



# TOWN OF ATHOL

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2018-2019



**EXCHANGE STREET BRIDGE**

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This Annual Report is dedicated to

## EVELYN KING

March 17, 1919 – August 10, 2019

She spent over 52 years working in town government. She began her work as a secretary for the Superintendent of Schools for several years. She worked for Athol Savings Bank for 3 years and served on two PTA's for several years. She was elected to the School Committee and served from 1960 to 1967, and was the first woman chairman. She was Athol's first woman Zoning Committee Agent 1996-1969, and served on the Board of Selectman 1977 to 1989 being the first woman Selectman and Chairman of The Board of Selectman, also served as Clerk of Board of Selectman 1965-1968. She volunteered for various committees including advocating Athol to membership in regional vocational school district, guiding the Athol welfare office to a state-run system and Montachusett Oppurtunity System. She worked in the Head Start Program as coordinator of the Athol-Templeton Region, headed Athol High School Alumni Association in 1973.



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# CHAPTER ONE

# PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Reports of the  
Board of Selectmen,  
Town Manager, Town Clerk,  
Finance Warrant & Advisory  
Committee, Library Trustees &  
Housing Authority

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Citizens of Athol,**

The Board of Selectmen approved Host Community Agreements with Mass Grow and 1620 Labs for cultivation of marijuana, and two agreements for retail establishments for Elev8 and Blue Jay Botanicals. The Board also approved an agreement with a marijuana testing lab, Ceres. These agreements will create local jobs and an investment into a purposeful re-use of existing space.

Growth continued at the North Quabbin Commons with the addition of a restaurant and a new gas station and retail convenience store at Exit 18. The Board also made a request to the legislature for additional alcohol licenses to support additional future growth.

The Town is now part of the Liabilities to Assets program of the Attorney General and will enable turning blighted properties into prosperous neighborhoods.

The Search Committee made a recommendation to hire Joseph Guanera as the new Fire Chief, and the town also appointed Chief Craig Lundgren as Acting, and then permanent Chief of Police.

The Board's focus of building a sustainable financial future by working with the FWAC to secure a plan for HCA Revenue Allocation and a plan for Capital Planning. The Town Manager BOS and FWAC continue to review fiscal policy.

The Board also approved the yearly license renewals for the following businesses:

**Class I Automotive License:** None at this time

**Class II Automotive License:** Dales Auto, Flint's Garage, Main Street BP

**Class III Automotive License:** Hayes Auto Body

**Common Victualer License:** 110 Grill, Mr. Mikes, Lit Club, Athol House of Pizza, Athol Cinema 8, Blind Pig, Conway Petro, Country Convenience, Cumberland Farms Store 6688 and 6709, Dunkin Donuts 2143 Main St and 1634 S. Main Street, American Legion, Eight Dragons, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Hannaford, Larry's Variety, Dery Bar, Mahoney's Pub, Market Basket, McDonald's, Nick's Breakfast and Lunch, Olde Time New England Seafood, Soup on the Fly, Starbucks, Subway, Tea Garden, The Steel Pub, Tool Town Pizza, Friendly Town Pizza, Wendy's, Zedas.

**Liquor License – All Alcohol, Pouring:** 110 Grill, Lit Club, Blind Pig, American Legion, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mahoney's Pub, Dery Bar, The Steel Pub, The Tea Garden, Traverse Street Bar

**Liquor License – Wine and Malt, Pouring:** Athol House of Pizza, Olde Time New England Seafood, Tool Town Pizza

**Package Store – All Alcohol:** Athol Spirits, Stan's Liquor Mart, Uptown Package Store

**Package Store – Wine and Malt:** Country Convenience, The Corner Store, Athol Mini Mart

**Auto-Amusement –** 110 Grill, Lit Club, Blind Pig, American Legion, Franco-American Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mahoney's Restaurant and Pub, Dery Bar, Traverse St. Café, The Steel Pub,

**Live Entertainment& Sunday Entertainment –** 110 Grill, Lit Club, American Legion, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mahoney's Restaurant and Pub, Dery Bar, The Steel Pub

**Taxi/Livery Licenses –** North Quabbin Livery

**Lodging/Boarding -** Athol YMCA, Carl E. Dahl House, Harold Robinson, Providence Cliff House

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Bialecki, *Chairman*

Holly A. Young, *Vice Chairman*

Stephen R. Raymond, *Selectmen*

Lee E. Chauvette, *Selectmen*

William E. Chiasson, *Selectmen*

**TOWN MANAGER  
ANNUAL REPORT  
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Greetings,

It is hard for me to believe, but, this marks my sixth annual report to the citizens of Athol. What an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your Town Manager during a sustained period of strong public and private reinvestment in the community. There is no doubt that the combined efforts from community leaders, taxpayers, private-sector investors, citizens and volunteers has helped to improve the quality of life and economic health of this remarkable community.

The Town's 2014 adoption of its first-ever fiscal policies set the stage for improved finances by yielding an immediate bond rating upgrade to "AA-" (*Standard & Poor's*) which helped reduce borrowing costs for several major projects including the construction of the Athol Community Elementary School.

As well, the Town's Finance Team works collaboratively with the Finance & Warrant Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen to manage public funds in a pragmatic manner, resulting in a stable fiscal posture with sufficient stabilization reserves. This firm foundation has supported job creation, growth in the tax base and sustained public and private investment in recent years.

More specifically, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, my office has sought to align funding sources with municipal project and priorities including:

- Completed downtown master planning concepts through a grant authored by the Town Manager and commenced integrating those concepts with the Dept. of Public Works and Dept. of Community Development and Planning for implementation funding.
- Commenced infrastructure improvements including reconstruction of the Exchange Street Bridge, repair and extension of Pleasant Street sidewalks to the school campus and replacement of the DPW barn roof (all anticipated for completion by early 2020).
- Completed regulatory framework and negotiations with initial marijuana industry enterprises to ensure a safe and seamless integration in the community; these actions will result in new revenues for capital and reserves over the next five to seven years.
- Continued code enforcement through Housing Task Force to improve public safety.
- Participated in "Route 2 Task Force" and a safety improvements panel for Route 2A.
- Completed market study showing that a 70-80 key, mid-scale hotel development is economically feasible on public land off Templeton Road near Exit 18.

The Town continues to make economic progress and I thank the commitment of department heads and staff, board and committee volunteers, elected officials and our residents for this success.

Although this report is for 2019, as I complete my final edits, the COVID-19 pandemic has struck at the heart of our national, state and local economy. Be assured that we will pursue all avenues to protect the health and safety of Athol's residents – including your economic health – until this crisis abates.

Please email me directly at [ssuhoski@townofathol.org](mailto:ssuhoski@townofathol.org) with any questions or suggestions about Athol's local government. I am here to serve you.

Sincerely,

**Shaun A. Suhoski**  
Town Manager

## FACTS ABOUT ATHOL

HISTORY	April 20, 1733, General Court of Massachusetts laid out the township of Pequage. September 17, 1735, the first five families settled here. March 6, 1762, the township was incorporated and the name changed to Athol.
LOCATION	North central Massachusetts, 38 miles north of Worcester, and 71 miles west of Boston.
AREA	Land 32.34 square miles Water .73 square miles Total 33.07 square miles
POPULATION	11,584
REGISTERED VOTERS	6,886
POLLING PLACES	Precinct 1 – 3: Athol Senior Center 82 Freedom Street
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION	First Monday in April
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Second Monday in June
FALL TOWN MEETING	Third Monday in October
TOWN GOV'T	Open Town Meeting Five Member Board of Selectmen Town Manager
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS	Mon, Wed., Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday CLOSED

## STATE OFFICIALS

### **Governor**

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Elder Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-AG ELDER (243-5337)  
Fair Labor: 617-727-3465  
Insurance Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-830-6277  
Insurance Fraud Tipline: 617-573-5330  
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### **Secretary of the Commonwealth**

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### **State Representative** (2<sup>nd</sup> Franklin District)

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### **U.S. Senators**

#### **Elizabeth Warren**

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## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

### **MODERATOR**

Lawrence P. McLaughlin, 2020

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Rebecca Bialecki, 2020

Holly Young, 2020

Lee E. Chauvette, 2021

William B. Chiasson, 2022

Stephen R. Raymond, 2022

### **ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

From Athol:

Lee E. Chauvette, 2020

Mitchell Grosky, 2020

Joao Baptista, 2021

Deborah Kuzmeskas, 2021

William B. Chiasson, 2022

Tammy Duquette, 2022

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2022

From Royalston:

Nancy D. Melbourne, 2020

Carla Rabinowitz, 2021

Charles Pretti, 2023

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

John R. Greene, 2020

Margaret L. Young, 2020

Francis W. Foster, 2021

Christine Miranda, 2021

Sharon A. Brighenti, 2022

Margaret Feldman, 2022

### **ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Edward C. Sawin, 2020

Cathy Muzzy, 2021

Joseph Hawkins, 2021 (State Appointee)

Cathy Savoy, 2022

Edward Ledgard, 2024

### **CONSTABLES**

Randy Mitchell, 2020

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2021

Kevin Materas, 2022

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Admin. Asst., Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	Bridget Sullivan
Alternate Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Phil Harris
Animal Control Officer	Jennifer Arsenault
Assessor	Lisa Aldrich
Asst. Agent Board of Health	Jane O'Brien
Assistant Collector	Shana Smith
Assistant Gas Inspector	Robert Mallet
Assistant Municipal Coordinator	Jeffrey Parker
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Rick Geyster
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	Richard Kilhart
Assistant Town Accountant	Mary Ann Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk	Carol Bachelder
Assistant Treasurer	Catherine Levreault
Assistant Wire Inspector	Andrew Maroni
Board of Health Agent	Deborah Karan
Civil Defense Director	Joseph Guarnera
Collector/Treasurer	Tammy Coller
Deputy Fire Chief	Jeffrey Parker
Director, Council on Aging	Cathy Savoy
Director of Veterans' Benefits & Services	Sarah Custer
Emergency Management Director	Joseph Guarnera
Fire Chief	Joseph Guarnera
Inspector of Animals	Jennifer Arsenault
Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Robert Legare
Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances	Daniel Joly
Inspector of Wires	Gary Terroy
Library Director	Jean Shaughnessy
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Committee	Toni L. Phillips
Municipal Coordinator	Joseph Guarnera
Parking Meter Attendant	Ronny Cote
Plumbing Inspector	Daniel Joly
Police Chief	Craig Lundgren
Police Lieutenant	Ronny Cote
Sealer of Weights & Measures	John R. Greene
Superintendent of Public Works	Douglas Walsh
Superintendent of Schools	Darcy Fernandes
Town Accountant	Christine Mailloux
Town Clerk	Nancy E. Burnham
Town Counsel	John Barrett
Town Manager	Shaun A. Suhoski
Town Planner	Eric Smith

## TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES

### AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Pam Browning, 2020  
Mary E. Holtorf, 2021  
Cathleen O'Keefe, 2022  
Aimee Hanson, 2022

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

John Gostan, 2020  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020

### ATHOL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Robin Brzowski, 2019  
Tabitha DeHays, 2019  
Bonnie Hodgdon, 2019  
Kelsey Matthews, 2019  
Joann Deacon, 2020

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2020  
Edward Ledgard, 2021  
Lisa Aldrich, indefinite

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Martin Miarecki, 2020  
Norma Purple, 2021  
Joan Hamlett, 2022

### BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Richard Hayden, 2020  
Duane Truehart, 2020  
Aimee Hanson, 2021  
Kathy Norton, 2021  
Calvin Taylor, 2022  
David Small, 2023  
Jacqueline Doherty, 2024

### BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Heather Brissette, 2020  
Nancy Burnham, 2020  
Jean Robinson, 2020  
Holly Young, 2020  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel Carey, 2020  
Mark Wright, 2020

### CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Gino Tontodonato, 2020  
Kathy Norton, 2021  
Linda Oldach, 2021  
John Lambert, 2021  
Robert Muzzy, 2022  
Gary Deyo, 2023  
James Smith, 2023

### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gary Deyo, 2020  
Eric Smith, 2020  
Heidi Stickland, 2019  
Douglas Walsh, 2020  
Jamie Woods, 2020

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John R. Greene, 2020  
Laura Smith, 2020  
Walter Lehmann, 2021  
Robert Muzzy, 2021  
Katheryn Harrow, 2022  
Dennis Killay, 2022  
James Smith, 2022

### Associate Members:

Jamie Mallet, 2020  
Nicholas Tarara, 2020  
William Wheeler, 2020

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Kathy Cygan, 2020  
Linda Grenier, 2020  
Jackie Paluillis, 2020  
Lillian Bachelder, 2021  
Jean Ryder, 2021  
Walter Lehman, 2021  
Arthur Herk, 2022  
Barbara Savoy, 2022  
Margaret Young, 2022

### DOWNTOWN VITALITY COMMITTEE

Althea Bramhall, 2020  
Mary E. Holtorf, 2020  
Paula Robinson, 2020  
Ann Willhite, 2020  
Steve Wills, 2020  
Holly A. Young, 2020

### Associate Members:

Daphna DiPietro, 2020  
David Small, 2020

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)**

James W. Meehan, Jr., 2022  
Keith McGuirk, 2022  
Mark Wright, 2022  
Clinton Sykes, 2023  
Calvin Taylor, 2023  
Richard Plotkin, 20124  
Martin Robichaud, 2024  
Associate Members:  
Vacant, 2020  
Vacant, 2020

**FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Michael Butler, 2020  
Kenneth Duffy, 2020  
Michele Tontodonato, 2020  
Amy Craven, 2021  
Gary Deyo, 2021  
Ben Feldman, 2022  
Paul Nelson, 2022

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Shelly Small, 2020  
Jean Shaughnessy, 2020  
Vincent Cerez, 2021  
Carolyn Brouillet, 2022  
John R. Greene, 2022

**HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Patrick DiPietro, 2020  
Charles Shatos, 2020  
Ann Willhite, 2020

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Carol Bachelder, 2020  
Ben Feldman, 2020  
Robert Hughes, 2020  
Doug Kaczmarczyk, 2020

**MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Heather Brissette, 2020  
Nancy E. Burnham, 2020  
Lee E. Chauvette, 2020  
Ben J. Feldman, 2020  
John R. Greene, 2020  
Bridget Sullivan, 2020  
Holly Young, 2020

**MEMORIAL HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Bonnie Benjamin, 2020  
Rene Lake-Gagliardi, 2020  
Ethan Stone, 2020

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Joshua Feldman, 2020

Brian Hall, 2020  
Travis Knechtel, 2020  
Jamie Mallet, 2020  
David Small, 2020

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Gerard Lozier, 2019  
Hugh A. Horrigan, 2020  
Richard D. Godin, 2021  
Nancy E. Burnham, Town Clerk

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Anthony Brighenti, 2020  
Sharon Brighenti, 2020  
Margaret Feldman, 2020  
Travis Knechtel, 2020  
Robert Mallet, 2020  
Jared Robinson, 2020  
Paula Robinson, 2020

Associate Member:

David Small, 2020

**TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE**

William Aucoin, 2020  
Aimee Hanson, 2020  
Melissa Orren, 2020  
Kenneth Vaidulas, 2020  
Vacant, 2020

**VACANT & UNOCCUPIED BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Rebecca Bialecki, 2020  
Lee Chauvette, 2020  
Harry Haldt, 2020  
Robert Legare, 2020  
Jeffrey Parker, 2020  
Deborah Vondal, 2020  
Bruce Winters, 2020

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Robert Mallet, 2020  
Richard Coburn, 2021  
Susan Mondy Sykes, 2022  
Elvin Chartrand, 2023  
Kala Fisher, 2024

Associate Members:

Marc Freeman, 2020

**VITAL RECORDS**

	7/1/17- 6/30/18	7/1/18- 6/30/19
Births	128	108
Marriages	67	46
Deaths	190	204

**WHEN BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEET**

DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING
ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY 1st Wednesday	9:15 AM	21 Morton Meadows
ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3rd Wednesday	6:30 PM	Middle School
BOARD OF ASSESSORS Tuesday	As posted	Room 15
BOARD OF HEALTH		

4th Tuesday	4:00 PM	Room 1
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES (no meeting July & August) 3rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	Library
BOARD OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Room 21
CONSERVATION COMMISSION 4th Tuesday	6:00 PM	Liberty Hall
COUNCIL ON AGING 3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Room 21
EDIC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 PM	Room 21
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Room 21

Meeting notices and agendas are available on the Town of Athol website at [www.athol-ma.gov](http://www.athol-ma.gov)

**FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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The members of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator to be an independent advisory committee, representing our fellow citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Athol in the process of local town government.

The committee, comprised of seven members, reviews all warrant articles including the town budget and advises the citizens attending the town meeting what we feel is the best course of action to take on a given article. Voters are not bound by any recommendations made by the committee.

The committee holds monthly meetings throughout the year, meeting with the Town Manager along with various boards, committees and department heads as needed to review any matter of importance that may come before us during the year. We are also responsible for the administration of the town's annual Reserve Account, where we authorize use of these funds by a majority vote of the committee without the need of town meeting approval for unexpected situations that may occur in a given fiscal year.

By all accounts the town is doing well – we are seeing added tax revenues due to the North Quabbin Commons, property values are rising and there is a sense of real optimism about the future of our community.

On the municipal side, town management is taking a measured approach to growth and budgets. Realizing there is a balance between “needs” and “wants”. We are a growing community and as such, more services are needed – but at a measured pace.

The budget you will review shortly – takes those needs into account. The budget as presented is balanced and provides the community with the needed services we have all come to expect.

One area of this budget that has been and continues to be an issue is Capital Planning. This includes capital projects and equipment. For many years now the amount spent on capital projects and equipment is solely dependent on what we have left over from the previous year's appropriations – also known as “free cash”.

Previously there have been some years the Capital Planning Committee has had over a million dollars to work with, and other years as little as two-hundred thousand dollars. Yearly, requests can vary from 1.5 million to 3 million dollars.

But without a known - steady stream of revenue for capital planning projects, our long-term capital needs are truly in a “reactive” or “crisis” mode instead of being in a “proactive” mode.

As an example – this year the CPC had requests of over 3.8 million dollars. Two of those requests- the repair of the Town Hall Cupola and a new Fire Engine, to replace a 43-year-old unit, had a combined cost of almost 1.2 million dollars alone. These requests were denied due to the fact the committee had only \$600,000 dollars to work with. Both requests are justified and need to be dealt with sooner rather than later.

In the long run, being reactive as opposed to proactive ends up costing the taxpayers more than taking a pragmatic approach that is planned in advance to meet our capital needs over a given period.

To these ends, there is an agreement between the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Capital Planning Committee and Finance Committee to work jointly in the coming months to become proactive in the area of capital planning by developing “game plan” for the capital needs of the town.

This plan will layout the capital needs – including projects and equipment for the next five years and will also include a proposed funding source to meet these needs. The goal is to have this proposal ready for the Fall Town Meeting.

We simply can no longer take a reactive step by step approach to capital needs - dealing with capital issues once they become a “crisis”. The time has come for us to become proactive with a long -term approach to our capital needs.

On behalf of the FWAC – I would like thank the various department heads, boards and committees for their help and cooperation during the past year, it has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Duffy  
Chairman FWAC

FWAC members: Ken Duffy (Chairman) Ben Feldman (Vice Chairman), Amy Craven, Michele Tontodonato, Gary Deyo, Mike Butler and Paul Nelson.

**ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Athol Public Library celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Carnegie building during 2018. The library officially opened as a town-supported public library in August 1918. An anniversary/birthday party was held on Friday August 17, complete with scavenger hunts, library history trivia, a fire truck, a police car, and hot dogs and cake. The Friends Annual Meeting also highlighted this milestone with a program on the history of Athol and the library by Chris Coyle.

The Trustees gave approval for the library to become Fine Free on all Wednesdays and Saturdays. Noel's Nursery continued to improve the landscaping with new hydrangeas and other plantings. A garden club was formed and these volunteers made a huge contribution to the health and appearance of the library's grounds. Lighting along the entrance walkway was replaced with new LED lighting. Repairs continued on the HVAC system. A Monarch Way Station was established and officially certified in the butterfly garden and raised bed areas behind the library. This work plus the raising, tagging, and releasing of several Monarch butterflies was carried out by Paul and Karen McNiff. A notable donation to the library was accepted – three copper plates created to produce topographic and geologic maps of the Athol quadrangle between 1880 & 1950. These were a gift to the library from Stuart Deane, originally from Athol.

Some of the many uses of the library that were encouraged and/or approved by the Trustees included meetings and workshops held by the Opioid Task Force, DPW and Waterworks of MA, CWMARS, Valuing Our Children's Big Read, ELL parent meetings, a Girl Scout sleepover, an Autism Fair, MA Library System presentations, a workshop and individual sessions on housing options for disabled adults, Mass Grow job interviews, breakfasts for MA Municipal Association and for the Community Foundation, and a Community Input on Downtown Improvements session.

Notable library programs include the first annual Club Fair and a MBLC grant-funded program for teen interns. The 2018 Summer Reading Program, "Libraries Rock", was kicked off by a rock concert in Millers River Park behind the library. An "Open Mic", Ukulele lessons with Julie, and a program on local geology, "Athol Rocks!", complimented the summer theme. Tales from the Home of the World's Worst Weather, book talks by local authors Judith McIntosh, Deb Habib and Ricky Baruch, and Carla Rabinowitz, "Flash in the Can" book launch and reading, an informative presentation by our own town hall employees, and a "We Love Reading" Valentine's Day and book sharing party were some of the many wonderful programs hosted by the library during the year.

The 2019 Summer Reading program, "A Universe of Stories", featured rocket ships, storytelling, and prizes for reading. The reconstruction and frequent closure of Marble Street did not dampen the participation in reading, attendance at programs, and business as usual at the library, although it did present challenges. The new street, infrastructure, and sidewalks are worth a little inconvenience in accessing the parking lot!

Respectfully submitted,  
Christin Miranda, Chair  
Margaret Feldman, Clerk  
Sharon Brighenti

Frank Foster  
J.R. Greene  
Margaret Young

**ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Athol Housing Authority provides affordable housing to low and moderate income families, as well as to the elderly and disabled. Housing is available based on Federal and State Program Regulations.

The Authority owns 78 Elderly/Handicapped units under the Massachusetts Chapter 667 Housing Program as well as 16 units of Family units under the Massachusetts Chapter 705 Housing Program.

Additionally, the Authority administers housing subsidies for 45 families under the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program and 58 families under the Federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Effective January 5, 2015, the Orange Housing Authority (OHA) shares office space with the Athol Housing Authority (AHA). The combined staff is made up of the following:

- Christi Martin, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board (AHA)
- Diane Praplaski, Program Administrator (AHA)
- Connie Parmenter, MRVP Administrator (AHA)
- Linda Lefebre, Clerk (OHA)
- Kenneth Vaidulas, Clerk (OHA)
- Nicholas Tarara, Maintenance Supervisor (AHA)
- Joseph Chiasson, Jr., Maintenance Staff (OHA)
- David Brothers, Maintenance Staff (OHA)
- Dean Whitney, Maintenance Staff (AHA)

The Authority is overseen by the Board of Commissioners, which meet on a monthly basis. The Board is made up of the following:

- Cathy Savoy, Chairperson
- Edward Sawin, Vice-Chairperson
- Ted Ledgard, Treasurer
- Joseph Hawkins, Governor's Appointee

The office of the Athol Housing Authority is located at 21 Morton Meadows and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone 978-249-4848. Fax 978-249-9604.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi Martin  
Executive Director  
Athol Housing Authority

# CHAPTER TWO

## FINANCE

Reports of the  
Accountant, Collector,  
Treasurer & Assessor

**ATHOL TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The following reports are the financial transactions of the Town of Athol for the 12 month period ending June 30, 2019.

**TOWN OF ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS  
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
As of June 30, 2019  
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	3,514,163.58	1,627,920.31	3,887,610.88	1,158,161.73		4,674,290.75		14,862,147.25
Investments								-
Receivables:								-
Personal property taxes	31,160.68							31,160.68
Real estate taxes	562,620.25							562,620.25
Deferred taxes	21,939.32							21,939.32
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(218,093.02)							(218,093.02)
Special assessments (Title V)	99,016.92							99,016.92
Tax liens	746,019.76			1,520.35				747,540.11
Tax foreclosures	187,576.71							187,576.71
Motor vehicle excise	235,019.26							235,019.26
Other excises								-
Utility Charges				66,028.81				66,028.81
Departmental	585,880.00	2,590,894.32				46,359.02		3,223,133.34
Other receivables								-
Due to/from other funds								-
Due from other governments			34,302.95					34,302.95
Prepays								-
Inventory								-
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								-
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							17,290,134.00	17,290,134.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave								-
Total Assets	<u>5,765,303.46</u>	<u>4,218,814.63</u>	<u>3,921,913.83</u>	<u>1,225,710.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,720,649.77</u>	<u>17,290,134.00</u>	<u>37,142,526.58</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>								
Liabilities:								
Deferred revenue								-
Real and personal property taxes	375,687.91							375,687.91
Deferred taxes	21,939.32							21,939.32
Prepaid taxes/fees								-
Special assessments (Title V)	99,016.92							99,016.92
Tax liens	746,019.76			1,520.35				747,540.11
Tax foreclosures	187,576.71							187,576.71
Motor vehicle excise	235,019.26							235,019.26
Other excises								-
Utility Charges				66,028.81				66,028.81
Departmental	585,880.00	2,543,323.28						3,129,203.28
Deposits receivable								-
Other receivables								-
Due from other governments								-
Due to other governments								-
Accounts payable								-
Warrants payable								-
Accrued payroll and withholdings	25,454.50							25,454.50
Other liabilities						68,465.57		68,465.57
IBNR								-
Bonds payable							17,290,134.00	17,290,134.00
Notes payable			6,925,000.41					6,925,000.41
Vacation and sick leave liability								-
Total Liabilities	<u>2,276,594.38</u>	<u>2,543,323.28</u>	<u>6,925,000.41</u>	<u>67,549.16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,465.57</u>	<u>17,290,134.00</u>	<u>29,171,066.80</u>

Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	503,948.61		356,713.47				860,662.08
Reserved for expenditures	1,112,163.00		375,000.00				1,487,163.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations							-
Reserved for petty cash							-
Reserved for appropriation deficit							-
Reserved for snow and ice deficit							-
Reserved for debt Service							-
Reserved for premiums	83,819.96						83,819.96
Undesignated fund balance	1,788,777.51						1,788,777.51
Unreserved retained earnings		1,675,491.35	(3,003,086.58)	426,448.26		4,652,184.20	3,751,037.23
Investment in capital assets							-
Total Fund Equity	<u>3,488,709.08</u>	<u>1,675,491.35</u>	<u>(3,003,086.58)</u>	<u>1,158,161.73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,652,184.20</u>	<u>7,971,459.78</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>5,765,303.46</u>	<u>4,218,814.63</u>	<u>3,921,913.83</u>	<u>1,225,710.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,720,649.77</u>	<u>17,290,134.00</u>

**TOWN OF ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail**  
**as of June 30, 2019**  
**(Unaudited)**

Account Number	Account Name	Accounts Receivable	Fund Balance 6/30/2019	Receipts thru 9/30/2019	BAN's	Remaining Balance 6/30/2018
						0.00
2100-000-3511	Comminuty Block Grant		7,950.98			7,950.98
2100-000-3515	NQLF Revolving Account		136,161.26			136,161.26
2100-216-3511	FY16 Insfrastructure		0.00			0.00
2100-216-3512	FY16 Housing Rehap		(32.36)			(32.36)
2100-217-3511	FY17 CDBG		(655.45)	6,403.60		5,748.15
2100-218-3511	FY18 CDBG		0.00			0.00
2150-000-3510	CDBG Loan Repayment Program		179,800.66			179,800.66
2200-000-3513	Cops More Grant		5,353.39			5,353.39
2200-000-3517	Police LLEGB Grant		1,617.06			1,617.06
2200-000-3518	Byrne Youth Employ Grant		1,970.91			1,970.91
2200-000-3522	Library Planning Grant		73.27			73.27
2200-000-3537	NC Techl Assistance Grant		354.37			354.37
2200-000-3538	Lake Ellis Dam Grant		31,210.39			31,210.39
2500-000-3284	Arts Lottery		7,690.90			7,690.90
2500-000-3287	Community Septic Grant		1,405.00			1,405.00
2500-000-3288	43D Expedite Permit Grant		6,703.08			6,703.08
2500-000-3290	Federal Bio-Terrorism Grant		290.37			290.37
2500-000-3591	Homeland Sec Grant Citizens Corp		15.10			15.10
2500-000-3513	Composting Grant		125.00			125.00
2500-000-3521	Election & Registration Reimb.		3,216.68			3,216.68
2500-000-3522	Clean Energy CHC Matching Grant		345.54			345.54
2500-000-3523	BOH Skin Cancer Grant		240.66			240.66
2500-000-3526	B Health Supplies Grant		0.33			0.33
2500-000-3528	Library Grant		121,604.48			121,604.48
2500-000-3530	MLBC Construction Grant Lib Exp Project		97,030.10			97,030.10
2500-000-3539	Energy Audit Program Grant		1,517.00			1,517.00
2500-000-3543	MA Forest Stewardship Plan 1.12		500.00			500.00
2500-215-3523	BOH Immunization Disparity Grant		3,209.26			3,209.26
2500-216-3512	FY16 Small Scale Grant Trans Sta		1,000.00			1,000.00
2500-217-3520	Comm Compact IT Grant FY17 Computers		228.50			228.50
2500-218-3511	MassWorks PreDev Planning FY18		0.00			0.00
2500-218-3515	FY18 Recycling Divi Prog		1,480.40			1,480.40
2500-219-3511	FY19 Complte Streets Mass DOT Grant		0.00			0.00
2500-219-3514	FY19 Mattress Recyding Grant		4,090.00			4,090.00
2500-219-3515	FY19 Recycling Dividiends Program		3,500.00			3,500.00
2500-219-3543	FY19 META Grant		0.00			0.00
2500-219-3544	FY19 Green Comm Energy Tech Assist Grant		0.00			0.00
2510-215-3512	BOH Mass Poll Abate Trust ATM15AR		18,603.17			18,603.17
2510-217-3511	FY17 FDA Retail Grant BOH		669.03			669.03
2511-000-3515	Police DARE Grant		4,307.28			4,307.28
2511-000-3516	Police VOWA Grant		292.71			292.71
2511-217-3511	FY17 Police K9 Stanton Grant		16,813.15			16,813.15
2511-219-3520	FY19 Comm Compact IT Grant Police		1,980.00			1,980.00
2511-219-3521	FY19 JAG LLE Equip & Tech Grant		0.00			0.00
2512-000-3282	Co Aging Formula Grant		1,959.64			1,959.64
2512-000-3289	COA Boyton Fund		5,717.26			5,717.26
2512-000-3292	MCOA Grant 3.11		2,086.58			2,086.58

