evaluated. Finally, the Highway Department needs a building which can store the equipment for summer and winter requirements. This is a longer-term discussion that the CPC is investigating.

In Closing

The CPC greatly appreciates the support we have received from the community and the boards. We also welcome any feedback or recommendations you have in regards to capital investments. We improve our successes through the collaboration and sharing of ideas across the community. Please feel free to email Peter Caruso at townadmin@millvillema.org.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the 2021 Annual Report for Millville Fire Rescue. Our department saw some changes this year with the retirement of Chief Ronald Landry and the appointment of our new Fire Chief Roy Liard Jr., and the appointment of Steven Furno from Lieutenant to Deputy Fire Chief, and the appointment of Samantha Blanchette from FF/EMT to Lieutenant of EMS and Fire Prevention/ SAFE Officer. We also started to increase our on-call staff towards the end of the year to help better serve our community.

The roster for our department is as follows:

Fire Chief (retired)	Ronald Landry
Acting Fire Chief	Roy Liard Jr.
Fulltime Staff:	Steven Furno Deputy Fire Chief
	Samantha Blanchette Lieutenant

On-Call Firefighters:

James Foster, Lieutenant	Gregory Gomes
Griffin Blake	Joseph Guilbeault
John Alton-Brillant	Brett Lisak
Tyler Crenshaw	Tyler Mullaly
Danny Desmarais	Matthew Roias

On-Call EMT'S:

Tyler Crenshaw	Melanie Rielly
Audrey Drake	Matthew Roias
Brett Lisak	John Wojcik
Nicole Bourassa- Pratt	

We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people to serve our town. Training continues to be of the utmost importance to our staff. We train multiple times each month to prepare ourselves for when our citizens need our service.

Three of our on-call firefighters graduated from the Call/Volunteer firefighter training academy in Stow, and are certified to the level of Firefighter I/II. They are Firefighters John Alton-Brillant, Firefighter Tyler Crenshaw, and Firefighter Tyler Mullaly. We are very proud to have them on our staff.

We were very fortunate to receive grant funding this year through the Department of Fire Services in the amount of 12, 449.00 for much needed equipment.

Through funding from Town Meeting and ARPA funds totaling $32,000.00, we are now able to replace some of our aging turn out gear that is expiring. We use this gear to protect us when we enter hazardous environments such as building fire and hazardous materials incidents just to name a few.

We received a grant earlier this year with the help of Representative Soter, and Senator Fattman totaling $250,000.00 to replace our ambulance that was 11 years old. We would like to thank them both for their dedicated service to our community.

During the year 2021 we were awarded $3,794.00 for the Student S.A.F.E Grant and another $2,180.00 for the Senior S.A.F.E Grant. The purpose of the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program (SAFE) is to educate the public to prevent fires and overall keep the residence of this town safe. SAFE also teaches what to do in the event a fire does happen.

With the aging of our firefighting fleet, we will be looking in the next few years for the towns people to appropriate funding to start replacing our aging apparatus. We maintain them well, but as they get older, it costs much more to do so.

Our statistics for the year 2021

Fires	27
Rescue Call	234
Hazardous Conditions	10
Service Calls	19
Good Intent	66
False Alarms	37
Severe Weather	1
Totaling	394 Calls

Mutual Aid Given:

Blackstone	2
Uxbridge	6
North Smithfield	9
Woonsocket	3
Douglas	1

Permits Issued:

Acetylene	5	Oil Burner	7
Burning permits	144	Oil Line Install	1
Diesel Fuel	1	Oil Tank Removal	5
Dumpster	19	Oil Tank Install	5
Form Oil	1	Propane Tank	21
Hydraulic Fluid	1	Water Antifreeze	3
Hot Works Permit	3	Waste Oil	3
Kerosene	1	Smoke/Co	3
Motor Oil	2		

Inspections Performed:

Compliance Certificate	1	Smoke Seller	65
Oil Burner	5		
Oil Tank Removal	5		
Oil Tank Install	5		
Propane Tank	21		
Smoke New	1		

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Liard Jr, Fire Chief

Fire Personnel
Full Time:

Chief Ronald Landry
Lt. Steven Furno
EMT Samantha Blanchette

Admin. Assistant Trish Benoit

On Call
Deputy Chief Roy Liard, Jr.
Lt. Joseph Guilbeault
Lt Jonathan Guilbeault
FF John Alton-Brillant
FF Tyler Crenshaw
EMT Audry Drake
FF/EMT Mary Gilmore
FF/EMT Matthew Roias
Explorer Griffin Blake

EMT Anna Padgett
EMT Nicole Bourassa-Pratt
EMT Melanie Rielly
FF/EMT Danny Desmarais
FF/EMT James Foster
Ff Tyler Mullaly
Ff Megan Mandeville*

* resigned

Fire Calls

Wires down	13
Coverage	3
Structure	7
Chimney	0
Received	
Alarm, Smoke	15
Alarm, CO	5
Search	1
Assist EMS	4
Electrical	1
Outside Fire	8
Public assist	9
Haz Mat	4
Car fire	2
Smoke Investigation	6
MVA	5
Details	5
BBQ fire	5
Water emergency	1
Odors	3

EMS

Medicals	223
MVA	2

Medical - Mutual Aid

Uxbridge	49
Blackstone	2
Mendon	5
North Smithfield	1

Medical- Mutual aid Given

Uxbridge	1
Blackstone	2

Fire – Mutual Aid Given

Mendon	1
Uxbridge	4
Woonsocket	4
Douglas	2
Blackstone	1
North Smithfield	2

Ambulance Receipts 2020: $75,000
Fire Permits issued: 217

Inspections: 125

MILLVILLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

It is with great pleasure that I submit my 2021 annual report to the citizens of Millville.

2021 saw completion of the install of the new generator at the Senior Center. The generator was purchased from the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant that was applied for last year. This year we applied for the Commonwealth EMPG grant in the amount of $2606.00 to purchase a Tactron Incident and Accountability system. This will aid us in the Incident Command System and Accountability at emergencies and planned town events. We anticipate being awarded this grant soon.

We have been working diligently on the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), which verifies incident command training and establishes procedures to maintain essential functions and respond to and recover from the effects of a wide range of emergencies which may disrupt normal government operations. The C.O.O.P. is updated every June in order to reflect changes in Chief Elected Officials and Department Heads.

We have also been working closely with our Commonwealth MEMA official to update the town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The Town of Millville CEMP provides a framework for a community-wide emergency management system to ensure a coordinated response to emergencies and coordinated support of certain pre-planned events. The CEMP addresses the roles and responsibilities of all community departments, agencies, government organizations, volunteers and community partners that may be involved in response operations, and identifies how regional, state, federal, private sector, and other resources may be activated to address disasters and emergencies in the community.

Roy Liard, Jr.

Emergency Management Director

MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

The Millville Police Department is committed to providing the best service and security to the residents of the Town of Millville. We continue to provide fair and equal policing, throughout our community, using all the resources possible to get that job done with the utmost professionalism. We remain dedicated to enforcing all laws, prevention of crime and protecting life and property all while protecting the constitutional rights of all persons we encounter. Our officers promote integrity and professionalism with respect for all.

The year 2021 showed much change for the Millville Police Department as the Town of Mendon decided it was unable to provide dispatch services for the Town of Millville any longer. We switched to a regional dispatch center in Norfolk called Metacomet. Unfortunately, all the software that we currently used for records management was no longer useful and we switched to Caliber Records Management and Caliber Mobil Software. This has been a continual work in progress as most officers had been using the previous software for many years. With this new technology and because we don't have anyone to currently answer the phone, we are using the same phone tree answering system, as the other police departments that are in the Metacomet Center. The phone tree system is working and I would suggest calling 9-1-1 for an emergency or otherwise your phone call will be properly directed through the automated systems.

We also had Chief Ronald Landry, Officer Blaine Sheppard and Clerk Trish Benoit Rudden retire after long careers with the Town of Millville. Blaine Sheppard then returned to assist the department as finding another secretary has not been an easy process. Luckily, our current officers have stepped up to the challenge to assist with anything that has been asked of them, to allow for uninterrupted service to the community.

The Millville Police Department consists of dedicated full-time and part-time police officers. The requirement to supplement full-time officers with part-time officers is often challenging. Millville's reliance on part-time officers is an exception to the rule of most police departments. The department currently has older full-time officers and replacing and maintaining officers in the future may be a challenge for many reasons.

At the end of the year in 2020 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed into law an act of Police Reform. Also, through this act the commission of the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) committee in Massachusetts was developed. A POST system would bolster public safety, enhance accountability, and build public trust in municipal police officers in Massachusetts.

Through the new standards the Commonwealth has developed the required Bridge Academy for Part Time Officers, which really got started around October 1, 2021. What

this has done has developed a shortened but equivalent academy for Part Time Officers to attend. Within approximately three months these Part Time Officers, will obtain a Full Time Certification with successful completion of this program. This means that the Town of Millville could lose these officers to Full Time positions that pay higher wages in surrounding towns.

Also, with the POST committee there are increased requirements of many different types of training, such as de-escalation, use of force and proper documentation, mental health conditions and dealing with juveniles. These additions will increase training budgets throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to conform with the new rules.

During the recent transition of the department, we were able to complete purchases of new Tasers, a police cruiser laptop and two department laptops, to be used for online training and required ZOOM calls, along with the required reimbursement paperwork on The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Competitive Grant of $39,000. These purchases were completely covered by this grant.

Although the department has received many grants over the years it is very rarely and under specific circumstances where these grants will fund a police vehicle, leaving this cost to the citizen.

Our Police Station needs renovation or replacement as it continues to age and requires upgrades that are required in the more modern buildings. Repairs and improvements have been made over the years that have allowed this building to remain in use.

Recently we have had applicants for open positions come in for interviews and the concerns of those applicants turned out to be on several occasions, the lower pay scale that they were not accustomed to in their prior work experiences.

Full Time Officers:

Chief William J. Coupe Jr.
Ofc. Scott Gould
Ofc. Taylor Hanson

Part Time Officers:

Sgt. Roy Sullivan
Ofc. Thomas Reynolds
Ofc. James Cusack
Ofc. Phil Franzen
Ofc. Steven LaCava
Ofc. Nick Green
Ofc. Harry Cervantes
Officer Peter Gallerani

Part Time Clerk Blaine Sheppard

Police Department Statistics for 2021

911 Hang Up	77	Arrests	57
Assist Citizen	122	Animal Issues	50
Assault	3	Breaking and Entering	7
Alarms	57	Business Checks	9144
Neighbor Dispute	31	Disturbance	52
Disabled Motor Vehicle	35	Domestic	20
Death	3	Escort/Transport	12
Harassment	13	Follow up Investigation	74
Harassment Prevention	3	Intoxicated Person	1
Investigation	8	Keep the Peace	14
Missing Person	4	Motor Vehicle Accident	41
Motor Vehicle Complaint	12	Motor Vehicle Lockout	13
Motor Vehicle Stop	624	Notification	12
Notice of Trespass	3	Illegal Parking	11
Property Watch	183	Restraining Order	27
Radar Post/Enforcement	639	Shoplifting	2
Summons	29	Stolen Motor Vehicle	1
Suspicious Activity	58	Patrol Observation	65
Theft/Fraud	41	Threats	6
Trash Complaints	4	Traffic Complaints	36
Tree Damage	41	Trespassing	7
Traffic Hazard	24	Vandalism	15
Well-being Check	52	Warrant	5
Citations	578		

We are committed to continually evaluating our services to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community in the most effective manner possible. The Millville Police Department looks forward to another year of public safety services that exceed expectations.

I am proud to serve in the position as Chief of Police and lead the members of the Millville Police Department as they continue to provide the best possible service to our community.

Police Chief William J. Coupe Jr.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of Millville:

Our Highway Department started 2020-2021 winter season running and managing our own snow and ice operations for the second year. By doing so this continues to save our town money as we manage our own operations. Also, as the town continues to support the Highway Department by purchasing more of our own equipment, we received a new truck, plow, all in one sander in March. This addition is a great asset to our department for day-to-day operations along with our snow and ice season.

2021 season started out seasonably normal for our history. We made our way through January and February with average accumulation of snow. March was a mild month with no storms. The 2020-2021 snow & ice season was average for snow. Our town plows and sanders along with the assistance of the individual plows hired as needed to assist were able to maintain our town roads and keep the residents of Millville safe.

