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Annual Report

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2013 Annual Town Report Dedication

~Val Kaempfer~

The Heath Selectboard are very happy to announce that the 2013 Annual Town report is dedicated to Val Kaempfer as our way of letting her know how much we appreciate all her work on behalf of the Town of Heath. Val is the type of person who dedicates herself to improving situations for those around her. Val is not concerned with how involved a project is to tackle or how mundane. And, she does not seek recognition for her efforts; in fact she shies from it.

A recent example of Val's impact is the new meal program offered at the Heath Senior Center. Val, along with the crew of the Senior Center implemented the new meal program that offers delicious chef prepared meals that has significantly increased the interest and attendance of those gathering to dine.

Val has been on the Heath Council on Aging (COA) for 11 year since 2003. In this role she has been the principle writer for the COA grant during this time. The Heath COA administers the grant award in several ways that directly benefit Heath elders. In addition Val served on the Community Hall Committee for 9 years from 1996 to 2005.

Some of you will know that Val served as an Assessor from 2004 to 2013 (9 years) and during part of that time served as Assessors' Clerk.

Most of you will recognize Val as an election worker (registrar), a position she has held for the last 18 years since 1996!

In addition Val served on the Planning Board from 1995-1999 (4 years); on the Parks & Recreation Committee; is currently serving a Zoning Board of Appeals term that began in 2005; and has served as liaison between the Town of Heath and Mohawk Estates to ensure good communications among Heath neighbors.

We in Heath are lucky that Val has chosen to devote time and energy to helping make Heath a better place to live. Her example of citizenship, volunteerism and dedication to her community are exemplary.

TOWN OFFICERS 2013

	Term Expires
Selectmen	
Sheila Litchfield, Chair	2015
Brian De Vriese	2014
Bill Lattrell	2016
Assessors	
Alice Wozniak	2014
Richard Gallup	2015
Margo Newton	2016
Town Clerk	
Hilma Sumner	2015
Moderator	
Douglas Wilkins	2014
Constables	
Jeff Simmons	2014
Robert Bourke	2014
School Committee	
Robert Gruen	2014
Andrew Draxler	2015
Planning Board	
Calvin Carr, Chair	2016
Robert Viarengo	2015
Douglas Mason	2018
Jo Travis	2014
Bill Gran	2017
Finance Committee	
Donald Freeman, Chair	2014
Edwin Wolf	2015
Jeff Simmons	2016
Kathryn Inman	2015
Gloria Fisher	2015
Library Trustees	
Janis Carr, Chair	2016
Deborah Porter	2015
Kate Bailey	2014

	Term Expires
Fence Viewer	
Assessors	2014
Tree Warden	
Alanson Nichols	2014
Measurers of Wood & Bark	
William Clark	2014
Alanson Nichols	2014
Field Drivers	
Christine O'Brien	2014
Michelle Howe	2014
David Freeman	2014
Jonathan Diamond	2014
Sexton	
Matthew Lively	2014
Burial Agent	
Matthew Lively	2014

Town Boards Appointed by Selectmen

Board of Health	
Rebecca Allen, Chair (appt. April 2009)	2015
Elizabeth Nichols (resigned 12/13)	2014
John Doherty (appt. July 2009)	2015
Karen Brooks (appt. July 2009)	2014
Jenna Day	2015
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Dennis Peters, Chair	2017
Robert Gruen	2018
Valerie Kaempfer	2017
Martha McCutchen	2014
Alanson Nichols	2014

Selectmen's Appointments - 2013

Select Board Chair	Sheila Litchfield
Select Board Secretary	Bill Lattrell
Town Coordinator	Kara Leistyna
Office Assistant	Lorena Loubsky
Treasurer	Kristi Nartowicz
Tax Collector	Elizabeth Nichols
Americans w/Disabilities Representative	Vacant
Animal Inspector	Margo Newton (exp. April 30)
	Edward Grinnell (exp. April 30)
Building Maintenance Coordinator	Timothy Lively
Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Representative	Jonathan Diamond
Chief of Police	Margo Newton
Police Officers	Lee Lively
	Chris Mattson
Detail Officers	Julie Shippee
	Gordon Cutter
Animal Control Officer	Edward Grinnell (Regional)
	Sarah Hettlinger, Assistant ACO
Emergency Management Director	Timothy Lively
Emergency Management Director Alt.	vacant
E911 Coordinator	Gary Singley, (resigned 12/13);
	Budge Litchfield
FRCOG Planning Board Representative	Bill Gran
FRCOG Planning Board Representative Alt.	Brian DeVriese
FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Rep.	Sarah Hettlinger
FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Rep. Alt.	Margo Newton
Three-Town Landfill Comm. Rep.	Sheila Litchfield
FCCIP Representative	Brian DeVriese
Fire Chief	Michael Smith
Forest Fire Warden	Michael Smith
FRCOG Representative	Bill Lattrell
FRTA Representative	Brian DeVriese
Franklin Cty. Solid Waste District Rep.	Kara Leistyna
Highway Superintendent	Michael Smith
Highway Department Liaison	Bill Lattrell
Inspector of Buildings	James Hawkins
Inspector, Electrical	Tom MacDonald
Inspector, Plumbing & Gas	Andrew French
Licensing Board	Sheila Litchfield
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Sheila M. Litchfield
	Timothy Lively
	Margo Newton
	Mike Smith
	Jeff Simmons
Post Office Manager	Charlene Reynolds
Asst. to Post Office Manager	Margo Newton

Selectmen's Appointments (continued)

Election Workers	Valerie Kaempfer Eileen Tougas Don Dekker Margo Newton Gloria Fisher Nancy Thane Jenna Day (Alternate) Eileen McVay-Lively (Alternate)
Board Correspondent to Heath Herald	Brian DeVriese
Senior Center Coordinator	vacant (Eileen McVay-Lively appt. 2014)
Tax Title Attorney	Berenson & Bloom
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige P.C.
Town Nurse	Claire Rabbitt
Veterans Agent	Leo Parent, Jr. Mark Fitzpatrick
Veterans Graves Officer	Dennis Peters
Veterans Representative	Dennis Peters
Fred G. Wells Trustee	Dianne Grinnell

Town Committees Appointed by Selectmen

Agricultural Commission	David Freeman Timothy Lively Calvin Carr Thomas Flynn John Clark
Cemetery Commission	Claire Rabbitt Jerry Gilbert Eric Sumner
Community Hall Committee	Margo Newton Dolores Churchill Ruth Corey Don Dekker Dianne Cerone
Conservation Commission	Dennis Peters Brian DeVriese Ellen Jenkins Bernard (Buck) Denouden Robert Dane Bill Lattrell (Assistant/Consultant)
Council on Aging	Valerie Kaempfer Alli Thane-Stetson Teresa Peters Jane deLeeuw Eileen Tougas

Cultural Council	Lorena Loubsky Janis Steele Kara Leistyna Robert Gruen Susan Draxler Larry Sampson
Historical Commission	Margaret Freeman Christine Luis-Schultz Kara Leistyna
Parks and Recreation Commission	Bob Bourke Kate Bailey Robin Jenkins
Municipal Complex Building Committee	Bob Bourke Bob Viarengo Ken Gilbert Jeff Simmons Brian De Vriese (Ex Officio) Mike Smith (Ex Officio)
Recycling Committee	Doug Mason Jeff Simmons Tom Flynn Karen Brooks
Renewable Energy Advisory Committee	Jan Carr Bill Gran Rol Hesselbart Peter Row Steve Ryack Rebecca Dorr-Sampson Bob Schultz
Heath Veteran's Memorial Committee	David Howland Robert Bourke Jerry Gilbert Dennis Peters Peter Smith

Committees Appointed by Moderator

F. C. Technical School Rep	Arthur Schwenger

Appointments by Library Trustees

Library Director	Donald J. Purington
Assistant Library Director	Lyra Johnson

FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Fund Revenue Report

as of: 12/02/2013

Taxes and Excises	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Personal Property Taxes		106,849.39		106,849.39	97,691.54	9,157.85
Real Estate Taxes		1,671,876.56		1,671,876.56	1,628,179.78	43,696.78
Allow. for Ates & Exempt		-15,726.43		-15,726.43		-15,726.43
Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	65,526.20	-65,526.20
Motor Vehicle Excise		59,000.00		59,000.00	65,971.48	-6,971.48
Post Abatement Excise Tax				0.00	233.25	-233.25
Penalties and int. taxes		13,500.00		13,500.00	9,671.34	3,828.66
Interest on Property Tax				0.00	5,638.63	-5,638.63
Interest on Motor Veh Ex				0.00	490.80	-490.80
Interest on Tax Titles				0.00	15,475.06	-15,475.06
Taxes and Excises Totals:		1,835,499.52		1,835,499.52	1,888,878.08	-53,378.56

Charges for Services	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Transfer station stickers		16,500.00		16,500.00	15,965.00	535.00
Charges for Services Totals:		16,500.00		16,500.00	15,965.00	535.00

Fees	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Police Fees				0.00	211.60	-211.60
RMV Marking Fees		400.00		400.00	740.00	-340.00
Town Clerk Fees				0.00	13.00	-13.00
Fees Totals:		400.00		400.00	964.60	-564.60

Licenses and Permits	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Police gun Licenses				0.00	1,112.50	-1,112.50
Permits - Building Dept.		9,075.00		9,075.00	1,386.00	7,689.00
Permits-Plumbing/Gas				0.00	150.00	-150.00
Permits - Wiring				0.00	400.00	-400.00
Raffle Permits				0.00	60.00	-60.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:		9,075.00		9,075.00	3,108.50	5,966.50

Federal Revenue	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
USPS Contract Revenue		20,500.00		20,500.00	20,642.04	-142.04
Federal Revenue Totals:		20,500.00		20,500.00	20,642.04	-142.04

State Revenue	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
State Owned Land		6,010.00		6,010.00	6,010.00	0.00
Abatements Veterans				0.00	10,070.00	-10,070.00
Elderly Abatements		10,605.00		10,605.00	1,506.00	9,099.00
Veterans Benefits				0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00
Lottery		70,768.00		70,768.00	70,768.00	0.00
State Revenue Totals:		87,383.00		87,383.00	89,754.00	-2,371.00

Other Intergovernmental Revenue	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
CMVI Fines				0.00	115.00	-115.00
Fines-District Court				0.00	925.00	-925.00
Library Fines		275.00		275.00		275.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:		275.00		275.00	1,040.00	-765.00

Miscellaneous Revenue	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Interest on Investments		600.00		600.00	1,469.72	-869.72
Miscellaneous Revenue		500.00		500.00	25.00	475.00
Sale of Street Lists				0.00	5.00	-5.00
Copier Receipts				0.00	228.00	-228.00

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ZBA Bylaw Sales				0.00	20.00	-20.00
Prior Year Refunds				0.00	999.77	-999.77
Storm - FEMA				0.00	1,261.00	-1,261.00
Tax Title Costs				0.00	5,261.94	-5,261.94
misc. Ins. Adjustments				0.00	1,339.85	-1,339.85
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:		1,100.00		1,100.00	10,610.28	-9,510.28
Other Financing Sources	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Transfer from Rev. Funds				0.00	2,826.00	-2,826.00
Transfer In MC Feas.Study			23,253.38	23,253.38	23,253.38	0.00
Overlay Srpls to Bal.Budg		3,211.00		3,211.00	3,211.00	0.00
Free Cash to Bal.Budget		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	31,528.89			31,528.89	31,528.89	0.00
Funded by Encumberance	295.35			295.35	295.35	0.00
Funded with "Free Cash"			92,731.42	92,731.42	92,731.42	0.00
Funded by Overlay Surplus			5,353.55	5,353.55	5,353.55	0.00
Other Financing Sources Totals:	31,824.24	53,211.00	121,338.35	206,373.59	209,199.59	-2,826.00
Grand Totals:	31,824.24	2,023,943.52	121,338.35	2,177,106.11	2,240,162.09	-63,055.98

General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 12/02/2013

General Government	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Moderator Stipend		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Selectmen's Stipend-Membe		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Selectmen's Stipend-Chair		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Selectmen Oper. Expenses		4,600.00		4,600.00	2,068.99	2,531.01
Flower Fund		400.00		400.00	124.47	275.53
Salary Town Coordinator		33,797.40	1,013.92	34,811.32	34,663.58	147.74
Salary Office Asssistant		1,131.30		1,131.30	534.23	597.07
Office Supplies		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,344.82	155.18
Finance Committee Expense		150.00		150.00	126.00	24.00
Reserve Fund		5,000.00	-367.00	4,633.00		4,633.00
Salary Town Accountant		11,565.00		11,565.00	11,565.00	0.00
Town Accountant Expense		1,450.00		1,450.00	1,438.33	11.67
Accountant's Support		450.00		450.00	450.00	0.00
FY12 Audit		15,500.00	-1,957.38	13,542.62	13,500.00	42.62
Assessors Stipend-Chair		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Assessors Stipend-Members		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Assessor's Expenses		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,359.76	40.24

