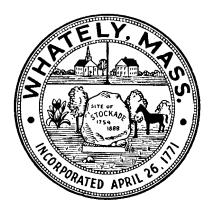
# Two Hundred and Forty-Third ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

of the

### TOWN OF WHATELY



For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

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Whately's Five Fighters with Chief Norman E. Graves L.-R: Don DuFault, Lt. Paul Charsky, Stanley Ashman, Edward Ashman, Elliott Allis, Dun Deneby, Deputy Chief Richard Hannum, Chief Norman Graves, Lt. Alan Sanderson, Ls. Walter Puchalski, Larry Ashman, John Nawskon, Harold Swift, Ernest Thayer.



The first Whately Ambulance from the 1960's.

Ambulance Director Gary Stone with the current 2001 ambulance.

# **2013 Whately Annual Town Report Dedication Whately Emergency Medical Technicians**

Beginning with Gene Graves converting his own station wagon into an ambulance back in the 1960's, the Whately Ambulance EMT's have grown throughout the years into an integral part of the fabric of our town.

The Whately ambulance service has progressed from volunteers who left their tractors in the fields to respond to calls in Gene Graves station wagon to the Advanced Life Support EMT's that provide advanced skills at an intermediate level that we have today. These dedicated folks respond day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to your accidents and illnesses. They also commit themselves to rigorous training to maintain their certifications.

As the requirements for EMT's have changed so have our ambulances. The vehicle that shows up at your door has changed from that station wagon, to a van, to the box truck style vehicle that we have today.

As we embark on the next step of this journey, providing paramedic level care through a Regional ambulance service, we think back to that station wagon in the beginning and salute the men and women throughout the years for their dedicated service to our town. On behalf of the Town of Whately we extend our thanks to them all and hope to see them continuing their work for the town as part of the South County Emergency Medical Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Newlin, Chair Whately Board of Selectmen Board or Committee: Agricultural Commission

Assessors

Board of Health

Cable TV Advisory Committee Capital Planning Committee Cemetery Commissioners Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

CPC – Community Preservation Comm

Cultural Council Energy Committee

**FCAT** 

Finance Committee

Franklin County Technical School Comm.

Friends of the Library

Frontier Regional School Committee

Historical Commission Historical Society Library Trustees Personnel Committee Planning Board

**Recreation Commission** 

Selectmen

Town Clerk

Town Collector/Treasurer

Tri-Town Beach Committee Waste Management Committee

Water Commissioners Whately Grange

Whately School Committee Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Date:

No set meeting date

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7-9 PM, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00 P.M., Center School

No set meeting date No set meeting date No set meeting date

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 12:30 P.M., Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00 P.M., Town Hall

No set meeting date No set meeting date

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 P.M. 8B Elm St., So. Dfld

No set meeting date

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Tech School 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Frontier 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Center School 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Library

No set meeting date

Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7 PM WES or Herlihy Park

2<sup>nd</sup> & Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

Center School

Mondays Noon – 7 pm, Fri, 9 am - Noon Tue. – Thu – 9 – 4 pm Center School

Mon 11-2; Tues 10-1; Wed 11-2; Thurs 12-7

Town Hall

No set meeting date No set meeting date

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School

See Annual Program Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Please check the Town Clerk's Board at the Center School Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Website Calendar, www.whately.org and the Whately Bulletin Board broadcast on Channel 15 for cable viewers in town.

### WHATELY TOWN OFFICIALS

#### **Elected Officials**

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		Elector to the Will of Oliver Sm		
Jonathan S. Edwards	2016	John LaSalle	2014	
Paul Newlin, Chair	2014			
Joyce Palmer Fortune	2015	Water Commissioners		
		Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2015	
Town Clerk		George Bucala, Jr. Chair	2016	
Lynn M. Sibley	2016	Georgeann Dufault	2014	
Assessors		Selectmen's Appointme	nts	
Frederick Orloski	2015	Administrative		
Katherine Fleuriel, Chair	2016	1 Idinimistrative		
Melanie Chorak	2014	Town Administrator		
			2015	
Board of Health		Lynn Sibley	2013	
Ronnie Williams	2014	M		
Francis Fortino, Chair	2015	Municipal Secretary	2014	
Michael Archbald	2016	Maryellen Cranston	2014	
School Committee		Town Accountant		
Christopher Sibley	2016	FrCOG – Cathryn Thomas	2014	
Donald Skroski	2016	11000 Campi Inonias	201.	
Nathanael Fortune	2014	Treasurer/Collector		
Nathanael Politine	2013	Susan Warriner (resigned 12/2013)		
Frontier Regional School Comn	nittee	Nancy Grossman	2014	
William J. Smith	2015			
		Town Counsel		
<b>Library Trustees</b>		Kopelman & Paige	2014	
James Ross	2015			
Sheila Powers	2014	Public Services		
Vivian Schumacher	2015			
Quint Dawson	2016	Superintendent of Streets		
Ken Moulton	2016	Keith Bardwell	2014	
Robert Duda, Chair	2014		-	
		<b>Keeper of the Pound</b>		
<b>Cemetery Commissioners</b>		Daniel G. Denehy	2014	
Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2016	2 miles 3. 2 chang	201.	
Darcy Tozier	2015	Tree Warden		
Lee Felton	2013	Keith E. Bardwell	2014	
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Moderator		<u>Public Safety</u>		
Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2014	Cure en r		
		Chief of Police	2017	
Constables		James Sevigne, Jr.	2015	
Edwin Zaniewski	2016			
Thomas Mahar	2016	Full-time Officers  Donald Bates	20 2014	)10
		Dollard Dates	2017	

Part-time Police Officers	2014	<b>Inspector of Animals and Barns</b>	
Randall Williams		Richard Adamcek	2014
James Purcell			
Marc Bryden		Weights and Measurers	2014
Jeffrey Baker		Northampton Coop Auction	
Scott Hutkoski		Robert Warner	
Robert Warger		Janet Land	
Edwin Zaniewski		Kim Reardon	
Raymond Vandoloski		John Payne	
Michael LaBelle		Samantha Warner	
Jeffrey Soto			
Joshua Thomas		Fence Viewers and Field Drivers	2014
Richard Fullwood		Ai S. Annis, Jr.	2014
		David Chamutka	
		Richard Adamcek	
Fire Chief and Forest Warden		Vacancy	
John S. Hannum	2014	v deaney	
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<b>Emergency Management Direct</b>	tor	<u>Veterans Services</u>	
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Director	CIIt	Veteran's Service Officer Mark Fitzpa	
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		Town Representative to Franklin	
Animal Control Officer	2014	Town Representative to Franklin County Veterans District	
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<b>Conservation Commission</b>		Council on Aging	
Scott Jackson, Chair	2016	Joanne O'Shea	2015
Montserrat Archbald	2014	Virginia C. Allis, Chair	2014
Patricia Devine (resigned)	2015	Lois Bean	2015
Ann Barker	2015	Julia Mason	2016
George Owens	2016	Maryann Sadoski	2014
Andrew Ostrowski	2014	Kathryn McGrail	2015
		Ann Lankarge	2016
<b>Tri-Town Beach Committee</b>			
William Skroski, Jr. Chair	2016		
Elizabeth Orloski-Perfido	2014	Agricultural Commission	
Susan Monahan	2015	Timothy Nourse-Chair	2014
		William Obear-Secretary	2016
<b>Recreation Commission</b>		David Chamutka	2014
Charles DeForest	2014	John Devine	2016
Carol Hutkoski	2014	Margaret Christie	2015
Douglas Patton (resigned)	2014		
Patriciaann Pirog, Chair	2014		
Jane Banash	2014	Implementation Committee	
Thomas Sadoski	2014	Judy Markland	
Christopher Skroski	2014	Kay Klippel	
Melanie Skroski	2014	Rebecca Jones	
		Paul Newlin	
<b>Historical Commission</b>			
Alan McArdle, Chair	2016		
Judy Markland	2014	Cable TV Advisory Committee	<b>;</b>
Howard Nenner	2015	Gary Lawrence	
Darcy Tozier	2016	Randy K. Sibley	
Donna Wiley	2015	Joyce Palmer-Fortune	
<b>Energy Committee</b>		Franklin County Overall Econ	omic
Jonathan Edwards		<b>Development Plan Committee</b>	
Nathanael Fortune		Representative	
Michael Griswald		Harold R. Swift, Jr.	
Paul Newlin		Harold R. Switt, Jr.	
Cultural Council			
Marilee Kloc	2014	2014	
Neal Abraham, Chair	2015		
Leesa Lesenski	2014		
Catherine Ohara	2014		
Alex Fortune	2015		
Lawrence Kuttner	2015		
Anthoula Reiss	2015		6

# Franklin County Economic Target Area Representative

Harold R. Swift, Jr.

# Franklin Regional Council of Governments Representative

Lynn Sibley 2014

#### Franklin County Solid Waste District

Ronnie Williams Fran Fortino, Alternate

#### **Franklin County Transit Authority**

Jonathan Edwards

# Whately Waste Management Committee

William Obear, Chair Fran Fortino Gary Lawrence

#### **Municipal Building Committee**

Adelia Bardwell
Darcy Tozier
Virginia Allis
Fred Orloski
Jonathan Edwards, chair
Anita Husted
JD Ross
John Wroblewski (resigned)

#### **Moderator's Appointments**

#### **Finance Committee:**

Thomas Mahar, Chair	2015
Elaine Cooper	2016
Robert Fydenkevez	2015
Roger Kennedy	2016
Maryann Sadoski	2014
Joseph Zewinski	2014
Paul Antaya	2016

#### Planning Board:

Donald Sluter, Chair	2015
Sara Cooper	2016
Julie Sibley	2015
Nicholas Jones	2014
Judy Markland	2015

# Franklin County Technical School Committee:

Donald Sluter 2015

#### **Other Officials**

# **Capital Improvement Planning Committee:**

Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator Paul Newlin, Selectmen Donald Skroski, Superintendent Rep. Robert Duda, at large Bruce Tutun, at-large Roger Kennedy, Finance Committee Bruce Cleare, Planning Board Rep.

#### **Community Preservation Committee – CPC**

Andrew Ostrowski, Conservation Comm	2016
Howard Nenner, Historical Comm	2016
Judy Markland, Planning Board	2014
Catherine Roegge, Housing Rep	2014
Patriciaann Pirog, Recreation Comm	2014
Appointed by Selectmen	
Alan Sanderson, Jr., Chair	2015
John Devine	2015

#### **Housing Committee**

James Kirkendall	2014
Fred Orloski	2014
Catherine Roegge	2014
Richard Tillberg	2014
David Wartel	2014

#### **Other Officials**

#### **Personnel Committee:**

Paul Newlin - Appt. by Selectmen Keith Bardwell - Elected by Employees Elaine Cooper - Appt. by Finance Comm. Patricia Barschenski, Chair - Appt.by Moderator (Term expires 2013) Janet Korytoski - Appt. by Moderator (Term expires 2012)

#### South County Emergency Medical Services Board of Oversight Representatives

Gary Stone Randy Sibley

#### **Health Agent** – Appt. by Board of Health

Valerie Bird

#### Water Superintendent – Appt. by Water Commissioners:

William Smith

#### **Librarian** – Appt. by Library Trustees:

Tiffany Hilton

#### **Emergency Medical Technician Coordinator** – Appt. by Fire Chief

Gary Stone

#### Frontier Regional School Committee – Appt. by Whately School Committee:

Nathanael Fortune

#### **Superintendent of Schools** – Appt. by All School Committees

Martha Barrett

#### **Principal of Whately Schools** – Appt. by Superintendent of Schools

Peter Crisafulli

#### **Transfer Station Attendants:**

Lee Felton Quinton Dawson Roger Huard, alternate Rebecca Felton, alternate

Anyone wishing consideration for an appointment to any committee may contact the Board of Selectmen.

#### 2013 Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to report that many of the goals identified for 2013 have been completed and new goals outlined for the coming year.

Among the highlights, we are pleased to report that the Town Hall project is moving along. In order to preserve the Town Hall building, it was painted in the spring of 2013. The building consolidation project is proceeding at a steady pace. Jones Whitsett Architects (formerly Margo Jones Architects) are in the process of creating final design plans that will produce bid ready documents. The plan is to have an article to approve the funding of the Town Hall project on the April 2014 Town Meeting and the debt exclusion vote at the June 10, 2014 election. Last year we applied for a \$250,000 Cultural Facilities Grant to help offset the funding for this project. Although we did not get the grant last year, we learned a great deal from the feedback and we will apply again in 2014. We will be in a better position to identify the cultural advantages of this venture in this year's grant. The Selectmen have also requested Community Preservation Funds of \$50,000 per year to offset the overall tax requirement for this project. We are looking forward to being able to use our wonderful assembly space in the upstairs of the Town Hall for various community events and town functions. Combining our town offices will make it much easier for townspeople and more efficient for our employees. Simply, our town will function more efficiently and we will have greater community space.

Over the last two years, Whately has been working with the Towns of Deerfield and Sunderland to research a joint 24/7 Paramedic level ambulance service. In October of 2013, Special Town Meeting voters in the three towns approved of the Selectmen entering into an Inter-municipal Agreement for the service and appropriated funding for the last half of Fiscal Year 2014. Though the start date of the service has been moved up, we are moving ahead steadily. As this is a unique endeavor, each step of the project is met with challenges. A Board of Oversight has been appointed and as of February was working on hiring a Director for the ambulance service. Current members of the three towns' ambulance services are encouraged to participate in the new regional system. We value the services that the current EMT's have provided to the town and hope they will continue to work for the new South County Emergency Medical Services.

One project that continues to try the patience of the Selectmen and the Water Commissioners over the past 3 years is the Mill River Bank Stabilization project that will protect the town's drinking water wells. We have a new engineering group that has developed a creative plan that will move the river into what used to be an old river channel. This concept will result in less disruption of the river habitat and will provide a long term solution to the problem of erosion to the river bank. This is a unique idea and many of the permitting agencies are in favor of this solution so we look forward to a positive outcome in obtaining the final permits. We are also hopeful that a revised grant application will be approved and we will only have to cover a 25% match for the cost of construction.

Whately continues to work on our Green Communities requirements. As a Green Community, we have a certain period of time to reach various goals. Presently we are working on energy improvements at the elementary school that will be paid for with our Green Communities money of \$137,950.

The Town of Whately, along with our neighbors Williamsburg and Chesterfield became the latest Massachusetts Solarize Communities. Our joining with the other towns will allow our residents to benefit from highly discounted installation costs for the installation of solar electric, or photovoltaic, systems (as opposed to solar thermal or hot-water systems). Residents may purchase systems directly and benefit from the group discount along with state and federal incentives. Alternatively, people can opt to enter into a power purchase agreement and not pay any up front costs. The town's energy committee will be providing more detailed information about this program.



An issue identified in our 2012 report and continued into 2013 was the railroad crossing at Egypt Road. As part of the Knowledge Corridor improvements, the Egypt Road rail crossing needs to be upgraded. The Selectmen had a number of meetings to discuss whether the crossing should remain open or closed. After several meetings, the Selectmen voted to keep the crossing open. Egypt Road is a County Road and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments has final say in the closing of a road. Several residents of Egypt Road petitioned the FRCOG Executive Committee to close the road. The Executive Committee decided to dismiss the petition without prejudice and as of this date there has been no new petition filed with the FRCOG.

In September the Select board was approached by JM Farms Patient Group Inc. who wanted to open a medical marijuana facility in Town in accordance with the passage of the Acts of 2012 Chapter 369 commonly known as the Medical Marijuana Bill. The Selectmen gave a letter of support for the dispensary but encouraged the applicants to discuss their plans with the Planning Board. The Planning Board developed a Medical Marijuana Moratorium bylaw that was passed at the October Special Town Meeting. The Moratorium was to allow the Planning Board enough time to develop bylaws for the siting and permitting of these facilities.

The Highway Department continues to do an excellent job for the Town. The four-man crew handles many of the road reconstruction projects on their own to keep costs down rather than hiring an outside company. These four men also handle all the routine maintenance, snow plowing and sanding, lawn mowing and leaf removal on town properties, janitorial and routine maintenance of town buildings, tree work along with special projects. Some unfinished projects discussed in our 2012 report have moved forward. The Mitchell Brook culvert on Conway Road was completed under the direction of the Nature Conservancy however; there will need to be some upgrades to the culvert in 2014. There were some alterations in the design plans between the engineer and the contractor hired by the Nature Conservancy, and the culvert was placed slightly downstream making the approach on the roadway difficult.

We are also moving forward with replacing bridges on Williamsburg Road. Mass. Department of Transportation has several temporary bridges available. We intend to have engineering plans drawn up for the abutments to these bridges and then the temporary bridges can be installed.

In December of 2013 our long time Treasurer/Collector of 14 years, Susan Warriner left Whately to move on to a similar position in Sunderland. We wish Susan well at her new job and welcome Nancy Grossman as the new Treasurer/Collector in Whately. Please check the website for new Treasurer/Collector hours.

In 2014 we will continue the efforts of the Green Communities initiative and Solarize Whately project. We are also optimistic that we will be very busy overseeing the rehabilitation and addition of the Town Hall once it passes the Annual Town Meeting and Ballot Vote.

In closing, the Selectmen would like to thank all the dedicated employees, board and committee members who have devoted themselves to the Town of Whately. We would also like to thank the voters, residents and taxpayers for their support. As always, we welcome visitors and comments at our Selectmen's meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Center School Office Building. Please call 665-4400 to be put on our agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Newlin, Chair

Joyce Palmer Fortune

Jonathan S. Edwards



#### 2013 Annual Report of the Town Clerk

2013 was expected to be a quiet year in the Town Clerk's Office. I was looking forward to catching up on some records management but we needed to hold a Special State Primary on April 30, 2013 and a Special State Election on June 25, 2013. Along with our regular elections and town meetings it proved to be a busy year.

Last year I reported that I finished my town records preservation project. I am now keeping up with the preservation of any new records.

I continue to look for ways to finance the overhaul of the Town Code which is a compilation of all the town's general bylaws, zoning bylaws, subdivision bylaws, personnel regulations and all other regulations adopted by the town. Our present Code is terribly out of date but funding has not been available to make the appropriate updates. I received a quote in late 2013 and will present a capital item request to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee in early 2014.

Town Elections took place in June with an uneventful election of town officials. There were no override or debt exclusion votes at the 2013 election. As the Town Hall project progresses, it is likely that there will be an override vote at the June 10, 2014 election.