In the spring with the assistance of the Town Administrator we purchased ground maintenance equipment to upkeep the grounds at Millville Elementary School. This has become an added responsibility for our Highway Department on a weekly basis with no extra cost to the taxpayers.

General maintenance on all town roads were performed including catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, and general road repairs. Our summer crew worked on cutting back of the brush and grass along our town roads. We also installed solar crosswalk and stop signs along areas of Central Street.

All Stormwater outfalls and ponds were maintained and inspected. We met and filed our annual report for the Federal Stormwater guidelines that are mandated from the town each year.

With the support of the Capital Program Committee, we were able to purchase a used front end loader backhoe to utilize for road maintenance and to help assist with snow and ice. This also will be a savings to the taxpayers of our town in the coming years.

The Highway Department continues to become more self-sufficient by taking on more tasks within our department but the lack of staffing continues to be an issue. The department needs the support of the town's people to increase our personnel to keep up with the added responsibilities to continue moving forward in the best interests of our town.

I would like to thank the Residents of Millville for their patience and cooperation throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself by phone: 508-883-0977 or email: highway@millvillema.org

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Mullaly
Highway Surveyor

HEALTH AND REGULATORY

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Residents of Millville,

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

Dustin Ciccarelli	Chairman	Term: 04/06/2023
Catherine Robinson	Member	Term: 04/02/2024
Robert Marks	Member	Term: 04/01/2025
Sherry Grant	Administrative Asst.	

The Board of Health issued the following permits:

Permit Type	Number Issued
Septic Construction Permit	16
Well Construction Permit	5
Tobacco Permit	2
Disposal Works Installer's License	17
Percolation Permit	12
Food Establishment Permit	16
License to Pump and Transport Sewerage Permit	8
Barn, Coop, Shelter, Stable Permit	6
Trench Permit	12
Transport Rubbish Permit	5

The Board of Health contracts with the following:

- EST Associates: Landfill Water & Gas Testing
- Sutton Public Health Nursing Services until November 2021
- VNA Nursing Services beginning December 2021

Flu Clinic:

On October 28, 2021, there was a seasonal flu clinic held by the Sutton Public Health Nursing Services with the help and assistance from the Board of Health and Council on Aging. The clinic was held at the Senior Center and was open to all residents one year of age and older. There were (19) residents served during the clinic hours.

The Sutton Public Health Nursing Services also monitor communicable diseases and serves Town residents in need of in-home visits.

As of December 1, 2021 the Board of Health transferred nursing services to the Visiting Nursing Association out of Milford.

Inspections:

The Board of Health performs property, food establishment/restaurant, barn and retail tobacco seller inspections in Millville. The Board also reviews Title 5 Inspection Reports, septic plans, health concerns and resident complaints.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) & BOARD EEE Update:

In 2021, CMMCP had sprayed all high-risk areas for mosquitoes and sprayed private properties on request. Traps were set in high-risk areas and were monitored for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (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 is performed each year on all municipal town buildings. The tests were completed and 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 4% loan of the total repair costs over twenty years – payable each February 1st.

Emergency Preparedness:

The Emergency Dispensing Site Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan continue to be updated frequently. The Board continues to recruit residents to volunteer their services in the event the Emergency Dispensing Site is activated, as well as from the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps. If you are interest in volunteering your services in the event of an emergency, please contact the Board of Health.

The Town has two dedicated Emergency Dispensing Sites: Senior Center, located at 40 Prospect Street and the Millville Elementary School, located at 122 Berthelette Way. The two buildings will be used should an event occur which requires a centrally located area to assist residents in need.

Each year, Millville is required to participate in practice exercises and drills with the Region II Emergency Preparedness team. These exercises can be enacted during a flu clinic to assess the workability of the site. During these drills, Millville is evaluated on its effectiveness. Th Emergency Planner for Region II, and the Region II PHEP & HHP Regional Coordinator were present at this year's drill at the Senior Center. The drill

evaluated the functionality of the Senior Center as being an Emergency Dispensing Site. During the drill, crowd control & vehicle flow were evaluated for smooth transition. Also reviewed were the capabilities of properly securing medical supplies & vaccines. Town emergency contacts were updated, and emergency plans were reviewed. Emergency dispensing sites can be used to distribute medical necessities, vaccines, medicine and other required needs to the residents. The sites can also be used as warming shelters for storms & lengthy power outages.

Millville – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Year Two of the Pandemic

VNA Services Report of COVID-19 Cases in Millville 2021:

COVID-19 Cases in Millville: Total 356

2021 began with elevated COVID-19 case counts all over Massachusetts and generally worldwide. Restrictions and advisories were still in place but ever changing. The COVID-19 virus, as we know, has continually mutated, creating new variants every couple of months. The Alpha variant became the most prominent in the beginning of the year followed by a few other strains. As spring and summer approached, the cases continued to drop - but not for long. By July another new variant called Delta came on board. This variant was more contagious than the Alpha variant. Cases spiked again and declined again; by now we knew the trend. As December approached, another new variant called Omicron was spreading throughout the country. If you hadn't contracted COVID-19 by now, there was a good chance you did with this latest variant. Omicron became the most contagious variant thus far, spreading from person to person faster than ever before. The only difference with this variant was that the symptoms were less severe than previous variants; that was for most people. Unfortunately, lives were still lost. Omicron continued into 2022 and peaked with record case counts but as with previous trends, had begun its steady decline. Who knows what will be next? Hopefully an endemic is on our horizon and we can slowly get back to life as we knew it.

Vaccinations & Boosters continued to be encouraged with Massachusetts being one of the top leaders in the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. By now, many people have had at least one of the two vaccines and a booster.

Despite the challenges, Millville kept the Town running. Meetings continued to be remote and the Town Hall stayed open to service the Town residents. We will make it through this ~ S. Grant

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Dustin Ciccarelli	Chairman
Catherine Robinson	Member
Robert Marks	Member

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2021

2021, The COVID 19 virus and pandemic continued to grip the nation while a new variant OMNICROM arrived and spread just as quickly. Sadly, there was no sign of the pandemic ending anytime soon. Vaccinations and booster shots were introduced publicly in phases and highly recommended in an attempt to accomplish a national herd immunity. Masks are still being required and worn as a precaution in public places and social distancing is still being enforced. Currently the Building Dept is still open at the service window for the public.

The Building Dept continued to fulfill the needs of the town through this difficult time. As the pandemic continued, towns were tested with their ability to adjust to the nation's constant changes with the pandemic guide lines. The Building Dept made the adjustments necessary, even with reduced staff, and met the challenges. Sadly, as the year came to a close, the Building Dept said good-bye to the long-time inspector and public servant, Lincoln Barber. His dedication to the Town of Millville will be missed.

Thus, as the world slowly inches back to normalcy, we begin to explore the future needs of the Bldg. Dept. We will continue with the search for finding a more finely-tuned affordable database system; one that already exists and which is specifically designed for implementing and issuing Building Dept permits. Our goal is to bring the Millville Building Dept up to speed with technology.

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All building and remodeling contractors are required by the **State of Massachusetts** to be licensed, and enrolled in the Home Improvement Contractor Registration program, as well as carry **Workman's Compensation and Liability insurance**. Homeowners are encouraged to have their contractors apply for all permits. Doing so then places the responsibility of code compliance with the contractor where it belongs. Any questions you may have about a **Contractors Licensing status** can be answered @ **https://maspl.mylicense.com/verification** or for the **Home Improvement Contractor status @ https://services.oca.state.ma.us/hic/licenseelist.aspx**

Any questions and/or inquiries can be emailed to **building@millvillema.org** or call directly to the **Bldg. Dept. at 508-883-0808** or come to **290 Main St** during regular business hours listed on the website **millvillema.org.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEEES COLLECTED 2021

Building	Wiring	Plumbing	Gas	Mechanical	Total Collected
65,357.11	10,338.18	3,585.00	1,990.00	789.00	82,059.39
136	60	24	24	6	250 Permits

PUBLIC SERVICES

MILLVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Millville Free Public Library is committed to providing free, easy, equal, and confidential access to information for all patrons. The Millville Free Public Library met its goals of providing the residents of Millville with materials and services to fulfill their social, educational and entertainment needs. The library achieved this mission despite the ongoing restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic that began in February 2020 and led to some closures and staffing issues. The library was able to re-open in the spring of last year, and remain open without severe interruption for the remainder of the year. We have required that our patrons wear masks or face coverings in order to access the library, and the librarians have provided "curbside pickup" of materials when requested by individual patrons. Millville patrons holding a current library card could also access ebooks and other electronic materials available to them through the Overdrive collection residing in the CW Mars library catalog (https://catalog.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home).

The Millville library has 781 library patrons who designate Millville as their home library. These library card holders have access to an immense collection of print and digital materials, since the library's CW Mars membership provides Millville's library card holders access to 8.1 million print and electronic items (books, eBooks, DVDs, and magazines). The Millville library's physical in-house collection contains 14,934 items, including 5,656 books and 789 DVDs in the adult collection and 7,331 books and 462 DVDs in the children's collection. Patrons also have 4 Google chrome books available to them for reading email or browsing the internet. In FY20, the library circulated 2,184 items, including 744 books and 370 DVDs from the adult collection and 575 books and 208 DVDs from the children's collection. As a participating CW Mars network library, the Millville library also lent 1,155items to other member libraries via the inter-library loan exchange.

The library held several in-person programs for adults and children, these included Christmas wreaths making for adults and ornament crafting for kids. Also, for children, Earth Limited, the non-profit organization sponsored by Southwick's Zoo held a "meet and greet" with several smaller animals. Storyteller Diane Edgecomb,_entertained while in our side yard for a group of children. And, Santa visited us and some of the Junior Friends held a craft making workshop for the visiting children and their families.

We also were able to hold several "walk and talks" in the summer of 2021 where community leaders and any interested community members gathered to discuss ways the library, in cooperation with town departments, can improve service to Millville residents. These included visits from the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the regional school district, and representatives from the Millville Council on Aging.

The library Trustees and patrons also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Colleen Anderson, our librarian, who retired her position in December. Her years of service and overall dedication to our little library are greatly appreciated and she will be missed. We

would also like to welcome Dave Maloney as our interim library director. He has been volunteering at the library for a number of years and is already running the daily operations.

The Millville Free Public Library continues to be a precious town treasure offering materials, services and programs to Millville resident free of charge. The Library also augments the Millville Elementary School's educational mission by providing resources and programs to enhance school learning, especially during the summer months when reading is in danger of falling off. The Millville Free Public Library continues to be Millville's singular institution for developing and enhancing lifelong learning.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Council Members retiring in 2021: Lori Legere

Current Council Members: Diane Lamoureux (Chairman), Susanne Robbins (Vice-Chairman), Patricia Finn (Secretary), Pam Dean Kobetitsch, Larry Pearson, Sandra Caswell

To the Residents of the Town of Millville:

The 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. Additionally, our Center is open to all residents of Millville, including Veterans and those with specific needs. The COA Meetings are currently held on the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public. Participation is encouraged and welcomed!

Our Senior Center Coordinator/Director, Tina Cook, is on site at the Center Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. She works closely with the COA, the Millville Senior Club, local officials, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Tina also manages the Fuel Assistance and SNAP Programs, assists in coordinating Millville's Senior Van service with Tony Catalano, and is responsible for applying for State and local grants. She has been especially diligent in assisting seniors and their families with a wide range of social service needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and consistently refers them to the appropriate agency or program to best fulfill their needs. During 2021, Tina was extremely instrumental in making appointments for individuals to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.

The COA, with the vital assistance of Tina Cook, has continued in our efforts to develop programs and services for our senior population, during limited hours at the Center early in the year, and more comprehensively once fully opened again in May of 2021. Following is a brief listing of activities conducted in 2021:

Monthly Luncheons including Drive-Thru Events, Painting Classes, Line Dancing, Pitch League, Crafts Classes, Exercise, Informational lectures, Bingo, Flu Clinic with 20 participants in Conjunction with the Board of Health, SHINE-Health Insurance Counselling, and Van services with 383 trips logged.

As noted above, the Senior Van, driven by part-time drivers, Anthony Catalano and Katherine Whitten, continued to transport local seniors to medical trips, pharmacies, banks, and weekly grocery pickup. We thank our drivers for their dedication and diligence in keeping our transportation program running smoothly and with very little supervision.