2515-000-3538	Emergency Planning Committee Grant	141.14	141.14
2515-000-3540	Emergency Mgt Planning Grant (Fire)	316.19	316.19
2515-217-3534	FY17 Fire SAFE grant	0.00	0.00
2515-217-3535	FY17 Senior SAFE Grant	0.00	0.00
2515-219-3534	FY19 Fire SAFE Grant	3,570.92	3,570.92
2515-219-3535	FY19 Senior SAFE Grant	2,400.00	2,400.00
22515-219-3540	FY19 EMP Grant	0.00	0.00
2515-219-3541	FY19 Mass Decon Unit Grant	1,845.72	1,845.72
2600-000-3286	Equipment Rental	3,704.00	3,704.00
2600-000-3301	Parking Meter Accounts	78,388.45	78,388.45
2600-000-3303	Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,982.50	2,982.50
2600-000-3305	Conservation Fund	26,109.25	26,109.25
2600-000-3307	Reserve for Ambulance	346,617.91	346,617.91
2600-000-3308	Sale of Real Estate Proceeds	41,871.35	41,871.35
2700-000-3281	VABC Receivership/Rehab Liens Grant Approp	131,355.34	131,355.34
2700-000-3282	VABC Demo Leins Grants Appropriations	110,179.55	110,179.55
2700-000-3285	Chapter 525 Insurance	35,799.91	35,799.91
2700-000-3289	CDBG Loan Repayment Program	0.00	0.00
2700-000-3295	Accident Recovery Account	116.56	116.56
2700-000-3305	Conservation Commission	7,835.77	7,835.77
2800-000-3281	Council on Aging Special	54,061.30	54,061.30
2800-000-3283	Council Aging Parmenter	80.00	80.00
2800-000-3284	Agriculture Comm Donations	1,852.31	1,852.31
2800-000-3285	Bunzel Extrusion	889.05	889.05
2800-000-3287	Retail Mgt & Devel for Marketbasket	15,350.47	15,350.47
2800-000-3288	Expedited Permit 43D Market Basket	29,795.00	29,795.00
2800-000-3289	3824 Chestnuthill Solar Peer Review	0.00	0.00
2800-000-3290	Conant Rd Solar Peer Review	16.00	16.00
2800-000-3291	Thrower Rd 53G Solar Peer Review	143.80	143.80
2800-000-3521	Building/Insp Services Enforcement Fund	25,652.43	25,652.43
2800-000-3522	Building Dept. / Fire Dept. Fines	2,781.76	2,781.76
2800-000-3523	Drug Forfeiture Account	10,451.39	10,451.39
2800-000-3524	Parmenter Large Print	676.86	676.86
2800-000-3527	Library Memorial Book	3,477.09	3,477.09
2800-000-3528	Friends of Library Donations	3,469.45	3,469.45
2800-000-3529	Mass. Decon Unit Training	1,516.16	1,516.16
2800-000-3539	Town Hall Flag Pole Donations	1,159.15	1,159.15
2800-000-3539	Safety Education Fund	321.86	321.86
2800-000-3581	Police K9 Donations	10,850.64	10,850.64
2800-000-3582	DARE Donations	1,195.53	1,195.53
2800-000-3583	Veterans ParkDonations	150.00	150.00
2800-000-3584	Teen Task Force	2,247.00	2,247.00
2800-000-3587	Care of Animals Donations	10,081.12	10,081.12
2800-000-3588	Shade Tree Commission Donations	1,723.71	1,723.71
2800-000-3589	Holiday Decorations Donations	504.36	504.36
2800-000-3590	ACO Van Donations	615.85	615.85
2800-000-3593	Bearsden Donations	410.00	410.00
2800-000-3594	Light Donations - Silver Lake	1,114.79	1,114.79
2800-000-3595	ACO Facility Donations	189.78	189.78
2800-000-3596	Recreation Committee	13,040.51	13,040.51
2800-000-3597	Memorial Hall Revitalization	6,692.51	6,692.51
2800-000-3598	Fire Donations	4,748.67	4,748.67
2800-000-4832	Community Safety Day - Police	525.00	525.00
2800-000-4834	Police Donations	1,683.38	1,683.38
2800-000-6001	COA Comm Kitchen Donation	0.01	0.01
2800-217-3284	Millers River Floating Dock Donations	3,253.45	3,253.45
2800-218-3281	DPU TNC Funds	16.31	16.31
2800-218-3520	HCGIT Wellness Program	94.39	94.39
2800-219-3284	100 Main St Wheel Chair Lift Donations	0.00	0.00
2800-219-3285	706 Peterhsam Rd Peer Review Marijuana	1,250.00	1,250.00
2800-219-3585	Downtown Events and Initiatives	(250.00)	(250.00)

Total Special Revenue Fund Balance	0.00	1,675,491.35	6,403.60	0.00	1,681,894.95
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**TOWN OF FATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Capital Project Fund Balance Detail**  
as of June 30, 2019  
(Unaudited)

Account Number	Account Name	Fund Balance 6/30/2018	Receipts thru 9/30/2018	BAN's	Remaining Balance 6/30/2018
3000-000-3761	Police Station	2,353.45			2,353.45
3000-000-3762	Repairs to South Street Deck	3,847.45			3,847.45
3000-000-3763	Chapter 90	1,421.51			1,421.51
3000-000-3764	Sewer Ejector System	2,632.22			2,632.22
3000-000-3765	Consultant to Upgrade STP	9,734.69			9,734.69
3000-000-3769	Replace Gates	17,606.87			17,606.87
3000-000-3773	Water Inflow / Infiltration	16,781.00			16,781.00
3000-000-3776	Lord Pond Plaza Drainage	6,726.66			6,726.66
3000-000-3777	Senior Center	1,929.98			1,929.98
3000-214-3721	NQ Bus Park Water Ext FY14	2,703.23			2,703.23
3000-214-3762	Elementary School FY14 Bond 2	(3,427,126.70)		3,430,000.41	2,873.71
3000-214-3764	Elementary School FY14 Final Bond	1,066,879.00			1,066,879.00
3000-218-3721	FY18 DPW Bridge, Roof, Sidewalks	(851,620.80)		3,495,000.00	2,643,379.20
3300-000-3792	Water Tank	108,005.48			108,005.48
					0.00
3400-000-3766	Reconstruct STP	387.69			387.69
					0.00
3500-000-3766	Transfer Station	34,651.69			34,651.69
					0.00
Total Capital Project Fund Balance		<u>(3,003,086.58)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,925,000.41</u>	<u>3,921,913.83</u>

**TOWN OF ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds**  
as of June 30, 2019  
(Unaudited)

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Transfer Station Enterprise Fund	(Insert Name) Enterprise Fund	(Insert Name) Enterprise Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	568,096.52	596,490.03	(6,424.82)			1,158,161.73
Investments						-
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes						-
Real estate taxes						-
Deferred taxes						-
Allowance for abatements and exemptions						-
Special assessments						-
Tax liens	2,468.80	(948.45)				1,520.35
Tax foreclosures						-
Motor vehicle excise						-
Other excises						-
Utility Charges	26,952.93	39,075.88				66,028.81
Departmental						-
Other receivables						-
Due to/from other funds						-
Due from other governments						-
Prepays						-
Inventory						-
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation						-
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						-
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave						-
Total Assets	<u>597,518.25</u>	<u>634,617.46</u>	<u>(6,424.82)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,225,710.89</u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Liabilities:

Deferred revenue						-
Real and personal property taxes						-
Deferred taxes						-
Prepaid taxes/fees						-
Special assessments						-
Tax liens	2468.8	(948.45)				1,520.35
Tax foreclosures						-
Motor vehicle excise						-
Other excises						-
Utility Charges	26952.93	39,075.88				66,028.81
Departmental						-
Deposits receivable						-
Other receivables						-
Due from other governments						-
Accounts payable						-
Warrants payable						-
Accrued payroll and withholdings						-
Other liabilities						-
IBNR						-
Bonds payable						-
Notes payable						-
Vacation and sick leave liability						-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>29,421.73</u>	<u>38,127.43</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,549.16</u>

Fund Equity:

Reserved for encumbrances	204,492.96	152,162.63	57.88			356,713.47
Reserved for expenditures	150,000.00	225,000.00	-			375,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations						-
Reserved for petty cash						-
Reserved for appropriation deficit						-
Reserved for snow and ice deficit						-
Reserved for debt Service						-
Reserved for premiums						-
Undesignated fund balance						-
Unreserved retained earnings	213,603.56	219,327.40	(6,482.70)			426,448.26
Investment in capital assets						-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>568,096.52</u>	<u>596,490.03</u>	<u>(6,424.82)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,158,161.73</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<u>597,518.25</u>	<u>634,617.46</u>	<u>(6,424.82)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,225,710.89</u>

**TOWN OF ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS  
Non-Expendable Trust Fund Balance Detail  
as of June 30, 2019  
(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fund Balance 6/30/2019</b>	<b>Receipts thru 9/30/2019</b>	<b>BAN's</b>	<b>Remaining Balance 6/30/2019</b>
					0.00
					0.00
8100-000-3501	Spaight Street School	1,000.00			1,000.00
8100-000-3502	Charles Cooke Schoo	3,000.00			3,000.00
8100-000-3503	Gertrude Hale Schola	102,620.66			102,620.66
8100-000-3504	Lyman Ward School	1,000.00			1,000.00
8100-000-3505	Edwin Hale Library	102,220.66			102,220.66
8100-000-3506	Kate Fay Library	26,000.00			26,000.00
8100-000-3507	Fay Johnstone Librar	500.00			500.00
8100-000-3508	Craigin Downng	6,700.00			6,700.00
8100-000-3509	Richard Ellis Memori	1,001.50			1,001.50
8100-000-3510	Barbara Dexter	500.00			500.00
8100-000-3511	Dr. Talcott Memorial	565.00			565.00
8100-000-3512	Martha Talcott Mem	4,375.07			4,375.07

8100-000-3513	Russell Field Library	1,000.00	1,000.00
8100-000-3514	Talcott Historical	153.00	153.00
8100-000-3515	Adele Parmenter	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3516	Millers River Translat	226.52	226.52
8100-000-3517	Gladys Greene Librar	225.00	225.00
8100-000-3518	Herb Bartlet Library	1,000.00	1,000.00
8100-000-3520	Helen Aiken Library	33.25	33.25
8100-000-3521	A. Harding Library	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3522	Marion Crane Flower	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3523	Morse Davidson Flo	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3524	Waterman Flower	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3525	Wilder Cemetery Flo	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3526	White Taylor Boland	150.00	150.00
8100-000-3527	Kate Fay Flower	400.00	400.00
8100-000-3528	Allen Warrell Flower	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3529	C. Everett Flower	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3530	H.C. Morse Flower	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3531	Marie/Virginia Phillip	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3532	Carie/Flora Hale Flo	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3533	Winnie Burnham Flo	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3534	Albert Drury Flower	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3535	Willey Flower Fund	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3536	Elizabeth Cropper Fl	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3537	Marjorie Hill Flower	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3538	Nellie Byron Fountai	4,451.96	4,451.96
8100-000-3539	Cemetery Tomb Fun	2,000.00	2,000.00
8100-000-3540	Sprague Charity Func	3,000.00	3,000.00
8100-000-3541	Cemetery General Fu	620,057.60	620,057.60
8100-000-3544	Coffin Fund	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3545	Gamon Flower Fund	500.00	500.00
8100-000-3546	Melvina Lukas Libran	4,684.00	4,684.00
8100-000-3547	R. Cook Library Trus	32,220.00	32,220.00
8100-000-3549	McGuirk	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3552	Johnson Library Trus	960.00	960.00
8100-000-3553	Magranis/Davenport	10,000.00	10,000.00
8100-000-3554	Lillian Plotkin Schola	10,000.00	10,000.00
8100-000-3555	Amelia Gibson Librar	78,260.77	78,260.77
8100-000-3556	Nye Library Trust	2,000.00	2,000.00
8100-000-3558	Frawley Flower Func	300.00	300.00
8100-000-3559	Thomas Flower Func	325.00	325.00
8100-000-3560	H & C Brouillet Libra	5,000.00	5,000.00
8100-000-3561	Claire Brouillet Appr	573,182.85	573,182.85
8100-000-3565	Ben and Margaret Fe	325.00	325.00
8100-000-3566	OPEB Liability Trust	246,968.94	246,968.94
		<u>1,853,306.78</u>	<u>1,853,306.78</u>

**TOWN OF ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Expendable Trust Fund Balance Detail**  
**as of June 30, 2019**  
**(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fund Balance 6/30/2019</b>	<b>Receipts thru 9/30/2019</b>	<b>BAN's</b>	<b>Remaining Balance 6/30/2019</b>
8200-000-3501	Spaight Street School	462.95			462.95
8200-000-3502	Charles Cooke School	635.71			635.71
8200-000-3503	Gertrude Hale Scholarship	3,772.21			3,772.21
8200-000-3504	Lyman Ward School	3,877.16			3,877.16
8200-000-3505	Edwin C. Hale Library	13,513.60			13,513.60
8200-000-3506	Kate Fay Library	6,992.97			6,992.97
8200-000-3507	Fay Johnstone Library	1,152.18			1,152.18
8200-000-3508	Craigin Downing	1,455.50			1,455.50
8200-000-3509	Richard Ellis Memorial	416.41			416.41
8200-000-3510	Barbara Dexter Library	1,065.76			1,065.76
8200-000-3511	Dr. Talcott Memorial Fund	821.49			821.49
8200-000-3512	Martha Talcott Memorial	1,610.38			1,610.38
8200-000-3513	Russell Field Library	833.95			833.95
8200-000-3514	Talcott Historical	1,226.45			1,226.45
8200-000-3515	Adele Parmenter	854.67			854.67
8200-000-3516	Millers River Translator	1,762.84			1,762.84
8200-000-3517	Gladys Greene Library	2,141.05			2,141.05
8200-000-3518	Herb Bartlet Library	2,702.78			2,702.78
8200-000-3519	Library Book Fund	163.57			163.57
8200-000-3520	Helen Aiken Library	506.12			506.12
8200-000-3521	A. Harding Library	2,818.20			2,818.20
8200-000-3522	Marion Crane Flower	1,503.14			1,503.14
8200-000-3523	Morse Davidson Flower	781.87			781.87
8200-000-3524	Waterman Flower	1,023.62			1,023.62
8200-000-3525	Wilder Cemetery Flower	539.81			539.81
8200-000-3526	White Taylor Boland Flower	342.89			342.89
8200-000-3527	Kate Fay Flower	923.89			923.89
8200-000-3528	Allen Warrell Flower	1,354.86			1,354.86
8200-000-3529	Charles Everett Flower	2,190.25			2,190.25
8200-000-3530	Laban Morse Flower	381.37			381.37
8200-000-3531	Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	603.17			603.17
8200-000-3532	Carie/Flora Hale Flower	339.20			339.20
8200-000-3533	Winnie Burnham Flower	391.70			391.70
8200-000-3534	Albert Drury Flower	279.39			279.39
8200-000-3535	Willey Flower	110.34			110.34
8200-000-3536	Elizabeth Cropper Flower	82.33			82.33
8200-000-3537	Marjorie Hill Flower	143.74			143.74
8200-000-3538	Nellie Byron Fountain	19,565.95			19,565.95
8200-000-3539	Cemetery Tomb Fund	30,340.86			30,340.86
8200-000-3540	Sprague Charity Fund	23,687.65			23,687.65
8200-000-3541	Cemetery General Fund	51,563.35			51,563.35
8200-000-3542	Stabilization Fund	859,262.51			859,262.51
8200-000-3543	Conservation Fund	2,068.97			2,068.97
8200-000-3544	Coffin Fund	82.28			82.28
8200-000-3545	Gamon Flower Fund	357.00			357.00
8200-000-3546	Melvina Lukas Library	1,139.17			1,139.17
8200-000-3547	Davenport Trust Fund	2,204.63			2,204.63
8200-000-3548	R. Cooke Fund	5,884.22			5,884.22

8200-000-3549	Lake Park Fund	12,382.82			12,382.82
8200-000-3550	Charles Starrett	18,339.85			18,339.85
8200-000-3551	McGuirk Trust Fund	290.31			290.31
8200-000-3552	Johnson Library Fund	666.88			666.88
8200-000-3553	Magranis/Davenport Trust Fund	1,811.67			1,811.67
8200-000-3554	Lillian Plotkin Scholarship	207.78			207.78
8200-000-3555	Gibson Trust	13,506.80			13,506.80
8200-000-3556	Library Capital Improvement	2,220.82			2,220.82
8200-000-3557	Nye Library Trust	1,134.86			1,134.86
8200-000-3558	Frawley Flower Fund	129.78			129.78
8200-000-3559	Thomas Flower Fund	12.59			12.59
8200-000-3560	H & C Brouillet Library Trust Fund	1,689.59			1,689.59
8200-000-3561	C. Brouillet Apprenticeship Fund	35,937.89			35,937.89
8200-000-3562	Bassett Trust - Police	0.00			0.00
8200-000-3563	Bassett Trust - Fire	5,578.89			5,578.89
8200-000-3564	Insurance Stabilization Account	26,161.85			26,161.85
8200-000-3565	Ben & Margaret Feldman Flower F	16.60			16.60
8200-000-3566	DM Goldsher Friend of Library Fui	4,993.37			4,993.37
8200-000-3567	A & K Ralys Library Trust Fund	1,506,411.12			1,506,411.12
8200-000-3568	Capital Stabilization	837.80			837.80
8200-000-3569	Sherman Plotkin Library Trust	25,065.63			25,065.63
8200-000-3570	T Fitzgerald Trust Police	46,256.94			46,256.94
8200-000-3571	T Fitzgerald Trust Fire	16,269.98			16,269.98
8200-000-3587	Mildren G Foster Mann Library Fui	5,254.30			5,254.30
8200-000-3572	R Marzrec Vets Park Trust	12,895.19			12,895.19
		<u>2,794,007.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,794,007.42</u>

**TOWN OF FATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Agency Fund Balance Detail**  
**as of June 30, 2019**  
**(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fund Balance 6/30/2019</b>	<b>Receipts thru 9/30/2019</b>	<b>BAN's</b>	<b>Remaining Balance 6/30/2019</b>
8900-000-1700	A/R Chapter 773	(46,359.02)			(46,359.02)
8900-000-2581	Plumbing Inspector Fees	8,472.00			8,472.00
8900-000-2582	Gas Inspector Fees	5,417.90			5,417.90
8900-000-2583	Tailings	7,716.80			7,716.80
8900-000-2585	Ch 773 - Outside Detail	23,098.85			23,098.85
8900-000-2586	Deputy Tax Collector	493.69			493.69
8900-000-2588	Firearms and Licenses	6,817.50			6,817.50
8900-000-2589	Septic Revenue	953.51			953.51
8900-000-2590	Trench Permitting	450.00			450.00
8900-000-2591	Compost Bins	425.44			425.44
8900-000-2592	Building Dept. Outside Detail	481.50			481.50
8900-000-2594	Conservation Committee Maps	185.15			185.15

8900-000-2595	Board of Health Vaccines	4,123.62		4,123.62
8900-000-2596	Fire Outside Details	916.04		916.04
8900-000-2597	Recreation Fee's	10,384.74		10,384.74
8900-000-3293	Agency & Trust	3,098.83		3,098.83

Total Agency Fund Balance	73,035.57	0.00	0.00	73,035.57
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Total Trust and Agency Fund Balance	4,720,349.77
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<b>Receipts and Payments</b>		
<b>July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>		
<b>Taxes &amp; Excises:</b>		
Personal Property Taxes	438,423	
Real Estate Taxes	12,909,175	
Tax Title Redeemed	102,499	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions	23,834	
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,206,567	
Penalties & Interest Earned on Taxes	217,582	
In Lieu of Taxes	384	
Meals Tax	155,816	
<b>Total Taxes &amp; Excises</b>		<b>15,054,280</b>
<b>Department Revenue</b>		
Animal Control	65	
Board of Health	66,219	
Town Clerk	85,377	
Library	793	
Police	23,432	
Fire	19,059	
Ambulance	909,875	
Wire	75,949	
Building	120,936	
Tax Collector Fees	38,003	
Sealer WM	3,792	
Cemetery Receipts	28,322	
Conservation/Misc DPW	1,646	

Selectmen	19,941	
DPW Permits	900	
Rentals	79,056	
Parking Fines	6,100	
Investment Income	54,656	
Court Fines	10,937	
Miscellaneous	113,701	
CDBG	37,745	
Veteran's District	53,490	
ACO District	33,821	
Septic Betterment Revenue	13,789	
<b>Total Departmental Revenue</b>		<b>1,797,604</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Abatements - Vets, Blind, Surv.	78,575	
Additional Assistance General	13,837	
Lottery	2,737,372	
Veterans Benefits	148,896	
Reimbursement of Taxes - State Land	44,422	
Urban Redevelopment	51,356	
Library	20,123	
Assessments	(42,530)	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>3,052,051</b>
<b>Transfers from Other Funds</b>		
Special Revenue Funds	22,822	
Trust Funds	59,890	
Water Enterprise	140,821	
Sewer Enterprise	146,060	
Transfer Enterprise	17,016	
<b>Total From Other Funds</b>		<b>386,609</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>		<b>20,290,544</b>

**Town of Athol**  
**Expense to Budget**  
**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

Group	Department	Budget	Expended	Ending Balance
<b>FINANCE</b>				
	Finance Committee	84,530	210	40
	Accounting	127,345	126,633	712
	Assessor	132,951	132,755	196
	Treasurer/Collector	2,857,148	2,579,838	277,310
	Treasurer/Debt	1,520,855	1,520,129	726
	Capital Planning Com	1,120	1,120	-
<b>Total Finance</b>		<b>4,723,949</b>	<b>4,360,685</b>	<b>278,984</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
	Police	1,887,447	1,887,379	68
	Fire	1,816,456	1,816,456	-
	Building Department	156,488	153,432	3,056
	Animal Control	86,248	76,049	10,199
	Board of Health	122,282	122,251	31
<b>Total Public Safety</b>		<b>4,068,921</b>	<b>4,055,567</b>	<b>13,354</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>				
	Selectmen	527,497	516,477	11,020
	Town Manager	138,860	132,212	6,648
				-
	Town Clerk	145,809	142,865	2,944
	Elect / Registration	29,344	26,530	2,814
	Conservation Comm	23,350	23,288	62
	Zoning Board	2,500	2,056	444
	Planner	111,404	110,131	1,273
	Memorial Hall	136,050	106,092	29,958
	Professional Services	324,798	319,077	5,721
	Council on Aging	112,719	100,767	11,952
	Veterans Department	244,529	244,529	-
	Library	545,968	545,968	-
	Parking Clerk	11,125	10,230	895
	Recreation	21,525	21,525	-
	Beaches	38,335	37,944	391
<b>Total Public Service</b>		<b>2,413,813</b>	<b>2,339,691</b>	<b>74,122</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS**

	DPW Administration	245,120	245,120	-
	Highway Department	1,035,961	1,035,961	-
	Cemetery	377,427	377,427	-
<b>Total Public Works</b>		<b>1,658,508</b>	<b>1,658,508</b>	<b>-</b>

**OTHER**

	Retirement	1,354,103	1,329,300	24,803
	Retirement BuyBacks	120,000	117,358	2,642
		<b>1,474,103</b>	<b>1,446,658</b>	<b>27,445</b>

**SCHOOL**

	ARRSD	4,485,122	4,485,122	-
	Vocational	304,420	289,795	14,625
<b>Total School</b>		<b>4,789,542</b>	<b>4,774,917</b>	<b>14,625</b>

**ASSESSMENTS**

	Air Pollution Control	2,670	2,670	-
	Montachusset RTA	19,736	19,736	-
	RMV Non-Renewal	22,320	20,124	2,196
<b>Total Assessments</b>		<b>44,726</b>	<b>42,530</b>	<b>2,196</b>

**TOTAL OPERATIONAL SPENDING**                      **19,173,562**                      **18,678,556**                      **410,726**

**ARTICLES/HOLDOVERS**

Description	Amount
2009 Capital Plan	756
2012 Capital Plan	229
2013 Capital Plan	35,791
2014 Capital Plan	1,177
2015 Capital Plan	21,598
2016 Capital Plan	645
2017 Capital Plan	73,121
2018 Capital Plan	52,722
2019 Capital Plan	131,322
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>	<b>317,361</b>

Disposition of Schools	3,900	
Silver Lake Mst Plan	4,200	
FY15 Reval	3,155	
FY17 Reval	51,000	
FY18 Reval	48,413	
Upgrade Radio System	2,173	
FY16 Secure Demo	7,251	
FY17 Secure Demo	441	
Upgrades to ACO	8,959	
DEP Phase 1	18,638	
Lake Ellis Treatment	4,060	
		<b>152,190</b>
Selectmen	7,896	
Town Clerk	7,037	
Town Hall	5,136	
Police	33	
Planner	163	
Highway	181	
Professional Services	10,564	
Treasurer	1,850	
Board of Health	130	
Cemetery	677	
COAging	215	
Fire	514	
		<b>34,396</b>
<b>Total Funds to be Heldover</b>		<b>186,586</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>		
Holdover	18,295	
FY14 Replace UV Lamp	3,635	
FY19 Equip and Infrastructure	104,232	
Retirement Buybacks	26,000	
<b>Total Sewer Funds Heldover</b>		<b>152,162</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>		
Water Holdover	5,239	
FY19 Equip and Infrastructure	139,254	
Retirement Buybacks	60,000	
<b>Total Water Funds Heldover</b>		<b>204,493</b>

**Transfer Station**

Transfer Sta Holdover

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**Total of Funds Heldover****860,660**

**Water Enterprise  
Income Statement  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Water Charges/Service	1,164,478	1,187,395	22,917
	Water Interest	5,000	37,583	32,583
	Water Acct Charge	80,000	80,742	742
	Water Liens to Taxes		7,131	7,131
	Miscellaneous Revenue		3,958	3,958
	<b>Total Water Revenue</b>	<b>1,249,478</b>	<b>1,316,809</b>	<b>67,331</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
	Operational Expenses	858,244	741,017	117,227
	Debt	198,048	198,048	0
	Health Insurance	42,690	50,325	(7,635)
	Overhead	90,496	90,496	0
	OPEB	60,000	0	60,000
	<b>Total Water Expenses</b>	<b>1,249,478</b>	<b>1,079,886</b>	<b>169,592</b>

**Sewer Enterprise  
Income Statement  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Sewer Charges/Service	1,432,319	1,462,792	30,473
	Sewer Interest	5,000	9,859	4,859
	Sewer Acct Charge	70,000	76,580	6,580
	Sewer Liens to Taxes		16,124	16,124
	Sale of Inventory		3,125	3,125
	<b>Total Sewer Revenue</b>	<b>1,507,319</b>	<b>1,568,480</b>	<b>61,161</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
	Operational Expenses	977,888	822,641	155,247
	Debt	365,006	364,948	58
	Health Insurance	47,929	55,564	(7,635)
	Overhead	90,496	90,496	0
	OPEB	26,000	0	26,000
	<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>1,507,319</b>	<b>1,333,649</b>	<b>173,670</b>

**Transfer Station Enterprise  
Income Statement  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Transfer Receipts	441,942	424,783	(17,159)
	Retained Earnings	3,740		(3,740)
	<b>Total Transfer Revenue</b>	<b>445,682</b>	<b>424,783</b>	<b>(20,899)</b>

	Operational Expenses	391,216	407,644	(16,428)
	Debt	37,450	37,450	0
	Health Insurance	17,016	17,016	0
	Overhead			0
	<b>Total Transfer Expenses</b>	<b>445,682</b>	<b>462,110</b>	<b>(16,428)</b>

**Special Revenue Fund Grants - Federal Grants**

<b>Community Block Grant</b>		<b>Lake Ellis Dam Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	48,615	Beginning Balance	31,210
Revenues	648,649	Revenues	0
Expenditures	553,839	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	143,425	Ending Balance	31,210
<b>COPS More Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	5,353		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,353		
<b>LLEGD 2004</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,617		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	1,617		
<b>Byrne Youth Employment Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,971	<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	
Revenues	0	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>89,193</b>
Expenditures	0	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>648,649</b>
Ending Balance	1,971	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>553,839</b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>184,003</b>
<b>Library Planning Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	73		
Revenues			
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	73		
<b>N Central Tech Assist Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	354		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	354		

**Special Revenue Fund Grants - State Grants**

<b>Arts Lottery</b>			
Beginning Balance	4,616	Beginning Balance	3,660
Revenues	8,760	Revenues	2,518
Expenditures	5,685	Expenditures	2,962
Ending Balance	7,691	Ending Balance	3,216
<b>Election &amp; Regis Reimb</b>			
<b>Comm Septic System</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,405	Beginning Balance	345
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,405	Ending Balance	345
<b>Clean Energy CHC Matching Grant</b>			
<b>43D Expedite Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	6,703	Beginning Balance	241
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	6,703	Ending Balance	241
<b>BOH Skin Cancer Grant</b>			
<b>Council on Aging Boyton Fund</b>			
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	105,974
Revenues	0	Revenues	22,122
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	6,492
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	121,604
<b>Library Grant</b>			
<b>Fed Bio Terrorism Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	290	Beginning Balance	96,744
Revenues	0	Revenues	286
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	290	Ending Balance	97,030
<b>MLBC Construction Grnt Lib Expansion</b>			
<b>Homeland Sec Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	15	Beginning Balance	1,517
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	15	Ending Balance	1,517
<b>Energy Audit Rocket Grant</b>			
<b>Composting Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	125	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	125	Ending Balance	500
<b>MA Forest Stewardship Plan</b>			



<b>Board of Health Grants</b>			
<b>BOH Mass Poll Abate Trust ATM15</b>		<b>FY17 Police K9 Stanton Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	18,603	Beginning Balance	19,839
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	3,026
Ending Balance	18,603	Ending Balance	16,813
<b>FY17 FDA Retail Grant</b>		<b>FY19 JAG LLE Equip &amp; Tech Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,379	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	19996.29
Expenditures	710	Expenditures	19996.29
Ending Balance	669	Ending Balance	0
<b>Total Board of Health Grants</b>		<b>Total Police Grants</b>	
Beginning Balance	19,982	Beginning Balance	47,261
Revenues	0	Revenues	76,443
Expenditures	710	Expenditures	100,311
Ending Balance	19,272	Ending Balance	23,393
		<b>Council on Aging Grants</b>	
<b>Police Department Grants</b>			
		<b>CO Aging Formula Grant</b>	
<b>Police DARE Grant</b>		Beginning Balance	0
Beginning Balance	4,307	Revenues	28,932
Revenues	0	Expenditures	26,972
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	1,960
Ending Balance	4,307		
		<b>CO Aging Boynton Fund</b>	
<b>Police VOWA Grant</b>		Beginning Balance	4,868
Beginning Balance	293	Revenues	2,424
Revenues	0	Expenditures	1575
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	5,717
Ending Balance	293		
		<b>MCO Aging Grant</b>	
<b>FY16 PSAP Training Grant</b>		Beginning Balance	2,087
Beginning Balance	22,822	Revenues	0
Revenues	0	Expenditures	0
Expenditures	22,822	Ending Balance	2,087
Ending Balance	0		

		<b>Total C O Aging Grants</b>	
<b>FY19 Police Comm IT Grant</b>		<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>6,955</b>
Beginning Balance	0	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>31,356</b>
Revenues	56447	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>28,547</b>
Expenditures	54467	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>9,764</b>
Ending Balance	1,980		
<b>Fire Department Grants</b>			
<b>Emergency Planning Comm</b>		<b>FY19 Mass Decon Unit Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	141	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	2000
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	154
Ending Balance	141	Ending Balance	1,846
<b>Emergency MGT Grant</b>		<b>FY19 Fire EMP Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	316	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	1,150
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,150
Ending Balance	316	Ending Balance	0
<b>FY17 Emergency MGT Grant</b>		<b>Total Fire Dept Grants</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,211	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2,764</b>
Revenues	183	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>9,487</b>
Expenditures	2,394	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,977</b>
Ending Balance	0	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>8,274</b>
<b>FY17 Senior SAFE Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	96		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	96		
Ending Balance	0		
<b>FY19 Fire SAFE Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	3,754		
Expenditures	183		
Ending Balance	3,571		
<b>FY19 Fire Senior SAFE Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	2,400		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,400		

**Special Revenue Funds - Other**

<b>Council on Aging Special</b>		<b>Library Memorial Book</b>	
Beginning Balance	52,049	Beginning Balance	3,169
Revenues	10,281	Revenues	587
Expenditures	8,269	Expenditures	279
Ending Balance	54,061	Ending Balance	3,477
<b>Council on Aging Parmenter</b>		<b>Mass. Decon Unit Training</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,225	Beginning Balance	1,516
Revenues	2,000	Revenues	0
Expenditures	3,145	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	80	Ending Balance	1,516
<b>Agriculture Comm Donations</b>		<b>Safety Education Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,647	Beginning Balance	322
Revenues	205	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,852	Ending Balance	322
<b>Bunzl Extr/Construct Dynamics</b>		<b>DARE Donation Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	889	Beginning Balance	1,096
Revenues	0	Revenues	100
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	889	Ending Balance	1,196
<b>Building and Fire Dept Fines</b>		<b>Veterans Park Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,431	Beginning Balance	275
Revenues	3,000	Revenues	0
Expenditures	3,649	Expenditures	125
Ending Balance	2,782	Ending Balance	150
<b>Drug Forfeiture</b>		<b>Teen Task Force Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	664	Beginning Balance	2,247
Revenues	15,224	Revenues	0
Expenditures	5,437	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,451	Ending Balance	2,247
<b>Parmenter Large Print</b>		<b>Town Hall Flag Pole Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	673	Beginning Balance	1,159
Revenues	2,200	Revenues	0
Expenditures	2,196	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	677	Ending Balance	1,159