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Assessor's Software		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Assessor's Mapping		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Assessor's Reval. Expense		900.00		900.00	900.00	0.00
Salary Assessor's Assistant		4,992.00		4,992.00	4,992.00	0.00
Treasurer's Salary		9,181.00	275.43	9,456.43	9,456.43	0.00
Treasurer's Expense		4,000.00	200.00	4,200.00	3,764.81	435.19
Treasurer's Surety Bond		160.00		160.00	158.00	2.00
Treas. Tax Taking & Coll		15,000.00		15,000.00	14,702.68	297.32
Salary Tax Collector		10,015.00	300.45	10,315.45	10,315.45	0.00
Tax Collector Surety Bond		250.00		250.00	210.00	40.00
Tax Collector Expense		3,610.00		3,610.00	3,437.33	172.67
Tax Taking/Liens		2,400.00	201.28	2,601.28	2,601.28	0.00
Legal Fees		7,000.00	5,781.56	12,781.56	12,781.56	0.00
Salary Post Office Manage		19,928.00	597.84	20,525.84	19,711.39	814.45
Post Office Oper. Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00
Salary Post Office Substi		1,425.00		1,425.00	1,425.00	0.00
Post Office Mgr. Surety		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Salary Town Clerk		13,143.00	394.29	13,537.29	13,537.29	0.00
Town Clerk's Expense		4,600.00		4,600.00	3,471.54	1,128.46

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Tax Collector Surety Bond		250.00		250.00	210.00	40.00
Tax Collector Expense		3,610.00		3,610.00	3,437.33	172.67
Tax Taking/Liens		2,400.00	201.28	2,601.28	2,601.28	0.00
Legal Fees		7,000.00	5,781.56	12,781.56	12,781.56	0.00
Salary Post Office Manage		19,928.00	597.84	20,525.84	19,711.39	814.45
Post Office Oper. Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00
Salary Post Office Substi		1,425.00		1,425.00	1,425.00	0.00
Post Office Mgr. Surety		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Salary Town Clerk		13,143.00	394.29	13,537.29	13,537.29	0.00
Town Clerk's Expense		4,600.00		4,600.00	3,471.54	1,128.46
Town Clerk Surety Bond		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Election Workers Stipend		960.00		960.00	960.00	0.00
Conserv. Comm. Expense		350.00		350.00		350.00
Con. Comm. Consultant Exp.		1,500.00		1,500.00	855.00	645.00
Planning Board Expenses		650.00	374.54	1,024.54	1,024.54	0.00
Zoning Board Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00
Agriculture Commission Exp.		500.00		500.00		500.00
Heath Telecom Exp. (Wired		425.00		425.00	403.16	21.84
Technical Support Tn Hall		1,800.00		1,800.00	806.25	993.75

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Build. Maint. Coor. Salary		6,224.00	187.60	6,411.60	6,411.60	0.00
Sawyer Hall-Maint./Util.		18,000.00		18,000.00	17,719.28	280.72
Town Garages-Maint./Util.		15,600.00		15,600.00	13,270.33	2,329.67
Town Buildings-Copier Sup		2,000.00	44.88	2,044.88	2,044.88	0.00
Comm. Hall-Maint./Util.		16,000.00		16,000.00	13,112.03	2,887.97
Lawn Mowing, Ctr. & Ceme.		4,500.00		4,500.00	3,385.00	1,115.00
Sawyer Hall Internet		980.00		980.00	959.40	20.60
Highway/Fire Internet		650.00		650.00	599.40	50.60
Ins/Prop/Casualty/Workers		38,184.50	-2,700.00	35,484.50	34,524.65	959.85
Town Report Printing		650.00	-51.85	598.15	521.37	76.78
FRCOG Assessment		9,515.32		9,515.32	9,479.32	36.00
General Government Totals:		306,236.52	4,295.56	310,532.08	288,516.15	22,015.93

Public Safety

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Salaries-Police Departmen		16,122.00	2,733.66	18,855.66	18,815.09	40.57
Constables Stipend		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
Police Vehicle Maint. Expens		4,000.00	-1,750.00	2,250.00	2,201.89	48.11
Police Expenses		4,500.00	-500.00	4,000.00	3,926.80	73.20

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Fire Chief Stipend		4,266.00		4,266.00	4,266.00	0.00
Firemens Incentive Award		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,999.11	0.89
Fire Dept. Supp/Training		14,000.00		14,000.00	12,093.45	1,906.55
Turnout Gear Replacement		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,823.71	176.29
Emergency Medical Service		700.00		700.00	199.46	500.54
Building Inspector Expen.		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Em. Manage. Director Stip		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Emer. Mgmnt. Expenses		400.00		400.00		400.00
Alternate EMD Stipend		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Code RED		1,500.00	-1,344.00	156.00		156.00
An. Cont. Officer's Stipend		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
AC Officer's Expenses		300.00		300.00	108.98	191.02
Reg. Dog Kennel Assess.		700.00		700.00		700.00
Animal Inspector's Exp.		325.00		325.00		325.00
Animal Inspector Stipend		500.00		500.00	480.64	19.36
Wildlife Damage Control Ex		1,500.00	367.00	1,867.00	1,867.00	0.00
Tree Removal Expense		1,700.00	-900.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
Public Safety Totals:		69,813.00	-1,393.34	68,419.66	63,882.13	4,537.53

Education

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
School Comm. Stipend		1,098.00		1,098.00	1,098.00	0.00
School Committee Expenses		500.00		500.00		500.00
MTRS Assessment		738,606.00		738,606.00	738,606.00	0.00
FCTS Assessment		74,938.00		74,938.00	74,938.00	0.00
MTRS Capital Project		5,354.00		5,354.00	5,354.00	0.00
FCTS Capital Projects		1,254.00		1,254.00	1,254.00	0.00
Education Totals:		821,750.00		821,750.00	821,250.00	500.00

Public Works and Facilities

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Salary Highway Dept. Wage		151,632.00	4,548.96	156,180.96	154,377.74	1,803.22
Highway Misc Expenses		1,900.00	700.00	2,600.00	2,469.19	130.81
Machinery Maint./Supplies		33,816.00	1,251.93	35,067.93	32,351.26	2,716.67
Vehicle Gas & Oil		40,000.00		40,000.00	39,064.91	935.09
Hired Equipment/Services		3,700.00		3,700.00	2,260.00	1,440.00
Highway Dept. Materials		18,000.00	3,385.72	21,385.72	21,385.72	0.00
Roadside Mowing		7,000.00	-1,385.72	5,614.28	4,646.00	968.28
Salary Winter Hwy. Wages		18,518.00	555.54	19,073.54	18,096.89	976.65
Winter Equip. Maint/Repr		5,000.00	2,648.52	7,648.52	7,648.52	0.00
Winter Salt/Sand & Other		127,200.00	-4,400.45	122,799.55	99,143.71	23,655.84

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Winter Hired Services		2,250.00	-200.00	2,050.00	1,680.00	370.00
Salary Winter Temp. Help		1,309.00	6.09	1,315.09	1,315.09	0.00
Salary Summer Temp. Help		3,656.00		3,656.00		3,656.00
Street Lights		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,005.53	494.47
Franklin Cty Solid Waste		1,778.00		1,778.00	1,778.00	0.00
Salary Refuse Disposal		8,283.24	545.04	8,828.28	8,821.64	6.64
Dump Transportation		16,279.00		16,279.00	11,779.48	4,499.52
Dump Tipping		20,000.00		20,000.00	15,481.45	4,518.55
Hazardous Waste Disposal		400.00		400.00	400.00	0.00
Transfer Sta. Maint/Repr		500.00		500.00	386.00	114.00
Public Works and Facilities Totals:		462,721.24	7,655.63	470,376.87	424,091.13	46,285.74

Human Services

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Bd of Health-Chair Stipnd		844.00		844.00	844.00	0.00
Bd of Health-Mem. Stipend		1,688.00		1,688.00	1,688.00	0.00
Bd of Health Clerk Salary		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,312.40	687.60
FRCOG Health Agent		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Bd of Health Expenses		2,100.00		2,100.00	989.10	1,110.90
Salary Town Nurse		9,393.00		9,393.00	8,388.51	1,004.49

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Town Nurse's Expense		455.00		455.00	436.71	18.29
Senior Ctr. Coordinator Stipe		500.00		500.00		500.00
Senior Center Oper. Acct.		500.00		500.00	181.34	318.66
Veterans Service Center		1,394.00		1,394.00	1,394.00	0.00
Veterans Benefit		25,000.00	-3,656.00	21,344.00	18,892.80	2,451.20
Human Services Totals:		49,874.00	-3,656.00	46,218.00	40,126.86	6,091.14

Culture and Recreation

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Salary Library Director		22,997.00	689.91	23,686.91	23,686.00	0.91
Salary Library Assistant		5,230.00	156.90	5,386.90	4,966.38	420.52
Salary Library Substitute		1,060.00	-500.00	560.00	342.09	217.91
Library Operating Expense		6,505.00		6,505.00	6,505.00	0.00
CW Mars Library Annual		1,092.00		1,092.00	1,092.00	0.00
Historical Comm. Expense		250.00		250.00		250.00
Culture and Recreation Totals:		37,134.00	346.81	37,480.81	36,591.47	889.34

Debt Service

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Elementary School Debt		50,372.79		50,372.79	50,372.79	0.00
Interest on Tax Abatements			2,754.02	2,754.02	2,754.02	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Chevy Trk Loan FY10		13,784.20		13,784.20	13,784.20	0.00
Chevy Trk Interest FY10		827.05		827.05	827.05	0.00
Bucket Loader 2011		16,246.00		16,246.00	16,246.00	0.00
Bucket Loader Interest 2011		2,274.44		2,274.44	2,274.44	0.00
3 Town Liability Waiver		10,634.00		10,634.00	10,630.00	4.00
3 Town Liability Waiver Int.		4,305.15		4,305.15	4,305.15	0.00
2011 Highway Truck Princip		22,000.00		22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
2011 Hwy. Truck Interest		935.00		935.00	935.00	0.00
TS Irene Bond Interest		5,850.00		5,850.00	5,850.00	0.00
Debt Service Totals:		127,228.63	2,754.02	129,982.65	129,978.65	4.00

Intergovernmental Expenditures

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
St Assmnt Air Pollution		206.00		206.00	206.00	0.00
Reg Transit Authority Asm		17.00		17.00	17.00	0.00
RMV Non-Renewla Surcharg		280.00		280.00	820.00	-540.00
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:		503.00		503.00	1,043.00	-540.00

Miscellaneous	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Fran. Regional Retirement Sy		40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Unemployment Compensatio		1,200.00		1,200.00	472.66	727.34
Health Insurance		70,984.44	-369.14	70,615.30	59,920.14	10,695.16
Life Insurance		300.00		300.00	233.54	66.46
FICA/Medicare Empl. Match		10,000.00	4,500.00	14,500.00	12,963.61	1,536.39
COLA 3% FY13		9,452.12	-9,452.12	0.00		0.00
Trans. To Fund 39-Garage D			8,050.00	8,050.00	8,050.00	0.00
Trans.to Stabilization			80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
Encumb. Listed in 02	295.35			295.35		295.35
Special Projects in 03	31,528.89	16,746.62	28,606.93	76,882.44		76,882.44
Miscellaneous Totals:	31,824.24	148,683.18	111,335.67	291,843.09	201,639.95	90,203.14
Grand Totals:	31,824.24	2,023,943.57	121,338.35	2,177,106.16	2,007,119.34	169,986.82

Other Funds Expense Report

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Fund: 02

Encumbrances	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Enc. Police Equip & Unif.	92.62			92.62	92.62	0.00
Enc. FY12 Fireman Incnt.	202.73			202.73	202.73	0.00
Totals:	295.35			295.35	295.35	0.00

Fund: 03

Special Projects	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Assessors' Deed Project Cons			5,353.55	5,353.55	2,400.00	2,953.55
Town Build.-Spec. Project	741.49			741.49	741.49	0.00
Feas. Study Mun. Complex			20,000.00	20,000.00		20,000.00
Feas. Study SH/CH		6,746.62	3,253.38	10,000.00		10,000.00
Sawyer Hall Upgrades 2012	17,193.43			17,193.43	7,245.78	9,947.65
Pre School Support		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Town Garage Restroom	1,372.46			1,372.46		1,372.46
Hwy. Wing Plow Fy12	18.00			18.00		18.00
Dump Closing	12,203.51			12,203.51	3,269.13	8,934.38
Totals:	31,528.89	16,746.62	28,606.93	76,882.44	23,656.40	53,226.04

