

ANNUAL
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Town of Petersham
MASSACHUSETTS



2013 - 2014

LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS
FY11- July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Moderator		Term Expiration Dates
	Bart Wendell	2014
Selectboard		
	Fredrick A. Marsh	2014
	Timothy M. Clark	2016
	Peter F. George	2015
Tax Collector		
	Virginia Newman	2015
Town Clerk		
	Diana Cooley	2015
Treasurer		
	Dana Robinson	2014
Board of Assessors		
	Fredrick A. Marsh	2014
	Jean W. Robinson	2016
	Dana W. Kennan	2015
Board of Health		
	Robert Pasic, Chair	2015
	Fifi Scoufopoulos	2016
	Kaye Cousens	2017
Board of Health		
	Robert Pasic, Agent	2014
	Fifi Scoufopoulos, Agent	2014
	Kaye Cousens, Agent	2014
	Philip Leger, Agent	2014
	Renee Wingertsman, Agent	2014
Constables		
	Denis N. Legare	2014
	Richard N. Bartus	2014
	Larry A. Robinson	2014
Mahar Regional School Committee		
	Heidi Shortis	2016

Petersham School Committee

Russell Fontaine	2017
Charles Berube	2015
Lynn Peredina	2016

Planning Board

John Lawson	2017
Fraser Sinclair	2017
Donna Byron	2016
Stephen Herzog	2015
Robert Rocheleau	2015

Trustees of Public Library

Annette Ermini	2014
Anne Perkins	2015

APPOINTED/HIRED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**Chief of Police**

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2016 (3 year appointment)
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Sergeant

Randy Horne	2014
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Police Officers

Scott Acito	2014
Jeffrey Boyer	2014
Peter Buck	2014
Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2014
Randy Horne	2014
Daniel Kimball	2014
Robert Legare	2014
Jason Lichtenberger	2014
Jesse Berard	2014
Timothy Wright	2014

Police Officers (Special)

Richard Bartus, Petersham Police, retired	2014
Ted A. Bassett, Petersham Police, retired	2014
Joseph Camden, New Salem Police	2014
Eric Demetropoulos, Barre Police	2014
Bruce Kilhart, Petersham Police, retired	2014
Denis N. Legare, Petersham Police retired	2014
James Ayotte, Hardwick Police Chief	2014

Kevin Dodge, Phillipston Police Chief	2014
Auxiliary Police Officers (Special) Larry Robinson, Petersham	2014
Board of Overseers, Central Dispatch Richard D. Cooley, Jr. Petersham representative	2014
Municipal Hearings Officer (No appointment made)	
Animal Shelter Manager Deborah Bachrach	2016
Animal Control Officer Andrew Ohlson	2014
Fire Chief Dana Robinson	2014
Assistant Fire Chief Robert Legare	2014
Tree Warden Leslie Cooley	2015 (3 year appointment)
Forest Warden Dana Robinson	2014
Deputy Forest Warden Ronald DeJackome Robert D. Legare Sean Legare	2014 2014 2014
Sexton Norman L. LaPointe	2014 (3 year appointment) 2014
Trench Safety Officer Timothy Graves	2014
Town Accountant Jean Joel	2015 (3 year appointment)
Emergency Management Director Lynne Shaw	2014

Directors of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Agent, and Burial Agent Neil McGuirk	(Appointed through District)
Northeast Veterans' District Representative Vincent J. Purple	2014
Graves Registration Officer	2013 (3 year appointment)
Custodian of Tax Title Possessions Dana Robinson	2014
Inspector of Animals Jeffrey Perkins	2014
Assistant Inspector of Animals Deb Bachrach	2014
Inspector of Buildings Brianna Skowyra	2016 (3 yr appointment)
Local Building Inspector Robert Legare	2014
Electrical Inspector Gary Terroy	2014
Assistant Electrical Inspector Glenn Tattan	2014
Gas Inspector Daniel Joly	2014
Assistant Gas Inspector John Dolan	2014
Plumbing Inspector Gerald Brousseau	2014
Alternate Plumbing Inspector John Dolan	2014
ADA Coordinator Steven Boudreau	2014

