

# **MILLVILLE MASSACHUSETTS**



## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

# Millville, Massachusetts

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# *Memoriam*



*In memoriam of the Town residents who had passed  
away in 2022*

◆ *Lincoln Barber, III*

◆ *Nelson Bartlett*

*David Bertino*

◆ *Robert Bowen*

◆ *Grace Burns*

*Arthur Burroughs*

*Gerard Daigle*

*Mary D'Angelo*

*Carol Gagnon*

◆ *Mary Gauvin*

*Thomas Hipskind*

◆ *Thomas Hite*

*Judith Legare*

## *Memoriam cont.*



*In memoriam of the Town residents who had passed  
away in 2022*

◆ *Lisa Larue*

◆ *Joyce McClelland*

*Timothy McNamara*

*Alice Mercure*

*Paul Moore*

*Timothy Paige*

*John Phipps*

◆ *Lenard Ranslow*

*Marion Richer*

*Kenneth Rothrock*

*Richard Simmons*

◆ *Norman Thuot*

*Hamilton Workman*

*Darrel Young*

◆ = *Held Appointed or Elected Positions in Millville*

# 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. The Board started this term with four members, however, one needed to resign. We thank Todd Trottier for his service.

Thankfully, we have (mostly) put the pandemic behind us. The town has come out of the pandemic in a positive position and this is thanks to the entire staff at the Town Hall. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to the Town Hall staff for their hard work, flexibility and continued excellence over the past year.

Over the past couple of years, the Town of Millville continues to make tremendous progress in terms of its financial stability. For the first time in recent history, the Town of Millville had a surplus in the FY 23 budget! This clearly demonstrates the validity of the policies implemented and executed by the leadership in Millville.

Representative Soter and Senator Fattman continue to be great partners for Millville. They are present in our meetings, helping citizens with issues, and supporting our town. The Board would like to thank Representative Soter and Senator Fattman for all the support they give us.

We also received more than \$950,000 through the state from American Rescue Plan Act. The Board has opted to use these funds to make repairs to old town hall located on Central Street as well as provide repairs and updates to the police station. The Board has also authorized use of ARPA funds for a number of capital and other items including public safety gear, MES water consulting, Library HVAC replacement, online Building Permitting, BMR asbestos remediation, BVT Fusion Laser, and other items, avoiding the need for taxpayer funding.

Finally, in terms of finances, the town was able to add almost \$400,000 to its Stabilization Accounts. The balance of our General Stabilization Account is almost \$900,000. This is money we intend to invest in the town and is available to us in the event of an emergency. The Town Accountant and Town Treasurer have already received free cash certified from the state in the amount of more than \$400,000. With these funds are able to further enrich these accounts. Free cash has been difficult to complete prior to the Annual Town Meeting and this has always been the goal. At last, we have met the goal this year. The Board would like to thank Tara Bibeault, Town Accountant, and Jane Snellman, Town Treasurer for meeting this goal.

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.

The Board also reached out to the town the end of FY 22 to see what is important to the citizens of Millville. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey. The one glaring item that came out of the survey is that roads need to be addressed. Just about every survey mentioned that the roads should be repaired. Based on this input, the Board is now investigating the option to create a Stabilization Account to address the specific needs of the Highway Department – like road and bridge repairs. If you have any other suggestions or comments for the Board, please do not hesitate to reach out! We welcome your input.

The Board of Selectmen opted to put together goals for FY22 and we have made modest progress on those goals through 2023.

1. Quarterly updates with the Finance Committee: Although we haven't met as often as we should, there is a high degree of alignment between the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.
2. Plan for the Town Hall Building on Central Street: We have made progress here. The engineering drawings are being created so that we can start the bidding process for the renovation. I would like to thank our Building Inspector, Joe Fitzpatrick for his continued work on this project.
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 Board has been involved in the capital planning for the school district as well as budget planning. We have also made progress on a strategy on our OPEB obligations. The Board would like to thank the School Committee and Superintendent, Dr. Jason DeFalco for being a great partner.
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. We haven't had the regularly scheduled updates as we had hoped, board members have been very good in attending other board and committee meetings and sharing updates.
5. BOS and Town Policies and Procedures review and update: This has been completed! We now need a new fifth goal.

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 have several boards and committees that are short a member or two and we would love to see those positions filled. Please reach out to any member of the Board to learn more about these openings or check out the website: [www.millvillema.org](http://www.millvillema.org).



We also encourage you to attend meetings, ask questions, and present new ideas. Many, if not all, Board of Selectman 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

Richard Bremilst, Member

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

As we look back on 2022, Millville faced another year of Covid. But things got back to normal pretty quickly.

By April the Board of Selectmen started their meetings in person. Other committees started following suit shortly thereafter.

Your Town Hall staff, your Library staff, your Public Safety folks, your Senior Center, your Highway gang, and your Schools all got back to the business at hand as if that nasty disease never happened.

In 2022 the Town welcomed a new Building Inspector, Joe Fitzpatrick.

We also welcomed a new Treasurer Collector, Jane Snellman.

The Town was also fortunate to promote Bill Coupe to Police Chief and Roy Liard to Fire Chief.

In order for the business of the Town to function smoothly, thankfully, there were numerous active committees in Town, with many new volunteers signing up to serve and give back to the community – of course we could always use more!

During the year the Town was the beneficiary of nearly \$1 Million in ARPA funds. At the direction of your Board of Selectmen these were started to be put to good use immediately – please see the Capital Program Committee report for some details on how funds were used.

The Town also really got connected and fully functioning with its new Regional Dispatch, Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC), where yours truly is currently serving on your behalf on MECC's Board of Directors.

The Town also entered into a Regional Animal Control Officer agreement where better staffed, better equipped, and more responsive services are now being provided.

Similarly, we entered into a Regional Planning Agreement where the Town's planning needs now are better professionally staffed and served.

With the help of multiple participants, the Town was able to earn its Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) qualification, which is a very significant accomplishment.

In tandem with the MVP efforts, the Town also updated its Hazard Mitigation Program (HMP).

The Town also executed a new and very cost-effective Energy Aggregation contract, which currently offers electricity supply at approximately one third the rates of National Grid.

In another significant accomplishment, the Board of Selectmen renewed and updated their Board of Selectmen Policies and Procedures.

We also saw the Town identify and contract with an Online Building Permitting Software Service, which is fully up and running at the time of this writing.

Lastly, the voters approved another balanced budget for FY 23, and with the help of your department heads, we continue living within the means of proposition 2 ½.

As I said last year, 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 Millville would not be the special place it is to live, raise a family, work, and enjoy the abundant natural resources this little part of the world offers.

Thank you!

Peter Caruso  
Millville Town Administrator

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

As Town Counsel, in 2022 we provided services and advice to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town officials, boards, committees and Town Meeting. Most of the work of Town Counsel involves providing advice and opinions, reviewing contracts and procurement issues, real estate transactions, preparation for Town Meetings, and representing the Town in litigation. During the course of the last year, we provided services on issues involving contracts, bylaw enforcement, land use, wetlands, Blackstone-Millville Regional School, municipal finance law, real estate transaction and personnel matters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Greetings to the Board of Selectmen and Residents of Millville:

2022 marked my seventh 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 2022, especially the new changes in election laws, including early voting by mail for all elections, both state and municipal.

Mailed Early and Absentee Voting and In Person Early Voting

**State Primary, September 6, 2022:**

Early by Mail: 244 Absentee by Mail: 4 In Person Early Voting: 4

**State Election, November 8, 2022:**

Early by Mail: 416 Absentee by Mail: 5 In Person Early Voting: 24

Two long-serving members of Town Hall passed away during 2022: Lincoln Barber, III, passed on February 4, 2022. Lincoln served on many committees and boards during his time in Millville, including Veterans Services Officer and Board of Selectmen. His last position in town was as the Building Commissioner. Lisa Larue, Treasurer/Collector and long-time employee of the Town of Millville, passed on March 12, 2022.

Chris Morse resigned as Assistant Town Clerk when she accepted, with enthusiasm, a position in the Millville Free Public Library. Catherine (Kate) Correia became Assistant Town Clerk in September of 2022. She is doing well, currently conquering the challenges of dog licensing and certifying voter registrations.

Dog licenses for 2022: Dog Tags – 509 Monies collected: \$5569.00

As Records Access Officer, there were many requests for public records. Some were very time consuming, and some required the assistance of Town Counsel. All were completed in the time allotted by law.

### VITAL RECORDS

2022 BIRTHS	19
2022 DEATHS	25
2022 MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	8

The Town Clerk continues to be the only notary public in the Town Hall. In days past, there were five notaries in Town Hall.

Thank you to the residents of the Town of Millville for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Lockwood, CMC Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Burial Agent, Records Access Officer

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Department	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 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	Andrea Herrick	6/30/2022
Board of Registrars	Registrar	David Maloney	3/31/2023
Building Department	Assistant Building Inspector	Mark Arruda	6/30/2023
Building Department	Assistant Building Inspector	Dale Bangma	6/30/2022
Building Department	Plumbing & Gas Inspector	John D'Agostino	6/30/2022
Building Department	Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer	Joe Fitzpatrick	6/30/2022
Building Department	Electrical Inspector	John Grenga	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Colleen Curis	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Jesse Dufault	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Madison Durand	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	L. Carlton Hamilton	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Cable Coordinator	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Cable Advisory Committee	Member	Sierra Gallagher	6/30/2023
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	Alternate Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024
Conservation Commission	Member	Roland Barrett	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Eric Olson	6/30/2025
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	Patricia Finn	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Pamela Dean Kobetitsch	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Diane Lamoureux	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Paul Moore	6/30/2023
Council on Aging	Member	Larry Pearson	6/30/2024

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Department	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Council on Aging	Member	Susanne Robbins	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Alan Whittemore	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Erica Allen	6/30/2022
Cultural Council	Member	Kristin Alves	6/30/2023
Cultural Council	Member	Lynn Foley	6/30/2023
Cultural Council	Member	Joyce Indelicato	6/30/2025
Cultural Council	Member	Ron Kelly	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Nicole O'Brien	6/30/2023
Cultural Council	Member	Cindy Walsh	6/30/2024
Emergency Management	Member	Philip Franzen	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 Fire Fighter/EMT	Brett	6/30/2023
Fire Department	On-Call Fire Fighter	John Alton-Brillant	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call Fire Fighter	John Alton-Brillant	6/30/2023
Fire Department	On-Call Fire Fighter	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	On-Call Fire Fighter/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 Fire Fighter	Jacob Fantini	7/1/2023
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	James Foster	6/30/2022
Fire Department	FT FF/EMT	Steven Furno	6/30/2023
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Mary Gilmore	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call Fire Fighter	Gregory Gomes	6/30/2023
Fire Department	On-call FF	Joseph Guilbeault	6/30/2022
Fire Department	Acting Fire Chief	Roy Liard, Jr.	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Roy Liard, Jr.	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF	Tyler Mullaly	6/30/2022
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
Fire Department	On-Call Fire Fighter	Charles Woodman	7/1/2023
Flag Warden	Flag Warden	Neil Foley	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Emile Berthelette	6/30/2023
Historical Commission	Member	Leonel Clement	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Charles Dakai	6/30/2024

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Department	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
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	
Library	Permanent Trustee	Colleen Curis	
Open Space & Recreation	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Planning Committee			
Parks and Recreation	Member	William Coupe, Jr.	6/30/2023
Committee			
Parks and Recreation	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Committee			
Planning Board	Tri-Town Jr. Planner	Dylan Lindholm	6/30/2023
Planning Board	Associate Member	Pamela Williams	6/30/2023
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Richard Andrade	6/30/2023
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Jeffrey Beckwith	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Harry Cervantes	6/30/2022
Police Department	Acting Police Chief	William Coupe, Jr.	6/30/2022
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	James Cusack	6/30/2022
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Philip Franzen	6/30/2022
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Peter Gallerani	6/30/2022
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Scott Gould	6/30/2023
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Nicholas Green	6/30/2022
Police Department	FT Patrolman	Taylor Hanson	6/30/2024
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Sean Hollins	6/30/2023
Police Department	Full Time Patrolman	Steven LaCava	6/30/2022
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Keith Lanagan	6/14/2023
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Stephen LaPorta	6/30/2023
Police Department	Part Time Patrolman	Thomas Reynolds	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Roy Sullivan	6/30/2023
Town Accountant	Town Accountant	Tara Bibeault	6/30/2024
Town Administrator	Town Administrator	Peter Caruso	6/30/2023
Town Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk	Catherine (Kate) Correia	4/7/2025
Town Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk	Christine Morse	4/7/2025
Treasurer/Collector	Treasurer/Collector	Samantha Chatterton	6/30/2024
Treasurer/Collector	Assistant Collector	Marcia Ferro	6/30/2022
Treasurer/Collector	Treasurer/Collector	Jane Snellman	6/30/2023
Veterans Services	Veterans Services Officer	Warren (Art) Campbell	6/30/2023
Veterans Services	Veterans Agent	Jean Turcotte	6/30/2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	Member	Thomas Mulvey	6/30/2024
Zoning Board of Appeals	Member	Jeffrey Sutherland	6/30/2025



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position	Term Expires	AEH
Allen	Justin	Planning Board	Member	4/5/2027	Elected
Bremilst	Richard	Constable	Constable	4/7/2025	Elected
Bremilst	Richard	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/7/2025	Elected
Crenshaw	Michael	Constable	Constable	4/7/2025	Elected
Ethier	Elaine	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Veteran	4/7/2025	Elected
Gamache, Jr.	Normand	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Non-Veteran	4/1/2024	Elected
Gomes	Gregory	Constable	Constable	4/1/2024	Elected
Hadley	John	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Non-Veteran	4/7/2025	Elected
Hurteau	Richard	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee - Veteran	4/3/2023	Appointed until Election
Juskavitch	Preston	Planning Board	Member	4/6/2026	Elected
Lima	Jackie	Town Moderator	Town Moderator	4/3/2023	Appointed until Election
Lockwood	Diane	Town Clerk	Town Clerk	4/7/2025	Elected
Maille	Jason	Planning Board	Member	4/3/2023	Appointed until Election
Maloney	Pamela	Library	Trustee	4/1/2024	Elected
Maloney	Pamela	Planning Board	Member	4/1/2024	Elected
Marks, Jr.	Robert	Board of Health	Member	4/7/2025	Elected
Novio	Ted (Edward)	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Member	4/3/2023	Appointed until Election
Robinson	Catherine	Board of Health	Member	4/1/2024	Elected
Ryan, Jr.	Peter	Tree Warden	Tree Warden	4/1/2024	Elected
Thompson	Alyssa	Library	Trustee	4/7/2025	Elected
Thuot	Norman	Veterans Memorial Park	Trustee-Veteran	4/1/2024	Elected
Vinacco	Erin	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	4/1/2024	Elected
Zimmerman	Erin	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Member	4/3/2023	Appointed until Election

## HIRED EMPLOYEES

Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position
Grant	Sherry	Health and Bus. Office	Administrative Assistant
Barrett	Roland M.	Cable Access Committee	Camera Operator
Dufault	Jesse	Cable Access Committee	Camera Operator
Anderson	Jill	Council on Aging	Senior Center Director
Bouvier	Dennis R.	Council on Aging	Van Driver
Cook	Tina	Council on Aging	Senior Center Director
Grimaldi	Michelle	Council on Aging	Van Driver
Deschamps	Michael	Highway Department	Highway Laborer
McNamara	Connor W.	Highway Department	Temporary Laborer
Ryan, Jr.	Peter	Highway Department	Highway Laborer
Sheehan	Jonathan	Highway Department	Highway Laborer
Sutherland	Duncan	Highway Department	Temporary Laborer
Boone	Margaret	Library	Assistant Librarian
Boone	Abigail	Library	Temporary Assistant
Canali	Wanda	Library	Janitor
Esterbrook	Heatherann	Library	Assistant Librarian
Maloney	David	Library	Acting Director
Morse	Christine	Library	Library Clerk
Therien	Linda	Library	Assistant Librarian
Walsh	Ellen	Library	Assistant Librarian
Canali	Wanda	Police Department	Janitor
Sheppard	Blaine	Police Department	Admin Assistant
Boucher	Melissa	Senior Center	Van Driver
Gagnon	Roger	Senior Center	Van Driver
Canali	Wanda	Town Hall	Janitor
Snellman	Jane	Treasurer/Collector	Finance Assistant

## OFFICIAL RESULTS: ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, April 4, 2022

Polls were opened at 8:00 AM by Election Warden Marcel LaPlume.

The Ballot Box was examined and proved to be empty. Counter was reset to 0.