As a reminder to all the hunters and fishermen out there, this office no longer sells hunting and fishing licenses. You may obtain your licenses at Dick's Sporting Goods, WalMart or online at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/</a>.

Vital Records and Dog Licenses may be purchased online, by mail or in the office. If your dog has been registered in Whately before and a valid rabies certificate is on file with the Town Clerk, you may use the online service. For Vital Records, it is a good idea to call first just to make sure we have the record you are looking for. Just go to <a href="www.whately.org">www.whately.org</a> and hover over Online Payments and options will appear. You can pay with your bank account with a fee of .25 cents or with a Master Card or Discover card with considerably higher fees depending on the price of the purchase. Visa card purchases are not yet available.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of my hours at the Center School Office building at 218 Chestnut Plain Road.

Monday Noon – 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. – Noon.

If you have special needs that make visiting my office in the Center School difficult, please call me at 665-0054 and I will make arrangements to meet you in a more accessible location.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office for the year 2013. Please see <a href="https://www.whately.org">www.whately.org</a> for minutes of all town meetings and elections or contact the Town Clerk's office for copies.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk



#### **VITAL STATISTICS**

#### **BIRTHS**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
16	11	9	10	11	8	7
			MARRIAG	ES		
			.,			
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
4	6	4	5		9	11
			DEATHS			
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
12	15	10	11	17	12	18

#### **2013 DOG LICENSES**

16	Male Dogs @ \$10.00	\$ 160.00
135	Neutered Male Dogs @ \$5.00	675.00
16	Female Dogs @ \$10.00	160.00
163	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$5.00	815.00
0		0.00
331		\$1,890.00
	Plus Fines Charged for Late Licensing	900.00
	Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$2,710.00

#### OTHER FEES COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK

Zoning Board – Appeals	1,125.00
Planning Board – ANR – Other Filings	350.00
Sale of by-laws and sub-division	14.00
Sale of Street Listing	7.00
Gas Renewal Permits	175.00
Vitals	790.00
Business Certificates	350.00
Miscellaneous	3.50
Raffle	
Copying	
Marijuana Fines	200.00

Total Other Fees Paid to

Town Treasury in Clerk Receipts \$3,014.50

#### **Board of Assessors**

The Board inspected eighty-two homes and businesses during the spring and summer, mostly homes with new growth—renovations, additions, new construction—and those that had sold in the past year. This was a triennial recertification year and once again, sales indicated that several town-wide adjustments needed to be made. Sales figures continued to indicate that while our values were mainly accurate for home sales, vacant-land sales prices continued to decline. Therefore, the Board again lowered values on the first acre (building site) across the entire town but at the same time raised the values on most homes. The tax rate was set at \$15.77 per thousand for fiscal year 2014. Town valuation by class is as follows:

Residential	\$181,253,980
Open Space (Ch 61)	1,961,311
Commercial	20,856,580
Industrial	19,202,800
Personal	23,402,610
Total	\$ 247,446,681

The assessors' office is open Tuesdays from 9 to 5 o'clock, Tuesday evenings 7 to 8:30 and on Wednesdays from 9 to 4. The Board reminds residents that the assessors will be making inspections Tuesday evenings starting in April 2014 and will continue throughout the summer until the end of August. During the summer the assessors are back in the office shortly before 9 o'clock. From Christmas until the end of March, the Board meets the first and third Tuesdays, although the office is generally open every Tuesday evening.

Katherine E. Fleuriel, Chairwoman Melanie A. Chorak Frederick P. Orloski Cynthia C. Herbert, Assistant Assessor

#### TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT BANK ACCOUNTS – FY 2013

BANK	BALANCE 7/1/2012			BALANCE 6/30/2013	
PEOPLE'S UNITED			_	, , , , , , ,	
GENERAL CASH	\$	536,862.46	\$	281,569.53	
SEPTIC PROGRAM	\$	16,219.93	\$	16,252.41	
HOWARD HOXIE					
GARDEN FUND	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
JAWK, INC.	\$	17,283.52	\$	17,300.81	
CPA FUND	\$	226,685.07	\$	365,776.31	
PAYROLL ACCT		0.00	\$	15.46	
UNIBANK					
GENERAL CASH	\$	200,439.70	\$	300,936.29	
AMBULANCE FUND	\$	47,254.10	\$	72,274.78	
UNIBANK TOWN CLERK	\$	185.07	\$	381.53	
GENERAL REVENUE ACCT	\$	0.00	\$	860,926.46	
CENTURY BANK					
CAPITAL STABILIZATION AMBULANCE FUND	\$	20,045.41	\$	60,193.62	
CAPITAL STABILIZATION	\$	0.00	\$	175,202.62	
GENERAL FUND	Ψ	0.00	Ψ	170,202.02	
CITIZEN'S BANK					
GENERAL CHECKING	\$	1,179.99	\$	1,180.42	
BERKSHIRE BANK					
GENERAL FUND	\$	8,543.47	\$	8,572.08	
SEPTIC/FEE ACCT	\$	555.37	\$	557.23	
ARTS LOTTERY	\$	3,545.94	\$	3,274.93	

#### **MMDT:**

GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 969,016.27	\$	221,633.13
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 251,953.99	9	352,670.48
BARNARD FUND CHURCH	\$ 1,139.39	9	1,002.89
CEMETERY PERP ET CARE	\$ 63,486.80	9	6 63,624.39
S. WHITE AGED PERS FUND	\$ 8,544.47	9	8,563.05
A/C DAVENPORT POOR FUND	\$ 2,854.56	9	2,860.91
AMBULANCE REPLACE FUND	\$ 143.21	9	
WHATELY GRANGE FUND	\$ 70.00	9	70.09
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS			
MMDT TRANSFERRED TO			
PEOPLES BANK 5/2013			
DAMON LIBRARY FUND	\$ 11,644.94	9	11,671.68
KANDSZ LIBRARY FUND	\$ 1,164.54	9	1,167.46
SABIN & SOPHIE FILIPKOWSKI	\$ 5,561.22	\$	
J. FILIPKOWSKI MEM FUND	\$ 2,142.32	\$	1,767.95
S. WHITE DICKINSON LIB	\$ 106,862.98	\$	5 104,545.08
J&J MAIEWSKI LIBRARY FUND	\$ 2,979.78	\$	
A/C PAUL F. FIELD LIBRARY	\$ 7,588.39	\$	
ENA CANE MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 7,570.24	\$	7,587.64
ANNIE DANFORTH LIB. FUND	\$ 729.27	\$	
ALICE RYAN ROBINSON	\$ 3,502.98	\$	3,511.07
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$ (77,638.66)	\$	(79,402.60)
PETTY CASH	\$ 500.00	<u>\$</u>	500.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,448,616.72	\$2	2,883,229.53

# REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

			JULT 1, 2012	- JUNE 30, 2013				
YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED 7/1/2012	TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES	WATER LIENS	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013
2013	REAL ESTATE	3,416,926.93	3,315,955.80	11,560.38	3,245.72	15,983.80		76,672.67
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	71,294.78	68,214.17	351.06	•	220.46	1,325.41	1,183.68
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	362,129.46	358,517.87		9.28		•	3,620.87
	MOTOR VEHICLE	200,010.95	193,852.70	3,232.06	2,033.81			4,960.00
	WATER	119,709.20	115,560.73					4,148.47
2012	REAL ESTATE	83,549.74	63,297.57	0.00	0.00	3,453.30		16,798.87
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	1,525.41	1,264.38			56.05		204.98
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	2,546.89	0.00	0.00	0.00			2,546.89
	MOTOR VEHICLE	49,409.42	45,631.07	2,104.18	1,515.12			3,189.29
	WATER	3,212.94	1,722.05					1,490.89
2011	REAL ESTATE	\$12,060.07	\$3,680.32		\$54.15	\$8,239.40		\$194.50
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	-\$139.01	\$55.49					-\$194.50
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$1,264.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,264.30
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$2,123.23	\$1,434.90	\$59.05	\$59.05			\$688.33
	WATER	\$1,382.48	\$794.48				588.00	\$0.00
2010	REAL ESTATE	\$28,226.66	\$21,293.58	\$0.00	\$111.09	\$7,044.17		\$0.00
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	\$255.54	\$150.86			\$104.68		\$0.00
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$690.15	\$76.90	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$613.25
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$456.15	\$19.38					\$436.77
	WATER	\$328.07					328.07	\$0.00
2009	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$1,043.76		\$14,620.41	\$14,620.41			\$1,043.76
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,690.00	\$127.50	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,562.50
2008	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$68.44	<b>4</b>					\$68.44
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$550.73	\$5.00		<b>^-</b>			\$545.73
2007	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$370.86	<b>4.1-1</b> 0		\$78.00			\$448.86
2006	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$628.76	\$117.19					\$511.57
2005	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$834.17	\$38.75					\$795.42
2004	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$525.62	\$111.56					\$414.06
2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$402.31	\$34.17					\$368.14
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$639.89						\$639.89

# Town of Whately FY2013 Year to Date Expense Report

		Date	-//	P 0.1			
		<u>Original</u> <u>Budget</u>	Budget Revisions	Total 2013 Budget	Year to Date Expenses	Balance Remaining	% Used
001-114-5100-000-000-0	Moderator	145.00	0.00	145.00	112.60	32.40	77.66%
001-122-5100-000-000-0	Selectboard Salaries	66,845.00	0.00	66,845.00	66,996.63	-151.63	100.23%
001-131-5400-000-000-0	Finance Committee Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	126.00	24.00	84.00%
001-132-5400-000-000-0	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-9,468.00	10,532.00	2,510.46	8,021.54	100.00%
001-135-5100-000-000-0	Accountant	13,497.00	0.00	13,497.00	13,246.96	250.04	98.15%
001-135-5400-000-000-0	Accountant Expense	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,724.19	275.81	94.48%
001-135-5420-000-000-0	Accounting Software Purchase	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50.00%
001-135-5800-000-000-0	Audit	5,820.00	6,500.00	12,320.00	11,500.00	820.00	93.34%
		25,317.00	6,500.00	31,817.00	29,971.15	1,845.85	
001-141-5400-000-000-0	Assessor's Expenses	31,460.00	0.00	31,460.00	29,364.16	2,095.84	93.34%
001-141-5800-000-000-0	Assessor's Tax Maps	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
001-145-5400-000-000-0	Treasurer's Expenses	40,013.10	0.00	40,013.10	40,013.10	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5410-000-000-0	Tax Taking Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,908.02	2,091.98	58.16%
001-145-5420-000-000-0	Payroll Preparation	3,258.00	0.00	3,258.00	3,258.00	0.00	100.00%
		48,271.10	0.00	48,271.10	46,179.12	2,091.98	
001-151-5400-000-000-0	Legal Expenses	9,785.00	0.00	9,785.00	6,602.40	3,182.60	67.47%
001-161-5400-000-000-0	Clerk's Expenses	23,900.00	1,500.00	25,400.00	24,694.66	705.34	97.22%
001-161-5410-000-000-0	Town Clerk Education Incent	2,000.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,916.63</u>	<u>83.37</u>	95.83%
		25,900.00	1,500.00	27,400.00	26,611.29	788.71	



001-171-5400-000-000-0	Conservation Comm	500.00	0.00	500.00	80.00	420.00	16.00%
001-172-5400-000-000-0	Agriculture Protection/Restora	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
001-175-5400-000-000-0	Planning Board	1,825.00	0.00	1,825.00	1,302.58	522.42	71.37%
001-176-5400-000-000-0	Zoning Bd of Appeals	1,291.00	0.00	1,291.00	1,259.96	31.04	97.60%
001-177-5400-000-000-0	Housing Committee	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
001-192-5400-000-000-0	Town Building Operations	23,310.00	0.00	23,310.00	21,332.35	1,977.65	91.52%
001-192-5410-000-000-0	Town Vehicles Fuel	31,680.00	2,500.00	34,180.00	34,142.85	37.15	99.89%
001-192-5420-000-000-0	Connect CTY	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,250.20	149.80	
001-192-5430-000-000-0	Computer Replacement	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	2,533.30	266.70	
001-192-5440-000-000-0	Webside Update	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
001-192-5800-000-000-0	Town Hall Scrape & Paint	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
	·	64,190.00	8,500.00	72,690.00	64,258.70	8,431.30	
001-193-5400-000-000-0	Property Insurance	32,200.00	0.00	32,200.00	32,199.15	0.85	100.00%
001-195-5400-000-000-0	Town Report	800.00	0.00	800.00	498.98	301.02	62.37%
001-210-5400-000-000-0	Police Dept Expenses	151,598.00	5,000.00	156,598.00	151,953.12	4,644.88	97.03%
001-210-5410-000-000-0	PD Quinn Bill	3,890.00	0.00	3,890.00	3,890.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5820-000-000-0	Cruiser Purchase	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	29,842.00	158.00	99.47%
001-210-3020-000-000-0	Cidisei i dicilase	185,488.00	5,000.00	190,488.00	185,685.12	4,802.88	33.47 /0
		100,400.00	3,000.00	130,400.00	100,000.12	4,002.00	
001-220-5400-000-000-0	Fire Dept Expenses	44,181.00	0.00	44,181.00	43,974.60	206.40	99.53%
001-220-5800-000-000-0	Fire Dept Roof & Insulation	0.00	1,164.00	1,164.00	0.00	1,164.00	
001-232-5400-000-000-0	Ambulance Expense	23,978.00	8,333.00	32,311.00	32,311.00	0.00	100.00%



001-291-5400-000-000-0	Emergency Management Exp	1,055.00	0.00	1,055.00	414.50	640.50	39.29%	
001-292-5400-000-000-0	Animal Control Officer	2,576.00	0.00	2,576.00	2,036.87	539.13	79.07%	
001-293-5400-000-000-0	Animal Inspector	443.00	0.00	443.00	404.36	38.64	91.28%	
	·	3,019.00	0.00	3,019.00	2,441.23	577.77		
001-294-5400-000-000-0	Tree & Forestry Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,515.00	485.00	90.30%	
001-300-5400-000-000-0	Whately Elementary School	1,495,953.00	1,399.66	1,497,352.66	1,494,957.08	2,395.58	99.84%	
	Sprinkler System Elementary							
001-300-5810-000-000-0	) School	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	8,950.76	51,049.24	14.92%	
001-310-5400-000-000-0	3 1 3	877,587.00	0.00	877,587.00	877,587.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-310-5410-000-000-0	Frontier Regional Transport	22,089.00	0.00	22,089.00	22,089.00	0.00	100.00%	
		899,676.00	0.00	899,676.00	899,676.00	0.00		
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001-320-5400-000-000-0	,	135,202.00	0.00	135,202.00	135,201.00	1.00	100.00%	
001-320-5410-000-000-0	Smith Vocational Tuition	49,750.00	-2,983.00	46,767.00	30,111.00	<u>16,656.00</u>	64.39%	
		184,952.00	-2,983.00	181,969.00	165,312.00	16,657.00		
001-422-5110-000-000-0	Highway Salaries	113,098.00	0.00	113,098.00	113,667.89	-569.89	100.50%	
001-422-5400-000-000-0	9 ,	73,600.00	0.00	73,600.00	73,599.99	0.01	100.00%	
001-422-5410-000-000-0	<b>o</b> , ,	20,955.00	0.00	20,955.00	20,771.23	183.77	99.12%	
001-422-5420-000-000-0	•	5,880.00	0.00	5,880.00	5,026.46	853.54	85.48%	
001-422-5830-000-000-0	Easements 109 Long Plain	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	550.00	1,450.00	27.50%	
001-422-5840-000-000-0	Easements 109 Long Plain	0.00	23,400.00	23,400.00	15,822.42	7,577.58	67.62%	
001-422-5850-000-000-0	9	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	100.00%	
	•	239,533.00	25,400.00	264,933.00	255,437.99	9,495.01	96.42%	
001-423-5400-000-000-0	) Winter Roads	111,161.00	-2,500.00	108,661.00	105,691.40	2,969.60	97.27%	
001-430-5400-000-000-0	Solid Waste District	4,094.00	0.00	4,094.00	4,094.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-433-5400-000-000-0	Solid Waste Disposal	36,712.00	0.00	36,712.00	32,321.07	4,390.93	88.04%	



001-433-5410-000-000-0	Hazardous Waste Collection	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-433-5800-000-000-0	Repair Recycle Bins	<u>20,000.00</u>	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%	
		57,512.00	0.00	57,512.00	33,121.07	24,390.93		
001-450-5110-000-000-0	Water Department Salaries	2,630.40	0.00	2,630.40	2,173.05	457.35	82.61%	
001-450-5840-000-000-0	Emergency Mill River Stabilization	0.00	89,000.00	89,000.00	20,604.93	68,395.07		
001-450-5850-000-000-0	Piping Modifications	13,400.00	-10,000.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00		
	pgoaoao	16,030.40	79,000.00	95,030.40	22,777.98	72,252.42		
001-491-5400-000-000-0	Cemetery Commission	4,528.00	0.00	4,528.00	4,634.65	-106.65	102.36%	
001-510-5400-000-000-0	Health Agent	14,388.00	0.00	14,388.00	14,143.21	244.79	98.30%	
001-512-5400-000-000-0	Board of Health Expenses	2,415.00	0.00	2,415.00	1,782.28	632.72	73.80%	
001-541-5400-000-000-0	Council on Aging Expenses	9,533.00	0.00	9,533.00	9,533.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-543-5400-000-000-0	Veterans Services	9,739.00	0.00	9,739.00	6,663.24	3,075.76	68.42%	
001-610-5400-000-000-0	Library Expenses	45,520.00	1,468.00	46,988.00	47,142.78	-154.78	100.33%	
001-630-5400-000-000-0	Recreation Comm Expenses	8,200.00	0.00	8,200.00	7,915.22	284.78	96.53%	
001-630-5410-000-000-0	Tri-Town Beach	<u>4,252.70</u>	0.00	4,252.70	4,250.81	<u>1.89</u>	99.96%	
		12,452.70	0.00	12,452.70	12,166.03	286.67		
001-691-5400-000-000-0	Historical Commission Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%	
001-710-5920-000-000-0	Frontier Bond	35,206.00	0.00	35,206.00	35,206.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-710-5940-000-000-0	Highway Dup Truck	49,504.00	0.00	49,504.00	49,504.00	0.00		
	· · ·	84,710.00	0.00	84,710.00	84,710.00	0.00		
001-752-5900-000-000-0	Int-Temporary Loans	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-820-5631-000-000-0	School Choice	115,640.00	0.00	115,640.00	111,502.00	4,138.00	96.42%	