As part of our drive-thru programs, we wish to thank Representative Michael Soter for providing his free Easter dinner for our seniors at the end of March. 40+ ham dinners

were packaged and handed out to those who made reservations for this special event. We also thank State Senator Ryan Fattman as well as Representative Soter for their continued support of Millville at the State Level.

During 2021, and with the approval of the residents of Millville at our Annual Town Meeting, the Senior Center utilized two local seniors in our Senior Tax Work Off program. Donna Dean made calls to our list of Millville Seniors, enhancing 2-way communications, determining that they were doing well, and asking if they needed any assistance from the Senior Center. She also worked at updating our mailing list. Larry Pearson joined the program and worked on a Millville Senior Center facilities maintenance list, documenting all mechanical and physical systems within the Center, where they are located, when and by whom they were last serviced, as well as preparing a list for easy vendor information and access. We thank these two Work-Off volunteers for their service during 2021 and congratulate them for taking advantage of this valuable tax deduction!

In order to continue with our outreach to local Seniors, two new programs were kicked off in 2021. Birthday party invitations were sent to all seniors with birthdays in a specific month, with a drive-by cupcake given at the end of each month. We also sent out two town-wide mailers so as to reach as many seniors as possible with offers of assistance, information related to the pandemic, and on-going programs being held at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center joined the 21st Century by implementing a new state-of-the-art logging system (called "My Senior Center") utilizing individually registered fobs. Now that we are fully operational, this system negates the necessity of hand-written participant log-in sheets and manual count while also providing a comprehensive record for contact tracing and ease of State reporting.

Through a State Grant and with much follow up, our recently retired Police Chief Landry and with the help of Trish Benoit they were able to secure a new generator which was installed at the Millville Senior Center and slated to be used in state of emergency situations for all Town residents. This much needed generator will provide heat in the winter and cooling in the summer months. The Center was open as a cooling center to all residents during a severe heat wave in the summer of 2021.

It is important to note that during 2021, with the uncertainty of the times and the pandemic changing and affecting all walks of life, the COA implemented a Mask Policy for all who took advantage of the Center, whether vaccinated or not. Our overlying goal was to keep all safe and healthy while maintaining a clean and welcoming environment AND keeping our Center open and operational. Thank you to all who have cooperated and demonstrated their concern for others.

We thank the local Cultural Council for granting funds to support our art classes during the year. We also thank the Town of Millville and the Capital Program Committee (CPC) for authorizing funds so that we could rebuild safety fencing and outside lighting,

secure the building with skirting, and replace flooring in our Men's and Ladies rooms and the Center's kitchen. Our parking lot was also resurfaced and relined for safety and ease of parking. Our emergency exit door was repaired by a local craftsman at minimal expense, again adding to the safety and security of the building. We thank Pam Dean Kobetitsch for her help in organizing and following up with all those contractors to see the job was finished.

Our thanks also to past and present members of the Council on Aging who give of themselves and continue their focus on and dedication to the seniors of Millville, and we look forward to a busy 2022 with many more events, programs and lectures, assistance and camaraderie for our Millville seniors, veterans, and those in need.

Diane Lamoureux, Chairman, Millville Council on Aging

Christine Cook, Director, Millville Senior Center

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

The Cable Access Committee continued into this year providing live on-line streaming of board and committee meetings -- as well as continuing programming from town and neighboring communities on Charter Channels 191 (Public), 192 (Education), and 194 (Government)

Special projects were excited to take part in included livestreaming and recording Cub Scout Pack 3144 Pinewood Derby competition in February, two short informational films about the Millville Free Public Library, a second presentation for the Millville Historical Commission on the history of public transportation and commerce in the town, and was such a blast to cover the Halloween Block Party and Christmas Sing-Along in the Veteran's Park.

A lot of ups and downs this year as other strains and surges peaked through our second COVID-19 year, but we were successfully able to get the Annual Town Meeting covered, but a surge caused the Special Town Meeting to fathom, but we were ready to go! This year also saw the completion of the new Channel Server - now happily in high definition. Live capabilities are still not an option from Town Hall, but the new server allows for new technology and techniques to be a fully running live station again when in-person meetings return. With this chance of rearrangement, the channels are now in their PEG Channel order of Public 191, Education 192, and Government 194. (Previous was P-G-E). The end of this year also saw the formation of the Cable Advisory Board, consisting of town residents Sierra Gallagher, Jack Moran, and Cole Young. This is a temporary committee formed every ten years for renegotiation period and renew of the town's cable contract and company.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Labonte, Cable Access Coordinator
Colleen Curis, Chairwoman
Madison Durand
Carlton Hamilton
Jesse Dufault

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL

TRUSTEES OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On March 25, 1945, the residents of Millville voted to establish a Memorial Park to commemorate the service of veteran of all wars. Work on the park was completed on November 12, 1946. Dedication and ceremonies took place on July 5, 1947.

The trustees continually work to implement plans to improve the appearance of and provide for the maintenance of the park. We would like to thank the Chestnut Hill Community Association for allowing our monthly meetings to take place at their building.

The redrawn plot plan, that was stipulated as a requirement of the PARC grant that allowed the many improvements to our park, was registered at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in March of 2021, the fee of $105.00 was paid from the Trustees annual budget.

In preparation for Memorial Day the Trustees spent considerable time sprucing up the park. The flagpole was lowered and received a fresh coat of silver paint. New mulch was spread in the the flower beds that surround the monument and fresh plants replaced the dead ones in the flower pots that flank the memorial stone. Also, a fresh memorial wreath was placed at the foot of the monument. Veterans Agent, Turcotte, donated flag holders that featured medallions bearing the insignia of each branch of the military. American flags, placed in each holder, lined the pathway to the monument. A flag honoring fallen service members was also placed beside the pathway. The Trustees purchased a solar light and placed it atop the Veterans Memorial sign for night time visibility.

Veterans day again had the military service medallions and the American flags placed along the monument pathway.

Sharon Shilinsky applied for an was granted approval to use the park for a children's Halloween party on October 31st. The event had a great turnout and fun was had by all.

In preparation for Christmas, the Trustees put up and decorated and eight-foot-tall tree in the gazebo. White lights were added around the top of the structure and a wreath was hung from each section of the railing. Wreaths with bows were also added to the light poles and garland and bows were hung on the perimeter white picket fence.

Due to an overabundance of caution, the Trustees decided not to hold the tree lighting festivities at the fire station due to the small space forcing close contact that could contribute to the spread of Covid 19. However, Reverend Postle from the New Hope Baptist Church applied for and was granted

approval to host an outdoor Family Christmas Caroling event on December 19, 2021. So, everyone still had the chance to enjoy our beautiful park in all its holiday grandeur.

The Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park:

John Hadley, Bill Dakai, Elaine Ethier, Norm Thuot and Normand Gamache

EDUCATION

BLACKTONE MILLVILLE SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT
JANUARY 2022

Dear Millville Community,

What an interesting year we have had as we continue with our return and recovery efforts, bringing our school district to an even stronger place then where we were before March of 2020.

While the pandemic has had such a negative impact on many institutions and businesses, BMRSD has stayed very focused on the improvement work we setout to accomplish four years ago. It is undeniable that the pandemic has slowed our progress a bit, but I am still so proud of the hard work our students, educators, support staff, and administrators have been able to accomplish while facing insurmountable challenges.

Last winter and spring we started planning for how we would tackle the impacts that the pandemic has left on our school community as a whole, but most importantly, our students. Our district has taken a "360 degree" approach looking at all the needs of our students, focusing specifically on their academic, social-emotional, physical and mental wellbeing, while planning deeply for where we go next as a school system.

With that stated, we are pleased to outline the following accomplishments below. We have been diligently working to make sure our that our students are the cutting edge of teaching and learning making sure they are truly ready for ***college, career and community***, as defined in our District's Purpose:

<u>We are building a firm foundation for learning with our work in curriculum-</u>

We are…

-In year two of our new literacy program in grades PK-12.

-Year three in our science program – 2nd year of FULL implementation of new science units at middle school.

-A new math program in grades PK-12 is on the horizon for next school year ('22- '23.)

-In year two in developing and implementing career courses and pathways at both BMRHS & FWHMS in green technology, bio-medicine, manufacturing and engineering, robotics, while offering BMRHS students courses in welding, cyber security and computer science with internships and job shadow opportunities. It is very important to note, all of this programming has been developed, implemented and funded mostly through grants.

-The District's commitment to student social-emotional learning, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion is very strong. We are in year three implementing our "Choose Love" curriculum and our social justice student group, *Chargers for Change*, is stronger than ever.

We are building a strong framework for high-quality teaching-

-Each school has a building-based Instructional Leadership Team comprised of educator leaders driving the teaching, learning and staff professional development specific to each school's strengths and needs.

-All four of our schools have an instructional focus that helps to anchor the day-to-day teaching and learning, and 2-3 agreed upon teaching and learning practices that all educators use.

We are measuring our student learning using a robust assessment system and reviewing student learning on a regular basis-

-All schools are using the Star, IXL, NewsELA, projects, and teacher generated assessments/projects and ongoing data cycles across all grade levels.

We have added additional positions, mostly funded through various grants, to help accelerate student learning and support the career development work in science at the elementary school level-

- At the Elementary Level
  - 2 STEM Teachers
  - 2 Math Interventionists
  - 2 Reading Specialist
- At FWH Middle School
  - 1Math Interventionist
  - 1 Reading Specialist
- At BMRHS
  - 1 English Language Arts Interventionist
  - 1 Math Interventionist
  - 1 Science Interventionist

- At the District Level – A Grades PK-12 Social Worker

Finally, we have made significant advancements in technology to enhance student learning and have deepened our facilities work-

Technology-

- Implemented two new servers at each building - providing redundancy and safety for the entire network.
- Purchased 500+ New chromebooks, bringing the entire district (K-12) one-to-one.
- Introduction of new educator chromebooks.
- Integration of *Clever* - single sign-on platform for educators and students.

- Introduction of large flat screen touch panels - clearer and easier to use than smart boards.

Facilities-

- Creation of new security safety vestibules @ AFM/JFK Complex and Millville Elementary School.
- Completion of a full camera system at BMRHS.
- Repairing/adding fencing and dugouts to both the baseball and softball fields.
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts and repainting of all lines.
- Adding new cages for both discus and shot for spring track.

In additional to all of this, through our newly revised Regional Agreement, we have merged our elementary schools creating a two year process for integrating our district at the K-5 grade levels converting Millville Elementary School into an early learning center serving our youngest learners in grades PK-1 this year and grades PK-2 in School Year '22-'23, while the JFK/AFM Complex serving grades 2-5 this year and grades 3-5 next school year. We are so grateful to the residents of both communities for allowing us the opportunity to bring our elementary students together! Thank you!

As many of you know, we are in over a year of planning for a long-term facilities project for our community to review, discuss, and decide on what direction we should go to ensure we are bringing 21st Century learning into a new/renovated school facilities plan that will support the purpose of the school district and mission of our two great towns! So much more is to come on this project in the winter and spring of 2022 – we need your voice!

Lastly, we are currently in the midst of planning the next version of our District Improvement Plan (Blueprint 2.0.) This revised plan will be in place for the July 1, 2022. We are in the last year of our current plan.

In closing, we have done all of this, and so much more, in the midst of one of the largest challenges to ever face our Nation, Commonwealth, and local community. I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished the last year and to be leading the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District. I sincerely thank you for all your support.

My Best,

Dr. Jason DeFalco

BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2021 Report of the Principal

Change in Leadership

In early 2021, a second search for a principal for the high school took place and I was fortunate to be chosen and introduced to the school community as the next principal of BMRHS. Much of the early work centered around solidifying our school's mission and vision. With the assistance of the Instructional Leadership Team, the high school is guided by the Portrait of the Graduate pillars of Critical Thinking, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Civic Responsibility.

Critical Thinking

Part of our school improvement plan centers on critical thinking and growing student capacity for applying their knowledge and skills to real world challenges and problem solving. During the 2020-2021 school year, staff concentrated on implementing evidence-based instructional practice of interacting with a source. This year, in conjunction with FWHMS, ASE (Analyze-Support with Evidence-Evaluate) is the instructional practice being highlighted. Students in all academic courses are engaged in this protocol to deepen understanding of the content. Additionally, Authentic Assessments (solving real world problems rather than multiple choice tests) are being used as a means to focus on critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

BMRHS is restructuring its program of studies around the creation of academic pathways. Students are currently able to choose a pathway of study in Biomedical Science and Engineering. We will be adding a Business pathway and a Dual Enrollment pathway working with Quinsigamond Community College. Students choosing the dual enrollment option will earn high school and college credits. The pathways of study are designed to focus a student's curriculum to better prepare them for college and career.