Poll Workers included:

Check-in:	Karen Hadley, Diane Berthelette
Check-out:	Barbara Heldenbergh, CarolAnne Mullaly
Ballot Clerk:	Richard Heldenbergh
Warden:	Marcel Laplume
Police Detail:	Harry Cervantes – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	William Coupe, Jr. – 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Polls were declared closed at 8:00 PM

Total number of ballots cast: **119**      Total number of voters: **2367**    Voter Turnout: **5%**

	# of Votes
<b>BMR District School Committee Blackstone Representative</b>	
<b>Timothy Howell</b>	<b>56</b>
Charles Dunton	38
Blanks	25
<b>BMR District School Committee Blackstone Representative</b>	
<b>Daniel Keefe</b>	<b>91</b>
Blanks	28
<b>BMR District School Committee Millville Representative</b>	
Blanks	108
Other	11
Jennifer Dean Wing respectfully declined	<b>FAILURE TO ELECT</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	
<b>**Robert Leo Marks, Jr.</b>	<b>105</b>
Blanks	14

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>3 Year Term</b>	
	<b>**Richard Keith Bremilst</b>	<b>86</b>
	Blanks	24
	Other	9
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>Unexpired 3-Year Term</b>	
<b>Expires 2024</b>		
	Blanks	80
	Paul Ouellette	12
	Richard Hurteau	12
	Other	15
		<b>FAILURE TO ELECT</b>
<b>Constable (Vote for Two)</b>		
	<b>**Richard Keith Bremilst</b>	<b>78</b>
	Blanks	41
	<b>**Michael Crenshaw</b>	<b>1</b>
	Blanks	118
<b>Library Trustee</b>		
	<b>**Alyssa A. Thompson</b>	<b>103</b>
	Blanks	16
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>5-Year Term</b>	
	Blanks	94
	<b>**Justin Allen</b>	<b>18</b>
	Other	7
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Unexpired 5-Year Term</b>	
<b>Expires 2026</b>		
	Blanks	99
	<b>**Preston Juskavitch</b>	<b>11</b>
	Other	9
<b>Town Clerk</b>		
	<b>**Diane Lockwood</b>	<b>102</b>
	Blanks	17
<b>Town Moderator</b>		
	Blanks	89
	<b>**Gerry Finn</b>	<b>16</b>
	Other	14
	Gerry Finn respectfully declined	<b>FAILURE TO ELECT</b>

<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Blanks	108
<b>**Peter Ryan, Jr.</b>	<b>6</b>
Other	5
<b>Trustee Veterans Memorial Park - Veteran</b>	
<b>**Elaine A. Ethier</b>	<b>106</b>
Blanks	13
<b>Trustee Veterans Memorial Park – Non-Veteran</b>	
<b>**John R. Hadley</b>	<b>100</b>
Blanks	19

\*\*Denotes nominees with the most votes for each position on ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lockwood  
Town Clerk  
Notary Public, Justice of the Peace

**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 4/5<sup>th</sup>'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***

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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 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'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 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 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'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 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 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'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 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**

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE**

**RESULTS**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**



**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

**MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **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.

A motion was made and duly seconded 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.

The Moderator declared the vote unanimous.

## **ARTICLE 2. FUND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB).**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees; or take any other action in relation thereto.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability for health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees.

The Moderator declared the vote unanimous.

## **ARTICLE 3. CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

A vote was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator declared the vote unanimous.



**ARTICLE 4. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of money to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

A vote was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator declared the vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lockwood

Town Clerk

Notary Public, Justice of the Peace

**Official Results: Town of Millville**

**State Primary: September 6, 2022**

# of Voters: 2373

# of Ballots Cast: 330

% of Voter Turnout:

14%

<b>GOVERNOR</b>		
<b><i>Democratic</i></b>		
Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	25	
Maura Healey	135	
Blanks	3	
<b><i>Republican</i></b>		
Geoff Diehl	66	
Chris Doughty	99	
Blanks	2	
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>		
<b><i>Democratic</i></b>		
Kimberley Driscoll	68	
Tami Gouveia	36	
Eric P. Lesser	50	
Blanks	9	
<b><i>Republican</i></b>		
Leah V. Allen	55	
Kate Campanale	103	
Blanks	9	
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>		
<b><i>Democratic</i></b>		
Andrea Joy Campbell	57	
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	63	
Quentin Palfrey	35	
Blanks	8	
<b><i>Republican</i></b>		
James R. McMahon, III	140	
Blanks	27	

<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
William Francis Galvin	124
Tanisha M. Sullivan	38
Blanks	1
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Rayla Campbell	137
Blanks	30
<b>TREASURER</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Deborah B. Goldberg	152
Blanks	11
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Blanks	164
Wayne Lesperance	1
James Trenton Ryder	1
Andrew Stire	1
<b>AUDITOR</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Christopher S. Dempsey	60
Diana Dizoglio	94
Blanks	9
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Anthony Amore	128
Blanks	39
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Jake Auchincloss	149
Blanks	14

<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>	
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Blanks	163
Michael Chiasson	1
James Trenton Ryder	1
Mike Soter	1
Andrew Stire	1
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Paul M. DePalo	151
Blanks	12
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Gary Galonek	130
Blanks	37
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Blanks	163
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Ryan C. Fattman	141
Blanks	26
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>	
<i><b>Democratic</b></i>	
Blanks	163
<i><b>Republican</b></i>	
Michael J. Soter	148
Blanks	19

<b>Democratic</b>		
	Joseph D. Early, Jr.	154
	Blanks	9
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>		
<b>Republican</b>		
	Blanks	164
	John McCarthy	1
	James Trenton Ryder	1
	Andrew Stire	1
<b>SHERIFF</b>		
<b>Democratic</b>		
	David M. Fontaine	154
	Blanks	9
<b>Republican</b>		
	Lewis G. Evangelidis	135
	Blanks	32

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**Official Results State Election  
November 8, 2022**

Voter Turnout: 1210  
Voter Turnout: 51%

# of Registered Voters: 2376      % of

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>FINAL TOTALS</b>
<b>Governor &amp; Lieutenant Governor</b>	
Diehl & Allen	<b>682</b>
Healey & Driscoll	<b>489</b>
Reed & Everett	<b>30</b>
Blank	<b>9</b>
<b>Attorney General</b>	
Andrea Joy Campbell	<b>473</b>
James R. McMahon, III	<b>710</b>
Blank	<b>27</b>
<b>Secretary of State</b>	
William Francis Galvin	<b>566</b>
Rayla Campbell	<b>603</b>
Juan Sanchez	<b>25</b>
Blank	<b>16</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Deborah B. Goldberg	<b>615</b>
Cristina Crawford	<b>442</b>
Blank	<b>153</b>
<b>Auditor</b>	
Anthony Amore	<b>668</b>
Diana Dizoglio	<b>413</b>
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	<b>22</b>
Dominic Giannone III	<b>35</b>
Daniel Riek	<b>27</b>
Blank	<b>45</b>
<b>Representative in Congress</b>	
Jake Auchincloss	<b>738</b>
Blank	<b>472</b>

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>FINAL TOTALS</b>
<b>Councillor</b>	
Paul M. DePalo	<b>517</b>
Gary Galonek	<b>643</b>
Blank	<b>50</b>
<b>Senator in General Court</b>	
Ryan C. Fattman	<b>989</b>
Blank	<b>221</b>
<b>Representative in General Court</b>	
Michael J. Soter	<b>993</b>
Blank	<b>217</b>
<b>District Attorney</b>	
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	<b>771</b>
Blank	<b>439</b>
<b>Sheriff</b>	
Lewis G. Evangelidis	<b>782</b>
David Fontaine	<b>380</b>
Blank	<b>48</b>
<b>Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee</b>	
Joseph Hall	<b>799</b>
Blank	<b>411</b>
Joseph Broderick	<b>809</b>
Blank	<b>401</b>
Mark Potter	<b>781</b>
Blank	<b>429</b>
Anthony Yitts	<b>738</b>
Blank	<b>472</b>
Mitchell A. Intinarelli	<b>736</b>
Blank	<b>474</b>
Edward D. Cray, III	<b>732</b>
Blank	<b>478</b>
Paul J. Braza	<b>736</b>

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>FINAL TOTALS</b>
Blank	<b>474</b>
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.	<b>513</b>
Frank J. Piscitelli, III	<b>232</b>
Blank	<b>465</b>
Gerald M. Finn	<b>802</b>
Blank	<b>406</b>
Richard Hurteau	<b>1</b>
Jackie Lima	<b>1</b>
<b>Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee (Continued)</b>	
Jeff T. Koopman	<b>748</b>
Blank	<b>462</b>
Town of Sutton: No Candidate	
Blank	<b>1210</b>
Tyler Bartlett	<b>720</b>
Blank	<b>490</b>
James Ebbeling	<b>726</b>
Blank	<b>484</b>
<b>QUESTION 1</b>	
Yes	<b>485</b>
No	<b>708</b>
Blank	<b>17</b>
<b>QUESTION 2</b>	
Yes	<b>761</b>
No	<b>427</b>
Blank	<b>22</b>
<b>QUESTION 3</b>	
Yes	<b>457</b>
No	<b>714</b>
Blank	<b>39</b>
<b>QUESTION 4</b>	
Yes	<b>411</b>
No	<b>764</b>
Blank	<b>35</b>



# **FINANCE DEPARTMENTS**

**REPORT OF THE  
TOWN TREASURER &  
TAX COLLECTOR  
FISCAL 2022**

I am pleased to submit a report of the Office of the Town Treasurer & Tax Collector for the Fiscal Year 2022. Although I was not Millville's Treasurer/Collector during this time, I was fortunate to come on board (in a part time capacity) for the last few months of FY2022, which enabled me to become familiar with Millville's needs before becoming your appointed Town Treasurer/Tax Collector on August 15, 2022; just a few weeks in to Fiscal 2023.

Fiscal 2022 (07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022) was a time of great change for the Treasurer/Collector's Department. Millville's former Treasurer/Collector of many years, Lisa Larue, left the position at the end of October 2021. Sadly, Lisa passed away on March 12<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Her loss was deeply felt by all of the Town Hall staff. However, Millville was fortunate to have Samantha Chatterton join Millville in November 2021 as Treasurer/Collector; she and Town Accountant Tara Bibeault had worked together in the past, and they were able to collaborate closely in order to bring Millville's FY2021 reporting requirements up to date with MA DOR to release a temporary hold on local aid payments. Simultaneously, Samantha worked hard to make sure FY2022 Tax Bills were issued on schedule and the Town's reporting obligations, ranging from payroll and insurance information to census input for the US Departments of Labor and Commerce were met.

Throughout these changes, Marcia Ferro, Millville's Assistant Tax Collector, steadfastly shouldered the day-to-day office operations of the Department, ensuring that Millville not only took in, but also properly recorded the tax revenue the town depends on to operate. I am so grateful for both Marcia's considerable experience and her dedication to keeping the Treasurer/Collector's Office running smoothly and reliably. Marcia's steady effort and consistency is at the core of the Department's functioning.

Collection rates have remained strong, with both Real Estate and Personal Property rates at 97% for 2022 billing. The option to pay online through Millville's website (MillvilleMA.org > Online Payments) continues to grow in popularity; not only is it quite convenient, but now paying by e-check costs less than the price of a postage stamp.

It seems the "lack of inventory" in the real estate market correlates to a reduced number of MLC requests fielded by the office in FY2022: just 56 were issued, down from a peak of 162 the prior year (FY2021) and less than the 114 reported for FY2020.

Tax Title properties remained static during FY2022, with no new Tax Takings, nor any redemptions or foreclosures in Land Court. In FY2023, I plan to devote more attention to the continuing issue of tax delinquencies which every Municipality faces.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to my co-workers in Millville Town Hall. They are a huge “plus” factor in my opinion; Millville has a strong group of dedicated employees, who genuinely collaborate and assist one another to achieve our common goal; to serve the citizens of Millville. While I’ll admit it may sound a bit corny even as I write it, I know that not every Municipality is fortunate enough to enjoy this kind of inter-departmental support and collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane A. Snellman  
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	<u>673,482</u>
	3,617,997

<b>REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES</b>		
Year Ending 6/30/2022		
	<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>	
2022	Real Estate Taxes Collected	4,975,117
	Outstanding Taxes	165,756
2021	Real Estate Taxes Collected	84,734
	Outstanding Taxes	30,182
2020	Real Estate Taxes Collected	18,010
	Outstanding Taxes	7,248
	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	
2022	Personal Property Taxes Collected	307,089
	Outstanding Taxes	779
2021	Personal Property Taxes Collected	-
	Outstanding Taxes	322
2020	Personal Property Taxes Collected	-
	Outstanding Taxes	343
	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES</b>	
2022	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	353,430
	Outstanding Taxes	66,868
2021	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	112,470
	Outstanding Taxes	19,330
2020	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	9,082
	Outstanding Taxes	4,988

	<b>TAX TITLE</b>	
	Tax Title Collected	-
	Interest on Tax Title	-
	<b>Departmental Revenue (non-committed)</b>	
	Interest	24,003
	Demand & Warrant Fees	19,887
	Municipal Lien Certificate	1,400

# FISCAL 2022 ANNUAL COMPENSATION

Last Name	First Name	Department	FY2022 Gross
Banner	Susan	Animal Control	\$ 1,525.00
Sullivan	Kevin	Animal Control	\$ 5,500.00
Grant	Shirley	Board of Health	\$ 30,976.86
Izzo	Leonard	Board of Health	\$ 7,685.00
Marks	Robert	Board of Health	\$ 825.00
Robinson	Catherine	Board of Health	\$ 275.00
D'Agostino	John	Building Department	\$ 2,665.00
Fitzpatrick	Joseph	Building Department	\$ 14,175.00
Grenga	John	Building Department	\$ 6,375.00
Naughton	Janet	Building Department	\$ 5,595.50
Finn	Gerald	BVT Committee	\$ 750.00
Dafault	Jesse	Cable Access	\$ 290.70
Labonte	Timothy	Cable Access	\$ 14,446.35
Watrous	Alexander	Cable Access	\$ 4,261.05
Benoit-Rudden	Patricia	Communications/Dispatch	\$ 15,666.09
Alton-Brillant	John	Fire Department	\$ 5,296.75
Blake	Griffin	Fire Department	\$ 4,086.26
Blanchette	Samantha	Fire Department	\$ 49,913.40
Bourassa-Pratt	Nicole	Fire Department	\$ 3,972.00
Crenshaw	Tyler	Fire Department	\$ 36,577.63
Desmarais	Danny	Fire Department	\$ 339.00
Drake	Audrey	Fire Department	\$ 13,977.75
Fantini	Jacob	Fire Department	\$ 612.76
Foster	James	Fire Department	\$ 2,507.00
Furno	Steven	Fire Department	\$ 69,824.58
Gilmore	Mary	Fire Department	\$ 319.50
Gomes	Gregory	Fire Department	\$ 1,349.25
Guilbeault	Jonathan	Fire Department	\$ 675.50
Guilbeault	Joseph	Fire Department	\$ 1,942.51
Liard	Roy	Fire Department	\$ 12,891.00
Lisak	Brett	Fire Department	\$ 71.25
Mullaly	Alex	Fire Department	\$ 666.00
Mullaly	Tyler	Fire Department	\$ 5,251.63
Rielly	Melanie	Fire Department	\$ 4,330.38
Roiias	Matthew	Fire Department	\$ 8,709.50

Wojcik	John	Fire Department	\$ 10,163.25
Woodman	Charles	Fire Department	\$ 776.63
Herrick	Kristina	Highway	\$ 1,600.00
LeBlanc	Michael	Highway	\$ 2,301.93
Ryan	Peter	Highway	\$ 2,270.00
Sheehan	Jonathan	Highway	\$ 41,824.65
Mullaly	Brian	Highway	\$ 23,314.12
Anderson	Colleen	Library	\$ 6,638.80
Boone	Margaret	Library	\$ 3,647.21
Gauvin	Mary	Library	\$ 632.34
Maloney	David	Library	\$ 5,890.00
Morse	Christine	Library	\$ 6,324.57
Hoecker	Sarah	Planning Board	\$ 18,600.00
Beckwith	Jeffrey	Police Department	\$ 1,516.76
Cervantes	Harry	Police Department	\$ 36,483.40
Coupe	William	Police Department	\$ 112,882.40
Cusack	James	Police Department	\$ 5,716.01
Daigle	Patrick	Police Department	\$ 440.00
Dunlavey	Philip	Police Department	\$ 440.00
Franzen	Philip	Police Department	\$ 8,525.03
Gallerani	Peter	Police Department	\$ 34,372.98
Gould	Scott	Police Department	\$ 69,014.00
Green	Nicholas	Police Department	\$ 16,694.63
Hanson	Taylor	Police Department	\$ 78,068.29
LaCava	Steven	Police Department	\$ 73,139.16
Landry	Ronald	Police Department	\$ 135,787.68
Niemczyk	Joseph	Police Department	\$ 550.00
Reynolds	Thomas	Police Department	\$ 14,582.18
Ryan	Richard	Police Department	\$ 440.00
Sheppard	Blaine	Police Department	\$ 37,674.47
Sullivan	Roy	Police Department	\$ 9,878.80
Catalano	Anthony	Senior Center	\$ 4,912.87
Cook	Christine	Senior Center	\$ 14,828.10
Gagnon	Gagnon	Senior Center	\$ 295.64
Whitten	Katherine	Senior Center	\$ 5,281.86
Caruso	Peter	Town Administrator	\$ 81,960.06
Fish	James	Town Clerk	\$ 28.50
Fish	Susan	Town Clerk	\$ 28.50
Hadley	Karen	Town Clerk	\$ 171.00