<b>Care of Animals Donations</b>		<b>Memorial Hall Revitalization</b>	
Beginning Balance	33,135	Beginning Balance	5,278
Revenues	16,380	Revenues	1,415
Expenditures	39,434	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,081	Ending Balance	6,693
<b>Shade Tree Comm Donations</b>		<b>Fire Dept Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,133	Beginning Balance	2,064
Revenues	259	Revenues	2,991
Expenditures	668	Expenditures	306
Ending Balance	1,724	Ending Balance	4,749
<b>Holiday Decorations Donations</b>		<b>Friends of Library Donation</b>	
Beginning Balance	604	Beginning Balance	3,469
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	100	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	504	Ending Balance	3,469
<b>ACO Van/Equip Donations</b>		<b>Community Safty Day/Police</b>	
Beginning Balance	616	Beginning Balance	525
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	616	Ending Balance	525
<b>Bearsden Donations</b>		<b>Police Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	335	Beginning Balance	1,683
Revenues	75	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	410	Ending Balance	1,683
<b>Silver Lake Lights Donations</b>		<b>Retail Mgt Devel for MarketBasket</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,114	Beginning Balance	15,296
Revenues	0	Revenues	54
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,114	Ending Balance	15,350
<b>ACO Facility Donations</b>		<b>Expedited Permitting 43D MarketBasket</b>	
Beginning Balance	190	Beginning Balance	29,795
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	190	Ending Balance	29,795

<b>Recreation Comm Donations</b>		<b>Buiding/Inspectional Enforcement</b>	
Beginning Balance	13,041	Beginning Balance	19,892
Revenues	0	Revenues	6,500
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	740
Ending Balance	13,041	Ending Balance	25,652
<b>Police K9 Donations</b>		<b>DPU TNC Funds</b>	
Beginning Balance	12,166	Beginning Balance	4
Revenues	640	Revenues	12
Expenditures	1,955	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,851	Ending Balance	16
<b>Millers River Floating Dock Donations</b>		<b>HCGIT Wellness Program</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,468	Beginning Balance	676
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	1,214	Expenditures	582
Ending Balance	3,254	Ending Balance	94
<b>3824 ChestnutHill Solar Peer Review</b>		<b>100 Main St Wheel Chair Life Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance		Beginning Balance	
Revenues	13050	Revenues	15,000
Expenditures	13050	Expenditures	15,000
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
<b>Conant Road Solar Peer Review</b>		<b>706 Peterhsam Rf MJ Peer Review</b>	
Beginning Balance		Beginning Balance	
Revenues	4,216	Revenues	2500
Expenditures	4,200	Expenditures	1250
Ending Balance	16	Ending Balance	1,250
<b>Thrower Road Solar Peer Review</b>		<b>Downtown Events and Initiatives</b>	
Beginning Balance		Beginning Balance	
Revenues	2,944	Revenues	
Expenditures	2,800	Expenditures	250
Ending Balance	144	Ending Balance	(250)
		<b>TOTAL Special Revenue Funds</b>	
		<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>216,846</b>
		<b>Revenues</b>	<b>99,633</b>
		<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>104,649</b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>211,830</b>

**Revolving Funds**

<b>Ch 525 Insurance Reimbursement</b>	
Beginning Balance	14,492
Revenues	73,126
Expenditures	51,818
Ending Balance	35,800
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	5,781
Revenues	4,468
Expenditures	2,412
Ending Balance	7,837
<b>VABC Receivership/Rehab Liens</b>	
Beginning Balance	89,635
Revenues	55,170
Expenditures	13,451
Ending Balance	131,354
<b>VABC Demo Lien Grants Appropriations</b>	
Beginning Balance	60179
Revenues	50000
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	110,179
<b>Accident Recovery Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	117
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	117
<b>CDBG Loan Repayment Program</b>	
Beginning Balance	128865
Revenues	84218
Expenditures	213083
Ending Balance	0
<b>Total Revolving Funds</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>299,069</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>266,982</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>280,764</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>285,287</b>

**Receipts Reserved for Appropriation**

<b>Equipment Rental</b>	
Beginning Balance	5,396
Revenues	128
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	5,524
<b>Parking Meter</b>	
Beginning Balance	62,306
Revenues	16,082
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	78,388
<b>Sale of Cemetery Lots</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,008
Revenues	975
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,983
<b>Reserve for Ambulance Expenses</b>	
Beginning Balance	255,630
Revenues	90,988
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	346,618
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	26,109
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,109
<b>Sale of Real Estate Proceeds</b>	
Beginning Balance	41,780
Revenues	91
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	41,871
<b>Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>393,229</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>108,264</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>501,493</b>

**Agency and Trust**

<b>Plumbing Inspector Fees</b>				<b>Septic Revenue</b>			
Beginning Balance	9,737	Beginning Balance	953				
Revenues	16,870	Revenues	0				
Expenditures	18,135	Expenditures	0				
Ending Balance	8,472	Ending Balance	953				
<b>Gas Inspector Fees</b>				<b>Trench Permitting Account</b>			
Beginning Balance	4,753	Beginning Balance	430				
Revenues	6,570	Revenues	20				
Expenditures	5,905	Expenditures	0				
Ending Balance	5,418	Ending Balance	450				
<b>Tailings</b>				<b>Compost Bins</b>			
Beginning Balance	7,717	Beginning Balance	1,500				
Revenues	0	Revenues	745				
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,820				
Ending Balance	7,717	Ending Balance	425				
<b>Fire Dept Outside Details</b>				<b>Building Dept Outside Detail</b>			
Beginning Balance	597	Beginning Balance	781				
Revenues	3,030	Revenues	0				
Expenditures	2,711	Expenditures	0				
Ending Balance	916	Ending Balance	781				
<b>Ch 773 - Police Outside Detail</b>				<b>Conservation Maps</b>			
Beginning Balance	42,126	Beginning Balance	1,185				
Revenues	188,955	Revenues	0				
Expenditures	207,983	Expenditures	1,000				
Ending Balance	23,098	Ending Balance	185				
<b>Deputy Tax Collector</b>				<b>Health Vaccines</b>			
Beginning Balance	(5)	Beginning Balance	3,661				
Revenues	47,029	Revenues	462				
Expenditures	46,530	Expenditures	0				
Ending Balance	494	Ending Balance	4,123				
<b>Fire Arm &amp; Licenses</b>							
Beginning Balance	7,343						
Revenues	22,462						
Expenditures	22,988						
Ending Balance	6,817						

<b>Recreation Fees</b>			
Beginning Balance	13,131		
Revenues	8,159		
Expenditures	10,905		
Ending Balance	10,385		
<b>Agency and Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	3,099		
Revenues	166,807		
Expenditures	166,807		
Ending Balance	3,099		
<b>Agency and Trust Summary</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>97,008</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>461,109</b>		
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>484,784</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>73,333</b>		

**Non-Expendable Trust Funds  
Revenue and Expenditures**

<b>Spaight Street School</b>		<b>Craignin Downing</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	6,700
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	6,700
<b>Charles Cooke School</b>		<b>Richard B Ellis Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,000	Beginning Balance	1,002
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,000	Ending Balance	1,002
<b>Gertrude M Hale Scholarship</b>		<b>Barbara Dexter</b>	
Beginning Balance	102,620	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,620	Ending Balance	500
<b>Lyman Ward School</b>		<b>Dr. Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	565
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	565
<b>Edwin C Hale Library</b>		<b>Martha Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	102,221	Beginning Balance	4,375
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,221	Ending Balance	4,375
<b>Kate Fay Library</b>		<b>Russell Field Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	26,000	Beginning Balance	1,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,000	Ending Balance	1,000

<b>Fay Johnstone Library</b>		<b>Talcott Historical</b>	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	153
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	153
<b>Adele Parmenter</b>		<b>Waterman Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
<b>Millers River Translator</b>		<b>Wilder Cemetery Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	226	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	226	Ending Balance	300
<b>Gladys Green Library</b>		<b>White Taylor Boland Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	225	Beginning Balance	150
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	225	Ending Balance	150
<b>Herbert L Bartlet Library</b>		<b>Kate Fay Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	400
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	400
<b>Helen Aiken Library</b>		<b>Allen Warrell Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	33	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	33	Ending Balance	500
<b>A Harding Library</b>		<b>Charles Everett Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500

<b>Marion Crane Flower</b>		<b>HC Morse Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
<b>Morse Davidson Flower</b>		<b>Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300
<b>Carrie/Flora Hale Flower</b>		<b>G/R Sprague Charity Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	3,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	3,000
<b>Winnie Burnham Flower</b>		<b>Cemetery General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	603,813
Revenues	0	Revenues	16,245
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	620,058
<b>Albert Drury Flower</b>		<b>Coffin Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300
<b>Willey Flower</b>		<b>Gamon Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
<b>Elizabeth Cropper Flower</b>		<b>Melvina Lukus Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	4,684
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	4,684

<b>Marjorie Hill Flower</b>		<b>Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	32,220
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	32,220
<b>Nellie Byron Fountain</b>		<b>McGuirk Floer Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,452	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,452	Ending Balance	300
<b>Cemetery Tomb Fund</b>		<b>Johnson Library Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,000	Beginning Balance	960
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,000	Ending Balance	960
<b>MaGranis/Davenport Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	10,000	<b>Ben &amp; Margaret Feldman</b>	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	325
Expenditures	0	Revenues	0
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	325
<b>Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund</b>			
Beginning Balance	10,000	<b>OPEB Liability Trust</b>	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	158,623
Expenditures	0	Revenues	88,346
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	246,969
<b>Amelia Gibson Library Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	78,261		
Revenues	0	<b>Non-Expendable Trust Summary</b>	
Expenditures	0	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1,748,716</b>
Ending Balance	78,261	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>104,591</b>
		<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,853,307</b>
<b>Nye Library Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	2,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,000		

<b>Frawley Flower</b>			
Beginning Balance	300		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	300		
<b>Thomas Flower</b>			
Beginning Balance	325		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	325		
<b>H and C Brouillet Library Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	5,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,000		
<b>C Brouillet Apprenticeship</b>			
Beginning Balance	573,183		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	573,183		

**Expendable Trust Funds  
Revenue and Expenditures**

<b>Spaight Street School</b>		<b>Craignin Downing</b>	
Beginning Balance	443	Beginning Balance	1,347
Revenues	20	Revenues	109
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	463	Ending Balance	1,456
<b>Charles Cooke School</b>		<b>Richard B Ellis Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	587	Beginning Balance	398
Revenues	49	Revenues	18
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	636	Ending Balance	416

<b>Gertrude M Hale Scholarship</b>		<b>Barbara Dexter</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,960	Beginning Balance	1,045
Revenues	1,422	Revenues	21
Expenditures	610	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,772	Ending Balance	1,066
<b>Lyman Ward School</b>		<b>Dr. Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,812	Beginning Balance	803
Revenues	65	Revenues	18
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,877	Ending Balance	821
<b>Edwin C Hale Library</b>		<b>Martha Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	12,578	Beginning Balance	1,531
Revenues	1,546	Revenues	79
Expenditures	610	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	13,514	Ending Balance	1,610
<b>Kate Fay Library</b>		<b>Russell Field Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	6,555	Beginning Balance	810
Revenues	438	Revenues	24
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	6,993	Ending Balance	834
<b>Fay Johnstone Library</b>		<b>Talcott Historical</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,130	Beginning Balance	1,208
Revenues	22	Revenues	18
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,152	Ending Balance	1,226
<b>Adele Parmenter</b>		<b>Waterman Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	837	Beginning Balance	1,028
Revenues	18	Revenues	19
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	855	Ending Balance	1,024
<b>Millers River Translator</b>		<b>Wilder Cemetery Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,736	Beginning Balance	551
Revenues	27	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,763	Ending Balance	540

<b>Gladys Green Library</b>		<b>White Taylor Boland Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,110	Beginning Balance	348
Revenues	31	Revenues	7
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	2,141	Ending Balance	343
<b>Herbert L Bartlet Library</b>		<b>Kate Fay Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,653	Beginning Balance	949
Revenues	50	Revenues	19
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	44
Ending Balance	2,703	Ending Balance	924
<b>Helen Aiken Library</b>		<b>Allen Warrell Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	499	Beginning Balance	1,353
Revenues	7	Revenues	25
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	506	Ending Balance	1,355
<b>A Harding Library</b>		<b>Charles Everett Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,777	Beginning Balance	2,177
Revenues	41	Revenues	36
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	2,818	Ending Balance	2,190
<b>Marion Crane Flower</b>		<b>Laban Morse Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,499	Beginning Balance	395
Revenues	27	Revenues	9
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,503	Ending Balance	381
<b>Morse Davidson Flower</b>		<b>Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	790	Beginning Balance	614
Revenues	15	Revenues	12
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	782	Ending Balance	603
<b>Carrie/Flora Hale Flower</b>		<b>G/R Sprague Charity Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	353	Beginning Balance	33,200
Revenues	9	Revenues	488
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	10,000
Ending Balance	339	Ending Balance	23,688

<b>Winnie Burnham Flower</b>		<b>Cemetery General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	405	Beginning Balance	45,189
Revenues	10	Revenues	8,713
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	2,339
Ending Balance	392	Ending Balance	51,563
<b>Albert Drury Flower</b>		<b>Coffin Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	283	Beginning Balance	89
Revenues	8	Revenues	5
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	279	Ending Balance	82
<b>Willey Flower</b>		<b>Gamon Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	116	Beginning Balance	357
Revenues	6	Revenues	12
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	110	Ending Balance	357
<b>Elizabeth Cropper Flower</b>		<b>Melvina Lukus Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	89	Beginning Balance	1,062
Revenues	5	Revenues	77
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	82	Ending Balance	1,139
<b>Marjorie Hill Flower</b>		<b>Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	158	Beginning Balance	5,378
Revenues	9	Revenues	506
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	144	Ending Balance	5,884
<b>Nellie Byron Fountain</b>		<b>McGuirk Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	19,890	Beginning Balance	282
Revenues	331	Revenues	8
Expenditures	655	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	19,566	Ending Balance	290
<b>Cemetery Tomb Fund</b>		<b>Johnson Library Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	29,956	Beginning Balance	645
Revenues	431	Revenues	22
Expenditures	46	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	30,341	Ending Balance	667

<b>MaGranis/Davenport Trust</b>		<b>Library Book Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,655	Beginning Balance	161
Revenues	157	Revenues	3
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,812	Ending Balance	164
<b>Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund</b>		<b>Stabilization</b>	
Beginning Balance	72	Beginning Balance	786,777
Revenues	136	Revenues	72,486
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	208	Ending Balance	859,263
<b>Amelia Gibson Library Trust</b>		<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	12,287	Beginning Balance	2,041
Revenues	1,220	Revenues	28
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	13,507	Ending Balance	2,069
<b>Nye Library Trust</b>		<b>Davenport Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,093	Beginning Balance	2,175
Revenues	42	Revenues	30
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,135	Ending Balance	2,205
<b>Frawley Flower</b>		<b>Lake Park Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	124	Beginning Balance	12,218
Revenues	6	Revenues	165
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	130	Ending Balance	12,383
<b>Thomas Flower</b>		<b>Charles Starrett</b>	
Beginning Balance	8	Beginning Balance	18,096
Revenues	4	Revenues	244
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	12	Ending Balance	18,340
<b>H and C Brouillet Library Trust</b>		<b>Library Capital Improvement</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,601	Beginning Balance	2,191
Revenues	88	Revenues	30
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,689	Ending Balance	2,221

<b>C Brouillet Apprenticeship</b>		<b>Bassett Trust for Fire</b>	
Beginning Balance	27,844	Beginning Balance	14,059
Revenues	8,094	Revenues	467
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	8,947
Ending Balance	35,938	Ending Balance	5,579
<b>Capital Stabilization</b>		<b>Ben &amp; Margaret Feldman</b>	
Beginning Balance	50,052	Beginning Balance	12
Revenues	676	Revenues	4
Expenditures	49,890	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	838	Ending Balance	16
<b>Insurance Stabilization Fund</b>		<b>M G Foster Mann Library Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	25,814	Beginning Balance	5184
Revenues	347	Revenues	70
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,161	Ending Balance	5254
<b>DM Goldsher Friends of Library</b>		<b>Sherm Plotkin Library Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,927	Beginning Balance	25177
Revenues	66	Revenues	339
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	450
Ending Balance	4,993	Ending Balance	25066
<b>A &amp; K Ralys Library Trust</b>		<b>Ruth Marzec Vets Park Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,494,691	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	19,135	Revenues	12895
Expenditures	7,415	Expenditures	
Ending Balance	1,506,411	Ending Balance	12,895
<b>Thomas Fitzgerald Trust Police</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	50576.94		
Expenditures	4320		
Ending Balance	46,257		
<b>Thomas Fitzgerald Trust Fire</b>		<b>Non-Expendable Trust Summary</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2,681,234</b>
Revenues	50577	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>232,730</b>
Expenditures	34307	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>119,958</b>
Ending Balance	16,270	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,794,006</b>

**ATHOL BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

The new FY2019 values were based on figures as approved by the DOR. Real Estate sales show property values in all areas and types of properties across town increased 11.10%. The next triennial revaluation will be for FY2022 and will be conducted by the Firm of Vision Government Solutions Inc. There are various other town projects above the 2 ½ restrictions, however, the tax rate still decreased by two dollars and twelve cents (\$2.12) New growth for FY2019 was \$362,948. Members of the Board are Kenneth Vaidulas, Chairman, Edward Ledgard and Lisa Aldrich, Principal Assessor (Full Time) and Jean Robinson, Asst. Assessor.

ASSESSING STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019:

**Total Amt. to be raised \$23,658,068.55**

**Est. Receipts/Revenues \$10,110,673.17**

**Tax Levy \$13,547,395.38**

**Tax Rate \$ 17.45**

There were over 200 exemptions and work-off program granted in the tax amount of \$132,608.32. Of this amount, \$89,800 given out for qualifying veterans and their wives and \$30,025.00 to qualifying applicants. A total of \$12,783.53 was given out for the Senior Work-Off Program.

The Board of Assessors committed during FY2019 \$13,105,741.74 in Real Estate; \$441,666.53 in Personal Property; \$1,253,347.99 in Excise; \$15,009.41 in Title V Betterments; \$7,532.84 for Omitted (Athol Housing, etc.). \$1,126.59 and \$25,255.79 in Water Sewer Liens.

The Board granted \$330.19 in Personal Property Abatements and \$11,017.96 in Real Estate Abatements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth A Vaidulas, Chairman

Lisa M Aldrich MMA Principal Assessor

Edward Ledgard

Jean W Robinson MMA, Asst. Assessor

**TOWN OF ATHOL TREASURER/COLLECTOR  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

Patrick McIntyre - Treasurer/Tax Collector  
Catherine Levreault – Assistant Treasurer  
Shana Smith – Assistant Tax Collector

The Treasurer/Tax Collectors office oversees the Towns investment, cash management and revenue collection. It also manages the issuance of all Town debt and the administration of payroll and employee benefits.

The revenue collection consists of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise taxes, water/sewer charges and tax title redemptions. The department also collected other fees and/or charges generated by town departments along with receipts received electronically by the Town. Some examples of electronic payments would be state aid, grant receipts and ambulance service fees.

During Fiscal Year 2019 the office processed the following tax payments:

Real Estate	\$12,768,478.89
Water Sewer Liens	\$23,254.43
Septic Betterments	\$13,788.59
Personal Property	\$436,612.54
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,228,090.07
Water/Sewer	<u>\$2,546,369.39</u>
	<u><u>\$17,016,593.91</u></u>

The Town holds accounts at several banking institutions. Below is a list of the cash balances in those accounts as of June 30, 2019.

Athol Savings Bank	\$3,405,495.29
Bartholomew Investments	\$4,686,308.80
Eastern Bank	\$2,214,042.12
Bank ESB	\$2,333,251.98
Mass Municipal Depository Trust	\$305,373.24
TD Bank	\$286,967.59
UniBank	<u>\$1,634,918.09</u>
	<u><u>\$14,866,357.11</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted:  
Patrick McIntyre, Treasurer/Collector

Clifford Carla H.	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Clifford Emilie A	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Coffin Cynthia L	Library	1542.00		1542.00
Cole Jonathan	Outside Detail			552.00
Coller Tammy M	Tax Collector	73255.93		76755.93
Cooley Diana L.	DPW-Supt.	47524.65	795.69	49344.44
Cormier Haley	Dispatcher	4755.00	146.25	4980.25
Cormier Samantha L	Dispatcher	36274.98	3336.12	42636.30
Costa Robert N	DPW-Highway	58218.00	14414.67	76890.51
Cote Ronny R	Police	78674.37	2349.97	92436.04
Craven David S.	DPW-Water	51044.80	8829.99	64637.33
Crompton Rachel	Dispatcher	5598.75		5681.25
Croteau Marie L	DPW-Supt.	35541.83		35541.83
Cummings Thomas A	Police	49697.13	5686.51	64137.21
Custer Sarah C	Veterans Services	17213.93		17213.93
Cygan Michael W	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Deegan Yvonne C	Recreation	540.00		540.00
Deneault Victoria	Library	3614.95		3614.95
Deveneau Craig	Police	60832.58	16539.08	90835.93
Dickie Gordon J	Wire Inspector	1200.00		1200.00
DiSalle Daniel	Fire-Reg			25049.15
Dodge Howard	Senior Tax Abatement			198.00
Dodge Kevin	Outside Detail			1506.50
Dodge Leno	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Dubrulle Scott A	Police	63199.52	6481.95	92947.10
Dubrulle Jr. Bruce	Fire-Reg	48336.36	48841.16	113810.10
Duguay JR John	Town Hall	27918.72	4810.32	33009.04
Duguay Sr John L	Fire-Reg	21067.91		88763.48
Dumas Angela M	Library	44244.97		44244.97
Duran Lisa A	Council On Aging	1500.00		1750.00
Dyer Brock L	Lifeguard	2473.63	2.00	2475.63
Euvrard Peter W	Senior Tax Abatement			418.00
Evans Ellen R	DPW-Supt.	240.50		240.50
Ferguson James M	Fire-Reg	47838.32	57129.59	120158.89
Filieo Kimberly M	Dispatcher	23731.43		24890.07
Fisher Kala S.	Zoning/Planning	1400.00		1400.00
Fisk Carol A	Library	1161.47		1161.47
Fitch Fedencia P	Veterans Services	30374.99		31269.22
FORTES GREGORY E.	Police	50707.94	11553.43	104737.24
Fowler Bruce	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Fredette Erick J	Police	47940.94	14602.27	74575.72
Gagne Rheba K	Library	7591.92		7591.92
Gaudet Lisa	Dog Officer	6528.90		6528.90
Gerardi Jason H	Dispatcher	7326.76		7640.70
Girard Chad M	Fire-Reg	47794.23	51963.38	108284.64
Goguen Ann	Senior Tax Abatement			220.00
Gray Joseph T	Recreation	836.00		836.00

Greene John R	Weights & Measures	7500.00		7500.00
Griffith Timothy D	Fire Call	938.00	182.00	1120.00
Guarnera Joseph P	Fire-Reg	72097.46		74097.46
Guyer Dana R	Lifeguard	4572.38	12.00	4586.88
Hager Donald B	Police	47784.04	11422.13	72332.23
Hager Kent A	Outside Detail			2528.00
Haley Christine A	Dispatcher	11175.40	2220.00	14188.40
Hamilton Jamal L	Fire-Reg	41121.34	10840.67	60410.46
Hamlett Joan	Health	1262.25		1262.25
Harris Adam J	Fire-Reg	44528.26	25288.49	78168.70
Heath Kevin	Outside Detail	368.00		3100.12
Henry Thomas K	Senior Tax Abatement			308.00
Herk Arthur C	Council On Aging	256.25		256.25
Hersh William	Senior Tax Abatement			412.50
Hippler Melissa A	Dispatcher	50016.00	30581.40	84987.60
Horne Randy	Outside Detail			506.00
Horrigan Hugh A.	Election	408.00		408.00
Horrigan Kevin S	Fire-Reg	49638.93	53619.40	113096.08
Hughes Robert L	DPW-Highway	45737.20	8347.01	55740.85
Hughes Robert L.	DPW-Water	55369.60	4493.85	65523.93
Jack Eric R	Fire-Reg	53553.15	88021.00	155040.55
Jackson James P	DPW-Cemetery	2024.00		2772.00
Jackson Jr. Raymond O	Outside Detail			1288.00
Jenks Warren A	Wire Inspector	100.00		100.00
Jobst Jeffrey	Recreation	4800.00		4800.00
Joly Daniel J	Building Dept	23895.00		23895.00
Jurek Kelsey A.	Library	34306.08		35070.75
Kaczmarczyk Douglas	Police	62609.31	13487.66	83548.19
Kaczmarczyk Kelly R	Recreation	3500.00		3500.00
Kaczmarczyk Kevin	Fire-Reg	53757.27	39790.18	107387.47
Keddy Jr. Alan W	DPW-Cemetery	50026.00	3197.71	54798.09
Kiely Pauline	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Kilhart Bruce W	Outside Detail			184.00
Kilhart Richard P	DPW-Supt.	88337.86		88337.86
Kimball Dennis A	Town Hall	830.28		12622.50
Kimball Gregory H	Fire Call	2282.00		2282.00
King Benjamin	Lifeguard	5500.00		5500.00
Kleber Russell T	Police	104229.83		104229.83
Knechtel Travis S.	DPW-Cemetery	61399.20	6492.06	75613.74
Kozak Jami L	Dispatcher	720.00		720.00
LaFountain Roseanna M	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Landry Jr Paul	Fire-Reg	9089.41	2783.16	16437.34
Ledgard Edward F	Assessors	1489.50		1489.50
Legare Robert	Building Dept	63156.78		69036.46
Lehmann Marie	Library	40707.66		41940.97
Leonard Keri L	Dispatcher	13504.55	1519.07	15868.00
Levreault Catherine E	Tax Collector	38901.34	717.45	39618.79

Lichtenberger Jason	DPW-Highway	16068.47	281.79	17380.13
Livingston Jordan	Dispatcher	35157.35	7055.40	44950.59
Lozier Gerard J	Election	408.00		408.00
Lundgren Craig	Police	34493.25		35093.25
Mailloux Christine E	Accountant	75489.12		76489.12
Mailloux Shelby M	Recreation	1483.50		1483.50
Mallet David K	Dispatcher	3497.00		3497.00
Marcucci Melissa A	Community Development			160.00
Martin Richard	Outside Detail	136.75		3657.50
Martin Thomas E	Dispatcher	41824.80	14170.20	62130.09
Martineau Mary J	Dispatcher	6947.19	135.72	7213.41
Mason Colby L	Recreation	1265.63		1265.63
Matthews Julianne	Library	6879.23		6879.23
McLaughlin Lawrence	Moderator	200.00		200.00
McNiff Karen	Library	37824.43		39105.90
Miarecki Martin J	Health	1514.37		1514.37
Mitchell Randy L	Senior Tax Abatement	6818.75		7568.75
Moore Alyssa M	Community Development	28105.04		28105.04
Mosher Camden E	Lifeguard	2977.69		2980.19
Mousseau Jarret	Police	72761.06	17395.57	108849.93
Murphy Maryann	Accountant	47524.65		48284.65
Mushnick Rebecca L.	DPW-Supt.	3563.52		3563.52
Muzzy Cathy	Conservation	1800.00		1800.00
Neale Todd W.	Police	50699.94	2790.65	59231.14
Nelson Robbie W	Lifeguard	72.00		72.00
Newton Thomas S	DPW-Highway	6097.50		6097.50
O'Brien Jane M	Health	40898.40		40898.40
O'Lari Albert	Police	60832.58	7484.46	92075.80
Parker Jeffrey	Fire-Reg	88014.20		92895.10
Peirce Herbert	DPW-Highway	59724.54	13549.58	111288.58
Perry Derek	Fire-Reg	43247.37	41680.60	97293.21
Pinder Charles Frank	Police	2780.00		2879.00
Pollard James	Outside Detail	1909.00		9426.84
Pothier JR Paul J	Outside Detail			770.50
Pottinger Blakeley J	Police	22334.80	1414.24	27291.25
Powling Timothy	Outside Detail			368.00
Price Lynn	Council On Aging	900.00		1000.00
Publicover William C	Fire-Reg	35424.38	7790.12	53688.79
Purple Norma	Health	1262.25		1262.25
Purple Norman W	Dispatcher	2553.50		2553.50
Putnam Sophie J	Recreation	1160.50		1160.50
Rajaniemi Melanie J	Tax Collector	9390.00		11049.84
Raymond Stephen	Selectmen	1583.25		1583.25
Reicker Aaron L	Lifeguard	2286.50	2.00	2288.50
Rice Kyle J	Dog Officer	724.05		724.05
Robertson Madelyn L	Lifeguard	66.00		66.00
Robideau Kayla M	Recreation	1592.13		1592.13

Robidoux Jason M	DPW-Highway	37778.71	6857.32	46608.99
Robinson Jean W.	Assessors	44778.51		45688.51
Rumrill Megan S	Dispatcher	14596.36		15252.86
Rushford Jason Scott	Dispatcher	154.00		154.00
Russell Patricia M.	Dog Officer	6065.87		6065.87
Saisa Kainen M	Lifeguard	4600.69	14.00	4617.19
Saisa Ryley E	Lifeguard	3038.13	10.00	3050.63
Sandova Dana	Fire-Reg	27463.68	12349.81	69278.84
Santa Xavier	DPW-Supt.	10896.86		10896.86
Santana Savannah Lynne	Recreation	1105.50		1105.50
Savoy Cathy A.	Council On Aging	59146.72		59956.72
Schouler Sarah A	Zoning/Planning	160.00		320.00
Schweitzer Stacy M	Dispatcher	10185.00	495.00	10974.00
Sexton Robert A.	DPW-Water	60962.40	7271.25	78448.91
Shaughnessy Jean E	Library	74600.55		75600.55
Shaw Jennifer J	DPW-Water	32710.99	1348.57	36061.44
Shepardson Jr Arthur C	Fire-Reg	53502.15	68240.25	131815.18
Sheridan Sherry	Dispatcher	5460.00	146.25	5801.25
Shtulman Robin	Library	53170.31		54848.89
Skinner Olivia M	Library	9341.05	38.50	9379.55
Skowyra Brianna	Building Dept	500.00		500.00
Small David	Conservation	1250.00		1250.00
Smith Betty Ann	Senior Tax Abatement			561.00
Smith Eric R	Community Development	75488.88		76489.76
Smith Kyle J	DPW-Cemetery	37009.60	3474.93	41771.53
Smith Shana E	Tax Collector	6127.71	56.52	6184.23
Smith Sheila	Senior Tax Abatement			440.00
Smith Sophia A	Lifeguard	2491.00	4.00	2495.00
Soltysik Andrew	Fire-Reg	57925.01	56279.07	124206.31
Stange Randal	Police	73060.60	4995.02	87943.34
Stanley Sarah E	Library	3378.00		3378.00
Stepanian John Oscar	Council On Aging	4303.00		4303.00
Suhoski Shaun A	Selectmen	126062.31		128717.43
Sullivan Bridget A	Selectmen	47786.61		47786.61
Summers Mark D	DPW-Cemetery	42912.00	5117.57	49883.05
Tarantino Anna M	Dispatcher	3979.85		4183.35
Tarara Nicholas V	Conservation	1500.00		1500.00
Tarara Sally F.	Council On Aging	3330.00		3330.00
Terroy Gary E.	Wire Inspector	25689.00		28711.00
Tessier Andrew	DPW-Water	69092.00	14524.11	107762.59
Thayer Judith G	Council On Aging	23421.20		23421.20
Thiem Jamison R	Dispatcher	41021.03	8096.89	55240.50
Thiem Jeffrey W	DPW-Cemetery	44321.12	4266.50	51672.40
Tomlinson Sean E	Library	6755.00	38.50	6793.50
Torraco Celeste M	Recreation	1364.00		1364.00
Truehart Duane S.	DPW-Supt.	70122.89		94632.83
Turner Thomas	DPW-Highway	53570.21	12014.21	67695.02

Unaitis Elizabeth A.B.	Police	2270.00		2369.00
Vaidulas Kenneth	Assessors	1789.67		1789.67
Vitale Mark T	Outside Detail	9065.00	262.50	10977.60
Vondal Deborah K	Health	64660.83		65910.83
Walsh Douglas	DPW-Supt.	109312.34		110272.34
Watson Nancy E	Town Clerk	77100.88	2724.86	80825.74
Watts Roger J	Senior Tax Abatement	3019.50		3767.50
Wheeler William P	Conservation	1500.00		1500.00
Whitcomb David B	Dispatcher	5771.25		5771.25
White Ryan A	Recreation	1374.00		1374.00
Winters Bruce	Fire Call	2064.00		2064.00
Woodbury Ellen M	Senior Tax Abatement			750.00
Young Becky J.	Building Dept	41509.56		42369.56
Young Holly A	Selectmen	1377.00		1377.00

# CHAPTER THREE

# PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports of the  
Fire, EMS, Police &  
Inspectional Services



**ATHOL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To: The Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Athol**

The Athol Fire Department takes pride in our commitment to providing professional fire service protection, emergency medical service, and other fire service functions to the citizens and businesses of Athol and its surrounding communities.