Town Counsel
Kopelman and Paige

2014

TOWN-APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS
(Unless noted, appointed on an annual basis)

Advisory Insurance Committee

Glenede Albertine
Kelly Garlock
Randy Horne

Ann Degnan
Timothy Graves
Christine Boyer-Thompson

Affordable Housing Plan Committee

Charles Berube

Stephen Kieras

Board of Registrars

Diana Cooley, Clerk
Barbara Nickless, 2014

Anne Perkins, 2014
Helen Simms, 2014

Broadband Committee

George Bull

Thomas Gruganus

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Charles Berube (Center School)
John Lawson (Planning)
Dana Robinson (Treasurer)
(Citizens at Large to be appointed by Moderator)
Irene Graeff, Citizen at large

Eric Mandel (AFC)
Irene Graeff (Citizen at Large)
Fran Misiuk (Citizen at Large)
Fredrik A. Marsh (Selectboard)
Fran Misiuk, Citizen at large

Cemetery Commission (3 year appointment)

Glenede Albertine
Marcia Flynn
Jan Bedau
Lynne Shaw
Kenneth Levine
Ruth Robinson
Anne Townsend

2016
2016
2015
2016
2014
2014
2016

Conservation Commission (3 year appointment)

Robert Clark
Thomas Webber, alternate
Henry Woolsey
David Lockesmith
John Baker
Heidi Lux
Ashley Gabrenas

2016
2016
2015
2015
2014
2014
2014

Council on Aging (3 year appointment)

Barbara Amidon	2016
Wanda Dickson	2016
Janice Olson	2016
Mary Russell	2016
Katherine M. Berry	2015
Eileen O'Grady	2015
Nancy Robinson	2016

Council on Aging FRTA Advisory Board (1 year appointment)

Charlotte Kennan

Cultural Council (3 year appointment)

Maille Lynch-Gilbert	2016
Linda Paquet	2016
Sherry Berube	2016
Jody Bird	2015
Rebekah Fraser	2017
Patricia Kieras	2015
Christine Word	2015
Ashley Gabrenas	2015

Emergency Management Planning Committee

James Burke	Dana Robinson
Brianna Skowrya	Lynne Shaw
Fredrik A. Marsh	Chief, Richard D. Cooley
Timothy Graves	

Energy Committee

Elizabeth Davis	Linda Paquet
Christine Eaton	Sheila Youd
Max Feldman	Kenneth Levine

Forest and Shade Tree Committee

James Baird	Sheila Youd
Stephen Herzog	Melissa Levangie

Historic District Commission/Historical Commission (5 year appointment)

Christine Mandel	2015
Marcia L. Shaw	2015
Robert Clark	2014
Polly Pillsbury	2014
Nancy Allen	2016

Memorial Park and Common Committee

Emily Arnold

Rexine Barnes

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

V. Edward Simms

Nichewaug Inn Property Committee

Charles Berube

Peter George

Alf Berry

Stephen Kieras

Jim Regan

Roy Nilson

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Robert Clark

David Lockesmith

Henry Woosley

Emery Boose

Clinton Shaw

Personnel Policy Review Committee

Leslie Cooley

Dana Kennan

Fredrik A. Marsh

Ann Degan

Dana Robinson

Randy Horne

Rt. 122 Scenic By-way Steering Committee

Anne Perkins

Alf Berry

Tax-exempt Committee

No appointments to date

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term)

Brian MacEwen

MaryAnn Reynolds

Don Eaton

Robert Paquet

2016

2014

2014

2014

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Advisory Finance Committee (3 year appointment as of August 1)

Ross France

7/31/2013

Eric Mandel

7/31/2013

James Regan

7/31/2015

Robert Bellefeuille

7/31/2014

David Davis

7/31/2014

FY2014 Selectboard Annual Report

July 2013

Selectboard considers proposals for Nichewaug Inn Asbestos Removal & Demolition from Cardno ATC, Fuss & O'Neil, and IEG Environmental Consulting Services Companies.