Heldenbergh	Barbara	Town Clerk	\$ 171.00
Heldenbergh	Richard	Town Clerk	\$ 171.00
Herrick	Andrea	Town Clerk	\$ 200.00
Laplume	Marcel	Town Clerk	\$ 171.00
Lockwood	Diane	Town Clerk	\$ 31,944.00
Mullaly	Carol Anne	Town Clerk	\$ 1,295.00
Rivera-Lockwood	Ashley	Town Clerk	\$ 228.00
Canali	Wanda	Town Hall Operations	\$ 5,966.07
Sutherland	Amy	Town Hall Operations	\$ 4,102.40
Ferro	Marcia	Treasurer-Collector	\$ 29,137.84
Larue	Lisa	Treasurer-Collector	\$ 23,203.71
Snellman	Jane	Treasurer-Collector	\$ 5,424.50

## Board of Assessors-Annual Report 2022

### Fiscal 2022 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	92.2870	334,659,015	15.11	5,056,697.72
Open Space	-0-	-0-		-0-
Commercial	1.4532	5,269,599	15.11	79,623.64
Industrial	0.6412	2,325,350	15.11	35,136.04
Personal Property	5.6186	20,374,762	15.11	307,862.65
	100.00	362,628,726		5,479,320.05

### Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Taxable Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy
2021	15.93	334,201,701	1,319	5,323,833.10
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

### Fiscal Year 2022 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 - 043 Mixed Use Properties	12	4,659,300	
101 Residential Single Family	836	281,985,500	337,300
102 Residential Condominiums	110	19,305,000	175,500
104 Residential Two Family	55	14,127,000	256,900
105 Residential Three Family	24	6,597,500	274,900
103&109 Misc Residential	6	1,105,800	
111 - 125 Apartments	3	973,400	324,500
130 - 132, 106 Vacant Land	190	7,036,800	37,000
200 - 231 Open Space	-0-	-0-	
300 - 393 Commercial	19	4,127,000	
400 - 442 Industrial	14	2,155,500	
501 - 506 Personal Property	37	20,374,762	
600 - 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	10	181,164	
TOTALS	1,316	362,628,726	

### New Growth Revenue

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Tax Rate	New Revenues
2022	1,760,661	15.93	28,048
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

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 recent years. The members of the Committee as of the date of this writing in March 2023 and are as follows:

- Peter Caruso, Chair and Town Administrator: townadmin@millvillema.org
- Jennifer Gill, Vice Chair and BOS Representative: selectman3@millvillema.org
- Steven Tringali, Secretary and Citizen Representative: sdctringali@yahoo.com
- Jason Maille, Planning Board Representative: jason@imperialcars.com
- Helge Liedtke, FinCom Representative: finance1@millvillema.org
- Jeff Pettit, Citizen Representative: moosehead1426@gmail.com
- Rich Crivello, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to advise this committee: rvcrivello@charter.net

At the time of this writing Millville's Stabilization (Savings) Funds (\$1,570,961 in total) were as follows:

Account	Balance as of March 2023
General Stabilization	\$884,270
Capital Stabilization	\$206,282
Public Safety Stabilization	\$287,609
Other Post-employment Benefits Trust (OPEB)	\$192,801

**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
- Establishes and maintains 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 2023 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 assess the capital plan through the spring and summer months in order to evaluate and make informed recommendations on longer-term investments on a timely basis. 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 while preserving our stabilization accounts.

During 2022 the Millville Board of Selectmen approved the following capital investments using ARPA funds:

Department	Request	Amount	Funding Source	Notes
BMR	Asbestos Remediation FY 23 and 24	\$110,000	ARPA	Approx \$55,000 approved each year. Final amount needed for FY 24 TBD
COA	Van Senior Center – Match Funds for Grant	\$10,000	ARPA	Subject to approval of grant application of \$50,000 vehicle (cost may be subject to change)
Fire Dept	Chest Compressor – and Turnout Gear	\$32,000	ARPA	\$16,000 each item

BVT	Fusion Laser	\$22,000	ARPA	
Cap Planning	NESHAP Assessment – Old Town Hall/Police Station	\$10,000	ARPA	
Highway	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
Building	Online Permitting	\$12,330	ARPA	
MES	Water System upgrades and Consulting (	\$100,000 (up to)	ARPA	
Town Hall	Server Upgrades – Town Hall	\$10,000	ARPA	
Library	HVAC System Replacement	\$15,500	ARPA	

In addition to the amounts approved as noted above, the Board of Selectmen also committed to spending the following capital amounts from available ARPA funds:

Town Hall Roof Repair and HVAC Replacement	\$250,000
Police Station Upgrades	\$ 75,000
Fire Station Upgrades	\$ 25,000

These amounts committed at the time of their approval may be subject to revision as needs and opportunities change.

### ***Annual Town Meeting Capital Requests***

At the time of this writing CPC is evaluating the following department requests for FY 23/24 funding at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting with estimated cost amounts:

- Police Incident Command/Admin Vehicle	\$ 56,000
- Police Patrol Vehicle	\$ 64,000
- Fire Dept Hydrant Replacement and Repair	\$100,000

Actual amounts and sources of funding continue to be assessed by CPC in time for Town Meeting recommendations.

### ***Roadway Needs***

Working with the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, CPC is assisting in identifying and prioritizing road repair needs and related funding sources for the short term and long term. In 2022 the Board of Selectmen surveyed residents to determine their areas of concerns. Roadway conditions were high on the list. Maximizing

effectiveness of roadway investment resources available to address repair needs is an ongoing process.

### ***Building Needs***

The Town has several building needs. The Longfellow Building (Old Town Hall) needs to be addressed, the Police Station needs to be repaired, and the Fire Station needs updating. There are several options Town Leadership and the Capital Planning Committee have been investigating.

### ***Old Town Hall***

This is a top priority for the town. Currently the Town is actively pursuing Repair and Reuse of the building incorporating repair of the roof, replacement/repair of the HVAC system, addition of a second-floor bathroom, and general cosmetic upgrades to make the building useable once again as Millville's Town Hall without any additional major structural changes. This is believed to be the most cost-effective solution to the Town's long term Town Hall needs.

### ***Current Town Hall Situation***

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 reuse, purchasing a building, and others as note above. All options continue to be up for consideration. But the principal direction of effort currently is also as noted above, Repair and Reuse.

### ***Other Building Needs***

The town needs to continue to evaluate 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 to ensure it has the proper facility attributes to meet Millville community policing needs for years to come. Likewise, the Fire Department and Library. Current efforts are underway by the Town to get the approved Highway Salt Shed (Barn) addition built in order to house vehicles and equipment. Lastly, the CPC actively follows and pays very close attention to the ongoing efforts for BMR facility long term needs as well as necessary short-term repairs and maintenance to preserve and best utilize existing school buildings. All of these ongoing challenges are continuously assessed by the members of CPC on an ongoing basis.

### ***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](mailto:townadmin@millvillema.org) or any of the CPC members.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the 2022 Annual Report for Millville Fire Rescue. We're fortunate to have had some new members join this past year. Allowing us to continue to grow so we may better serve our community.

The roster for our department is as follows:

Fire Chief	Roy Liard Jr.
Fulltime staff;	Steven Furno Deputy Fire Chief
	Samantha Blanchette Lieutenant
On-call firefighters:	
James Foster, Lieutenant	Griffin Black
John Alton - Brilliant	Tyler Crenshaw
Danny Desmarais	Jacob Fantini
Joseph Guilbeault	Jonathan Guilbeault
Brett Lisak	Mitchell Robbins
Finnbar Reilly	Darius Silva
Charlie Woodman	John Wojcik

On-Call EMT's	
James Foster	Tyler Crenshaw
Audery Drake	Gregory Gomes
Casey Hobson	Brett Lisak
Nicole Bourassa-Pratt	Finnbar Reilly
Melanie Rielly	Mitchell Robbins
Darius Silva	John Wojcik

Explorers	
Emily Desjardins	Matthew Perron

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.

Two 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 Griffin Blake and Firefighter Jacob Fantini. We are very proud to have them on our staff.

We were very fortunate to receive grant funding again this year through the Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$9,528.27 for much needed equipment.

This year we also received \$20,714.28 in funding from FEMA. This was from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The funding was used to replace some of our aging firefighter turnout gear.

During the year 2021 we were awarded \$3,675.00 for the Student S.A.F.E Grant and another \$2,555.00 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 residents 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 townspeople 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 2022**

Fires	22
Rescue Call	310
Hazardous Conditions	20
Service Calls	27
Good intent	29
False alarms	37
Totaling	448 calls

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**Mutual Aid Given:**

Blackstone	2	Uxbridge	4
North Smithfield	5	Smithfield	1
Woonsocket	3	Burrillville	3
Hopedale	1	Mendon	3

**Permits Issued:**

Acetylene	6	Oil Burner	8
Burning permits	85	Oil Line Install	1
Diesel Fuel	1	Oil tank removal	7
Dumpster	2	Oil tank Install	5
Propane Tank	11	Motor Oil	2
Hydraulic Fluid	1	Water Antifreeze	1
Hot Works Permit	1	Waste Oil	3
Kerosene	1	Smoke/Co	3

**Inspections performed:**

Compliance Certificate	1	Smoke Seller	40
Oil Burner	5		
Oil Tank removal	5		
Oil Tank Install	5		
Propane Tank	21		
Smoke New	3		

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Liard Jr, Fire Chief

## **MILLVILLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

It is with great pleasure that I submit my 2022 annual report to the citizens of Millville.

2022 saw final closure of the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant that was used to purchase the Senior Center generator. We received the Commonwealth EMPG grant in the amount of \$2606.00 to purchase a Tactron Incident and Accountability system. This has already been in use and aided us in the Incident Command System and Accountability at emergencies and planned town events.

We continue to work 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.

The town's Hazard Mitigation Plan was also approved through FEMA and MEMA. This plan allows the town for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants and is valid for 5 years.

With this past summer's heat wave, we opened the Senior Center as a cooling station. We will continue to utilize the facility as needed during major storm events.

Roy Liard, Jr.

Emergency Management Director

## **MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

At the Millville Police Department, we are 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.

In 2022 we continued to train our staff working with the Metacomet Regional Communication Center to better ourselves in the record management system and the difference between having more of personalized dispatch staff where more responsibilities are now placed onto the beat officer, as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to encourage the remaining police departments to produce a plan to move into a larger dispatch center. We are fully functional with the phone tree style capabilities at the Police Department, and I encourage everyone to call the police station or 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

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. Our hiring process at the current time is continually open and conversations happen between our interview staff and prospective candidates regularly in an effort to hire good officers. The pay scale and other benefits of other municipalities around us continue to be a struggle with our hiring processes.

Fortunately, our current officers continue to step up to the challenge of assisting with anything that has been asked of them, to allow for uninterrupted service to the community.

In our first full year after the addition of the Massachusetts POST Commission to the Commonwealth, I feel blessed that our small town does not have the major problems with Police Abuse of Authority, that this agency is designed to monitor and protect the citizenry from. I am proud of the fine work that our officers do tirelessly on a daily basis.

What the POST Commission and the Bridge Academy did bring forward to small towns like ours is the fact that the Part Time Police Officer, is a something of the past. In a matter of six months on average, a part time officer is transformed through standardized training into a certified Full Time Officer. In 2022 we lost two part time police officers to other towns almost immediately upon their completion of the Bridge Academy work. The

training requirements have also continued to change for the better but that adds the additional mandates from the Commonwealth that remain unfunded. Even with these obstacles we continue to provide safety and security to our residents without interruption.

Every year our Police Station moves closer to full replacement or substantial upgrades and improvements will be required if it is to be used in the future. Minor repairs and improvements have been made over the years which allows us to continue to use the building.

#### Full Time Officers:

Chief William J. Coupe Jr.  
Ofc. Scott F. Gould  
Ofc. Steven LaCava  
Ofc. Keith Lanagan

#### Part Time Officers:

Sgt. Roy Sullivan  
Ofc. Thomas Reynolds  
Ofc. James Cusack  
Ofc. Nicholas Green

#### Part Time Clerk Blaine Sheppard

#### Police Department Calls for Service 2022

911 Hang Up	73	Arrests	57
Assist Citizen	61	Animal Issues	31
Assault	2	Breaking and Entering	9
Alarms	74	Business Checks	8434
Neighbor Dispute	48	Disturbance	62
Disabled Motor Vehicle	31	Domestic	30
Death	3	Escort/Transport	12
Harassment	14	Follow up Investigation	74
Harassment Prevention	19	Intoxicated Person	1
Illegal Parking	20	Citations	457
Keep the Peace	39	Missing Person	8
Motor Vehicle Accident	52	Motor Vehicle LSOA	17
Motor Vehicle Complaint	42	Motor Vehicle Lockout	7
Motor Vehicle Stop	604	Notification	18
Notice of Trespass	3	Overdose	3
Property Watch	183	Restraining Order	34

Radar Post/Enforcement	499	Sexual Assault	2
Shoplifting	2	Summons	51
Stolen Motor Vehicle	3	Suspicious Activity	108
Patrol Observation	56	Theft/Fraud	64
Threats	11	Narcotics	4
Trash Complaints	3	Traffic Complaints	62
Tree Damage	47	Trespassing	10
Traffic Hazard	49	Vandalism	17
Well-being Check	51	Warrant	9
Wires Down	17		
Mental Health	27		
Fire Responses	76		
Medical Responses	217		

At the Millville Police Department, we look forward to providing our public safety services that exceed expectations.

I remain proud to be the Chief of Police and lead the members of the Millville Police Department as they continue to provide the best possible service to our community in these trying times.

Police Chief William J. Coupe Jr.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of Millville:

2022 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 but a small storm did create some problems in April. The 2021-2022 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.

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.

The Highway Department continued to take care of the grounds at the Millville Elementary School including striping of the parking lot and fire lanes.

All Stormwater outfalls and ponds were maintained and inspected per the Federal Storm water guidelines that are mandated from the town each year.

Millville received an extra 74,000.00 from the state WRAP Funds and with this we were able to work with the Town of Blackstone and have Orchard street completely resurfaced from end to end.

The Highway Department continues to become more self-sufficient by taking on more tasks within our department but the lack of staffing and funding continues to be an issue. The department needs the support of the town's people to increase our personnel and budget 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](mailto:highway@millvillema.org)

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Mullaly  
Highway Surveyor



# HEALTH AND REGULATORY

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Dear 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 Assistant	

### **The Board of Health issued the following permits:**

<b><u>Permit Type</u></b>	<b><u>Number Issued</u></b>
Septic Construction Permit	16
Well Construction Permit	7
Tobacco Permit	2
Disposal Works Installer's License	20
Percolation Permit	13
Food Establishment Permit	9
License to Pump and Transport Sewerage Permit	5
Barn, Coop, Shelter, Stable Permit	5
Trench Permit	17
Transport Rubbish Permit	5

### **The Board of Health contracts with the following:**

- EST Associates: Landfill Water & Gas Monitoring/Testing
- VNA Nursing Services

### **Flu Clinic:**

On October 24, 2022, there was a seasonal flu clinic held by the Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Milford 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 (18) residents served during the clinic hours.

The VNA monitors communicable diseases and serves Town residents in need of in-home visits. The VNA's Annual Town Report is included with this report.

### **Inspections:**

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

### **Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP):**

In 2022, CMMCP had sprayed all high-risk areas for mosquitoes and sprayed private properties on request. Traps were set in the high-risk areas and were monitored for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and 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 contacted CMMCP at (508) 393-3055 or their website. Any resident who wanted their property specifically sprayed, would use the same contacts listed above.

### **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 continued 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

The Emergency Dispensing Site Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan continue to be updated yearly. The Board continued 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 interested 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 locations will be used should an event occur.

Each year, Millville is required to participate in practice exercises and drills with the Region II Emergency Preparedness team. These exercises were enacted during the flu clinic to assess the workability of the sites. During these drills, Millville is evaluated on its effectiveness and feedback was provided.

The drills evaluated the functionality of the Senior Center as being an Emergency Dispensing Site. During the drill, crowd control and vehicle flow were evaluated for smooth transition. Also reviewed, were the capabilities of properly securing medical

supplies and vaccines. Town emergency contacts were updated, and emergency plans were reviewed. Emergency dispensing sites are planned to be used for distributing medical necessities, vaccines, medicine and other required needs to the residents. The sites are also available to be used as warming shelters for storms and lengthy power outages.

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### **Millville 2022 – Year Three of the Pandemic**

Both Statewide, as well as locally, the year began with elevated COVID counts - followed by a sharp decline in cases, a small increase in May, and then finally a steady low for the remainder of the year. Many restrictions began to ease as states removed COVID mandates; masks were finally removed. Slowly but surely life was trying its best to regain its pre-pandemic status. However, many COVID adaptations may be here to stay. This would include the way people used to work in the office. Many employees began working from home when COVID arose, but as time went on, employees were eventually called back in or became hybrid. Some employers permanently adapted to the stay-at home working conditions. We all found ways to keep things going in a time that nearly forced us all to stop. The familiar patterns of our lives started to regain their footing again. Six-foot distancing became something of the past and social gatherings thankfully resumed with our family and friends. The fear that once kept us apart, had since brought us together again. With respect to the virus, it's virulency was constantly changing and is still very concerning to some. Many people remained vigilant with the COVID precautions, and for good reason, as COVID is very much still on our radar. Therefore, vaccinations and boosters are still highly encouraged; especially for the immunocompromised and the elderly.