Again this year, the department has been tasked with a significant increase in call volume. Call volume has increased to 3245 calls in 2019 which represents an increase of over 32% since 2015. This increase in call volume has incurred a great strain on our minimal staffing capabilities. The amount of calls is steadily increasing yet staffing is the same. This is not safe for the firefighters or for the citizens to which we protect. The Athol Fire Department will continue to serve the citizens and business of Athol to the best of our abilities. Besides a drastic need to increase staffing, the department is in great need of updated equipment notably two pieces of fire apparatus of which are not NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) compliant, as well as additional training funding to keep our firefighters up to date on mandatory training and training needed to keep themselves and the citizens of Athol safe.

In 2019, two career Firefighters Paramedics were hired to current filling vacancies. These Firefighters will be sent for training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and will achieve their National Firefighter I/II Certifications. A Fire Prevention Captain position was created, and a new permanent Captain position was filled to fill one of two current permanent Captains openings.

I am pleased to say that through the generosity of private donations, the department was able to purchase a state of the art medical distribution and storage, equipment, the ability to convert and equip an older vehicle to be used as a Special Operations Unit, tools boxes with hand and mechanical tools, firefighter building access tools, motor vehicle access tools, Ice Rescue equipment, computer equipment, and to make much needed repairs and upgrades to the stations living quarters.

The department was able to secure a FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant in the amount of \$239,760 to replace the non-compliant SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), Central Massachusetts EMS Corp grant of \$2,000 for repairs to the MDU (Mobil Decon Unit), Massachusetts Department of Fire Services SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Grant of \$3,754 for Fire Education in the schools, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Senior SAFE Grant of \$2,400 FOR Fire Education for Senior Citizens, MEMA/DOT HMEP Grant of \$1,200 for Hazmat Conference Attendance, Massachusetts Department of Fire Service Protective Equipment Grant of \$2,490 for 30 pair of Structural Firefighting gloves, and the Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant of \$16,866 on the purchase of a Fire Gear Extractor Washer and Drier, some specialized training, and lastly, through ambulance revenue, a new Advanced Life Support Ambulance was order with a projected deliver of March 2020.

The Department initiated a fund raising drive to purchase a Fire Gear extractor washer and drier. Through the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Athol as well as monthly pancake breakfast, we were able to raise enough money to pay for the install, plumbing, electrical, and detergent for the

washer and drier that was awarded through the Leary Firefighters Foundation. If it weren't for the donations made through the town, the installation of both washer and drier would not have been possible.

I am happy to announce that the Athol Fire Department conducted our first annual Firefighter Memorial Sunday this year. Firefighter Memorial Sunday is a tribute and celebration and tribute to firefighter's both current and past for their sacrifices throughout their careers. This celebration is conducted both nationally and locally, and I proud to say that the Athol Fire Department is now part of that tradition. Attendees included Members from State and Local government, retired firefighters, families and the public. A wreath was laid onto the Athol Fire Department Memorial, Career & Call Fire Service wards were awarded, special career recognition awards, and citizen's recognition were presented while bag pipes echoed in the background. This memorial will be held in June of each year and I am inviting all of you to attend to show support and recognition for the firefighters locally and nationally that keep you safe each day.

In closing I would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Athol for their continual support of your fire department. I feel that 2019 was a banner year of progress due to the hard work of the members of the Athol Firefighters. I look forward to an even more progressive year in 2020.

**Fire Department Calls for Service 2019 = 3245**

**Fire Department Vehicles Statistics**

Vehicle	Year	Make	Condition
Engine 1	1976	Maxim	Very Poor Pumper – Spare/Front Line Not NFPA Compliant
Engine 3	1998	HME	Very Poor Pumper – Front line Not NFPA Compliant
Engine 4	2012	KME	Good Pumper – Front line
Engine 2	2006	Ford	Good Special Operation Rescue Equipment
Ladder 1	2006	E-One	Good
Ambulance 1	2015	Dodge	Good
Ambulance 3	2010	Chevy	Fair
Chiefs Car	2010	Ford	Fair

Deputy Car	2017	Ford	Excellent
Utility Pick Up	2016	Chevy	Good
Brush Truck 1	2005	Ford	Good
Brush Truck 2	1970	Farrar	Fair
Fire Alarm Bucket	1980	Ford	Poor
ATV 1	2005	Artic Cat	Fair
ATV 2	2005	Artic Cat	Fair
UTV 1	2018	Polaris	Excellent
Fire Boat 1	2005	Clark	Good
Fire Boat 2	1963	Star Craft	Fair

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Guarnera, M.Ed., CFO  
Chief of Department



**ATHOL POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JULNE 30, 2019**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The mission of the Athol Police Department is the protection of lives and property, the preservation of peace in our community, and the improvement of the quality of life of all of our citizens. We accomplish these goals through efforts of prevention; the enforcement of state, federal, and municipal laws in accordance with the Constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and through working in partnership with all segments of our community. We endeavor to provide the delivery of high quality professional police services, making respect for individuals' rights, fairness, and human dignity a priority.

Our Police Department is currently comprised of 18 sworn officers, which includes a Chief, Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, a School Resource Officer and 10 Patrolmen.

We began this year with two open patrolmen positions and a vacant sergeant position. We were able to fill the patrolmen positions from our reserve force and were very pleased to promote Officer Albert O'Lari to the rank of Sergeant.

We began instituting mandatory 40 hours of yearly training at the Boylston Police Academy as well as selected supervisory training for the Chief, Lieutenant, and Sergeants. Our firearms training program has been revamped with the addition of two newly trained and certified firearms instructors. In addition to their required firearms training, each officer had the opportunity to attend scenario-based firearms training with Orange Police, utilizing a mobile firearms trailer that came to Athol for three days.

Officer Call successfully completed the full time academy and came up with the idea of "Cram a Cruiser" where donated toys were collected and delivered to local families by your police and firefighters. The community activism and volunteer work performed by our officers and firefighters continues to amaze me and is very much appreciated.

Our K-9, Gronk, and Officer Deveneau had a busy year. They made special appearances at a North Quabbin Cruise Night, the Gardner Visiting Nurses, National Night Out, and the Cram a Cruiser Event. Some of their statistics include:

- 1 call out for an elderly couple being robbed
- 2 call outs for bank robberies
- 1 call out for a stabbing
- 2 building searches
- 3 vehicle drug searches
- 1 High School lock in drug search

We continue to look for ways to upgrade our equipment through grants and donations. Some of these improvements include:

- Mobile laptop replacement from a grant written by one of our officers.
- All firearms were replaced with new handguns by a grant through Smith & Wesson.
- The 10-year-old detective vehicle was replaced using a very generous private donation.
- All cruiser first aid kits were replaced through donations received from the Eagles Club.
- All cruiser and station AED's were replaced through a no cost program.
- Radar units were replaced through a grant.

March 1, 2020 marks my one-year anniversary serving as your Chief of Police. It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and professional group of officers,

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Craig Lundgren

## CRIME STATISTICS

Criminal Homicide	0
Manslaughter	0
Kidnapping Abduction	1
Rape	24
Robbery	3
Assault	172
Intimidation	27
Arson	0
Burglary/B&E	29
Larceny	116
Shoplifting	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	5
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9
Fraud	35
Vandalism	69
Drug/Narcotic Violation	36
Weapons Law Violation	7
Disorderly Conduct	36
OUI	22
Liquor Law Violation	5
Town By-Law Violation	19
All Other Violations	434
Identity Theft	7

***Total Arrests/Summons/Protective Custody:*** 598

### Traffic Statistics:

M/V Citations	739
Civil	70
Arrest	66
Criminal	120

### Call for Service:

Parking Tickets	569
M/V Accidents	268

***Total Call for Service:*** 16,532

### Crime Statistics:

Over \$1000	289
Under \$1000	20

***Total Offenses Reported:*** 497

**TOWN OF ATHOL BOARD OF HEALTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To: The Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Athol**

The Athol Board of Health has a wide range of responsibilities mandated by state law and regulation to protect the health and safety of our community each and every day. Areas of focus are:

1. Ensuring food safety by inspecting restaurants, school cafeterias, church kitchens, mobile food trucks, nursing homes, hospital, day cares and food concession stands according to the National Food Code.
2. Protection of our water supply by enforcing Massachusetts Title 5 regulations; approximately one third of Athol properties have private onsite septic systems. Title 5 reports are reviewed, soil evaluation/perc tests observed, onsite septic plans are reviewed and repairs and installation of new systems are inspected along with review of well installation applications and drinking water quality reports.
3. Safe and healthy housing for everyone by enforcing the MA State Sanitary Code and the MA Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Regulations. Housing issues occur year-round with complaint based and pre-rental inspections to ensure minimum housing standards are met. A multi Department Housing Task is in place to collaboratively address difficult property cases. The Board of Health (BOH) works actively with the Attorney General's Distressed Property Receivership Program to help mitigate the impact of foreclosures and vacant properties to combat its negative impact on neighborhoods.
4. Investigate nuisance (air, odor and noise) and trash complaints, illegal dumping and participate in a hazardous waste collection day. Residents are able to drop off hazardous materials free of charge at this yearly event funded by the Health Department. The BOH funds the Sharps collection Kiosk at the Athol Police Station.
5. Emergency Preparedness mandated by the federal government. The Health Department participates in the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition consisting of seventy-four cities and towns in Worcester County. Computer drills are conducted randomly by the Department of Public Health to keep local boards of health trained for emergency response. The Athol Board of Health has an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Plan and would be able to activate it within 24 hours' notice. An EDS drill is conducted yearly.
6. The BOH is a member of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN) consisting of 11 cities and towns to increase the capacity of each Health Department. The MPHN public health nurse provides infectious disease follow-up. The Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative and the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative through MPHN help to provide a regional response to opioid misuse/ abuse and addresses underage drinking.
7. The BOH inspects public/semipublic pools, recreational children's camp, tanning salon. The BOH proactively addresses a number of health issues related to mosquitoes and ticks, low lead screening rates for children and many other concerns when alerted by the Department of Public Health.
8. The BOH issues retail nicotine delivery device/tobacco permits to local businesses; one method to help prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Tobacco Control Alliance conducts compliance checks of retail stores and investigates Smoke-Free Work Place smoking complaints.

<b>PERMITS ISSUED</b>		<b>INSPECTIONS</b>	
Burial	155	<b>Housing:</b>	
Disposal Septic Construction	24	Complaints	56
Septage Hauler	8	Follow-ups	75
Septage Installer	13	Pre-Rental	5
Well	3	Vacant Abandoned	38
Trash Hauler	20	<b>Trash:</b>	
Tobacco	16	Complaints	62
Tanning Operator/Salon	1	Follow-ups	144
Pool /Spa	3	Illegal Dumping	3
Recreational Camp	1	<b>Food:</b>	
Mobile Home Park	2	Routine	119
Lodging House	2	Follow-ups	26
Funeral Director	1	Complaint	8
Food Establishment	36	Temporary Day Events	4
Retail Food	32	<b>Septic:</b>	
Temporary Food Establishments	8	Soil Evaluations	62
		Septic installation	39
<b>FEES</b>			
Food Establishment Review	3		
Title 5 Review	60	<b>Pool</b>	3
		<b>Recreational Camp</b>	1
<b>Tobacco Control Alliance</b>		<b>Tanning</b>	1
Access Compliance Checks	26	<b>Nuisance/Miscellaneous</b>	21
Retail Education Checks	17		
Pricing Survey Inspections	13	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	
Smoke Free Work Place complaints		Court appearances	7
Referrals:		Office Phone calls	1644
Smoke-free housing website	2	Office Visits	742
Quit line for nicotine patch	7		

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Vondal, RS      Health Agent  
Jane O'Brien:            Assistant Health Agent  
Marty Miarecki:         Board of Health Chair  
Joan Hamlett:            Board of Health Vice Chair  
Norma Purple:            Board of Health Member

**ATHOL INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

In FY19 the building department collected \$117,240.00 in permit fees with 3 municipal permit fees waived totaling \$310.00, Vacant and Abandoned properties registration fees of \$6,525.00, 110 inspection fees of \$2,616.00 , and Zoning fees of \$950.00 For a total of \$127,331.00. The operating budget was \$166,870.00. The number of building permits approved totaled 561 with a total valuation of \$23,971,079.00

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Single Family	15
Multi-Family	0
Commercial, including Municipal	3
Additions	7
Garages/Carports	9
Decks/Porches	17
Pools	9
Wood/Pellet Stoves	30
Sheds	1
Demo	11
Other, including roofs, siding, signs, etc.	372
Foundation only	6
Solar Panels	32
Vacant and Abandoned Property	65
CMR 780Sec. 110 Inspections	59
On-site Inspections	675
<b>Total number of permits issued</b>	<b>512</b>

Plumbing Permits	96
Gas Permits	81
<b>Total Plumbing and Gas fees</b>	<b>\$23,265.00</b>

Wiring Permits	346
<b>Total Wiring Fees</b>	<b>\$75,999.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Legare  
Building Commissioner

# CHAPTER FOUR

# PUBLIC SERVICE

Reports of the  
Council on Aging, Public Library,  
Veterans Services &  
Sealer of W&M

**ATHOL COUNCIL ON AGING  
SENIOR CENTER  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

**Mission Statement**

Councils on Aging are the principal agencies of local government that serve older adults. First authorized by special legislation in 1956, there are now over 347 Councils in the Commonwealth. The three core responsibilities of the Councils on Aging are but not limited to:

- To identify the needs of senior citizens along with the available resources within the community.
- To educate the community at large in the challenges of aging and advocate for the needs of its senior citizens.
- To design, promote and put in place services that are needed and to coordinate the efforts of agencies which serve older people.

The Athol Council on Aging office and Senior Center is located at 82 Freedom Street in Lord Pond Plaza. The COA office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Later hours are accommodated by appointment. The Senior Center is open 8:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday with occasional night and weekend activities. Hours are flexible and may accommodate special senior programming.

Over the past year approximately 8,000 units of service were performed for seniors in various capacities by the Council on Aging and Senior Center by the numerous programs provided through funding from the Town of Athol, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula Grant, Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, LifePath, Inc. (formerly known as Franklin County Home Care Corporation), EOEA Title IIIB, Friends of the Athol Council on Aging and individual contributors.

The Senior Center congregate dining program, sponsored by LifePath, Inc. and the Town of Athol provided approximately 2,505 nutritionally balanced congregate dinner meals served at 12 noon three (3) times weekly. Additional meals were offered by the Council on Aging staff and board members outside of the established congregate program.

Social services available to area seniors/disabled include SNAP (supplemental nutrition) applications, food security counseling, fuel assistance, benefits counseling, housing assistance, tax preparation, SHINE, a program of LifePath, Inc., (serving health insurance needs of everyone), RMV host agency, information and referral services as well as other benefits and programming intended to improve an individuals' quality of life.

Activities at the Senior Center include health and wellness related activities and screenings including hearing tests, foot screening, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, senior fitness, yoga, congregate meals, home safety seminars and educational forums. Social activities include bingo, red aces, somba, senior

arts, painting, quilting, card making, movies, wood carving, meetings, a lending library and other special events. Through a Title III D Grant administered through LifePath Inc. and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs the Council was able to offer a “Wellness for Life” program “Yoga for Every Body” facilitated by Pat Roix. Our innovative Birthday Card Outreach Program continues and is funded through donations.

Through Formula Grant funding, the Council was able to continue the well attended “Senior Fitness” program, instructed by certified staff of the Athol area YMCA two mornings a week. The fitness program served 49 unduplicated seniors for 98 sessions. The fitness and wellness classes are extended year round.

The Brown Bag distribution continues with approximately 135 elders receiving surplus food each month. Approximately 50 of the brown bags are delivered by volunteer drivers. The program is supervised and led by the COA staff and 25 volunteers, who unload the truck, package the brown bags and distribute at the center site or deliver to homebound seniors and the disabled.

One hundred and fifty seniors received assistance in the preparation of their state and federal income taxes through AARP and the Council on Aging. Through outreach efforts the tax preparation program has shown a significant increase in demand over the past several years. Approximately 20 seniors were assisted with filing the “Circuit Breaker” a State Tax Rebate program.

The “Shine” program assisted approximately 300 area seniors with health insurance issues and assisted with the Prescription Advantage program and the changes in the H.M.O. programs. The Council currently has one (1) SHINE counselor that has been trained and certified through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and LifePath, Inc. and who continues to participate in monthly trainings to keep up with the changing health care system. In-kind support and administrative support for the program is provided by the Council on Aging.

The Council has maintained the foot-screening clinic available to seniors twice a month. Two hundred fifty six (236) screenings were performed during the 24 sessions.

Fuel assistance – Two hundred and twenty four seniors were assisted with Fuel Assistance applications for the FY19 season. Twenty two (22) were informed of and referred to other weatherization and enrolled social service programs.

Through the generosity of the North Worcester County Board of Realtors and their “Adopt an Elder” Christmas program, the Council was able to identify and deliver 50 Christmas gifts to isolated and less fortunate elders.

The Council on Aging provided assistance and referral services to 38 seniors for free legal assistance offered through North Central Legal assistance and the Franklin County Bar Association.

On Christmas Day, 225 plus homebound elders and disabled were delivered a complete ham dinner. With the assistance of the COA Board and the **MANY** volunteers, the dinners were cooked, packed & delivered. The Christmas dinner program is a three day project.

The Council on Aging provided assistance with the Wm. J. O'Brien Thanksgiving community dinner where over 100 community residents were served a sit down meal on Thanksgiving Day that is annually held at the Athol American Legion.

Throughout the year the Council on Aging Director contributed time to the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging board, AARP, the Golden Ages Club, the Athol Housing Authority, Life Path Inc., and various facilitated meetings and focus groups.

The Director and Board members participated in the Mass. Council on Aging, Western Mass. Council on Aging, Mass. Public Health Assoc., local school programs, (Inter-generational) and numerous other senior and municipal connected classes and seminars.

The Council on Aging applied for and received three grants to support various programming for the Fiscal Year 2019.

In June, a Volunteer Recognition luncheon was held at the Athol Senior Center with 81 volunteers present. State and municipal representatives were among those who honored the volunteers for their commitment in assisting the COA with the many programs it offers to elder and disabled community residents. Chief of Police Craig Lundgren and Fire Chief Joseph Guarnera were introduced to the attendees and each gave a brief introduction of themselves. Mark Wright, Executive Director of the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce provided the attendees with an update on the numerous businesses that are new to the region.

The Friends of the Athol Council on Aging (a non-profit 501c3 organization) conducted their annual membership drive and raffle fundraisers with proceeds to benefit programming and other educational and social events for seniors at the Center.

The following residents served the Athol Council on Aging Board during FYI 2019:

Margaret Young, Chairperson  
Jean Ryder  
Walter Lehman  
Lillian Batchelder  
Arthur (Tim) Herk  
Linda Grenier  
Jackie Paluilis  
Raymond Dufort  
Barbara Savoy

The Board would like to thank the 160 volunteers that make the many Council on Aging programs possible. We are indebted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, LifePath Inc., the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging, the Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, Athol Hospital, the local Cultural Council grantors, Senior Dining Center assistant, meal site volunteers, AARP tax assistants, Western Mass Food Bank, the Athol Public Library, the North Central County Board of Realtors, and many other clubs, organizations and individuals.

In conclusion, the Council on Aging wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, town departments and the citizens of Athol for their support and assistance throughout the year. If any citizen has questions regarding our services and programs please do not hesitate to contact the Council office at (978) 249-8986.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy A. Savoy, Director*

*Judy Thayer, Program Coordinator*

**ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The Athol Public Library celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Carnegie library building during 2018. The library officially opened as a town-supported public library in August 1918. An anniversary celebration was held on Friday, August 17, 2018, complete with scavenger hunts, library history trivia, a fire truck, a police car, and hot dogs and cake. Many special anniversary year programs added to the variety of great programs and activities that continued to happen both inside the library and outside in the park. Julie Stepanek taught novice musicians several songs from the 1918 time period during her program, Ukulele with Julie. Chris Coyle presented “A Virtual History of Athol and the Library” at the Friends annual meeting in April.

The 2018 Summer Reading theme, “Libraries Rock!”, gave us a reason to hold a great outdoor concert to kick it off. Charlie Scott’s band provided the music and the Lions’ food truck provided hot dogs for the more than 120 attendees. The music theme was continued with an Open Mic, held in August at the Town Hall. Many talented performers and over 100 attendees had a great time on a warm summer evening. “Libraries Rock” also promoted the geology theme with a program by Professor Richard Little on the local geology of the Athol area.

The new spaces at the library continued to be attractive to many outside groups for meetings and events. Literacy Volunteers continued to hold trainings and tutoring sessions, the DPW and MA Waterworks offered trainings/workshops, MA Library System held workshops, and MassGrow conducted job interviews. The library was also the site of an Opioid Task Force gathering, a Central MA Community Foundation breakfast, a United Way meet & greet, an Autism Fair, workshops on housing options for disabled adults, a Community Input Meeting on Downtown Improvements, and a Legislative Breakfast for the MA Municipal Association.

**Adult Services**

The “Libraries Rock” Summer Reading Program encouraged adults to read and participate in several fun activities during the summer of 2018. 109 adults registered for the 2018 adult reading program, an increase of 34 over last year. Readers submitted 14 book reviews and earned 221 scratch tickets and 65 prizes for reading.

The fall brought our first Club Fair that allowed local clubs and organizations the opportunity to promote themselves, encourage membership, and let others know of their existence. Valuing Our Children hosted “The Big Read” here which also drew many families in to participate and explore. N.Q. Citizen’s Advocacy organized a presentation on Waddie Welcome, Agawam Paranormal explored Local Haunts in MA, and attendees learned more about the Quabbin Reservoir, the accidental wilderness. Ted Reinstein was the first of several authors to visit this year, with a talk about his latest book, New England General Stores. J.A. McIntosh, Quabbin Quills, Carla Rabinowitz, and Deb Habib and Ricky Baruch all held readings

and signings for their new books here, also. A “We Love Reading Valentine’s Day Party” brought a nice group of readers together to share some of their favorite books over tea and treats. Tales from Mt. Washington, Sri Lanka’s Road to Peace with Ami Fagin, El Salvador with Diane Nassif, a NEH program in collaboration with Mt. Wachusett Community College - “Can the Constitution Save Us from 1984”, a service dog training session, and Narcan training for staff and the public by Wachusett Retired Medical Corps entertained and informed a variety of audiences. “Understanding Your Town Government” featured the town manager, town clerk, select board and finance board chairs, and town counsel, each giving a brief presentation of what their jobs entail and what their day-to-day work is like.

As a preview to the 2019 Summer Reading program, “A Universe of Stories”, the Aldrich Astronomical Society conducted a training on using the library’s circulating telescope and an introduction to the night sky.

Booked for Lunch, the noontime book discussion group, led by Robin Brzozowski, met to enjoy lunch and dessert while discussing a variety of books during the year. The evening Mystery Discussion group, facilitated by Karen McNiff, discussed mysteries monthly. David Price and Clint Eklund led the adult chess players on Tuesday evenings and the teens and younger chess players on Thursday afternoons, and the Knit Wit knitting group met weekly. A new group was formed to help maintain the gardens and landscape around the library and provided a valuable amount expertise and manpower. The library provided delivery service to more than a dozen home-bound readers, thanks to our senior tax abatement volunteers Virginia Berry and Randy Mitchell. Our small study rooms continue to be in almost constant use by tutors, counselors, and students.

Several staff changes occurred this year – Carol Ann Fisk retired in August 2018, Rheba Gagne married and moved to Wisconsin in February 2019, and Sean Tomlinson moved to Worcester in February 2019. Staff members promoted or added were: Julianne Matthews, Cynthia Coffin, and Victoria Deneault.

### **Young Adult Department**

The 2018 Summer Reading Program, “Libraries Rock!”, included 39 different programs attended by 207 teens plus the concert in the park and Open Mic that attracted lots of teens. 81 young adults registered for the summer reading program and submitted 260 tickets for prizes.

Some of the programs offered this year for teens were: emoji pillows, a cooking demonstration, Oreo cookie taste-off, Henna Art, Paws for Relaxation with a therapy dog, slime, zombie cookies, and candy science. Teens enjoyed a costume/cosplay party with some great outfits. Hide and seek in the dark after hours, Free Comic Book Day with 117 people stopping by to get their free comic book and to participate in activities, and a Glow in the Dark party to kick off the 2019 Summer Reading program were some of the most popular activities.

ATAC, the teen advisory council at the library, met monthly throughout the year, enjoying pizza provided by the Friends of the Library, talking about books, and helping to plan teen events for the year.

Minecraft, Anime, card game players, and the Book Club met regularly. The Wild Knights Chess Club with David Price and Clint Eklund met weekly throughout the summer and school year.

Community Reading Day was held at the middle school in the fall of 2018. Volunteer readers visited all English classrooms at the middle school to read and discuss selected books.

### **Children's Department**

The Children's Department hosted a "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading kick-off with over 200 attending during the day. A family concert with Matt Heaton, an ice cream social with ice cream donated by Anne's Dairy Drive-In, a Knucklebones play space, STEM Open House to introduce the new LSTA grant science resources, a Minecraft party, and the free summer lunch program all contributed to a busy summer. 225 children registered for the reading program with 41 signing up online. A bubble party, Alchemy Lab with the Museum of Science, and a nature presentation by Jerry Schneider closed out the summer activities in August. The newly certified Monarch Butterfly Way Station, created by Paul and Karen McNiff, provided a sanctuary for many butterflies, including those hatched and released from the Children's Room.

In the fall, the regular ongoing programs, LEGO Club, Baby and Toddler Time, Preschool Story Times, Minecraft Club, Story Walks by Valuing Our Children, Craftastic Kids, and APL's Book Club for Kids successfully continued. The Preschool Stroll and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest were popular in October. A Musical Petting Zoo gave 44 children the opportunity to try out musical instruments. In December, children decorated Candy Castles and in January, attendees went home with new LEGOS after a "Make and Take LEGO" program. Mr. Prickles, a hedgehog, spent several months visiting the Children's Room and was the focus of a hedgehog story time with hedgehog cookies to decorate. February and April vacation featured special programs, including a Drum Circle with Tyreece Younger, made possible with funds from the Plotkin bequest, Cooking with Deb Alsebai, the Eric Carle Museum picture book explorers, and Mike the Bubble Man. A Sign Language Story Time series that was held here in May was made possible by several grants and donations.

In June, classroom visits were made to promote the 2019 Summer Reading program, "A Universe of Stories". The all-day kick-off was attended by 175 people. Free summer lunches were once again offered, in addition to the many space and story themed programs to support summer reading.

### **Memorial Donations**

Materials were purchased in memory of:  
Arlan Butler, Shirley Carbone, and Susan L. Chapman.

Donations were received In Honor of: Anne Cutler-Russo and Ben and Susie Feldman.

### **Friends of the Library Executive Board**

President: Lil Bachelder

Treasurer: Jean White

Secretary: Patricia Ray

Trustee Representative: Margaret Young

Directors: Lynn Carpenter, Vera Coupal, Dianna Dugas, Marilyn Firth, Julianne Matthews, Florence Pelletier, Mary Roberts, Barbara Robichaud.

### **Friends of the Library Volunteer Greeters**

Sandra Bachelder, Mike Cygan, Cindy Day, Muriel Holden, Randy Mitchell, Patricia Ray, George Roix, Tina Smedley

### **Senior Tax Abatement Volunteers 2018 and 2019**

Sandra Bachelder, Virginia Berry, Michael Cygan, Randy Mitchell, Ellen Woodbury

### **Art Exhibitors**

Marcia Berkall, Mathilde, Duffy, Brigitte Flick, Douglas Shebell (puzzles), Nancy Lagimoniere, Millers River Watershed Art Contest Entrants

### **Library Staff**

#### **Adult Department**

Jean Shaughnessy, *Director*

Robin Shtulman, *Assistant Director*

Marie Lehmann, Emily Boughton (YA), Kelsey Matthews, *Senior Library Technicians*

Robin Brzozowski, Carol Ann Fisk (left in August 2018), Rheba Gagne (left in February 2019),

Julianne Matthews (3/2019), Victoria Deneault (3/2019), *Part Time Library Technicians*

Cynthia Coffin (3/2019), *Page*

William Adams, *Part Time Custodian*

Julianne Matthews, *Substitute*

#### **Children's Department**

Angela Dumas, *Children's Librarian*

Karen McNiff, *Children's Assistant/Full Time Technician*

Olivia Skinner, Sean Tomlinson (left 3/2019), Sarah Stanley (3/2019), *Part -Time Technicians, Pages*



**ATHOL - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES, NEQ DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its veterans and their families in need, immediately following the Revolutionary War. In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS).

DVS is the state's lead agency for overseeing the general welfare of the Commonwealth's nearly 400,000 living veterans. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, provides annual training, and ensures compliance with MGL Chapter 115 and other laws and regulations germane to serving veterans.

MGL Chapter 115: Section: 3B was passed into law by the Commonwealth during FY15 establishing the mandatory requirement whereby Directors of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers (VSO) must become legally certified. Mandatory recertification is required every three-years.

MGL Chapter 115 authorizes an eligible veteran to receive certain financial, medical, and other benefits earned by their military service. Services are available through the local area Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers living in one of the Commonwealth's 351 communities.

**DISTRICT GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Secretary – DVS authorized the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District to begin operations in January 2006. DVS requires the district to reapply every two years to continue operations. On March 7, 2017 DVS granted approval for the district to continue operating through June 30, 2021.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 115: Section 11, for every authorized district, there shall be a Board of Directors. The board consists of a representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each member community. The Board establishes By-Laws to define district administration and operations compliant with MGL Chapter 115.

Led by the Director of Veterans' Services, the district serves veterans and dependents having a formal residence in Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

**VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT**

**A. MGL Chapter 115**

1. A program of financial and medical assistance that may be available to veterans and/or dependents based on eligibility requirements.
2. The following chart represents FY19 Veterans' Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are normally reimbursed at 75% by the commonwealth. There are exceptions, where some benefits are eligible for 100% reimbursement.

**FY19 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA**

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursements	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$169,325.19	\$126,966.10	75%
Orange	\$102,994.24	\$77,235.61	75%
Petersham	\$2,053.80	\$1,540.38	75%
Phillipston	\$6,426.00	\$4,819.50	75%
Royalston	\$0.00	\$0.00	75%

3. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
4. Women Veterans' Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits, expand awareness of the needs, and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
5. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
6. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
7. And more...