Selectboard discusses a proposal from CHA Engineering for the rehabilitation of the Glen Valley Bridge.

Selectboard discusses acquisitions of easement for 3 South Main Street from MassDOT.

August 2013

Selectboard awards combination material spreader/dump body bid to MHQ of Shrewsbury for the Petersham Highway Department.

Selectboard considered/approved the Administrative Consent Order (ACO) issued by MassDEP regarding the total coliform readings at the town office/hall well.

September 2013

Selectboard approves a list of Chapter 90 Road Repair Projects submitted by Highway Supt. Tim Graves.

Selectboard approves Highway Equipment Use and Surplus Property reuse policy.

Selectboard discussed town office/hall well protection measures and repairs.

Selectboard approves various highway road materials bids for FY2014.

Selectboard does not agree with various policy recommendations from the Personal Policy Review Committee.

Selectboard agreed to draft a letter of support requested by the Athol EDIC for the new Market Basket project in Athol.

October 2013

Selectboard approved the hiring of Paul Williams as second employee at the Transfer Station.

Selectboard met with Deb Bachrach to discuss regional animal control proposal status.

Selectboard approved replacement/repair of town office basement and town hall basement doors from local contractors.

Selectboard approved waiving the fee for use of town hall by the Farmers Market Group.

November 2013

Selectboard meet with Building Inspector Skowyra to discuss regional inspection Services CIC Challenge Grant application for regional inspectional services study.

Selectboard asked that online payments services be looked into for town taxpayers.

Selectboard votes approval of net metering agreement with Pequoig Energy.

Selectboard meets with surveyor Alf Berry RE: Easement Plan Draft for Town Offices & Town Hall.

Selectboard approves a tax classification factor of one for FY2014. Tax rate is set at \$15.93 per thousand.

Selectboard awards the asbestos abatement & demolition engineering services consulting contract to Vincent Giambrocco of IEG in Worcester, MA.

Selectboard is informed that the population for Petersham for 2014 will be 1284 per the Town Clerk census count estimate.

December 2013

Selectboard approves short term borrowing of \$500K by Treasurer.

Selectboard approved various bids on Municibid from various departmental surplus equipment inventories.

Selectboard approves/signs annual ABCC license renewals for 2014 for all Petersham Liquor holders.

Selectboard approves Regional Animal Control Services Study CIC Challenge Grant application.

Selectboard approves Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Services with City of Worcester.

Selectboard meets with National Grid to consider proposed tree cutting plan for West Road.

Selectboard is notified that Selectboard member Tim Clark would be resigning from the Selectboard effective March 2014 in time for the annual elections.

Selectboard accepts resignation of Tree Warden Leslie Cooley and appoints Melissa LeVangie as Tree Warden.

January 2014

Selectboard meets with Board of Health members to discuss/review transfer station operations procedures.

Selectboard approves draft FY2015 Joint Selectboard/AFC Budget guidance message to town departments.

Selectboard reviews Capital Improvement project list drafted by Administrative Coordinator Boudreau.

February 2014

Selectboard begins FY2015 Joint Budget Meetings with AFC and town departments.

Selectboard approves spending in excess of appropriation for snow and ice removal for FY2014.

Selectboard accept with regret the resignation of Highway employee Gary Martinelli effective 1/27/2014.

Selectboard authorizes the Administrative Coordinator to file for State Grant funding for replacement of ADA Handicapped Ramps at Town Office and Town Hall.

Selectboard votes to authorize the return to National Grid for departmental electrical services purchases away from Hampshire Power where the electric savings purchase program has expired.

Selectboard supports recommendation of metal replacement ADA ramp at Town Office.

Selectboard approves hiring of Greg Waid to fill vacant highway employee position.

Selectboard approves Franklin County Police Mutual Aid Agreement.

Selectboard approves use of Narcan Medication by Petersham Police Department.

Selectboard review Town Building Energy Audits recommendations with Energy Committee.

Selectboard approve proposal for temporary metal ADA ramp for town offices using insurance funding with Amramp Company for \$7,772.00.