COVID may be here to stay, in one form or another, but one shining light of positivity is that we were all reminded how fragile and precious life really was and still remains - stay safe. Sherry Grant ~

Report respectfully submitted by,

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Dustin Ciccarelli	Chairman
Catherine Robinson	Member
Robert Marks	Member

# VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

**January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

Salmon VNA & Hospice provided public health nursing and health promotion activities to the residents of Millville for time period of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2022.

Communicable disease investigations include contacts to the Department of Public health to confirm the report and then to the physician to establish that the resident is aware of their diagnosis, and contact with the individual in order to collect the required information and perform education as indicated by the circumstances.

The following is a summary of the activities provided by the VNA during the period of January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022.

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Contacts, Visits or Clinics</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Flu Clinic	2 clinics	4
Coordinating/Staffing Flu Clinics		8
TB Testing	0	
<b>Communicable Disease Investigations for the following organisms:</b>		
Babesiosis	1	1
Campylobacter	1	1.5
Influenza	31	1
Legionellosis	1	2
Lyme Disease	5	0.5
Monkeypox	1	3
Salmonella	1	1
Shigellosis	1	1

Flu Clinic Information can be used to evaluate what the Town would like to include for next year's proposal.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Date of Clinic</b>	<b># Individuals Vaccinated</b>	<b>Total Cost of Vaccine</b>
Millville Senior Center	10/24/22	18	\$382.40

## COVID DATA

Month	Confirmed	Probable
January 2022	132	27
February 2022	10	2
March 2022	6	2
April 2022	12	6
May 2022	29	5
June 2022	13	1
July 2022	15	2
August 2022	13	3
September 2022	14	6
October 2022	12	1
November 2022	7	2
December 2022	11	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>62</b>

The VNA's goal is to provide health care to patients in their own homes and support the public health of the community through health promotion activities. We continue to provide home health care as a compassionate and dignified alternative to institutionalized care.

I appreciate the Board of Health's continued support and trust in the VNA. Please feel free to contact me at (508) 422-1815 if you have any questions.

**Ann Labonte, RN**

**Infection Control Nurse**

**Salmon VNA & Hospice**

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## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Building Dept has collected \$77,896.04 in Permit fees in 2022. For a better break down picture, there was a total of 148 Building Permits issued, totaling \$50,755.54 in fees. 89 Electrical Permits issued, totaling \$21,775.50 in fees. 28 Plumbing Permits issued, totaling \$2,795.00 in fees. 32 Gas Permit issued, totaling \$2570.00 in fees. We had 6 new homes built in town along with the majority of permits pulled for Home Renovations and Additions.

We increased our staff to include a new Part Time Administrative Assistant, Janet Naughton. Janet has done a great job at getting the building records in order and processing new permits as they come in. Since our inspectors are all part time, and are rarely seen at the Town Hall during normal business hours, her daily office coverage during these business hours has helped in making the Building Dept to run more smoothly. Janet had a key role in the implementation of the new online permitting system named "Permit Eyes" being installed. This program is for the Building Dept to use for organizing and processing incoming permits and inspections.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, you will now be able to apply for Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas permits on line. You will also have the ability to pay for these permits online and requests for inspections on-line as well.

As we continue into the new year, please feel free to call or contact the Building Department for any help entering into the new system or any questions at all that you may have. Please have patience while we all adjust to the new system and the new permitting process.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fitzpatrick  
Millville Building Commissioner

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board is responsible for administering the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and Stormwater Management Regulations. Duties of the Planning Board include the review and acceptance of "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lots, approval of land subdivision plans, review of site plans, granting of Special Permits for specific uses of commercially and residentially zoned property, and granting Stormwater Management permits for projects that will disturb more than one acre of land. In addition, the Planning Board conducts studies and, when necessary, prepares plans for the long-term growth of the Town.

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Board membership is comprised of five individuals elected to a five-year staggered term. The Board also has an additional "associate" member who can vote on special permits as an alternate, but cannot vote on ANRs.

The Planning Board is also staffed by the Town Planner and Junior Town Planner. The role of the Town Planner is to assist the Planning Board with conducting public meetings, enforcing planning and zoning bylaws, reviewing existing planning and zoning policy for the Board, ensuring building projects are assessed for positive and negative impacts on the community (environmental impacts, traffic, noise/light pollution, public safety, etc.) ahead of Board decisions, and running consultations with the public about projects in the Town.

### **Board Members:**

Pamela Mahoney, Chairperson  
Justin Allen, Member  
Christopher Drew, Member  
Preston Juskavitch, Member  
Jason Maille, Member  
Pamela Williams, Associate Member

### **Additional Staff:**

Jack Hunter, Town Planner  
Dylan Lindholm, Junior Town Planner



# **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 surpassed this goal in 2022 by adding a “library of things” which includes physical items that patrons can check out and use at home, such as a toolkit, board games and a sewing machine. Millville patrons holding a current library card could also access e-books and other electronic materials available to them through the Overdrive collection residing in the CW Mars library catalog accessible through the library website, <https://millvillelibrary.org/>.

The Millville library has 798 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 over 15,058 items, including 5,624 books and 873 DVDs in the adult section, 563 books in the YA collection and 7,274 books and 475 DVDs in the children’s collection. Patrons also have 4 Google chrome books available to them for reading email or browsing the internet. In FY22, the library circulated 2,265 items, including 1,160 books and 552 DVDs from the adult collection and 475 books and 78 DVDs from the children’s collection. As a participating CW Mars network library, the Millville library also lent 2,110 items to other member libraries via the inter-library loan exchange.

The library held several in-person programs for adults and children, this included Christmas wreath making for adults and ornament crafting for kids. Also, for children, Elijah Grasshopper preformed in the children’s room with songs and stories for the spring. Storyteller Diane Edgecomb visited during the summer for group of children. And, Santa visited us just before Christmas to meet an excited group of kids. We were also able to partner with the Millville Senior Center to host one our successful book and bake event in their dining room. Many delicious dishes were sampled.

We also were able celebrate Evelyn McNamara by dedicating a bench in her honor and hosted a dedication ceremony Evelyn has been instrumental in the creation and operation of the Millville Free Public Library and many friends and family members came to the event.

The library Trustees and patrons also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our tireless Trustees organization that helps plan and oversee the library. We also need to recognize our Friends organization, and our very involved Junior Friends group. The Junior Friends group meets often to update the bulletin board display in the foyer, help with the development of our collection, and uses social media to publicize the library and its events.

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**

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

### **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 at 1 pm at the Millville Senior Center 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 Katherine Whitten, and is responsible for applying for State and local grants.

Regular activities held at the senior center are Painting Classes, Line Dancing, Pitch League, Craft Classes, and Bingo. Our wellness activities include Yochi Chair Exercise, SHINE-Health Insurance Counseling, and a yearly Flu Clinic held in conjunction with the Millville Board of Health and with 22 participants.

Some special events held at the senior center during 2022 included a Mother's Day Tea, a Halloween gathering and a New Year's Eve get together. The COA invited all to a summer barbecue as well as a special Christmas luncheon with Santa and Mrs. Claus in attendance. This special couple was also available after hours at the Center for a special visit with the children of Millville. A Fall Safety Prevention Class was conducted by Tri-Valley, Farmers Market Coupons were provided and available to all, and Thursday luncheons were also provided by Tri-Valley Organization. The Heart to Home Meals team also offered a free meal to the seniors.

Register of Probate Stephanie Fattman of the Worcester Probate and Family Court held a seminar for interested seniors on Estate Planning, and she was joined by Kathryn Toomey, Worcester Register of Deeds. Many questions were asked and answered, and it was a very informative session.

During the year, the Millville Senior Club held their monthly luncheons at the Senior Center with entertainment for all to enjoy.

We were fortunate once again to have a visit from the Southwick Zoo Mobile, thanks to a grant from the Millville Cultural Council.

As noted above, the Senior Van, driven by part-time drivers Katherine Whitten and Dennis LaRose, 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. We logged a total of 490 trips during 2022. Special trips were also made to the Worcester County Sheriff's picnic, with a full bus of happy seniors. Another special trip took our seniors to The Christmas Tree Shop.

Thanks to the Board of Selectmen assigning ARPA funds to the COA, we were able to install a carport to preserve the Senior Van from weather elements. Moe Therien from MHT Construction Company installed the carport and later added siding for extra protection with an assist from Gerry Finn.

Our special thanks go to Representative Michael Soter for providing his free dinners to many seniors in our town. Also, his Lobster Roll/Chowder and chicken luncheon was a big hit to our many guests! We also thank State Senator Ryan Fattman as well as Representative Soter for their continued support of Millville at the State Level.

We thank the local Cultural Council for granting funds to support our art classes during the year. We also thank the townspeople of Millville for their continued support.

For 2023, we look forward to offering some new and exciting programs at the Millville Senior Center, programs that will be of interest to many and that will continue to grow attendance here at the Senior Center. The COA also plans to continue with our outreach programs, including periodic mailings to the entire town, specific mailings to our seniors, and an anticipated new quarterly newsletter.

Our sincere thanks go 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 2023 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**

Millville Cable Access continues to cover select and board meetings and needed livestream remote meetings. We also continue to work with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District recording their events, concerts, and meetings. Programs are also always ready on demand on the town's YouTube channel "Millville Cable Access" and school districts' YouTube "BMR EDU".

We returned to help Scouts Pack 3144 to livestream their Pinewood Derby competition in February. The same month we also provided projection and recorded a presentation by the Historical Commission on the Chestnut Hill Meeting House.

The town hall meeting room has also been set up for hybrid meetings, so guests and members can still attend and interact remotely. With the condemnation of Longfellow, we still cannot broadcast live from the American Legion building, although we still try to livestream town hall meetings if the internet cooperates. Our Spectrum Public (191), Education (192), and Government (194) cable channels still operate from the Millville Elementary School auditorium.

Our Annual Town Meeting in May and Special Town Meeting in June were covered, and did broadcast live since the channel servers and control are at the elementary school.

Cable Access helped coordinate and project the movie on the Millville Elementary School ball fields for the National Night Out event in August.

In September Cable Access began working with the Millville Historical Commission for a historical question and answer series around the town called "The Ultimate Millville Quiz". We also covered the unveiling ceremony of the new library bench in dedication to town resident Evelyn McNamara, recognizing her work and effort for the town's library.

In October, Cable Access also provided music for the Halloween Trunk or Treat night.

Cable Access has also been hard at work digitizing and archiving the many boxes of VHS tapes over the decades from the Town of Millville and Blackstone-Millville Regional School District. Occasionally, you may catch some airing on the channels...

Respectfully submitted,

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

Changes in the Trustees Board:

Our long time treasurer, Normand Thuot, tendered his resignation due to health issues. Normand Gamache, was elected to the treasurers position. Richard Hurteau was appointed as a temporary Trustee to fill the veteran's slot previously held by Normand Thuot.

The Trustees were saddened upon the notification of Norm Thuot's passing. The Trustees of Veterans Memorial wish to honor Normand Thuot for his many years of dedicated service to the Veterans Memorial Park.

2022 Park improvements:

Mulch was purchased and spread along the fence and in the monument gardens. Annual plants were added to the gardens for color. The Veterans memorial park sign was refurbished. Four faux hanging plants were added to the gazebo. The park was decorated for Christmas, Memorial Day and Veterans Day with service flags and wreaths. A new lighted artificial Christmas tree was purchased to replace the old one which had lights burned out.

Permitted Park Usage:

On May 7th, the Blackstone Millville Garden club hosted a plant sale. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the Blackstone Valley Community Concert band held a concert. We hope to continue this tradition on an annual basis. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, town citizen Kristin Foody held a "Guess the Giant Pumpkin Weight" contest. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the New Hope Baptist church hosted a Christmas Caroling event.

The Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park;

John Hadley, Bill Dakai, Elaine Ethier, Richard Hurteau and Normand Gamache



# EDUCATION

## BLACKTONE MILLVILLE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 2023

Dear Millville Community,

I hope this message finds everyone happy, rested and well.

I am sure you are as excited as I am when thinking about all of the possibilities that 2023 can bring. This is always my favorite time of year because of the hope and wonder that awaits us.

We have so much to be proud of in Charger Nation! This year we have launched our newly revised district strategic plan known as *Blueprint 2.0*. Our Blueprint outlines our commitment to you, our school district community, and lays out the focus of our work ahead. More specifically, ***“THE CHARGER WAY”***:

### **Our Promise:**

Every Blackstone-Millville Regional School District student is prepared and empowered to be a responsible and productive citizen in a diverse and competitive world.

### **Our Focus on the Skills ALL BMR Graduates will Possess (also known as our Portrait of a Graduate):**

Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking.

### **Our Goals:**

#### **Curriculum**

Leverage high-quality, rigorous, and equitable curricula, assessments, and educator professional development to ensure that all students are able to meet the expectations/demands of the MA Curriculum Frameworks and Portrait of a Graduate.

#### **Instruction**

Engage and support all students by providing equitable access to purposeful and relevant learning that allows them to demonstrate their growth in multiple ways.

### **The Whole Child**

With the support of faculty, families, and community members, and **our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone belongs**, all students will be equipped with developmentally appropriate social emotional skills and empowered to use those skills to persevere so they may learn at their optimum ability.

### **The Community**

Cultivate a shared responsibility for all students' growth by strengthening partnerships across the Blackstone and Millville communities, seeking feedback from stakeholders, and encouraging active engagement between home, school, and community.

### **In other important and exciting school district news...**

- On September 1st we launched our first ever Family Welcome Center providing central registration for new students and additional wrap around services for our families in need.
- Millville Elementary School is now fully built out as an early learning center supporting all students in grades PK-2.
- We launched our new K-12 math program.
- 19 Grade 8 students are currently taking BMRHS 9th grade classes for credit (Spanish and Algebra) kicking off our inaugural Grade 8 Academy.
- Our Technology Team has secured over 800 new Chromebooks.
- We have made new investments in music and athletic equipment.
- Our ball fields and dugouts have been renovated, with further conversation to come around our overall district facilities use.
- Finally, we have been invited into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) pipeline for a potential new high school facility.

This year we will be celebrating the dedication and commitment of many incredible staff. The following staff have been recognized for their hard work and years of service:

<b><u>15 years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>20 years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>25 years of Service</u></b>
Karen Stefanik	Carrie Marlborough	Lisa Trottier
Paula Ryan	Jamie Maurice	Dawn Highcove
Dawn DiCecco	Mark DeWolf	Kristie DiCecco
Linda Dansereau	Rachel Blomstedt	Stefanie Descoteaux
Kathy Boisvert	Christina Shafer	Maria Costa
Sue Ann Wiegers		Ethan Roe
		<b><u>30 years of Service</u></b>
		Edie Faulkner

We also have some new faces around the district. Please give a warm welcome to:

- Middle School Principal - Ms. Mary Cotillo
- District Lead Coach - Ms. Mary Colannino
- Athletic Director - Mr. Sam Yoder
- And a wide range of new teaching and support staff

I have so much hope and optimism for what this new year will bring! It is truly an honor to be part of Charger Nation.

My very best to each and every one of you and your families. Here is to the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Jason DeFalco, Ed.D.

Superintendent

## **Blackstone Millville Regional High School**

### **2022 Report of the Principal**

The mission and vision for Blackstone-Millville Regional High School centers around the pillars of the Portrait of a Graduate. This past year, the Portrait of a Graduate has been adopted as a district “north star” to drive our school improvement plans and decision making. Here is a recap of how our Portrait of a Graduate is making an impact at BMRHS.

#### **Critical Thinking**

Our school improvement plan continues to focus on critical thinking and growing student capacity for applying their knowledge and skills to real world challenges and problem solving. During the 2021-2022 school year, staff concentrated on improving evidence-based instructional practice. ASE (Analyze-Support with Evidence-Evaluate) is the primary instructional practice for the second year. All departments engage students in critical thinking tasks and spend time during their professional learning community meetings to analyze student work in order to improve student outcomes.

This year kicked off our inaugural Grade 8 Academy. Twenty-two eighth grade students come to the high school to begin their day with Spanish 1 and Algebra 1 for high school credit then return to the middle school for the remainder of their day. These students went through an application, interview, and recommendation process in order to be accepted into the Academy. It has been wonderful to incorporate these students into our Charger community and we look forward to continuing this program next year.

#### **Communication**

Our students have been exercising their communication skills in a variety of ways this past year. Whether it is through our student newspaper or video production highlights, oral presentations in Spanish, or poetry slams, our BMR students are showing how they can effectively communicate

information for a variety of purposes, situations, and audiences. Additionally, Dr DeFalco has provided opportunities for our student leaders to share their voice as guests on his podcast. Their insights and ability to articulate various perspectives can be viewed by all community members on the district’s YouTube page. I encourage everyone to take time to hear what our students have to say.

As always, we are keeping our school community up-to-date on happenings at BMRHS through our weekly newsletter. Community feedback has shown families enjoy reading about the learning and various events our students are engaged in. Plus, we fill our newsletter with tons of pictures!