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Ravenwood Freedom Farm	200.00			200.00		200.00
Molly Cantor-Class	20.00			20.00		20.00
Mem. Hall Theater	90.00			90.00		90.00
Mohawk Arts-Theater	200.00			200.00		200.00
WINK 2012	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
Jonathan/Syrup	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
Heath Elem/Science	500.00			500.00	500.00	0.00
John/eventide Singers	50.00			50.00	50.00	0.00
Heath Agricultural/Fair Musi	500.00			500.00	500.00	0.00
Heath Free/Summer Craft	125.00			125.00	125.00	0.00
AIM/Colonial Arts	150.00			150.00		150.00
Franklin/Vernal Pools	80.00			80.00		80.00
Deerfield/River Fest	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
Art Garden/Exhibition	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
Miller/Remembrance of Past		150.00		150.00		150.00
Gabriel/Folk Rock		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
DRWA Riverfest		100.00		100.00		100.00
Friends of RSW/Hilltown La		100.00		100.00		100.00
Heath Agr./Music		700.00		700.00		700.00

Heath Elem/Education		800.00		800.00		800.00
Heath Library/Summer		100.00		100.00		100.00
Heath Herald		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
Heath PTP/Wink		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Heath Strings		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
Diamond/Drama MTRSD		570.00		570.00	570.00	0.00
Pioneer Valley Sym./Concert		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Pothole Pix/Film		150.00		150.00	150.00	0.00
The Art Garden/Exhibit		50.00		50.00		50.00
Available Local Funds	15.72		5.47	21.19		21.19
Totals:	2,530.72	3,870.00	5.47	6,406.19	3,645.00	2,761.19

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Chapter 90 Expenses	146,714.50	213,212.00		359,926.50	350,092.23	9,834.27
Totals:	146,714.50	213,212.00		359,926.50	350,092.23	9,834.27

Fund: 24

Septic Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Planning-Visioning Grant	158.02			158.02		158.02

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Available for Septic Loan	20,557.27		127.25	20,684.52		20,684.52
Totals:	20,715.29		127.25	20,842.54		20,842.54

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
ZBA Revolving	343.40	1,000.00	-520.34	823.06	289.22	533.84
Animal Control Officer Revo	1,787.49	2,000.00	-1,057.00	2,730.49	710.11	2,020.38
BOH Permitting/Insp.	3,000.00	5,000.00	1,150.00	9,150.00	4,150.00	5,000.00
Senior Center Revolving	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	64.35	935.65
Vaccine Program		3,500.00	-2,766.59	733.41		733.41
Totals:	6,130.89	12,500.00	-4,193.93	14,436.96	5,213.68	9,223.28

Fund: 27

Available for Appropriation

		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Road Machinery Fund	83.76			83.76		83.76
Sale of Lots	3,050.00		700.00	3,750.00		3,750.00
Available Free Cash		177,449.00		177,449.00	142,731.42	34,717.58
Totals:	3,133.76	177,449.00	700.00	181,282.76	142,731.42	38,551.34

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenue

		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Extended Polling Hours			510.00	510.00	510.00	0.00
Wetlands Protection	1,057.78			1,057.78		1,057.78
Community Hall Donations	25.00			25.00		25.00
Comm. Hall Committee Func	1,587.34		1,225.75	2,813.09		2,813.09
MA Tech. Collab. Grt. 10	116.07			116.07		116.07
2011 EMPG				0.00	895.32	-895.32
EMPG Grant	105.15		1,500.00	1,605.15	1,605.15	0.00
Ice Storm Donations 2008	428.59			428.59		428.59
Library Dog Fund		647.00		647.00	647.00	0.00
Heath Animal Fund gift	100.00			100.00		100.00
Mackie Memorial	390.00			390.00		390.00
MRIP Recycle Grant	6.82			6.82		6.82
DEP Small Scale Initiatve Gr	58.99		500.00	558.99	558.99	0.00
Cemetery Donations	1,019.45		175.00	1,194.45	135.62	1,058.83
FCHC Medication Mgmt. 08	443.03			443.03		443.03
Flu Clinic Donations	473.50			473.50		473.50
COA Grant			3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Senior Cntr donations	775.05			775.05		775.05
Library State Grant	3,565.53		1,865.84	5,431.37	1,399.66	4,031.71

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Library Donations	2,518.14		1,757.31	4,275.45	250.10	4,025.35
Library Construction Gift	8,273.00			8,273.00		8,273.00
Recreation Fund	2,208.52		0.95	2,209.47	528.58	1,680.89
Totals:	23,151.96	647.00	11,034.85	34,833.81	10,030.42	24,803.39

Fund: 33

Tropical Storm Irene

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
TS Irene Exp 2011	-469,773.50		453,743.28	-16,030.22	202,512.33	-218,542.55
Totals:	-469,773.50		453,743.28	-16,030.22	202,512.33	-218,542.55

Fund: 35

McCloud Land Purchase (Dum

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
McCloud Property Purchase	21,285.83		-21,285.83	0.00		0.00
Trans to Fund 01			21,285.83	21,285.83	21,285.83	0.00
Totals:	21,285.83		0.00	21,285.83	21,285.83	0.00

Fund: 39

Highway Capital Items

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Highway Garage Doors FY1		16,000.00	8,050.00	24,050.00	24,050.00	0.00
Dump Body 2003 Int. FY13		40,000.00		40,000.00	39,943.00	57.00
Totals:		56,000.00	8,050.00	64,050.00	63,993.00	57.00

Fund: 82

Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Read/Carpenter Award	2,015.61		53.53	2,069.14	50.00	2,019.14
Cemetery	10,915.60		18.28	10,933.88		10,933.88
Hands X Heath-Nurse	6,829.74		14.93	6,844.67		6,844.67
Library Trust	8,424.44		16.86	8,441.30		8,441.30
Totals:	28,185.39		103.60	28,288.99	50.00	28,238.99

Fund: 83

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Available Stabilization	113,418.06		80,395.52	193,813.58		193,813.58
Highway Wing Plow	27.55		-27.55	0.00		0.00
Ambulance Purchase	1,940.00		-1,940.00	0.00		0.00
Trans. To Fund 01			1,967.55	1,967.55	1,967.55	0.00
Totals:	115,385.61		80,395.52	195,781.13	1,967.55	193,813.58
Report Totals:	-70,715.31	480,424.62	578,572.97	988,282.28	825,473.21	162,809.07

Other Funds Revenue Report

Fund: 21 Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
State Cultural Council		3,870.00		3,870.00	3,870.00	0.00
rInterest			5.47	5.47	5.47	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	2,530.72			2,530.72		2,530.72
Totals:	2,530.72	3,870.00	5.47	6,406.19	3,875.47	2,530.72

Fund: 23 Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Chapter 90 Revenue		213,212.00		213,212.00	350,092.23	-136,880.23
Funded by Carryovers	146,714.50			146,714.50		146,714.50
Totals:	146,714.50	213,212.00		359,926.50	350,092.23	9,834.27

Fund: 24 Septic Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Tanner Septic Repayment			106.60	106.60	106.60	0.00
rSeptic Bank Interest			20.65	20.65	20.65	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	20,715.29			20,715.29		20,715.29
Totals:	20,715.29		127.25	20,842.54	127.25	20,715.29

Fund: 26 Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
rZBA Revolving			479.66	479.66	479.66	0.00
rAnimal Control Officer Rev.			943.00	943.00	943.00	0.00
rBOH Permitting/Insp.			6,150.00	6,150.00	6,150.00	0.00
rVaccine Pro			733.41	733.41	733.41	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	6,130.89			6,130.89		6,130.89
Totals:	6,130.89		8,306.07	14,436.96	8,306.07	6,130.89

Fund: 27 Available for Appropriation

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Sale of Lots			700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
Offset to Free Cash		177,449.00		177,449.00	142,731.42	34,717.58
Funded by Carryovers	3,133.76			3,133.76		3,133.76
Totals:	3,133.76	177,449.00	700.00	181,282.76	143,431.42	37,851.34

Fund: 29 Miscellaneous Special Revenue

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
rextended polling hours			510.00	510.00	510.00	0.00
rCommunity Hall Functions			1,225.75	1,225.75	1,225.75	0.00
r2010EMPG			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
rLibrary Dog Fund		647.00		647.00	647.00	0.00
DEP Small Scale Initiative G			500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
rCemetery Donations			175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
rCOA Grant			3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
rLibrary State Grant			1,865.84	1,865.84	1,865.84	0.00
Library Donations			1,757.31	1,757.31	1,757.31	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Int. Recreation			0.95	0.95	0.95	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	23,151.96			23,151.96		23,151.96
Totals:	23,151.96	647.00	11,034.85	34,833.81	11,681.85	23,151.96

Fund: 33
Tropical Storm Irene

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
TS Irene Revenue			453,743.28	453,743.28	453,743.28	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	-469,773.50			-469,773.50		-469,773.50
Totals:	-469,773.50		453,743.28	-16,030.22	453,743.28	-469,773.50

Fund: 35
McCloud Land Purchase (Dum

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Funded by Carryovers	21,285.83			21,285.83		21,285.83
Totals:	21,285.83			21,285.83		21,285.83

Fund: 39
Highway Capital Items

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
rBond Prcds.Highway Gar. D		16,000.00		16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
rDump Body 2003 Int FY13		40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Tran. From G/F Garage Door			8,050.00	8,050.00	8,050.00	0.00
Totals:		56,000.00	8,050.00	64,050.00	64,050.00	0.00

Fund: 82
Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
rInt.Read/Carpenter Award			53.53	53.53	53.53	0.00
rInt Cemetery			18.28	18.28	18.28	0.00
rInt.Hands X Heath-Nurse			14.93	14.93	14.93	0.00
rInt. Library Trust			16.86	16.86	16.86	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	28,185.39			28,185.39		28,185.39
Totals:	28,185.39		103.60	28,288.99	103.60	28,185.39

Fund: 83

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Stabilization Interest			395.52	395.52	395.52	0.00
Trans.frm General Fund			80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
Funded by Carryovers	115,385.61			115,385.61		115,385.61
Totals:	115,385.61		80,395.52	195,781.13	80,395.52	115,385.61
Report Totals:	-102,539.55	451,178.00	562,466.04	911,104.49	1,115,806.69	-204,702.20

Town of Heath Balance Sheet FY2013

ASSETS	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Cash, Pooled	$320,941.75	$364,050.28	$222,397.57	
2013 Personal Property	-			-
2012 Personal Property	-			
2011 Personal Property	-			
2010 Personal Property	-			
Prior Years Personal Property	-			
Total Personal Property	-			
2013 Real Estate	71,700.22			
2012 Real Estate				
2011 Real Estate				
2010 Real Estate				
Prior Years Real Estate				
Total Real Estate	71,700.22			
2013 Allow. for Abate.& Exempt.	(10,134.19)			
2012 Allow. for Abate.& Exempt.	(18,250.40)			
2011 Allow. for Abate.& Exempt.	(3,711.08)			
2010 Allow. for Abate.& Exempt.	5,353.76			
Prior Years Allow. For Abate.& Exempt.				
Total Allow. for Abate.& Exempt.	(26,741.91)			

Tax Liens	233,122.56			
Tax Foreclosures	17,746.30			
2013 Motor Vehicle Excise	14,443.37			
2012 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,235.44			
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise	811.56			
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	457.50			
Prior Years Motor Vehicle Ex.	416.57			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	18,364.44			
Forest Products	-			
Small Business Loans Receivable		555.97		
Amt. to be Provided-McCloud Prop				85,040.00
Amnt. to be Provided-Highway Doors				16,000.00
Amnt. to be Provided-Highway Truck 2009				13,784.20
Amnt. To be Provided-Highway Loader 2011				48,738.00
Amnt. To Be Provided-Highway Trk/Plow 2012				88,000.00
Amnt. To Be Provided-Highway Dump Body				40,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**635,133.36**	**$364,606.25**	**$222,397.57**	**$291,562.20**

LIABILITIES	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Warrants Payable	$0.00			
Payroll Withholdings Payable	-			
Def.Rev.- Property & Real Estate Taxe	39,604.55			
Def.Rev.Tax Liens	233,122.56			
Def.Rev. Tax Foreclosures	17,746.30			
Def.Rev.- Motor Vehicle Excise	18,364.44			
Def.Rev.- Forest Products	-			
Def.Rev. Small Business Loans		555.97		
Rev. Ant. Notes Payable		520,000.00		
Collector's Fees			220.00	
Deputy Collector's Fees				
Clerk's Fees			125.00	
Due to Fish & Wildlife			-	
Due to State - Firearms			-	
Perc Inspections				
Due to County-Dogs				
Bonds Payable, McCloud Prop				85,040.00
Bonds Payable, Garage Doors				16,000.00
Bonds Payable, Highway Truck 2009				13,784.20
Bonds Payable, Highway Loader 2011				48,738.00
Bonds Payable, Highway Trk/Plow 2012				88,000.00
Bonds Payable, Highway Trk Body FY13				40,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	308,837.85	520,555.97	345.00	291,562.20

FUND EQUITY	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Reserve for Encumbrances	-			
Free Cash to Balance Budget	50,000.00			
Overlay to Balance Budget	-			
Reserve for Carryovers	53,226.04			
Undesignated Fund Balance	223,069.47			
FB reserved for Approp.Deficits	-			
FB reserved for Overlay Deficit	-			
Cultural Council		2,761.19		
Septic Grant Repayments		20,684.52		
Planning Grant		158.02		
ZBA Revolving		533.84		
Dog Officer Revolving		2,020.38		
Small Business		1,071.67		
BOH Permitting		5,000.00		
Senior Center Revolving		935.65		
Vaccine Program Revolving		733.41		
Machinery Earnings		83.76		
Sale of Lots		3,750.00		
Wetlands Protection		1,057.78		
Community Functions		2,813.09		
Comm. Hall Donations		25.00		
MA Tech. Collaborative Grant 2010		116.07		
EMPG 2011		(895.32)		