001-820-5640-000-000-0	Air Pollution District	471.00	0.00	471.00	471.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-820-5646-000-000-0	RMV Marking Surchg	1,220.00	0.00	1,220.00	1,060.00	160.00	86.89%	
001-820-5650-000-000-0	Strap Repayment	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-820-5663-000-000-0	Reg Transit Authority	<u>2,438.00</u>	0.00	<u>2,438.00</u>	<u>2,438.00</u>	0.00	100.00%	
		134,769.00	0.00	134,769.00	130,471.00	4,298.00		
001-830-5400-000-000-0	Fr Reg Council of Govt Assmnt	17,391.00	0.00	17,391.00	17,391.00	0.00	100.00%	
001-830-5410-000-000-0	Fr Reg Council of Govt Inspect	<u>6,500.00</u>	0.00	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	0.00	100.00%	
		23,891.00	0.00	23,891.00	23,891.00	0.00		
001-911-5400-000-000-0	Franklin County Retirement	119,188.25	0.00	119,188.25	119,188.25	0.00	100.00%	
001-912-5410-000-000-0	Worker's Compensation	13,440.00	0.00	13,440.00	8,858.70	4,581.30	65.91%	
001-913-5400-000-000-0	Unemployment Insurance	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	53.07	9,946.93	0.53%	
001-914-5400-000-000-0	Group Insurance	363,360.00	0.00	363,360.00	362,712.49	647.51	99.82%	
001-914-5410-000-000-0	Life Insurance	1,641.00	0.00	1,641.00	1,185.83	455.17	72.26%	
001-914-5420-000-000-0	Physicals & Tests	936.00	0.00	936.00	904.00	32.00	96.58%	
001-914-5440-000-000-0	Physicals & Tests	<u>5,000.00</u>	5,000.00	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>9,163.00</u>	<u>837.00</u>	<u>91.63%</u>	
		370,937.00	5,000.00	375,937.00	373,965.32	1,971.68		
001-916-5400-000-000-0	Town Share of Medi & FICA	21,895.00	2,700.00	24,595.00	22,675.39	1,919.61	92.20%	
001-919-5400-000-000-0	Div. of Medicaid Assistance	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	816.19	683.81	54.41%	
001-970-5962-000-000-0	Transfer to Stabilization	170,000.00	0.00	170,000.00	170,000.00	0.00	100.00%	
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>4,711,817.45</u>	<u>136,013.66</u>	<u>4,847,831.11</u>	<u>4,600,127.02</u>	<u>247,704.09</u>		



# Town of Whately – Budget Versus Revenue Report June 30, 2013

	Account	2012 Budget	YTD Revenues	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	362,129.44	343,965.08	-18,164.36
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	3,383,853.01	3,379,935.32	-3,917.69
001-001-4142-000-000-0	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	25,838.86	25,838.86
001-001-4146-000-000-0	Rollback Taxes	0.00	38,182.14	38,182.14
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	190,000.00	237,569.05	47,569.05
001-001-4162-000-000-0	Farm Animal Excise	5,000.00	7,920.00	2,920.00
001-001-4163-000-000-0	Classified Forest Excise	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4165-000-000-0	Water Revenue Received	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	15,000.00	16,142.74	1,142.74
001-001-4171-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes Pen & Int Tax Title	0.00	1,244.93	1,244.93
001-001-4173-000-000-0	Accounts	0.00	3,589.49	3,589.49
001-001-4175-000-000-0	Pen & Int Water Accounts	0.00	84.50	84.50
001-001-4180-000-000-0	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes Abated Motor Vehicle	0.00	14,047.50	14,047.50
001-001-4195-000-000-0	Recov	0.00	<u>150.10</u>	<u>150.10</u>
Total Taxes		3,955,982.45	4,068,669.71	112,687.26
Fees-Transfer Station				
001-433-4320-000-000-0	Fees - Transfer Station	20,000.00	26,114.76	6,114.76
Free Art Iron				
Fees - Ambulance				
001-232-4320-000-000-0	Ambulance	25,000.00	17,377.92	-7,622.08
<u>Fees</u>				
001-141-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Assessors	0.00	2.00	2.00
001-145-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Treasurer	1,000.00	1,859.75	859.75
001-146-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Collector	7,000.00	7,233.00	233.00
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	0.00	1,480.00	1,480.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Town Clerk	1,000.00	1,080.00	80.00
001-171-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Conservation Comm	1,000.00	400.00	-600.00
001-175-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Planning Board	0.00	250.00	250.00
001-176-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Zoning Board	0.00	731.95	731.95
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	4,000.00	4,063.65	63.65
001-220-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Fire Dept	0.00	960.00	960.00
001-439-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Electronic Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-450-4320-000-000-0	Fees - Water Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-512-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Health Board	6,000.00	6,357.50	<u>357.50</u>
<u>Total Fees</u>		20,000.00	24,417.85	4,417.85

Other Charges				
001-001-4360-000-000-0	Rentals	25,000.00	45,783.78	20,783.78
001-001-4380-000-000-0	Other Charges for Service	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0.00
Total Other Charges		25,000.00	45,783.78	20,783.78
Licenses & Permits				
001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	5,000.00	4,556.00	-444.00
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	0.00	334.00	334.00
001-243-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Plumbing Insp	0.00	830.00	830.00
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Electrical Insp	0.00	75.00	75.00
001-422-4450-000-000-0	Permits- Highway Dept	<u>0.00</u>	<u>959.00</u>	<u>959.00</u>
<u>Total Permits</u>		5,000.00	13,554.00	8,554.00
State Revenue				
001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	20,935.00	20,935.00	0.00
001-001-4613-000-000-0	Veterans Abatements	9,404.00	0.00	-9,404.00
001-001-4616-000-000-0	Elderly Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid Chapter 70	240,518.00	240,518.00	0.00
001-001-4622-000-000-0	One Time State Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	113,512.00	113,512.00	0.00
001-001-4665-000-000-0	Veterans Benefits	5,684.00	12,362.24	6,678.24
001-001-4670-000-000-0	Police Career Incentive	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4680-000-000-0	Other State Revenue	<u>31,782.00</u>	<u>32,961.59</u>	<u>1,179.59</u>
Total State Revenue		421,835.00	420,288.83	-1,546.17
<u>Fines</u>				
001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	30,000.00	27,567.50	-2,432.50
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	0.00	2,582.50	2,582.50
001-001-4775-000-000-0	Marijuana Fines	<u>0.00</u>	200.00	200.00
Total Fines		30,000.00	30,350.00	350.00
Other Revenue				
001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	4,000.00	4,240.15	240.15
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	13,607.50	13,607.50
001-001-4971-000-000-0	Tr Fr Special Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4973-000-000-0	Tr Fr Capital Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4974-000-000-0	Tr Fr Stabilization	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue		4,000.00	17,847.65	13,847.65
	Total Year To Date Revenue	4,506,817.45	4,664,404.50	157,587.05



### Town of Whately Special Revenue Report

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	Other Special Revenue Funds	· ·		_	
219	MA Highway A/R-D291 FY09	-12,060.08	325,523.94	345,706.69	-32,242.83
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	5,425.71	0.00	-195.00	5,230.71
232	Dog Revolving Fund	8,077.26	2,675.00	-156.40	10,595.86
235	Recreation Revolving	14,073.70	6,640.00	-8,538.96	12,174.74
236	Library Fees Revolving Fund	435.15	322.20	85.00	842.35
237	Firewood Revolving	6,750.00	1,077.00	-35.98	7,791.02
238	Trench Permit Revolving	335.00	500.00	0.00	835.00
251	Public Hearing Revolving	-303.89	425.00	-1,874.60	-1,753.49
253	Sale of Cemetary Lots	12,830.00	250.00	0.00	13,080.00
258	Road Machiner Fund	9,446.68	0.00	0.00	9,446.68
266	R. Ferrick Gift Acct	0.00	1,045.00	-576.58	468.42
267	Kenneth Daniels Memorial Acct	-375.00	0.00	0.00	-375.00
268	WMRLS/Durkan Grant	4,796.71	0.00	-588.01	4,208.70
270	PD Yankee Candle Donation	1,718.68	2,000.00	-1,394.52	2,324.16
271	PD - Dare Donations	57.02	0.00	0.00	57.02
272	Cruiser Fees for Details	97.19	215.00	0.00	312.19
274	FD Yankee Candle Donation	153.58	0.00	0.00	153.58
276	Cemetary Kandsz Donation	1,000.00	250.00	0.00	1,250.00
277	Ambulance Donations	2,508.08	0.00	1,976.45	4,484.53
278	Master Planning Grant	1,834.72	0.00	0.00	1,834.72
279	Strategic Planning Grant	439.47	0.00	0.00	439.47
281	Septic Repair Program	14,198.87	32.48	0.00	14,231.35
282	Library Lions Club Donations	315.29	0.00	-180.77	134.52
283	Library General Donations	2,532.68	580.92	-291.49	2,822.11
284	Summer Reading Program	262.44	0.00	0.00	262.44
285	Hoxie Memorial Garden Fund	2.17	0.00	0.00	2.17
286	Non-Resident Circulation	1,338.45	0.00	0.00	1,338.45
287	Div of Medical Assistance	21,662.75	0.00	0.00	21,662.75
289	Insurance Proceeds	652.11	9,690.54	0.00	10,342.65
290	Clean Energy Choice Grant	-358.68	178.70	0.00	-179.98
291	PEG Access Fund	25,855.83	0.00	-15,734.28	10,121.55
292	PEG Access Capital Fund	34,365.72	23,240.86	0.00	57,606.58
293	Pager Rebates	1,725.00	0.00	0.00	1,725.00
294	ConCom Escrow	2,437.37	17.29	0.00	2,454.66
295	Cemetary Revolving	1,175.00	2,075.00	-1,637.85	1,612.15
296	Operation Whately Delivery	899.48	0.00	0.00	899.48
297	Christine Moulton Gift Account	853.43	-1,045.00	140.51	-51.06
298	FCSWMD Grant	-53.37	997.27	-997.27	-53.37
299	FCHCC Medication Grant	27.79	0.00	0.00	27.79
	State & Federal Grants				198,359.90
404	Community Policing Grant	5,788.86	0.00	-3,552.03	2,236.83
405	DWI/Speeding Grant	-6,410.91	0.00	0.00	-6,410.91
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	7,282.03	0.00	0.00	7,282.03
408	Emergency Management Grant	0.00	1,954.23	-3,146.66	-1,192.43
411	FEMA Storm Emergency Funds	9,849.32	1,856.00	0.00	11,705.32
412	Council on Aging Grant	-65.12	3,326.00	-3,500.00	-239.12



414	Library State Aid	8,642.80	1,776.76	-3,601.21	6,818.35
415	Cultural Council	2,610.94	3,883.51	-3,679.52	2,814.93
416	Ambulance Task Force	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
417	Barn Pres. Markland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
418	Library Mitigation	325.86	0.00	0.00	325.86
419	Failed Septic System Grant	-410.00	0.00	0.00	-410.00
420	Fire Safe Grant	533.99	7,100.00	-2,833.02	4,800.97
421	Fire Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
422	Assist to Firefighters Grant	-31.00	3,000.00	0.00	2,969.00
423	MRF Mini Grant	930.76	0.00	0.00	930.76
424	Volunteer Firefighters Grant	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00	0.00
	School Grants/Funds				31,631.59
501	Circuit Breaker Grant	5,428.85	74,646.00	-35,847.81	44,227.04
502	School Choice	159,265.35	326,940.00	357,970.98	128,234.37
503	REAP Grant	1,986.21	25,911.25	-27,639.70	257.76
505	SPED Assist	48,986.18	14,684.13	-54,841.81	8,828.50
507	Grant Funded Teacher Stipends	4,001.16	3,245.00	-7,246.16	0.00
508	FB Full Day Kindergarten	0.00	6,058.00	-6,628.00	-570.00
510	Ed Jobs Grant FY12	5,689.38	-9,990.54	4,301.16	0.00
551	After School Tuition	51,797.48	45,840.15	-46,688.72	50,948.91
552	Early Childhood Tuition	14,790.37	50,625.77	-63,811.72	1,604.42
553	School Lunch	-10,262.96	43,415.69	-50,470.54	-17,317.81
554	Nature's Classroom	3,176.50	5,063.50	-5,433.00	2,807.00
555	Damaged School Books	-0.92	0.00	0.00	-0.92
556	School Building Use	117.58	0.00	0.00	117.58
563	Playground Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
567	Yankee Candle Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
568	Adam Quenneville Donation	914.16	0.00	-914.16	0.00
570	Student Council Fund	0.00	2,075.74	-1,333.80	741.94
571	Peer Mediator Fund	0.00	40.75	0.00	40.75
572	Gym Pad Fund	0.00	3,864.84	0.00	3,864.84
573	6th Grade Fund	0.00	10,913.29	-4,598.42	6,314.87
574	5th Grade Fund	0.00	937.19	-936.00	1.19
575	4th Grade Fund	0.00	1,766.16	-478.00	1,288.16
	Enterprise Fund				231,388.60
610	Water Revenue	0.00	145,154.81	-88,682.46	56,472.35
	Trust Funds				
811	Bernard Church Expendable	0.25	2.64	0.00	2.89
812	Davenport School Expendable	2,654.56	6.35	0.00	2,660.91
813	Whately Grange Expendable	20.00	0.09	0.00	20.09
814	Ambulance Replacement Expend	143.21	0.22	0.00	143.43
815	Cemetary Trust Expendable	14,961.80	137.59	-80.52	15,018.87
816	Filipkowski Expendable	1,929.85	4.43	-213.11	1,721.17
817	Dickinson Library Expendable	30,435.65	242.92	-3,115.83	27,562.74
818	Annie Danforth Expendable	272.07	0.00	0.00	272.07
819	J & J Maiewski Expendable	1,979.78	7.03	0.00	1,986.81
820	Paul Field Expendable	2,588.39	17.47	0.00	2,605.86
821	Robinson Trust Expendable	422.98	8.09	0.00	431.07
822	SW Dickinson Aged Expend	3,544.47	18.58	0.00	3,563.05
823	Ena Cane Expendable	7,570.24	0.00	-554.88	7,015.36
830	Stabilization Fund	252,453.99	100,716.49	-129.60	353,040.88
		,		0.00	322,2.0.00



831	Capital Stabilization	20,018.41	50,068.02	0.00	70,086.43
832	Ambulance Stabilization	0.00	20,040.38	0.00	20,040.38
850	Barnard Church Non-Exp	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
851	Davenport School Non-Expend	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
852	Whately Grange Non-Expend	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
853	Cemetary Trust Non-Expendable	48,525.00	0.00	0.00	48,525.00
854	Damon Library Non-Expendable	11,644.94	26.74	0.00	11,671.68
855	Kandsz Library Non-Expendable	1,164.54	2.92	0.00	1,167.46
856	Dickinson Library Non-Expendab	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
857	A. Danforth Library Non-Expend	457.20	1.42	0.00	458.62
858	J & J Maiewski Non-Expendable	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
859	Paul Field Non-Expendable	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
860	Robinson Trust Non-Expendable	3,080.00	0.00	0.00	3,080.00
861	S.W. Dickinson Aged Non-Expend	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
862	S & S Filipkowski Non-Expend	5,561.22	13.82	0.00	5,575.04
	Agency Funds				663,899.81
891	Off Duty Police Detail	-4,380.00	50,821.72	-46,441.72	0.00
892	Firearm ID Cards	0.00	3,800.00	-3,800.00	0.00
894	Fire Dept Fees	295.00	0.00	0.00	295.00
895	State Wildlife Permits	3.50	0.00	0.00	3.50
896	Ambulance Intercept	3,604.45	7,499.94	-6,796.46	4,307.93
898	Deputy Collector Fees	17.00	2,638.00	-2,482.00	173.00
					4,779.43

#### 2013 WHATELY AMBULANCE REPORT

I am pleased to submit this report of the activities for which the ambulance and its EMT's responded to emergencies during 2013. The Whately ambulance is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and operates at an Intermediate Level, with its staff of four paramedics, four Intermediates and Eight Basic level EMT's. The ambulance responded to less than 100 calls that were activated by the emergency 911 system.

The types of emergency calls where an ambulance is needed are;

Motor vehicle accidents (mva)
Motorcycle accident's, both on and off road
ATV and snowmobile accidents
Injuries caused by any type of trauma
Medical calls (sick people)
To stand by at structure fires

Our ambulance also responds to mutual aid calls to our neighboring towns of Hatfield, Sunderland and South Deerfield. In return these neighboring towns also provide coverage to Whately when needed. Because of Whately's location we are fortunate enough to be located within a short distance of two local hospitals. Also because of our close proximity to these hospitals, we are able to have the choice of a Paramedic intercept ambulance for the more critical calls come from either Northampton Fire Dept., Pioneer Valley or Baystate Health Ambulance from Greenfield. With a major highway going through the center of our town, we can be on the highway relatively quick, to transport a patient to a level 1 trauma center (Baystate Medical Center) in Springfield.



Whately's ambulance is one of five ambulances in Franklin County that is on the states task force team which means that this team can be called to respond to any incidence within the entire state when multiple ambulances are required.

Whately purchased a new power stretcher in 2013 which is a huge back saver for the EMT's and it only requires one EMT to raise or lower a patient from the back of the ambulance.

I would like to thank our fire department and police department personnel for assistance when needed for Ambulance calls which required either traffic control or lift assist, etc.

The following is a list of Whately EMTs whom responded to 911 Emergencies during 2013.

Gary Stone Michael Mahar John Hannum Jason Clemons Jason Dorval Ken Handfield James Bernier Greg Gagnon Wendy Bardwell John P. Kennedy Alexander Ross Georgeann Dufault Robert Grant Michael Herbert Josh Clemons John Dubois

Please do not ever hesitate to dial 911 if you are not feeling well, get hurt or for many other reasons, even if you're not sure that an ambulance is needed. Just a few minutes could mean the difference between life and death or the difference between a long or short hospital stay.

In 2013 Whately townspeople voted to join forces with the towns of South Deerfield and Sunderland to create a twenty four hour per day and seven day per week paramedic ambulance service with full time and on call staff. One difference from the special town meeting plan is that the Whately ambulance will now be part of the new service, keeping three ambulances to respond to 911 calls within the three towns. All of the Whately EMT's have been invited to participate in the new service.

Whately ambulance service is always looking for new recruits who are over the age of 18 and interested in helping your fellow neighbors in a time of need. If this is you, please contact Gary Stone at gstone@gwprecision.com or any one of the above EMTs for information.