**B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Applications for Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) service-connected disabilities, pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, healthcare, veterans' grave markers, and more.
  - a. VA Compensation & Benefits (VBA) paid nearly **\$7.6M** dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the district.
  - b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical treatment to over 25,000 veterans with an annual budget of **\$162.2M**.
2. Department of Defense (DOD): Military records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued; applications to correct Military Records, and more.
3. Other Agencies including:
  - a. Massachusetts Department of Health & Human Services
  - b. Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development
  - c. U.S. Social Security Administration
  - d. U.S. Department of Labor
  - e. MassHire Franklin Hampshire
  - f. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - g. U.S. Department of Justice
  - h. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments, Non-Profit Organizations and state agencies.

The office has continued to see an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities, both new and increases. Additionally, there has been an influx in veterans' needing employment assistance.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA Healthcare. All other veterans may be eligible for VA Healthcare based on defined criteria. Due to the Affordable Care Act, wartime and peacetime veterans may qualify for VA Healthcare.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and dependents formally residing in one of the District's communities.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah C. Custer*

Sarah C. Custer  
Director, NorthEast Quabbin District  
Veterans' Services

**TOWN OF ATHOL SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

<b>Devices Tested</b>	<b>Sealed</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Not Sealed</b>	<b>Condemned</b>
Weights and Measures	313	2	0	1
Gas Pumps	53	0	0	0
Fuel Trucks	3	1	0	0
Bottle Return	3	0	0	0

Commodities checked and found correct:        10  
 Price scanning systems checked:                2  
 Peddler's Licenses checked:                      4

Fees Collected and Deposited with Treasurer:    \$3,594.00

The Sealer's Office is in the basement of the Memorial Building, adjacent to the Building Inspector's office and can be reached by calling the Building Inspector's office.

In closing, I would like to thank all businesses for their cooperation, and note that there were no major problems during this past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Greene  
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

# CHAPTER FIVE

# PUBLIC WORKS

Report of the  
Department of Public Works

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

The Town of Athol Department of Public Works consists of 27 full time employees working across multiple divisions within the DPW. Highway, Cemetery/Park/Tree, Water/Sewer and Transfer Station. The Department is fortunate to have multiple professionals representing all disciplines across the DPW keeping your water safe to drink, wastewater flowing, cemeteries and parks maintained, and bridges, roads and drainage systems operational. The Town of Athol DPW continues to attend professional development trainings to help improve all aspects of the DPW. Efficiency and improving delivery of our services is a priority. We continue to implement best practices.



Stormwater culverts and drainage piping continue to be a source of concern for the DPW and the resulting effects of extreme weather. The current drainage systems were not constructed to allow the amount of flow currently being discharged under our roadways. This results in expensive emergency roadway repairs. New installation on rebuilt roadway's like Marble Street have the capacity to meet those extreme events. New rain and storm water handling methods are being implemented when possible to recharge our groundwater and aquifer verses piping to a storm drain or water body.

Additional drainage projects have been identified for repair and or replacement. Starrett Ave. and its associated cross country drainage line and continuation of the Marble Street drainage project that discharges behind the Police Station to the Millers River. These projects are currently in the planning and initial design phase.

The Athol Water Division has been awaiting Sate DEP approval to connect the replacement well in the Tully Wellfield. This well replacement project is in the final stages of approval and will be placed on line during the summer of 2020.

The DPW continues to list, survey and record all of its assets in the field. This includes but is not limited to fire hydrants, valves, sewer manholes, drain outfalls, and other drainage structures. Work orders are also now being generated electronically for water and wastewater related service requests. This ultimately saves time and money.

Athol Wastewater Treatment Plant will be starting a Pilot Study with University of Massachusetts, the goal is to reduce the amount of sludge that is shipped off site. The theory is that if we convert an existing tank to a digester and recycle a portion

our sludge stream through it, it will be more completely consumed. If this holds true, it can possibly reduce our operating cost as sludge transportation and incineration is our biggest expense, \$250,000 per year. We are planning to start the Pilot Study at the end of March 2020.



The sewer division continues to inspect and repair the sewer collection system to reduce infiltration of surface and ground water which ultimately adds to the cost of treatment. Routine sewer cleaning and emergency clearing of sewerage blockages continue to be a major problem in Town. Disposable wipes, “marketed as flushable”, create troublesome blockages in sewer laterals and main lines causing expensive repairs. We strongly urge sewer customers to dispose of these wipes into the solid waste stream, “Household trash”.

This year the Community Development Block Grant was completed on Marble Street and Glen Streets. Water mains and Hydrants were replaced, new 8” sewer mains installed and drainage was corrected to prevent flooding. Street paving was completed in the Fall. This continues the long standing tradition of receiving this Federal Funding and placing it back into Athol neighborhoods.

The Highway Division completed the paving of 12 roadways within the roadway network. Regular sweeping, pothole patching, catch basin repair, plowing and salting continue as well. There are many other tasks and assistance provided to other DPW Divisions upon request. Roadside dumping is also becoming an issue. If you see this kind of activity please contact the Police Department.



The Cemetery Park & Tree Division continues to maintain 9 cemeteries, 60 acres of parks and ball fields. They also oversee operation of the Athol wood bank. This wood bank recycles town wood. It is cut and split by volunteers and can be accessed by the public through a voucher system in Town Hall. This program receives assistance from Mass DCR. This division has been kept very busy do to extreme weather events that have led to many down trees and limbs. The Division also continues to maintain the roadside mowing program by cutting and mapping the most dangerous areas. This is then followed by general roadside mowing as time and weather permit.

### Projects in the Works

- Church Street
- Crescent Street Bridge (Mass DOT funded)
- Exchange Street Bridge completion & final touch up paint.
- Washington Ave Bridge (Mass DOT funded)
- Pinedale Ave. Bridge engineering
- Pequoiag Sewer repair/replacement.
- Tully Well replacement completion.
- Continued replacement/reallocation of DPW vehicles.
- Complete Streets projects.
- Replacement of the DPW roof.
- Pleasant Street Sidewalk.

### DPW Fun Facts... Did You Know?

- Supplied 20 ½ cord/ loads of wood for the wood bank
- Flushable wipes are not actually flushable
- Issued multiple street numbers & driveway permits
- Pumped 272,416 million gallons of water
- Completed 49 Burials this year
- \$485,364 Snow & Ice removal costs
- Removed 662,062 pounds of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). 98.7% Removal
- Processed 308,000 million gallons of wastewater.
- Processed 458,600 gallons of septage from Athol residents with no tipping fee (Saving residents approximately \$36,688)
- Chapter 90 funding allows approximately 1 mile of roadway resurfacing each year. Athol has 110 miles in its roadway network to maintain.

Respectfully Submitted with DPW pride,

Department of Public Works

*"at your service"*

# CHAPTER SIX

# ELECTIONS & TOWN MEETINGS

Report of the  
Election Officers & Town Clerk

**STATE PRIMARY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

- Precinct 1:**    Regular Ballots - 480 Democrat; 484 Republican; 94 Libertarian  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 5 Democrat; 2 Republican; 0 Libertarian
- Precinct 2:**    Regular Ballots - 500 Democrat; 498 Republican; 100 Libertarian  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 2 Democrat; 4 Republican; 0 Libertarian
- Precinct 3:**    Regular Ballots - 495 Democrat; 500 Republican; 100 Libertarian  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 8 Democrat; 7 Republican; 0 Libertarian

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

- Precinct 1: 383 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.  
Precinct 2: 300 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket  
Precinct 3: 376 on the ballot box and 3 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

- Precinct 1:**    On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box: 183 Democrat;  
                  193 Republican; 4 Libertarian
- Precinct 2:**    On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 136 Democrat; 157  
                  Republican; 7 Libertarian
- Precinct 3:**    On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 203 Democrat; 175  
                  Republican; 1 Libertarian

**NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST**

- Precinct 1:**    Number of Ballots Cast: 183 Democrat ; 193 Republican; 4 Libertarian  
                  Spoiled Ballots: 4 Democrat; 5 Republican; 0 Libertarian  
                  Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Libertarian  
                  Unused Ballots: 299 Democrat; 286 Republican; 89 Libertarian
- Precinct 2:**    Number of Ballots Cast: 136 Democrat ; 157 Republican; 7 Libertarian  
                  Spoiled Ballots: 1 Democrat; 7 Republican; 1 Libertarian  
                  Provisional Ballots: 1 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Libertarian  
                  Unused Ballots: 364 Democrat; 338 Republican; 92 Libertarian
- Precinct 3:**    Number of Ballots Cast: 203 Democrat ; 175 Republican; 1 Libertarian  
                  Spoiled Ballots: 6 Democrat; 4 Republican; 0 Libertarian  
                  Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Libertarian  
                  Unused Ballots: 294 Democrat; 327 Republican; 99 Libertarian

## ELECTION OFFICERS

**Precinct 1:** Warden (U) Patricia Kacmarczyk ; Clerk (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Muriel Holden; (U) Kent Hager; (U) Chris Casella

**Precinct 2:** Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Muriel Holden; (U) Jean White; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Joan Starrett

**Precinct 3:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Bacheldor; Inspectors: (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Mary-Ann Linton; (U) Shirley Hyre; (U) David Small; (U) Bonnie Stewart; (U) Julia Temple

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

DEMOCRAT	1	2	3	TOTALS
<b>TOTAL DEMOCRATS</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
ELIZABETH A. WARREN	154	123	174	<b>451</b>
ALL OTHERS	4	4	3	<b>11</b>
BLANKS	26	9	23	<b>58</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>GOVERNOR</b>				
JAY M. GONZALEZ	86	65	95	<b>246</b>
BOB MASSIE	56	40	70	<b>166</b>
ALL OTHERS	6	2	1	<b>9</b>
BLANKS	36	29	34	<b>99</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>				
QUENTIN PARLFREY	103	80	103	<b>286</b>
JIMMY TINGLE	44	30	55	<b>129</b>
ALL OTHERS	1	1	1	<b>3</b>
BLANKS	36	25	41	<b>102</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>				
MAURA HEALEY	166	123	177	<b>466</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	3	1	<b>4</b>
BLANKS	18	10	22	<b>50</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>				
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	133	100	156	<b>389</b>

JOSH ZAKIM	43	35	38	<b>116</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
BLANKS	8	1	6	<b>15</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>				
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	148	120	169	<b>437</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
BLANKS	36	15	31	<b>82</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>AUDITOR</b>				
SUZANNE M. BUMP	145	121	172	<b>438</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
BLANKS	39	15	28	<b>82</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>REP. IN CONGRESS</b>				
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	162	129	176	<b>467</b>
ALL OTHERS	1	0	1	<b>2</b>
BLANKS	21	7	23	<b>51</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
PAUL D. DEPALO	141	117	165	<b>423</b>
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
BLANKS	42	19	35	<b>96</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
ANNE M. GOBI	161	132	180	<b>473</b>
ALL OTHERS	3	0	1	<b>4</b>
BLANKS	20	4	19	<b>43</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>REP. IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
JOHN WILLIAM ARENA	143	110	165	<b>418</b>
ALL OTHERS	3	2	1	<b>6</b>
BLANKS	38	24	34	<b>96</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>				
DAVID E. SULLIVAN	148	122	168	<b>438</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
BLANKS	36	14	32	<b>82</b>
TOTALS	184	136	200	<b>520</b>
<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>				

DENNIS P. MCMANUS	148	118	173	439
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	36	17	27	80
TOTALS	184	136	200	520
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>				
KATHRYN A. TOOMEY	149	122	172	443
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	35	14	28	77
TOTALS	184	136	200	520
<b>REPUBLICAN</b>				
<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
GEOFF DIEHL	80	59	80	219
JOHN KINGSTON	83	73	52	208
BETH JOYCE LINDSTROM	23	17	31	71
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1
BLANKS	8	8	11	27
TOTALS	194	157	175	526
<b>GOVERNOR</b>				
CHARLES D. BAKER	121	97	112	330
SCOTT D. LIVELY	71	56	58	185
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	4	5	11
TOTALS	194	157	175	526
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>				
KARYN E. POLITO	121	124	140	385
ALL OTHERS	2	1	1	4
BLANKS	71	32	34	137
TOTALS	194	157	175	526
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>				
JAMES R. MCMAHON, III	98	88	113	299
DANIEL L. SHORES	59	38	39	136
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1
BLANKS	37	31	22	90
TOTALS	194	157	175	526
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>				
ANTHONY M. AMORE	136	113	135	384
ALL OTHERS	2	0	0	2
BLANKS	56	44	40	140
TOTALS	194	157	175	526

<b>TREASURER</b>					
KEIKO M. ORALL	136	110	129		<b>375</b>
WRITE-INS	0	0	1		<b>1</b>
ALL OTHERS	58	47	45		<b>150</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>AUDITOR</b>					
HELEN BRADY	131	109	127		<b>367</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
BLANKS	63	48	48		<b>159</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>REP. IN CONGRESS</b>					
TRACY LYN LOVVORN	89	64	82		<b>235</b>
KEVIN WILLIAM POWERS	61	65	57		<b>183</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
BLANKS	44	28	36		<b>108</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>					
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	135	108	127		<b>370</b>
WRITE-INS	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
ALL OTHERS	59	49	48		<b>156</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>					
STEVEN R. HALL	138	116	132		<b>386</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
BLANKS	56	41	43		<b>140</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>REP. IN GENERAL COURT</b>					
ALL OTHERS	35	29	35		<b>99</b>
BLANKS	159	128	140		<b>427</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>					
ALL OTHERS	23	18	27		<b>68</b>
BLANKS	171	139	148		<b>458</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>					
JOANNE E. POWELL	131	105	122		<b>358</b>
ALL OTHERS	1	0	1		<b>2</b>
BLANKS	62	52	52		<b>166</b>
TOTALS	194	157	175		<b>526</b>
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>					
KATE D. CAMPANALE	102	79	101		<b>282</b>
KEVIN J. KUROS	59	49	45		<b>153</b>
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1		<b>1</b>

BLANKS	33	29	28	90
TOTALS	194	157	175	526
<b>LIBERTARIAN</b>				
<b>TOTAL LIBERTARIAN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
ALL OTHERS	2	4	1	7
BLANKS	3	3	0	6
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>GOVERNOR</b>				
ALL OTHERS	2	3	1	6
BLANKS	3	4	0	7
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	3	1	5
BLANKS	4	4	0	8
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	2	1	4
BLANKS	4	5	0	9
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	3	1	5
BLANKS	4	4	0	8
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>TREASURER</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	2	1	4
BLANKS	4	5	0	9
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>AUDITOR</b>				
DANIEL FISHMAN	4	1	1	6
ALL OTHERS	0	6	0	6
BLANKS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>REP. IN CONGRESS</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	2	1	4
BLANKS	4	5	0	9
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
ALL OTHERS	1	2	1	4
BLANKS	4	5	0	9
TOTALS	5	7	1	13
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
ALL OTHERS	2	2	1	5

BLANKS	3		5		0		8
TOTALS	5		7		1		13
<b>REP. IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
ALL OTHERS	2		3		1		6
BLANKS	3		4		0		7
TOTALS	5		7		1		13
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>							
ALL OTHERS	1		3		1		5
BLANKS	4		4		0		8
TOTALS	5		7		1		13
<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>							
ALL OTHERS	1		2		1		4
BLANKS	4		5		0		9
TOTALS	5		7		1		13
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>							
ALL OTHERS	1		4		1		6
BLANKS	4		3		0		7
TOTALS	5		7		1		13

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the State Primary Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on August 30, 2018 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2414
2	2270
3	<u>2247</u>
Total	6931

Nancy E. Burnham  
Hugh A. Horrigan  
Gerard Lozier  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

**STATE ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

**Precinct 1:** 1,497 Regular Ballots, 432 Early Voter Ballots and 37 Absent Voter Ballots  
**Precinct 2:** 1,796 Regular Ballots, 328 Early Voter Ballots and 25 Absent Voter Ballots  
**Precinct 3:** 1,300 Regular Ballots, 356 Early Voter Ballots and 51 Absent Voter Ballots

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

**Precinct 1:** 1,402 on the ballot box and 12 in the side pocket.  
**Precinct 2:** 1,250 on the ballot box and 15 in the side pocket  
**Precinct 3:** 1,222 on the ballot box and 15 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

**Precinct 1:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,414  
**Precinct 2:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,265  
**Precinct 3:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,237

**NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST**

**Precinct 1:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,414; Spoiled Ballots, 22; Provisional Ballots, 14; Unused Ballots, 514  
**Precinct 2:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,265; Spoiled Ballots, 5; Provisional Ballots, 10; Unused Ballots, 873  
**Precinct 3:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,237; Spoiled Ballots, 20; Provisional Ballots, 11; Unused Ballots, 428

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**Precinct 1:** Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Charles Shatos; (U) Kent Hager; (U) Anthony Kaczmarczyk; (D) William Chiasson

**Precinct 2:** Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Joan Starrett; (U) Muriel Holden, (U) Jean White, (U) Cathy Muzzy

**Precinct 3:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Bachelder; Inspectors: (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Shirley Hyre; (U) Mary-Ann Linton, (U) Bonnie Stewart, (U) David Small, (D) Diane Page; (U) Julia Temple

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

OFFICE/CANDIDATE	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	TOTALS
	TAPE	HANDCOUNT	TOTAL	TAPE	HANDCOUNT	TOTALS	TAPE	HANDCOUNT	TOTALS	
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>										
ELIZABETH A. WARREN	623	9	632	539	8	547	601	8	609	1788
GEOFF DIEHL	662	3	665	622	5	627	539	5	544	1836
SHIVA AYYADURAI	87	1	88	66	2	68	63	1	64	220
WRITE-INS	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
BLANKS	26	0	26	23	0	23	19	0	19	68
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR</b>										
BAKER AND POLITO	1067	9	1076	969	12	981	926	11	937	2994
GONZALEZ AND PALFREY	306	4	310	256	3	259	264	3	267	836
WRITE-INS	6	0	6	4	0	4	5	0	5	15
BLANKS	23	0	23	21	0	21	27	0	27	71
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>										
MAURA HEALEY	792	9	801	663	9	672	722	7	729	2202
JAMES R. MCMHON, III	575	3	578	562	6	568	471	7	478	1624
WRITE-INS	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	3
BLANKS	34	1	35	23	0	23	29	0	29	87
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>										
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	822	8	830	706	8	714	774	7	781	2325
ANTHONY M. AMORE	471	5	476	461	6	467	375	5	380	1323
JUAN G. SANCHEZ, JR.	66	0	66	52	1	53	45	2	47	166
WRITE-INS	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

BLANKS	40	0	40	31	0	31	28	0	28	99
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>TREASURER</b>										
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	752	9	761	637	8	645	684	6	690	2096
KEIKO M. ORRALL	521	3	524	494	6	500	414	6	420	1444
JAMIE M. GUERIN	71	0	71	70	1	71	74	2	76	218
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	58	1	59	49	0	49	50	0	50	158
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>AUDITOR</b>										
SUZANNE M. BUMP	648	8	656	583	6	589	620	6	626	1871
HELEN BRADY	593	4	597	507	7	514	445	5	450	1561
DANIEL FISHMAN	47	0	47	56	1	57	44	1	45	149
EDWARD J. STAMAS	59	0	59	53	1	54	54	2	56	169
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	55	1	56	51	0	51	59	0	59	166
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>										
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	791	7	798	663	8	671	745	9	754	2223
TRACY LYN LOVVORN	576	5	581	563	7	570	439	5	444	1595
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	3
BLANKS	35	1	36	22	0	22	37	0	37	95
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>										
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	754	6	760	700	8	708	610	7	617	2085
PAUL M. DEPALO	576	6	582	495	6	501	538	7	545	1628
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	4
BLANKS	72	1	73	52	1	53	73	0	73	199
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>										

ANNE M. GOBI	819	9	828	689	6	695	747	7	754	2277
STEVEN R. HALL	556	3	559	538	8	546	446	6	452	1557
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	2	5
BLANKS	27	1	28	20	1	21	28	0	28	77
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>										
SUSANNAH M. WHIPPS	1098	8	1106	959	10	969	897	9	906	2981
JOHN WILLIAM ARENA	254	4	258	250	4	254	267	5	272	784
WRITE-INS	9	0	9	5	0	5	4	0	4	18
BLANKS	41	1	42	36	1	37	54	0	54	133
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>OFFICE/CANDIDATE</b>										
	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
	<b>TAPE</b>	<b>UOCAVA/SQ</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TAPE</b>	<b>UOCAVA/SQ</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>TAPE</b>	<b>UOCAVA/SQ</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>										
DAVID E. SULLIVAN	1050	10	1060	952	9	961	920	10	930	2951
WRITE-INS	27	0	27	24	0	24	19	3	22	73
BLANKS	325	3	328	274	6	280	283	1	284	892
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>										
DENNIS P. MCMANUS	767	10	777	656	6	662	713	8	721	2160
JOANNE E. POWELL	565	3	568	536	8	544	439	6	445	1557
WRITE-INS	1	0	1	3	0	3	1	0	1	5
BLANKS	69	0	69	55	1	56	69	0	69	194
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>										
KATE D. CAMPANALE	698	5	703	637	6	643	548	8	556	1902
KATHRYN A. TOOMEY	632	8	640	554	8	562	603	6	609	1811
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	3
BLANKS	72	0	72	57	1	58	70	0	70	200

TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>QUESTION 1 - PATIENT TO NURSE LIMITS</b>										
YES	339	5	344	287	2	289	297	2	299	932
NO	1025	7	1032	933	13	946	894	9	903	2881
BLANKS	38	1	39	30	0	30	31	3	34	103
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>QUESTION 2 - COMMISSION ON LIMITING ELECTION SPENDING &amp; CORPORATE RIGHTS</b>										
YES	914	9	923	812	9	821	793	9	802	2546
NO	456	4	460	396	6	402	398	4	402	1264
BLANKS	32	0	32	42	0	42	31	1	32	106
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916
<b>QUESTION 3 - TRANSGENDER ANTI-DISCRIMINATION</b>										
YES	807	7	814	694	8	702	707	7	714	2230
NO	574	6	580	535	7	542	489	6	495	1617
BLANKS	21	0	21	21	0	21	26	1	27	69
TOTALS	1402	13	1415	1250	15	1265	1222	14	1236	3916

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the State Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on October 17, 2018 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2396
2	2203
3	<u>2175</u>
Total	6774

Nancy E. Burnham  
Hugh A. Horrigan  
Gerard Lozier  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 1, 2019

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

Precinct 1: 610 Regular Ballots and 3 Absent Voter Ballots  
Precinct 2: 600 Regular Ballots and 1 Absent Voter Ballots  
Precinct 3: 699 Regular Ballots and 2 Absent Voter Ballots

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

Precinct 1: 79 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.  
Precinct 2: 61 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket  
Precinct 3: 46 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

Precinct 1: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 79  
Precinct 2: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 61  
Precinct 3: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 46

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Precinct 1: Number of Ballots Cast, 79; Spoiled Ballots, 0; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 534  
Precinct 2: Number of Ballots Cast, 61; Spoiled Ballots, 0; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 540  
Precinct 3: Number of Ballots Cast, 46; Spoiled Ballots, 0; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 655

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1: Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk; (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Kent Hager; (U) Dawn Maroni; (U) Charles Shatos  
Precinct 2: Warden (U) Madeleine Andrews; Clerk (U) Ann Shea; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Jean White; (U) Muriel Holden; (U) Ann Cutler-Russo, (U) Carol Clark  
Precinct 3: Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Bachelder; Inspectors: (U) Mary-Ann Linton; (U) Claire Butler; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Bonnie Stewart; (U) Julia Temple

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden. The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

<b>OFFICE/CANDIDATE</b>						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		
<b>MODERATOR</b>						
LAWRENCE P. MCLAUGHLIN	71	58	45	174		
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1		
BLANKS	8	2	1	11		
TOTALS	79	61	46	186		
<b>SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS</b>						
STEPHEN R. RAYMOND	60	49	41	150		
WILLIAM B. CHIASSON	65	53	42	160		
KEVIN HEATH	0	0	1	1		
KEN DUFFY	0	1	0	1		
BLANKS	33	19	8	60		
TOTALS	158	122	92	372		
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ATHOL - 3 YEARS</b>					<b>ROYALSTON VOTE</b>	<b>TOTALS ATHOL AND ROYALSTON</b>
KENNETH A. VAIDULAS	63	54	41	158	0	158
WILLIAM B. CHIASSON	63	52	38	153	0	153
TAMMY DUQUETTE	57	48	40	145	0	145
JOSHUA LAMARCHE	1	0	0	1	0	1
KEVIN HEATH	0	0	1	1	0	1
ALL OTHERS	3	1	3	7	0	7
BLANKS	50	28	15	93	0	93
TOTALS	237	183	138	558	0	558
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ROYALSTON - 3 YEARS</b>					<b>ROYALSTON VOTE</b>	<b>TOTALS ATHOL AND ROYALSTON</b>
CHARLES H. PRETTI	44	36	32	112	0	112
ROBERTA BOBBI NEWMAN	20	15	8	43	0	43
ALL OTHERS	1	0	1	2	0	2
BLANKS	14	10	5	29	0	29
TOTALS	79	61	46	186	0	186
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>						
SHARON BRIGHENTI	57	52	44	153		
MARGARET E. FELDMAN	66	56	42	164		
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0		
BLANKS	35	14	6	55		
TOTALS	158	122	92	372		
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>						
EDWARD LEDGARD	65	58	45	168		
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0		
BLANKS	14	3	1	18		
TOTALS	79	61	46	186		
<b>CONSTABLE</b>						
KEVIN MATERAS	64	55	45	164		
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1		

BLANKS	15	5	1	21	
TOTALS	79	61	46	186	

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Annual Town Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on March 12, 2019 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2401
2	2255
3	<u>2230</u>
Total	6886

Nancy E. Burnham  
 Hugh A. Horrigan  
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**FALL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2018  
CERTIFICATION**

The 2018 Fall Town Meeting was held on October 15, 2018 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 76 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 30; Precinct 2, 29; and Precinct 3, 20. Total present: 79.

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

**Joyce E. Sinclair** – She worked for the Department of Public Works office for 23 years, retiring in 1998. She also worked at the polls as an Election worker.

**Cynthia A. Fowler** – She was the Town of Athol's Handicap and ADA Coordinator for many years. She served on the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee for 9 years and chair for 1 year.

**Shirley J. Kelley** – She worked for the Athol-Royalston Regional School District in the Cafeteria at Riverbend School for several years.

**Joseph F. Maga** – He was elected by the voters to the following:

- Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee from 1976-1996 and 2007 to 2018
- Selectman – 1990 to 1996 and 1999 to 2005
- Town Meeting Member – 1974 to 2000
- Democratic Town Committee – 1976 to 2018
- Athol Housing Authority – 1980 to 1984
- Charter Commission 1998 - 2000

He also served on the following boards/committees: Memorial Building Committee, Personnel Board, Needs Assessment Committee, Friends of the Council on Aging.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the October 15, 2018 Fall Town Meeting.

Nancy Burnham, Town Clerk swore-in the following tellers to count at Town Meeting:

**Article 1** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED**: That the Town raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$45,000 for costs of police department dispatch wages. *Passed by a majority vote.*

- Article 2** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED**: That the Town raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$7,800 to complete a master plan of improvements to Silver Lake Park. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 3** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED**: That the Town raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$1,800 for Board of Health mileage reimbursements. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 4** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED**: That the Town transfer the sum of \$5, 073.17 from the FY17 DPW lease payments capital line item to FY19 purchase of new or used equipment capital line item. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 5** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED**: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease for public recreational purposes the property known and numbered as the New England Equestrian Center of Athol, 802 New Sherborn Road, shown on Athol Assessor's Map 56, Lot 18. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 6** On the Motion of Michele A. Tontodonato, it was **VOTED**: That the Town amend Chapter III of the General Bylaws by inserting a new Section 13 – Payment Agreements for Properties in Tax Title as follows:

**Section 13 – Payment Agreements for Properties in Tax Title**

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 60, sec. 62A, the Treasurer/Collector will pursue and establish a written payment agreement with any person(s) entitled to redeem ownership of parcels taken by the Town for nonpayment of real estate taxes ("redeemer").
- B. Tax title categories eligible for payment agreements include all categories of real property subject to all other terms and conditions in this bylaw.
- C. Eligibility Criteria:
1. The Town has not filed an action in Land Court to foreclose the rights of redemption;
  2. All real estate taxes due for the current fiscal year assessed against the parcel, as well as any other fees and charges owed to the Town, are paid to date; and
  3. The Redeemer, at the time of execution of said Agreement, pays to the Town a minimum of 25% or the total amount required to redeem the parcel, including all principal, interest, fees, costs, and other charges, in the form of certified funds or cash.
- D. The agreement's maximum term shall be 60 months. At the request of the Redeemer, the Treasurer is authorized to agree to a shorter term. All payments shall be made quarterly based on the Town's fiscal year and in the amounts and at the time provided in a

payment schedule prepared by the Treasurer that is and shall be a part of said payment Agreement.

- E. The Redeemer shall be in breach of the payment Agreement by failing to make any payment(s) under the Agreement as provided in the schedule, or if a check for any payment is returned, or by failing to stay current on taxes and/or other charges that are a lien on the same parcel(s). In the event of such breach, the full amount of the overdue tax, including all interest, charges and fees, will immediately become due and the Treasurer may bring an action to foreclose the tax title on such parcel(s). The Treasurer is under no obligation to accept late payments. In the event that the Redeemer breaches a payment Agreement and the Treasurer has not foreclosed on the tax title, a subsequent payment Agreement shall not be made available for the same parcel(s). During the term of the Agreement, the Treasurer may not bring an action to foreclose on the tax title of the Redeemer unless there is a breach of the Agreement.
- F. The redeemer shall be entitled to a credit equal to fifty (50%) percent of the accrued interest on the balance owed on the tax title account after the 25% payment required to redeem the parcel as provided for in this bylaws. Interest shall continue to accrue, pursuant to the rate established by state law for tax title accounts, during the term of the payment Agreement but shall be subject to the fifty (50%) percent credit provided for herein. The Treasurer shall calculate the credit at the time of the execution of the Agreement and the credit shall be reflected in the payment schedule so as to be deducted from the last payment(s).
- G. The Agreement shall not be assignable by the Redeemer. The Agreement does not change or alter in any way the priority of the Town's lien on the parcel(s). In the event of any sale or other transfer of any kind of the parcel(s) subject to an Agreement or any interest therein, in whole or part, all amounts owed to the Town, including the full amount of interest, fees and costs, shall become immediately due and payable before any such transaction may take place.
- H. The Treasurer and the Redeemer shall execute an Agreement that sets forth terms and conditions for payment that are consistent with this bylaw. No extensions or amendments to the Agreement or to the terms and conditions as set forth in this bylaw shall be allowed, except that the Treasurer is authorized to agree to accept accelerated payments. In the event of any discrepancy between the Agreement and the bylaw, the bylaw shall control.

and further to renumber the ensuing Sections of said Chapter III. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 7** On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED**: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts for special legislation to increase the Town's quota of liquor licenses authorized under MGL c. 138, sec. 12, by six additional licenses, from fourteen (14) to twenty (20) provided, however that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Meeting dissolved at 8:22 pm

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 10, 2019

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting was held on June 10, 2019 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 115 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 56; Precinct 2, 41; and Precinct 3, 23. Total present: 120.

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

**Beatrice S. Goulet** – She was a teacher's aide in the Athol-Royalston School District assisting at Pleasant Street, Ellen Bigelow and Sanders Street Schools, retiring in 1989.

**Thomas S. "Sid" Mann, III** – He was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1967 to 1977 and 1984-1987. He also was a member of the Memorial Building Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Gerald W. Bartlett** – He served on the Planning Board in Athol from 1996 to 2009.