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
EMPG 2011		(895.32)		
2008 Ice Storm Donations		428.59		
Mackie Memorial		390.00		
Heath Animal Fund Gift		100.00		
M.R.I.P. Grant		6.82		
Cemetery Donations		1,058.83		
Medi Management 2008		443.03		
Flu Clinic Donations		473.50		
Sr. Center/COA donations		775.05		
Library State Grant		4,031.71		
Library Donations		4,025.35		
Library Building Donation		8,273.00		
Parks and Recreation		1,680.89		
TS Irene		(218,542.55)		
F2003 Highway Trk Dump Body FY13		57.00		
Stabilization			193,813.58	
Cemetery			10,933.88	
Read Carpenter			2,019.14	
Library Trust			8,441.30	
Hands Across Heath			6,844.67	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	326,295.51	(155,949.72)	222,052.57	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	**$635,133.36**	**$364,606.25**	**$222,397.57**	**$291,562.20**

Treasurer's Report Of Trust and Other Funds

Cemetery Trust

Sarah H. Symonds	50.00	The Whipples	250.00
Ellen N. Fiske	50.00	Elsom Elderidge	250.00
Chenery Fund	500.00	Nelle Porter	250.00
Lucy M. Gale	100.00	Jane Gribbin	100.00
Edwain Chapin	140.00	Barbara Wolf	250.00
Cliford J. Hager	100.00	Ralph Riddle	500.00
Walter S. Benson	200.00	Frances Malone	200.00
William Dickinson	200.00	Richard Hatch	50.00
George H. Gribbin	1,000.00	Michael Peters	250.00
Leon B. Stewart	25.00	Robert & Delores Viarengo	400.00
Ruth Whipple	250.00	Joan & Gerald Gilbert	400.00
Truman H. Safford	100.00	Johs Clausen	225.00
Joseph & Pamela Gilbert	400.00	Steven Wolf	250.00
Albert Burkhardt	200.00	Unknown	100.00
Charles Mackie	250.00		
Total Cemetary Bequests			
Trust CD's	6,365.95		
Trust Checking	4,567.93		
Balance 12/31/2010	**10,933.88**		

Library Trust

Felicia Welsh	500.00	Ralph Riddle	165.00
Hugh Maxwell	500.00	Leon Stewart	100.00
Charles Miller	176.00	Helen Nichols	75.00
Elizabeth Wilson	350.00	Thelma Meadon	165.00
Cultural Council Grant	88.36	Harriet Read	702.37
Building Needs - Wilmeth	50.00	Building Needs - Stein	100.00
Mildred Burrington Memorial	50.00		
Total Library Bequests			
Money Market Account	**8,441.30**		

Other Funds

Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	2,861.19
Hands Across Heath	6,844.67
Heath General Funds	659,377.77
Park & Recreation Department	1,680.89
Read Carpenter Scholarship	2,019.14
Septic Fund	20,684.52
Stabilization Funds	193,813.58
Tropical storm Irene	732.66
Total Other Funds	**888,014.42**
Total of All Funds	**907,389.60**

Tax Title Accounts

Account Balance 1/1/2013	218,048.18
Taxes Added	62,826.65
Payments Received	72,058.12
Town Acquired Property	13,564.78
Remove Tax title error	
Account Balance 12/31/2013	**195,251.93**

Tax Collector

	BALANCE ON 01/01/2013	COMMITTED AFTER 12/31/12	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE ON 12/31/13
REAL ESTATE								
FY 2014	$0.00	$1,610,991.25	$734,592.32	$0.00	$0.00	$1,934.63	$0.00	$878,333.56
2013	$937,068.72	$0.00	$847,560.53	$1,792.24	$3,800.00	$6,402.53	$38,441.02	$51,877.46
2012	$58,165.71	$0.00	$41,822.27	$347.21	$0.00	$347.21	$16,343.44	$0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FY 2014	$0.00	$120,568.53	$53,424.71	$0.00		$0.00		$67,143.82
2013	$68,882.64	$0.00	$68,882.64	$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE								
FY 2013	$0.00	$73,504.30	$65,385.06	$1,456.72		$1,033.44		$7,695.96
2012	$2,921.18	$904.79	$2,487.23	$22.71		$24.08		$1,340.11
2011	$982.92	$0.00	$394.38	$0.00		$52.40		$640.94
2010	$555.10	$0.00	$187.60	$0.00		$0.00		$367.50
2009	$416.57	$0.00	$98.75	$0.00		$0.00		$317.82

Town Clerk's Annual Report

2013 VITAL RECORDS

Because of the number of fraudulent acts that have been done utilizing vital record lists, the Registry of Vital Records has issued a directive that these lists not be published. As a result, names will no longer be published in the Town Report, only the total number for the year.

Births - 4 Marriages - 3 Deaths - 4

2013 DOG LICENSES SOLD

Male Dogs	18@$10	$190.00
Female Dogs	19@$10	180.00
Neutered Male Dogs	76@$5	380.00
Spayed Female Dogs	66@$5	330.00

Total: 179 Single Licenses	$1,080.00
Less Fees Retained	- 179.00
Less License & Tag Expense	- 86.91
Paid to Revolving Dog Fund	$814.09

TOWN REPORTS

Board of Selectmen

The Selectboard continued to meet weekly on Tuesday evenings throughout the majority of the year and every other week during the summer months. We continue to follow the guidance in the Town's budget planning calendar to ensure adequate time for review and discussion of budget requests and for overall collaboration on municipal financial management issues with the Finance Committee and Town Departments.

Town Offices and Buildings
If you've visited the Town Offices in Sawyer Hall recently, you'd be aware of the transformation of the office area to a lovely light and airy space with polished wood flooring and luscious hanging plants. The Selectboard thank our Town Coordinator, Kara Leistyna, for her vision and diligence in making this transformation a reality.

The Town Hall and Community Hall were repainted during the summer of 2013 through the Franklin County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program. This important program offered inmate labor to improve Heath's public buildings at no expense to taxpayers. The Community Hall cupola required additional equipment to safely access its heights and is scheduled to be painted this summer by a contractor.

A new boiler was installed in Sawyer Hall in 2013.

Personnel
Heath has an effective employee performance review process and job classification system that ensures that the Town has a means to review job responsibilities and job performance and remain competitive in seeking and retaining good employees. Other area towns frequently inquire about our practices as they seek methods to address these issues in their own towns.

Following approval of voters at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, the Selectboard created a Building Maintenance Coordinator position and hired Timothy Lively in July, 2013. This new position is proving to be a huge benefit to the Town in our ability to effect maintenance and repairs as well as to ensure clean public facilities.

In 2013 a revision of the Personnel Policy Manual was issued after a thorough review by Town Counsel.

After 15 years on the Heath Selectboard, Tom Lively opted not to run for re-election in 2013. Tom was awarded the 2013 Marvin J. Shippee Community Service Award by the Shelburne Falls Business Association for recognition of his leadership and community service. Bill Lattrell was elected to the open seat on the Selectboard.

Several changes occurred in 2013 with regard to management of Animal Control issues. At the 2013 ATM voters approved the new position of Animal Control Officer that was required by new state law. At this time animal control issues in Heath are being effectively managed by the team of Ed Grinnell as Animal Control Officer and Rabies Quarantine Officer, and Sara Hettlinger, as Heath's Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Bridges of Heath
Following meetings with State engineers, we've been encouraged at learning that the State has placed several bridges on the bridge repair program. This means that in addition to the Sadoga Road bridge, the bridge on 8A in Dell over Mill Brook, and the bridge north on 8A over West Branch Brook will be repaired or replaced without need for town funds. While we have to wait for these repairs to occur in future years, the state assistance means the town will not have to finance over a million dollars for the work.

Financial Audit
The recommendations from the 2012 Financial Audit were implemented throughout 2013, including assurance of public notifications related to emergency procurements for storm repairs, issuance of a fraud policy, a cash payment handling policy and establishment of an internal audit process. We continue to implement recommendations associated with building security. The Selectboard and Finance Committee along with the Town Accountant and Treasurer are functioning as an effective team to address and anticipate critical junctures and identify strategies most beneficial to the Town of Heath.

Town Bylaws project
At the 2013 ATM, voters approved additional funds to the Town Clerk budget for a special project to organize all the Town bylaws into a readily available format. The Town Clerk has been working on this project throughout the year and has made very good progress. The end result will be that all Town of Heath Bylaws will be available on the Town website (www.townofheath.org) as well as in the Town Clerk's office, organized by a numbering system and searchable by subject.

Municipal Electricity Agreement
The Selectboard signed a Municipal Electricity Aggregation Agreement through the Hampshire Council of Governments on Oct. 1, 2013 empowering Heath to procure power to serve residents' needs at a lower price with the same utility company. This process is not complete but will be available soon.

MTRSD Long Range Planning
Sheila Litchfield was appointed to represent Heath on the School District's Long Range Planning Committee, comprised of Selectboard representatives from district towns with a mandate from the School Committee to explore sustainability of the school district given declining student enrollment and a projected population decrease. The Committee plans to present recommendations to the School Committee in 2014.

Municipal Complex Building Committee
Early in 2013 the Board of Selectmen appointed the Municipal Complex Building Committee to continue work on the planning for the possibility of a future building to replace the aging and inadequate fire station, highway garage, and other municipal functions such as police and emergency management. The committee worked diligently throughout 2013 (please see their report) and are preparing for a presentation to Heath residents at the 2014 ATM.

Grants
Heath was not successful in getting the 2013 STRAP grant for repairs to Route 8A, however we intend to explore re-applying for the grant in 2014.

Heath has agreed to be the lead town in applying for funding through a Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation in the Towns of Heath, Charlemont, Hawley and Ashfield. We anticipate more about this grant in 2014.

Boards and Committees
In February 2014 the Selectboard hosted our annual "All Boards and Committees" meeting at which time we heard of all the marvelous work that our committees are doing to benefit the Town. While there is always room for additional volunteers, the Selectboard is most thankful that Heath has so many people dedicated to ensuring quality life in our Town. Please let the Selectboard know if you'd like to get involved.

The Selectboard would like to remind residents that in the event of an emergency where a lot of Heath residents could be impacted, we activate our Emergency Operation Center located at the Fire Station. This is the place to go for assistance and information. If necessary we activate an emergency shelter at the Community Hall and as always emergency notices can be found on the Town web site (as long as power and internet are available).

Resignations and Appointments
(additions and changes to the complete list of appointments for FY14)

Robert Tanner resigned as Animal Inspector and Dog Officer in 2013
Dorothy Sessions resigned from Council on Aging
Nina Marshall resigned from the Historical Commission
John Tierney was appointed to Fred G. Wells Trust for 2012 and resigned in 2013
Dianne Grinnell was appointed to the Fred G. Wells Trust to replace John Tierney
Jeffrey Simmons declined his appointment as Emergency Management Director Alternate
Tom Lively was appointed Animal Control Officer in 2013
(new title for Dog Officer) and resigned
Sarah Hettlinger was appointed Assistant Animal Control Officer
Ed Grinnell was appointed Animal Control Officer and Rabies Quarantine Officer
Gary Singley resigned as E911 Coordinator
Budge Litchfield was appointed E911 Coordinator
Elizabeth Nichols resigned from the Board of Health

Currently open positions include: the Americans with Disabilities Representative, FRCOG Planning Board Rep., Historical Commission

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all those named and unnamed who have given their time and talents over the past year as we work together creating and maintaining the town we love.

Respectfully,
Sheila M. Litchfield - Chair
Brian DeVriese • Bill Lattrell

Board of Assessors

The New Year started out with the Assessors processing abatements for Fiscal Year 2013. As spring came, our office began conducting inspections of building permits, demolitions and properties on the town's cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors of Massachusetts to visit every property in each town once every nine years.

In the spring, Valerie Kaempfer decided to retire from her position in the Assessors' Office after 9 years. We would like to thank Val for all her hard work in starting the process of bringing the office into the 21st century, as well as her fair and impartial judgment. Margo Newton ran unopposed to fill the vacancy left by Val and was elected to the position in the May. We welcome Margo back to the board after a 9 year hiatus. In August, Alice went to the UMass Assessors' School where she studied Specialty Courses including valuation of utilities for Personal Property and reviewing appraisals. Now that Alice is an Accredited Assessor for the state of Massachusetts, she is required to complete 45 hours of continuing education every 3 years to maintain her accreditation. Education is so important in the Assessing field as the laws under which we operate continually change and update. The Board of Assessors is the only elected board that is required within two years of taking office to successfully complete a 30 hour course and examination. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town's tax rate.
In Fiscal Year 2013, the office granted 3 abatements totaling $58,100 of value which translates into $1,164.33 of tax dollars. There were two appeals filed at the Appellate Tax Board (ATB) for Fiscal Year 2013; one case was dismissed at the request of the landowner and the other one is pending a decision from the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC). The SJC is the highest court in the state and most cases heard in this forum are precedent setting cases that determine how the Appellant and future assessments will be handled. As we inspect properties in town, our accuracy on the property record cards will improve as we track changes that have occurred since the last inspection. We encourage all residents to check the information on their property record cards periodically, especially after any building permit or demolition work has been completed.