If you have any questions regarding billing, you should contact Lynn Sibley, the Whately Town Administrator at 665-0054 during normal business hours. All other questions regarding the Ambulance Service, you can contact myself at 413-636-8460, or e-mail gstone@gwprecision.com

In case of an emergency PLEASE call 911 as soon as possible and clearly state your emergency, your name and address, as well as your house number. Make sure your house number is visible from the street so that your house can be found quickly. SECONDS COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!!!

Respectfully Submitted Gary Stone Whately Ambulance Director



#### **Animal Control Officer's Report**

The Animal Control Officer had a busy year receiving 121 calls. Again, most of my calls were for loose/stray or found/missing dogs. Please follow the state leash law which states <u>ALL</u> dogs must be under control of their owners at all times. The breakdown of calls received is as follows:

Stray dog	34	Stray cat	9
Found dog	5	Fox	5
Dog Bite	2	Sick coyote	1
Barking dog	8	Injured/dead deer	3
Dog hit on road	2	Loose horse	2
Dogs taken to vet	4	Assist police	3
Loose pig	6	Sick skunk	3
Dog attacked by another dog	2	Sick raccoon	3
Loose goats	5	Sick pig	3
Loose cows	2	Bear damage	2
Lost dogs returned to owner	9	Injured hawk	1
Dogs taken to county pound	4	Dead crow	2
Injured cat	1		

#### **Animal Inspector's Report**

The Animal Inspector issued 5 quarantines; 2 for dog bites and 3 for cats with wounds of unknown origin. The barn inspections were done and the results are as follows:

Dairy cattle	60	Equines	50
Beef cattle	120	Chickens	471
Oxen	12	Turkeys	12
Goats	51	Water fowl	71
Sheep	8	Rabbits	54
Swine	11	Pea fowl	2
Llamas/alpacas	29	Game bird	37
Bees (estimated)	160,000		

If I missed you for a barn inspection, please contact me at 665-8027. The state relies on this information in developing and implementing a response plan to an emergency.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Adamcek Animal Control Officer Animal Inspector



#### 2013 Emergency Management Report

2013 was a relatively quiet year on the Emergency Management front. The Town avoided many of the natural disasters that have affected us in years' past. The only major event was the February snowstorm which was declared a disaster and the town was able to recoup about \$10,000 worth of expenses. Emergency Management personnel also helped when the Whately Water District in the center of town experienced a boil water order due to bacteria in its water supply.

During 2013, I again reviewed our Emergency plans for the South Deerfield Water District and the Francis P. Ryan reservoirs. I also completed a review of our Community Emergency Management Plan and helped update the Hazardous Mitigation Plan along with other members of the Emergency Preparedness team.

In October, I again took part in the Frontier Regional Emergency Dispensing Drill that gave out flu shots to the residents in the area. The "clinic" was held at the Yankee Candle corporate office building parking lot. Each time we run one of these drills it becomes easier and more organized. Thank you to all the residents that came to get their flu shot, and the residents that volunteered their time to participate in the drill.

Over the past few years, Emergency Management has received a number of smaller grants in order to provide tools that we need in an emergency. With these grants I have acquired sheltering supplies such as cots and blankets; Emergency Operations Center supplies such as a computer, easel, and a GPS unit. In 2013 equipment was purchased to upgrade the meeting space at the Police Station so that it can serve as an Emergency Operations Center. The present space in the Center School Offices is not an ideal location. We do have a generator but it only operates half of the building so the copier and phone system are not available to use during a power outage without some creative wiring. In 2014 this grant will be used to upgrade our emergency radios and acquire some animal crates and supplies for use during an emergency.

I would like to remind people to register their phone numbers and email addresses with Connect CTY, the town's emergency notification system. The newly upgraded system allows residents to sign on and register or make changes to their own accounts but if you would rather have me make those changes, just let me know. I receive many nice comments about Connect CTY. I try not to send out too many messages or alarm folks unnecessarily. It is a great mechanism to get the word out to people regarding non-emergency messages as well as emergency notices.

In closing, I would like to thank the emergency personnel here in Whately. The Fire Department, Ambulance, Police, Highway, Board of Health and emergency volunteers are all experienced staff members that know what needs to be done during an emergency. It is comforting to know that emergencies will be handled efficiently even when key members of the team are not present.

I would also like to thank our residents for heeding our notices prior and during an emergency. The better prepared we all are, the easier it is to recover from an actual emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sibley, Emergency Management Director



#### WHATELY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The officers and members of The Whately Fire Department continue to proudly serve and represent the citizens of our great community. In 2013 the Whately Fire Dept. responded to numerous types of emergencies. They included Emergency Medical Services, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, and fire emergencies. One of the tragic fire emergencies of 2013 stressed the Department beyond imagination. Tri State Fire Mutual Aid is a valuable system that benefits everyone; there is an endless list of resources available in an every emergency situation, Whately benefited from this system more than once this year.

I would like to thank the officers and members for a job well done. All members are listed below the \* indicating certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

DC Keith Bardwell	DC Gary Stone *	Capt. Wayne Hutkoski
Lt. Donald Dufault	Lt. Chris Sibley	Jason Clemons *
Jason Dorval *	Jeffrey LaValley	Peter Hannum
Patrick Mathey	James Bernier *	Joshua Clemons*
Scott Hutkoski	J P Kennedy *	Michael Mahar*
John LaSalle	William Smith	Charlie Tenanas
Ryan Murphy	John DuBois *	Ken Handfield *
Georgeann Dufault *	Alan Belden	Alex Ross *
Chris Sullivan	Dwaine Meehan	Jason Antosh

The Whately Firefighters Association deserves special thanks as they continue to support the officers and members of the Department in numerous ways. The Fire Dept acquired a 5 ton all-wheel drive Army Surplus dump truck through the cooperation and a program with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The truck has been modified as an off road tanker especially for Wild Land Firefighting. I would also like to thank anyone who has helped the Fire Department or any of its members in any way.

Access to remote and secure areas continues to challenge resources and hampers response times. Dedication, training, planning and knowledge prevail to help with life safety issues and to mitigate potential hazards. The Fire Dept has taken on a project to identify all homes in town that have driveways in excess of eight hundred feet from a town road. The goal is to pre-plan these addresses and locate areas best suited for relay pumping operations especially in the most rural areas without hydrant protection.

In April, Whately Fire Department responded to a reported shed fire on State Road which was ultimately part of the home. The efforts of nine engines and ladder companies on the scene with a first alarm assignment could not save the lives of the two residents. We offer our deepest condolences to the long time Whately family. I would like to thank everyone who assisted the Department that night. I commend each and every firefighter that risked their life that night trying to save the lives of the victims, you are real heroes.

Franklin County is keeping the same process of issuing Burning Permits; Whately is again part of this system. The system is electronically operated and managed on the internet. The site (www.fcburnpermits.com) is user friendly. This year's Burning Season opens January 15 and closes May 1. Hazardous weather conditions may shorten the season so don't procrastinate, open burning should be completed early in the season.



The Whately Fire Department is always searching for interested citizens that would like to become involved with any aspect of the Department. In special need are Emergency Medical Technicians of any level of certification. If anyone would like to join or has any questions about the Department please contact either me (JSHannum@comcast.net) or one of my officers.

I would like to remind everyone to report a Fire or Emergency to dial 911, please be clear and concise with your message. Also answer all the questions that the Dispatcher asks and stay on the line as long as necessary. For any other Fire Department related communications the Dispatch Center business number is 625-8200.

Respectfully submitted;

Chief John S. Hannum Whately Fire Dept

#### REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day, coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), was held on Saturday September 21, 2013 from 9 AM to noon at Greenfield Community College and the Orange transfer station. Three hundred nineteen total households participated in the collection. Seven Whately households participated and four of these households were first time users. The hazardous materials collected included motor oil, flammables, antifreeze, oil based paint, aerosols, pesticides, acids, bases, organics and fluorescent lamps. Whately's cost for HHW disposal services was \$428.

The next HHW Collection Day will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Contact the FCSWMD for pre-registration details beginning in August - by phone 772-2438 or email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

All residents are encouraged to utilize year-round the Hazardous Waste facilities established by the FCSWMD at the transfer stations of Bernardston, Colrain and Conway. Whately residents will most likely use the Conway site located off Old Cricket Hill Rd. The wastes accepted at these facilities include mercury thermometers, waste oil products such as used motor oil, hydraulic oil, gear oil etc., oil based paints, oil filters, antifreeze. Additional information about these disposal sites (dates and hours of operation etc.) is posted on the bulletin board at the transfer station as well as the FCSWMD website:

http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/supersites.html

Rechargeable batteries, button batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs should be given to the transfer station attendant for proper recycling. Discharged alkaline batteries (such as Duracell, Energizer etc.) should be discarded in the household trash for proper landfill disposal.

Questions concerning the proper disposal of and alternatives to hazardous materials can be directed to either your Hazardous Waste Coordinator (665-2894) or the FCSWMD (772-2438).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Obear Hazardous Waste Coordinator



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT WHATELY

As the newly appointed Health Agent for Whately this annual report is compiled from some of the data of my predecessor and some from myself.. During 2013, the department witnessed 8 perc tests and 18 Title 5 inspections. Septic system permits were issued for 12 new systems or system components were installed. 8 inspections or reinspections of food establishments were completed. A total of \$7977.50 was collected in fees. An increase of \$1692.50 from last year

I come to this office, fully trained having been a Health Agent for over 20 years. Having said this it is important to stay up to date, as regulations change.

The following is a general breakdown of the many responsibilities handled on a regular basis by your Board of Health and the Health Agent

- Witnessing percolation tests and Title 5 inspections for all new and replacement septic systems
- Permit review and on-site inspections for all septic repairs and installations
- Housing code inspections and enforcement
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting
- Tobacco regulation enforcement
- On-site inspections for all beaver conflict permits
- Handling the numerous public health-related questions and complaints
- Restaurant inspections

I may be reached at 268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at PO 447 Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at VBird113@gmail.com I look forward to another productive year in Whately.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Bird Health Agent Foothills Health District

To the Residents of the Town of Whately

#### **RE: SMITH CHARITIES' FISCAL YEAR DISTRIBUTIONS**

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014, the following Applicants from Whately were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

<b>Beneficiary Type &amp; Total</b>		<u>Amount</u>	
Tradespersons - 2	Received a gift of \$600 plus an additional distribution of \$200.00, totaling	\$1,600.00	
Widow - 1	Received a gift totaling	\$300.00	

John LaSalle, Trustee Under the Oliver Smith Will



#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year we had to endure a moderate blizzard. Winter storm Nemo dumped 20" in our area. At one point in the early hours of the 9<sup>th</sup> of February it was snowing so hard that our drivers had a very difficult time to stay on the road. We worked all through the night to keep our roads open and were successful in doing so.

As usual we swept all roads in the spring and ask that residents pay attention to the town web site on sweeping schedules. Sand can be swept out onto the edge of pavement and left in a row. All other debris should be removed.

We continue to look for options to re-open Williamsburg Rd. The bridge that is closed is not long enough to qualify for state and federal funds so the town is responsible for the repairs. We are presently looking at placing a pre-engineered bridge over the top of the existing bridge as a temporary replacement so that the road can be reopened. While the road is not highly used it still needs to be reopened to provide access to our residents.

We have requested that the state repave Old State Rd. it is still a state highway even though the town does some maintenance. They have agreed to include it in the same contract when they repave Route 5&10 in the same area. It is anticipated that construction will take place in 2014.

In the summer some drainage improvements took place on Long Plain Rd. A new catch basin was installed at #283 and piped to the south to tie into the existing drainage. It will prevent the water from having to travel down the road to get to the same location. Also the existing leaching structures at #203and #204 had the capacities increased. This should provide better drainage to prevent flooding issues. River Road from Straits Rd to the Hatfield town line was repaved as was Christian Lane from Mill River to Chestnut Plain Rd. Parts of Chestnut Plain Rd. and North St were chip sealed.

Our fleet of vehicles has two dump trucks that are at the end of their lifecycle. One is a 2000 and the other is a 2002. The 2002 is also a salt/sander and is in worse condition than the older one. Normally we plan to replace them after 15 years of service. This will be discussed with the capital planning committee in 2014.

If at any time someone has any questions or comments, you can reach me at 665-2983.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Bardwell Highway Superintendent



#### Police Department Report 2013

I would like to start this year's report by expressing my appreciation to the officers of the Whatley Police Department. Their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the Town of Whately, as well as their fellow officers, are what make me proud to lead this agency. While these officers have other responsibilities (jobs, family, friends) they are still committed to this community. Their service does not go unnoticed and I personally applaud them.

This year we didn't see a noticeable increase in crime within our community, despite an increase in Western Massachusetts. Community members have taken a proactive approach by locking their homes and vehicles, as well as watching their neighborhoods and reporting any suspicious activities to the police. This approach to looking out for your fellow residents is what makes this a safe community. Please don't hesitate to report a crime or suspicious activity, and always call 911 to report any emergencies.

School Safety is always a concern, as such, we have continued to work with Union 38 School District administration and faculty to ensure the safety of our children. The members of the Four-Town Student and School Safety Committee meet on a regular basis to discuss student and school safety topics. Drills and tabletop exercises are conducted regularly to ensure a rapid and successful response to any school emergency. Also, with the assistance of the Massachusetts State Police, faculty members undergo training in Active Shooter Response so they are prepared in the event of such a tragedy. Police Officers within our school district will again be participating in active shooter training in Jan-Feb 2014 at Frontier Regional School.

The state has issued a mandate for additional annual in-service training for municipal officers. This training consists of legal update, CPR First Responder, defensive tactics, firearms, and much more. This unfunded mandate puts the burden of funding the training onto the taxpayers. Fortunately the Whately Police Department has instructors in numerous topics, as well as officers from neighboring communities, so this training will be more easily attainable.

Thanks to Sue Monahan, volunteers, and all the sponsors again for organizing the Whately Police Triathlon this past year. As always, contact the Police Department if you would like to take advantage of the one day Basic Firearms Safety Class at no cost. Stay safe. www.whately.org/police-department

Submitted,

Chief James A. Sevigne Jr.



# Police Department Activity Report 2011, 2012, 2013

	2011	2012	2013
Abduction / Attempt	1	1	0
Abuse Prevention Orders	6	5	4
Accident – Motor Vehicle	52	50	54
Alcohol/Drug Violation	17	13	7
Animal Complaints	23	19	31
Arrests (Including Motor Vehicle)	46	24	29
Assault & Battery	4	7	8
Assist Ambulance	62	53	68
Assist Fire Department	42	31	22
Breaking & Entering	10	11	10
Disturbance	5	8	8
Domestic Problem	5	6	10
Harassment	5	5	7
Homicide (Motor Vehicle)	0	0	0
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0
Intrusion / Alarm	86	76	84
Identity Theft	4	3	2
Larceny	17	24	14
Property damage/vandalism	13	18	7
Missing Person	2	3	1
Protective Custody	1	2	3
Robbery	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	2	4	10
Suspicious Person	7	5	12
Suspicious Vehicle	9	10	17
Trespass	3	4	3
Unattended Death	2	2	1
Unwanted Person	3	6	9

#### REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

In 2013, 117 tons of paper, glass, cans, and plastic containers were collected at the Whately Transfer Station and sent to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). 156 tons of residual waste was disposed of at the UWM landfill.

Two Clean Sweep or Bulky Waste days were held at the transfer station this year, the first on May18, 2013 and the second on October 19, 2013. Both bulky waste days were coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) and the Whately Solid Waste Committee. Whately volunteers staffed each bulky day. We'd like to thank Montserrat Archbald, Chris Boutwell (Montague), Vic Covaleski, Quint Dawson, Lynn DiTulio (Colrain), Caroline Gear, Larry Kutner, Dana Robinson, Ronnie Williams and Regina Wroblewski for their volunteer help as well as Tyler Mankowsky from the Town Highway Department.

These Bulky Waste collections provided for the recycling and disposal of a number of hard to manage wastes that included tires, scrap metal, appliances, TV's, computers and other electronics, construction and demolition materials (C&D) as well as bulky household items such as broken furniture, old carpets and mattresses. Modest fees were charged for most items to cover recycling and disposal costs. In addition to 138 Whately households, people from other FCSWMD communities participated in both bulky waste collections. For both collections Whately residents recycled an estimated 3.82 tons of appliances and scrap metal, 2.13 tons of TV's and electronics, and 0.57 tons of tires. In addition, an estimated 10.11 tons of C&D and bulky items from Whately households were disposed of at a landfill.

A total of 140.3 tons of waste materials were recycled by Whately residents in 2013 which includes the items recycled at the MRF, the bulky items recycled, approximately 1.5 tons of clothing collected and recycled by Salvation Army, an estimated 12 tons of food waste collected at both the transfer station and elementary school and approximately 3.5 tons of books collected by Got Books. A total of 165.93 tons of residual and bulky wastes were disposed of at a landfill. These recycling and disposal numbers resulted in a calendar year 2013 recycling rate of 45.82%.

The Town's recycling program in 2013 resulted in a net recycling savings of \$7,700. This figure includes \$2,900 in recycling income from the Springfield MRF operator. The total solid waste disposal cost for 2013 was \$33,777. Revenue from the sale of Whately trash bags was \$26,115 (FY2013). Total 2013 solid waste revenue was \$29,014 including the MRF recycling revenue.

Once again the Solid Waste Committee thanks Lee and Rebecca Felton (our Saturday transfer station attendants) and our Tuesday afternoon transfer station attendants Quint Dawson and Roger Huard for their dedicated service, pleasant attitudes and general helpfulness that makes the operation of Whately's transfer station extremely efficient and cost effective. We also want to thank the Whately DPW for diligently hauling the Whately Elementary School's recyclables to the transfer station for recycling.

Many thanks also go to our unheralded volunteers who help us maintain the Swap Shed at the Transfer Station, including Shelly Futter and Regina Wroblewski.