Leadership

Over the last year, BMRHS Student Council has continued to bring a strong school spirit. As many things shut down, the Student Council never took a break. At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, all meetings were held virtually but once school started back up, meetings moved to in-person held in the library.

The Student Council continues to do what they do best and uplift the BMRHS School Spirit with both old and new themes. The spirit days have driven student morale to a whole new level. This past November, BMRHS held its version of the social media craze "bring anything but a backpack day". Students were extremely creative with what they used to carry their books using shopping bags, laundry baskets, a recycle bin, guitar case, and cooler. This event was a huge success with students.

After taking a year off due to COVID, two beloved and highly anticipated BMRHS events were brought back: the Powder Puff Football game and Pep Rally. The 2021 Powder Puff game featured the Senior/Freshman team vs. the Junior/Sophomore team, over 30 students participated in the annual game as a majority of students from the high school and 8th grade cheered them on. The teams were coached by selected football players, in the end, it was the Junior/Sophomore team for the win.

This year's Pep Rally theme was Music Genres. Pep Rally started with a fun-filled spirit week which concluded with Class Colors on Thursday, December 23rd. Pep Rally was filled with a ton of entertainment from lip syncs by all classes and the faculty, to Class President and Vice President Finish the lyrics. Students were able to take part in one of three class competition games which included dodgeball, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, and musical discs. All classes did a great job, and the seniors took the victory.

Outside of BMRHS, members of the BMRHS Student Council remain active at the State and Regional Levels. In November, students attended the Central Massachusetts Student Council Fall Conference at Oxford High School. Students attended leadership training, workshops, and were able to collaborate and share ideas with other students from across the region. Members of the Council continue to help the community through volunteering their time at different events such as the Drama Club Performances and Park and Recreation sponsored events.

On the athletic fields and courts, our student athletes represent the purple and gold with great pride. Countless life lessons have been learned regardless of final scores and season records. We would like to highlight our teams who made post season play: softball, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, and volleyball. This fall our girls' volleyball team triumphed as central Mass champions.

Communication

Our goal for 2021 has been to ensure students are familiar with and reflect upon our Portrait of the Graduate skills. After each authentic assessment students reflect on how their skills coincide with our pillars deepening their understanding of the skills and how it relates to their learning.

Paired with our Portrait of the Graduate vision for our students is the necessity to educate families and the community about these skills students will have upon graduation and how they will be measured using targeted evidence based instructional practices. This will be the focus for 2022.

Collaboration

Another goal of our School Improvement Plan centers around the whole child. Our goal is to establish and maintain a culture that promotes positive relationships throughout the entire school community through the implementation of the Charger Community Advisory Program. The purpose of this program is to create small communities where students can identify with a trusted adult. Groups engage in team building activities to

create a sense of trust among all community members. To end the calendar year each advisory decorated their classroom door according to a winter theme. We asked for central office staff to judge and added points to our pep rally competition.

Beyond team building our advisory program will focus on the social emotional needs of our students. Our counseling staff is assessing the needs of our student population and putting in place programming to support those needs. In December, our community participated in a Charger Recharge afternoon where we engaged in mindfulness activities as a way to bring attention to the need to care for our mental and emotional health along with our academics. We hope this will be a reoccurring event.

Creativity

While 2021 was a different year in regards to fewer in-person events, the BMR Music Department had a busy schedule regardless. Back in late winter/early spring, the BMR Winter Guard and Winter Percussion competed for the first time ever in the International circuit: Winter Guard International. The events were virtual and included both teams recording several performances over the course of their season and submitting them to be judged against groups from all over the country as well as a handful of international groups. Both teams exceeded expectations and made it into the selective finals.

The BMR high school jazz ensemble participated in the UsBands Virtual Jazz Competition in April and received a rating of Outstanding.

By fall, in-person events were back and the BMR Chargers Marching Band completed a full season of shows. They ended the season undefeated and were crowned UsBands Division 3 Open National Champions!

Most recently, in December, the FWH 6th, 7th 8th grade bands, the Middle school Chorus and the High School Chorus, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble took the stage and performed their first live, indoor concert in almost 2 years.

Civic Responsibility

Preparing our students for life after high school is at the heart of all of these Portrait of a Graduate pillars. Civic responsibility is one that emphasizes community impact. We have three student groups besides our student council that exemplify this pillar.

Our National Honor Society has community service as one of its four pillars. As a group, our NHS students have clocked more than 300 hours of service to our community. They were able to host their 9th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser in April, as well as volunteer with events for our elementary students, engage in peer tutoring, help at the food pantry, and were a part of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner where we served over 500 meals to our Blackstone and Millville community donating all of our proceeds to our local food pantry.

Chargers 4 Change, or C4C, is in its second year as a club. C4C has been able to accomplish many things in 2021. They hosted, via Zoom, Saul Flores, who shared his experience completing the WalkofImmirants. C4C sponsored a community resource drive in the spring, collecting donations via Amazon and drop boxes at each school. All materials were then donated to

In September, they organized an Orange Shirt Day to commemorate indigenous children lost to residential schools and assisted with honoring World Kindness Day in November. To end the year C4C began planning a Diversity Book Drive with the goal of increasing diverse educational materials for our elementary schools.

One highlight of the fall was a Solidarity Conference held at BMR joining 4 other area high schools together in the hopes of encouraging a voice for marginalized students particularly our LGBTQ+ population. Student led workshops included topics such as body image, online safety, ableism, and setting & respecting boundaries. Almost 100 students participated in this successful event and we hope it becomes an annual one at BMR.

This is just a small snapshot of the amazing things that are happening at BMR. I am so very proud to have the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of students and work with such dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Foulis

Principal

FREDERICK W. HARTNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL
2021 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Project Lead the Way Grant - $22.5K

In the spring we applied for and received a $22.5K grant from Project Lead the Way over the next three years to implement a unit per a grade level - for grade 6 the unit is Design and Modeling, for grade 7 the unit is Green Architecture, and for grade 8 the unit is Medical Detectives.

Instructional Focus - Chargers Come Fully Charged

This year, we continued to implement a variety of strategies to support our students in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers both academically and emotionally. This fall, through our continued professional development from Focused Schools and our Instructional LeadershipTeam (ILT), we began our roll out of our second evidence-based practice of annotating with a source. The staff continued to focus on our students' writing skills through their continued use of the ASE (answer the question, support with specific evidence, and explain your support in your own words) writing model as well as using annotating with a source to support their writing.

In addition, we have revised our school improvement plan with the following goals:

- Goal One: The What
  - The Humanities and ELA department will implement with fidelity our core literacy program, Amplify, along with its support curriculum, Amplify Reading and Amplify Close Read to provide "just in time" support for students needing intervention.
  - The science technology teacher, guidance counselor, STEM staff and some rotation staff will implement our new Career Exploration program and additions to our STEM courses with funding from the ASA grant for supplies and training.
  - Science staff will implement the PLTW unit for their grade level.
  - Our history/science staff will use the cognitive skills rubric to revise/create project-based learning
  - For all students with an increase in rigor and critical thinking skill development.
  - The math department will conduct a self-study of our curriculum - Big Ideas. Ensure our current curriculum meets the needs of all students and provide "just in time" support for students needing intervention.
- Goal Two: The How
  - In support of our instructional focus, staff will continue to implement our first evidence-based practice, ASE strategy, throughout their curriculum. Staff will implement our second evidence-based practice, interacting with

a source, throughout their curriculum. Staff will research, discuss and plan for implementation for our third evidence-based teaching strategy to support our instructional focus.

- Goal Three: The Whole Child
  - Staff will continue to embed SEL skills into their classrooms through the fidelity of implementation of the Choose Love Program and Second Step.
- Goal Four: The Community
  - Staff will continue to establish productive two-way communication between school and home in order to provide all families with feedback and support on student learning.
  - The school will continue to educate families and the community about the school's instructional focus and engage them in our efforts. The school will continue to share its evidence-based instructional practices with supports for homes that families are able to implement.

Enrollment

As of January 4, 2021, the student enrollment (total - 399) was as follows:

Grade 6 - 148 students

Grade 7 - 114 students

Grade 8 - 137 students

Curriculum and Instruction

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well-rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in Humanities 1 and 2, math, science, art, physical education, wellness, Spanish, science technology engineering math (STEM), and Science/Technology courses. Students can enroll in band and/or chorus as an elective class.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra (grade 7), Algebra/Algebra 1 (grade 8), science, world history (grade 7), civics (grade 8), art, physical education, wellness, Spanish, science technology engineering math (STEM), and Science/Technology. Students can enroll in band and/or chorus as an elective class. Grade 8 students also have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish 1or Virtual Middle School.

Our Charger Time classes are assigned to students using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA). This year, ELA teachers have implemented a new intervention program (Amplify Reading and Close Read) which complements our ELA Amplify curriculum.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead our students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs sponsored by our HMS PTO continue to vary.

Musical opportunities (beyond band and chorus 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.

This year for students and staff at Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School has worked to be more typical compared to last year. We offer our sincere appreciation to our communities and the district administration for their support and assistance so that we were able to continue to make adjustments as needed to continue to support our students' learning and growth during the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Curt-Hoard

Principal

JOHN F. KENNEDY/A.F. MALONEY ELEMENTARY COMPLEX
2020 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Introduction:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of John F. Kennedy/A.F. Maloney Elementary School. 2021 was a year of unprecedented events which continue to have a significant impact on both school operations and student learning. The continuous disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in switching to remote learning at times for some classrooms and restrictions during in-person learning. As is often the case when schools have to respond to unplanned events that create chaos, the problem-solving approach required of leaders/teachers often results in new and different outcomes - not all of which were negative!

Despite the unprecedented events, our district goal continues to capture the heart of education, "A DISTRICT OF ONE - 2,000 STRONG". The staff, leadership, students and families take great pride in our school and work together to overcome challenges to make JFK/AFM a great place to accomplish this goal. Students were welcomed back to school on September 1, 2021 to full in-person learning.

Infrastructure:

With the approved regional agreement, grades K and 1 were relocated to the Millville Elementary School while grade 2 remains at JFK/AFM Elementary Complex. Grade 2 will join the Millville Elementary School in September 2022. In addition, our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, painting rooms, making minor repairs and moving furniture into storage units to make room in our classrooms in preparation for a year of learning during a pandemic. To enhance our safety in the building, additional cameras were installed at the back of the JFK building and a vestibule was created outside the AFM office. I would like to thank our custodial staff for working tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. Teachers also continued to work throughout the summer to prepare for a new year of teaching and learning. All the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: JFK/AFM students.

Parent and Community:

This year, the PTO of both JFK/AFM and MES have been working collaboratively to join our two groups together. We are now Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.

Unlike last year, PTO was able to once again hold our annual Move-a-Thon in October. Together, we raised $52,735.00. The fun returned with Trunk or Treat! This is always a favorite with staff, students and families! BMEPTO continues to get creative with other activities. An online book fair was held during November which was a great success. Santa was able to surprise our children too! He made his way through the school to visit

classrooms and group pictures were taken outside! It was a great way to bring back some kind of normal to our students. In addition, they continue to support other initiatives such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support initiative, honor our staff during Teacher Appreciation week, grade K and 5 celebrations and more. Our school community is grateful for the tireless efforts of BMEPTO - thank you!

Academic Excellence:

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff have continued to implement our school-wide instructional focus: "Students will use evidence-based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas". Our students continue to use the turn and talk, vocabulary, and mnemonic strategies in all content areas. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them to grow through using the best instructional practices and continuing to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data examination. This has afforded us the ability to provide tiered support to all students, which provides them with instruction at their level. Over the next several years, we have a focus and a plan to continue to examine our curriculum across the district. Our literacy program is in year 2 of implementation. Our Math Committee has been meeting regularly to review our current curriculum to determine what our needs are moving forward. They have reviewed many new programs and will be ready to make a recommendation on what program/programs best fit our needs for the 2022 school year.