With fall nearing, the office readied to set the Fiscal Year 2014 tax rate. This year was an interim adjustment which entailed less than a revaluation year and accordingly went somewhat better. By mid December, the Town of Heath was the 283rd town in the Commonwealth to set their tax rate. This was 31 positions sooner than in 2013, a small success.

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014 was $19.12/per $1,000.00 of valuation.
The Town of Heath's parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	%
Residential [894 parcels]	$83,427,500	92.1210
Commercial [81 parcels]	685,372	0.7568
Industrial [1 parcel]	144,200	0.1592
Personal Property [7 accounts]	6,305,885	6.9630
Total amount of 2014 Property Tax Levy	**$90,562,957**	**100.00%**

There are several property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from $175 to $500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult, we encourage the elderly to contact the office to see whether you may qualify. Any information that is provided to qualify for these exemptions is strictly confidential and is not available to the general public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans.

We want the general public to know that assessing is a very complicated field and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. With that said, our office is open to the public for any questions Mondays 9:00-3:00 p.m. and our board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the Assessor's office. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at 337-4934 Ext. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Wozniak - MAA and Administrative Assistant
Margo Newton - Chairman
Richard Gallup

Board of Health

The Heath Board of Health had a very busy year. We implemented a regulation for a uniform food inspection program. This will now help current and future board members to understand exactly what steps they need to follow before, during, and after a food establishment inspection.

The Heath Board of Health began issuing non-criminal disposition tickets to property owners that had failed to get Temporary Occupancy Permits in 2012. The Temporary Occupancy Permits are required in the Town of Heath and some owners had been ignoring the requests. This did help the board see an increase in the purchase of the Temporary Occupancy Permits.

The Heath Board of Health adopted a new regulation adopting an open perc season, for new construction. This now means that you can conduct a perc test at any time of the year, not just the months of April, May, and June. The board still has the policy that the land must be reviewed by the Conservation Commission prior to the perc test being done.

The Heath Board of Health adopted a Porta-Potty Policy. This requires residents to get a permit if they will have a porta-potty on their property for more than 2 weeks. The cost of this annual permit is $25.00.

The Heath Board of Health conducted a "Clean Sweep Day" at the transfer station. It was a success. It did have some bugs to it. One issue was the congestion at the transfer station. A few other issues had to do with communication between us and the Franklin County Waste District. All were learning experiences and will help us in the future. The Heath Board of Health will continue on the path of improvements.

Respecfully Submitted,
Rebecca Allen - Chair
John Doherty • Karen Brooks • Jenna Day • Charlie Cornish

Cemetery Commission

The Commission had a meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014. Eric Sumner was welcomed as the newest Commission member. He will be overseeing the South Cemetery. The "Cemetery Guild", a group of volunteers that has been repairing stones in the Center Cemetery, has offered to help Eric repair stones in the South Cemetery this coming summer. Eric will be looking for volunteers to learn from the members of the Guild. If you are interested in helping please notify Eric.

Claire Rabbitt and her family were able to get some stones repaired at the North Cemetery but more needs to be done and volunteers are also needed at this cemetery.

Rol Hessalbart has come to the Commission with a request that green burials be allowed in Heath Cemeteries. Rol and the Board of Health are helping to collect data about this subject. The Commission hopes to have an amendment to the Town Cemetery Rules and Regulations regarding green burials, as well as one on burial of cremains on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

The Commission has purchased lot markers for both the South and Center Cemeteries. They will be put in as weather and time permits. There will also be new lots marked off at the Center Cemetery this spring.

The Commission does not have a budget so items needed for the cemeteries are purchased through donations and sales of lots. Work at the cemeteries is mostly done by volunteer help. The mowing comes under the Highway Department. Mike Smith of the Highway Department has been generous in supplying help with equipment and materials. Donations and volunteer help is much appreciated.

Cemetery Commission
Claire Rabbitt - Chair
Jerry Gilbert - Secretery
Eric Sumner

Community Hall Committee

The use of the Community Hall continues to increase. Many committees have reserved weekly or monthly dates and it appears to be working very well. Private party use is up also. The weather did not cooperate for the Halloween tailgate party so it moved indoors to the Community Hall and it was a great success. As always we have the annual craft fairs and now the hall has been hosting "Dining with History" for the Historical Society.

There will be some work done on the heating system this coming year and work still needs to be done to make the building more energy efficient.

To rent the hall please contact Margo Newton at 339-8580 and go on the Town website www.townofheath.org for a Community Hall Use Form.

Margo Newton - Chair
Dolly Churchill • Diane Cerone • Don Dekker • Ruth Corey

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has been meeting on an as needed basis over the past year. In 2013 the ConCom reviewed 3 Requests for Determination of Applicability (RFD) of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or of the Town of Heath Wetlands Protection Bylaw and 1 Notice of Intent (NOI). A number of building and septic system permit applications were reviewed for the presence of wetland or other resource areas. Bill Lattrell continues to serve as a consultant to the Commission and does most of the permit reviews for the FCCIP building inspection sign-off requirement. The relatively new FCCIP online permitting system allows the Conservation Commission to access and sign off on permit online. The comments may also be posted on the permit application regarding the status of the ConCom review. This system has greatly reduced the turnaround time for signing off on permit applications. All other Town officials required to sign off are able to use the online system.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian De Vriese - Chair
Ellen Jenkins • Buck DenOuden • Bob Dane • Dennis Peters

Council on Aging Committee and Senior Center

Council on Aging (COA) Committee had some changes in 2013. Dorothy Sessions, who had served on the COA Committee since the start in 1992, resigned due to personal reasons. She will be greatly missed. Eileen Tougas stepped forward graciously to fill that position. For the very first time, the Town put a budget in place for the COA, and with the Elder Affairs Formula Grant, this made it possible for us to start having one “home cooked” meal on the third Thursday of the month at the Senior Center. For the past 16 years, we have been serving catered meals through Franklin County Home Care which left a lot to be desired. We always had a vision serving better meals without costing the seniors more. On the first Thursday of the month, seniors have a “bring your own lunch” with the Senior Center providing beverages. This event is also doing well. We are grateful for the Town and the Community for supporting our new meal program. Senior attendance at the new meal program has increased almost fifty percent.

We received the Formula Grant of $4,000 this year. Most of that money was allocated for the senior meal program. Also, we were able to give money to the Heath Free Public Library and the Town Nurse.

Council on Aging Committee
Val Kaempfer - Chair
Jane deLeeuw • Teresa Peters • Alli Thane-Stetson • Eileen Tougas

Cultural Council

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, provides communities with funds to support the arts. In Heath, the Heath Cultural Council then distributes our share of these funds to local artists and performers on the basis of their written proposals. With our allotment, we are committed to funding projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities. We feel that by ensuring that arts and culture continue to thrive in our community, we directly contribute to the quality of life for all residents.

During this year’s grant cycle we received 29 applications. We were able to fund a diverse array of 19 arts and cultural projects with our $4,250 allocation. Heath programs that received funding this year include the Heath Fair Music, WINK (Heath School‘s Literary Journal), the Heath Community Strings Program, Heath Herald, and Environmental Education with Tedd Watt at the Heath Elementary School. Additionally, the library received support toward its exceptional summer craft and literacy program. Other area programs we are supporting this year include: Colonial Arts Program, DRWA River Fest, Fiddle ‘n Factory Summer Celebration at Museum of Our Industrial Heritage, PVSO Classical Symphonic Educational Program, Pothole Pictures Film Series, Community Exhibits at the Art Garden, The Collected Poets Series, The Charlemont Forum: Democracy at Risk, Life In a Wheelchair, Disability Awareness Program, A Family Opera for Franklin County, Mohawk Trail Concerts, Inc. Storytelling in Music and Special Anniversaries, Hilltown Families, Inc. Learn Local/Play Local, and To Bee or Not to Bee presented by Piti Theatre Company.

The Council meets once or twice a year, and offers a place for creative collaboration and planning for Heath’s cultural future. Proposals are reviewed each fall and awards are issued. If you are interested in joining the Council, or in sharing your ideas and suggestions for the kinds of projects you would like to see funded, we are planning to circulate a Cultural Council Community Survey at the annual town meeting and at town hall. Your input is most welcome.

Those wishing more detail on both the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Heath Cultural Council are invited to log onto https://www.mass-culture.org . Select “LCC Members” and go to LCC Public Web Pages and click “Cities/Towns G-K”; then select Heath. There you will be able to see the latest news about the Heath Cultural Council and a full list of our grants.

Respectfully offered,
Kara Leistyna - Chair
Susan Draxler • Bob Gruen • Larry Sampson • Janis Steele • Lorena Loubsky

Emergency Management Director

Emergency "weather-wise" we got a break in 2013. Only one event caused a declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE) and that was snowstorm NEMO which dumped 18" of snow in February. This SOE came with a statewide driving ban. Thankfully for Heath the only disturbance from this storm was the closure of the Transfer station and the Library for the day.

A $2,200.00 EMPG grant which was applied for in mid December of 2012 and was received helped us purchase shelter supplies and some communication equipment to better serve us during an emergency. Because the state was behind one year in getting grants out and was catching up, a second EMPG grant was applied for and received in the amount of $ 1,790.00 in August of 2013.

The Regional Sheltering plan was finalized and approved in 2013.

Heath participated in the annual combined EDS Drill/Flu clinic on November 2, 2013. Over 100 residents from Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Rowe and Monroe took advantage of this opportunity.

I attended several regional and county EMD meetings which provide us updated information and the status of ongoing projects which benefit us in the long run.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Lively - Emergency Management Director

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues to work with the Selectboard to monitor the Town's finances with the goal of having tax dollars used as wisely as possible. In May of 2013 Jeff Simmons was elected to another three year term. Jeff is the FinCom's representative on the Municipal Complex Building Committee. Later in May the Finance Committee chose Don Freeman continue as chair and Ned Wolf as secretary.

The Finance Committee recommended the articles of the Warrant of the February 26 Special Town Meeting (STM). Article 3 was to transfer $8,050 from Fee Cash into the Highway Garage Doors Account to fund expanding the third garage bay door. At the 2013 Annual Town Meeting (ATM) voters had approved borrowing $16,000 for the expansion of 2 garage bay doors. The passage of Article 3 made it possible for all 3 bay doors to be expanded at the same time.

The Finance Committee recommended the articles of the Warrant of the May 11 STM. Since the winter was not as severe as some, 2 of the articles involved transferring money out of the Winter Salt, Sand, & Other Account. The Finance Committee worked with the Selectboard through the early months of 2013 to recommend a budget for the 2014 Fiscal Year that was approved by voters at the ATM on May 11, 2013. The Fiscal 2014 tax rate, which was certified at $19.12 in December, is four cents below our ATM estimate of $19.16. The $19.12 rate is $0.92, or 4.6% below the FY 2013 state-certified rate of $20.04. The average single-family property tax bill in FY 2014 is at $3,540 which is $168 under our corresponding estimate for FY 2013. The tax on a property assessed at $150,000 will be $2,868 (down $136); on a property assessed at $300,000, the tax will be $5,736 (down $276).

The Town's Free Cash is at $186,396, which includes FEMA money for road repairs following Irene; the Stabilization Fund is at $193,688. There was an unusual confluence of favorable factors that helped to bring down the tax rate. Since the Town paid off its mortgage on the Heath Elementary School, there was a reduction of $53,000. Having just 2 students attending the Franklin County Technical School meant a drop of $56,000 in the Town's assessment. The Town's Mohawk Trail Regional School District Assessment was down by $10,764. State aid for Heath was increased by $11,600. Finally, the assessed valuation of Heath properties increased by $1,114,388 from $87,644,392 to $88,758,780. A higher valuation means a lower tax rate assuming a constant budget.

The Finance Committee approved the use of $50,000 of Free Cash to lower the tax rate and the use of $80,000 of Free Cash to increase the Stabilization Fund.

The new spending in Article 3 was due to the following: $11,000 for tax taking, $7,000 for the difference between the salaries of the new Building Maintenance Coordinator and the no longer needed custodian, $2,000 for the increase in Workman's Compensation, $9,000 for the increase in police salaries due to more hours, $1,500 for an increase in the Stipend of the Animal Control Officer, $6,000 for calcium chloride for the Highway Department, $1,000 for the meals program of

Council on Aging, $5,000 for Veterans' Benefits, and $1,750 for signs for the Historic District. The $11,000 for tax taking is expected to come back to the Town.