For current information on solid waste disposal options, we encourage you to look at the FCSWMD website, <u>www.franklincountywastedistrict.org</u> or contact the Whately Solid Waste Committee at 665-4561.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Fortino, Gary Lawrence, Bill Obear

Whately Solid Waste Committee



#### WHATELY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE STATISTICS - CALENDAR YEAR 2013

			Tipping Fee	
Disposed Solid Waste Disposed Waste Total Bulky Waste Tons (Esimated.) **  Total	ıl Tons	<u>Tons</u> 155.82 <u>10.11</u> <b>165.93</b>	Cost / Ton Disposal 70.00 \$10,907.40 Paid by Participants	# of Hauls 15.00
Trash Bag Revenue:		\$26,114.76	FY 13	
Solid Waste Revenue and Expenses				
Revenue:		<b>COC 444 70</b>		
Trash Bags MRF Recycling Income		\$26,114.76 2,899.67		
Other Revenue		0.00		
Cities (Nevertue	Total	\$29,014.43		
Expenses:				
Solid Waste Tip Fees - UWM Landfill @ \$70 per to Trucking to UVM Transfer Station - 15 Hauls @ \$12		\$10,907.40		
trip		1,875.00		
Trucking to MRF - 39 Hauls @ \$125 per trip		4,875.00		
Staff		11,200.00		
Electricity		970.00		
Compactor Rental		2,700.00		
Compost Hauling, misc.	Total	1,250.00 <b>\$33,777.40</b>		
Profit / Loss		-\$4,762.97		
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**NOTE 1:** 15 loads of solid waste (MSW) were delivered to the Holyoke UVM Transfer Station at \$125 trucking cost per load. 39 loads of recyclables were delivered to the Springfield MRF The additional recycling trucking cost is total MRF trips (39) times \$125 trucking cost per load less 12 equivalent MSW disposal trips times \$125 trucking cost. The net additional cost is approximately **\$3,375** 



#### 2013 Recycled Solid Waste

Materials	Tons	MRF Trips	Incinerator/Landfill	Paper	Containers
MRF Paper	74.04	20	155.82	74.04	42.75
MRF Containers	42.75	19			
Tires	0.57	**Estimated			
Scrap Metal	3.82	**Estimated			
Electronics/Computers	2.13	**Estimated			
Clothing (Salvation Army)	1.50	Estimated			
Compostable Organics	12.00	Estimated			
Books	3.50	Estimated			
Total Recycled Tons	140.31				

#### Calculation of Recycling Rate

Recycling Rate = (Recycled Waste)/(Disposed Waste + Recycled Waste)

**2013 Recycling Rate 45.82%** 

2013 Recycling			MRF	Chicoppe	UWM Tip
Savings &			Trucking/Trip	Trucking/Trip	Fee
Revenue					
MRF Tipping Fee	\$8,175.30	Add Approx. Fuel	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$70.00
Savings		Surcharge	0.00	0.00	
Additional	-3,375.00		\$125.00		
Recycling					
Trucking (Note 1)					
MRF Revenue	2,899.67				
Sharing Received					
(2013)					
2013 Recycling	\$7,699.97				
Savings &					
Revenue					

#### MRF Rev. Sharing

2/1/2013 \$1,751.02 9/1/2013 <u>1,148.65</u> \$2,899.67

Approximately 57 tires were recycled by Whately residents in 2013. Estimated average passenger tire weight is 20 lbs.



<sup>\*\*</sup> These tonnages are estimated from Whately's percentage participation in the May and October Bulky Waste Collections organized by The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

We continued to keep up with the trimming and removal of dying or dead trees. In the aftermath of previous years severe storms WMECO has increased the amount of trees they will remove once a hazard is determined.

We are also planting new trees each year. The sale of firewood goes towards the purchase of new trees and has been helpful in providing revenue to do so. We continue to offer free delivery of wood chips to the residents. Also if anyone is interested in the limited amount of cord wood we have for sale please let me know.

The Board of Health along with the Highway dept. continues to offer the first Saturday of May and June to allow the residents to bring their brush to the highway dept. to have chipped.

After Christmas your trees can be brought to the highway dept. to be chipped provided that all decorations have been removed.

I can be reached at 665-2983

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Bardwell Tree Warden



## **Water Department**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013**

This year was the first full year with the enterprise fund in place for the operation of the department. Free cash for the fund was certified at \$57,000.00 as of October 1, 2012. Transfers were made at special town meeting to defray expenses for the department which were not budgeted. Money was also transferred for the Mill River project. Income was generated from hook up fees with the building of five new homes during the year.

The erosion issue which threatens the production wells has not been resolved. A new engineering firm retained by the town has submitted a new plan and they await appropriate approvals hoping for spring 2014 construction.

The table below shows the monthly consumption figures:

January	2,003,668
February	1,611,797
March	2,086,814
April	2,704,233
May	3,809,445
June	3,375,801
July	3,895,877
August	3,629,392
September	3,143,745
October	2,636,120
November	1,842,140
December	1,765,380
	32,504,412

The revenue generated from water rates was \$125,501.71

Meetings of the Water Commission are now on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the basement office of the Center School. We can be reached at 665-3080.

Respectfully submitted

George Anne Dufault, Chairman George Bucala Dufault Paul Fleuriel



#### WHATELY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Whately Agricultural Commission's activities in 2013 primarily focused on collecting information from the 28 active farms in town to use in the preparation of a brochure highlighting these farms. The brochure will include a map showing the location of each farm as well as information including the farm's physical location, phone, email address, website, retail crops and products, hours of business etc. This brochure will be completed by the spring of 2014 and will be distributed to every household as an enclosure with the Whately Scoop.

#### 2013 Activities included:

- Preparing and distributing an informational questionnaire to the 28 farms in Whately and following up on the questionnaire's completion.
- Mediating a grievance between several Whately residents and a farm related nuisance dust problem.
- Assisting several farms in opposing a proposal by a small number of residents to close the railroad crossing at Egypt Road.
- Assisting a farm operator in dealing with herbicide contamination from a neighboring farm
- Encouraging the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District to continue and expand their agricultural plastics recycling program in the future.
- Meeting with representatives of Whately Land Preservation and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to identify ways to preserve the Mill River's water quality.

The following Disclosure Notification (Section 4 of the Whately Right To Farm By-Law) is required to be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report

#### DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances."

Members of the Agricultural Commission:

David Chamutka Margaret Christie John Devine Timothy Nourse (Chair) William Obear



## 2013 Capital Improvement Planning Committee Report

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for long range planning for capital projects ensuring adequate funding on an ongoing basis. The CIPC studies the need for proposed capital projects and improvements and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed item. The CIPC also considers the relative impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town. A five-year plan has been developed by the Committee and is updated each year based on changing needs of town departments. As the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) reviewed the projects for this year, they did keep in mind the limited cash available to fund the projects.

First we will review the projects that the CIPC recommended to the Finance Committee for funding in FY2014. There was \$649,000 worth of projects identified for funding in FY14. The CIPC voted to make the following recommendations to the Finance Committee for funding. The Finance Committee agreed to fund all the items except for the generator. A Hazardous Mitigation Grant was submitted for this item and the town's application is on a waiting list.

- 1. Power Stretcher for the Ambulance \$13,000
- 2. S. W. Dickinson Library Handicapped Access improvements \$8,700
- 3. Town Hall Architectural and Engineering Costs \$84,983
- 4. Generator at the Whately Elementary School \$60,000
- 5. Capital Plan for Frontier \$20,653.75

Over the last four years, many projects have been pushed forward and now there is approximately \$894,449 of worthwhile projects on the capital plan for FY15. The CIPC met and prioritized the following projects that they are recommending to the Finance Committee for funding in FY15 for a total of \$217,160.

- 1. \$23,800 Library Windows Replace 24 windows in the foyer, office and the two wings.
- 2. \$12,550 Town of Whately Code –To upgrade the present code and create an online version.
- 3. \$16, 110 Additional Exterior Lighting at the School for safety reasons.
- 4. \$20,000 Transfer Station Improvements The \$20,000 voted last year was not enough to take care of the recycling bin section of the project.
- 5. \$60,000 Generator for the Whately Elementary School so that it can be used as a shelter.
- 6. \$60,000 First year of a three year debt service for a replacement dump truck.
- 7. \$11,000 Assessor Tax Maps digitalization
- 8. \$ 8,700 Recreation Commission request for a barrier gate replacement at Herlihy Park
- 9. \$ 5,000 Recreation Commission has received a donation of dugouts and to install them they would need a foundation.

The Capital Planning Improvement Committee also recognizes that there are debt-excluded items still on the budget for the Frontier Regional School which ends in FY16. They also recognize the need for new debt exclusion for the Town Hall rehabilitation project. These recommendations will be submitted to the Finance Committee whose responsibility it will be to decide which will be funded for FY2015.

Respectfully submitted,

#### **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

Dan KennedyBruce CleareDonald SkroskiPaul NewlinBruce TutunRobert Duda

Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator – non-voting member



# 2013 Cemetery Commissioners' Report

For the Whately Cemetery Commission, 2013 is the year of gratitude. After a few bumps in the road, a cohesive team and efficient schedule for much of the landscape maintenance needed for the three cemeteries has been developed. The Commission owes a great deal of gratitude to Alan Thackeray for his immaculate care of East Cemetery and flawless maintenance and repair of the cemetery equipment. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Harlan Bean and family for mowing and trimming West Cemetery when our tractor was in need of repair.

Paul Fleuriel and Darcy Tozier dedicated a good deal of effort to long over due tree and shrub trimming, as well as removal of invasive plants mostly in East and Center Cemetery. West Cemetery is on the docket for 2014. Thank you Whately Highway Department for removing the sickly maples in front of Center Cemetery, as they posed a risk of damaging the the fence and stones from broken limbs. Judy Markland has graciously donated new plantings. Thanks, Judy! Due to Paul's tenacity, the picket fence in front of Center Cemetery has been repaired, raised (for ease of trimming), and repainted. We'd like to extend our gratitude to Joe Korpieski for volunteering to help with the fence repair.

We are also grateful to the town of Whately for supporting the CPA program. This has allowed us to develop a master plan for much needed repair and restoration of our vastly deteriorating historic gravestones and markers. The master plan was completed by Gravestone Services of New England this fall and we are in the process of seeking future funding to begin repairing, resetting and cleaning some of the most needy stones. Along the preservation lines, we also had the very old and fragile cemetery maps preserved and copies made to provide us with a workable set of maps. Thank you Lynn Sibley for seeing that through.

There were 6 burials in 2013.

The Whately Cemetery Commission is always open to, and grateful for any volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Fleuriel, Chair Lee Felton Darcy Tozier



## 2013 Conservation Commission Annual Report

The Conservation Commission is charged with implementing the state's Wetlands Protection Act using regulations written by the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Over the course of the past year the Commission considered six Requests and issued five Determinations of Applicability (determinations as to whether or not a wetlands permit is required), reviewed one Notice of Intent and issued one Order of Conditions (wetland permit). The Commission issued one amended Order of Conditions. It took action in four instances to ensure compliance with Orders of Conditions and address work being done without necessary permits. The Commission participated in six informal consultations and addressed numerous questions from residents about the wetland regulations and the permitting process.

Andrew Ostrowski represents the Conservation Commission on the town's Community Preservation Committee. Pat Devine and Scott Jackson worked closely with the Whately Water Commission to develop a stream bank stabilization plan for the Mill River adjacent to the town's wells that could be permitted by the large number of agencies with jurisdiction over the project.

This year saw a transition on the board as Pat Devine stepped down after nine years of service to the Conservation Commission and the town. Pat's background in civil engineering and construction oversight, as well as her experience working for both the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, made her an invaluable member of the Commission. Ann Barker has been appointed to fill Pat's seat on the board. We are excited to welcome Ann and have already come to appreciate her knowledge of the people and history of Whately. Pat has agreed to stay on as an associate member so that she can continue to advise us when her particular expertise is needed.

Scott Jackson, Chair Andrew Ostrowski George Owens Montserrat Archbald Ann Barker Pat Devine (Associate Member)



# Whately Historical Commission Annual Report for 2013

In 2013, the commission once again spent the bulk of its time on activities related to the Community Preservation Act. We review proposals in the early part of the year for each funding cycle. We evaluate these requests based on the priorities and criteria the Community Preservation Committee adopted to evaluate CPA funding requests that concern historic preservation. Our priorities for CPA funding include the preservation of historic structures and landscapes, investment in documenting the town's historic resources, the improvement of archival preservation of both the town's official records as well as the collections of the Whately Historical Society and projects that increase public awareness of the town's historic areas and structures.

The Commission has been working closely with the Municipal Building Committee and the Community Preservation Committee on the CPA portions of plans for the town hall rehabilitation in order to ensure that the historic character of the building is maintained and that state and federal guidelines are met. We have also supported the work of the Cemetery Commission which, thanks to CPA funding, now has a master plan for preservation and restoration work for all of the town's cemeteries. We expect to support additional funding to begin the actual restoration work in the coming year. Lastly, we supported the Historical Society's applications for funding to digitize their oral history tape collection.

Last year, we received CPA funding to replace the old historic district signs. The new signs, more durable and easier to read, were purchased last spring. We thank the Community Preservation Commission for the funds and the Highway Department for putting them up in the Whately Center and West Whately Historic Districts.

The Commission is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for the Historic Preservation award for this year. To be eligible for an award, the commission looks for structures that are located in Whately, are at least 50 years old, are in good condition and are preserved or restored consistent with its historic style.

Part of our mission is to respond to requests for information on historic resources present in our town. For example, we provided supplemental data to the Massachusetts Historical Commission on bridges and barns in Whately. In this process we try to continuously improve the quality of the historical information we have on Whately. We encourage residents of the town to share documents or other bits of data they have on town history that may not be well recorded elsewhere.

Members of the Historical Commissions are also serving on the Community Preservation Committee, the Cemetery Commission and the Municipal Building Committee, which is examining planning and funding for town hall renovations.

As always, I want to thank the members of the Commission for their willingness to serve. While the commission now has a full slate of 5 members, we would welcome the support of any town resident with expertise in historic preservation. Please contact us if you have knowledge or skills to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McArdle, Chair Judy Markland Howard Nenner Darcy Tozier Donna Wiley



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#### TOWN OF WHATELY, MASSACHUSETTS

# WHATELY PLANNING BOARD, Donald Sluter – Chair Sara Cooper, Nicholas Jones, Judy Markland, Julie Sibley – Members

#### PLANNING BOARD YEAR END REPORT- 2013

The bulk of the Planning Board's time this year has been taken up dealing with the medical marijuana program. The board decided to propose a temporary moratorium on accepting applications for any Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) until a new bylaw could be crafted and approved by the voters. The moratorium was approved at a Special Town Meeting. The board has been adapting a model bylaw for RMDs provided by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to fit Whately's specific needs. We expect to have it ready for approval by the voters at the annual Town Meeting.

The board proposed the creation of additional Commercial/Industrial zoning; specifically, four lots on the west side of Long Plain Road and north of the existing Industrial Zone. We also changed the former DiMaio lot and Zononi's Garage parcel to Commercial to conform to the existing use. The Zoning Map was updated to show these changes as well as correcting a number of mistakes and omissions on the previous map.

Over the course of the year, the Board received three Approval Not Required applications for review and approval. We also had two applications for site plan approval and approved a Planning Board Special Permit for side lot access.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Slute

Donald Sluter - Chair

## WHATELY CULTURAL COUNCIL 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Whately Cultural Council held an open meeting on Monday, November 25, 2013 in the Town Hall for public comment on its priorities and grant procedures. No other members of the community attended. The Council members discussed the priorities that have guided decisions on grants from the Council in recent years and there was consensus to reaffirm those priorities as follows. "The Whately Cultural Council gives preference to grant applications from local institutions, organizations and community events, with priority given to programs that benefit children or seniors. The Whately Cultural Council does not approve grant applications from performers who do not have sponsorship from a local institution, organization or community event. Such sponsorship must be evidenced by a letter from an authorized representative of the relevant institution, organization or community event."

The Cultural Council also met on Monday, November 25, 2013 in an open meeting in the Town Hall to consider grant applications for awards to be spent in 2014. By the closing deadline for postmarks, October 15, 2013, the Council received 29 applications seeking awards totaling \$8,175. The Council had \$4747 to allocate, made up of the annual allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council of \$4250 and \$497 in unspent funds from 2013 awards and a little bit of interest earned (we do not do any fundraising to have additional resources to award in support of cultural activities). The Cultural Council made 20 awards to the following applicants or benefitting organizations (some of which received more than one award): Nick Sarfaty-Jackson; S. White Dickinson Memorial Library; Friends of the S. White Dickinson Memorial Library; Whately Historical Society; Whately Elementary School; Rona Levanthal presenting at the Elementary School; Museum of Industrial Heritage; John Root, Tim Van Eglund, and Moonlight and Morning Star performing or presenting separately at the South County Senior Center; Pioneer Valley Symphony and Chorus; Franklin Land Trust; and Frontier Community Television. We hope you notice and appreciate their programs over the course of 2014. Nine applications were not funded because the applications did not meet the local criteria for awards from the Whately Cultural Council.

Members and officers of the Council for 2013 were the following:

Neal Abraham, Chair; Katie O'Hara Edwards, Treasurer; Alexander Fortune; Marilee Kloc, Secretary; Larry Kuttner, co-Chair; Leesa Lesenski, Assistant Secretary; and Anthoula (Ann) Reiss.

All members of the Council are continuing for 2014 (if those whose terms are ending mid-year are reappointed to additional three-year terms by the Select Board). The officers elected for 2013 are:

Larry Kuttner, Chair Katie Edwards, Treasurer Marilee Kloc, Secretary Leesa Lesenski, Assistant Secretary.



For questions or information, contact the Whately Cultural Council at P.O. Box 234 or visit the Massachusetts Cultural Council website for the Whately Cultural Council at <a href="https://www.mass-culture.org/">https://www.mass-culture.org/</a>. The postmark deadline for applications for grants to be spent in 2015 is likely to be October 15, 2014; details will be posted on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website where you can also find application forms.

Neal Abraham, Chair Larry Kuttner, Co-Chair

Email: culturalcouncil@whately.org

# **South County Senior Center**

67 North Main Street, South Deerfield, MA 01373 413-665-2141, 413-665-9508, scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us

#### South County Senior Center Annual Report 2013

The South County Senior Center supports and assists senior citizens in three towns including Sunderland, Whately, and Deerfield. This has a combined total of 2,130 seniors according to the 2010 census. In 2000, the total was 1,509 seniors. Each town increased the number of seniors in town by 41.4%, 43.6%, and 40.3%, respectively. We have seen this growth trend affect the numbers of participants proportionally through use of the senior center and calls for referral and support.

There are many positive attributes for this vibrant and eventful place. We have a total of 45 hours of staff and are open three days per week for fifteen hours per week. There are many programs and services including a congregate lunch meal site with Franklin County Home Care offered during this time. Many times it is difficult to get a head count for activities because people will go from one room to another and one program to another. On a given day there can be as many as twelve activities taking place within two rooms with many happening at the same time. We also use the church next door for one to two activities per week. It is a busy place with many personal interactions. Participants show true support and compassion for each other and the community. New visitors are made to feel welcome, including myself, as I started as the Director in February of 2013.