**Natalie I. Brighenti** – She worked as a cafeteria worker for the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 1** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 2** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town vote to review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee. *Passed by a majority vote. Chairman Duffy presented a report of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee.*

- Article 3** On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2020. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 4** On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 5** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED:** That the accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2020. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 6** On the Motion of Michele Tontodonato, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2020 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 7** On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2020, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 8** On the Motion of Michael Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$14,940,124 from taxation and by transfer of \$12,000 from parking meter receipt to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2020 and make appropriations for same as follows: *Passed by a majority vote.*

<b>Division/Department</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>% DIF</b>
<b>Finance</b>				
Accountant	124,793	127,345	131,831	3.52%
Assessor	122,634	132,951	141,266	6.25%
FWAC	83,150	84,530	85,250	0.85%
Capital Planning Committee	1,120	1,120	1,120	0.00%
Collector/Treasurer	2,803,945	2,857,148	2,609,953	-8.65%
Debt Exclusions	2,298,673	1,520,855	1,638,755	7.75%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,434,315</b>	<b>4,723,949</b>	<b>4,608,175</b>	<b>-2.45%</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Dept. Inspectional Services	150,869	156,488	166,870	6.63%
Fire Department	1,821,477	1,816,456	1,952,684	7.50%
Health Department	121,339	124,082	131,430	5.92%
Police Department	1,738,090	1,932,447	2,028,173	4.95%
Animal Control (regional)	84,897	86,248	90,698	5.16%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,916,672</b>	<b>4,115,721</b>	<b>4,369,855</b>	<b>6.17%</b>
<b>Public Services</b>				
Board of Selectmen	534,483	527,497	548,477	3.98%
Council on Aging	108,592	112,719	128,437	13.94%
Conservation Commission	19,300	23,350	26,900	15.20%
Retirement	1,355,412	1,474,103	1,621,426	9.99%
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Elections & Registration	18,344	29,344	21,344	27.26%
Library	534,491	545,968	587,362	7.58%
Parking	11,125	11,125	11,725	5.39%
Dept. Planning & Development	104,105	111,404	117,566	5.53%
Professional Services	317,064	324,798	357,434	10.05%
Recreation	21,950	21,525	23,384	8.64%
Beaches	37,876	38,335	43,121	12.48%
Town Buildings	135,671	136,050	144,662	6.33%
Town Clerk	152,560	145,809	158,631	8.79%
Town Manager	135,887	138,860	145,963	5.12%
Veterans Services	217,962	244,529	246,406	0.77%
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,400	2,500	2,600	4.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,707,222</b>	<b>3,887,916</b>	<b>4,185,438</b>	<b>7.65%</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	1,592,954	1,668,508	1,788,656	7.20%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>14,651,163</b>	<b>14,396,094</b>	<b>14,952,124</b>	<b>3.86%</b>

**Article 9** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from free cash the sum of \$596,074 to fund the fiscal year 2020 Capital Improvement Plan as voted by the Capital Program Committee as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item/Project</u>	<u>FY20 Amount</u>
Fire	SCBA (breathing apparatus)	\$133,654
Health	BOH Vehicle	\$ 26,944

Public Works	Mower	\$ 48,500
Public Works	Five-Points Intersection-TIP commitment	\$110,000
Public Works	DPW Grant Match	\$ 40,000
Public Works	DPW Infrastructure / Ch. 90 match	\$ 46,500
Public Works	(2) Dump Trucks	\$150,000
Police	Police Vehicle	\$ 40,476

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 10** On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from the Water Enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 11** On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from the Sewer Enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$225,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 12** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$48,500 for the purpose of funding future Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, Ch. 58, Sections 1, 1A & 3 and Ch. 59 Section 2A. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews, hardware, software and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of these state mandated requirements. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 13** On the Motion of Michele Tontodonato, it was **VOTED:** that the Town appropriate from taxation \$4,747,060 for the fiscal year 2020 assessment of \$4,650,000 for operations and \$97,060 for debt service to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 14** On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from taxation \$342,092 for the fiscal year 2020 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 15** On the Motion of Michael Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town as follows:

Moderator	\$ 204.00
Chairman, Selectmen	\$1694.00
Selectmen, all other (4)	\$1411.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$1694.00
Assessors, all other (1)	\$1411.00
Constable	None
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1694.00
Board of Health, all other (2)	\$1411.00
Library Trustees	None
School Committees	None

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 16**     **MOTION:** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,300,915 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund.

<b>Water Division</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Operational Expenses	\$ 897,918
Debt	\$ 192,639
Health Insurance	\$ 55,358
Overhead	\$ 95,000
<u>Retirement Benefits</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total	\$1,300,915

and that \$1,300,915 be raised as follows with any balance in the retirement benefits be transferred to retirement benefit fund balance account:

<b>Water Division</b>	<b>Revenues</b>
Water Rates	\$1,200,915
Water Service	\$ 15,000
Water Interest	\$ 5,000
<u>Water Account Charges</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
Total	\$1,300,915

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 17**     **MOTION:** On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,543,335 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund.

<b>Sewer Division</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Operational Expenses	\$1,001,633
Debt	\$ 350,582
Health Insurance	\$ 61,120
Overhead	\$ 95,000
<u>Retirement Benefits</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
Total	\$1,543,335

And that \$1,543,335 be raised as follows with any balance in the retirement benefits be transferred to a retirement benefits fund balance account:

<b>Sewer Division</b>	<b>Revenues</b>
Sewer Rates	\$1,466,335
Sewer Service	\$ 2,000
Sewer Interest	\$ 5,000
<u>Sewer Account Charges</u>	<u>\$ 70,000</u>
Total	\$1,543,335

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 18** On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate \$504,725 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works/Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund.

<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Operational Expenses	\$ 449,235
Debt	\$ 37,450
Health Insurance	\$ 18,040
Overhead	\$ 0
OPEB	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 504,725</b>

and that \$504,725 be raised as follows:

<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>Revenues</b>
Departmental Receipts	\$ 504,725
Retained Earnings	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 19** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate \$22,243 from free cash to fund to the “Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 20** On the Motion of Michele Tontodonato, it was **VOTED**: That the Town to authorize and/or reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for fiscal year 2020

<b>Revolving fund</b>	<b>Authorized to spend</b>	<b>Revenue source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY2020 spending limit</b>
Plumbing Inspection	Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay plumbing insp. & asst. plumb. insp.	\$20,000
Recycling	Board of Health Town Manager	Grants, bulky waste, PAYT, recycling containers, compost bins	Expenses and equipment	\$20,000
Gas Inspections	Selectmen	Gas inspection fees	Pay gas insp. & asst. gas insp.	\$2,500
Waste Facility Debt	Town Manager	Sewer user fees	Pay upgrade debt	\$60,000
Trench Permit	Building Dept.	Permit Fees & Reimbursement	Enforcement	\$5,000
Vaccinations	Board of Health	Insurance Reimbursements & User Fees	Public Health Administration	\$25,000

Recreation	Recreation Commission	Registration Fees	Program Administration	\$10,000
Memorial Building	Memorial Building Cmte.	Building Use Fees and Donations	Maintenance and improvements to Memorial Building	\$20,000
<b>Total Spending</b>				<b>\$162,500</b>

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 21** On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize and/or reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2020 as written in the warrant above.

Revolvin g fund	Authorized spend	to	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2020 spending limit
Police Detail	Police Chief		Contractors	Pay police	\$100,000

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 22** On the Motion of Michael Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues, excepting the annual license fee, for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, for fiscal year 2020. The Town Manager shall have authority to manage the account including distribution of funds in accordance with the Town's cable by-law and the cable operator franchise agreement. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 23** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 23, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 24** On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$75,000 from free cash for the purpose of demolishing or securing unsafe structures, removal of debris and other materials for the health and safety of the public and ancillary costs thereto. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 25** On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$6,993 from the FY19 Town Clerk's budget to fund the multi-year Codification project. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 26** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$111,216 to the Stabilization Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 27** On the Motion of Michele Tontodonato, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$259,130 to the Capital Stabilization Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 28** On the Motion Patricia Roix, it was **VOTED:** That the town amend the Town of Athol Bylaws by adding the following language:

### **Polystyrene and Other Non-Recyclable Food Service Ware By-Law**

#### **Section 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

Single use containers and packaging for prepared foods are a commonly used convenience. When these materials can not be composted or recycled they unnecessarily burden solid waste disposal systems and contribute litter and contaminants to the environment.

The purpose of this bylaw is to prohibit the use and distribution of food service ware that is not compostable or recyclable, and to require in its stead products that are compostable or recyclable. Prohibited materials include foam polystyrene (colloquially known as the trade name “Styrofoam”) and solid plastics that are not marked with a universal recycling number. Reusable products provided by the consumer are encouraged as an alternative to vendor-supplied single-use products.

#### **Section 2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 *Compostable:* Materials that have the ability to completely disintegrate into natural materials within one year while in the natural environment or a home-scale composting system and that leave no toxic or harmful residues behind. Materials that are compostable only in an industrial composting facility are not considered compostable for the purposes of this bylaw.

2.2 *Foam polystyrene:* Polystyrene is a widely used plastic that is used to make both foam and rigid products. “Foam Polystyrene” as used in this bylaw refers to expanded polystyrene foam (EPS), which is generally an opaque, white, lightweight material, often known colloquially by the brand name “Styrofoam.”

2.3 *Food establishment:* Any operation, including but not limited to, restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores, theaters, schools, charitable associations, food trucks, farmers’ markets, concession stands, and other public venues that serve, vend or otherwise provide prepared food for human consumption.

2.4 *Food service ware:* Products for serving or transporting prepared food or beverages, including but not limited to packaging used for take-out foods and/or leftovers from partially consumed meals prepared by a restaurant and /or other food establishment. This includes, but is not limited to, cups, bowls, plates, trays, and hinged or lidded containers. For the purpose of this bylaw it does not include thin film plastic wrap, disposable cutlery, or packaging for unprepared foods. Reusable packaging provided by the consumer rather than the vendor is also not included.

2.5 *Prepared food:* Any food or beverage prepared on the food establishment's premises using any cooking or food preparation technique. It does not include raw uncooked meat, fish or eggs unless provided for consumption without further food preparation.

2.6 *Public venues:* Operations such as meeting halls, Town offices and buildings, and recreation areas to which the public has access.

2.7 *Recyclable:* Materials labeled with the universal recycling numbers that are accepted for recycling at the Athol Transfer Station. Foam polystyrene products are not considered recyclable.

**Section 3. USE REGULATIONS**

3.1 Food service ware made from foam polystyrene (EPS) or other non-compostable or non-recyclable material shall not be distributed by food establishments in the Town of Athol.

3.2 Exemptions

The following are not subject to provisions of this bylaw:

- a) Packaging and containers for pre-packaged foods that are prepared and packaged outside the Town of Athol.
- b) Packaging used by individuals in their homes or at private events to which the public does not have access.

**Section 4. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS**

Said by-law to become effective January 1, 2020. Enforcement of this bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee. The town manager shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other town duties as appropriate. Any person or establishment distributing foam polystyrene food service ware in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in Appendix A of the Regulation for enforcement of Town Bylaws under M.G.L. Chapter 40, 21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition and Violations.

BYLAW	FINE SCHEDULE	FINE ALLOWED	ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
Polystyrene Reduction Bylaw	1st offense	Warning	Town Manager's designee
	2nd offense	\$25.00	
	3rd and subsequent offense	\$50.00	

*Passed by a majority vote.*

Meeting dissolved at 9:27 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

# CHAPTER SEVEN

## SCHOOLS

Reports of the  
Athol Royalston Regional School  
District & Montachusett Regional  
Vocational Technical School

**ATHOL-ROYALSTON  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR (FY19)**

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District (ARRSD) presents this report to the citizens of Athol and Royalston. This report is organized into three main sections: Students, Curriculum & Instruction, and Finance & Facilities. This format has been chosen in an effort to best communicate who we serve, how we serve them, and the resources used to do so.

**STUDENTS**

**THE CLASS OF 2019**

The graduating class of 2019 represents the results of the cumulative efforts of the school system and the community. Sixty-Eight (68) students graduated from Athol High School (AHS) in 2019. Of these 68 graduates, 36 went on to attend either a two or four year college. The following is a list of the colleges in which AHS students are attending:

Anna Maria College  
Endicott College  
Franklin Pierce University  
Greenfield Community College  
Keene State College  
Lincoln Technical Institute  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
Mount Wachusett Community College  
Roger Williams University  
Springfield College  
The Peterson School  
Trinity College  
Unity College  
University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth  
University of Rochester  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Westfield State University  
Worcester State University

## **THE STUDENT POPULATION**

The district enrollment in FY19 was 1,520 students. This was an increase of 67 students from FY18. In FY19 the number of students who were elected to choice out to another district was 343.5. This is a decrease of 10 students. The number of students who were elected to choice into the district was 56.6. This is a decrease because the district did not have space to accommodate any more school choice in students.

During the 2018-2019 school year, 54 percent of the student body was classified as economically disadvantaged. This number represents 820.8 students who are classified in this category because they receive a qualified support service through the state. The district continues to qualify for the community eligibility provision allowing for free breakfast and lunch for all students.

### **Special Education Students**

24.9 % of the students in the district have special needs ranging in ages 3 to 22 during the 2018-2019 school year. The District follows all state and federal regulations requiring a full continuum of services for students to ensure access to the general education curriculum. Approximately 30 students are served in Out of District (OOD) placements due to their intensive instructional, physical and/or emotional needs. Extended year services for approximately 60 students prevent significant regression in their academic and/or social-emotional skills over the summer break.

### **English Language Learners**

In the 2018-2019 school year, the ARRSB had 55 students, grades Pre-K –12, spread over 4 schools, who qualify for direct English language instruction according to state and federal laws. For the majority, Spanish is the first language, but Gujarati, Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese were also represented.

The district continued with the same number of staff in FY 19, Two ELL teachers and a part time translator who is responsible for interpreting at meetings, translating documents and helping ELL families navigate the system.

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

The district MCAS data demonstrates solid growth in all schools. This is demonstrated in the chart below. Achievement levels went up in three out of 4 schools and at ARMS the school flat lined but, still was designated by the state as making significant progress.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	Progress Towards Improvement Targets

AHS	12	7	11	15	Substantial Progress Towards Targets
ARMS	10	N/A	20	19	Substantial Progress Towards Targets
ACES	1	N/A	4	6	Substantial Progress Towards Targets
RCS	20	N/A	56	66	Meeting or Exceeding Targets

In ELA the district met or exceeded its targets in three out of 4 schools.

School	2018	2019	Difference	Designation
AHS*	95.1	95.9	+0.8	Met Target
ARMS	492.4	489.5	-2.9	Declined
ACES	489.5	494.7	+5.2	Exceeded
RCS	504.2	507.1	+2.9	Exceeded

In Mathematics three out of 4 schools met or exceeded targets. AHS flat lined.

School	2018	2019	Difference	Designation
AHS*	82.4	80.1	-2.3	No Change

ARMS	489.5	491.5	1.7	Met
ACES	488.1	489.7	1.6	Met
RCS	499.2	503.7	4.5	Exceeded

In Science AHS improved below target and ARMS exceeded its target. ACES did not take the Science MCAS because the test starts at grade 5 and ACES only goes to grade 4. The state only reports results of schools with a cohort of 20 or more. Royalston had less than 20 students at grades 5 and 8.

School	2018	2019	Difference	Designation
AHS	81.2	82.2	1.0	Improved Below
ARMS	61.0	65.8	4.8	Exceeded
ACES	NT	NT	NT	NT
RCS	SC	SC	SC	SC

### **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

ARRSD is taking major steps to work towards improving the academic achievement of the students and improve the overall quality of education that we offer. The following are some of the steps that have been taken to facilitate our improvement efforts.

#### **Strategic Plan**

The district continues to follow the strategic plan revised and implemented in the 2017-2018 school year. This plan has three major objectives.

1. Design classrooms where student literacy skills are consistently the focus of daily instruction.
2. Create and use a tiered system of social, emotional, and behavioral supports to improve overall student engagement in classrooms.
3. Use data to drive decision-making in the areas of curriculum, instruction, student learning and social emotional supports.

Under objective two the district formed a social emotional learning taskforce to put together a long range plan on improving students overall skills in this area. The team has adopted the five SEL competencies, Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Building and Responsible Decision Making.

Under objective Three the district has created a data portal to house students benchmark and common formative assessments. In addition extra CPT time has been developed to allow all teacher to meet and discuss student progress in each subject area.

### **Turnaround Plan**

The district worked extremely closely with the state. State support personnel attended learning walks at each building, supported building schools understanding of the data decision making process and worked with the literacy team to ensure keys to literacy strategies were implemented in all classrooms.

### **Literacy Professional Development**

During the 2019 school year Keys to Literacy continued to be contracted with to provide professional development to in coming teachers. In addition, Keys to literacy worked directly with Title 1 and the special education department to set up a process for identifying students reading deficits and criteria for who would service the individual student based on results.

### **Math Professional Development**

In order to address the way we were teaching math, Looney Math Consulting was contracted once again as our mathematics consultant. Looney math consultants met with teachers in grades K-10 on a regular basis during the 2018-2019 school year to focus on both the content and instructional strategies for teaching the content in the curriculum frameworks. Looney Math consultants were contracted to provide both individual and group coaching sessions in which they observed teaching in the classroom and worked together to improve practice.

## **Technology**

In preparing students to meet the demands of the core curriculum and the state standards for integrating technology in education, the ARRSD technology department focused its attention on updating schools technology. Eight new chrome carts were purchased and Internet speed was upgraded in several buildings. Lastly the department concentrated on purchasing more devices to support teachers in classrooms. This included projectors, smart boards and updated computers in the ART class at the high school.

## **FINANCE & FACILITIES**

### **Finances**

The operating budget for FY19 was approved at \$24,222,477. This was presented as a balanced budget in which anticipated revenues and expenses do match. The actual expenditures were \$23,661,246 and the actual revenues were \$23,420, 937. This resulted in a positive balance that the district was able to carry forward in the excess and deficiency account. The district funded \$350,000 in revenues for the FY19 budgets from the excess and deficiency account and \$650,000 from the School Choice revolving account. Overall, the FY19 budget represented a slight increase of 1.18% from the FY18 budget. The school-operating budget covers contractual increases, rising costs in health care benefits and building operations. FY19 financial statements and salaries will follow this report.

### **Grants**

In addition to the operating budget, ARRSD receives additional grant funding. ARRSD received \$1,420,544 in FY19 entitlement allocations. These funds were primarily used for special education services, Title I interventions, School redesign at ACES and professional development. All of these funds must be spent according to the restrictions placed on them by the particular grant. Grant funds must be used to supplement the budget, not to supplant existing expenses that the district has for its regular programming.

## Athletics

	<i><b>VARSITY</b></i>	Participants	Paid Coaches	Volunteer Coaches	Record	Tournament Appearance
1	Football	15	2	1	3-8	No
2	Boys Soccer	15	1	2	8-10	No
3	Girls Soccer	16	1	0	9-10	Yes
	Girls					
4	Volleyball	9	1	0	3-17	No
5	Field Hockey	20	1	0	1-15-1	No
	Football					
6	Cheerleading	13	1	0	n/a	n/a
	Boys					
7	Basketball	11	1	0	2-18	No
	Girls					
8	Basketball	8	1	0	4-16	No
9	Wrestling	17	1	1	7-13-1	n/a
	Winter					
10	Cheerleading	15	1	0	n/a	n/a
11	Boys Indoor					
12	Track	22	1	0	10-3	n/a
	Girls Indoor					
13	Track	13	1	0	5-7-1	n/a
14	Baseball	12	1	1	12-8	Yes

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4	Softball	12	1	3	12-8	Yes
1	Boys					
5	Volleyball	10	1	0	8-12	No
1	Boys Track					
6	and Field	19	2	0	0-6	n/a
1	Girls Track					
7	and Field	24	2	0	1-5	n/a
		263	20	8		

***JUNIOR  
VARSITY***

1	Football	12	1	1		
2	Boys Soccer	12	1	0		
3	Girls Soccer	13	1	0		
	Girls					
4	Volleyball	9	1	0		
5	Field Hockey	0	1	0		
	Boys					
6	Basketball	12	1	0		
	Girls					
7	Basketball	8	1	0		
8	Wrestling	0	1	0		
9	Baseball	9	1	1		
1						
0	Softball	10	1	0		

1	Boys			
1	Volleyball	6	1	0
		104	11	2

***MIDDLE  
SCHOOL***

1	Football	22	1	1
2	Boys Soccer	18	1	0
3	Girls Soccer	15	1	0
4	Field Hockey	0	0	0
	Boys			
5	Basketball	17	1	1
	Girls			
6	Basketball	16	1	0
	Winter			
8	Cheerleading	0	1	0
9	Baseball	13	1	0
1				
0	Softball	13	1	0
		114	8	2

## **Facilities**

During the 2018-2019 school year, the MSBA work on the high school began with the installation of a new boiler system and roof. In addition the district invested money in revising several bathrooms at the AHS along with new doors in the Gym and Cafeteria.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please go to the ARRSD website at [www.arrsd.org](http://www.arrsd.org) for more information. You can find recent news, contact information, reports from the state and other agencies, and school committee agendas and minutes there. Additionally, you can follow the ARRSD on our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com> and search for Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office of the superintendent at (978) 249-2400.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Chauvette, Chair, ARRSD School Committee

Darcy Fernandes, Superintendent of Schools, ASSRD

Athol Royalston School District

Budget Assessment Sheet

Actual FY19

<b>State and Town Support</b>	
Assessments	\$5,043,835
Chapter 70	\$17,371,580
Regional Transportation	\$646,259
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	\$18,632
<b>Total State and Town Support</b>	<b>230,080,306</b>
<b>Other Revenue Sources Available</b>	
Excess and Deficiency Transfer	\$350,000
Out of District Tuitions	\$40,000
School Choice Revolving Transfer	\$300,000
Miscellaneous	\$16,637
Interest Income	\$55,167
Medicaid	\$268,827
<b>Total Transfer and Tuition Funding</b>	<b>\$1,030,631</b>

<b>Total Appropriated Budget Funding</b>	<b>\$24,110,937</b>
<b>Appropriated Budgets</b>	<b>\$24,222,477</b>
Difference (Above/Below Budget)	\$111,540
Above Minimum Contribution	\$502,588
Debt Portion of Budget	\$85,000
Transportation less estimated reimbursement (75%)	\$1,125,280

Athol-Royalston Regional School District - FY19 Salaries

ADAMS, JENNIFER	\$17,576.19	LAFFERTY, GRETCHEN	\$7,385.02
AHO, MITCHEL	\$24,954.57	LAJOIE, DONNA	\$78,857.61
ALLEN, EILEEN	\$79,467.31	LAJOIE, HANNAH	\$525.00
ALLEN, TERESA	\$25,146.20	LAJOIE, MARIE	\$35,390.40
AMES, JENNIFER	\$77,751.34	LANGDON, AMY	\$86,537.50
ANDERSON, BARBARA	\$12,830.96	LANOUE, REBECCA	\$9,819.50
ANDERSON, KURT	\$68,714.46	LARKIN, CHARLES	\$225.00
ANDERSON, TIMOTHY	\$56,943.64	LAROCHE, CAITLIN	\$47,565.15
AQUADRO, JULIA	\$47,426.24	LAROCHE, JENNIFER	\$73,907.27
ARPIDE, JENNIFER	\$69,814.52	LAROSE, WILLIAM	\$84,124.45
BAPTISTA, KAITLIN	\$675.00	LAWTON, MARLENE	\$38,533.69
BARTLETT, KIMBERLY	\$8,539.75	LEADBETTER, CHAD	\$11,103.59
BARTLETT, LYDIA	\$69,983.29	LEAVITT, MICHELLE	\$240.00
BASSETT, LYNN	\$106,037.00	LEAZOTT, JODY	\$26,085.31
BASSO, JENNIFER	\$26,084.96	LEESHA, KIMBERLY	\$69,395.58
BEAULAC, CARRIEANNE	\$49,941.10	LEFEVRE, MARY	\$44,893.36
BELDEN, DEVIN	\$28,812.18	LEPOUTTRE, JENNIFER	\$16,478.04

BELLABARBA, STACEY	\$14,088.36	LEVREULT, CARTER	\$5,312.28
BERGERON, DEBRA	\$78,086.94	LEVREULT, COURTNEY	\$2,602.50
BERLINGER, JOHN	\$49,836.10	LEWANDOWSKI- HARDING, TINA	\$80,003.57
BERTHIAUME, NANCY	\$8,312.75	LITTLEWOOD, CHRISTINA	\$20,835.02
BERTRAND, LAUREEN	\$11,913.92	LOPEZ, CELSO	\$54,136.51
BERUBE, LINDSEY	\$36,486.04	LUDWIG, CAROLINE	\$37,715.58
BEVIS, DANIEL	\$85,963.14	LUSSIER, ANNETTE	\$8,625.87
BILLINGHAM, DIANE	\$52,000.00	MACDONALD, SEAN	\$2,260.47
BILLINGHAM, GEOFFREY	\$1,920.00	MACKINNON, KERI	\$11,046.24
BLAIR, DEBORAH	\$14,877.06	MACNEIL, ANDREW	\$36,988.90
BLAKE, KATHLEEN	\$62,429.64	MACUTKIEWICZ, ANASTASIA	\$54,815.49
BLANCHARD, DEBORAH	\$76,500.62	MAILLET, VICKI	\$67,882.31
BOLASEVICH, LORI	\$10,404.00	MALLET, DAYNA	\$23,171.60
BOUCHARD, JULIE	\$25,826.29	MANN, THERESA	\$25,638.16
BOUTELL, DONNA	\$26,602.77	MARCOUX, LISA	\$44,500.47
BRAILEY, JENNIFER	\$18,583.91	MARYNOK, JULIE	\$15,408.26
BRITT, SCOTT	\$1,475.25	MATHURIN, JILLIAN	\$2,023.75

BROWN, CAROLYN	\$52,041.80	MCBRIDE, TAMMY	\$24,801.63
BROWN, WENDE	\$5,350.00	MCCARTHY, DONNA	\$73,012.02
BULLARD, SARAH	\$48,363.46	MCDOWELL, JESSICA	\$20,769.09
BURKE, SARAH	\$11,045.93	MCGRATH, PAMELA	\$26,305.41
BUTLAND, BRENDA	\$47,922.88	MCGUIRK, BETTY	\$6,041.42
BYLER, LINDSEY	\$46,994.93	MCLAUGHLIN, MARYELLEN	\$74,515.68
CALDWELL, WILLIAM	\$42,016.64	MELANSON, APRIL	\$67,725.05
CALVI, MYRA	\$81,207.31	MELANSON, BAILEY	\$6,818.04
CASELLA, EMILY	\$2,793.75	MELANSON, DEANNA	\$20,942.26
CASS, BETH	\$9,399.02	MELANSON, VICTOR	\$40,958.88
CETTO, HOLLY	\$73,370.04	MERWIN, LINDA	\$26,887.14
CHAGNON, MELISSA	\$6,588.66	MILLER, MARY ANN	\$85,936.46
CHAMBERLAIN, TIESHA	\$225.00	MITCHELL, SHIRLEY	\$29,543.07
CHANDLER, LYNETTE	\$19,855.36	MOOMAW, CHRISTINA	\$18,635.40
CHASE, ELLEN	\$21,966.52	MOORE WHEELER, HANNAH	\$44,952.83
CHASE, LAURA	\$43,530.93	MORANDI, SHAWN	\$54,977.22
CHASE, TOBEY	\$150.00	MORO, JON	\$75,970.22

CHAUVETTE, SHARON	\$32,918.55	MORRIS, CLAIRE	\$24,940.90
CHIASSON, SCOTT	\$41,687.12	MURNANE, PATRICK	\$1,554.00
CLARK, KATHRYN	\$124,043.00	MURRAY, CHERI	\$6,181.25
CLEVELAND, DANIEL	\$8,399.66	NASON-ZANCA, BARBARA	\$75.00
CLEVELAND, KILEY	\$2,511.63	NEEDLE, JENNIFER	\$7,602.00
CLEVELAND, TIMOTHY	\$4,242.37	NEEDLE, JOSEPH	\$55,143.13
COLE, HOLLY	\$65,409.64	NEWTON, BONNEY	\$28,134.42
COLMENARES, KATHY	\$12,794.34	NEWTON, ELLEE	\$21,562.20
COMEAU, CLAUDETTE	\$4,703.16	O'BRIEN, JOLENE	\$12,424.97
COOLEY, BRANDI	\$56,808.20	OLSEN, JEANNE	\$25,051.73
COSTON, REBECCA	\$9,025.50	OSBORN, THOMAS	\$90,000.00
COVIELLO, MARISA	\$75,464.00	PAGAR WEIN, AMANDA	\$91,359.70
CRAVEN, BETH	\$98,000.00	PARKER, CHERYL	\$29,113.37
CUTLER, MONA	\$14,270.28	PARKER, RACHAEL	\$41,475.20
DAIGLE, REBECCA	\$76,093.88	PARKER, RENEE	\$26,858.45
DAVIDSON, EMILY	\$675.00	PARKER, TERRY	\$23,554.08
DAVIS, ARIC	\$60,204.34	PARSONS, JENNIFER	\$24,075.77
DEASY, MICHAEL	\$80,622.96	PARTRIDGE, JEAN	\$6,498.00

DELORME, LINDSAY	\$34,645.46	PATRIA, BRIAN	\$2,860.87
DEMPSEY, MARYKATE	\$33,121.05	PATRIQUIN, ROBYN	\$70,359.85
DEVENEAU, ANGELA	\$27,657.77	PAYNE, JODYE	\$64,305.09
DIAS, CAITLYN	\$44,703.90	PEREZ, MELISSA	\$85,354.49
DICKSON, ROBERT	\$77,587.31	PIEROPAN DETHIER, MARIA	\$83,170.48
DINARDO, DANIELLE	\$44,395.46	PISCITELLO, ALECIA	\$77,210.60
DIVOLL, REBECCA	\$51,005.18	PISTORINO, JULIE	\$39,807.49
DORA, ANGELA	\$506.25	PLOTKIN, CORLENA	\$76,071.03
DREW, CYNTHIA	\$78,487.84	POMAINVILLE, BRENDA	\$14,599.38
DRISCOLL, AMY	\$6,205.84	POS, NICHOLAS	\$300.00
DROUIN, CINDY	\$79,613.73	POTTER, JENNA	\$7,136.66
DUCLOS, SHELBY	\$612.75	PROGEN, SHAWN	\$41,248.52
DUFOUR, KATHLEEN	\$23,742.55	PROVENCHER, KATHLEEN	\$23,250.07
DUFOUR, OLIVIA	\$1,612.50	QUINTON, JOSEPH	\$81,313.25
DUKETT, ANN	\$74,102.90	QUINTON, SALLY	\$79,564.49
DUPLESSIS, SCOTT	\$12,937.04	RATHBURN, MARK	\$29,913.74
DUPRAY, AMIE	\$6,456.67	RATHBURN, VERONICA	\$14,121.76

DYER, LISA-JO	\$3,312.50	RAYMOND, JAMES	\$150.00
EASTMAN, CHERISH	\$11,988.00	RAYNER, DAVID	\$34,162.07
EASTMAN, DEBRA	\$81,286.02	REED, GRACE	\$25,980.85
ELIASZ, CHRISTINE	\$78,287.31	REEVES, MICHAEL	\$7,825.00
ELLIOTT-MONTGOMERY, CYNTHIA	\$36,236.95	REGO, PETER	\$63,935.82
ELLIS, LISA	\$32,277.84	REXROAD, KAREN	\$27,155.06
ENGLEHART, SAMANTHA	\$7,260.79	RIBEIRO, JASMINE	\$65,761.85
ERRERA, STEPHANIE	\$6,816.00	RICHARD, KATHRYN	\$9,623.00
EUVRARD, SHARON	\$69,508.84	RICKSON, MARY JANE	\$120,030.0 0
FEMINO, SHERYL	\$61,592.10	RIVERA, QUIANA	\$20,770.27
FERNANDES, DARCY	\$155,040.00	RIX, DENISE	\$26,677.52
FISHER, NATHAN	\$2,144.88	ROBERTS, ANN-MARIE	\$35,251.58
FLANNERY, KELLY	\$9,050.25	ROBERTSON, ANDREA	\$786.24
FONTAINE, CHRISTIE	\$90,000.00	ROBERTSON, ROBERT	\$3,528.44
FOSTER, THERESA	\$25,666.41	ROBERTSON, ROBYN	\$74,847.90
FRANCK, BARBARA	\$66,623.21	ROBERTSON, RUTH	\$11,253.36
FREDETTE, JESSICA	\$675.00	ROBINSON, LAURA	\$76,499.59