Social-Emotional and Positive Behavior Initiative:

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Team supports our students through the Choose Love Program. Our school adjustment counselors meet with all grade level classes to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars into action. All student work is displayed in our school. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action.

This year, we welcomed our new district social worker to provide an extra layer of support for all schools. At the Complex, we were able to bring in the Family Continuity to join our effort to provide students who needed the additional social-emotional support.

Academic Achievement and Data Analysis:

Students in grade 3-5 participated in the 2021 MCAS assessment. Despite the pandemic, we have seen growth, particularly in grade 3 and 4. Our staff worked tirelessly to provide instruction during this difficult time and we are proud of our efforts. We continue to utilize the MCAS data, district assessments, STAR Reading and Math, F & P, and Wonders Diagnostic Assessments to identify areas of strengths and concerns for each grade level. This data analysis process allows the teachers to differentiate their instruction and continue to make any adjustments to close the gaps.

To our School Committee and Central Administration, 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. I would like to thank all of our families who support student learning at home and 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 at the Complex. Teachers, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Marlborough, all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none and I am extremely proud to be working alongside them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Chan-Remka, Ed.D

Principal, John F. Kennedy/A. F. Maloney Elementary Complex

MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2021 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The summer of 2021 at Millville Elementary School (MES) was both busy and exciting. We began the first phase of the elementary reorganization by working with a moving company and custodial staff to move grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the JFK/AFM Complex and grades K and 1 to Millville Elementary School. Over the summer of 2022, the grade 2 team will join our building and our current first grade class will be the first group of Blackstone and Millville students to come through MES from grades K to 2. In addition to the move, on July 6th, for six weeks, we hosted the ESY program for grades PK and up. It was so great to see all of the students in the building following the health and safety protocols and building their knowledge through fun learning activities developed by the teachers.

Our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, and making minor repairs. I would like to thank Mr. Walker, Mr. Mayer and Mr. Mullaly for their hard work this summer helping to clean our school, move our furniture, space our desks 3 feet apart and get our building ready for our staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Over the summer, MESPA and BEPO officially joined forces to form the Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (BMEPTO) to support the students at both elementary schools. On August 30th, BMEPTO hosted the annual ice cream social at MES to welcome our students back. Several staff were in attendance and able to meet their students. We had a new twist to the Ice Cream social by using an ice cream truck to help with the safety and ease of following COVID protocols with individually wrapped treats for students, families, and staff. This year, BMEPTO has offered both in-person and virtual meeting options for our families to attend the monthly meetings.

On August 30, approximately, 63 staff (some who work in multiple buildings) returned for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. On September 2, 2021, approximately 115 first graders were welcomed back to school. We also hosted 2 sessions of the Kindergarten Orientation for students to be able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms prior to their first day of school. A huge thanks to Tellstone Bus Company, for allowing us to have a bus during orientation for the students to see what it would be like to get on and have a seat in a school bus. While students were able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms, parents had the time to meet with Mrs. Shafer, several other staff members and the Vice President of BMEPTO, to learn about our school. BMEPTO welcomed all K students and families with a keychain and "Notes to School" notepad. Starting the week of September 7th, all 290 students in Preschool through grade 1 were in the building.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). During our Professional Development days prior to the start of school, we decided to adjust our Schoolwide Instructional Focus to meet the needs of our youngest learners in the district. Our premise of problem solving through academic and social situations remains the same, but the wording is much easier to understand as we changed it to **We Think, We Show. We Grow**. Our students have

also continued to use the CUBES mnemonic strategy in math and RACE for writing. This year, we will be adding more tools into our toolbox. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them to grow through using the best instructional practices and continuing to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data examination. We continue to examine and make adjustments to our curriculum in the district to provide the best materials to meet our students' needs. Our teachers are in year 2 of implementing our literacy program, Wonders. Our preschool team is now using the World of Wonders program. The Math Committee has continued its work in reviewing our current mathematics curriculum for students in Kindergarten through grade 12 and identifying what would best support our students.

At the beginning of the year, we revised our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Our Instructional Leadership Team members assisted with drafting this document. We continue to use a variety of data to adjust our instruction to meet the needs of all learners in front of us.

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Support Team has continued with Choose Love, a K through 12 social emotional program. This year, our school adjustment counselor continues to go into our PK through 1 classrooms to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars into action. All student work is displayed in our school. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action.

A huge thank you and shout out to our staff here at Millville Elementary School. All teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Stearman are an integral piece in our students' day. I am so excited to be leading a school where the staff are extremely dedicated to the personal and educational well-being of all of the youngest learners in our school district. Thank you to all of our families who are a critical part of their student's learning with supporting learning at home and at school.

In closing, I would like to thank the School Committee and the townspeople for helping our schools have the tools necessary to support all learners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina M. Shafer

Principal, Millville Elementary School

We Think. We Show. We Grow.

BMRSD		
First Name	**Last Name**	**Wages for 2021**
Stephanie	Abisla	$88,903.59
Kathleen	Aicardi	$19,167.43
Denise	Allard	$34,382.58
Pamela	Allard	$35,430.70
Courtney	Allen	$24,683.08
Jillian	Allen	$4,164.70
Stacy	Allen	$57,672.69
Melissa	Alves	$14,234.50
Denise	Andrade	$24,732.53
Vivian	Anuforo	$12,582.65
Joene	Apollon	$10,409.00
David	Ariel	$5,409.00
Ann	Arroyas	$52,320.04
Nickole	Assi	$18,526.40
Jeremy	Aubin	$4,493.28
Elizabeth	Azevedo	$12,820.32
Paul	Bacon	$45,193.76
Wilfred	Bacon	$49,658.65
Brooke	Badeau	$59,956.04
Tracy	Bak	$16,707.29
Ann	Baldini	$24,291.64
Mary	Bania	$30,671.86
Jessica	Barbato	$27,883.76
Ariana	Barbosa	$2,030.00
Karen	Bartusek	$20,380.35
Donna	Beaven	$9,415.01
Lona	Beech	$23,779.44
Joanne	Bellacqua	$16,522.70
Elisabeth	Berard	$22,596.19
Jennifer	Bergin	$43,440.92
Bruce	Bernier	$15,582.77
Rachel	Blomstedt	$80,236.18
Kathy	Boisvert	$87,118.27
Lisa	Boisvert	$74,784.58
Mary	Boratyn	$61,952.34
Rebecca	Bouley	$61,457.15
Susan	Bourassa	$1,888.63

Matthew	Bourgeois	$51,312.19
Patricia	Bourgery	$81,532.83
Gustavo	Bravo	$3,687.50
Sullybeth	Bravo	$62,073.00
Molly	Breen	$67,083.00
Kristin	Briar	$24,664.80
Denise	Brienze	$61,945.51
Melissa	Brunetti	$1,995.00
Isabel	Burgess	$38,898.47
Karen	Buteau	$24,412.26
John	Capaldi	$1,890.00
Katherine	Carlson	$78,481.70
Jamie	Carpentier	$21,218.19
Glend	Carrasquillo	$26,811.32
Lauren	Carson	$93,050.79
Lauren	Chadwick	$8,428.42
Jenny	Chan-Remka	$112,063.51
Kayla	Chaplin	$3,135.00
Victoria	Chaplin	$23,508.93
Louise	Chase	$66,220.60
Grace	Chenot	$10,917.50
Christine	Chesters	$148.50
David	Chipman	$18,263.11
Jessica	Civita	$33,573.38
Lisa	Clark	$59,374.84
Jill	Cole	$67,107.09
Susan	Colgan	$70,906.89
Deanna	Collins	$47,575.01
Aliyah	Colvin	$5,830.00
Samual	Conklin	$69,394.45
Erin	Connolly	$51,763.50
Ashley	Connor	$9,571.79
Gina	Conrad	$24,937.86
Dillan	Constantineau	$22,869.01
Elizabeth	Constantineau	$1,035.00
Jaimie	Constantineau	$11,966.68
Carol	Conti	$79,004.06
Christopher	Cossuto	$54,332.76
Maria	Costa	$83,094.75

Diane	Costello	$20,732.31
Emilie	Cote	$44,853.81
Esther	Cote	$85,468.06
Rebecca	Cotter	$3,627.76
Kim	Courtemanche	$20,122.56
Steven	Couture	$69,164.45
Diane	Covino	$8,967.32
Charles	Cox	$8,564.35
Sarah	Crafford	$18,550.11
Jacob	Crear	$10,972.50
Sara	Cruz	$53,791.70
Lyric	Cummings	$16,259.02
Jeffrey	Curran	$90,418.28
Tonya	Curt-Hoard	$111,158.03
Sharon	Cusack	$22,323.49
Casey	Custer	$16,543.69
Tara	D'Andrea	$58,330.98
Nicholas	D'Eletto	$79,925.50
Erin	Dailey	$35,712.64
Linda	Dansereau	$84,977.38
Debra	Davidge	$20,563.62
Melissa	Day Pelletier	$3,226.36
Jason	DeFalco	$176,991.28
Brittany	Degrooth	$18,015.44
Cassandra	DeMotte	$4,450.00
Diane	Dery	$19,671.02
Lisa	Deschamps	$27,897.41
Stefanie	Descoteaux	$81,730.40
Susan	Desilets	$24,522.71
Kim	Desjardins	$74,357.19
Mark	Dewolf	$76,577.18
Michelle	Dextraze	$66,684.30
Dawn	DiCecco	$79,311.30
Kristie	DiCecco	$83,319.50
Maura	DiCecco	$23,930.58
Amy	DiFabio	$3,000.00
Jacquelyn	Diogo	$30,401.92
Sarah	Dorfman	$16,229.60
Cecilia	Doyle	$79,526.10

Dina	Drackett	$25,490.20
Katharine	Dubois	$84,958.75
Jared	Ducharme	$3,870.00
Keith	Ducharme	$104,536.85
Tracey	Ducharme	$86,713.89
Michael	Dudek	$60,021.59
Tracy	Dullea-Juliano	$37,076.02
Gerard	Durand	$73,408.40
Nancy	Dwyer	$971.44
Abigail	Egan	$49,426.00
Dianne	Egan	$25,522.11
Matthew	Ehrenworth	$124,274.28
Brandon	Elder-Wright	$330.00
Joshua	Euglow	$62,680.38
Kylie	Farrell	$22,383.13
Edie	Faulkner	$81,953.84
Ian	Faulkner	$1,020.00
Ashley	Fegan	$20,463.88
Scott	Felper	$11,067.12
Amanda	Fenoff	$10,316.95
Meghan	Ferris	$31,455.44
Kathryn	Finnegan	$81,030.68
Margaret	Fitzgerald	$26,786.23
Avery	Fleck	$5,467.50
Colleen	Folster	$31,468.57
Jeffrey	Fontaine	$30,916.40
Jill	Foulis	$62,225.34
Lauren	Fraine	$21,629.57
Katherine	Francisco	$62,920.71
Tara	Franzosa	$72,705.13
Kailey	Fusco	$10,795.00
Amy	Gallagher	$68,174.21
Jason	Gallagher	$22,261.00
Rafael	Garcia	$5,830.00
Emma	Gaskill	$19,994.86
Damien	Gaudet	$61,842.30
Kyle	Gauthier	$16,311.80
Opal	Gayle	$24,347.20
Lisa	Gervais	$760.00

Grace	Giacin	$58,513.46
Felicia	Gilchrest	$2,362.50
Faith	Gill	$10,807.50
Kerri	Gilligan	$5,627.00
Michael	Girard	$195.00
Maureen	Gonsalves	$109,972.66
Peter	Goulet	$43,030.67
Caroline	Grace	$73,738.48
Lynnell	Grube	$62,699.88
Ethan	Guevremont	$54,445.53
Holly	Guilbeault	$25,169.32
Lindsay	Hadfield	$32,663.14
David	Hagerman	$33,089.26
Lory	Haggas	$28,211.96
Nicole	Haggerty	$19,827.50
Kate	Hardenbergh	$270.00
Rebecca	Harpin	$87,531.40
Julie	Harrison	$5,445.00
Angela	Hart	$17,146.28
Angela	Hartz	$28,321.41
Melanie	Hauer	$68,292.34
Brendan	Healy	$66,729.98
Debra	Hebert	$22,961.73
Ethan	Hebert	$48,517.80
Scott	Hebert	$60,556.48
Jennifer	Hernandez	$54,516.34
Patrick	Hickey	$51,587.00
Dawn	Highcove	$84,718.07
Madison	Highcove	$10,192.50
Amy	Holihen	$81,126.08
David	Hook	$68,416.31
Hannah	Howard	$1,737.57
Ursula	Hunt	$54,231.28
David	Isenberg	$87,990.88
Lynnea	Jackson	$24,567.80
Rebecca	Jackson	$15,491.19
Richard	Johnson	$45,251.17
Kathleen	Jones	$80,066.57
Mark	Juba	$86,575.28