## **Collaboration**

Another priority from our School Improvement Plan centers around the whole child. Last year we successfully reinstated the Charger Community Advisory Program with the goal to establish and maintain a culture that promotes positive relationships throughout the entire school community. The advisory groups engage in team building activities like pumpkin carving and

door decorating to coordinate with our pep rally theme. Programming also included lessons on goal setting, empathy, leadership, and responsible decision-making.

This fall, students from BMRHS have had the opportunity to collaborate with our younger students in the district. At the Complex, each classroom had high school students read to them and have a Q&A session asking a variety of questions about academics, athletics, and what life is like in high school. At Millville Elementary School, our Spanish 4 students in conjunction with Mrs. Riedel read stories and prepared activities using the Spanish language. There was such a positive response that we are looking forward to continuing and growing these collaborative opportunities.

## **Citizenship & Character**

The Citizenship pillar focuses on contributing positively to the BMRHS community. Our Student Council leads this charge. This group of dedicated students received the 2022 MASC Council of Excellence Program Recognition Award. Some of the events they sponsor throughout the year include BMR Karaoke, Freshman Orientation, Homecoming Dance, and the ever-popular Spirit Week ending with our Pep Rally. Additionally, Student Council members have volunteered at Millville Elementary's After School Art Club.

The BMR Music Program had an active year with many exciting opportunities for students and many successes along the way. Beginning in February, the Jazz Ensemble performed at the annual Blackstone Valley Jazz Festival held at historic Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI. Later that month, the Winter Guard competed at Medford HS and finished in 3rd place; their lowest placement all season. In March, the Jazz Ensemble competed at Jazz Central Districts and received a Silver Medal. Junior trumpet player, Tori Gervais, was selected after a lengthy audition process, to perform at Symphony Hall as part of the MMEA All State Orchestra on March 5th. Over the course of the month, our Winter Percussion and Winter Guard teams competed at Wakefield Middle School, Dartmouth High School, and Shepherd Hill Regional High School, culminating in Winter Guard Finals, at which our Guard finished in 2nd place, and Winter Percussion Finals, at which our Percussion finished 6th. In April, our Wind Ensemble received a GOLD Medal rating at the state's MICCA Concert Band festival, while our Concert Band received a Silver medal. On April 10th, the Wind Ensemble performed at

Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA as part of the Gold Medal Showcase. Also in April, the Marching Band marched in the Uxbridge Baseball Parade.

In May the Jazz Ensemble and Chorus performed at the Blackstone Senior Center in addition to the marching band marching in the town's Memorial Day Parade. Musicians from the marching band also played taps and sang the National Anthem for the Memorial Day Ceremony as well. In September our Marching Band began a streak of 6 consecutive 1st place finishes. On October 29th, the Marching Band won 1st Place at New England States Championships. The following weekend, on November 5th, the Marching Band finished 3rd place at the National Championships at MetLife Stadium winning Best Color Guard. On Thanksgiving Day, the band performed for the annual Football Game. Members of the band performed patriotic music for the town's annual Veteran's Day ceremony held at Roosevelt Park on November 12th. On December 1st members of the wind ensemble and chorus led town residents in Christmas carols at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Our National Honor Society has community service as one of its four pillars. As a group, our NHS students clocked more than 300 hours of service to our community in 2022. They hosted their 16th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser in April, and raised \$1300 at the event which was donated to the Blackstone Food Pantry. NHS members also volunteered at events for our elementary students, engaged in peer tutoring, helped at the food pantry twice a week, and were a part of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

While the Citizenship pillar looks outward, our Character pillar focuses inward and strives to increase student capacity for self-reflection, self-advocacy, perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges. At BMRHS, students have the opportunity to practice these skills in and out of the classroom. Self-reflection is often a component of major academic assignments. Several social groups have explored other aspects of character development. Mr. Ducharme and Dr DeFalco have established a young men's group who meet monthly to discuss issues and also give back to the community. They have volunteered at the local food pantry and helped support a charity in Worcester. Our Counseling staff have added small group sessions focusing on academic anxiety and resilience strategies. We also have added a Zen Room, with a grant from the Blackstone Valley Educational Foundation, where students can destress, practice mindfulness and other coping skills. Our student athletes display their character every time they step on the playing field. Their perseverance has been rewarded with post season play in softball, track and field, volleyball, soccer, and field hockey. Some of our student athletes have participated in MIAA sponsored events including Girls and Women in Sport Day at Faneuil Hall and the annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference at Gillette Stadium.

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  
2022 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

**Enrollment**

As of January 6, 2023, total student enrollment was 351.

6th grade - 96

7th grade - 149

8th grade - 106

We have seen a recent increase in enrollment of ELL students, with additions in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The predominant language has been Portuguese.

**Curriculum**

All middle school students are provided with a full academic experience.

6th grade students study Humanities, Math, and Science.

7th grade students study English Language Arts (ELA), Pre-Algebra, Science, and World History.

8th grade students study ELA, Algebra, Science, and Civics.

After a schedule adjustment at the end of the first quarter, all 8th grade students added Spanish as a core academic course. 6th and 7th grade students added Literacy. These adjustments were made to increase time on learning, support students with the building of literacy skills, and provide more meaningful foreign language instruction.

Specials classes include Art, PE/Wellness, STEM Tech, Chorus, and Band. 6th grade band enrollment is 53 students, 7th grade is 62, and 8th grade is 37. 44 students across all three grades are enrolled in Chorus.

The school committee approved the hiring of two new teachers: one for STEM to support our Project Lead the Way grant work, and one for Spanish to add a foreign language into the rotation for 6th and 7th graders. Hiring has been challenging, but we hope to have those positions filled for the start of the second semester.

Our Social Studies department is participating in a District Wide review of our curriculum in the areas of history and civics.

## **Instruction**

Our instructional focus for the 2022-2023 school year is critical thinking and academic discourse. Professional Learning Community (PLC) work in ELA has centered on improving students' analytical writing skills, and Math PLC work has focused on the implementation of the new Into Math curriculum and supporting students with talking about Math.

Staff have benefited from the District professional development modules in the areas of instructing English Language students and special education best practices.

This year twenty 8th grade students broke new ground as the inaugural 8th Grade Academy. They spend the first two periods at the high school each day, studying Algebra 1 and Spanish for high school credit. The high school has embraced these young scholars, including them in opening day activities, pep rallies, and career fairs. The program has been a clear success, and discussions are underway for how to continue it next year.

## **The Whole Child**

FWHMS implements two different curricula to address the social and emotional needs of our students. The first is Second Step. Students receive Second Step instruction every Monday in homeroom. The lessons are broken down into four categories, and the implementation of each is differentiated by grade level:

1. Mindset and Goal Setting
2. Recognizing Bullying and Harassment
3. Dealing with Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions
4. Managing Relationships and Social Conflicts

The Choose Love pillars are Courage, Forgiveness, Gratitude, and Compassion in Action. Students receive five lessons over the course of the year. As a positive behavior intervention, students can receive a "Choose Love Ticket" when they engage in activities that reflect the Choose Love values, as a way to recognize their efforts. A Choose Love winner is selected every month.

The middle school was happy to partner with the Department of Education this year in the administration of the SELIS survey - a questionnaire designed to provide the state and District with data reflective of student skills in the SEL Competency areas of Self Awareness, Self-Management, Social Skills, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. That data has been received and plans are underway to make sure our programming matches the needs of our students.

## **The Community**

The ASA Career Exploration Grant continues to be put to good use, providing students with opportunities to explore STEM careers in a special class, and bringing in members of the community to share their professional experience with students. Last year's Career Fair included Blackstone and Millville police and fire departments, Superintendent Jason DeFalco, representatives from local elected officials, representatives from the military, a dental hygienist, a physical therapist, an accountant, a zoologist, and a realtor, among others.

Amazon, under the direction of BMR parent Tom Moore, continues to be a valuable community connection for BMR. They bring a small army of volunteers to run "Hour of Code" activities for all FWHMS students in science class, providing instruction in coding. Amazon volunteers bring cutting edge technology to demonstrate for students. This year, 5 high school students learned how to code Deep Racers - robotic cars - and competed with each other in a whole school assembly at the middle school. At the conclusion, Amazon donated the track and six Deep Racers to the BMR community.

FWHMS is committed to providing families with opportunities to come into the school and experience student learning. Our fall event was STAR night - Science, Technology, Arts, and Reading. Families were able to see student artwork, observe robotics demonstrations, play STEM games, hear jazz musicians, and shop the book fair. The next evening family event is scheduled for January 31st and is a Winter Showcase of student art and writing and features the chorus.

## **Extracurricular**

FWHS offers six year-round clubs:

- Healthy Start Club - students are welcome to come to school as early as 7:10am to begin their day with healthy exercise and breakfast
- STEM Club - students program LEGO robots and compete against other schools
- Student Council - this leadership group provides opportunities for students to organize, fundraise for, and lead school wide events like the holiday gift giveaway.
- National Junior Honor Society - members engage in school leadership activities and individual service projects.

- Chargers for Change - branching off of the success of the high school club, the middle school Chargers for Change club brings awareness to social issues and mental health in a middle school friendly way.
- After School Academy - students can attend this academic support program twice a week. It provides access to teachers, a quiet place to work, adult support with organization and prioritization, a snack, and movement breaks.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) funds popular seasonal clubs such as LEGO club, Flag Football, Movie Making Club, Retro Game Club, and Dungeons and Dragons.

Students participate in musical opportunities outside of the school day as well. These include marching band, color guard, and jazz band.

Middle School students participate in both high school and middle school sports, including soccer, field hockey, basketball, cheerleading, softball, baseball, cross country, and track.

In June, 40 8th grade students traveled to Washington D.C. and visited monuments, museums, and historical sites, helping to bring their Civics curriculum alive.

### **Parent-Teacher Organization**

Middle School students are fortunate to benefit from the hard work of a very dedicated PTO. They fundraise effectively (The Color Run this fall raised over \$6,000), and use the proceeds to provide enrichment opportunities for our students including:

- Three seasonal clubs each quarter
- A 6th grade social with open gym, dancing, and games
- A 7th grade glow dance with open gym
- Motivational presentation “Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers, & Rock-n-Roll by Dr. Jesse “The Machine” Greene

Plans for an 8th grade social event are underway, as well as plans to celebrate our 8th graders as they advance to high school.

### **Thank You**

First and foremost, I’d like to thank Superintendent DeFalco and the members of the school committee for the opportunity to serve BMRSD as the principal of the middle school. Please know that I am committed to working in partnership with you to meet the needs of all students.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the families in the community as well. Your support makes all the difference in the lives of our kids.

It's no secret that the middle school has some difficult work ahead of us; I strongly believe that the staff of FWHMS is up for the challenge. I thank them for their hard work, reflection, and commitment to improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cotillo

Principal

**JOHN F. KENNEDY/A.F. MALONEY ELEMENTARY COMPLEX**  
**2022 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

**Introduction:**

JFK/AFM Elementary Complex provides instruction for our learners from grades 3 to 5 within Blackstone Millville Regional School District. Our mission is to challenge students in a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment by building a strong academic foundation and social-emotional skills. We prepare our students to be educated and productive members of society through our curriculum and instruction. Our School Improvement Plan focuses on the four pillars: The What, The How, The Whole Child, and The Community. Our educators are expected to engage students by making learning purposeful and relevant, enhancing their academic self-concept; allow for students to show their learning in innovative and new ways, all while improving student personal growth. In addition to academic instruction, we want to ensure our leadership team engages the faculty and community in reducing/eliminating the non-academic barriers that prevent students from learning at their optimal level.

Our District Blueprint guides our work on creating a system that works for all students. When we focus on the what, the how, the whole child, and the community, then we will develop students of character who can communicate, collaborate, and think critically and are responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and competitive world. Our ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) has done three things to set the stage for improving the school. First, we re-set our Instructional Focus Statement in 2019-2020 school year to “Students will use evidence-based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas” and our school slogan as, “We Are Today’s Eager Readers and Tomorrow’s Global Leaders”. For the last four years on our school opening day, we review our school Instructional Focus and evidence-based strategies. This year, based on our MCAS and local data, we created an additional strategy to support writing across the curriculum.

**Infrastructure:**

With the approved regional agreement, JFK/AFM Elementary Complex is now a grade 3-5 school serving approximately 360 students. 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 the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, all ceiling tiles were replaced and the floor was painted in the kitchen area. 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 were spent with one focus at the forefront: JFK/AFM students.

### **Parent and Community:**

This year, the PTO of both JFK/AFM and MES continue to work collaboratively to host events for both schools. We are now Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.

This year, BMEPTO was able to once again hold the annual Move-a-Thon in October. Together, we raised \$39,764.00 which will support most of our student activities throughout the year. The fun returned with “Hallow Halls/Trunk or Treat” in October! This is always a favorite with staff, students and families! BMEPTO continues to get creative with other activities. A book fair was held during November which was a great success. It was a great way to bring back normalcy 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 2022-2023 school year, we continue our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff continue 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 learn, vocabulary, and mnemonic strategies (RACE, CUBES & TTQA) in all content areas. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them grow through the use of best instructional practices. These include a video library of model lessons, mini professional development sessions, and opportunities to observe colleagues in action. Additionally, the staff continues to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data analysis. This affords us the ability to provide tiered support to all students, which enables them to receive instruction at their level. Over the next several years, we have a focus and plan to continue to examine our curriculum across the district. Our literacy program is in year 3 of implementation. Our math committee selected a program, and it is now in year 1 of implementation. Our Social Studies Committee has drafted a vision and is currently meeting regularly to review curriculum programs with the intent of selecting one to implement in the 2023-2024 school year.

Our school was also awarded the 21st Century Learning Center grant that supports our after school and summer programs. The after-school program is intended to increase student success by providing a range of fun, hands-on educational and enrichment experiences that support what children learn during the school day. The afterschool program has an enrollment of approximately 100 students Monday through Thursday. The summer program extends the learning for approximately 80 students with a focus on ELA, math and enrichment activities.

**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 and Second Step. 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 and students are given many opportunities to put the pillars into practice through various community events. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, Bullying, Self-Regulation and Compassion in Action. Selected students in grades 3-5 have been given an opportunity to participate in the Champion Program, which fosters positive relationships between students and staff. All students in grades K-5 take part in a school wide PBIS initiative that promotes a positive school climate for all. In addition to the PBIS program, select students in grades 3-5 take part in the Student Ambassadors Club. These students serve as school wide role models for positive behavior and assist in school-based activities.

At the Complex, we were able to bring in Family Continuity to join our effort to provide students who needed the additional social-emotional support. This year students took part in the SELIS Survey, piloted by DESE, which assesses Social-Emotional Competency. School adjustment counselors look forward to utilizing this data in future Social- Emotionally based initiatives.

**Academic Achievement and Data Analysis:**

Students in grades 3-5 participated in the 2022 MCAS assessment. Two years of post-pandemic instruction and learning has demonstrated continued academic growth and achievement. Substantial growth can be noted in our special populations in the areas of 5th grade Science MCAS. 53% of our students with disabilities in Grade 5 placed within the Meeting Expectations category. Our high needs, low income, and Hispanic/Latino populations all scored above 71%.

In the areas of MCAS Mathematic scores, student cohort tracking illustrated a 6% increase in 4th Grade and 21% increase in 5th Grade. This data tracked specific students' academic achievement from one year to the next. For 3rd Grade mathematics, 75% of students scored within the Meeting to Exceeding Expectations.

In the subject area of ELA MCAS, Grade 4 students demonstrated a 15% decrease from their previous year's achievement. The Grade 5 cohort demonstrated an 8% decrease over their previous years ELA MCAS scores. However, there was a 1% increase in the percentage of students scoring at the Exceeding level. Additionally, the Not Meeting expectations subgroup decreased by 5% from their 4th to 5th Grade performance. Grade 3 overall had 48% of its students taking their initial MCAS Assessment and scoring within the Meeting and Exceeding categories.



From this data, grade level teams began to analyze and plan for instruction. The following steps were used to devise an instructional focus for the 2022-2023 school year relative to areas of opportunity. Collectively, we targeted potential for growth in the area of writing. As a result, all grade levels aligned both Wonders curriculum and Massachusetts standards to provide students explicit modeling and extended opportunities to write across all content areas. Work during RTI is also targeted to implement MCAS preparation strategies and content exposure. This work began at the start of the academic school year.

To our School Committee and Central Administration, we 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. We 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, our custodial staff, particularly our Head Custodian, Mr. Allan, all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none, and we are extremely proud to be working alongside them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Chan-Remka, Principal

Instructional Leadership Team of JFK/AFM Elementary Complex

## **MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2022 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

The summer of 2022 at Millville Elementary School (MES) was back to normal. We entered the final phase of the elementary reorganization by working with a moving company and custodial staff to move grade 2 to Millville Elementary School. In addition to the move, for several weeks, we hosted the ESY program for grades PK and up. We also had two 2-week sessions to reinforce learning and building skills for the coming school year for our incoming 1 and 2 students. It was so great to see all of the students in the building while increasing their knowledge through fun learning activities developed by the teachers. The JFK/AFM Complex was kind enough to host our week-long Acceleration Academy for our incoming K to 2 students. Their focus was building student strength in literacy through a variety of learning activities.