Selectboard meets with Deb Bachrach to consider regional animal control approach with Regional ACO Expert Ed Grinell.

March 2014

Selectboard reorganizes due to March 2014 Annual Town Election: Peter George was voted Chairman, Nancy Allen was voted Vice Chairman and Rick Marsh was voted Clerk. The Selectboard thanked former Selectboard Member Tim Clark for his service to the town.

Selectboard approved FY2015 ATM Consent Agenda Warrant.

Selectboard discussed FY2015 proposed salary adjustment for municipal employees.

New ADA metal temporary ramp is installed at Town Office Building.

Selectboard approves pole permits for Carter Pond Rd and Phillips Drive.

Selectboard clarified use of town hall charges by town groups and organizations.

Selectboard approves repair of Town Hall basement window by Doug Cameron for \$500.00.

Selectboard meets with Whitewater Representative Stu Harkins and BOH Rep Fifi Scoufopoulos to discuss response to ACO from MassDEP RE: Town Office/Hall Well Coliform Violation.

Selectboard votes to approve MIIA Health Insurance rates proposal for FY2015.

April 2014

Selectboard meets with Vincent Giambrocco on the progress of the environmental testing studies at Nichewaug Inn by IEG.

Selectboard votes to place renewal of current building cap restriction Article on June 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant per Planning Board recommendation.

Selectboard meet with PHD Supt Tim Graves and West Street resident Tom Cahill about current poor road and drainage conditions on West Street.

Selectboard appoints Ellen Anderson as Sexton to Petersham Cemetery Commission.

Selectboard agreed to move Town Hall/Town Office Water Filtration System, Town Hall Lower Level Handicapped Bathroom Rehabilitation, Town Office Handicapped Bathroom and Town Hall Smoke and Fire Detection Systems to the FY2015 CIPC Project list.

Selectboard meets with Town Treasurer, Advisory Finance Committee, and Financial Advisor Maureen Pacella of Eastern Bank to discuss options for possible financing scenario for Nichewaug Inn Asbestos Abatement/Demolition Project.

Selectboard approves expedited roll off replacement container purchase for Transfer Station.

Selectboard approves King Property, South Street Conservation Restriction from Conservation Commission.

May 2014

Selectboard votes to set ATM & STM Warrants for June 2014 Town Meeting.

Selectboard authorize Petersham Highway Department Tim Graves to work with Bill Purple to develop specifications & cost estimates for the building of a new stonewall at the West Rd Cemetery.

Selectboard votes to approve and support salary increase for town employee's base pay at 2.75% for FY2015.

Selectboard approves hiring of Michael Seitz as a substitute transfer station monitor.

Selectboard requested updated Nichewaug Inn environmental testing status report from IEG.

Selectboard approves Highway Department FY2015 Bids for Road Materials and Services.

June 2014

Selectboard attends/participates in Annual and Special Town Meetings June 2, 2014.

Selectboard begins the annual re-appointment of various town officials and committee members as required.

Selectboard approves letter of support from Historical Commission for application for Fourth District Schoolhouse to be placed on National Register of Historic Places.

Selectboard votes to decline its right of first purchase option on Chapter 61 Wallack land, Glasheen Road.

Selectboard votes to deny request for funding of structural analysis of Nichewaug Inn by Nichewaug Property Committee.

Selectboard is informed that Petersham resident Sue Helen was named Petersham's 2014 Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission of the Status of Women as nominated by Sen. Brewer, Rep. Gobi, and Rep. Andrews.

Selectboard is informed that Petersham resident Jason Dejackhome is named Shikar-Safiri International Wildlife Officer of the Year.

Tina Lindsey is appointed new Animal Control Officer to replace retiring ACO Andrew Ohlson.

Selectboard approves highway truck purchase contract with McDevitt Trucks Inc. at \$85,938.00.

Selectboard Thanks

The Petersham Selectboard wishes to thank all members of the volunteer town boards, committees and commissions, town employees and elected officials for their continued service and efforts on behalf of the town over this past year. Without your efforts, Petersham would not be able to function and be that special place we all love.