Danielle	Keane	$58,919.44
Kevin	Kiely	$85,145.74
Cassandra	L'Esperance	$20,026.28
Peter	L'Esperance	$5,628.04
Lauri	Labrie	$26,709.21
Tina	Lacroix	$61,993.00
Judith	Lamarre	$9,436.00
Melissa	Lanctot	$20,721.41
Richard	Landry	$48,498.71
Susan	Landry	$28,131.83
Kerri	Langone	$83,381.08
Janis	Laporte	$103,697.81
Noah	Laren	$3,080.00
Norma	Laren	$85,074.70
Dennis	LaRose	$40,909.70
Cynthia	Laskowski	$22,311.98
Thien-Phuong	Le-Gagne	$16,671.87
Jill	LeBallister-Dudka	$69,883.94
Kelly	LeBlanc	$23,812.35
Kathleen	Leonard-Waterman	$88,032.50
Suzanne	Levitre	$26,278.65
Dana	Lovejoy	$47,656.79
Mary	Lovely	$4,750.03
Cherice	Lowe	$21,646.19
Henry	Lynch	$30,288.70
Omar	Manzo	$1,240.00
Nicholas	Marcotte	$68,078.86
Shawn	Markle	$12,870.80
Van	Markle	$5,662.50
Carrie	Marlborough	$41,142.55
Lori	Marsh	$16,381.27
Daniel	Marszalkowski	$26,072.56
Claudia	Martin	$29,955.56
Erin	Martineau	$61,358.49
Christine	Martinelli	$23,832.33
Traci	Martinelli	$3,065.78
Andrea	Martino-Harms	$74,750.90
Caitlin	Martufi	$67,312.76

Jacob	Matthews	$4,849.60
Jamie	Maurice	$77,624.86
Lisa	Maxwell-Rounds	$73,687.82
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Robert	McAnulty	$36,865.76
W John	McCormick	$82,645.40
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Kiara	Mercado	$1,665.85
Grace	Merten	$49,657.90
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Stephanie	Moniz	$28,890.69
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Linda	Moreau	$81,393.18
Joseph	Mullaly	$17,327.58
William	Munns	$42,897.70
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Meghan	Murray	$59,843.35
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Jacob	Northup	$57,237.50
Andrew	Nowak	$23,525.75
Maria	Olbrys	$82,945.85
Rachel	Oliveira	$35,962.75
Callie	Ostrowski	$16,652.35
Taralee	Pacheco	$5,362.50
Ashley	Paine	$53,155.67
Jennifer	Parenteau	$61,200.10
Rebecca	Pasceri	$23,650.28
Madison	Pawela	$900.00
Maria	Pedorella	$11,159.93

Michaela	Pelland	$66,251.95
Stephanie	Peloquin	$4,618.79
Maria	Penso	$13,776.41
Eric	Pepple	$17,764.19
Alanna	Perry	$2,041.83
Carol	Pilibosian	$6,460.00
Jill	Pilla-Gallerani	$114,154.43
Christopher	Pilling	$43,999.20
Rebecca	Pisano	$18,040.44
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Tina	Poirier	$43,061.43
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Christopher	Pushee	$13,234.96
Abigail	Putnam	$5,806.25
Kevin	Racicot	$13,591.38
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Lora	Rayos	$29,474.79
Sheri	Reilly	$43,192.93
Jena	Remka	$1,755.00
Christina	Richardson	$1,149.75
Jean	Riedel	$57,939.40
Lily	Rielly	$42,241.63
Melanie	Rielly	$3,195.00
Susan	Rielly	$82,916.08
Sarah	Robbins	$14,325.00
Marc	Robeau	$11,561.00
Hillary	Roberge	$62,094.20
Christine	Robertson	$79,253.68
Katherine	Robinson	$20,460.88
Lynn	Robinson	$49,598.08
Laurel	Rodrick	$17,231.68
Sara	Rodrigues	$27,384.56
Ethan	Roe	$89,180.82
Holly	Romanelli	$7,870.54
Maureen	Rose	$85,202.50
Katherine	Rosenbaum	$32,119.09

Danielle	Rotella	$330.00
Renee	Rousselle	$87,065.00
Brian	Rutt	$3,917.03
Paula	Ryan	$74,576.22
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Linda	Salome	$52,321.58
Kathryn	Sanders	$14,512.22
Dorothy	Santoro	$7,200.00
Lauren	Savage	$47,220.55
Christina	Savini	$19,965.42
Christine	Scoggins	$17,157.60
Lynne	Scott	$82,622.18
Christina	Shafer	$99,840.89
Todd	Shafer	$99,199.75
Kristine	Shanahan	$22,093.43
Nicole	Shaughnessy	$41,874.10
Debra	Shea	$1,578.10
Angela	Sheerin	$33,522.86
Amanda	Sheppard	$660.00
Emily	Sheridan	$25,089.03
Monique	Simard	$62,835.59
Nicholas	Simollardes	$18,981.28
Marie	Smith	$11,211.67
Noreen	Smith	$38,780.17
Shyanne	Smith-Lizotte	$29,622.24
Jennifer	Solari	$83,551.94
Andrew	St. Gelais	$3,148.80
Janet	Staples	$2,783.93
Abigail	Starnes	$7,247.50
William	Starz	$29,022.67
Kathy	Stearman	$37,547.68
Karen	Stefanik	$25,102.64
Meagan	Sulham	$51,909.50
Allison	Sullivan	$63,916.17
Christine	Sullivan	$1,320.00
Timothy	Sullivan	$66,947.18
Francine	Swanson	$12,388.41
Samantha	Swerdlow	$18,006.24

Jon	Sylvia	$12,657.15
Mary Beth	Sztabor	$2,518.00
Brenda	Takessian	$21,442.31
Lori	Tasick	$79,948.75
Sara	Tasker	$26,334.89
Kaylee	Tavares	$18,165.44
Taylor	Teixeira	$60,832.47
Jaime	Terenzi	$31,417.70
Karen	Thompson	$72,037.56
Sophie	Thorson	$2,777.50
Haley	Thurber	$10,519.48
Carrie	Toomey	$24,492.82
Janice	Torvi	$57,081.30
Lisa	Trottier	$82,399.48
Kimberley	Trudeau	$69,371.24
Emily	Turgeon	$81,306.72
Evan	Turgeon	$495.00
Marc	Umumbu	$14,737.37
Amanda	Vahey	$53,227.47
Maryalice	Vaughan	$76,347.20
Martha	Vazquez	$50,747.06
Felix	Velazquez	$9,405.00
Devon	Verzillo	$57,335.67
Kattryna	Villandry	$16,261.20
Amelia	Walcott	$52,658.27
Matthew	Walker	$47,335.82
Brigitte	Walsh	$11,143.89
Stacey	White	$39,586.44
Sue	Wiegers	$71,991.56
Jacqueline	Winn	$59,826.20
Lea	Wolfgang	$24,105.04
Julianne	Wolford	$37,660.15
Ashley	Wyndham	$54,120.57
Karen	Young	$86,033.31
Juliet	Yurick	$43,656.55

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

A Message from our Superintendent Director:
It's become our custom to go beyond simply sharing financial and statistical data with you in our annual report. While it is a fundamental part of our operation, our student achievements and District successes truly exemplify the very essence of our mission. Therefore, you will find a variety of those stories in the pages that follow.

Thanks to you and our dedicated District School Committee and our instructional team's harmonious and consistent work, our students receive an outstanding vocational-technical education. We value and appreciate your continued support and investment in your regional vocational-technical school system.

In FY21, we carried out our mission in innovative ways while following all protocols. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, we never stopped striving to achieve our best. Therefore, we have chosen to share with you how our school system worked to return to school and accomplish in-person learning.

Our students, administrators, and staff didn't miss a beat during a year that presented all educators with unprecedented change and challenges beyond expectation. Instead, we embraced the seasons of change by allowing ourselves to grow in all the places we thought we never would. In the process, our students excelled. They even exceeded the statewide average for attendance during the pandemic.

Demonstrating what is achievable with their high-quality education, our students are our best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. With an open mind and skilled hands, they shape our future workforce. I encourage you to read on to learn more.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

COVID-19: Seasons of Change

In FY21, we witnessed and embraced a tremendous amount of change as the pandemic continued to impact our lives, schedules, and routines that we had known prior. As a result, the summer, fall, winter, and spring were seasons of change in which we all had to adapt and modify how we learn, work, and play.

Before we could welcome our students for in-person and distance learning in the fall, our administrative team worked over the summer to develop a comprehensive Return to School Plan that met and addressed all health and safety requirements. In addition to completing our traditional summer projects, we had to prepare our school building and our students for a safe and successful return to school during a pandemic. Some of the preparedness measures in direct response to COVID-19 included:

- Modifying our school nurses' health care suite to reconfigure an isolated care center separate from the designated routine medical care space.
- Installing clear plexiglass barriers in pre-identified areas.
- Replacing air filtration systems with high-efficiency MERV-13 air filters.
- Placing COVID-19 signage designed by our Painting & Design program in the cafeteria, classrooms, and common areas.
- Maximizing usable space to meet the social distancing requirements.

Not Your Average Kind of Summer

With summer camps and programs canceled due to COVID-19, we successfully ran a free Summer Learning Series, which offered 22 online courses specifically designed to motivate our student's minds with a daily dose of creativity, exploration, and shared learning.

With all the camaraderie and social benefits of staying connected with friends and classmates without going to an in-person summer camp, the learning series allowed our STEAM enthusiasts an engaging, fun, and structured experience. There was a little something for everyone, from art-making and language to science, history, and technology tricks and tips. There was even a session for incoming freshmen where members of our National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society shared their perspectives on what it was like being a new student at BVT.

Participation was optional, but students eagerly attended as many one-hour sessions that interested them. Over 460 students and teachers who successfully participated in the series, avoided the summer slide and had a boatload of fun!

Our Return to School Plan

The ongoing pandemic continued to present challenges for all educators. As a result, we were committed to balancing in-person learning, quality of education, and the safety of our students and staff by designing an essential blueprint for our entire 2020-21 school year with our Return to School Plan.

Our dedicated team of administrators developed the plan to include orientation days for

our freshmen, a transition week, and a six-tiered operational model. It successfully addressed the message from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey C. Riley, to safely bring back as many students as possible to in-person learning.

The six-tiered operational model would allow our school to move from tier to tier as needed, which empowered our BVT families with the ability to plan with predictability regardless of the tier status. And by design, it was meant to increase the rigor and expectations of our students to return to a pre-March 2020 system of grading and assessment and focus on "live instruction" utilizing a daily schedule of classes for both academics and shop.

Our Tier Levels

Our six operational tier levels were determined by the most current information from the State of Massachusetts on phased reopening guidelines and by our administration, who continuously monitored the health and safety of our students and staff within our daily operations.

Tier 1	No Students at BVT	All Students in DL	
Tier 2	One Grade at BVT	Three Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop
Tier 3	Two Grades at BVT	Two Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 4	Three Grades at BVT	One Grade in DL	Two Grades in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 5	Four Grades at BVT	No Students in DL	Heavy Restrictions on non-classroom activities
Tier 6	All Students at BVT	No Students in DL	Rolling Back Restrictions

Our 'Beavers' Head Back-to-School

After a summer of strategic planning to design our Return to School Plan, our administrators, teachers, instructors, and support staff had to mask their excitement as the new school year began. The mandatory face coverings and hand sanitizing stations at our school entrances were the more noticeable precautions in place as we kicked off the school year with our Freshman Orientation Days on August 27th and 28th.

The in-person orientation was held over two days to reduce capacity, with only half of our freshman class scheduled to attend a full day of school on each of their assigned dates. That allowed students and staff to get to know each other while practicing our Return to School COVID-19 Guidelines and reviewing our transportation procedures as buses ran their scheduled routes. In addition, students met their academic and vocational teachers, enjoyed a complimentary lunch, familiarized themselves with our campus, walked through their academic schedules, and visited their exploratory shops.