Our custodial staff was busy beautifying our building by shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, performing outside maintenance and making minor repairs. I would like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Mayer for their hard work this summer helping to get our building ready for our staff and students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Over the summer, our fabulous parent organization, Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (BMEPTO), was hard at work budgeting, planning and preparing to support the students at both elementary schools. On August 29th, BMEPTO hosted the annual ice cream social at MES to welcome our students back. Most homeroom teachers were in attendance and able to meet their students. This year, BMEPTO will continue to offer both in-person and virtual options for our families to attend the monthly meetings. We are so thankful for the tremendous support that our parent organization is able to provide to our elementary schools.

On August 29th, approximately 75 staff (some who work in multiple buildings) returned for the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. On August 31, 2022, approximately 180 first and second 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. This is a new tradition and very helpful as most students have never ridden on a bus previously and are unaware of the expectations for their drive to and from school on the yellow limousines. While students were able to check out the buses, meet their teachers and see their classrooms, parents had the time to meet with Mrs. Shafer, several other staff members and a board member of BMEPTO, to learn about our school. For the first time since prior to COVID, staff were able to take parents for a tour of MES. For some parents who have 2nd graders at MES also, this was the first time coming into the building. Starting on September 1, 2022, all of our Kindergarten and Preschool students began coming to school.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we have continued our work with our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). During our Professional Development days prior to the start of school, we continued training in our new mathematics program (Into Math) for K to 2 students and Math Expressions for our preschool students. The Preschool Team also received additional training in World of Wonders, the preschool component of Wonders, our elementary curriculum. In addition to new curriculum and additional training, our Preschool Team received training on a new assessment to assess the readiness of our preschoolers. In September, we were excited to learn that we were awarded an Early Literacy Grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We currently have a consultant in our building weekly to support our teachers and students, along with additional after school professional development opportunities.

During the opening days of school, we reviewed our updated District Blueprint 2.0 that was drafted by various stakeholders in the BMRSD community. Our MES ILT members reviewed and revised our School Improvement Plan (SIP). 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 2 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 highly focused on and 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

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<b>FY22 School Year Salaries</b>	<b>Blackstone-Millville Regional S.D.</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Abisla, Stephanie P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$36,656
Aicardi, Kathleen M	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,979
Allan, Michael	Custodian	\$45,325
Allard, Denise L	Administrative Assistant	\$2,051
Allard, Denise L	Paraprofessional	\$30,058
Allard, Denise L	Bus Monitor	\$4,305
Allen, Jillien	Teacher Sub	\$1,575
Allen, Stacy L	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$58,398
Alves, Melissa M	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$14,234
Andrade, Denise M	Cafeteria Worker	\$27,330
Anuforo, Vivian C	SLPA	\$34,937
Anuforo, Vivian C	Home Instruction	\$4,246
Ariel, David P	Substitute Worker	\$608
Arroyas, Ann R	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$20,152
Assi, Nickole F	Special Education Teacher	\$40,711
Avila, Paul D	Custodian	\$2,514
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	Cafeteria Worker	\$13,507
Bacon, Paul M	Custodian	\$56,405
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	Custodian	\$53,501
Badeau, Brooke D	Psychologist	\$60,418
Bak, Tracy J	Cafeteria Worker	\$18,009
Baldini, Ann M	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,629
Barbato, Jessica A	Library Paraprofessional	\$28,009
Bartusek, Cameron J	Custodian	\$2,546
Bartusek, Karen E	Paraprofessional	\$25,457
Bartusek, Karen E	Bus Monitor	\$2,014
Beaven, Donna M	Cafeteria Worker	\$9,518
Beech, Lona M	Cafeteria Worker	\$22,187
Bellacqua, Joanne C	Substitute Worker	\$2,025
Berard, Elisabeth M	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$52,384
Bergman, Max	Long Term Sub	\$11,223
Bernier, Bruce E	Custodian	\$19,862
Blomstedt, Rachel O	High School Teacher	\$88,435
Boisvert, Kathy A	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$90,286
Boisvert, Lisa M	Special Education Team Chair	\$81,196
Boratyn, Mary A	Nurse MVL	\$63,933
Bouley, Rebecca A	Guidance Counselor	\$67,709
Bourgeois, Matthew S	High School Teacher	\$16,222

Bourgery, Patricia A	English Teacher	\$86,664
Bravo, Sullybeth	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$63,933
Breen, Molly K	High School Teacher	\$59,264
Briar, Kristin A	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Brickkova, Kate E	Special Education Teacher	\$26,247
Brienze, Denise E	Guidance High School	\$62,171
Brunetti, Melissa	Teacher Sub	\$6,157
Burgess, Isabel K	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463
Buteau, Karen E	Paraprofessional	\$23,286
Cahill, Joseph T	Custodian	\$655
Capaldi, John	Long Term Sub	\$4,713
Capaldi, John	Permanent Sub	\$6,528
Carlson, Katherine W	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$81,005
Carpentier, Jamie L	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$58,350
Carrasquillo, Glend Y	ABA Technician	\$23,877
Carrasquillo, Glend Y	Bus Monitor	\$3,139
Carson, Lauren M	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$83,196
Chadwick, Lauren RM	ABA Technician	\$7,990
Chan-Remka, Jenny	Principal	\$111,394
Chaplin, Kayla	Teacher Sub	\$2,205
Chaplin, Victoria A	Paraprofessional	\$23,659
Chipman, David A.	Custodian	\$37,381
Clark, Lisa D	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$60,567
Clemente, Sylvie	Long Term Sub	\$18,295
Cole, Jill M	Middle School Teacher	\$74,563
Colgan, Susan M	Intergrated Preschool Teacher	\$81,196
Collins, Deanna M	Art Teacher	\$14,598
Conklin, Samual AJ	Network Operation	\$70,251
Connolly, Erin E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463
Connor, Ashley A	High School Teacher	\$49,686
Conrad, Gina M	Speech AFM	\$70,667
Constantineau, Dillan E	Special Education Teacher	\$22,744
Constantineau, Jaimie R	ABA Technician	\$24,606
Conti, Carol M	High School Teacher	\$84,896
Cossuto, Christopher P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$51,463
Costa, Maria	High School Teacher	\$86,196
Costello, Diane L	Kindergarten Aide	\$26,182
Cote, Emilie J	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$53,249
Cote, Esther H	Math Interventionist	\$87,696
Cotter, Rebecca R	ELA Interventionist	\$32,199
Cournoyer, Lisa	Permanent Sub	\$2,040

Courtemanche, Kim M	Paraprofessional	\$23,622
Courtemanche, Kim M	Bus Monitor	\$3,839
Couture, Steven E	High School Teacher	\$70,667
Cox, Charles W	High School Teacher	\$8,670
Crafford, Sarah J	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$52,384
Cruz, Sara K	High School Teacher	\$53,249
Cummings, Lyric A	Paraprofessional	\$9,682
Cummings, Samantha	Long Term Sub	\$5,926
Curran, Jeffrey M	PTL Coach	\$84,372
Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	Principal	\$112,508
Cusack, Sharon K	Paraprofessional	\$28,269
Custer, Casey D	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$52,384
D'Andrea, Tara J	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$68,468
D'Eletto, Nicholas M	High School Teacher	\$70,667
Dansereau, Linda A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,735
Davidge, Debra A	Paraprofessional	\$25,840
DeFalco, Jason V	Superintendent	\$175,950
Degrooth, Brittany L	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
DeMotte, Cassandra K	Substitute Teacher	\$1,170
Dery, Diane M	Paraprofessional	\$25,457
Deschamps, Lisa A	Paraprofessional	\$25,295
Deschamps, Lisa A	Bus Monitor	\$3,542
Descoteaux, Stefanie A	High School Teacher	\$82,964
Desilets, Susan J	Clerk	\$14,933
Desilets, Susan J	Paraprofessional	\$14,198
Desilets, Susan J	Bus Monitor	\$2,545
Desjardins, Kim C	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$74,944
Dewolf, Mark A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$81,196
Dextraze, Michelle D	Science Teacher	\$72,745
DiCecco, Dawn M	Occupational Therapist	\$79,584
DiCecco, Kristie J	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
DiCecco, Maura L	Paraprofessional	\$22,867
DiCecco, Maura L	Bus Monitor	\$1,583
Difabio, Amy	Teacher Sub	\$8,782
Dill, Maryann	Permanent Sub	\$2,550
Diogo, Jacquelyn M	Administrative Assistant	\$45,345
Doyle, Cecilia C	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$84,002
Drackett, Dina	ABA Technician	\$26,628
Dubois, Katharine E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$81,196
Ducharme, Jared	Teacher Sub	\$3,510
Ducharme, Keith A	Assistant Principal	\$111,533

Ducharme, Tracey L	High School Teacher	\$86,664
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	Nurse	\$40,598
Durand, Gerard R	High School Teacher	\$74,944
Edel, Jacob	Teacher Sub	\$1,710
Egan, Abigail E	Special Education Teacher	\$51,463
Egan, Dianne M	LPN Hourly	\$46,632
Egan, Meghan C	Paraprofessional	\$11,240
Ehrenworth, Matthew J	Assistant Superintendent	\$130,000
Euglow, Joshua M	High School Teacher	\$66,110
Farrell, Kylie	Permanent Sub	\$7,629
Farrell, Kylie	Long Term Sub	\$17,587
Faulkner, Edie A	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$89,464
Fegan, Ashley D	ABA Technician	\$25,113
Fenoff, Amanda M	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Ferris, Meghan E	Special Education Teacher	\$48,965
Finnegan, Kathryn E	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$48,965
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Folster, Colleen J	SLPA	\$33,943
Foulis, Jill A	Principal	\$122,500
Francisco, Katherine E	Superintendents Administrative Asst.	\$62,889
Franzosa, Tara K	Physical Therapist	\$77,584
Gallagher, Amy L	High School Teacher	\$72,745
Gallagher, Jason E	Custodian	\$3,845
Gaskill, Emma L	STEM Teacher	\$52,384
Gaudet, Damien W	High School Teacher	\$65,147
Gauthier, Kyle J	Paraprofessional	\$6,841
Gayle, Opal N	High School Teacher	\$67,709
Giacin, Grace S	Grade 1 Teacher	\$48,965
Gilligan, Kerri	Permanent Sub	\$15,444
Girard, Michael J	Substitute Worker	\$600
Gomez, Madeline	Paraprofessional	\$3,801
Gonsalves, Maureen	Food Service Director	\$90,176
Grace, Caroline Ann	Science Teacher	\$77,021
Grace, Sheila M	ESL Teacher	\$37,282
Grube, Lynnell	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$68,468
Guevremont, Ethan P	Technology Teacher	\$51,463
Guilbeault, Holly B	Paraprofessional	\$28,333
Hadfield, Lindsay M	Art Teacher	\$48,965
Haggas, Lory J	Paraprofessional	\$28,908
Haggas, Lory J	Bus Monitor	\$7,232
Haggerty, Nicole A	ESY Nurse	\$2,722

Harpin, Rebecca E	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$84,964
Hartz, Angela L	PTL Coach	\$82,964
Hauer, Melanie L	School Psychologist	\$72,608
Healy, Brendan M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$70,667
Hebert, Debra A	Cafeteria Worker	\$25,329
Hebert, Ethan J	Custodian	\$55,281
Hebert, Scott A	Custodian	\$10,997
Hebert, Scott A	Facilities Manager	\$61,415
Heikin, Benjamin L	Groundskeeper	\$9,525
Hernandez, Jennifer R	Financial Assistant	\$59,898
Hickey, Patrick K	Grade 4/5 Teacher	\$53,249
Highcove, Dawn	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$87,964
Highcove, Madison	Teacher Sub	\$8,865
Holihen, Amy M	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$87,964
Hom, Kayli E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$10,439
Hook, David C	High School Teacher	\$46,800
Howard, Hannah C	Art Teacher	\$29,538
Hunt, Ursula	Library Media Specialist	\$60,531
Isenberg, David	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$89,295
Jackson, Lynnea D	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,629
Jackson, Rebecca P	Paraprofessional	\$23,622
Johnson, Richard W	Network Operation	\$47,740
Jones, Kathleen M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
Juba, Mark P	High School Teacher	\$86,735
Keane, Danielle F	Grade 4/5 Teacher	\$56,659
Keefe, Jack	Permanent Sub	\$3,162
Keefe, Jack	Long Term Sub	\$11,881
Kiely, Kevin P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$87,964
L'Esperance, Cassandra J	ELA Interventionist	\$61,753
L'Esperance, Peter J	Spanish Teacher	\$35,658
Labrie, Lauri A	Paraprofessional	\$25,388
Labrie, Lauri A	Bus Monitor	\$7,147
Lacroix, Tina M	Accounts Payable Specialist	\$65,869
Lanctot, Melissa L	Special Education Teacher - JFK	\$58,398
Lanctot, Melissa L	Bus Monitor	\$657
Landry, Richard N	Custodian	\$56,158
Landry, Susan A	Paraprofessional	\$28,141
Landry, Susan A	Bus Monitor	\$6,723
Langone, Kerri	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$86,664
Laporte, Janis H	Assistant Principal	\$107,217
Laren, Norma C	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$82,584



LaRose, Dennis J	Custodian	\$2,665
Laskowski, Cynthia L	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Laudon, Ashley E	LPN Hourly	\$11,861
Le-Gagne, Thien- Phuong T	Cafeteria Worker	\$11,767
LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	PTL Coach	\$74,944
LeBlanc, Kelly E	Paraprofessional	\$22,480
Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	ESL Teacher	\$89,295
Levitte, Suzanne E	Administrative Assistant	\$3,503
Lovejoy, Dana V	Custodian	\$43,501
Lowe, Cherice N	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$31,316
Mallozzi, Joanne	Long Term Sub	\$16,897
Marcotte, Nicholas N	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$60,547
Markle, Shawn T	Groundskeeper	\$2,514
Markle, Shawn T	Substitute Worker	\$225
Markle, Van V	Substitute Worker	\$5,602
Marlborough, Carrie A	Administrative Assistant	\$48,135
Marlowe, Jeffrey D	LPN Hourly	\$8,017
Marsh, Lori E	Cafeteria Worker	\$14,724
Marszalkowski, Daniel A	ABA Technician	\$25,659
Martin, Claudia L	Reading Teacher	\$77,021
Martineau, Erin R	Guidance Counselor	\$56,659
Martinelli, Christine J	Paraprofessional	\$22,256
Martinelli, Christine J	Bus Monitor	\$445
Martino-Harms, Andrea J	High School Teacher	\$75,192
Martufi, Caitlin P	Special Education Teacher - MES	\$81,196
Matthews, Jacob	High School Teacher	\$4,935
Maurice, Jamie A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,664
Maxwell-Rounds, Lisa A	High School Teacher	\$74,944
Mayer, Thomas E	Custodian	\$48,742
McAnulty, Robert J	Athletic Director	\$6,081
McAnulty, Robert J	Groundskeeper	\$13,152
McAnulty, Robert J	Long Term Sub	\$14,797
McCormick, W John	High School Teacher	\$87,964
McCourt, Kevin M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$84,896
McCrum, Kelly A	High School Teacher	\$60,531
McKiel, Sarah M	Teacher of the Deaf	\$37,472
Medeiros, Jessica S	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$81,005
Melanson, Mary-Beth	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$74,990
Menard, Jacqueline A	Paraprofessional	\$14,010
Menard, Megan L	Teamchair Elementary	\$72,745
Menard, Megan L	Bus Monitor	\$424

Merten, Grace A	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463
Mignanelli, Barbara	Guidance Counselor	\$81,196
Minihane, Emily C	Guidance Counselor	\$45,123
Moniz, Stephanie A	Asst. Superintendent Admin. Asst.	\$35,936
Moreau, Linda A	Guidance Counselor	\$81,196
Moreau, Linda A	Substitute Principal	\$5,788
Mullaly, Joseph C	Custodian	\$47,124
Munns, William J	Custodian	\$45,868
Murphy, Eileen S	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Murray, Meghan M	Special Education Teacher - JFK	\$56,659
Najarian, Robin A	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$86,196
Northup, Jacob K	Physical Education	\$58,350
Nowak, Andrew D	High School Teacher	\$63,933
O'Neil, Gabriela C	PLC Coach	\$28,474
Olbrys, Maria S	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$53,410
Oliveira, Rachel R	Cafeteria Worker	\$33,118
Ostrowski, Callie	Permanent Sub	\$17,833
Pacheco, Taralee	Teacher Sub	\$6,855
Paine, Ashley D	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$54,882
Parenteau, Jennifer M	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$61,753
Pedorella, Maria	ABA Technician	\$13,127
Pedorella, Maria	Long Term Sub	\$14,056
Pelland, Michaela R	High School Teacher	\$56,927
Peloquin, Christian J	Paraprofessional	\$10,389
Peloquin, Stephanie A	Cafeteria Worker	\$11,377
Penso, Maria L	Custodian	\$37,285
Pepple, Eric	Science Interentionist	\$48,965
Pilibosian, Carol	Teacher Sub	\$6,427
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	Director Learner Support Services	\$118,965
Pisano, Rebecca L	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
Poirier, Tina M	Administrative Assistant	\$51,301
Power, Melissa A	ABA Technician	\$24,007
Power, Melissa A	Bus Monitor	\$1,293
Poznanski, Melissa	Teacher Sub	\$6,855
Priore, Amanda M	ELA Interventionist	\$42,792
Putnam, Abigail	Teacher Sub	\$4,185
Racicot, Kevin L	Custodian	\$37,310
Ragno, Mary Katherine C	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$62,213
Rayos, Lora J	Administrative Assistant	\$32,694
Riedel, Jean L	Spanish Teacher	\$58,350
Rielly, Lily N	Paraprofessional	\$1,914