Respectfully submitted,

Petersham Selectboard

Peter George, Nancy Allen, Rick Marsh

Town of Petersham
 Advisory Finance Committee Report
 Reserve Fund Transfers
 Fiscal 2014

Balance July 1, 2013 \$ 25,000.00

Transfers:

		Account Description
10/16/13	3,902.92	Town Barn Expense
3/17/2014	2,600.00	Board of Selectmen - Part-time
3/31/2014	1,680.29	Fire Department Expense
4/29/2014	1,315.95	Fire Department Expense
5/13/2014	1,174.06	Fire Department Expense
5/13/2014	1,875.00	Tree Warden - Salary
6/30/2014	251.53	Police Department - Salary
06/30/14	209.71	Central Phone
06/30/14	246.60	Administration Coordinator - Salary
06/30/14	2,412.92	Fire Department - Salary
06/30/14	444.72	Police Department - Salary
06/30/14	881.01	Fire Department Expense

Total Transfers 16,994.71

Balance June 30, 2014 \$ 8,005.29

Respectfully Submitted:

Ross France, Chairman
 James Regan, Vice Chairman
 Robert Bellefeuille, Clerk
 Christine Durgin
 Dr. Dave Davis

Animal Control
Petersham, MA

Reporting Period: 01 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

During this reporting period, Petersham Animal Control has worked in conjunction with the Petersham Police Department, our local animal welfare group, PAWS, ACO functions from surrounding towns, and local residents. This liaison has enabled us to return most found dogs and cats to their rightful owner(s) and resolve issues of concern. In an event sponsored by the Petersham Board of Health, Dr. Alan Bachrach administered rabies vaccine to dogs and cats at the annual clinic.

The population of animal owners in Petersham has been quick to help resolve many problems, including dogs running at large.

During the reporting period, the following activities took place:

- 14 responses to dogs running at large
- 26 found dogs housed at the shelter and returned to rightful owner
- 2 found dogs, not claimed, were treated with a rabies vaccination and re-homed after the requisite holding period
- 2 failure to license citation were issued
- 2 reports of injured dogs investigated
- 6 responses to barking dog complaints; all resolved
- 6 found cats were re-homed after a 7 day holding period
- 1 response to wild animal on roadside
- 1 report and investigation of dog attacked by wild animal
- 2 assists to surrounding ACOs

All dogs are to be licensed with the Town Clerk by January 1st of each year.



Town of Petersham
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FY 2014

Expense Account	\$17,190.00
Deeds, Postage and all Misc Bills	
Point Software, Software Maintenance	
Research Consultants, Personal Property	
Cartographic's, Inc.	
Recertification	
Vision Appraisal-Software Maintenance	\$ 2,600.00
Vision Appraisal-Interim	\$ 3,000.00
Assessor's Salary	\$ 7,852.00
Asst. Assessor Salary	\$ 29,858.00

TAX RECAPITULATION

Total amount to be raised	\$4,235,742.40
Total estimated receipts & revenue	\$1,902,842.00
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$2,332,900.40

Tax Rate \$ 15.93 per thousand

CALCULATION

Value of Town divided by 1000

$146,446,980 / 1000 = 146,446$ will equal \$1.00 on tax rate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Assessors

Dana Kennan, Chairman
Jean Robinson, Clerk
Ellen Anderson, Member



PETERSHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

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ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

The Board of Health has three elected officials, Chair, Robert Pasic RN, Kaye Cousens RN, Fifi Scoufopoulos, and a part-time administrative assistant, Renee Wingertsman. Phil Leger continues to act as Health Agent. Office hours are in the Town Office Building on Mondays (except holidays) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Board meets on the first and third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or as posted on www.townofpetersham.org.

The responsibilities of the Board, as determined by regulations of the Commonwealth are four- fold:

1. Review and monitoring of septic system and well installation
2. Permitting and inspection of all food establishments and services
3. Adherence to Housing codes
4. Transmittable disease follow-ups and other public health issues

Memberships are with Region II Public Health Coalition, the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, Wachusett Medical Reserve Corps, and the Mass Toss Cooperative. The Board of Health assists the Selectboard with the operation of the Transfer Station. The Board of Health is responsible for the Public Health portion of the Emergency Management Program in compliance with the Department of Homeland Security.