The week of August 31st was an in-person transition week designed to help all of our students and staff focus on the latest standards of operations, health procedures, and learning expectations required to attend school during a pandemic. The week began with

our seniors attending on Monday, followed by the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes reporting on each consecutive day, which allowed for one transition day per grade level.

Operating under Tier 2, the first day of classes for our students was September 8th. After that, on a rotating two-week basis, one grade level was on campus for in-person learning under safe conditions that were fully compliant with all guidelines, precautions, and protocols. The other three grade levels were in distance learning.

Our COVID-19 Health Guidelines
In FY21, we had to follow numerous guidelines and instructions based on guidance from the MA, DPH, DESE, and the CDC. As a result, health and safety practices were a top priority and part of our expectations for the opening of school for in-person learning in the fall. It included self-screening responsibilities, masks and face coverings, physical distancing, and proper hand hygiene.

Keeping Our Students Focused on Learning
Thanks to a Remote Learning Technology Essentials grant awarded by the Baker-Polito Administration, we purchased over 100 Dell laptops. This grant was one of several funding sources designed to help Massachusetts school districts address COVID-19 related costs. The supplemental funds ensured our students had access to the technology they needed, strengthen instruction at home and in the classroom.

Drive-Up and Meal Delivery Service
Nutritious meals are vital to the health and well-being of our students, whether they're on campus or in distance learning. To help with that effort, we developed a weekly free drive-up meal service that allowed parents to pre-order breakfast and lunch to have at home when their child was in distance learning. Parents could access the online order form every Thursday morning and submit it by Monday at noon, allowing our foodservice team time to prepare the meals for pick-up each Wednesday. We further expanded access to our school meals with a grant from No Kid Hungry, which took our Drive-Up Meal Service off-campus and on the road. The delivery service was open to all our students and addressed food access issues and economic inequalities many students faced during the pandemic.

Our COVID-19 Dashboard
Our dashboard was a helpful tool created during the pandemic to help keep the lines of communication open with our school community. It allowed for transparency while sharing accurate and timely information regarding COVID-19 cases on campus. The dashboard clearly and concisely reflected statistics outlining weekly data on active cases, transmissions on campus, those in quarantine, a total percentage of positive cases, and the cumulative data since the start of the school year.

Annual Superintendent's Dinner

A Taste of Moscow, A Taste of Success
Each year, our Culinary Arts students look forward to the Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner. Last year, we were excited to host the dinner in March of 2020, but it was just not possible with the state-imposed school closure due to COVID-19.

At the beginning of this school year, we did not know if it would be allowable or even possible to have the annual dinner in 2021 with the ongoing pandemic. But our administrative team and instructors remained committed to exploring all options and finding a way to hold the dinner.

The planning and production of the gourmet dinner give students a taste of what skills are necessary for success in the food, beverage, and hospitality industry. During the pandemic, that also meant learning to follow industry standards and COVID-19 protocols.

From researching themes to planning a menu and testing recipes to plating and serving expertly prepared cuisine - our students and staff demonstrated their adaptability to making modifications that allowed for a smooth, safe, and professional presentation of our 27th Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner on May 12th. Check out all the tasty details that went into making this annual event successful: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/superintendentsdinner.

Get Social with Us!
As part of our continuous commitment to bring school news and time-sensitive information to our community, we enjoy connecting, engaging, and sharing mindfully through BVT's official Twitter and Instagram sites.

We've enjoyed thousands of comments and connections with our students, parents, alumni, and community through our social media channels. We like that you enjoy sharing with us across our social media platforms too.

Whether we are sharing a student success story, posting our Quote of the Day (#QOTD), addressing a concern, or accepting a compliment, we are always pleased to have an opportunity to get social with you.

Follow Us!
www.twitter.com/BVTHighSchool

Share with Us!

www.instagram.com/bvt_highschool

Here are a couple of our social media posts that were liked by our growing community of followers:

#BVTQuoteoftheDay, September 11, 2020 – 101 ♡
"Today is a reminder that life is fleeting, impermanent, and uncertain. Therefore, we must make use of every moment and nurture it with affection, tenderness, beauty, creativity, and laughter." – Deepak Chopra

#BVTQuoteoftheDay, November 19, 2020 – 74 ♡
"So often you find that the students you're trying to inspire are the ones that end up inspiring you."

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do! September 2, 2020 – 364 ♡
Thanks to our Student Council for hosting a fun drive-up t-shirt parade to welcome our freshmen to BVT with a complimentary spirit shirt. Freshmen, wear your new spirit shirt and school colors proudly on your first day as the Class of 2024 at BVT.

Celebrating the Class of 2021

Celebrating Our Seniors on Their Journey to Commencement
Spring can be a bittersweet time for our seniors as they finish their high school careers and prepare to graduate. For the Class of 2021, the journey to commencement was an ideal time to enjoy every last moment that we had together. See how we celebrated our seniors and all of their achievements:

It's A Celebration!
After a year of embracing the unexpected and because life can be full of beautiful moments just waiting to surprise you, we surprised our seniors with a special delivery — Senior Lawn Signs + a little celebration = memories to last throughout the years. Thanks to our teachers, instructors, administrators, and support staff who traveled throughout the District on April 14th to help deliver the lawn signs. A quick hello, a wave, a honk from a safe distance had everyone smiling under their face masks.
www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/celebratingourseniors

Marking a Milestone
We celebrated our graduates and said farewell as they embarked on their next great adventure. The Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony was held on our athletic field on the evening of May 27th. We welcomed extended family and friends to view the live stream at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2021.

Scholarships & Awards Ceremony
We were excited to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2021 at their scholarships & awards ceremony on May 25th. The ceremony was held outdoors under a tent at BVT, which allowed for an in-person celebration with immediate family members. Take a peek at the achievements: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2021.

Hi Ho Hi Ho, It's Off to Work They Go!
Congratulations to all of our co-op and career placement students going directly into

high-skill, high-wage employment. Our Career Signing Day celebrated future career plans. See where some of our students are going to work at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday.

Class of 2021: Millville Graduates
NHS: National Honor Society **NTHS: National Technical Honor Society**
Trent Alexander Allan, Drafting & Design Technology; Ryan John Caddell, Engineering & Robotics; Aaron Paul Canali (NHS/NTHS), Electrical; Tyler Edward Crenshaw, Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing; Zachary Thomas Desrosiers, Multimedia Communications;
Joshua Steven Harpin, Electrical; Jacob Timothy Irons, Automotive Technology; Nicholas Michael Kirby (NHS/NTHS), Engineering & Robotics; Bethany Lynn McLaughlin, Automotive Technology; Jillian Elizabeth Newcomb, Automotive Technology; and Hayley Lynn Vecchione (NHS/NTHS), Health Services.

Career, College & Life Ready
College is a continuation of learning. Many of our students simultaneously pursue a post-secondary education while working in their vocations.

Class of 2021
300 Graduates
Girls: 48 percent (143)
Boys: 52 percent (157)
Apprenticeship Program: 7.00 percent (21)
Military: 1.67 percent (5)
Year off: 2.67 percent (8)
Workforce: 6.33 percent (19)
4 Year College/Tech College: 72.67 percent (218)
2 Year College/Certificate Program: 9.67 percent (29)

Class of 2020
298 Graduates
Girls: 51 percent (152)
Boys: 49 percent (146)
Apprenticeship Program: 9.06 percent (27)
Military: 1.34 percent (4)
Year off: 2.35 percent (7)
Workforce: 8.39 percent (25)
4 Year College/Tech College: 67.45 percent (201)
2 Year College/ Certificate Program: 10.07 percent (30)
Unknown:1.34 percent (4), due to the pandemic some 2020 data is missing.

Class of 2019
301 Graduates
Girls: 48 percent (144)
Boys: 52 percent (157)
Apprenticeship Program: 10.29 percent (31)
Military: 1.66 percent (5)
Certificate Program: 0.33 percent (1)
Year off: 0.33 percent (1)
Workforce: 5.32 percent (16)
4 Year College/Tech College: 77.42 percent (232)
2 Year College: 5 percent (15)

Off to work they go, building credentials, pursuing industry licenses, certifications, and degrees. Assumption College, B Luxe Hair & Make-up Studio, Baystate Outdoor Personia, Blackstone Valley Machine, Bridgewater State University, Bryant University, Costal Carolina University, Dean College, Emerson College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Imperial Ford & Chevrolet,
JJ Mechanical, Johnson & Wales University, Lincoln Tool & Machine Corporation, Maine College of Art, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts Maritime Academy,
Millibar, Inc., MPC Services, New England Institute of Technology, Precision Heating & Cooling, Renaud Electric, Rochester Institute of Technology, Wagner Mercedes-Benz, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Worldband.

FY21 – An Incredible Year of Achievements
Our students continue to display mastery of rigorous academic studies and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies, despite the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic.

Members of the Class of 2021 earned more than 345 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value exceeding **7.9 million**.

A total of **273 juniors and sophomores** participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and early spring PSAT-10 test administrations. The tests designed by the College Board are an early indicator of potential student success on the SATs and in the Advanced Placement program.

We went to great lengths to provide our students with a traditional testing experience despite pandemic obstacles. In May, all Advanced Placement students took their AP College Board Exams in person. These traditional and difficult exams are designed for students to earn college credit for an AP class. In Spring 2021, **359 AP course exams** were given to 232 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Calculus BC,

Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Human Geography, Psychology, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, and Spanish Language & Culture.

For the past **22 years**, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played an important role in the achievement level of students in the state. Spring 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) instituted the Next-Gen MCAS, an updated, more rigorous, computer-based exam to determine a student's readiness for career and college. This system of tests also incorporates altered scoring tiers.

As schools throughout Massachusetts struggled to keep student learning on task using hybrid models of remote and in-person instruction, DESE had to alter its fall and spring standardized testing schedule with all MCAS tests administered in person, following COVID-19 restrictions and protocols. In May, our sophomores participated in the Next-Gen MCAS in ELA and Mathematics, and our advanced freshmen took the Legacy MCAS in Science. Also, DESE offered juniors an optional computer-based Legacy MCAS for college admissions and scholarship opportunities, and nearly 100 of our juniors opted to take the ELA and Math tests.

Students are required to achieve a Competency Determination, a graduation requirement, on the Next-Gen MCAS test. Although in FY21, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to waive some of those requirements. Our students, who have a 22-year history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, remained vigilant in their participation and will have an opportunity to continue that trend during the 2021-22 school year as the DESE works to reschedule MCAS for those who still need to meet mandates.

Looking Ahead...

As educators and DESE aim to return to a more traditional classroom learning environment during the 2021-22 school year, students will have to concentrate on meeting standardized testing requirements. Unfortunately, there has been a significant interruption in gathering valid assessment data on Massachusetts enrolled students. However, state officials are confident that because of the dedicated administrators and staff in MA school districts, students will continue to be near the top levels compared to other K-12 students nationally and internationally. BVT is proud to have an enviable history of high student growth and achievement that most certainly will be evident when the new data is available.

Art Heals

Creativity for a Cause

Our Visual Arts Department hosted Arts Heals: The Senior Perspective on May 7th. The sidewalk outside of our school was transformed with color, creativity, and meaning during the event as our senior artists created unique chalk murals on the theme of resilience and showcasing how art heals. The weather cooperated, and our students and faculty were also able to view the finished artwork.

The creative event was open to all seniors, not just those taking an art class. It served as

an in-school field trip for 143 seniors and a formative assessment for those enrolled in Honors Art School Prep and Senior Art Studio. Non-art students had to preregister to reserve their chalk and 3'x3' square space to create their masterpiece. All students had to submit a concept for review before participating. The creative process from concept sketches to the final chalk murals emphasized resilience and the healing power of art. Robin Brown, LICSW, a Mental Health Counselor in our School Based Health Center, also spoke with the art classes about the importance of mental health and creativity.

Isabella Pimentel of Uxbridge, a senior in our Painting & Design Technology program, enjoyed participating in the Art Heals fundraiser. She said, "I had many different ideas, but the concept of human connection and the healing power of earth was something I wanted to explore. Each day in this world is a new day to learn, grow, and be resilient. When I'm having a tough day, I go outside to feel the sun on my skin. It brings me peace. I hope my artwork inspires others."