As noted above the Finance Committee approved $6000 for calcium chloride to allow the Highway Department to control the dust on the Town's approximately 25 miles of dirt roads. The committee also approved the ATM article to transfer $12,000 from Free Cash for the repair of the 2001 John Deere grader. As in previous years the Finance Committee approved $7,000 for Roadside Mowing. An ATM Article that the Finance Committee did not approve was to transfer $19,500 from Free Cash for the purchase of a new roadside mower. The committee expressed its view that despite the difficulty of finding an outside person to mow the $7,000 could be used to avoid purchasing a new piece of equipment. Voters approved the purchase of the new mower

The Finance Committee recommended and the voters approved a 3% across-the-board raise for Town employees. As in previous years, our cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was based on the Social Security COLA. For FY 2014 it was 1.7%. The additional 1.3% was our way of putting Town wage scales on a par with the higher wages we had been seeing in surrounding towns.

The committee will look closely in FY 2015 at the results of feasibility studies on the effective use of current town buildings and the possible building of a Municipal Complex.

Of some concern at the close of 2013 are the maintenance needs of the Heath School, the maintenance needs of the Town's police vehicles, the impact of a possibly severe winter, the apparent need for improvements in the concrete pad and other features of the Transfer Station, the need to replace at least one of the smaller Highway Department vehicles, and an increase in the MTRSD assessment. We look forward to the uncertainties and challenges of FY 2015.

The Heath Finance Committee
Don Freeman - Chair
Ned Wolf - Secretary
Jeff Simmons • Gloria Fisher • Kathy Inman

Fire Department

Building Fires	4
Chimney Fires	4
Brush Fires	2
Pressure vessel over pressure	1
Rescue calls other than EMS	3
EMS calls	14
Vehicle accident with injuries	1
Vehicle accident no injuries	1
Persons trapped in an elevator	1
Power line down	1
False alarm	2
CO detector sounding	1
Unintentional alarm transmission	3

We want you!! Your local firefighters want you. We need people who are willing to sacrifice time with their families, miss some birthday parties, stand in the cold or heat for hours and drag or lift heavy objects!! Sounds like fun right? What's in it for you? Well I am glad you asked. Joining the fire department could be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. You become part of a family that is closer than any other. Brother and sister firefighters have a bond that is unmatched, having personal experience with the military and as a police officer the fire department trumps all. In addition to this amazing brotherhood, you also get the chance to help your fellow man when most turn away. Most people run away from burning buildings, firefighters run into them. There is no greater show of love for our fellow man than running onto a burning building for them or with them.

OK, my plea for help is done. So what has the fire department been up to all year? In addition to the calls listed above, we train. We train on topics from first aid to building construction. From reading smoke to getting through ice (water supply in January) Search and rescue, both in the wilderness and in a building and so many more things I can't list them all. Heath Firefighters do all the things that big city firefighters do, with the exception of high rises. One big difference is we do it as a second job.

The Firefighters Association purchased a used vehicle for a rescue truck to replace one that had failed. This new to us vehicle is a 1988 GMC that is four wheel drive and can hold 6 people.

We gained two new members in 2013, Joseph Rowland and Jack Gougeon. Joe started as a junior firefighter but has since turned 18 so is not a permanent firefighter. Jack comes to us from the Chesterfield Fire Dept. where he was a Captain so we gained a well trained firefighter with his addition. We welcome and thank both of them.

We also said good bye to two firefighters in 2013, Kathy Inman and Kim Gangwisch-Marsh. Both will be missed.

As always I would like to thank all the firefighters and EMT's for their commitment to protecting this town. I also want to thank the families, each wife, husband, son and daughter who had had to wait at home while their loved ones are off doing battle with the beast. Your support is priceless and often overlooked. From the bottom of my heart I thank each family of our responders.

Respectfully,
Chief Michael D. Smith

FDNY 9-11-01
Forever remember the fallen.

Heath Free Public Library

Two items with local history significance were donated to the library in 2013. A framed photographic print of an engraved portrait of Major General William Heath is prominently displayed on a wall in the library. The Town of Heath was named for him in 1785. The print was a gift from Dr. Michael Coe and the Heath Historical Society.

The library also received a donation of three hardcover bound editions of the Heath Herald. The books include Volumes 16-20 (1994-1999), Volumes 21-25 (1999-2004), and Volumes 26-30 (2004-2009.) These books are an important addition to our collection of local history and will be kept in our Reference section for use in the library. The library also owns three books containing earlier volumes of the Heath Herald: Volumes 1-5 (1979-1984), Volumes 6-10 (1984-1989), and Volumes 11-15 (1989-1994.) The three new volumes were donated by recently retired staff members of the Heath Herald.

"Dig Into Reading" was the theme of the 2013 summer reading program. Twenty-one children turned in summer reading logs and were given a $10 gift certificate to World Eye Bookshop and entered into the raffle for t-shirts and other prizes. Fifteen children participated in the four craft programs led by Lyra Johnson-Fuller at the Heath Fairgrounds. They added new accessories to last year's giant Mother Nature puppet to prepare her for this year's parade. The Friends of the Library and the Heath Cultural Council provided program funding. The theme for the summer of 2014 is science and the children's program slogan is "Fizz, Boom, Read!"

Preschool Story Hour meets two times per month from September through early June. Lyra Johnson-Fuller reads and works on craft projects with them. The Easter Egg Hunt is held on the Town Common (weather willing) every year on a Friday before Easter. The Friends of the Library funded the preschool story hour this year.

We cleared the library reading table last March for four nights of Scrabble - "March Mudness." It was lightly attended, but fun (and competitive.) We're hoping to provide more adult programs this year. Please come talk to Don or Lyra and tell us your ideas!

A new outdoor Book Return was purchased by the Friends in October and installed by Tim Lively in the same location as the old one. People who have used it comment on how much easier it is to use now that the return opening is well above the handrail that hampered access on the old return box. This box is also more rain and snow resistant, and being constructed of aluminum it will not rust.

Library hours are Mondays from 3 PM to 7 PM, Wednesdays from Noon to 7 PM, and Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Please stop in to visit and browse our collection of books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines. If we don't have what you are looking for we can usually borrow a copy from another library and have it here for you within two weeks, often sooner. We welcome suggestions for new materials or comments about your library. The online library catalog, information about current library events, and links to online resources may be found at our website: www.heathlibrary.org.

The library has a desktop computer, two laptop computers and a printer available for use by patrons. People may also bring their own laptops, tablets, or smartphones and use the wireless Internet access signal provided by the town from an antennae in Sawyer Hall. We are looking forward to having faster Internet connection speeds when the new fiber optic network becomes operational at the library and Town Hall in 2014.

Material circulation figures: FY 2013 – 18,198, FY2012 – 18,396, FY2011 – 18,804. Inter-library loans received from other libraries: FY2013 – 3589, FY2012 – 3543, FY2011 – 2,801. Inter-library loans provided to other libraries: FY2013 – 2875, FY2012 – 3475, FY2011 – 3,548. Patron visits averaged 107 per week. Seventeen children's programs and four adult programs were held.

I thank the Board of Library Trustees, library assistant Lyra Johnson-Fuller, the Friends of the Heath Free Public Library for their help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Purington - Library Director

Board of Library Trustees:	Term Expires:
Janis Carr, Treasurer	2016
Deborah Porter, Chair	2015
Kate Bailey, Secretary	2014

Highway Department Report

The 2013 construction season was seriously hampered by a lack of Chapter 90 funding. Although towns were promised the funding due to problems between the house and senate and then disagreements with the Governor funding was held up until late into the season. Because of this Heath like many towns did not have the opportunity to do any large scale construction.
What we did end up doing was our routine maintenance and also a substantial amount of what we call "shimming" Shimming is the process of laying black top on roads where rutting or other defects are present. It is by no mean a permanent fix but it does provide a temporary solution and better ride. It also allows for better snow removal.

In the fall of 2013 the Town applied for a STRAP (small town road assistance project) grant. This was going to be used to continue the cold in place recycling along route 8A. We were notified in late December that the grant was denied. This will most likely mean that the project will be on hold but the final decision on the 2014 construction has not been made as of the writing of this report.

If you are wondering why Chapter 90 and grants are so important, the reason is simple. Heat has not been able to afford paying for its own road reconstruction, or at least not since I have been Highway Superintendent. The account that would pay for this type of work is funded at only $16,000 per year. In order to pave one mile of roadway we would need a minimum of $150,000. Historically that all comes from Chapter 90.

The 2014 season will be starting just about the time of Town meeting and will be funded by Chapter 90 money. This year I hope to use a process called hot in place recycling on roads that have not been decided yet. If all goes well the money could pay for up to 2 miles of road work. Given we have a 27 mile network of paved roads it is a drop in the bucket but drips and drops are all the state has funded for us.

Whatever is worked on know that the highway staff are dedicated to providing the best possible roadway with all the available resources that we have.

Respectfully,
Michael Smith - Highway Superintendent.

Historical Commission

With a pared down membership (Kara Leistyna joining us to ensure our continuance), we will be seeking new membership in the forthcoming year.

This past year saw the successful installation of the Heath Historic District signs, thanks to Bill Lattrell who helped identify locations, and Mike Smith and his highway crew who installed them just in time for the Heath Fair.

Our major work this year saw the preparation of applications to include 55 and 59 South Road and the Fairgrounds into the Heath Historic District. With confirmation from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) that the three properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, we are now working on providing the further information the MHC requested, including adding the Property adjacent to the Center Cemetery and Fairgrounds now owned by Peter Simpson and Thúy Lê.

One of the major tasks of the Commission is to help owners search their title deeds to record the history of buildings in Heath. To this end, two of us visited the Registry of Deeds in Greenfield to learn the procedures for searching.

In the Fall, Margaret Freeman represented the Commission at a Heath School meeting to discuss ways to involve the community more closely in interacting with school activities. To that end, we proposed, among other possibilities, that the school might develop a program with us to document and record the history of the nine schoolhouses in Heath and stories of those Heathans who attended them. We look forward to further discussions with the school on this project.
We still need to sort through our archival materials and make them accessible to the Heath community. We also plan to develop orientation materials for new members that will help provide continuity in our work and ease the transition into Commission work.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Freeman - Chair
Kara Leistyna • Christine Luis-Schultz

Municipal Building Complex Committee

The MBCC was reinstated in February. Special town meeting had appropriated funding for a feasibility study.

The committee's focus for 2013 involved the implementation of a RFQ (Request for Quote) and a RFP (Request for Proposal). This will allow us to hire a company to do an extensive feasibility study of two town owned sites for the building of a new municipal complex; the two parcels being the Bray Rd. site and the current town buildings site on Branch Hill Rd.

Once that process is complete, the committee will decide if any of those sites are suitable for our needs. We anticipate this process will be completed and ready for presentation at next year's Town Meeting.

To this end the committee approved the hiring of Andrea Woods of FRCOG to professionally create the RFQ/RFP and put it out to bid.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bourke - Chair
Bob Viarengo - Secretary
Jeff Simmons • Ken Gilbert • Mike Smith, Ex officio • Brian DeVriese, Ex officio

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Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation met this year to assess the potential of the Center Playground. We reviewed the town map to determine the property lines. We did a preliminary walk of the site with Bill Lattrell to determine any wetland issues. Some ideas are to thin out small trees and brush next to the basketball court, clear out brush behind basketball court to use as a playing field, refurbish and modernize the existing playground equipment, add a sandbox, and move the dedication plaque to a more assessable location.

Unfortunately, one of our members resigned, leaving only two, which does not allow for a quorum. We are looking for people to join the committee, parents with playground age children are especially welcome. Hopefully we will institute some of these ideas next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bourke - Chair
Robin Jenkins - Secretary

Planning Board

This year the Planning Board finalized the Industrial Solar, Industrial Wind and Wireless Internet Bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin Carr - Chair
Douglas Mason - Secretary
Bob Viarengo • Bill Gran • Jo Travis

Police Department

Total calls that required a Heath Police Officer to respond or take some type of action were 95. While these numbers are from our dispatch, it does not include the calls to my home or the calls taken by the State Police.

Abandoned 911 call ... 4	Domestic ... 2	Officer Wanted ... 7
911 call ... 7	Fireworks ... 1	Rolling 9 ... 1
911 hang up ... 2	Investigation ... 4	Safety Hazard ... 2
911 misdial ... 2	Lockout ... 1	Shots Fired ... 2
Alarms ... 8	Medical Emergency ... 1	Suspicious Activity ... 1
Animal complaints ... 4	Missing Person ... 1	Traffic Hazard ... 1
Breaking and enter ... 1	MV Accident ... 8	Trespass ... 2
Check welfare ... 3	MV Complaint ... 1	Vandalism ... 1
Disturbance ... 2	Motor Vehicle stops ... 19	Serve Warrant ... 1
Disabled MV ... 1	MV Violations ... 3	Serve Summons ... 10

As always the Police Department appreciates the calls from concerned citizens. We have a town wide neighborhood watch. This is very helpful to the department and helps with the security of our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Margo Newton

Heath Telecom

August of 2013 will be the WiredWest Cooperative's second anniversary. During the last year, WiredWest activities included the following:

- Maintenance of a map database of utility poles, roads and structures
- High level network design and cost estimates
- Refinement of financial modeling and financing strategy development
- Economic impact study
- Development of printed materials
- Maintenance of a marketing and communications platforms
- Support Card campaign to document demand in each town
- Created an Internet Service Provider (ISP) business to serve customers with high-end bandwidth needs from the Mass. Broadband Institute's (MBI) middle-mile network
- Using a DLTA grant, developed contracts for use in ISP business
- Revised bylaws and developed privacy and confidentiality policies.
- Maintained regular contact with state and federal legislators and MBI

Most of these tasks were undertaken to position WiredWest to seek financing for its planned fiber-to-the-premises network.