FREDETTE, LEE	\$3,336.50	ROBINSON, LINDA	\$82,802.51
GABRENAS, JOSHUA	\$45,781.01	ROESSELET, HEIDI	\$16,016.52
GALLAGHER, SAMANTHA	\$22,426.99	ROGERS, CAROL	\$34,260.92
GAMBILL, TRACY	\$8,277.91	ROSS, DEBRA	\$78,886.02
GAUTHIER, ELAINE	\$42,233.93	ROULEAU, ROBERT	\$55,908.79
GESNER, LAURA	\$56,529.56	ROULEAU, THERESA	\$45,517.98
GIANCATERINO, JENNIFER	\$57,798.57	RUSSELL, JULIE	\$47,235.15
GIRARD, GARRETT	\$4,393.22	SAUTTER, JEFFREY	\$55,488.62
GIROUARD, ERIN	\$10,115.39	SAVAGE, CLEMMMA	\$1,272.50
GLADDEN, COLLEEN	\$22,854.93	SAVOIE, NICHOLAS	\$2,511.63
GODIN, DEBBIE	\$54,586.69	SAWIN, JOY	\$24,896.31
GOLDTHWAITE, DARLENE	\$81,607.37	SCHOFIELD, ASHLEY	\$337.50
GOSPODAREK, ELIZABETH	\$81,923.72	SCHUBERT, THEODORE	\$63,711.85
GRAY, HEIDI	\$75,164.49	SCHWAB REHORKA, RACHEL	\$67,498.48
GRICZIKA, MICHELLE	\$11,667.04	SEPPALA, CARL	\$11,418.83
GRUTCHFIELD, CAROLINE	\$450.00	SHERIDAN, ROBERT	\$25,811.11
GRUTCHFIELD, MARY	\$76,664.49	SIMKEWICZ, LAUREN	\$72,712.02

GUERIN, TYLER	\$1,798.73	SKUTNIK, EDWARD	\$102,679.00
GUILBAULT, PETER	\$51,160.02	SMITH, RYAN	\$2,511.63
GUYOTTE, SHARI-LYN	\$3,125.25	SMITH, SAMANTHA	\$35,241.25
HAINS, FRANK	\$2,160.00	SMOLINSKI, KELLEY	\$9,079.40
HALL, EMILY	\$44,010.11	SNELL, BRIAN	\$63,840.80
HALL, SHEILA	\$70,635.27	SONGER, REBECCA	\$48,099.65
HANLON, KRISTEN	\$37,880.82	SONNABEND, JEANNE	\$19,805.99
HAYDOCY, TERRI-LYNNE	\$22,230.80	SONNABEND, JENNIFER	\$19,721.07
HENRY, JONATHAN	\$7,570.92	SOUCIE, NICOLE	\$2,737.50
HERK, HEIDI	\$24,004.00	STANLEY, JULIE	\$101,790.86
HERK, TIMOTHY	\$2,511.63	STARKEY, CHARLES	\$42,803.92
HERMES, BRITTANY	\$8,512.01	STAUDER, PAMELA	\$66,459.76
HICKS, BRIAN	\$60,117.46	STJEAN, DAVID	\$81,374.69
HILL, FRANK	\$42,043.58	STJEAN, EILEEN	\$79,297.49
HOEGEN, CHRISTINE	\$62,862.18	SULLIVAN, MARY	\$45,579.48
HOPKINS, BRENDA	\$23,748.35	SUPERCHI, MOLLY	\$105,580.00
HOWES, JENNIFER	\$75.00	TALBOT, GWEN	\$29,029.52

HUGHES, CYNTHIA	\$41,475.20	TALBOT, JOSHUA	\$47,848.26
HUGHES, MARGERY	\$80,787.31	TALBOT, MATTHEW	\$1,798.73
HUME, JAIME	\$58,361.94	TAMULEVICH, CHRISTOPHER	\$45,054.02
HUME, LORNE	\$25,299.99	TARBELL, LISA	\$23,953.68
HUNTER, ELLY	\$76,847.49	TARGETT, KELLEY	\$77,389.66
HUNTER, SCOTT	\$83,329.86	TELICKI, THOMAS	\$104,503.0 0
JACK, MELINDA	\$22,026.34	TENNEY, LISA	\$9,113.76
JASKOVIAK, LINDA	\$47,828.81	TONTODONATO, GINA	\$275.25
JEFFERY, BRANDON	\$4,072.38	TORRES, ROSA	\$32,510.82
JEFFERY, BRETT	\$1,798.73	TRENGA, KAREN	\$75.00
JELLEY, CHERYL	\$81,644.37	TRIOZZI, DAVID	\$72,881.78
JENNINGS, LAURIE	\$8,963.25	TSIPENYUK, ROMAN	\$71,486.76
JOHNSON, TRACY	\$70,879.84	TURNER, DAWNA	\$17,427.14
JOHNSTONE, SHERRY	\$26,511.30	VARGELETIS, VIVIAN	\$63,839.57
JOLLY, TREFFLE	\$1,462.50	VEROCK, JESSICA	\$70,359.24
JONES, LEAH	\$77,797.49	VINCENT, REBECCA	\$55,455.94
KACZMARCZYK, KELLY	\$68,832.43	VINCI, STEPHANIE	\$9,153.27

KAPILOFF, LEAH	\$48,843.46	VITELLO, MARIA	\$27,473.92
KAPISE, STEPHANIE	\$6,845.75	VOUTILA, CYNTHIA	\$78,662.84
KEMSLEY, DANIELLE	\$15,939.33	WALSH, RUTH	\$19,464.77
KEVAN, GLYNIS	\$1,950.00	WARREN, DAVID	\$24,467.70
KILLAY, KRISTEN	\$34,722.91	WEBB, SHEILA	\$77,863.49
KIMBALL, RICHARD	\$46,712.79	WENTZ, ANGELA	\$6,379.87
KING, DAVID	\$96,437.44	WEST-MATHER, HARRISON	\$4,561.52
KING, DENISE	\$18,957.01	WHITE-CLEVELAND, SHANNON	\$112,000.0 0
KING, SARAH	\$77,699.49	WHITESTONE, JANICE	\$28,680.20
KIRK, MALLORY	\$38,297.14	WHITMORE, PETER	\$75,235.88
KITZMILLER, ANGELA	\$41,988.48	WHITNEY, ALEXA	\$1,427.86
KONRAD, ASHLEY	\$1,440.00	WILLHITE, JESSICA	\$66,356.73
KOPLEY, KENNETH	\$10,115.39	WILLIAMS, JANETH	\$10,705.76
KOZIAK, AMY-BETH	\$77,083.33	WILLIAMS, LINDSAY	\$36,624.04
KUZDEBA, PAULETTE	\$8,470.83	WINTERS, SUSAN	\$26,944.08
L'ETOILE, ROBIN	\$62,056.43	YORK, JENNIFER	\$3,597.46
LACHARITE, DONALD	\$52,537.32	ZIGULOSKI, JAMIE	\$5,200.25



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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

*1050 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420*

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Each year I look forward to the development of the Annual Report, as a means to reflect on the achievements and accomplishments celebrated by students and staff at Monty Tech. The 2018-2019 school year was a remarkable one, as our school saw the opening of an all-new training facility, renovated instructional space and state-of-the-art equipment added to three vocational areas, students earning more industry-recognized credentials than ever before, and new partnerships with area colleges and universities. It was a year to remember.

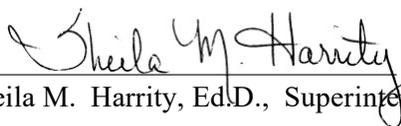
Students who attend Monty Tech have chosen a high school experience unlike any other. While completing all of the same high school requirements of students enrolled in a traditional, comprehensive high school, our students are also learning a valuable trade – skills they will carry with them for a lifetime. These vocational skills may provide opportunities for our graduates to work their way through college; they may open the door to new, related career pathways, or they may be the foundation for a lifelong career. The education and training they receive at Monty Tech will open doors and allow them to choose a college and/or career pathway that will define their future.

Monty Tech academic programs continue to serve students at all levels well. This year, students completed the Next Generation MCAS, and earned commendable passing rates: English Language Arts 99%, Mathematics 97%, and Biology 99%. Monty Tech students exceeded the state averages in all 3 subjects. In addition, great strides were made in our relatively new Advanced Placement programs, with more than 60% of test takers earning a score of 3 or better. Finally, an all-new science program was fully integrated in FY19 – Biomedical Sciences. This rigorous sequence of courses was met with enthusiasm from students and staff, so plans to expand this Project Lead the Way programming are underway. Our talented academic faculty continue to refine curriculum, incorporate new instructional strategies, and challenge every student to reach new levels, and we couldn't be prouder of the results.

And while we are certainly proud of our academic and vocational training programs, a Monty Tech experience would not be complete without participating in meaningful community service. Last year we were honored to once again host the Wreaths Across America Convoy with a remembrance ceremony as it made its way down to Arlington National Cemetery. As the convoy left the school parking lot and hundreds of American flags waved, I was reminded once again of the value of a Monty Tech education. For a moment, our students were taken out of the classrooms and shops and asked to think about what this convoy meant, where it was heading and how they were a small part of the ceremony. They were asked to consider service, and through the waves and cheers it was clear that Monty Tech students knew and understood the meaning behind that experience. It's not often that high school students are asked to stop and think about others and how they might contribute to another person's well-being. But at Monty Tech, our students are not only familiar with the concept, they are committed to community service. Whether it is building a carriage house for the NEADS program, designing and building dugouts for area Little League programs, or ensuring handicap accessibility in dated town offices, our staff and students are proud to serve.

While students and instructors across the school continue to demonstrate creativity, innovation, and leadership, school leaders continue to keep an eye on emerging trends in vocational education. As we prepare these talented students to make important life choices, we are reminded that in the end, the choice is theirs to make: college or career or both. It is our job to support their aspirations and to educate and train them to achieve at the highest possible level. On behalf of our talented educators and administrators, who remain focused on delivering the highest quality academic and vocational-technical education possible, I am delighted to present the District's 2018-2019 annual report to you, providing a snapshot of the wonderful experiences happening on a day-to-day basis here at MontyTech.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D., Superintendent-Director

## **Our Mission**

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

## **Our District**

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham  
Ashby  
Athol  
Barre  
Fitchburg  
Gardner  
Harvard

Holden  
Hubbardston  
Lunenburg  
Petersham  
Phillipston  
Princeton

Royalston  
Sterling  
Templeton  
Westminster  
Winchendon

## **Leadership**

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has transformed the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

*Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director*

*Tom Browne, Principal*

*Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal*

*Tammy Crockett, Business Manager*

*Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs*

*Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs*

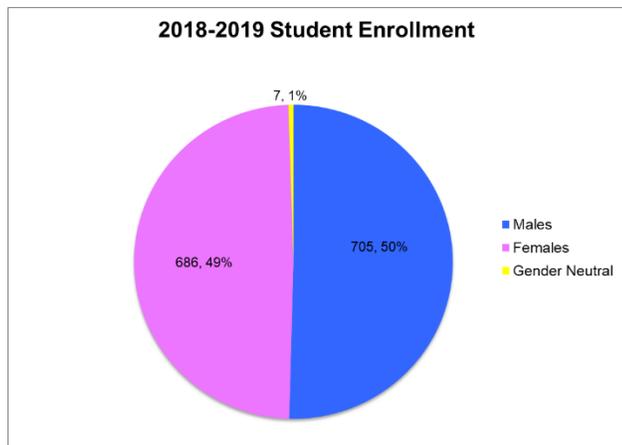
*Michael Gormley, Director of Facilities*

*Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology*

*Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator*

*Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services*

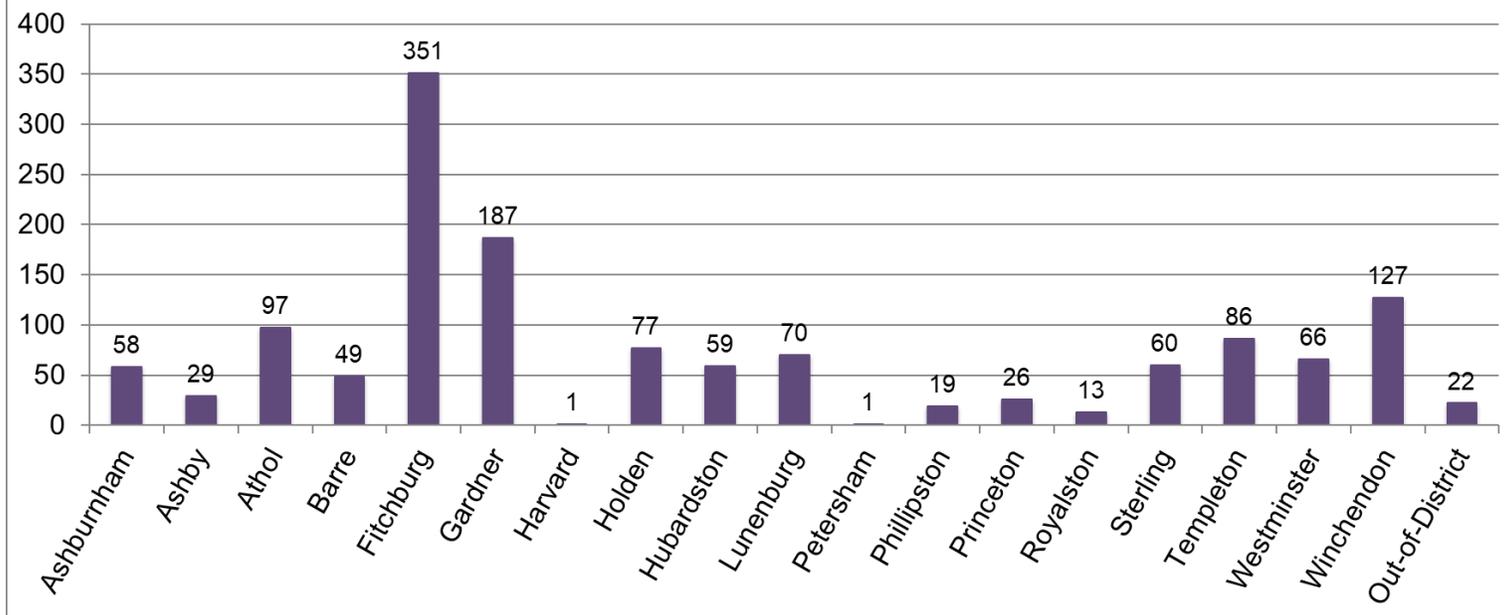
## **Enrollment**



On June 1, 2019, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,398 students in grades nine through twelve, representing each of the district's eighteen sending communities. Each class of students is comprised of a relatively equal balance of male vs. female students, and each student attending Monty Tech has elected to do so, prepared to explore an interest in one of the school's twenty-one rigorous vocational-technical programs. While the school currently offers only five programs non-traditional for male students, and twelve programs non-traditional for female students, we are proud to have a student population that is well-balanced by gender.

and a variety of academic interests and achievements.

**2018-2019 Total Enrollment By Town**



Throughout 2018-2019, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2018, approximately 450 district eighth graders participated in the annual “Tour Day” event. Students toured our twenty-one vocational-technical areas and learned about the school’s challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members to further explore the facilities and speak with staff members.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational-technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2018-2019 school year, serving approximately 700 area students.

**Class of 2019 Awards**

Members of the Class of 2019 were awarded approximately \$200,000 in scholarships, tools, and equipment. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$36,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$500 to \$2,000. The Foundation also awarded \$3,250 to the Practical Nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Approximately 38% of the graduating class of 2019 reported plans to enroll at a 4-year college/university upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will save both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

### **Financial Report**

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff. The final fiscal year 2018-2019 Educational Plan totaled \$27,756,374 which represents a 3.2% increase over the 2017-2018 Educational Plan. The District's FY19 budget only exceeds the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70 by \$135,947 or .6%.

The District was audited in November 2019 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and has received a very good report.

### **Grants and Contracts**

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds help provide many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2019, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$945,083. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Marine Corp Junior Reserve Officer Training. The District also received more than \$465,000 in competitive grants, including a Skills Capital Grant for \$385,000 to purchase equipment for new hospital beds, EKG machines and an Anatomage Table to benefit the Health Occupations and Practical Nursing programs as well as new diagnostic certification tools to benefit the Automotive Technology program. The District also received \$80,000 in funds to increase school safety. Using these allocation and competitive funds, the school was able to purchase a variety of instructional technology, equipment, and supplies to enhance the learning experience.

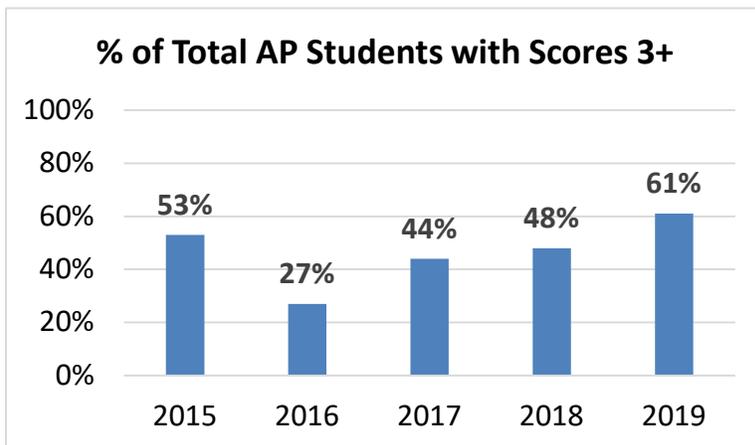
### **Academic Achievement**

During the spring of 2019, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable scores on the MCAS in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. This year, students completed the Next Generation MCAS - a computer-based test that is designed to give students a clear signal on whether they are on track for college and career readiness. The new standards are more rigorous than the standards for the Legacy MCAS. Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts was 99%, Mathematics 97%, Biology 99%. Monty Tech students exceeded the state averages in all 3 subjects. With regard to our Accountability status, Monty Tech has made "Substantial Progress Toward Meeting our Targets."

Monty Tech is committed to providing students with rigorous STEM learning opportunities, and so in recent years, the curriculum has been expanded to include Advanced Placement Programs (two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, and one computer science course) and teachers have participated in meaningful, high-quality professional development which has enabled us to successfully implement two Project Lead the Way biomedical courses.

The school is in its 7th year of administering Advanced Placement exams, and students enrolled in AP courses continue to improve their performance. In the spring of 2019, 68 out of 111 students (61%) earned qualifying scores - the highest number of students with qualifying scores we've ever had. Of these students, 79 out of 146 "exams" (54%) earned qualifying scores - the highest number of qualifying exams we've ever had.

This year, more than half of the students who tested in the following subjects received qualifying scores: AP



Computer Science Principles, AP Literature & Composition, AP Environmental Science, and AP Language & Composition. The AP subject with the highest number of students with qualifying scores was AP Literature & Composition. It was also the AP subject with the most test takers with 31 students taking this exam. Students enrolled in AP Language & Composition, AP Environmental Science, and AP Computer Principles earned the highest (mean) average this year, compared to any prior year.

	Spring 2015 (SY14-15)	Spring 2016 (SY15-16)	Spring 2017 (SY16-17)	Spring 2018 (SY17-18)	Spring 2019 (SY18-19)
<b>MT AP Courses</b>	3	5	6	7	7
<b>MT AP Student Enrollment</b>	99	188	151	135	157
<b>Students with Qualifying Scores</b>	47 (53%)	39 (27%)	53 (44%)	46 (48%)	68 (61%)
<b>AP Test Takers</b>	89	145	120	95	111
<b>Total # of Qualifying Exams</b>	53 (46%)	44 (24%)	65 (44%)	58 (43%)	79 (54%)
<b>Total # of AP Exams</b>	116	187	148	134	146

### **Vocational Projects in the District Communities**

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty-one different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2018-2019 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands- on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body Collision Repair Technology: The Monty Tech Auto Body shop benefited from new instructional equipment this year. A new silicon bronze MIG welder was added to the program, so that students continue to be trained in the industry’s latest technologies. The shop floor was coated with a new epoxy flooring, and a new lift was installed and relocated to replace the old lift, updating and enhancing the instructional space. Three new Vacuum sanders were installed to keep the dust in the shop down, and four new shop benches were installed. In addition to the 80+ community service projects completed last year, students and instructors painted a sign for Hubbardston Council on Aging, as well as one of Monty Tech’s vans. All Seniors received their EPA 6 H Certificate, I-Car Pro Level 1 in Refinishing and Non- Structural Repair Certification, and a SEM Plastic Repair Certificate. Six Seniors and two Juniors earned co-op placements, and one Senior traveled to Louisville, KY, competing in the SkillsUSA national competition in June 2018. A 2017 graduate of the program traveled to Russia to compete in the SkillsUSA World competition, where he placed an impressive 14<sup>th</sup>. (Total student enrollment: 63)

Automotive Technology: As in past years, the Monty Tech Automotive Technology program continues to service a variety of vehicles. Over 400 vehicles were serviced and repaired during the 2018-2019 school year, including vehicles brought in by faculty, staff, public, school and students. Students performed repairs that will prepare them for the workplace, such as timing belts, electronic diagnostics, intake manifold gaskets, brake work and various other technical repairs. The program was awarded approximately \$200,000 from the FY20 Massachusetts Capital Skills grant program, and will use those funds to provide a more comprehensive electrical and electronics training curriculum. Two Snap-On NC3 certification programs have been added, including digital multimeters and scan tool application. Nine students earned co-op placements throughout the school year, which is a testament to the strength of the program. The Monty Tech Automotive Technology program continues to be the area’s premier workforce pipeline for automotive dealerships and businesses. For those students who plan to pursue advanced training, we have updated

articulation agreements with 3 colleges/universities, as well as the 15 community colleges across Massachusetts. Over the last few years, our students have received more than \$28,000 in scholarships to attend University of Northwestern Ohio, and in 2018-2019, a Junior placed 1st in the UNOH nationwide scholarship testing, earning a \$5,000 scholarship. (Total student enrollment: 60)

Business Technology: Monty Tech's Business Technology program continues to benefit from a unique partnership with Workers Credit Union. The opportunity to participate in teller training and financial literacy workshops has been met with great enthusiasm from students, who completed 9 modules and earned a financial literacy certificate. As a member of the Massachusetts Schools Bank Association through the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Monty Tech students are able to compete in the Banking Bowl and Marketing Competitions. Workers Credit Union has also purchased a conference table, 6 chairs, and 2 new white boards to support the program. Instructors, in collaboration with their post-secondary colleagues, continue to refine and develop new articulation agreements. These agreements with Mount Wachusett Community College and Keene State College, will provide qualified students with college credits at no cost to the student. Students are eligible to receive 24 credits from Mount Wachusett Community College and 12 credits from Keene State. Opportunities to demonstrate customer service, cash handling, and accounting skills are ever-present as the Business Technology students successfully operate an in-house retail location, The Gear House School Store, and the Monty Tech Greenhouse. Eleven Seniors and four Juniors were out on co-op placements during the 2018-2019 school year. (Total student enrollment: 80)

Cabinetmaking: Students and instructors in the school's Cabinetmaking program continue to spend time during the 2018-2019 school year manufacturing, assembling and installing maple benches for the Veterinary Science training center. Sophomore students crafted 400 pine beverage caddy's for the 2019 Superintendent's Dinner. Using reclaimed maple trees cut from the site of the new science wing, Cabinetmaking students fabricated furniture for Mount Wachusett Community College. Students and instructors also completed projects throughout the school and surrounding communities, to include: work tables and cabinet storage units for Graphic Communications, a large quilt display cabinet and storage for the Ashby Public Library, and custom built oak cabinets for CAD/Drafting & Design. To support a recent graduate who now attends WPI, students cut out multiple pieces on the CNC, which will be used in a solar decathlon project in Morocco. A total of 18 students (11 seniors and 7 juniors) earned co-op placements; making this the highest number of students out on Co-op in the program's history. (Total student enrollment: 66)

CAD/Drafting & Design: The Monty Tech CAD/Drafting & Design program is increasingly busy each year with outside projects, completing miscellaneous signs and banners for community sports events, craft fairs, and non-profit events. Students also played an instrumental role in 2019 Superintendent's Dinner, designing the layout and décor for this annual fundraising event, and ended the year by designing and installing signage throughout the building for the 2019 graduation exercises. A total of four students (one junior and three seniors) were on Co-op placements, working and learning in area businesses. Four students advanced to the SkillsUSA States competition, representing the program well. With funds awarded from the FY20 Skills Capital Grant, instructors created an all-new instructional space. The new fabrication lab includes equipment to support lessons in 3D printing, 3D scanning, Injection Molding, CNC work and laser cutting. Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year, CAD/Drafting & Design students achieved over 100 industry-recognized certifications in AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit, and Solidworks. 2018-2019 was the most successful year for certifications due to the introduction of SolidProfessor, an online curriculum that was made possible by Perkins grant funding. (Total student enrollment: 58)

Cosmetology: The Monty Tech Cosmetology program students and instructors provided numerous community services, including basic manicures to the residents at Heywood Wakefield Commons. Seniors and Juniors volunteered to be elves for the Wreaths Across America convoy celebration, where they did face painting, braids, and nail polish applications. The Freshman and Sophomore teachers have implemented Schoology this year, which will benefit both staff and students as they transition to Junior and Senior years. The Junior class held four fundraising events, donating \$2,300.00 to the Ava Roy Assistance Fund and raising funds so that they could travel to New York's International Hair show. Finally, for the third consecutive year, every senior successfully passed the Massachusetts Cosmetology State Boards, earning licenses to practice. (Total student enrollment: 87)

Culinary Arts: Monty Tech Culinary Arts students and instructors are always busy with the daily operation of the Mountain Room Restaurant, which is open for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. In addition to operating a full-service restaurant and bakery, serving 90-120 patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents

throughout the year, providing outstanding service at events that include the following: two Program Advisory Committee dinner meetings, four Monty Tech Foundation breakfasts, Monty Tech's Retirees holiday luncheon, a graduation reception, the Women in Technology event, Principal and Counselors' Day, the Monty Tech homecoming dance, MAVA meetings, all School Committee meetings and sub-committee meetings, the Gardner AARP luncheon and the MHCC volunteer luncheon. Community service opportunities for students are always a highlight, and this year our students prepared meals for Our Father's House (Fitchburg), and NEADS (Princeton) events. Students and instructors also prepared and donated pastry and baked goods to the House of Peace and Education in Gardner. The program's greatest undertaking is always the Annual Superintendent's Dinner scholarship fundraiser, during which students work side-by-side with some of the area's finest chefs, preparing a six-course dinner with extensive hors d'oeuvres for more than three hundred guests. Culinary Arts students value industry-recognized credentials, and were proud to earn Allergen Awareness and ServSafe Certifications. Senior students also competed in the SkillsUSA Meal Ready to eat challenge at the Framingham Armory. (Total student enrollment: 95)

Dental Assisting: A critical component of the Monty Tech Dental Assisting curriculum is the preparation for the Dental Assisting National Board certification exams. In 2018-2019, every sophomore passed the DANB Infection Control exam, and every senior passed the DANB Radiology exam. All Seniors exposed 2 full mouth series on patients at their externship sites to meet the new requirements for the state. Two Seniors earned co-op placements, while the remaining 13 students participated in affiliation/externship experiences in area dental clinics and offices. Students and instructors welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program, and provided dental services to more than 60 students in need. Students were given valuable hands-on experience, assisting the staff from CHC during each dental procedure performed. Sophomore students provided dental education to students at Winchendon Memorial Elementary School and Meetinghouse Elementary School in Westminster, while four juniors assisted with the Kid Seal Program at Quinsigamond Community College. A new vacuum pump, which can be used by all four dental chairs, was purchased, as well as all new CPR manikins with feedback devices. (Total student enrollment: 61)

Early Childhood Education: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Early Childhood Education program are committed to community service activities, and the 2018-2019 school year was no exception. In addition to studying early education and care concepts, students worked collaboratively to raise funds for Lucy's Love Bus, an agency that provides grants for children with cancer that are not covered by health insurance, as well as as SkillsUSA Change for Children. They provided gifts for children at Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, and organized a "Diaper Drive" for the Gardner VNA Diaper Pantry, which resulted in more than 1,200 diapers being collected and delivered to this important community service agency. Twelve outstanding program graduates earned their CDA (Child Development Associate) credential. The Monty Tech Child Care Center continues to operate at full capacity, providing meaningful hands-on learning opportunities for all students in the Early Childhood Education program. (Total student enrollment: 60)

Electrical: Throughout 2018-2019, students and instructors in the Electrical program wired numerous machines, equipment, computers, and lights throughout Monty Tech. Students and instructors successfully completed wiring equipment in the HVAC shop including six new welding stations, four new boilers, numerous outside condenser units, and all associated controls, as well as the school's new Automation, Robotics, and Mechatronics (ARM) Lab. With the completion of this new instructional space, instructors have written new curriculum, and are rolling out lessons in PLC (programmable logic controller) programming and associated wiring. This added element will increase the employability of Electrical students and graduates. The teacher station was also remodeled to improve shop tool use and organization, bringing the most utilized tools together. Nine seniors and four juniors earned Co-op placements. (Total student enrollment: 83)

Engineering Technology: The Engineering Technology program at Monty Tech is a rigorous program, infused with nationally certified curriculum provided by Project Lead the Way, and countless hands-on learning opportunities that provide students with opportunities to demonstrate creativity, make connections with prior learning, and earn college credits. In addition, all freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training. Three Seniors earned Co-op placements. New technology was added to the training program, including a Xerox Versalink C7020 multifunction color printer, three Amatrol table top mechatronics learning systems with pegasus robot, one Fanuc LR Mate 200ID/4S robot, one Festo MPS 203 Mechatronics system, and one StratasysF270 3D printer. (Total student enrollment: 51)

Graphic Communications: Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the students in Monty Tech's Graphic Communications shop produced numerous projects for our district cities and towns, and a variety of non-profit organizations in the district. In total, students successfully produced approximately 400 orders, saving cities, towns and non-profit organizations more than \$200,000. The program welcomed 22 freshmen students into a shop that was recently remodeled, and enhanced with new technology to include a printmaster press, a perfect binding machine, dye sublimation and all new Xerox copiers for our copy center. Three motivated students pursued and earned Co-op placements. Of the 21 talented seniors who graduated from the Graphic Communication program, 14 were accepted into colleges/universities and 8 chose to enter the workforce in related careers. (Total student enrollment: 86)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. A unique collaboration with Mount Wachusett Community College enables Senior students to participate in an Emergency Medical Technician training program, earning eight college credits at no cost; 13 Seniors completed the EMT Course in 2018-2019. In addition, 12 seniors earned co-op placements, and 17 seniors received their National Clinical Medical Assistant certificate. Every junior enrolled in the Health Occupations program earned CPR certification; 24 juniors received their nursing assistant certificate, as well as a certificate in "A Habilitation Training Curriculum" from the Alzheimer's Association. Students and instructors are particularly invested in community service, and as a result, students hand-made veteran's day cards and sent them to the Bedford VA Hospital, bought gifts and clothing for the Fitchburg Community Christmas party, hosted an American Red Cross Blood drive, and held a "Baby Shower" benefiting Battered Women's Resources, Inc. (Total student enrollment: 106)