During this past year many significant events took place including: 10 Cultural Arts Grant programs, 28 Health Education presentations by area professionals, the Powerful Tools Series, monthly presentations for questions and answers by local attorneys and fire department personnel, a smoke detector with 10 year battery installation program, and a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for 55 of our 75 volunteers accomplished with proceeds donated from area businesses totaling \$1,075.00. These took place in addition to the ongoing activities and programs which include tai chi, yoga, exercise class, and osteoporosis exercise class, crafts, bingo, cards and board games, musical entertainment, and more.



In the community, we are involved with the local cable show called "From the Center", held a tag sale fundraiser on "Ole Home Days", took part in the Mass Impact Day of Service with UMass Amherst where eight students assisted in painting the large activity room with paint and supplies donated by Sherwin Williams, provided shelter during the week of high humidity in July, assisted with the "Meals on Wheels" annual fundraiser for Franklin County Home Care Corporation where we won recognition (again) as the most money raised from a Senior Center with a total of \$1,853.00 towards their grand total of \$75,000. In addition to new leadership for the center, we had some hurdles to overcome this fiscal year. We had new equipment to buy including a stove and two computers for staff, and restricted use of the basement following a very wet spring. As we continue to grow, we consider and explore the possibilities of increasing the hours of operation and staffing while reviewing and studying the need for a larger space for South County Senior Center. Until then we are satisfied and comfortable in our surroundings. As our motto states, "You can discover a world of possibilities at the South County Senior Center".

Submitted by Diana Damon, Director

# S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Whately Library can now look back on our first full year as a member of the C/WMARS regional library network and are pleased to report a 46% increase in circulation statistics from 2012. Our library patrons are clearly grateful for the additional resources available through network membership and increasingly ask staff for help in downloading e-books and e-audiobooks as well as requesting their own holds on books, movies and music. Our Long Range Plan listed C/WMARS membership as one of our top priorities, and now that we can cross that off the list we have moved on to other important initiatives.

The Library Trustees have been gathering information and working with an architect to address accessibility issues and begin eliminating barriers in and around our historic building. Thanks to the support of the Capital Planning committee, the library has funds to replace our front doors with a handicapped accessible door including a push button opener. This project has been in the works throughout 2013 and installation will be complete in early 2014. The Trustees also researched where the town was investing library trust funds and moved funds to higher interest rate accounts. Much attention has been given to better maintenance of the library and the Trustees addressed issues concerning drainage around the building and thank Walter Thayer Excavating for their help with regrading and landscaping around the library. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge Steven Keyes Electric and Thomas Dwight of Dwight Home Improvements for their generosity and services throughout the year. The Library Trustees thank Vivian Schumacher for her time on the board and welcome Larry Ashman as a new Trustee.



Through the generous support of the Whately Local Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library, we were able to host numerous programs for all ages, including lectures, concerts, craft programs, small business workshops, a local author series, and more. The annual Summer Concert Series and Book Sale continue to bring the community together and your donations to the Friends enable us to continue to offer dynamic programs. Additional highlights from 2013 include a Fire Safety day with Jason Dorval and the Whately Fire Department, special "crafternoon" programs on school vacation days and our popular Ukrainian egg workshop with Marion Abrams – art teacher extraordinaire. Thank you to the community for turning out in large numbers for our annual Handmade Holiday Fair – you helped make it our best year yet!

Thank you to our volunteers Bryanne McDonough, Barbara Banik, Judy Markland, Kathy Layer, Maryellen Cranston...and to our committed board of Library Trustees. Special thanks to our dedicated members of the Friends of the Library: Susan Boone, Linda Theriault, Katie Ross, Martha Goodridge and Cathryn Sluter. Thanks to Jim Olsen, who continues to donate new CDs from his Signature Sounds record label to the library collection. Thank you to LaSalle's for maintaining our flower boxes all year and to the Chamutka family for the beautiful seasonal decorations and holiday wreaths. Thanks to Regina Lobello for donating a beautiful afghan to the Friends of the Library holiday raffle.

The mission of the Whately Library is to provide access to a diverse collection of library materials, information and online resources, as well as opportunities for cultural enrichment, entertainment, and community-building through regularly scheduled programs and special events. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in this way and appreciate your continued support, your increase in utilizing the library and your interest and attendance at our events.

Respectfully submitted, Tiffany Hilton Library Director

#### **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission is excited to report another successful year of educational and developmental activities for the youth of Whately. We are beginning to experience some of the largest number of program participants in history. We continue to offer programs in the traditional sports of: baseball, softball, basketball and soccer, as well as we have begun to expand into skiing, lacrosse, tennis, volleyball, etc...

Partnerships with local businesses allowed us to continue to make improvements to Herlihy Field and the equipment we use in our programs. Whether it be businesses advertising at Herlihy Field or donations of time or funds to specific projects, their help has been tremendous. These businesses have saved the residents of Whately incredible amounts of money. Businesses with ties to Whately include Bayer MaterialScience, LLC., Pasiecnik Farms, Nourse Farms, Morawski Excavation, Frangie Eye and Laser and Kieras Oil.



Herlihy Field continues to host both men's and co-ed baseball teams from May to October on the larger ninety-foot baseball diamond. These teams, especially the Whately Pioneers of the Vintage Baseball League, provide great entertainment on a weekend afternoon or evening. In addition to this, Herlihy Field serves as the homefield for Frontier Regional School's baseball and soccer teams. This field is used by several summer baseball leagues and hosts a two week long summer soccer camp and fall soccer clinic for area youth. Herlihy Field is quickly becoming the areas preferred sport facility.

The Recreation Commission is very excited to be planning additional improvements in 2014. Most notable will be the rehabilitation of the athletic field at the Frontier Regional Superintendent's office, the addition of a new baseball field at Herlihy, along with various upgrades to the fields and pavilion. In addition to these two projects, we are looking forward to the completion of the Whately Elementary School gym padding upgrade.

Lastly, for 2014, we are hopeful to continue to expand our listing of offerings to members of the town. Our goal is to move beyond youth athletics and add additional non-sports activities for all members of our community, as well as the youth who attend Whately Elementary. Members of our committee are working with neighboring towns to continue to expand on the opportunities we offer. Members of our community are encouraged to join our email distribution group or friend our facebook page to stay up to date on the latest happenings of Whately Recreation.

We are extremely thankful to the townspeople of Whately for supporting our programs throughout the year. Those individuals that volunteer on our board, coach, officiate and help with field maintenance are extended special thanks. Without their selflessness and desire to make our community the best it can be, there is no doubt that our successes would be greatly reduced. We look forward to your continued support as we continue to offer opportunities for the residents of Whately to be prideful of their efforts to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Banash, Chip DeForest, Carol Hutkoski, Patriciaann Pirog, Thomas Sadoski, Christopher Skroski and Melanie Skroski



#### TRI-TOWN BEACH DISTRICT

William Skroski – Co-Chair Elizabeth Orloski Susan Monahan Edie Ostrowski – Co-Chair Sharon Paciorek Dana Lavigne

The 2013 beach season was very successful. Just under 250 passes were sold to residents of Whately, Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. The price of passes remained the same as they have been for over 11 years, \$35.00 for residents of Whately and Deerfield, and \$50.00 for the residents of Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. Passes for senior residents of all 5 towns were still \$10.00.

The District had weekly water testing, as is mandated by the board of health. This kept the beach a very safe and pleasant community resource. We had no beach closings due to the failure of the water tests. The weather was quite cooperative all summer, and we had few closings due to poor weather.

We were able to get the road to the beach resurfaced this past year. This coming year we are hoping to complete reconstruction of the dock if the budget permits.

The District once again held its annual "Appreciation Day". This is a great event held every season, and it brings the surrounding communities together. The Frontier Senior Center was welcomed at this event as well. The beach was also host to many birthday parties and family gatherings for pass holders. Deerfield Recreation Swim Program held swim lessons at the beach, offering many skill levels to both children and adults.

The commissioners are looking forward to the 2014 season. Please feel free to contact any of the commissioners with feedback, questions, or comments. We strive to keep this very valuable town recreational facility enjoyable to all residents.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Monahan Tri-Town Beach Commission



### Franklin County Technical School District 2013 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2013 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2013 was 523 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	20	Erving	24	Montague	67	Sunderland 9
Buckland	9	Gill	8	New Salem	9	Warwick 12
Colrain	23	Greenfield	123	Northfield	33	Wendell 9
Conway	7	Heath	4	Orange	70	Whately 9
Deerfield	21	Leyden	7	Shelburne	11	Non-District 48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2013. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 41% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 34% joined the area work force, 9% planned to join the military, 7% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 9% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2013.

The Franklin County Technical School construction trades have been busy with a number of projects in a number of communities. Service-learning activities extend the classroom into the real world, building skills that only authentic work can provide. With this benefit for the students, communities also benefit from the work that the school can provide. In Warwick, the electrical, carpentry and plumbing programs have been working on renovation to the Warwick police station. In Wendell, the emergency kitchen at the Town Hall will be having renovation work done. Site visits have been completed and permits are being pulled. Carpentry, plumbing and electrical will all be involved in the upgrade of the grand old building. In Leyden, the Town Hall is in progress of a renovation to its entrance. Carpentry is waiting on input from the architect in order to proceed further. In Sunderland, the carpentry shop will be building a gazebo that will be dedicated in the spring of 2014 in memory of the late principal, Mr. Merritt. Projects in discussion at this point include the massive renovation of a building in Greenfield for the Child Advocacy Center, focusing on child abuse. A recent visit to the building began the discussion. Also in discussion is the building of a regional animal shelter to be located in Athol. Towns that would belong to the regional shelter would include Athol, Orange, Petersham, New Salem (there may be more). Welding is working on a drop-box for the Northfield Library. Electrical and landscaping dug trenches and ran electrical at the Orange airport and electrical work was done at the Turners Falls airport. Health Technology continues their work at Charlene Manor. Cosmetology has been involved in the Greenfield Rays of Hope Cancer walk and visiting area senior nursing facilities for beauty services. Business Technology coordinated a clothing drive for the Turners Survival Center and Programming and Web Design is helping to design the website for the Virtual School. Landscaping was involved in the Corn yield contest judging. The program started flower/planting beds at the Warwick police station and they were very involved in the Sourceto-Sea clean up. Internally, the shops are always doing a lot of work activities that save the school from needing to outsource the work. Electrical installed the bus bar connections for the new Machine Technology equipment and wired all of the new CNC machines. Electrical also did a power expansion in Welding and their students have been utilized by our Network Manager to run communications wiring in the building. The exterior of the building continues to be maintained by the Landscaping program. Plumbing has been involved in installing new sinks, bubblers and other plumbing related repairs. Every one of these activities is a benefit to the students and area towns.



FCTS, like every other school in the Commonwealth and along with 45 other states, is continuing a transition to the new Common Core academic state standards. Franklin County Technical School's MCAS scores have remained steady over the last four years with modest growth. We are pleased to report the implementation of our targeted Math 180 curriculum for grades 9 and 10 during the 2012/13 school year provided the necessary instruction to elevate our accountability status from level 3 to level 2.

The most substantial upgrade in a FCTS program took place this year with the complete modernization of the Machine Technology program. Sorely outdated, the shop was filled with manual machines, some dating back to the 1940's. However, throughout Franklin County, the many small precision machine shops had moved to current technologies.

A coalition was formed, made up of 14 businesses, Greenfield Community College, Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Franklin County Technical School. Funding was acquired from the businesses and state totaling \$550,000 which was used to purchase 14 Haas Automation machines. Haas discounted the machines \$217,000, and Franklin Hampshire REB secured a state grant in the amount of \$240,000 for an evening, adult education program that will cover two years of training.

New CNC machines arrived in late August, just days before school was to open. Even as the machines were being calibrated and connected, students were eager to run the new machines. In January a third Machine Technology teacher was hired, bringing to the program years of current, modern CNC machining skills to the teaching staff. Walk into the shop today and you find a thriving program that is a model for Machine Technology training.

In closing, we will continue to work diligently to ensure that our graduates are an integral part of the economic development for the region and we thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz Mr. James M. Laverty School Committee Chairman Superintendent-Director

#### Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2013

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Stephanie Recore; Deerfield-Vernon Harrington ½ year; Katherine James ½ year; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Clifford C. Hatch; Greenfield-Mark M. Maloney; Christopher L. Joseph; Larry D. Geiser; Jeffrey D. Hampton; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Jeff D. Adams; Northfield- Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr., Vice-Chairperson; Wendell-Richard E. Drohen; Whately-Donald C. Sluter



# **Annual Report**

# From the

# Office of the Superintendent of Schools

# **Frontier Regional School**

For 2013

#### FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT

Cyndie Ouimette, Chair Frontier Regional School District Committee South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Ms. Ouimette:

I respectfully submit the 2013 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

## FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	TERM EXPIRES
Cyndie Ouimette, Chair, Conway	2016
*Mary Ramon, Vice-Chair, Deerfield	2014
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2015
Alexis Toy, Member, Deerfield	2015
Robert Decker, III, Member, Deerfield	2014
*Nathanael Fortune, Member, Whately	2014
*Justine Rosewarne, Member, Sunderland	2014
Alan Lipp, Member, Deerfield	2016
Judy Pierce, Member, Sunderland	2016
*Philip Kantor, Member, Conway	2014
Lynn Roberts, Member, Sunderland	2014

<sup>\*</sup>Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Martha H. Barrett	Superintendent of Schools
Patricia Cavanaugh	Business Manager
Karen Ferrandino	Director of Special Education
Paula Light	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Donna Lloyd	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Donna Hathaway	Administrative Assistant
Mary Jane Whitcomb	District Data Coordinator
Diana Capuano	Special Education Secretary



#### FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL

Darius Modestow Principal

Scott Dredge Assistant Principal
Deborah Coons Data Administrator
Roberta Reiter Principal's Secretary

Kelly Blanchette Special Education Secretary

Michelle Russell Attendance Secretary
Karen Siwicki Guidance Secretary

#### FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2013

Grade	Conway	Deerfield	Sunderland	Whately	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
7	14	42	21	8	26	1	112
8	16	41	16	7	28	0	108
9	6	43	16	9	17	0	91
10	18	34	23	10	19	2	106
11	10	43	27	8	13	0	101
12	9	34	20	13	20	0	96
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Total	73	237	123	55	123	3	614

#### **FRONTIER REGIONAL**

#### **SALARY SCHEDULE**

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

STEP	Bachelors	Masters	M+30	CAGS/Doctorate
0	38,503	40,357	42,631	44,763
1	40,486	42,112	44,244	46,456
2	42,166	43,910	45,913	48,209
3	43,204	45,772	47,641	50,023
4	44,718	47,237	49,391	51,861
5	45,888	48,786	51,245	53,806
6	47,864	50,342	52,937	55,583
7	49,126	51,940	54,642	57,374
8	50,427	53,250	57,109	59,964
9	52,936	56,275	59,648	62,630
10	55,712	59,536	62,265	65,379
11	56,636	61,731	65,139	68,397
12	58,837	54,012	67,474	70,848
13	59,719	64,972	68,486	71,911
*20L	60,219	65,472	68,986	72,411
**25L	60,719	65,972	69,486	72,911

<sup>\*</sup> Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

# FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

I am extremely grateful for the privilege of working with the communities that make up the Frontier Regional School District. The quality of education that our students are afforded prepares them well for college, the military and the workforce. We are proud of the job that we do and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead.

#### ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2013 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 614 students. This is a decrease of 4 students from the October 1, 2012 enrollment figures. Of the 614 students, 123 were School Choice, which is a decrease of 1 student from the School Choice enrollment of October 2012.

The Frontier Regional School graduated 94 students in the Class of 2013.

#### **STAFF**

Regina H. Nash has retired as Superintendent of Schools; Martha Barrett has moved from Principal at Frontier Regional School to Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Districts Superintendent of Schools; Darius Modestow has moved from Assistant Principal at Frontier Regional Schools to Principal and Scott Dredge has moved from Special Education Teacher at Frontier Regional School to Assistant Principal. Michele Dostal will replace Scott Dredge as Special Education Teacher. Scott Paul joins us this year as the new Director of Instructional Technology replacing Diana Campbell who retired.

Newly hired faculty members at Frontier Regional School this year are: Pamela Sharron, Foreign Language; Kristine Bourque, Special Education; Daniel Sienkiewicz, Math Lab; Nancy Stenberg, Library/Media Specialist

Retired faculty this year were Joyce Bressam, Special Education; Wendy Swan, Business/Health; and Shirley Griffin, Foreign Language.

Jon Gould, English; David Mako, Math; Kristen Herrman, Special Education and Rochelle Garfinkel, Library/Media Specialist resigned this year. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Frontier faculty continue to focus on the integration of writing across the curriculum. This year the social studies department finalized a rubric that will be used to assess argument writing in grades seven through twelve. The English department finalized a narrative writing rubric that will be used in the middle and high school. All faculty have participated in professional development that fosters the integration of writing into all content areas. Faculty have attended a series of workshops on the John Collins writing program which addresses the new Common Core Standards. In addition, faculty participated in a lesson with their students where the John Collins program techniques were modeled in a live classroom. Faculty continue to work together to calibrate their scoring of writing using the newly developed rubrics and to look for new ways that writing can be incorporated into subjects where writing is not typically used for instruction.



The Frontier Regional School District was required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement a new evaluation system beginning this year. As part of this system, faculty developed department based goals for student learning and professional practice. Each department spent time each month during department meetings and professional development days examining student work, discussing best practices and modifying curriculum to meet the needs of their students. The new evaluation system has provided a vehicle for a unified examination of the learning goals for our students. Many of the department goals are focused on the area of student writing and the development of rubrics to accurately assess student progress in writing.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS**

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members: Chair Cyndie Ouimette, Vice Chair Mary Ramon, Secretary William Smith, Members Alexis Toy, Robert Decker, III, Nathanael Fortune, Justine Rosewarne, Alan Lipp, Lyn Roberts, Judy Pierce and Philip Kantor. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

The members of the Committee work tirelessly on behalf of the children in Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately. Together, I look forward to working with this group to continue to strive for the best educational experience for our students.

I would like to recognize and thank all of the dedicated faculty and staff of the Frontier Regional School. It is because of their efforts every single day that we have achieved the success that we have.