Rielly, Lily N	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$12,451
Rielly, Susan S	Guidance Counselor	\$84,964
Rilling, Darla	Math Interventionist	\$15,373
Roberge, Hillary J	English Teacher	\$68,468
Robertson, Christine R	High School Teacher	\$84,964
Robinson, Katherine A	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Robinson, Lynn A	Van Driver	\$59,282
Rodrigues, Sara R	Social Worker	\$69,223
Roe, Ethan	High School Teacher	\$87,964
Romanelli, Holly A	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$49,861
Rose, Maureen	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,196
Rosenbaum, Katherine M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$81,196
Rousselle, Renee	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$84,735
Rutt, Brian M	Science Teacher	\$42,042
Ryan, Oliver J	Substitute Worker	\$750
Ryan, Paula M	Music Teacher	\$83,196
Sacco, Nicole L	High School Teacher	\$65,147
Salome, Linda A	Administrative Assistant	\$61,311
Santoro, Dorothy P	Nurse Sub	\$600
Savage, Lauren L	Nurse JFK/AFM	\$55,505
Savini, Christina M	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$32,511
Scoggins, Christine S	Cafeteria Worker	\$13,582
Scott, Lynne S	Math Teacher	\$83,196
Shafer, Christina M	Principal	\$103,808
Shafer, Todd L	Music Teacher	\$84,896
Shanahan, Kristine J	Guidance Counselor	\$65,457
Sheridan, Emily E	Math Teacher	\$79,633
Simard, Monique F	Payroll Specialist	\$65,038
Simollardes, Nicholas A	High School Teacher	\$52,384
Smith, Marie G	Library Paraprofessional	\$10,845
Smith, Noreen A	Special Education Teacher	\$4,488
Smith-Lizotte, Shyanne B	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
Solari, Jennifer A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$84,896
St. Gelais, Andrew J	Permanent Sub	\$1,989
St. Gelais, Andrew J	ABA Technician	\$13,004
Starz, William A	Guidance Counselor	\$59,021
Stearman, Kathy L	Administrative Assistant	\$47,633
Stefanik, Karen M	Paraprofessional	\$25,009
Sulham, Meagan L	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$53,249
Sullivan, Allison K	Occupational Therapist	\$64,965
Sullivan, Timothy J	High School Teacher	\$68,468

Swerdlow, Samantha M	Math Teacher	\$48,965
Sylvia, Jon P	ABA Technician	\$25,113
Sylvia, Jon P	Bus Monitor	\$4,751
Takeessian, Brenda L	Cafeteria Worker	\$22,496
Tasick, Lori A	Reading Teacher	\$81,196
Tasker, Sara E	Library Paraprofessional	\$28,009
Tavares, Kaylee	English Teacher	\$48,965
Teixeira, Taylor M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$49,677
Thompson, Karen P	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
Toomey, Carrie E	ELL Specialist	\$66,803
Trottier, Lisa A	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$88,435
Tubman, Madison	Teacher Sub	\$2,970
Trudeau, Kimberley NT	Psychologist	\$65,210
Turgeon, Emily E	Special Education Team Chair	\$79,584
Turgeon, Evan	Teacher Sub	\$2,295
Vahey, Amanda K	Reading Teacher	\$45,881
Vaughan, Maryalice	PTL Coach	\$65,147
Vazquez, Martha	Human Resource Specialist	\$56,650
Verzillo, Devon R	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$56,659
Villandry, Kattryna M	Paraprofessional	\$21,374
Villandry, Kattryna M	Bus Monitor	\$954
Walcott, Amelia R	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$54,887
Walker, Matthew B	Custodian	\$63,122
Wiegers, Sue Ann	Nurse MS	\$79,584
Winn, Jacqueline	Sped Teacher - FWH	\$65,147
Wolfgang, Lea D	Cafeteria Worker	\$21,812
Wolford, Julianne C	Administrative Assistant	\$50,922
Wyndham, Ashley D	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$23,094
Young, Karen M	Nurse HS	\$73,483

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**Message from our Superintendent Director:**

With your continued support, we prepare our students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. Therefore, it is our custom to go beyond the facts and figures of our operation and share student success stories and district achievements that exemplify our mission.

In FY22, we were strategic and resilient in carrying out our mission despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. We expanded our vocational offerings and opened our Biotechnology program, which welcomed its first class of students. We embraced the arts and culture within our community with our Arts Heals: Shine Your Light Chalk Festival, Day of Silence, and Multicultural Festival. And we pursued nearly \$2 million in grants that continue to support your regional vocational-technical school system.

To uphold this level of success, we encourage our students, administrators, and staff to hone their skills, believe in themselves, and pursue their dreams. To do this, we must harness the powerful driving force from within and come to understand that the distance between our dreams and reality is action.

Demonstrating what is achievable with their high-quality education, our alumni are our best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. You can see this drive, passion, and call to action in Lindsey Testa's story. With an open mind and skilled hands, she, like many of our graduates, is taking what she learned and shaping our future workforce while giving back to her alma mater.

At BVT, we cheer each other on, celebrate our success, and take pride in our continuous improvements and growth. I encourage you to read on and discover how our powerful driving force has allowed us to deliver high-quality education and help our students navigate the road ahead.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

## **Alumni Profile: Lindsey Testa (*Dental Assisting, Class of 2019*)**

### **A Powerful Driving Force**

Although most people find their career paths later in life, there are a few who, from an early age, have an experience that speaks to them in such a way they can't ignore it. Learn how the adage: "follow your heart, it knows the way" takes on new meaning for one of our alumni, Lindsey Testa (*Dental Assisting, Class of 2019*), and how a childhood event inspired her to harness a powerful driving force within and shape her future career success.

When Lindsey was in the 5th grade, she got braces, and unlike most kids, she liked everything about the experience. "I was in my braces for about four years," said Lindsey. "I loved my orthodontist, Dr. Hamilton, and the orthodontic assistants at Family Orthodontics in Milford. I looked up to them and dreamed of working in orthodontics. So when I learned about the Dental Assisting program at BVT, I was eager to attend the school and one day pursue a career in the dental field."

With an interest in the dental field, it came as no surprise during Freshmen Exploratory that Dental Assisting was Lindsey's top choice. She also explored Business & Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Electronics & Engineering Technology, Health Services, and HVAC&R. "I had such a great time during the HVAC&R exploratory. I considered changing my mind to HVAC for a little while!" exclaimed Lindsey. "But after I explored the Dental Assisting shop, I knew there was no other program I would enjoy as much as that one."

Utilizing the skills acquired at BVT, Lindsey coincidentally earned a co-op job with Family Orthodontics in Milford during her senior year. "It was a dream come true. This was the office I had always dreamed of working in!" said Lindsey. "I learned so much about orthodontics, sterilization, and talking with patients."

"After working in orthodontics, I realized I was more interested in general dentistry," said Lindsey. "The dental assistant is most frequently the first person a patient will see, so it is important in that position to learn how to talk to patients in a caring manner. You truly only learn by working in an office and experiencing it for yourself. I also found it to be a fun experience."

However, when it came time to apply to college, Lindsey wasn't sure if she wanted to become a dentist or a dental hygienist. But, she knew she would need further education to achieve those goals. "I talked it over with my parents, and I decided to pursue a degree in Dental Hygiene at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)," said Lindsey. "I fell in love with the clinic at MCPHS and the technology they had for their students."

"While in college, I worked as a dental assistant at Uxbridge Family Dental in Uxbridge, MA, and the Milford Dentist Office in Milford, MA. It was a busy schedule at both

offices, and it taught me how to be timely and efficient,” said Lindsey. “Assisting a dentist consists of taking a lot of radiographs and passing instruments to the dentist. I can thank my vocational instructors for teaching me how to do that effectively.”

“My vocational-technical training at BVT prepared me for success in hygiene school at MCPHS,” said Lindsey. “We spent about a month learning the names of teeth, the positions of teeth, the anatomical features of the teeth, and much more basic terminology crammed into such little time. But I already knew this, which helped a lot. When we began patient care, I felt more prepared than some of my peers because of my history of working with patients as a dental assistant. If I had never attended a vocational high school, I can easily say that I would not be where I am today.”

“I was asked by professors at MCPHS to be a peer tutor for clinical and academic courses,” explained Lindsey. “I excelled in many of my courses because of my previous knowledge in dental assisting, and I can solely thank BVT for that.”

"During my last semester at MCPHS, I had a capstone project, which required that I teach to those with dental hygiene-related needs," explained Lindsey. "I immediately thought about visiting my alma mater's Dental Assisting program to educate students on topics important to dental assistants and dental hygienists. I am thankful to my Dental Assisting instructors, Mrs. Fleisher, Mrs. Donovan, and Mrs. Langin, who pushed me when I was at BVT and welcomed me to work with them and their students for this project."

“The dental students were welcoming, eager to learn, and engaged in our group discussions. I had forgotten how much I had enjoyed teaching. I taught dance classes at the Milford Dance Center during high school. This experience reminded me that teaching might be in my future. The vocational instructors worked with me in planning our discussion topics and scheduling time for clinical to teach those hands-on topics to their students,” said Lindsey. “It opened my eyes to the real possibility of teaching dental assisting at a vocational high school.”

Lindsey graduated in May of 2022 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Having earned a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in three years instead of four, she was eligible to take regional and national dental hygiene board examinations.

“Looking back at how much I have learned truly amazes me. I never thought I would end up back at BVT, especially in front of a group of students teaching. I could not be happier that my path in life went this way,” said Lindsey. “I have a full-time position as a dental hygienist at the Milford Dentist Office. I plan on working clinically for a few years while working towards a degree in vocational education. This experience has made me realize that even though I have reached my goal of becoming a dental hygienist, my journey is not over. The options are endless to where I go from here.”

“If you are considering a career in the dental industry, there are many career possibilities in this growing field,” said Lindsey. She smiled and shared this advice, “Never doubt yourself, don’t quit, or compare yourself to others; everyone’s path is different. It doesn’t matter how you get to the end of the path; what matters is that you get there!”

**See how other alumni are benefiting from BVT’s career, college, and life ready educations...**

*“All the skills I learned in Health Services have helped make my clinical experience in college and overall patient care/interactions less difficult. My job as a CNA has helped me become a more well-rounded and understanding nurse, thanks to BVT.”*

- Elizabeth May Rondeau, Night Nursing Supervisor at Bethany Healthcare Center

*“In fashion school, the main components consisted of creativity and knowledge of Adobe products. Multimedia Communications pushed me to excel beyond my classes and helped me get internships/jobs in my first semester of college. Today, I run a team of designers for a Los Angeles based company, and my job solely depends on the foundations I learned at BVT.”*

- Erin Kalousdian, Senior Apparel Designer at Avid Apparel

*“I earned a paid internship at Neles Metso in Worcester during my senior year, utilizing the machining and CNC skills I learned at BVT. I continued working there full-time upon graduation and stayed for another five years. I was hired into a senior position at my new job based on my real-world work experience, which has given me a huge advantage over my same-age peers, all due to my BVT training and the internship.”*

- Tristram Fritchey, Manufacturing Engineer at Lufkin Industries

**On the Cutting Edge of Science**

While the biotech industry in Massachusetts continues to grow, so does the need for talented employees. With a history of providing our students with in-demand skills through vocational training, we officially commemorated the opening of our Biotechnology program with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 8th.

We were proud to welcome the first class of students from the Class of 2025 to our newest vocational-technical program, Biotechnology, for the 2021–2022 school year. These sixteen students completed the Freshmen Exploratory process and selected Biotechnology as their first-choice shop placement. On December 3rd, they were excited to learn that the Biotechnology program would be their vocational shop for the next three years.

“Before the Exploratory process, I was interested in Health Services,” said Isabelle Kling. “But then I explored Biotechnology which showed me a whole other side of medicine that I didn’t know existed. I knew that Biotechnology was right for me when I came back to shop every morning, excited to see what the day would bring.”



Biotechnology Instructor Susan Piraino said, “I enjoyed meeting many students during the exploratory process. It is an exciting time for this first class. I look forward to introducing them to the many branches of biotechnology.”

Ms. Piraino is a molecular and cell biologist with extensive experience in drug discovery and gene therapy. She has co-authored several scientific publications, is a co-inventor on three U.S. patents, and has been recognized for innovation in science and excellence in teaching.

In speaking with Susan, it is evident that she loves teaching and is passionate about science. She said, “I will always remember my high school teacher, Mr. Thomas, who one day commented that I should probably pursue a career in science because I was pretty good at it. I took his advice and chose to major in Biology in college. Just one comment from a teacher can direct which path you choose to take in life, which was true for me.” Susan has come full circle and is excited about her new position and the opportunities to inspire students at BVT.

“I am proud of my career and accomplishments in this field,” said Piraino. “I know that it takes work and creativity, but you can do great things in science. I want my students to recognize that they can do amazing things and are aware of the many careers available to them in this field.”

This first class quickly got to know each other and their new shop. They began by exploring biotechnology history and became acquainted with the lab safety policies. They also performed agarose gel electrophoresis, a standard lab procedure for separating DNA by size for visualization and purification, experimented with yeast fermentation and produced cheese curds.

“I am excited to be in this first Biotechnology class setting the blueprint in this program,” said Kallie Allen. “We are fortunate to have Ms. Piraino as our instructor, challenging us in new and exciting ways.”

### **A Curious Collaboration**

Forensics is an exciting discipline in science, often capturing worldwide attention. Our students discover what it’s like to be a crime scene investigator through hands-on projects that allow for learning the science behind evidence analysis. They use fluorescent fingerprint powder and black lights to analyze fingerprints as they investigate staged crime scenes, identify hairs and fibers from different sources, and evaluate fake bloodstain patterns to reconstruct the events.

Collaborating with the State Police Crime Lab and the Upton Police Department reveals behind-the-scenes realities of working in the field. Detective John Bergstrom of the Upton Police Department spoke with our inquisitive Biotechnology students and

demonstrated forensic fingerprinting techniques. The uniqueness of each print WOWED our students!

### **Celebrating Our Seniors on Their Journey to Commencement**

Spring can be a bittersweet time for our seniors as they conclude their high school careers and prepare to graduate. For the Class of 2022, the journey to commencement was an ideal time to appreciate every last moment that we had together. See how we celebrated our seniors and their achievements:

#### **Senior Class Day**

This ceremony included Academic and Vocational Awards, Attendance Awards, Yearbook Dedication, Class Officer, and Commendation recognition for the Class of 2022.

#### **Scholarships & Awards Ceremony**

We were excited to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2022 at their scholarships & awards ceremony. During this evening event held on May 24th in our Competition Center, we distributed 97 Community, Memorial, and Military awards. Take a peek at the achievements: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2022).

#### **Marking a Milestone**

We celebrated our graduates and said farewell as they embarked on their next great adventure. The Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony was held on our athletic field on the evening of May 26th. We welcomed extended family and friends to view the live stream at [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2022).

#### **What a Way to Make a Living!**

We know every career path is unique. So we congratulated and celebrated our senior co-op and career placement students who are going directly into high-skill, high-wage employment after graduation. [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday2022)

*"There are many paths to success, and while I am proud of all of our career-focused students, I am particularly proud of these students heading directly into the workforce. Using their high school vocational-technical training to launch their careers is the essence of our mission. They have a lot of confidence in their skills, and it takes guts and grit to go against the cultural grain of heading to college."*

- Principal Anthony E. Steele

### **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 2022 - 297 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 20.20 percent (60 students)  
4 Year College/Tech College: 70.37 percent (209 students)  
2 Year College/Certificate Program: 6.73 percent (20 students)  
Military: 0 percent (0)  
Gap or Service Year: 2.69 percent (8 students)

#### **Class of 2021- 300 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 13.33 percent (40 students)  
4 Year College/Tech College: 72.67 percent (218 students)  
2 Year College/Certificate Program: 9.67 percent (29 students)  
Military: 1.67 percent (5 students)  
Gap or Service Year: 2.67 percent (8 students)

#### **Class of 2020 - 298 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 17.45 percent (52 students)  
4 Year College/Tech College: 67.45 percent (201 students)  
2 Year College/ Certificate Program: 10.07 percent (30 students)  
Military: 1.34 percent (4 students)  
Gap or Service Year: 2.35 percent (7 students)  
*Unknown: 1.34 percent (4 students), due to the COVID-19 pandemic some 2020 data is missing.*

### **Off to work they go, building credentials, pursuing industry licenses, certifications, and degrees.**

ACE Temperature Control, Assumption University, Baylor University, Blasius Auto Group, Braza & Mancini Electrical, Cambridge Port Manufacturing, Chromatics, Clark University, Dean College,  
Elite Woodworking, Georgia Institute of Technology, J.M. Mazzone Electric, JJ Mechanical Services, Johnson & Wales University, Kadant Solutions, Keen State College, Loyola University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Milford Regional Medical Center, Milton CAT,  
Nicholson Plumbing, Rochester Institute of Technology, Salve Regina University, Santon Plumbing & Heating, United States Air Force Academy, Waters Corporation, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

### **FY22: An Amazing Year of Achievements**

Our students continually demonstrate mastery of rigorous academic studies and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies during the pandemic.