The economic impact study confirmed the substantial benefit of the proposed WiredWest network to the region. This network could retain up to $75 million per year in telecommunications services revenues, including $50 million in revenues for service that is currently paid to service providers and leaves the area each year. The network also has the potential to enable the growth of existing and new businesses, and create local jobs–from the network itself, from expanded business \hiring, and from increased household spending. It will increase the revenue of local businesses, and create an estimated additional $1.8 million in tax revenues for local and state governments. This information strengthens our case with policy makers and potential funding sources.

In March of 2013, there was good news relating to financing a last mile network in underserved towns. The Governor filed a state IT bond bill that includes $40 million to go towards last mile broadband infrastructure. The bill is currently working its way through the legislature. If successful, The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) will oversee the administration of those funds, and in anticipation of that, they are working on a detailed plan for the project, including a build-out timeline. MBI and WiredWest have met to discuss how each organization's strengths could be leveraged in a last-mile network partnership, including raising the additional funds needed to complete a regional fiber network in western Massachusetts towns un-served or underserved by broadband.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Canali - Manager of Heath Telecom

Town Nurse

Home visits decreased this year to an average of 6 per month. Several people come to the office each month for their B12 injections, some come regularly for blood pressure checks, some to drop off sharps boxes, and one person comes monthly for INR check. Occasionally I have done a dressing change. There were 3 reportable disease reports done through the MAVEN system.

So far I have given 64 doses of flu vaccine this season, which is the same as last year. Reimbursement from Medicare for vaccine administration has begun to come in. I also enrolled in the Commonwealth Medicine at UMASS Medical School program for reimbursement from insurances. It takes longer for those to come in, because the insurance companies have to approve the claim. I hope to use some funds from the reimbursements to buy a new thermometer for the vaccine refrigerator, as the vaccine program requirements have changed for the type of thermometer.

Last fall I attended MRC, (Medical Reserve Corps) and CERT, (Community Emergency Response Team) training so I will be better able to assist in the event of a disaster.

The Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise class continues on Tuesdays from 11-12 and now on Thursdays from 10-11, with Eileen Lively as my co-leader. It is a free, Federally funded program to help prevent falls and fractures in the elderly and is open to anyone 55 and over.

My office hours at the Community Hall are Tuesdays 12-1 and Thursdays 11-1. I I am usually there beyond those hours, but call if you need to see me at a different time — 337-4847, office or 337-8309, home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Rabbitt, RN

Heath Veterans Memorial Committee

Since the 2012 Annual Report the Committee held seven public meetings and its membership was re-constituted in July as seen below. Its primary work has been the collection of the names of veterans who entered military service from Heath. The present stone Memorial on the Town Green has the names of veterans from the First and Second World Wars and there are plaques in the Community Hall with names on them from the Korean and Vietnam Wars, as has been determined by the Committee. Additional conflicts since Vietnam in which Heath veterans have served are Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. We also asked ourselves "how about those who served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War?" We decided they should be included in our studies and from local historical sources we found a wealth of information. The Heath Sesquicentennial (1785-1935) contained an article entitled "A Tribute to the Soldiers of The Revolution From the Town of Heath" by Colonel Newland Farnsworth Smith and there was more about those soldiers in Edward Calver's "A History and Guidebook of Heath". Then we found early maps in the Heath Historical Society of Charlemont Hill/South Heath with the names and location of residents who served in the Revolutionary War, data that probably was a source of much that was printed in the books. To complement that information Hilma Sumner provided us with Cemetery grave lists of those who served in the War of 1812 and the Civil War as well as other names we did not have. We also obtained more current information from the Veteran's Administration through Dennis Peters and, very importantly, from the many residents of Heath that we called upon. We appreciate their enthusiastic support of this endeavor. At this time we have a total of 191 names about half of which are from pre-World War I conflicts.

During the Heath Fair of August 2013 Bob Bourke and Kara Leistyna constructed a Bread Board with all the names we knew at the time and placed it by the First Aid Station. It was quite a job to prepare that information and we appreciate their doing it. Attendees of the Fair were asked to add names and make comments and corrections to names on the Board. The Committee also met with the Board of Selectmen on December 19, 2013 to request a Heath Veterans Memorial Fund be established and to change the name of the Committee to Heath Veterans Memorial Committee from Heath War Memorial Committee so that all veterans would be recognized. The reason for the name change was to recognize veterans who served, but not necessarily at the time of an actual conflict. As most veterans know, circumstances can change in an instant from non-combatant status to a combat situation. Both requests were honored and we now have $10 in the Fund won at the Fair by a veterans float! Out of courtesy and interest we have also collected the names of current veterans living in Heath, but entered the service from other communities.

We have discussed many times what type of memorial should be established on the Town Green and have viewed a variety of memorials in other towns, but we are not quite ready to make proposal(s). When we are, we plan to ask for input from the Board of Selectmen and townspeople as to their appropriateness.

Dave Howland and Bob Bourke - Co-Chairs
Jerry Gilbert - Secretary
Dennis Peters - Veterans Grave Officer and Representative
Peter Smith

Principal Reports
Heath Elementary School

In June of 2014 the Heath School will have completed its 16th year. Our enrollment is currently at 62 students which includes preschool through Grade 6.

We are pleased to announce that the following students graduated from the Heath School on June 15, 2013: Bryan Allen, Alouette Batteau, Nathaniel Boyd-Owens, Jennifer Boyle, Isadora Brenzier, Timothy Burnes, Charles Dean, Kirsten Griswold, Geannie Heil, Adam Loubsky-Lonergan, Maxwell Schnorr, Macalistair Sloan-Anderson, Elias Smith, and Taylor Williams.

I am currently in my third year as the principal of Heath School. The classroom assignments for the 2013-2014 school year are as follows: Preschool/Kindergarten Sarah Forbes, First/Second Virginia Gary, Third/Fourth William Burgess, Fifth/Sixth Jamie Jackman, Title I Math/Reading Marilyn O'Brien and Sue Guy-Greene, and Special Education Valerie Lively.

We have six paraprofessionals who provide additional support in the classrooms and resource room. We have a part-time secretary, custodian, nurse and cafeteria manager. We enjoy a part-time library manager who works with small groups or entire classes two days a week. The Heath Elementary School is fortunate to have many, many parent and community volunteers. These dedicated parents and community members make it possible for Heath School to be able to accomplish many of the enrichment programs that we offer here: a violin program, after school enrichments, and ski club just to name a few.

The staff at Heath School believes in providing our students with a well rounded education. For the past two school years, we have been fortunate enough to receive a $5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The grant has allowed us to partner with the Hitchcock Center and to bring naturalist Ted Watt to our school. Ted is an amazing teacher and we are fortunate to have him working with our students.

Our spring MCAS scores displayed student growth in the areas of mathematics and English language. However, there is still a lot of work to be done. Our school's Local Educational Council, which is comprised of two parents, two teachers, one community representative and me, approved a school improvement plan that focused on the following areas: Effective Instruction, Tiered Instruction and Adequate Learning Time, Student Assessment, and Family/School Engagement. Our teachers and staff have been engaged in a variety of professional development this year. The staff is adapting to a new educator evaluation system. The system was implemented by the State last fall. Staff created SMART goals, wrote educator plans with specific benchmarks, and were evaluated regularly.

I would also like to thank the Mary Lyon Foundation for graciously providing families in Heath with nearly $2,000 worth of winter jackets, ski-pants, boots, hats and

I would also like to thank the Mary Lyon Foundation for graciously providing families in Heath with nearly $2,000 worth of winter jackets, ski-pants, boots, hats and gloves. We identified 20 families in our community that could benefit from this generosity and the Mary Lyon Foundation came through! Thank you!!

The staff at Heath School encourages students to participate in extra-curricular activities, to respect themselves and others, appreciate their school community as well as the larger community, and most importantly to enjoy learning! Once again, I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members for all of their hard work and dedication to making this a great school! I look forward to 2014 and all that it holds for our school.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Glazier - Principal

Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Collaboration, initiative, and innovation have been major themes at Mohawk in 2013. This year our school system adopted a calendar that increased opportunities for educators to work together; students were released early on many Wednesday afternoons for a Professional Learning schedule that permitted staff time to work together for professional development, curriculum writing, and collaboration. This is the second year that Mohawk has participated in a state-wide Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative and our faculty are working together in new ways to support student learning and their own professional growth. With the introduction of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) period into the high school schedule this year, students can meet with teachers to receive additional support or pursue enrichment opportunities during the school day.

The arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities enrich students' learning experiences. This year Mohawk staff and students produced "The Hobbit" in March, a medley of short plays in June, and Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in December. Our music program is dynamic, with the introduction of Strings Ensemble, Rock Band, and Percussion Lab courses in addition to the core vocal and instrumental courses. The Mohawk Music Association generously supports our music programming.

Mohawk student-athletes had a strong year with increasing levels of student participation. Nearly half of our student body, 246 student-athletes, participated in our fall 2013 athletic program. Through their involvement with Varsity M, our student-athletes volunteer in the elementary schools to read to younger students and serve as role models. The Mohawk Athletic Association generously supports our athletic program through their fundraising initiatives, including this year's Doug Turner Memorial Walkathon which raised over $13,000.

Students are demonstrating initiative and leadership to make improvements for their school. Over the past two years Mohawk has established a composting program, introduced hydration station water dispensers for filling water bottles, and

number of events within the school and the community to improve communication and strengthen the sense of community.

At the midpoint of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 501. There are 89 students in the seventh grade and 89 students in the the eighth grade. There are 67 students in the ninth grade, 82 in the tenth grade, 90 students in the junior class, and 79 students in the senior class. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole - Principal

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Hawlemont Regional School District

The educational improvement planning of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District is aligned to the District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This report highlights progress made by Mohawk and Hawlemont during 2013 toward achieving these performance standards.

Standard 1: Leadership, Governance, and Communication. Mohawk and Hawlemont are developing and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at both the district and school levels. PLCs are collaborative structures used to distribute leadership and cultivate high performing school districts.

Professional Learning Communities: The districts continued their PLC initiatives. Administrative Council developed and implemented a PLC-based structure to facilitate its weekly meetings. This structure has been used to facilitate professional development in fundamental educational matters, such as educator evaluation. In their second year of implementation, Mohawk Middle-High School, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary (BSE), and Sanderson Academy made significant progress toward institutionalizing a culture of PLCs. BSE made the very important step of transitioning from administrator-led PLCs to teacher-led PLCs. Colrain Central School, Heath Elementary, and Hawlemont launched PLC initiatives.

Standard 2: Curriculum and Instruction. Mohawk and Hawlemont are re-writing their curriculums to align with the revised Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The districts are using a common web-based platform to promote collaboration, vertical alignment and continuous improvement. The curriculum is being written according to the Understanding by Design (UbD) model, which focuses on teaching for understanding.

Curriculum: For the elementary schools, the districts purchased Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions, which will be used in grades K-5. Sixth grade teachers wrote three science units, thus completing the new Earth Science-based 6th grade curriculum. The teachers worked in coordination with seventh and eighth grade science teachers to create a meaningful and inclusive scope and sequence. For

the middle and high school, the District purchased an Algebra 1 program. The middle and high school teachers received guidelines, structured Professional Learning time, and individualized support to continue writing UbD curriculum units.

Instruction: The districts created a crosswalk document linking the new Educator Evaluation Rubric with the Characteristics for Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Continuum of Practice adopted by the MA DESE. This crosswalk provided educators with examples of evidence and observable practices of proficient teaching.

Standard 3: Assessment. Mohawk and Hawlemont are using student assessment results, local benchmarks, and other pertinent data to improve student achievement and inform all aspects of educational decision-making.

Collecting Assessment Data: Mohawk and Hawlemont established three assessment windows during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Assessments for English Language Arts include the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Benchmark Assessment System. Math assessments include the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction: In all of the districts' elementary schools, data team meetings were instituted to facilitate the use of student assessment data to inform instruction. The elementary teachers focused on DIBELS, Benchmark Assessments, and NWEA MAP data. The PK-6 Curriculum Director worked with the elementary principals after the fall data collection period to deliver professional development helping the teachers to analyze student data and form intervention groupings. At the middle and high school, the teachers focused on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) data and NWEA MAP data. PLCs were used to conduct data-based inquiry.