As we continue to prepare our students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century it is important to acknowledge that it takes the collective support of everyone in the community to make this happen. This includes the parents and other community members as well as all town officials and employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha H. Barrett Superintendent of Schools



# **Annual Report**

# From the

# Office of the Superintendent of Schools

**Whately Elementary School** 

for 2013

#### WHATELY SCHOOL REPORT

Nathanael Fortune, Chair Whately School Committee Whately, MA 01093

#### Dear Mr. Fortune:

I respectfully submit the 2013 Annual Report for the Whately Elementary School.

#### WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

#### TERM EXPIRES

*Nathanael Fortune, Chair	2015
Donald Skroski, Vice Chair	2014
Christopher Sibley, Secretary	2016

<sup>\*</sup>Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent	Martha H. Barrett
Business Manager	Patricia Cavanaugh
Special Education Director	Karen Ferrandino
Administrative Assistant	Donna Hathaway
District Data Coordinator	Mary Jane Whitcomb
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Receptionist	Rhonda Lutenegger
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Brenda Antes
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Donna Lloyd
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Peter Crisafulli
Secretary	Mary Lesenski

# WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2013

			School	Tuitioned	
Grade	Boys	Girls	Choice	In	Total
PreK	0	0	0	12	12
K	2	4	9	0	15
1	8	8	6	0	22
2	5	8	6	0	19
3	7	5	8	0	20
4	6	5	7	0	18
5	4	2	10	0	16
6	12	4	6	0	22
Total	44	36	52	12	144



#### UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

<b>STEP</b>	<u>B</u>	<u>B+15</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{M}}$	<u>M+15</u>	M+30
3	38,847	40,057	41,310	42,601	43,934
4	40,057	41,310	42,601	43,934	45,308
5	41,310	42,601	43,934	45,308	46,723
6	42,601	43,934	45,308	46,723	48,180
7	43,934	45,308	46,723	48,180	49,686
8	45,308	46,723	48,180	49,686	51,239
9	46,723	48,180	49,686	51,239	52,842
10	48,180	49,686	51,239	52,842	54,491
11	49,686	51,239	52,842	54,491	56,193
12	51,239	52,842	54,491	56,193	57,951
13	52,842	54,491	56,193	57,951	59,765
14	56,430	58,134	60,229	62,040	64,498
20	58,181	59,918	62,056	63,903	66,411

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$100 per day.

Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$400

Placement on 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

Mentors: \$500 per each new teacher, \$250 for second/third-year teacher, \$250 for each additional teacher being mentored, to a maximum of three (3) in any year.

# TOWN OF WHATELY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

#### SUMMARY OF BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES

#### **JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013**

#### **CATEGORY**

School Committee	\$4,372	
Central Office	71,439	
Principal's Office	118,208	
General Instruction	514,369	
Kindergarten	68,337	
Pre-School	26,041	
Art	12,093	
Music	21,316	
Physical Education	17,040	
Special Education	221,576	
Library/Media	69,895	
Guidance	40,628	
Psychologist	13,575	
Student Services	1,625	
Health	42,543	
Cafeteria	750	
Technology	15,324	
Buildings & Grounds	173,657	
Fixed Costs	18,304	
Transportation	44,426	
Fixed Assets		
Total	\$1,495,518	

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **OPENING STATEMENT**

I am honored to serve as Superintendent of the Frontier Regional and Union #38 School District. Faculty and staff Whately Elementary School work tirelessly to encourage and inspire to provide meaningful and engaging learning experiences for their students each day. We appreciate the ongoing support the Whately community offers the school as we educate students and prepare them for successful citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2013 enrollment for Whately Elementary School totaled 144 (PreK-6) students. This is a decrease of 10 students from the October 1, 2012 enrollment figures. Of the 144 students, 52 are School Choice. This is an increase of 2 students from the School Choice enrollment of October 2013.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Whately Elementary School teachers worked with colleagues in the three other elementary schools in Union #38 to develop a new student report card that reflects the new rigorous Massachusetts curriculum standards. The new report card, which will be distributed three times per year in the months of December, March, and June, provides detailed and specific information about students' learning in all academic areas. The first report cards were distributed in December 2013 and parent feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Teachers worked during the summer to plan to teach a new curriculum designed to strengthen student writing. The curriculum, developed faculty at Teachers' College in New York, provides students with daily instruction and practice in writing. Whately students at all grade levels are learning to write clear and well organized narratives, opinions, and informative or explanatory pieces about science and social studies topics.

#### **EDUCATOR EVALUATION**

District teachers and administrators received training in the newly developed Massachusetts Educator Evaluation system. District administrators in all schools have begun to use a new online program to guide and document frequent classroom observations and provide feedback to teachers on their instruction.

#### **STAFF**

Martha Barrett has moved from Principal at Frontier Regional School to Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Districts Superintendent of Schools. Scott Paul joins us this year as the new Director of Instructional Technology replacing Diana Campbell who retired.

As of August 28, 2013, the newly hired faculty members joining the Whately Elementary School are: Dara Herman-Zierlein, Art Teacher and Debra Zimnowski as Director of Food Services.

Catherine Lee, Art, resigned this year. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.



#### **SPECIAL THANKS**

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Whately School Committee members **Chair Nathanael Fortune, Donald Skroski, and Chris Sibley**. The members of the Committee work tirelessly on behalf of the children in Whately. Together, I look forward to working with this group to continue to strive for the best educational experience for our students.

I would like to recognize and thank all of the dedicated faculty and staff of the Whately Elementary School. It is because of their efforts every single day that we have achieved the success that we have.

As we continue to prepare our students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century it is important to acknowledge that it takes the collective support of everyone in the community to make this happen. This includes the parents and other community members as well as all town officials and employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Barrett
Superintendent of Schools

#### 2013 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2013 shows a growing decrease from 2012. Paper recycling was down by 200 tons compared to 2012. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables were low from January through December, District towns received a total of \$62,100 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2013, the District sponsored spring and fall "Clean Sweep" collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 60 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 540 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2013. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 257 households participated in this event. 45% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received an \$18,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set up a pilot recycling collection for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. The District is working to continue this project in 2014 because we know that many farms struggle with managing this type of plastic waste. We also helped member towns implement \$17,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from the MA DEP.

We also continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer* 



#### **Department of Veterans Services**

#### **Annual Report**

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County.

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners falls, Mass.01376. Our offices are open four days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (413-863-3205), and Friday by appointment. Leo parent is the Director of Veterans Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is your Veterans Services Officer, and Donna Bezio is our Administrative Assistant.

Many Veterans have been calling looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov Home Loan Guaranty: www.homeloans.va.gov

Federal Jobs: <u>www.usajobs.opm.gov</u> Returning Veterans: <u>www.seamlesstranstion.va.gov</u>

VA Home Page: www.va.gov Government Jobs: www.usajobs.gov/opm

Mass Housing's Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, nodown payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in

Massachusetts.: www.masshousing.com/veteran / 888-672-7562

Leo J. Parent, VSO Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO



#### **Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

In 2013, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved or amended five special permits affecting both businesses and residences. Our decisions allowed new equipment at the telecommunications tower, a trailer sales dealership on State Road, explosives storage on Chestnut Plain Road, and a sign for a new machining business in the industrial park. We also allowed an accessory apartment to a home on Westbrook Road. Finally, we agreed to a variance so that a family from a neighboring town who had lost their home in a fire could put a temporary residential trailer in the yard of a State Road relative while the home was rebuilt.

Additionally, the ZBA members voted to raise application filing fees for locations in the Agricultural/Residential Zone from \$75 to \$175 and for locations in the Commercial/Industrial Zone from \$125 to \$225.

As always, the members of the ZBA were available to answer any questions that Whately residents and those seeking to move to or do business in Whately had about zoning matters.

Finally, all the members of the ZBA would like to thank our administrative secretary, Mary McCarthy, for her excellent work on behalf of our board and the town.

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Carney, Vice-Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals





# Franklin Regional Council of Governments 2012 Annual Report

Calendar year 2012 was a significant year for the FRCOG. In April we moved to offices at the John W. Olver Transit Center. This marks the first time in 18 years that FRCOG staff have been housed under one roof, and the benefits of this were immediately noticeable from better collaboration between FRCOG programs to reduced administrative costs. On July 1, the FRCOG celebrated its 15th anniversary. We believe that the Charter Commission that created the FRCOG would agree that the FRCOG is meeting its mission and serving the region of Franklin County and its towns well. Provided below are highlights from each of our programs.

Administration and Special Regional Projects. In 2012 special projects included organizing the fourth annual statewide Regionalization Conference with Lt. Governor Tim Murray's office. This conference highlights the FRCOG and the towns of Franklin County for its regionalization efforts and has identified the FRCOG as the leading regionalization organization in Massachusetts.

Cooperative Public Health Service. This program was created in 2012 by combining the Regional Health and Regional Nurse Programs. The program provided public health and nursing to eight towns and will expand to 10 towns in 2013. In 2012 the program conducted: 95 food inspections, 40 septic plan reviews, 90 Title 5 inspections, 12 camp inspections, 7 pool inspections, 10 hotel/motel inspections, 40 perc tests, and administered more than 1,000 vaccines at flu clinics throughout the county.

<u>Cooperative Purchasing Program.</u> The Cooperative Purchasing Program provided bidding and contracting services for more than 20 highway products and services to 23 towns; fuel bidding services to 19 towns and non-profits; dog tags and licenses for 45 towns in 5 counties; and elevator maintenance services to 3 school districts and 11 towns.

Economic Development. Using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant, over \$53,000 worth of environmental site assessment work was conducted on six properties in four Franklin County towns that were potentially contaminated brownfields sites. As the 1,300-mile MassBroadband middle mile network neared completion, the FRCOG engaged in a municipal broadband adoption project that included a municipal survey of each town's existing voice and data contracts and a Request for Information to all last mile service providers so that towns can compare options, services and pricing.

<u>Emergency Preparedness.</u> Emergency Preparedness staff assisted several municipal public health and public safety groups in Franklin County including the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO), the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC), the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Disaster Animal Response Team (DART). For each of these groups, FRCOG staff organized workshops, trainings, and exercises, analyzed past response efforts, and worked to plan a coordinated emergency response before Franklin County's next regional, emergency event.



<u>Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP)</u>. The FCCIP provides building, plumbing and wiring inspection services to 16 Franklin County towns. The highlight of 2012 was implementation of a revised assessment formula that reduces town assessments and makes the assessments more predictable over time.

Homeland Security Fiduciary. The FRCOG has served as fiduciary for the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WHRSAC) since 2004. Franklin County 2012 projects included: improvements to the Route 202 corridor coverage of the Franklin County Emergency Communications System; a new emergency sheltering equipment trailer housed in Buckland; the development of a Technical Rescue Team for the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association; and video downlink equipment, housed at the Greenfield Fire Department, which allows incident commanders to view aerial video taken by the Massachusetts State Police.

Land Use Planning. Based on socio-economic analysis, Franklin County needs to accommodate 3,500 new houses and adapt to and provide services for an aging population over the next 25 years. The FRCOG received a 3-year Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative to address this. The goal of the project is to create a plan that identifies where and how new housing, including senior housing, should be built to have the least impact on prime farmland and forestland and centralize development in community service areas by using undeveloped and under-utilized parcels and buildings.

<u>Natural Resources Planning.</u> The FRCOG spent the last part of 2012 focusing on the upcoming Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of five hydroelectric facilities on the Connecticut River, two of which are located in Franklin County. The new licenses will be in effect for 30-50 years, so the FRCOG recognizes the importance of ensuring that the river, the farmland along the river, and the associated recreation facilities important to Franklin County are protected and maintained by the licenses.

<u>Town Accounting Program.</u> The Town Accounting Program now provides accounting services and software to 14 towns. The focus of 2012 was to provide and improve the quality of service to all participating communities.

<u>Transportation Planning.</u> The FRCOG, along with MassDOT and three other regional planning agencies, have been working to launch a marketing campaign for the seven designated Scenic Byways in Western Massachusetts. In Franklin County this includes Route 122, Route 2, Route 116, Route 47 and 63/10, and Route 122. The goal of the project is to brand and promote these Scenic Byways as local and regional travel destinations. To date the project has produced a family of logos and graphics for the byways, and is well underway with website development, the production of maps and brochures, and identification of a wayfinding sign system.

For additional details about FRCOG programs, we encourage residents to read the FRCOG Annual Report, which will be posted on our web site, www.frcog.org, or you can receive a copy by calling 413-774-3167.



## FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

#### Dear Residents of Whately:

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a thirty-one year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

2012 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,043 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 24 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2012 than in the previous year.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 3,472 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 1,719 registered users. You can find it at <a href="www.frcog.org">www.frcog.org</a> under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

Along with the rest of the FRCOG, at the end of April 2012 we moved our offices from the courthouse to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the new John W. Olver Transit Center. If you haven't visited us at our new location yet, we hope to see you soon.

#### In FY 2012, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Whately:

Residential	68
Commercial	9
Sheet Metal	2
Electrical	52
Plumbing	17
Gas	38
Cert. of Inspection	13

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please fee free to call our office with any <u>building or zoning questions at 774-3167</u>, extension 2.

James D. Hawkins
<b>Building Commissioner</b>
jhawkins@frcog.org

James Cerone Building Inspector jcerone@frcog.org Tom McDonald Electrical Inspector electric@frcog.org Andy French
Plumbing/Gas Inspector
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2013 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,335 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 29 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2013 than in the previous year.

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In 2013, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Whately:

Residential Building Permits	65
Commercial Building Permits	11
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	2
Electrical Permits	64
Plumbing Permits	21
Gas Permits	29
Certificates of Inspection	13

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please fee free to call our office with any <u>building or zoning questions at 774-3167</u>, extension 2.

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<b>Building Commissioner</b>	Building Inspector	Electrical Inspector	Plumbing/Gas Inspector
jhawkins@frcog.org	jcerone@frcog.org	electric@frcog.org	plumbing@frcog.org



#### ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 OF THE CONDITIONS AND AFFAIRS OF

#### FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Date of Certificate: February 4, 1939

Effective Date: January 1, 1940

#### Administration Offices located at:

278 Main Street - Suite 311

Greenfield MA 01301

Telephone Number (413) 774-4837

We, the undersigned members of the Franklin Regional Board of Retirement, certify under the penalties of perjury, that we are the official board members of said retirement system, and that on the thirty-first day of December last all of the herein-described assets were the absolute property of said retirement system, free and clear from any liens or claims thereon, except as stated, and the following statements, with the schedules and explanations therein contained, annexed, or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all the assets, liabilities, income and disbursements, changes in fund balances and of the conditions and affairs of the said retirement system on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

#### BOARD OF RETIREMENT

First	Member	- Chair/Treas	urer
Term	<b>Expires</b>	December 3	1, 2014

Sandra A. Hanks

Second Member Appointed by Advisory Council

Term Expires December 31, 2015

Herbert L. Sanderson, Jr.

Third Elected Member Term Expires December 31, 2014

Mary A. Stokarsk

Fourth Elected Member Term Expires December 31, 2013

David R. Gendron

Fifth Appointed Member Term Expires June 30, 2015

Paul J. Mokrzecki

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

see next page

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

Dahab Associates, 450 Washington St, Dedham, MA

CUSTODIAN

Comerica Bank, P.O. Box 75000, Detroit, MI

#### Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

#### **ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

		2012	2011	2010
1	1040 Cash	1,335,467.01	844,585.01	909,052,91
3	1180 Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	1170 Equities (at market value)	25,682,411.65	11,713,011.94	13,361,147.96
6	1172 Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	0.00	7,338,112.72	6,586,939.31
7	1173 Pooled International Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	1181 Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	12,017,655.92	10,748,026.51	8,869,330.80
13	1194 Pooled Real Estate Funds	4,989,676.41	3,615,753.89	3,917,016.78
18	1199 PRIT Fund	51,759,032.91	50,125,034.05	49,563,855.27
19	1350 Prepaid Expenses	4,671.65	4,349.38	5,128.45
20	1398 Accounts Receivable (A)	426,368.94	370,870.70	693,568.41
21	1550 Interest Due and Accrued	65.80	45.89	46.43
22	2020 Accounts Payable (A)	(114,075,45)	(212,402.83)	(73,238.39)
	Total	96,101,274.84	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93
Fund	s:		3 2 3	
1	3293 Annuity Savings Fund	\$27,352,295.53	26,819,918.64	26,004,391.75
2	3294 Annuity Reserve Fund	\$8,074,409.17	7,322,171.29	6,766,401.29
3	3295 Military Service Fund	\$3,491.54	3,488.05	3,481.09
4	3296 Pension Fund	\$5,754,170.55	5,661,801.18	5,696,918.11
6	3297 Pension Reserve Fund	\$54,916,908.05	44,740,008.10	45,361,655.69
	Total Assets at Market Value	\$96,101,274.84	970 - 10 Table	
	I A SOUTH COURT TO A CONTRACT	490,101,214.04	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93

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#### Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	RECEIPTS		_	2012		2011	2010
1 Ann	nuity Savings Fund:						
(a)	4891-Members Deductions		\$	2,759,548.30	S	2,780,511.29	\$ 2,799,243.18
(b)	4892-Transfers From Other	Systems		340,824,24	80	340,445,45	135,888.25
(c)	4893-Member Make Up Pay and Redeposits	ments		40,059.06		42,554.14	61,738.97
(d)	4900-Member Payments fro	m Rollovers		84,146.80		38,619.66	46,797.36
(e)				53,243.01		84,811.45	79,743,18
	meringers Accounts	******	_			The Carle House Court	30.000.00000
2 Ann	nuity Reserve Fund	Subtotal		3,277,821,41		3,286,943.00	3,123,410.94
(a)	Investment Income Creditor Annuity Reserve Fund	í to	_	235,693,26		204,281.91	191,009.52
	0 2 0	Subtotal		\$235,693.26		\$204,281.91	\$191,009.52
	sion Fund						
(a)	4898-3(8)(c) Reimbursemer From Other Systems	nts		308,020.74		292,295.53	264,159.90
(b)	4899-Received From Comm for COLA and Survivor Bene			67,626.01		90,179.00	100,544.51
(c)	4894-Pension Fund Appropr	riation		5,202,363.00		4,954,423.00	4,378,679.44
(d)	4840 -Workers' Compensati	on Settlements	_	45,844.39		0.00	0.00
4 MIG	tary Service Fund	Subtotal		5,623,854.14		5,336,897.53	4,743,383.85
	4890-Contribution Received	200					
(a)	Municipality	Troiti		*			1,679.11
(b)	Investment Income Credited Military Service Fund	l to	_	3.49		6.96	5.39
E E		Subtotal		3,49		6.96	1,684.50
	ense Fund					1911050	
(8)	4896-Expense Fund Approp			0.00		0.00	0.00
(b)	Investment Income Credited Expense Fund	l to		937,146.27		829,130.91	784,072.75
6 Pen	sion Reserve Fund	Subtotal		937,146,27		829,130.91	784,072.75
(a)	4897-Federal Grant Reimbu	rsement		- 2		1968	2
(b)	4895-Pension Reserve Appr	ropriation		206.12		54,730.76	494,454.28
(c)	4822-Interest Not Refunded			12,997.99		8,777.41	3,958.75
(d)	4825-Miscellaneous Income			7,814.73		383.94	1,840.32
1.32	Excess Investment Income			10,501,537.20		(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95
(e)							
(e)		Subtotal		10,522,558.04		-619,897.11	10,541,873.30