Members of the Class of 2022 earned more than 330 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value nearly exceeding **11 million**.

A total of 272 **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 provided our students with a traditional testing experience in May 2022. 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. Spring 2022, **341 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. Our English Literature & Composition students also participated in the College Board's pilot study by taking their exams online.

For the past **23 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 strived to keep students learning and on task while dealing with COVID-19-related issues, DESE reverted to in-person testing for sophomores as they participated in the Next-Gen MCAS in ELA and Mathematics. Some of our sophomores and advanced freshmen took the new Next-Gen Science tests in Biology and Physics.

Students are required to achieve a Competency Determination, a graduation requirement, on the Next-Gen MCAS test. In FY21, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to waive some of those requirements. Nevertheless, our students, who have a history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, remained vigilant in their participation. Spring 2021, despite obstacles presented by the ongoing pandemic, members of the BVT Class of 2023 performed well on the Next-Gen tests. Seventy-nine percent achieved Exceeding or Meeting Expectations on the English Language Arts portion, while 62 percent were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category in Mathematics. Both were well above the state averages.

### **Looking Ahead...**

*Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, there had 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.*

### **A Powerful Message, Artfully Delivered**

It was an honor to welcome Bob Upgren, an internationally recognized motivational speaker and world-renowned chalk artist, to speak to our students at our school-wide assemblies. On January 25th, Upgren opened the presentation speaking our language, “BVT is a school that transforms education, and by design, transforms lives.” He immediately had the students engaged and on their feet with a shiny silver quarter and a quick game of heads or tails to illustrate a point.

“I used to wonder if life was like a flip of the coin, a mere chance that some people make it and some people don’t,” said Upgren. “As you work with more people, you might compare yourself to others and find yourself thinking they are more than me or better than me. More athletic. More creative. More mathematical. Until I realized they were simply different than me. They were unique.”

“What I love about a school like this is that it not only celebrates uniqueness, but it nurtures and ignites it,” said Upgren. “You have a purpose. Every person here has a purpose. I know that it is not easy to figure out what that is. One of the great secrets to being successful is figuring out how to stand out, and that is through your uniqueness. You have a big decision to make as you figure out your purpose. Are you going to choose to embrace your uniqueness?”

Upgren shared his proven formula to living a life of significance with this three-step process. He said, “Learn a skill, master a skill, and deliver a skill.”

**Learn a Skill** – You have to be humble to learn a skill. The value in that is it can never be taken away.

**Master a Skill** – Once you’ve learned a skill, don’t stop. You are capable of exemplifying mastery, which only occurs over time through perseverance.

**Deliver a Skill** – When you deliver a skill you’ve learned in an amazing way, it has the potential to open doors to decades of work.

Upgren’s skill is his art. His tool is chalk, and his canvas is a black sheet upon which he artfully delivers an inspirational message of perseverance.

The lights go down, a spotlight illuminates a black canvas, and the music is inspirational. Upgren picks up the chalk, dust starts to fly, and the canvas comes alive with color as he works to the song, “This Is Me,” from The Greatest Showman soundtrack, “*Look out ‘cause here I come. And I’m marching on to the beat I drum. I’m not scared to be seen. I make no apologies, this is me.*”

At BVT, students have an opportunity to learn, master, and deliver a skill. They are encouraged to take that message with them and to ask themselves, what is my purpose? Remember, do not give up. It is going to be hard, but keep going. Believe in yourself and celebrate your uniqueness. Let your hands get dirty, and your dreams get bigger. Check out Upgren's art: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/bobupgren](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/bobupgren).

## **Activities & Clubs**

### **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 2022, our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country by earning 176 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

### **Massachusetts District V Conference**

33 Gold, 37 Silver, 32 Bronze

### **Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference**

29 Gold, 27 Silver, 10 Bronze

### **National Leadership & Skills Conference**

#### **7 GOLD:**

- Julia Drapeau: Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
- Adam Pratt & Bryan Wheeler: Robotics & Automation Technology
- Riley Holt & Robert Mellen: Mechatronics
- Daniel Cardone & Brett Staples: Web Design

#### **1 BRONZE:**

- Allana Atstupenas: CNC Turning Specialist

#### **4th place:**

- John Kearney & Chloe Vescio: Additive Manufacturing
- Sara Lewis: Principles of Technology
- Autumn Herrick: Telecommunications Cabling

#### **5th place:**

- Chloe Terrell, Kyle Penta, Andrew Konicki & Nicholas Valoras: Entrepreneurship

#### **8th place:**

- Natalie Lambert: Culinary Arts

#### **10th place:**

- Myra Dehestani: Prepared Speech

All contestants who medaled or met a threshold contest score were awarded a Skill Point Certificate.

## **NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES**

- Mia Bellacqua of Uxbridge
- Haley McKinnon of Blackstone
- Camila Ramirez of Hopedale
- Samantha Stephens of Mendon

## **STATE OFFICER**

- Hunter Claflin, National Officer Candidate Elect

## **BVT's Got Talent**

Hidden talent is everywhere. But it's the courageous ones who share their unique gifts with the world. Some of those brave souls stepped up to the mic and competed for cash prizes and a chance to be crowned BVT's Got Talent winner on April 12th.

The first round of the competition was open to the public and featured comedians, beatboxers, singers, and dancers. With so much talent displayed, it was difficult for the judges to determine which contestants would advance to the final round.

Our final round of contestants:

- Mikaela Sadik & John Fumia
- Haley Bilodeau
- Emily Muniz
- Dante Hastings
- Ethan Herron, Jackson Lapointe, Luke Scholl & Mason Day

And the Winner was... Haley Bilodeau of Douglas, a freshman in our Biotechnology program. She was crowned the BVT's Got Talent winner for her mad skills on the electric violin. Way to go, Haley!

## **Day of Silence**

Our Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club serves the LGBTQ+ community on campus and works to create a safe and inclusive environment that fosters a sense of community among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The club seeks to promote the understanding of the issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied students.

Club members and other interested students took part in the Day of Silence on May 3rd. Silently and peacefully, they protested anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) bullying, harassment, and name-calling. The vow of silence represents the silence faced by LGBTQ+ people and their allies each and every day. Rather than speaking, they handed out "speaking cards" explaining their reasons for remaining silent. By taking part, students teach one another about diversity, respect, and empower themselves by realizing they CAN make a difference in the world. To learn more, visit: **[www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org)**.

### **Accolades & Awards – Celebrating Excellence**

The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY22.

#### **John H. Chafee Heritage Award**

During an awards presentation held at BVT on April 11, 2022, our sophomore Painting & Design Technology class and their instructor, Tom Lamont, were recognized as John H. Chafee Heritage Award recipients for restoring a sign on the Northbridge Town Common in collaboration with the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Chafee Awards recipients at this ceremony also included Congressman Jim McGovern and Ross Weaver from Sutton, MA, and Senator Jack Reed and John Marsland from Rhode Island, who received their awards at different ceremonies later in April.

#### **Project Lead the Way Distinguished School**

The nationally recognized nonprofit organization Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has named BVT a 2021-22 PLTW Distinguished School. It is the fifth consecutive year that we have earned this national recognition.

#### **Chairman's Award**

Our Robotics Team, Team 61, The Intimidators, competed against the top robotics teams across New England during the New England *FIRST* Robotics Competition (NEFRC) District event held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in April. Team 61 came home with the District Chairman's Award. It is the most prestigious award at FIRST; it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and embodies the mission of FIRST. It was created to keep the central focus of FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology and encourage more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders.

#### **Practical Nursing Program Recognition**

With the demand for skilled nurses particularly significant, our Practical Nursing (post-secondary) program was recently ranked #3 in the state by Nursing Schools Almanac. This organization annually ranks the best nursing schools in Massachusetts to help aspiring nurses with a resource for selecting their future nursing school.

#### **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. Noelle "Ellie" McDonald



of Grafton, a well-rounded and dedicated senior in Construction Technology, earned the 2022 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.

A few examples of the FY22 community projects include:

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

When the Upton Cemetery Commission needed to repair and replace sections of a fence at the Maplewood Cemetery in Upton, which borders our school grounds, they reached out to us to discuss the repairs. It was the perfect opportunity for our students in Construction Technology and Painting & Design Technology to use their training and skills to help a neighbor.

The two shops collaborated as the Construction Technology students cut 160 pickets from stock cedar that were then primed and painted by our Painting & Design Technology students.

The next time you drive down Maple Avenue, be sure to slow down and check out Maplewood Cemetery's beautiful white picket fence. Once again, our students have left their mark on our community.

### **Preserving the Past**

When a weathered map of the National Register that showcased the Historic District of Whitinsville required a facelift, a creative collaboration between the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) and our Painting & Design Technology (P&D) program was born.

The hand-drawn map was created years ago by town historian Ken Warchol and displayed proudly on the Northbridge Town Common, highlighting local historic landmarks. Luckily, Mr. Warchol had the original artwork rolled up and tucked away for reference, but it required some attention.

So, under the watchful eye of Tom Lamont, our P&D instructor, his students worked to

flatten, clean, and restore the original artwork that the BHC used to create a digital image. Then, the students were able to use that digital image and the technology in their shop to print a vinyl graphic of the map and produce the new signage. They also freshened up the existing frame with a fresh coat of paint.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the map creation and installation process:  
[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/preservingthepast](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/preservingthepast).

## **Return on Investment**

### **Our Budget Enhances Learner-Centered Education with Federal and State Funds**

Our School Committee prepared the District's FY22 budget so that it complements local assessments and supports student-focused learning with various skill development opportunities for our students through established relationships with local businesses and industries while adhering to strict state requirements. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the budget to a **3.10%** increase. Also, to help offset the state-mandated escalation of our member town's minimum contributions (**3.62% in FY22**), the District applied \$225,000 of its state Department of Revenue certified E&D funds to reduce a portion of each town's appropriation request.

We continuously search for new ways to collaborate with our administration, faculty, and students to be efficient, embrace recycling initiatives, and decrease energy consumption while providing quality education. Additionally, we encourage lifelong learning with opportunities for professional development and promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle in our school community, which has enhanced our incredibly positive learning environment.

The FY22 operating budget of **\$26,396,702** was funded primarily by **\$9,499,922** in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$16,438,780 in Member Assessments. BVT is a fiscally responsible partner in seeing our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single, consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

### **Quote for sidebar:**

"Our Administration, through the leadership of Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council, has worked hard for the past several years to help kids across the state gain experience in STEM fields. Especially now, with the most technology jobs per capita in the country, the demand for highly-skilled people is a pressing issue and STEM Week is an important way to highlight the many opportunities that exist in science, technology, engineering and math."

- **Governor Charlie Baker**

### Budgeted Revenue Required to Support Operational Expenditures

Revenue Category	FY2020	% Increase	FY2021	% Increase	FY2022	% Increase
<b>Member Town Assessments</b>						
Minimum Contribution	\$11,910,802	4.82%	\$12,576,061	5.59%	\$13,031,695	3.62%
Non Net School Spending Items*	\$1,706,267		\$1,676,735		\$1,698,994	
Member Credits/Charges**	\$886,879		\$1,045,617		\$1,278,241	
Debt Service	\$458,250		\$446,550		\$429,850	
<b>Total Member Assessments</b>	<b>\$14,962,198</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>\$15,744,963</b>	<b>5.23%</b>	<b>\$16,438,780</b>	<b>4.41%</b>

<b>State Aid</b>						
Chapter 70 – Regional Aid	\$8,152,073		\$8,211,324		\$8,228,565	
Transportation Reimbursement	\$1,103,644		\$1,204,663		\$1,271,357	
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>\$9,255,717</b>	<b>2.43%</b>	<b>\$9,415,987</b>	<b>1.73%</b>	<b>\$9,499,922</b>	<b>0.89%</b>

<b>Other Revenue Sources</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	\$199,000		\$217,000		\$233,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$225,000		\$225,000		\$225,000	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$424,000</b>		<b>\$442,000</b>	<b>4.25%</b>	<b>\$458,000</b>	<b>3.62%</b>

<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$24,641,915</b>	<b>3.53%</b>	<b>\$25,602,950</b>	<b>3.90%</b>	<b>\$26,396,702</b>	<b>3.10%</b>
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\*Non NSS Items Include: Transportation (over state aid), Capital Equipment, and Retiree Medical.

\*\*Credits or additional assessments are directly affected by increases in state aid, 9C cuts implemented through the Governor's Office, or other economic factors beyond the District's control, which impacts state aid and member assessments.

### Complementing Community Support

Community support is complemented with non-taxpayer resources through the ongoing pursuit to secure public and private grants and donations to support programs and services and enhance learning opportunities for our students. In FY22, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

We're proud to enhance our academic, vocational, and community offerings with grants that strengthen our ability to serve our students and the greater community. With the support of a \$225,000 MA Skills Capital Grant, we are enhancing our highly-popular Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration program and purchasing new shop equipment. Combined with labor and student project design, renovations are taking place without financially impacting our member communities. The Baker-Polito Administration has awarded BVT over \$2.69 million to our school through the MA Skills Capital Grant program.

The District received needed support in FY22 to help respond to Covid-related challenges and implementation plans for a safe return to in-person instruction. BVT received \$349,454 in Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief (ESSER II&III) funds to increase access to educational materials and technology, as well as mental and physical health supports for students and staff.

The funding helped BVT address learning loss resulting from the pandemic and support overall student success in FY22 and for years to come. Through developing AP courses and conducting math acceleration academies, we are continuing to use our ESSER funding to expand course offerings utilizing evidence-based methods. We implemented a school-wide social-emotional learning curriculum, Character Strong, and are monitoring the mental health of students and staff while expanding the positive and supportive learning environment that we have created. All students and staff have access to technology, devices, resources, and support systems needed for their overall success.

Thanks to the funding of competitive grants, we share some examples of our students having fun in FY22 with learning opportunities that were made possible by:

- Toshiba America Foundation for 3D Printers that our Engineering students use to understand that engineering design process.
- Blackstone Valley Education Foundation for Precision Balances & pH Meters that our Biotechnology students can use in their lab.
- Member Town Cultural Councils for supporting our Multicultural event and Art Heals: Shine Your Light Chalk Festival.

**Quote for sidebar:**

“Massachusetts, like the rest of the country, will face workforce challenges in the next few years, but we are poised to handle them better because of programs like the Skills Capital Grants. The grants enable schools, colleges, and other educational institutions to revamp how students learn and gain crucial experience that serves them and employers well.”

**- Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**

## Grants

Grant	Amount
<b>Competitive Grants</b>	
MassHire (Student Mentoring Program)	\$51,300
Project Lead the Way BioMedical (Year 2)	\$29,468
Toshiba America Foundation (Engineering 3D Printers)	\$5,006
NESDEC (Admin Team Leadership Retreat)	\$5,000
Member Town Cultural Councils (Multicultural Festival)	\$3,103
BVEF (Biotechnology Labs - Precision Balances & pH Meters)	\$3,000
LRIG-NE (Information Technology - Drones)	\$2,000
Member Town Cultural Councils (Chalk Art Festival)	\$2,000
Project Bread (School Meal Support Grant)	\$1,500
<b>Competitive Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$102,377</b>

<b>State Entitlement Grants</b>	
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief 3 (ESSER III)	\$234,924
MA Skills Capital Grant (HVAC Shop)	\$225,000
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief 2 (ESSER II)	\$114,530
Higher Ed Emergency Relief (HEERF III) (PN)	\$81,585
Special Education COVID Related (ARP IDEA)	\$64,735
FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund (Laptops)	\$33,200
MA COVID Recovery Needs Special Support Earmark III (Utility Vehicle)	\$25,000
Career Voc Tech Equitable Access (EL Recruitment)	\$21,200
MA COVID Summer Program Reimbursement (Transition Camp)	\$18,125
Grade 10 Math Acceleration Academy, Summer 2021 & April 2022 (ESSER I & II)	\$29,750
MA Financial Literacy Plan & Implement (Curriculum Development)	\$1,920
USDA School EBT Admin Reimbursement	\$614
<b>State Entitlement Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$850,583</b>

<b>Federal Entitlement Grants</b>	
Special Education 94-142 (IDEA)	\$326,406
Perkins	\$177,303
Title I	\$35,464
Title IIA	\$15,805
Title IV	\$10,000
Perkins Post-Secondary (PN Program)	\$2,842
<b>Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$567,820</b>

<b>FY22 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,520,780</b>
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Note: The District also secured substantial donations in the form of cash, tools, raw materials, and technology. Also, at the time of the printing of this report, additional grant awards were under consideration.

### **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.

**Chair:** Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham

**Vice Chair:** Gerald M. Finn, Millville

**Assistant Treasurer:** Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury

**Secretary:** Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick, Blackstone

Mark J. Potter, Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Hopedale

Edward D. Cray, III, 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:** Christopher C. Pilla

### **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
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology (2-year program for Juniors and Seniors only)

- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:

- Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
- Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)