Standard 4: Human Resources and Professional Development. The Mohawk School Committee and the Mohawk Educator Association reached agreement on the new educator evaluation system required by MA DESE. Similarly, the Hawlemont School Committee and the Hawlemont Teachers' Association reached agreement. Both districts began implementing the new evaluation system with fidelity.

New Educator Evaluation System: Administrative Council completed administrator training for the new evaluation system and took responsibility for training all staff. Central Office purchased a software application designed to facilitate the new system electronically. Principals met with all educators to assist in self-assessment and setting goals. Educators submitted self-assessment and proposed goals. Principals met with educators to establish educator plans. Principals completed most of the educator plans and first observation of each educator. Educators have submitted some evidence supporting their performance.

Standard 5: Student Support. The districts' new Professional Learning Days structure is designed to increase educator effectiveness and thus support students. All administrators are focused on scheduling as a way to improve student learning.

Mohawk and Hawlemont recognize that teacher support is essential to student support. With this connection in mind, the districts introduced Professional Learning

Days (PLDs). PLDs replaced traditional half days and focused on educator training. Within the Mohawk Middle-High School, an Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) short block was negotiated by a Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) and implemented. The ELO structure introduced a time frame within the school day to provide academic support to all students, including at-risk students. Some elementary schools created after-school enrichment on Wednesday early release days. Additionally, Mohawk introduced summer enrichment camps.

Standard 6: Financial and Asset Management. Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to struggle with financial sustainability. Both School Committees have charged Administration with the responsibility of proposing and operating affordable budgets that support quality education.

Chinese Tuition-Paying Students: Mohawk worked with the Department of Homeland Security to become eligible to receive international tuition-paying students. The District researched various models to develop an international program and selected a sister school model. Mohawk contracted with an intercultural consulting firm. The high school principal traveled to China with this firm and procured two sister school agreements. School Committee authorized the District to move forward with a summer program in 2014 and preparing to receive 1-2 Chinese students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Hawlemont Agricultural Program. Hawlemont applied for a $325K Community Innovation Challenge grant. The purpose of the grant is to reconstitute and rejuvenate Hawlemont by providing an innovative elementary education through hands-on, experiential learning that combines agriculture and community involvement with traditional curriculum. A financial goal of this initiative is to increase choice-in revenues and reduce choice-out expenses, which would support the district's financial sustainability.

In 2013, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts made substantial progress toward meeting and exceeding the MA DESE District Standards and Indicators. These performance standards were set higher than ever. Indeed, the more rigorous MA Curriculum Frameworks and the new educator evaluation system reflect how extraordinary times have become within public education. After having served the Mohawk and Hawlemont school districts for nine years, I am extremely optimistic about the future of our children's education within this increasingly demanding environment. There is a remarkable resilience that characterizes our communities, our educators, and our students. Mohawk and Hawlemont are ready for today's challenges and tomorrow's. On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your steadfast support of our children's education. Because of you, the future remains very bright for our students!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti - Superintendent of Schools

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 Source-to-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
School Committee Chairman

Mr. James M. Laverty
Superintendent-Director

Special Education and Pupil Services

A three-step process determines eligibility for Special Education services. Initially, the student has to have a specific, identified disability. The student then needs to fail to make effective progress in appropriate curriculum after general education interventions have been delivered. Lastly, the student must demonstrate the need for specialized instruction or related services to access the curriculum. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, assistive technology and counseling are provided in each of the three districts. The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has made a commitment over the last year to implement tiered instruction. Tiered instruction is a regular education service provided to all students. Teachers and staff collect and utilize data to determine intervention groups. Intervention groups are often short term and target a specific identified area of concern. Student data is tracked to determine the effectiveness of the intervention. Historically in order for students to access support they were required to be identified for special education. The Professional Learning Days have enabled teachers and staff to meet on a regular basis to analyze data and determine groupings.

The number of students receiving special education has fluctuated minimally. While the student population in our districts is on a downward decline, many factors influence special education. Our districts have a high rate of mobility for both foster children and families who struggle with housing. In addition, for the small districts one or two students can impact the percentages.

Data collected from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates the following:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
MTRSD	19.5%	20.1%	20.6%	19.7%
Hawlemont	26%	24%	26%	27%
Rowe	10%	16%	14%	17%

Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts participated in the CPR (Coordinated Program Review). CPR includes staff and teacher interviews and record reviews. Both districts received no corrective action for student related services. They were cited for excluding newly required language in their school handbooks. The changes were made in the school year 2012-2013 handbooks. In addition, all districts are required to support a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Please contact Leann Loomis if you are interested in participating. Mohawk Trail Regional School District will begin their CPR in March of 2014.

Leann Loomis - Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 75 applications, 38 were from seniors and 37 from previous graduates of Mohawk. $30,900.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. 28 scholarships totaling $10,100.00 were awarded to seniors (74% of applicants). 30 scholarships totaling $20,800.00 were given to graduates (81% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 – 2013 a total of $810,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received $250,575.00 and $559,550.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships, which has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company, was used again this year.

The application has been revised and is now available on line to the graduates. Seniors can pick their applications up at Mohawk.

Co-chairs of the Committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Other members of the Committee are Paula Consolo (member at large from Buckland), Jonathon Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. Susan Crawford (from Hawley) has been appointed to serve as the liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Jim Pilgrim. Jim was a very valuable person on our Committee and will be dearly missed by one and all... Our condolences to Jim's Family.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E Scott - Secretary

Mary Lyon Foundation

Innovative Support for Local Education

This was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. The annual Community Spelling Bee raised approximately $7,000 for the Mini-Grant program with a portion earmarked for the Harper and Paulyne Gerry Student Assistance Fund. A large gong acquired for the spelling bee was donated to the music department. This fall we funded 26 school-based mini-grants and during the year purchased various items for the schools including a reading desk and sleds for recess at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

At our annual Spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, school committee chairperson Bob Aeschback and superintendent Michael Buoniconti welcomed assembled guests and awards were presented as follows: Spirit of Adventure Award given to Michael McCusker, Career Award presented to Ruth Black of Mohawk Trail Concerts, Business Award given to The Optician, and the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Elizabeth McGowan '79, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner. The Heath strings program provided music and a scene from the Hobbit was presented by Mohawk students led by Jonathan Diamond. The 23rd annual special education conference was once again held for 2 days in March at Deerfield Academy. In attendance were 710 educators from 31 school districts across western Massachusetts who registered for 50 concurrent workshops and listened to 2 keynote speakers.

We have two new scholarships, an art scholarship in honor of beloved K-12 itinerant art teacher Jack Shea and a scholarship sponsored by the Arms Academy class of 1963. For the first time the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in Valley Gives, an online charitable giving event, and we raised $2,795 in one day. We are very appreciative of grants and matching gifts from the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, The Recorder, Peoples United Community Foundation, Brookfield Community Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb.

As winter approached we purchased about $3,000 worth of warm winter clothing for local elementary school children, and the Mary Lyon Foundation was offered participation in Warm the Children. We continue to provide grocery certificates for food at Keystone Market for families in need, especially during school vacations.

For the past 23 years the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education in the schools and in our 9 West County communities. Board members are past president Marion Taylor, president Stefan Kostka, vice president Hugh Knox, corresponding secretary Sharon Hudson, recording secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze, treasurer Karen Fairbrother, Amy Love and Beth Bandy. Gina Sieber is the business manager and we are proud to have approximately 60 volunteers, especially Sandy Gilbert of Heath. Our volunteers are from all corners of Franklin County and help sponsor events. We thank the community for such ongoing and enthusiastic support of our programs and services.

Susan Samoriski, Ed.D. - Executive Director

REGIONAL REPORTS

Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all of the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County. Our services include housing education; development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; programs for homeless families; homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and services; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

Housing Consumer Education Center
HRA is part of a statewide network of nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers that provide information, education, counseling, and referrals to individuals, families, organizations and businesses with housing-related questions or problems. HCEC staff work closely with social and human services providers to coordinate assistance to individuals and families in need, and conduct outreach to local banks, schools and utilities to provide information on housing-related resources.

HCEC staff served more than 3,000 clients in Franklin County in FY 2013.
Types of clients included:

Tenants	57%
Homeowners	28%
Homeless households	7%
Other agencies and client advocates	4%
Homebuyers	3%
Landlords	1%
Other	1%

HCEC offers educational programs on housing-related topics and financial literacy. This year's workshops included:

- First-time homebuyer series serving 90 participants
- Outreach to regional lenders providing information on housing-related programs and services.
- Two educational workshops for landlords on Fair Housing laws and tenant selection, in cooperation with the HRA Leased Housing Department, Greenfield Housing Authority and HAP Housing.
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership-sponsored Homesafe Post-Purchase Workshop, which served 14 first-time homebuyers.

Rental Assistance · Housing Development · Housing Management
Community Development · Municipal Assistance · Rehab Financing
Home Ownership · Public Infrastructure · Equal Housing Opportunity

For the complete Housing & Redevelopment Authority Report and activity in the Heath Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund account in 2013 visit our website at www.townofheath.org

Franklin County Solid Waste Management 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

Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspection Program

The town of Heath receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a thirty-eight 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.

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.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 6,858 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 2,346 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

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

Residential Building Permits	40
Commercial Building Permits	1
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0
Electrical Permits	17
Plumbing Permits	10
Gas Permits	17
Certificates of Inspection	3

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 building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

James D. Hawkins - Building Commissioner, jhawkins@frcog.org
James Cerone - Building Inspector, jcerone@frcog.org
Tom McDonald - Electrical Inspector, electric@frcog.org
Andy French - Plumbing/Gas Inspector, plumbing@frcog.org

Franklin Regional Retirement System

For the Franklin Regional Retirement System Report visit our website at www.townofheath.org

Fred Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 2013/2014 are $209,365.00 (which included unused scholarship money from 2011/2012 that was allocated to the scholarship fund).

Education: The Trustees received 262 applications and approved 258 students to receive $181,300.00. This amount includes the two $1,000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive shorlarship aid.

Health: Four programs were approved totaling $17,600.00

Community Action-WIC Program	$6,000.00
Community Health Care Center	$2,240.00
NELCWIT	$3.360.00
Hospice of Franklin County	$6,000.00

Agriculture: An amount of $10,465.00 was allowed by the Trustees for payment

Franklin County Agricultural Society	$6,415.00
Heath Agricultural Fair	$2,836.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	$1,214.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Grinnell

Department of Veteran's Services

If you are a Veteran not currently enrolled in the VA healthcare, you are invited to contact their main eligibility office and 413-582-3091. Further information can be found at www.va.gov/healtheligibility

Greenfield Based outpatient Clinic, 143 Munson St. 413-773-8428

Many Veterans have been call looking for the VA Web Sites. Here are a few.

Educational Benefits	www.gibill.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty	www.homeloans.va.gov
Federal Jobs	www.usajobs.opm.gov
Returning Veterans	www.seamlesstranstion.va.gov
VA Home Page	www.va.gov
Government Jobs	www.usajobs.gov/opm

HOME OF THE BRAVE: Mass Housing's Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, no-down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts. To apply for a Home of the Brave loan, contact a participating lender. For a complete list of Home for the Brave lenders, visit: www.masshousing.com/veteran. You can call Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency at 888-672-7562.

Sincerely,
Leo J. Parent, Jr. - Director
1-413-863-3205

Cooperative Public Health Service Activities in Heath

Heath is a member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). CPHS activities for the town during 2013 included:

- The Health Agent conducted 14 Title-5 (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, final inspections or re-inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.

- The Health Agent assisted with 21 retail and temporary food (Heath Fair) inspections or re-inspections and continued to assist Heath residents with compliance with the Food Code.

- CPHS grant funds paid for 2 Board of Health members to attend the Mass Association of Health Boards BOH Certification training.

- The Health Agent conducted 8 housing inspections or re-inspections; posted 1 property with an Order of Condemnation.

- The Health Agent represented the Board of Health in one formal mediation process in order to avoid filing a Housing Court case for enforcement of Title-5 non-compliance.

- Health district grant funding paid for Lyme disease prevention materials for Heath, including a bus sign on the West County FRTA bus, local newspaper ads, tick identification cards and the posting of 8 trail signs in town. More trail signs are available to interested landowners.

- The Health Agent provided technical assistance to the Board of Health in order to update their fee schedule, and continued work on drafting local septic regulations, private well regulations, and regulations for the hiring of outside consultants for consideration by the Board.

- The Health Agent responded to requests for program and regulatory information from the Board of Health or Town and attended 14 regular Board of Health meetings or hearings.

- The CPHS provided back-up communicable disease monitoring while Heath's Town Nurse was on vacation.

- The Health Agent worked with the Board of Health to adopt a formal written Uniform Food Inspection Policy in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

- The CPHS Public Health Nurse assisted town officials who planned and implemented the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Flu Clinic, at which 82 area residents were vaccinated for flu, pneumonia and tetanus/diphtheria with the help of community volunteers and GCC Nursing students.

Heath's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board are Rebecca Allen and Jenna Day, Board of Health Members.

For more information visit: www.frcog.org