"It is exciting to see a thriving Art program with so many students engaged in creating meaningful artwork," said visiting artist Arielle Gordon, a 2017 graduate of BVT, a senior in her last semester at Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston.

Our Visual Arts Instructors empower students to make a difference by using their creative voices. "We are immensely proud of our seniors who used their creativity for a cause by participating in the event to build awareness and support for teen suicide prevention," said Visual Arts Instructors Ashley Maclure and Kelly Garabadian. "A big thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success, from our staff chaperones, our alumni mentor, and of course, our generous sponsors."

This event raised over seven hundred dollars with all proceeds to benefit the mission of the National Center for the Prevention of Youth Suicide. It was supported in part by grants from the Cummings School Service Fund, the Blackstone, Millville, Northbridge, and Upton Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Our Students Shine at SkillsUSA

The annual SkillsUSA competition series is a showcase for vocational technical education where students test their competency by competing with each other in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts.

In 2021, our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country by earning 190 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

Massachusetts District V Conference

37 Gold, 38 Silver, 26 Bronze

Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference

39 Gold, 18 Silver, 14 Bronze

National Leadership & Skills Conference
8 GOLD
- **Gabriel Chaves-Silva of Hopedale**
- **Myra Dehestani of Millville**
- **Logan Hampson of Douglas**
- **Cullen Jacene of Northbridge**
- **Maggie McCann of Grafton**
- **Khushi Patel of Uxbridge**
- **Adam Pratt of Uxbridge**
- **Mandolin Simpson of Blackstone**

2 SILVER
- **Catherine Rozanas of Grafton**
- **Madison Gannon of Uxbridge**

8 BRONZE
- **Julia Drapeau of Millbury**
- **Casey Goyette of Uxbridge**
- **Benjamin Judson of Sutton**
- **Ashley King of Hopedale**
- **Andrew Konicki of Blackstone**
- **Christopher Mason of Milford**
- **Kyle Penta of Blackstone**
- **Chloe Terrell of Upton**

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES
Carter Beard of Hopedale, Jessica Brown of Douglas, Hunter Claflin of Douglas, Kirsten Dinsmore of Upton, Abby Kelly of Hopedale, Aysia Parent of Douglas, Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, and Samantha Stephens of Mendon.

STATE OFFICER
Elected to serve in the 2021-2022 school year:
- Hunter Claflin

Activities & Clubs

Lions and Beavers, Oh My!
With numerous extracurricular activities and clubs to choose from, our students get to follow their passions, have fun with their classmates, and flex their creative muscles. By joining groups like the LEO Club, National and Technical Honor Societies, Art Club, and Student Council, our students can serve their community and lend their neighbors a helping hand.

Our Leo Club Walk for Sight
The Walk for Sight was held on our track from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 17th. The well-attended event raised $1,000, benefiting the Mass Lions Eye Research Fund, a great way to end the school year.

Our Leos Roar, Again!
The BVT Leo Club earned impressive recognition, named Lions District 33A Leo Club of the Year for the 2nd year in a row. Additionally, the Club Officers were named Leos of the Year: Emma Conkey, Andrew Corbett, Myra Dehastani, Riley Holt, and Kyle Penta.

A Spooktacular Event!
It was an unseasonably cold Halloween for the young ghouls who dared to join us at our Leo Club Drive-Thru Trick or Treat. Dressed as ghosts, goblins, and witches galore, wearing required face masks, they came in all sorts of creative and colorful costumes hoping for candy, of course.

With the traditional Halloween celebration of trick-or-treating looking a little different due to COVID-19, our Leo Club wanted to offer younger siblings of our students and staff a fun, festive alternative. There were no tricks for those who signed up, just good spirits and sweet treats at this school event. Even Sporty the Beaver stopped by and had a wildly good time.

Accolades & Awards
Celebrating Excellence: The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY21.

MVA Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year
Each year, the Massachusetts Vocational Association award salutes outstanding Career & Technical students from Massachusetts. The award recognizes the student's commitment to their career & technical education program, projects, related work experience, success in academics, character, and leadership involvement in school and community activities. Vivian Staheli of Hopedale, a senior in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, is the 2021 MVA Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year.

Walter J. Markham Award Recipient
This prestigious award is presented to a Massachusetts vocational school senior who has demonstrated excellence in their technical, academic, and personal achievements. Rohit Kaushik of Hopedale, a senior in our Information Technology program, was the sole recipient of the 2021 Walter J. Markham Award. This impressive achievement complements his remarkable resume.

Academic Growth & Student Leadership Award
Meghan Griggs of Northbridge, a senior in our Engineering & Robotics program, and Rohit Kaushik of Hopedale, a senior in our Information Technology program, earned the National School Development Council's Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership. This commendation acknowledges the positive contributions students make to their schools as well as their admirable character and academic accomplishment.

Nationally Recognized Student Council
Our student council was recognized for the third consecutive year as a 2021 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for an exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve their school and community. Even with distance learning, they adapted their efforts to display the highest standards of leadership successfully.

A Perfect Score Earned
Assessments are a powerful tool when used to evaluate and strengthen student learning. The End-of-Course (EoC) Assessment offers our Project Lead the Way students a way to prove their strengths and showcase their potential to teachers, higher education institutions, and employers. The following students earned a perfect score on their EoC exams:

Principles of Engineering Exam
• Katelyn Steele of Upton, a sophomore in Engineering & Robotics

AP Computer Science Principles Exam
• Nathan Dynko of Bellingham, a senior in Information Technology

Civil Engineering and Architecture Exam
• Madison Gannon of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
• Casey Goyette of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
• Matthew Trenholm of Northbridge, a senior in in Engineering & Robotics

Digital Electronics Exam
• Riley Holt of Uxbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics
• Cullen Jacene of Northbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics

MAVA/MVA Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year
Each year, this award is presented by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) to one student from each vocational-technical high school in Massachusetts. The award recognizes students who have made significant contributions to their local school district and the statewide vocational education system. Recipients must have excellent attendance, a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, and vocational-related work experience. In addition, the students must demonstrate leadership qualities, technical competence, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities. Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, a senior in Multimedia Communications, a well-rounded and dedicated

student, has earned the 2021 MAVA/MVA Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year award.

Community Investments

Our students participate in community projects each year, which provide a tangible return on investment for District residents and provide our students with invaluable hands-on, real-world experience. Whether it's reconstructing a playground, creating a sign for your business, or remodeling a public building or local landmark, we believe in giving back by using our vocational training and skills to enhance the communities that support our students. BVT's work on capital improvement projects throughout our 13-town District is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets by utilizing in-house talent and resources. We're proud to provide additional savings to District residents by welcoming our stakeholders to enjoy discounted services in our student-run restaurant, salon, and design and print center.

In FY21, a total of 230 projects and services resulted in notable savings for our District, with $122,340 in total savings to District taxpayers.

A few examples of the FY21 community projects include:

American Legion Hall

Members of the Roger L. Wood American Legion Post 355 in Mendon reached out to BVT when major interior improvements were needed. As a result, juniors in our Construction Technology program, under the supervision of their instructor Michael Swanick began the deconstruction process in January FY20 to prepare for a 2020-21 school year rebuild. For every job that involves knocking down a wall, there's another that calls for putting one up. So, in FY21, students returned and worked on putting up interior walls and partitions.

Our Electrical Instructors Craig Allen and John Mitchell, with their sophomore students, installed a new electrical service, meter socket, and panel in June. To move electricity from its source at the service panel to its destination, students had an opportunity to run the interior wiring needed to power up the plugs and lighting. Now the American Legion Hall can shine its lights brightly.

Uxbridge Dog Park Kiosk

When the Uxbridge Dog Park needed an outdoor bulletin board, they reached out to BVT to discuss their needs. Construction Technology instructor Michael Swanick led a team of students excited to use their vocational skills to construct and install a kiosk that not only met the park's requirements but would enhance the visitor experience. Students built the 5'x10' structure with a shingled roof and a 48"x36" plexiglass enclosure to weather-protect a bulletin board. This beautiful new kiosk will keep printed materials protected from the elements. The Uxbridge Dog Park at 375 Sutton Street is open to all responsible dog owners in the Blackstone Valley.

Return on Investment

Our Budget Maximizes Federal and State Funds to Enhance Student-Focused Learning

Our School Committee crafted the District's FY21 budget in a manner that provided diverse skill development opportunities for our students through relationships with local businesses and industry while also adhering to strict state requirements. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to present unique challenges for our administration, faculty, and support staff to find creative ways to deliver education through a combination of distance and hybrid learning. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the operating budget to a 3.90% increase. Additionally, to mitigate the state's continued increase of our member town's minimum contributions (5.59% for FY21), our School Committee authorized the use of $225,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact.

Our administration, faculty, and students continuously search out ways to streamline processes, reduce waste by recycling, and reduce energy consumption while delivering quality education. Through targeted professional development opportunities, we strive for teacher excellence and continue to promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle with our students and staff alike, which continues to enhance our positive learning environment.

The FY21 operating budget of $25,602,950 was funded primarily by $9,415,987 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and $15,744,963 in Member Assessments. A dedicated and fiscally responsible partner, BVT remains committed to assisting our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning to present a single, consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Complementing Community Support

BVT complements community support by pursuing non-taxpayer resources through the aggressive pursuit of available public and private grants or donations to enhance learning and support programs and services for its students. In FY21, local assessments were complemented by nearly $2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

With the support of a two-year MA Skills Capital Grant, BVT planned to implement a new Biotech Chapter 74 Program utilizing its Biotech/Chemistry Labs for the academic sciences to enhance and expand student career education opportunities. To date, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded BVT six out of the seven Workforce Skills Capital Grants offered. In total, this administration has awarded over $2.46 million to our school through this program.

The District received much needed COVID-19 support in FY21 to prepare and respond to student, faculty, and staff needs related to distance, hybrid, and in-person learning. For example, BVT received a $279,450 Coronavirus Relief Fund School Reopening (CvRF) grant, which helped provide essential personal protective equipment and supplies to sanitize facilities and fund innovative efforts within academic classrooms and vocational

shops to prevent the spread of the virus.

Additionally, we used a portion of the CvRF grant, a competitive $116,735 Remote Learning Technology Essentials grant, and a $31,964 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grant to purchase educational technology, hardware, and software to help ease distance and hybrid learning transitions.

To ensure our students in distance learning had access to nutritious meals, the District secured a $75,000 No Kid Hungry grant to improve food security measures and took its current free Drive-Up Meal Service off-campus to deliver school meals.

In addition to FY21 grants, eleven member towns agreed to donate a portion of their CARES ACT funding to the District with COVID-19 in-kind donations. The $339,716 contribution allowed us to purchase of laptops to assist with 1:1 technology initiatives and distance learning for students. BVT also received support from several local banks to help with transportation vans, which are essential for educational field trips and community projects where students have an opportunity to apply the skills learned at school out in the community.

Our School Committee
Our 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.

Chairman: Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham
Vice Chairman: Gerald M. Finn, Millville
Assistant Treasurer: Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury
Secretary: Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick, Blackstone
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas*
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Hopedale
Dennis P. Braun, Mendon*
Paul J. Braza, Milford
Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge
Julie H. Mitchell, Sutton
David R. Bartlett, Upton
James H. Ebbeling, Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director: Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Assistant Superintendent – Director/Principal: Anthony E. Steele, II
Business Manager: Lorna M. Mangano
District Treasurer: Barbara A. Auger

Recognition of Retirement and Welcoming New Members*

With sincere appreciation, we thank Mr. Lavin and Mr. Braun for their years of service and dedication as District School Committee members. We offer warm wishes and congratulations on their retirement. On May 20, 2021, the School Committee appointed and welcomed two new members: Mark J. Potter, Douglas, and Edward D. Cray, III, Mendon.

Thank You for Your Support

The success of our mission wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the residents and business partners of our District. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, Massachusetts, proudly serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge.

Thanks to support from District towns, advisory committees, business partners, and local stakeholders, Blackstone Valley Tech offers expert training in the following vocational programs:

Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication
Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
Automotive Technology
Biotechnology
Business & Entrepreneurship*
Construction Technology
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Dental Assisting
Drafting & Design Technology
Electrical
Electronics & Engineering Technology
Engineering & Robotics
Health Services
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Information Technology
Multimedia Communications
Painting & Design Technology
Plumbing

**Closing spring of 2022, no longer taking enrollment.*

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:
Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)