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#### Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	(10,000,000,000,000			
1 Ann	DISBURSEMENTS nuity Savings Fund:	2012	2011	2010
(8)	5757-Refunds to Members	\$541,614.44	\$594,635.44	\$312,564.22
(b)	5756-Transfers to Other Systems	438,662.22	447,249.58	441,656.71
	Subtotal	\$980,276.68	\$1,041,885.00	\$754,220.93
2 Ann	nulty Reserve Fund:			
(a)	5750-Annuities Paid	\$1,203,873.31	\$1,067,196.96	\$964,187.80
(b)	5759-Option B Refunds	\$48,205.02	\$12,596.54	0.00
	Subtotal	\$1,252,078.33	\$1,079,793.50	\$964,187.80
3 Pen	sion Fund:			
(a)	5751-Pensions Paid			
3300	Regular Pension Payments	\$4,823,937.25	\$4,285,709.50	\$3,989,389.16
	Survivorship Payments	\$273,173.63	\$261,162.44	\$205,917,51
	Ordinary Disability Payments	\$14,348.32	\$21,115.62	\$24,343.92
	Accidental Disability Payments	\$351,531.18	\$352,887.26	\$307,017.38
	Accidental Death Payments	\$58,228.16	\$67,693.68	\$98,433.37
	Section 101 Benefits	\$0.00		
(b)	5755-3(8)(c) Relmbursements to	\$284,841.22	\$293,266.96	\$556,670.49
	Other Systems			
(c)	5752-COLA's Paid	67,626.01	90,179.00	103,458.14
(d)	5753-Chapter 389 Beneficiary Increase Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	\$5,873,685.77	\$5,372,014.46	\$5,285,229,97
	tary Service Fund:			
(a)	4890-Return to Municipality for	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Members who withdrew their funds Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Evo	oonse Fund:	.,0100	0.00	
200				
(a)		\$19,666.60	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
(b)		\$236,493.31	\$233,572.25	\$230,732.28
(c)	5304-Management Fees	\$504,924.98	\$442,197.97	\$391,767.90
(d)		\$13,559.18	\$10,000.00	\$15,070.33
(e)		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
(f)	5308-Legal Expenses	\$29,149.45	\$8,701.00	\$14,941.00
(g)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(h)	5310-Fiduciary Insurance	\$10,089.00	\$9,803.50	\$9,498.00
(1)	5311-Service Contracts 5312-Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
00	5312-Rent 5315-Professional Services	\$17,641.80	\$17,424.00	\$17,424.00
(k)	5315-C02-Actuarial Services	\$14,950.00	\$14,450.00	\$16,450.00
(0)	5320-Education and Training	\$11,006.00	******	7272
	5589-Administrative Expenses	\$16,530.00	\$9,238.00	\$1,865.00
(n)	5599-Furniture and Equipment	\$40,314.92	\$37,686.54	\$42,100.25
(n)	5719-Travel	\$1,234.15 \$1,588.88	\$7,536.93 \$2,520.72	\$3,213.23 \$3,010.73
	Subtotal	\$937 146 27	\$820 420 84	£704.070 T
	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	\$937,146,27	\$829,130.91	\$784,072,75
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,043,187.03	\$8,322,823.87	\$7,787,711.45

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### Franklin Regional Retirement System

as of: 03/31/2013

#### **Expenditure Budget Report**

		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
5118-000	Board Stipends		18,000.00	1,700.00	19,700.00	19,666.60	33.40
5119-000	Salaries and Wages		216,156.00		216,156.00	209,269.31	6,886.69
5119-001	Payroll Taxes		3,930.00		3,930.00	3,846.81	83.19
5119-002	Health & Life Insurance		28,430.00	-2,900.00	25,530.00	22,249.65	3,280.35
5119-003	Accrued Benefit Payout		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,127.54	3,872.46
5304-000	Management Fees		500,000.00	5,000.00	505,000.00	504,924.98	75.02
5305-000	Custodial Fees		10,000.00	3,600.00	13,600.00	13,559.18	40.82
5307-000	Investment Consultant		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
5308-000	Legal		25,000.00	4,200.00	29,200.00	29,149.45	50.55
5310-000	Insurance		10,150.00		10,150.00	10,089.00	61.00
5312-000	Rent Expense		17,424.00	250.00	17,674.00	17,641.80	32.20
5315-001	Professional Service - Various		2,359.00		2,359.00	1,950.00	409.00
5315-002	Actuarial Valuation Expense		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,006.00	3,994.00
5315-003	Audit Expense		13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
5320-000	Education and Training		23,723.00	-7,000.00	16,723.00	16,530.00	193.00
5589-001	Administrative Exp Various		4,840.00		4,840.00	2,093.04	2,746.96
5589-002	Equipment & Software Maint.		28,880.00		28,880.00	24,954.96	3,925.04
5589-003	Dues		500.00		500.00	425.00	75.00
5589-004	Office Supplies		3,600.00		3,600.00	2,360.26	1,239.74
5589-005	Postage		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,284.00	216.00
5589-007	Utilities		5,082.00	150.00	5,232.00	5,197.68	34.34
5589-011	Members Education		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-001	Misc., Furniture & Equipment		1,500.00		1,500.00	894.00	606.00
5599-101	OPEB Software		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-706	Website		6,120.00	-5,000.00	1,120.00	340.15	779.85
5719-000	Travel		6,050.00		6,050.00	1,586.88	4,463.12
	Grand Totals:	0.00	971,744.00	0.00	971,744.00	937,146.27	34,597.73

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General Fund Expenditure Report

Franklin Regional Retirement System

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#### Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

#### Investment Income

Investm	ent Inc	ome Received From:	2012	2011	2010
	(a)	Cash (from Schedule 1)	3,504.76	5,539.78	4,327.26
	(b)	Short Term Investments (from Schedule 2)	7.F.	2	8
	(c)	Fixed Income Securities (from Schedules 3A and 3C)	5325	2	\$
	(d)	Equities (from schedules 4A and 4C)	363,284.21	104,041.58	92,237.28
	(e)	Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)	1,826,302.79	1,746,098.88	1,492,735.11
	(1)	Commission Recapture 4821- TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	2,193,091.76	1,855,680.24	1,589,299.65
Plus:	488	4-Realized Gains (Profits)	2,459,905.82	2,594,474.68	2,344,974.80
	488	6-Unrealized Gains (Incr. in Market Value)	\$11,712,838.88	8,832,163.14	14,549,389.06
	155	0-Interest Due and Accrued- Current Year	65.80	45.89	46.43
		Curion, Year	14,172,810.50	11,426,683.71	16,894,410.29
Less:	482	3-Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed Income Securites	888		32
	488	5-Realized Losses	(698,087.04)	(1,602,666.80)	(564,373.81)
	488	7-Unrealized Losses (Decrease in Market Value)	(3,940,146.10)	(11,245,208.71)	(6,822,882.97)
	155	0-Interest Due and Accrued- Prior Year	(45.89)	(46.43)	(2.37)
		NET INVESTMENT INCOME	11,727,623.23	434,442.01	11,096,450.79
	Inco	me Required:			
		Annuity Savings Fund (From supplementary schedule)	53,243.01	84,811.45	79,743.18
		Annuity Reserve Fund	235,693.26	204,281.91	191,009.52
		Expense Fund	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
		Military Service Fund	3.49	6.96	5.39
		TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED	1,226,086.03	1,118,231.23	1,054,830.84
		Net Investment Income	11,727,623.23	434,442.01	11,098,450.79
		Less Income Required:	(1,226,086.03)	(1,118,231.23)	(1,054,830.84)
		EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND	10,501,537.20	(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95

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#### ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

#### Investment Managers:

Daruma Asset Management, Inc.

80 West 40th Street, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10018

Polen Capital Management

2700 N. Military Trail, Suite 230

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Income Research & Management

100 Federal Street, 33rd Floor

Boston, MA 02110-4106

Pension Reserve Investment Mgmt.

84 State Street, Suite 250

Boston, MA 02109

O'Shaughnessy Asset Management

6 Suburban Avenue

Stamford, CT 06901

Seizert Capital Partners

185 Oakland Avenue, Suite 100

Birmingham, MI 48009

Rhumbline Advisors

30 Rowes Wharf, Suite 420

Boston, MA 02110

Prudential Investment Management

8 Campus Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ASSET ALLOCATION

	PERFORMANCE SUMMARY	NCE SU	MMAKY		
				Алл	Annualized
	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Total Gross/Fees	3.0	13.4	13.4	9.6	2.6
PUBLIC FUND RANK	(3)	(39)	(39)	(16)	(72)
Total Net/Fees	2.8	12.9	12.9	9.0	2.1
POLICY INDEX	1.5	12.9	12.9	9.3	25
PRIT Core	3.1	11.9	13.9	9.0	1.5
CUSTOM CORE IDX	2.4	12.8	12.8	8.6	
Domestic Equity	3.5 (14)	18.3	18.3	9.11	3.5
ALL CAP RANK	(19)	(27)	623	(51)	(45)
CUSTOM EQ INDEX	ū	16.6	16.6	12.2	44
PRIT EQUITY	0.5	16,9	16.9	11.3	-0.6
S&P 500	-0.4	16.0	16.0	10.8	1.6
S&P 400	3.6	17.9	17.9	13.6	5.1
RUSSELL 3000	0.3	16.4	16.4	11.2	2.0
RUSSELL 1000	0.1	16.4	16.4	11.1	1.9
RUSSELL 1000G	-13	15.3	15.3	11.4	3.1
RUSSELL 1000V	1.5	17.5	17.5	10.9	0.6
RUSSELL MID	2.9	17,3	17.3	13.1	3.6
RUSSELL 2000	1.8	16.3	16.3	12.2	3.6
Real Estate	43.8	14.3	143	16.3	211
NCREIF ODCE	2.3	10.9	10.9	14.4	-1.1
Fixed Income	0.9	N	P. 17	7.0	6.8
CORE FIXED INCOME RANK	(01)	(20)	(20)	(50)	(40)
BARCLAYS AGG	0.2	4.2	4.2	6.2	6.0
PRIT FIXED	0.9	6.4	6.4	73	5.5
GOV/CREDIT	0,4	4.8	4.80	6.7	6.1
INT AGGREGATE	0.2	3.5	3.5	5.2	5.4
INT GOV/CREDIT	0.3	3.9	3.9	5.2	5.2

Cash

Fixed Income Real Estate

12.5%

12,017,656 1,411,653

Domestic Equity

26.8% 54.0%

25,711,685 4,989,676

\$ 51,759,033

5.2%

PRIT Core

Total Portfolio

100.0% \$ 95,889,703

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\$ 94,459,812	FRETURN
	DELECTION OF

Contribs / Withdrawals -1,339,550 587,021 2,182,420 \$ 95,889,703

Capital Gains / Losses Market Value 12/2012

DAHAB ASSOCIATES, INC.

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR

ACTIVE MEMBERS	Group 1	Group 284	TOTAL
Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	1,023	112	1,135
Inactive Membership Dec.31, previous year	353	81	434
Enrolled during current year	120	5	125
Transfers between groups			
Reinstatements of disabled members	1	-	1
SUBTOTAL	1,497	198	1,695
Deduct		100	1,440
Death	12.0	959	1/2
Withdrawal	(96)	(12)	(108)
Retirements	(35)	(4)	-
Adj. for members multiple units	(100)		(39)
SUBTOTAL	(131)	(16)	- 14170
TOTAL		- constituting	(147)
19100	1,366	182	1,548
Active Membership Dec 31, current year	955	- OF	4 000
Inactive Membership Dec.31, current year	411	95	1,050
mount institutional process, contra year	- 411	87	498
RETIRED MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES and SUR	//VORS		
Retired Benuficiary, and Survivor			
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	438	47	0.44
Retirements during the year:	430	41	485
Superannuation		760	10
Ordinary disability	33	4	37
Accidental disability			
	2		2
Termination Retirement Allowance			
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree			
Survivor benefits from active membership	•		
SUBTOTAL	35	4	39
Deduct			
Deaths of retired members	(20)	(1)	(21)
Termination of Survivors Benefits	(2)	(1)	(3)
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	54	-	
SUBTOTAL	(22)	(2)	(24)
TOTAL	13	2	15
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year			
Superannuation	404	36	440
Ordinary disability	2		2
Accidental disability	9	- 6	15
Termination			
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	1	3	4
Beneficiaries from Section 100			
Beneficiaries from Section 101			
Beneficiaries under Option [C]	13		15
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	20	- 2	22
Section 128 Survivor Allowance	- 2		-
TOTAL	451	49	500
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor	401	- 40	540
Membership, Dec. 31, current year			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP			
Active, inactive, Retired, Beneficiary			
and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,817	231	2,048
	1,017	231	2,048





## 2013 — The Year in Review

As provider of cable-access television for Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately, Frontier Community Access Television has made significant progress in 2013. FCAT has improved its level of service to the community, by increasing the quality of coverage to local government, and furthered its mission by continuing to encourage the use of cable television as a means for individual expression and community dialogue.

In 2013, FCAT met nearly all of its goals outlined in the 2012 "Year In Review", including:

- Full upgrades to all of FCAT's editing equipment to full HD spec
- Increase in local data storage for broadcast server archive
- Improved access to local government through increased broadcast of, and greater online access to, local government meetings.
- Full HD production of many government programming, and nearly all community service programing.
- Full HD capability in FCAT's main studio
- Improved front-of-office resources for FCAT producers
- Construction of new sets for the main studio;
- Ongoing support of our member towns through the cable-franchise agreement renewal process.

As we move into 2014, FCAT will be actively looking to

- Complete the Cable Franchise Contract renegotiation.
- Locate, secure and begin renovation of a new facility
- Increase 'store hours', providing more access to FCAT resources to the community.
- Improve reporting, and add feedback mechanisms for FCAT producers and viewers
- Establish a formal underwriting campaign, an seek support for community media from local businesses and professionals.

In January 2014, Joyce Palmer Fortune stepped down as Chair of the FCAT Board of Directors, and was presented with an award in recognition of nine years of dedicated service to the FCAT board. We echo those sentiments here, and thank Ms. Palmer Fortune for her tireless support of community media.

FCAT continues to welcome input from the community, as well as community participation on every level. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact FCAT with questions, comments, or inquiries about community media and media training opportunities available on programming through FCAT.

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#### **Boston Post Cane**

The presentation of the Boston Post Cane began in 1909 as an attempt to increase the circulation of the venerable newspaper. The cane, made from an African imported ebony, gild the tips with 14k gold with a ferule on the lower end and a gold decorated head, was to be presented to the oldest male resident of town. It was to be held by him until his death when it was returned to the Selectmen. In 1930 women were declared eligible for award. The original cane is held by the Whately Historical Society. Recipients receive a plaque, pin and flowers from the Selectmen.

#### List of the Cane Holders in Whately

- David Ashcraft—Born in Guilford, VT Keeper of the Cane 1909—1912. Died Age 91
- Chauncy A. Graves—Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane -- 1912—1919. Died Age 86.
- Edward E. Sanderson Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1919—death 1931. Age 95. Served 3 years in Civil War (37<sup>th</sup> Reg.)
- Lyman M. Sanderson Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1931—1940. Died Age 86
- Hyram Dickinson Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1940—1948. Died Age 85
- Horace Bardwell Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1948—death 1957. Died Age 89
- James A. Wood Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1957—1961. Died Age 91
- Lewis H. Cramer Born in Buckland, MA Keeper of the Cane –1961—November 11, 1966. Died Age 92.
- Alex Baronas Born in Poland, Keeper of the Cane –1966—death 1972. Died Age 93
- Fred W. Bardwell Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1972—1977. Died Age 97
- John Olynik Born in Ukraine. Keeper of the Cane –1977—1985. Died Age 94
- Howard R. Waite Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1985—1988. Died Age 95.
- Joseph Wasilewski Born in Poland, Keeper of the Cane –1989—1990. Died Age 94.
- Annie Madeline Gifford Sanderson –Born in New York City, NY Keeper of the Cane 1991—2002. It was presented to her at a family gathering, our first woman keeper. Died age 100.
- Evelyn B. Lawrence Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane—2002—2002. Died Age 92
- Alice W. Grafflin Born in New York. Keeper of the Cane 2002 2003 Died Age 92
- Chanchalben Patel Born in India Keeper of the Cane- 2003 death, 2008 Died Age 96
- John K. Jarosewicz Born in Poland Keeper of the Cane 2010 2013 Cane presented January 30, 2010 at age 100. Died age 103.
- Joseph and Mary Rup Born in Hadley, MA and Whately, MA. The first couple to be the oldest residents. Keepers of the cane 2013 present. (Joseph died age 98)



#### **TOWN DIRECTORY**

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Fire, Ambulance, Police 911

#### TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Department	Office	Phone
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Health Agent – Valerie Bird	Foothills Health District	268-8404
Animal Control Officer		665-8027
Emergency Management	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits (Jan 15- April 30)		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Highway Department Fax		665-2984
Inspection Services		774-3167
Building	Olver Transit Center	x 113
Plumbing & Gas	Olver Transit Center	x 112
Wiring	Olver Transit Center	x 115
Police (non-emergency)	77 Christian Lane	665-0430
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen	Center School	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	Library	665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Assessors	Tuesdays 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesdays 9 am– 3 pm
Library	Monday - Wednesday 1pm- 8 pm
	Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm
Selectmen	Monday - Tuesday 9 am - 6 pm;
	Wednesday - Thursday 9 am. – 4 pm; Friday 9 am - noon
Town Clerk	Mondays Noon – 7 pm
	Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm; Friday 9 am - noon
Treasurer/Town Collector	Mon 11-2; Tues 10-1; Wed 11-2; Thurs 12-7
Transfer Station	Tuesday, Noon – 5 PM Saturdays 7 AM. – 5 PM