House Carpentry: Monty Tech's House Carpentry program supported a number of community organizations during the 2018-2019 school year, by building and installing two walls in Graphic Communications, stripping and re-roofing a section of the roof at Princeton Town Hall, building a carriage house for NEADS in Princeton, building a lean-to roof at Hubbardston DPW to cover sand and salt, rebuilding the ceiling in the weight room in the gym, and expanding the bathroom at the Lunenburg Town Hall. Students also handcrafted countless Adirondack chairs for charitable donations. A total of ten students (nine seniors and one junior) earned co-op placements throughout the school year, while all sophomore students successfully completed the OSHA 10-hour Construction training, which enables the students to work on outside projects and qualifies them for the school's popular co-op program in their junior year of study. (Total student enrollment: 63)

HVAC & Property Maintenance: Students and instructors in the HVAC & Property Maintenance program were awarded grant money to develop an oil burner technician training program, in partnership with Monty Tech's Continuing Education Department. Students completed a beneficial shop remodel, installing new oil burner training modules to be used by both day and evening students. New boiler and furnace lab space was completed, providing students with additional "hands-on" learning experiences while remaining in shop. The tool crib was also reconfigured, and a new shop position was created, Service & Parts Manager, to reflect the requirements in the industry. Students working as the shop managers are tasked with keeping accurate records of all material being used in shop and recording them on a shared google document. New welding stations are up and running, an effort made possible by the school's Electrical, Welding, and the Auto Body Collision shops. Electrical wired everything including the state of the art variable speed exhaust fan. Welding built the benches and installed the exhaust hood, and Auto Body painted the work stations. The outside rack for the air conditioners is now complete and being used, and three new stations for furnaces, air conditioning split systems and the new oil supply tank are securely maintained in that space. Students earned National EPA Certification for refrigerant recovery, and a total of ten students (six seniors and four juniors) were placed in area businesses through the school's popular co-op program. (Total student enrollment: 60)

Information Technology: The Information Technology program continues to offer students more industry-recognized certificates than any other program at Monty Tech. It is an accomplishment our instructors are so proud of, as these certifications affirm the technical skill proficiency needed for so many entry-level careers in networking and information technology. All Freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training and VEX Robot Certification. All Sophomores passed the IC3 Certificate Exam for basic computer hardware, software, and internet knowledge and skills, as well as the Test-out PC Pro Certificate exam, the Cisco IT Essential course for computer repair and maintenance, and the Introduction to Networking course. One sophomore, one junior, and one Senior passed the COMPTIA A+ exam. All Juniors sat for the CIW Advanced HTML5 & CSS3 Certification exams in June,

in addition to the Cyber Security Operations Final Exam. Seniors completed the Python Programming course and participated in the AP Computer Science Principles course, which resulted in nine students earning qualifying scores. Four students earned co-op placements, applying their technical skills in area businesses. In total, more than 400 hours of community tech support were completed, which involved hardware and software troubleshooting on desktops, laptops, printers, and mobile devices. (Total student enrollment: 41)

Machine Technology: Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, instructors were able to train Machine Technology students in precision measurement, and granted more than 300 certifications to students accordingly. All new CNC and new cutter technology was used, and a new print reading curriculum was introduced. All freshmen received their OSHA 10-hour general industry certification, while all Seniors and six juniors earned co-op placements, working and learning in area machine shops. Machine Technology students and instructors also completed a number of outside projects, which included engraving school plaques, and assisting Athol High School with teaching and certifying students in NC3 Precision Measuring Instruments. (Total student enrollment: 45)

Masonry: The talents of Monty Tech Masonry students are on display throughout the district, as projects that were completed this year to include: installation of a concrete walk for the LUK Organization, stone veneer inside the offices at NEADS, stone veneer and paver sidewalk at the garage at Monty Tech, repairing a marble floor in the mausoleum at Fitchburg's Forest Hill Cemetery, repair of stone steps at the gazebo on Fitchburg's Upper Common, installation of a handicap ramp at Saima Park, as well as several projects around the school. Students continued to maintain the OSHA silica standard, in a program that operates in compliance with trade regulations. The Masonry program also benefitted from new equipment, dust free saws and grinders. Five seniors and two juniors earned co-op placements, and continued to refine their skills working with business partners through the school's co-op program. (Total student enrollment: 61)

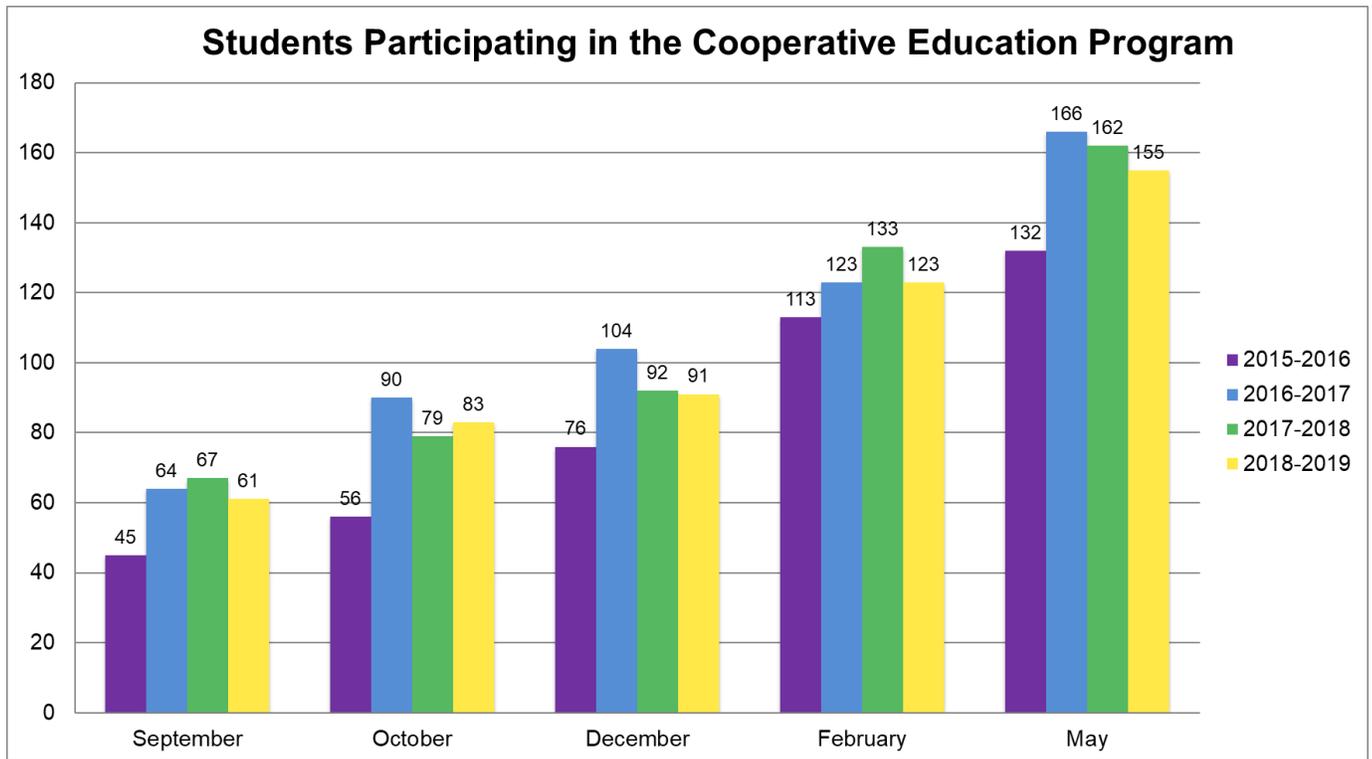
Plumbing: The 2018-2019 school year saw 19 freshmen enter the Plumbing trade at Monty Tech., all of whom successfully completed OSHA 10-hour General Industry safety training, while the sophomores completed OSHA 10-hour Construction Training. Seniors earned the Mega-Press certification, while the sophomores attended training in PEX Piping Systems at the Viega training facility in Nashua, NH. Students and instructors worked at the Bresnahan Scout & Community Center in Ashburnham, installing sinks in the kitchen area, and finishing a bathroom. A bathroom was also remodeled for the Town of Lunenburg, making that space ADA compliant for those attended important town meetings. Students and staff spent time in Winchendon, installing water filters at Memorial, and replacing water coolers at Murdock, Memorial and Toy Town Elementary. A bathtub was replaced with a shower stall & grab bars for the Gardner Habitat for Humanities house, to aid a homeowner with disabilities. Compressed air service lines were installed in the school's new ARM lab, and countless maintenance issues were attended to throughout the building. Eight seniors and one junior participated in the co-op program. One Senior received the 2019 Vocational Tech Plumbing All Star Award given by the Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts, while another was recognized by the Central Mass Plumbing & Gas Inspectors Association – awards that will help these talented graduates as they pursue advanced training in the field. (Total student enrollment: 71)

Veterinary Science: 2018-2019 marked a very special year for the school's newesly vocational training program, veterinary Science. Students and instructors were moved in to the new training center, taking every advantage the new 7,500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility could provide. After another successful exploratory program, 22 students were accepted into the program and are proud to be Monty Tech's 2nd class of Veterinary Science students. All freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour healthcare training, and spent the second semester engaged in introductory animal science lessons, as well as a number of valuable field trips to support the new curriculum, with trips to: UMASS Amherst to study Equine Reproduction Medicine, and Lilac Hedge Farm and Jordan's Dairy to observe agricultural production facilities in Massachusetts. Sophomores worked through some very challenging curriculum, covering units in client services, hospital management, anatomy, pathology and laboratory procedures. They visited Flying High Farm in Lunenburg to work with horses and complete the program's large animal requirements, and also toured Idexx laboratories in North Grafton, MA to observe all aspects of clinical pathology. All sophomores gained certification in Fear Free Handling, an industry recognized achievement which will open doors for them throughout the area. (Total student enrollment: 44)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The 2018-2019 school year brought new equipment - a 4 ft Squaring Shear - to the students in the school's Welding/Metal Fabrication program. Numerous projects were completed by talented students, including more than fifty requests for individual projects from community members residing in the school's sending

district. All freshmen students successfully completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training, and instructors implemented new online curriculum for the Junior related theory class. Seniors competed in the Notch Mechanical pipe welding competition, and eight upperclassmen (four seniors and four juniors) were placed in area shops, working and learning from trade professionals who support the school’s co-op program. (Total student enrollment: 57)

**Co-operative Education and Student Placement**



The Cooperative Education Program is an extension of the student’s technical education that combines classroom instruction with on-the-job-training. The Co-op Program provides students with an opportunity to further develop academic, technical and employability skills in an industry work environment. All students are eligible to participate in Co-op Program, provided they satisfy state and school grade, attendance and performance requirements. All Co-op students have completed the OSHA recognized Career Safe online health and safety course.

The Cooperative Education Program is beneficial for both student and employer. For the student, it is a chance to gain on-the-job training that improves both their technical and employability skills. Additionally, making industry connections enhances post-graduate employment opportunities. The Co-op Program allows students to earn while they learn.

Employer benefits include addressing workforce needs in an efficient manner. Co-op students provide a pool of temporary and potential full-time employees who are already trained, thus reducing employer training costs. Co-op work hours may be tailored to suit the needs of partnering employers. During the 2018-2019 school year, approximately 22.4% of qualified students (Juniors and Seniors) earned Co-op placements, working, learning and applying their technical skills related in area businesses.

**Student Support Services**

During the 2018-2019 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual

Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department benefits from a full-time school social worker that participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is also fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full-time speech language pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions, mental health emergency treatment, medical/mental health re-entry and transition support services, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the District's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The comprehensive review and evaluation are done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

### **Technology**

The 2018-2019 school year marked the end of the first 3-year lease for the school's popular 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Students and instructors have expanded access to instruction through the use of this important technology. To support this effort, the District's Technology Department spent countless hours during the school year upgrading the network to include new switches, wireless access points, fiber lines, and firewall.

Department personnel upgraded the learning experience for students, reconfiguring the Engineering Technology shop with all new HP Z stations and eight Z book laptops, and installing ten new SMART boards throughout the school. To complement the Google classroom experience, the Monty Tech Technology Department added Schoology to the list of its many resources and supports for instructors. The District's Instructional Technologist and four academic instructors

attended the annual Schoology Conference, with the goal of identifying new solutions, technologies, and best practices that will enhance the school's technology-driven approach to education.

To support these expanded technology needs, Monty Tech successfully completed a number of necessary infrastructure upgrades, using federal e-rate dollars totaling \$116,511. The school's external bandwidth speeds have been increased to 2.5 GB and internal bandwidth to 10GB to better ensure continued connectivity and speeds appropriate with a high-use learning community.

### **Marine Corps JROTC**

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) had a productive 2018-2019 school year. The Cadet Corps stood a formal Inspector General inspection and achieved a "Mission Ready" grade, and due to outstanding performance throughout the year, Monty Tech's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program was designated as a Marine Corps Honor School. Selection for the Marine Corps Honor School means that the school's Marine Corps JROTC program was in the top 15% of the 68 other programs in Region 1. Region 1 includes schools from the mid-Atlantic and Northeast U.S. The selection is based on several criteria including:

- *Inspector General's inspection results*
- *Number of cadets in the program*
- *Number of community service hours conducted*

- *Number of public affairs events attended by cadets*
- *Number of academic awards presented to cadets*
- *Participation in drill team competitions, marksmanship competitions, physical fitness competitions, and field trips that support the growth and development of the cadet*

Because of this distinction, Monty Tech MJROTC instructors are allowed to nominate up to six cadets to each of the three service academies — U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> time the program has earned this distinction since 2007.

The Monty Tech JROTC Cadet Corps was honored to once again host the Wreaths Across America Convoy with a remembrance ceremony as it made its way down to Arlington National Cemetery.

The Cyber Security Team received national recognition by securing a place to compete in the Air Force Association's National Cyber Security Competition held in Baltimore, MD, for the ninth consecutive year. The competition field began with over 1900 hundred teams battling for just 13 seats, and Monty Tech placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the highly competitive field in the all service division.

The 2018-2019 Corps of Cadets completed over 9,600 hours of community service, conducting a major food drive with United Way, completing a 10 mile March A Thon that raised \$21,000 in support of NEADS, and spending five weekends working with the local Salvation Army helping to raise over \$21,000 for needy families. The Monty Tech Cadet Corps provided 31 Color Guards for local civic and veteran ceremonies, and supported 19 community service projects throughout North Central Massachusetts. Through civic engagement and veteran affiliation, our Cadets received more than \$180,000 dollars in scholarships.

### **Student Athletics**

The Monty Tech athletic program was proud to provide meaningful extracurricular activities to more than 500 students during the 2018 – 2019 school year, participating on our freshmen, junior varsity, or varsity teams. Fourteen teams competed in the fall 2018, thirteen during the winter season and 11 representing the school in the spring of 2019.

The varsity football team showed some improvement on the season, ending with a record of 3-8 and an eye toward the future. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished the regular season with an 11 – 5 – 2 record, led by Rubelsi Moran who had 22 goals and 8 assists on the season. The young JV Boys team was 4 – 5 – 2, and looks to have a promising future. The Varsity Girls Soccer team finished at 7 – 9 – 2 missing the playoffs by only one win. The JV Girls Soccer team was 9 – 4 – 1 and will help the varsity in the future years. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 8 – 10, while the JV Field Hockey team finished with a 4 – 4 – 1 record, with all freshmen and sophomores on the roster. The Varsity Golf team struggled a bit, but finished with a 4 – 8 - 1 record. The JV golf players continued to work on their game and participated in some JV tournaments and some official matches. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team finished at 4 – 16, while the JV Girls were 8 – 7. The Varsity Boys Cross Country team was 8 – 1, finishing an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Colonial Athletic League. Unfortunately, the Girls Cross country program could not recruit enough girls to compete as a team, but the two female seniors competed with the boys throughout the season.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team finished with a 5 – 15 record; the JV team finished with a record of 7 – 11 and looks forward to sending some talented players to the Varsity team next year. The Varsity Girls Basketball team had the best campaign in school history, finishing with an impressive 17 – 3 record and winning the Colonial Athletic League Championship. They continued the season, winning the State Vocational Tournament, beating Bay Path, 65 – 37 and Blackstone Valley Tech 51 – 40 in the Championship game. They won three straight games in the Central Mass Division IV tournament over Quaboag, 64 – 59, Douglas, 62 – 35 and Blackstone Valley Tech 61 – 44, and defeated Maynard in the Finals, winning the first District Championship for girls basketball 56-49. They moved on to the State Tournament where they played Hopkins Academy in the Semi-Finals, losing 55 – 48. Two seniors, Erica Regan and Emily St. Thomas each reached 1000 points for their career in early February. Emily now holds the school record for points. The JV Girls also enjoyed a strong season, finishing 15 – 3, and hope to see some strong players advance to the Varsity level next year. The Wrestling team competed in a number of tournaments, where standout athlete Isiac Paulino won 40 matches; as a freshman he is well on his way to 100 career wins. The Boys Indoor Track and Field

team was 3 – 5 and the Girls team 0 -8 as they look to improve for the spring season. The Varsity Boys Ice Hockey team was 6 – 10 – 4, and the Girls Ice Hockey team continues to improve each year, graduating only 2 players and expecting at least five to return.

Due to poor field conditions the baseball teams have been unable to play their home games at Monty Tech, but have continued to represent the District well. The Varsity Baseball team was 9 – 11, qualifying for the post season tournament by winning the CAL Small School division. They lost to Uxbridge 3 -0 in a hard fought game. The JV team finished the season with a record of 5 – 7 and the Freshmen with a record of 2 – 5. The Varsity Softball team continues to excel, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Colonial Athletic League with a record of 14 – 6 in the regular season, and winning the first two games in the Districts to advance to the District Semi-Finals. The talented team beat AMSA, 12 – 6 and Narragansett 10 – 6 before losing to Millbury 12 - 2. The JV Girls Softball team was also impressive, finishing 9 – 4 on the season, and should provide some talented players to future teams. Boys Varsity Lacrosse finished with a 5 – 13 record and the JV played hard throughout the season. The Varsity Girls Lacrosse team was 7 – 12, an improvement over last year and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Colonial Athletic league, while the JV team finished with an outstanding record of 14 - 3. The Boys and Girls Track & Field teams both saw an increase in participation, and finished strong with records of 4 – 5 (boys) and 4 – 9 (girls).

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2018-2019, Connor Dandy and Cassie Skinner.

### **Monty Tech School of Continuing Education**

The Monty Tech School of Continuing Education continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2018, Monty Tech offered 130 classes with 980 registrations and during the Spring 2019 semester; there were 102 post-graduate and continuing studies courses, with 793 registrations.

The program is on track to support the North Central Massachusetts workforce readiness pipeline with an increase in career and licensure courses. The students earn industry-recognized credentials, and participate in externships to support the hands-on learning component. We continue to increase our small business partnerships, and the number and quality of personal enrichment classes – sewing, knitting, acrylic painting and glass fusing, to name a few. Catalog distribution has more than doubled, from 80,000 to 170,000 copies, and the relatively new online registration feature continues to add value to our students and instructors.

In Spring 2019, we offered an all-new Oil Burner Technician certification prep course. Students in the newly established the 120- hour program trained on new boilers and burners, and upon completion earned the opportunity to sit for the oil burner technician state licensing exam. This course provides our community members with a high quality, affordable entry into a viable career pathway. We have also added an EPA 608 certification course to benefit students in the HVAC industry.

Our medical course offerings now include Pharmacy Technician, Certified Medical Billing and Coding, EKG, Phlebotomy, Certified Nurse Aide, Patient Care Tech, and Medical Terminology.

The continued success and sustainability of an adult education program is based on hiring quality instructors and meeting the needs of the community and supporting workforce development. Our goals in the coming year include identifying additional training opportunities to meet the needs of the regional workforce, provide affordable and meaningful training opportunities to our nontraditional student population, and expanding programming to include off-site, daytime training opportunities across the region.

### **Practical Nursing Program**

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely and ethically in a caring

manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings.

On June 27, 2019 a graduating class of 28 students completed the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession. The class achieved a pass rate of 96%, with 27 of the 28 graduates passing the NCLEX-PN exam (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). One graduate will pursue the examination in the coming months.

All of the 2019 graduates are currently employed in the health care profession throughout Massachusetts, and many are working within the eighteen cities and towns of the Monty Tech school district as Licensed Practical Nurses in various health care settings, such as long-term care, sub-acute care, mental health/ substance abuse facilities, physician's offices and correctional medicine.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to strengthen the “LPN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Bridge” relationship with Fitchburg State University. Several 2019 graduates are pursuing seats in the LPN to BSN program at FSU and will be continuing their education to the Bachelors in Nursing. Many class applicants cited their attraction to Monty Tech as the opportunity to complete a ten-month accelerated program and then bridge to Fitchburg State University. In the 5-year history of the Bridge Program, all of Monty Tech’s Practical Nursing graduates reaching graduation at FSU have passed their RNNCLEX exam.

Monty Tech Practical Nursing students are now completing patient scenarios in the Sim Lab on a weekly basis in Terms 2, 3, and 4. The Faculty Sim team has implemented National League of Nursing (NLN) patient scenarios and authored several others consistent with our curriculum frameworks, and have also utilized the Sim lab setting to instruct students in developing nursing skills that they may not be experiencing in the clinical setting. Instructors have successfully developed and implemented a library of scenarios reflecting INASCAL Standards (International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning).

In Maternity Sim Lab Boot Camp, students utilize the new simulation models to imitate the birthing process, from obstetric office visits through labor and common post-partum complications. Well newborn care is also taught. Student feedback has been positive regarding these new maternity scenarios, stating it better prepares them for an unexpected outcome during a delivery. This expanded content also better prepares students for NACE (Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam) success at FSU.

Substance abuse and the mental health setting job opportunities have increased with more funding being provided to combat the opiate crisis. Having a clinical rotation at AdCare Hospital in Worcester, and performing simulation scenarios involving substance abuse clients, has better prepared our graduates to work in a substance abuse clinical setting, as well.

We are expecting an accreditation visit from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing this year. Our goals include stabilization of faculty positions, securing a certified Simulation Instructor, and pursuance of ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) or other accreditation status to more accurately reflect the changing environment of nursing education.

### ***Looking Ahead***

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we continue to have an eye toward the future, always committed to improving our vocational and academic programming, strengthening key partnerships, and maintaining facilities that contribute to student success and achievement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Expand Health Occupations program to include vital diagnostics: Monty Tech was awarded a generous \$385,000 Skills Capital Grant, a portion of which will benefit the staff and students of the Health Occupations program. To better prepare our graduates for a variety of careers in the health sector, the school will purchase new diagnostic equipment to train students in the proper procedures for testing for cholesterol, blood sugar, lead, lung volume, and

more. In addition, the program will receive state-of-the-art virtual dissection technology, bringing lessons in anatomy and physiology to new heights. This equipment, provided by Anatomage and most often found on college campuses, is expected to engage students and bring a deeper level of knowledge and understanding to students as they explore the human body and its complex systems.

Celebrate the completion of an all-new Automotive Technology simulation lab: The \$385,000 Skills Capital Grant award will also fund an all-new Automotive Technology simulation lab, which will include the latest technology in trainers and simulators aligned with NATEF standards. At Monty Tech, students are presented with countless opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials. These certifications are not only a testament to the skills they have developed while enrolled at Monty Tech, but also will ensure our graduates are more employable upon graduation. To that end, the Monty Tech Automotive Technology instructors have proposed adding NC3 Automotive Diagnostic Certifications to the program. In partnership with Snap On Tools, Monty Tech will now present students with a more sophisticated technical training program and opportunities to earn all-new diagnostic credentials, validating their experience and ability to diagnose and service today's computer-controlled vehicles. In addition, the program will also receive new automotive lifts, floor jacks, engine stands, chargers and an air table, to ensure students are trained on equipment that will prepare them for careers in the automotive industry.

Roll out affordable veterinary care services in the school's new veterinary clinic: A project more than 7 years in the making, the Monty Tech Veterinary Clinic is now open, providing affordable veterinary care to pets across the region. The rollout of services continues throughout the 2019-2020 school year, with routine wellness care visits, affordable medications and vaccinations, diagnostic services, primary care surgical services, stable urgent care, compassionate end of life care, and dentistry. Monty Tech is proud to offer veterinary care services to families with valid EBT cards (food stamps) residing in the Monty Tech District. The 7,500 sq. ft. clinic also houses a grooming salon, preparing students for yet another high-demand animal care occupation. There are no eligibility requirements to receive services in the Grooming Salon.

### **The Monty Tech School Committee**

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures. Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experiences and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2018-2019 School Committee for their outstanding service.

Brian J. Walker, Fitchburg  
*Chair*

Diane Swenson, Ashburnham  
*Vice Chair*

Julie Marynok  
*Secretary*

Norman J. LeBlanc  
*District Treasurer*

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Dr. Ronald Tourigny, Fitchburg  
Melanie Weeks, Fitchburg  
Matthew Vance, Gardner  
James S. Boone, Gardner  
Amy Morton, Harvard  
James Cournoyer, Holden  
Kathleen Airoidi, Hubbardston

Barbara Reynolds, Lunenburg  
Edward Simms, Petersham  
Eric Olson, Phillipston  
John P. Mollica, Princeton  
Mary C. Barclay, Royalston  
William Brassard, Sterling  
John Columbus, Templeton  
Ross Barber, Westminster  
Dr. Maureen Ward, Winchendon

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# CHAPTER EIGHT

# COMMITTEES

Reports of the  
Boards and Committees of the  
Town



**ATHOL CULTURAL COUNCIL  
FISCAL YEAR 2018-19  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The Athol Cultural Council held three meetings during this report year, on August 4, 2018, November 17, 2018, and February 2, 2019. Members and officers during this time period are:

Chair, Emily Boughton with Robin Brozowski assisting as Ex-Officio member  
Treasurer, Bonnie Hodgdon  
Secretary, Christine Hause  
Publicist, Joann Deacon  
Deborah Taylor  
Kristin Riordan  
Jean Shaughnessy  
Brianna Haskins,  
Kelsey Matthews  
Tabitha DeHayes, Ex-Officio

Grant applications were reviewed and grants awarded during the November 17, 2018 meeting. A total of 32 applications requesting \$20,788 were received and 20 applications were funded for a total of \$9,100.

The Community Input Survey completed during September & October 2018 was discussed prior to grants being awarded at the November, 17, 2018 meeting. Additional discussion took place at the February 2, 2019 meeting. After reviewing and discussing the results of the survey, the following priorities / areas of focus were identified:

- music/performances
- arts in the schools
- field trips for students
- programs and events for teens, seniors and families

While the committee will consider these areas our priorities, all submitted grants will be reviewed and given fair consideration for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the Athol Cultural Council

**ATHOL BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT (BPCD)  
FISCAL YEAR 2019  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The Board of Planning and Community Development (BPCD) consists of the following members:

- David Small (Chair)
- Aimee Hanson (Vice-Chair)
- Jacqueline M. Doherty (Clerk)
- Rick Hayden
- Kathy Norton
- Calvin Taylor (resigned May 7, 2019; was later replaced by appointment of Marc Morgan after the end of Fiscal Year 2019)
- Duane Truehart

The BPCD is supported by Eric R. Smith, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development, as well as Sarah-Ann Schouler, who has served as the Board's Recording Secretary since April 25, 2019. In addition, the Board was served by Melissa Marcucci as Recording Secretary from February through April 2019.

The BPCD routinely met on the first Wednesday of the month, for 1-2 hours. There were months, however, the Board met twice a month depending on the agenda items and the projects being worked on.

FY 2019 was the third full fiscal year that the BPCD completed the additional responsibilities of the former Athol Planning Board, which consist of reviewing and endorsing Approval Not Required (ANR) plans, Site Plan Reviews, various Special Permits, development/reviewing various zoning bylaw amendments and other town planning-related projects. The BPCD provides recommendations on zoning bylaw amendments and makes recommendations on all matters concerning the physical, economic, and environmental development of the Town per the Town of Athol Town Charter. In addition, the BPCD continued their review and development of an updated Master Plan with focus on the transportation plan chapter.

During FY 2019, the BPCD members reviewed the following plans, zoning bylaw amendments, Master Plan development and other related planning matters:

ANR plans reviewed and endorsed:

- property located on Marble Street (Map 30 Parcels 151 and 153)
- property located on New Sherborn Road (Map 56 Parcel 90)
- property located on Spring Street (Map 34 Parcels 086 and 090)
- property located off Marble Street (Map 30 Parcel 466)
- property located off Templeton Road (Map 43 Parcel 23)
- property located off West Royalston Road (Map 1 Parcel 62)

- property located on Chase Road (Map 25 Parcels 099 and 100)
- property located on Petersham Road (Map 45 Parcel 32)

Site Plans Review reviewed and approved:

- 3824 Chestnut Hill Avenue Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (Major Site Plan Review); (note: this Site Plan Review Project was approved by the BPCD on October 3, 2018 and subsequently appealed by abutters on October 19, 2018).
- Minor Modification #1 for the Kayrouz Realty, LLC Exit #18 Gas Station/Convenience Store Major Site Plan Review Approval for alternative grading layout and curb cut/site access re-design
- Clean Focus Renewables Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, for property located off of Thrower Road and White Pond Road (Major Site Plan Review)
- Minor Modification #4 for the Borrego Solar Systems Partridgeville Road Solar Major Site Plan Review Approval for alternative grading and stormwater retention basin/swale design, along with relocation of +/- 150 feet of fencing, in the southerly portion of the site
- Sunpin Solar Development, LLC Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, for property located off of Conant Road (Major Site Plan Review)
- Minor Modification #1 from the Athol Hospital Major Site Plan Approval for revised site plan to address ambulance bay issues

Special Permits reviewed and approved:

- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit application for marijuana cultivation and processing, for property located at 503 South Street and 20 Tunnel Street (the former Ledgard's property)
- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit Modification for additional marijuana cultivation growing space than previously permitted, for property located at 1 Exchange Street (former Agway facility)
- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit for a licensed marijuana retail establishment, for property located at 22 Chestnut Hill Avenue
- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit for marijuana cultivation and processing, for property located at 706 Petersham Road (Because this project involved new construction it was also reviewed and approved as a Major Site Plan Review)
- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit application for an independent marijuana testing lab, for property located at 134 Chestnut Hill Avenue
- Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Special Permit application and a Flag Lot Special Permit application (which was also a Definitive Subdivision Plan application filing) for proposed creation of 14 new residential building lots under the OSRD zoning provisions, a new +/- 20- acre lot per the Flag Lot zoning provisions with 35.1 acres of land to remain as permanent open space, for property located off of Jeanne Drive and Petersham Road

Zoning Bylaw Amendments Reviewed:

- Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendments involving Food Truck/Carts Zoning (Approved at the October 2019 Town Meeting)
- Potential ground-mounted solar bylaw amendments to change permitting of Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations from by-right to Special Permit in the R-C District (currently by

Special Permit in all others) and adding text to identify the Board of Planning and Community Development as the Special Permit Granting Authority for Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (these were voted for support by the BPCD at a May 15, 2019 Public Hearing; they have yet to come for vote at a Town Meeting however)

- Discussion of Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations Moratorium (the Moratorium was the subject of a vote at a July 22, 2019 Town Meeting and was approved).

Master Plan Chapter Updates:

- Completed development of a Draft Transportation Chapter, with assistance from the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

Other activities included:

- Held public hearing on and voted to support the NewVue Liabilities to Assets Project Proposal to help facilitate redevelopment of vacant housing units
- Helped facilitate a Tufts University Urban and Environmental Planning (UEP) 2019 Field Project for an Athol Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations Zoning Assessment

I look forward to continuing to work with the Board of Planning and Community Development as well as other Town Officials, Boards and Committees as well as the Town residents in the upcoming fiscal year.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Board of Planning and Community Development,

Eric R. Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development

**ATHOL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The ZBA provides under MGL Chapter 40A an appeals process for property owners denied building/zoning permits by the Inspector of Buildings.

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 the ZBA granted:

Special permits:           2

Variances:                 1

Variances denied:       1

Respectfully Submitted,

Elvin Chartrand, Chairman

Susan Sykes, Clerk

Robert Mallet

Kala Fisher

Harry Haldt

Marc Freeman, Alternate