A rabies clinic was sponsored on January 18, 2014 in collaboration with the Town Clerk, Animal Control Officer, Board of Health,

Highway Department and local veterinarian Alan Bachrach and his wife Deb. Proceeds were donated to PAWS (Petersham Animal Welfare System), the local animal welfare group.

Annual participation in the regional Household Hazardous Waste collection in Orange this year in September allowed residents to dispose of unwanted materials safely.

An unwanted electronics collection was held at the Transfer Station, with disposal provided by METECH.

In response to the Farmers Market, a current information packet is provided with relevant requirements. A recycled clothing and textile white bin is at the Transfer Station and accepts clean clothing and textiles at no cost to residents.

Local Board of Health Duties

A. Septic System Regulations

Perc Tests	11
Plan Reviews	8
Repair, minor	2
Systems Installed	8
System Haulers Permits	2
System Installers Permit	4

B. Private Well Permits

1

C. Public Water Systems

11

D. Food Operations Public & Private

09

E. Temporary Food Permits

5

F. Food Born Illness Investigations

0

G. Lyme Disease reported

8

H. Tobacco Permit

1

I. Animal Bite Reports Monitored

0

J. Housing Inspections

1

K. Outdoor Wood Boiler Permits

0

The Board of Health would like to thank the other Town Boards, Department Heads and the Town's Residents for their assistance in promoting the work of the Board as it pertains to the health of our community.

Robert Pasic ♦ Fifi Scoufopoulos
Kaye Cousens

Report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee

The Capital Planning Improvement Committee is presenting the following Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2015.

1.) Year two of the Assessors Mapping Project	\$15,000.00
2.) Replace Fire Hose – Year 1 of 5	\$ 5,000.00
3.) Replace Breathing Apparatus Year 1 of 4	\$24,000.00
4.) Cab & Chassis for Highway Department*	\$ 102,000.00
5.) Police Cruiser or Rescue – To be Determined*	\$40,000.00

*It is recommended that these purchased be combined in a single borrowing for either 3 or 5 years initially without a debt exclusion override. The effect on FY 2015 would only be a semi-annual interest payment. The reason for not initially seeking an override is to enable the Highway Department to order the Cab & Chassis and get the vehicle outfitted for service prior to bad weather setting in.

In addition, the CIPC recommends that Green Communities funds be used to replace the 30 plus year old furnace at the Fire Station with a more energy efficient heating system that is at least equivalent to the existing system's heating output.

We also recommend that the citizens petition for reconstruction of the wall at the West Road Cemetery be at least partially funded if a dollar figure can be arrived at for the wall to be rebuilt.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Dana Robinson, Ch.

Robert Bellefeuille

Fredrik Marsh

Charles Berube

Irene Graeff

John Lawson

Francis Misiuk

CEMETERY COMMISSION

JULY 2013 – JUNE 2014

The Cemetery Commission meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the main floor office of the Town office Building to proceed with its responsibilities of selling cemetery lots and overseeing the maintenance of Petersham's nine cemeteries, facilitating burials, and maintaining and updating records. Glenede Albertine filled in as sexton, appreciating the help of Norman LaPointe and Chris Barnes, while the search for a new sexton proceeded. Ellen Anderson took over the duties of Sexton in April. The Cemetery Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Ruth Robinson in November. Her tireless work and great knowledge will be missed. In April, the Cemetery Commission mourned the passing of Jan Bedau who dedicated many years to her work on the Cemetery Commission. Sheila Youd and Deb Bachrach became new members of the Cemetery Commission. Marcia Flynn resigned as co-chairperson. Ken Levine and Lynn Shaw serve as co-chairpersons. Ann Townsend maintains the financial records. Barnes Landscaping is contracted to maintain the cemeteries.

Time was spent touring cemeteries and assessing needs with all nine cemeteries visited (Center Cemetery, East Street Cemetery, Ledgeville Cemetery, Mann Cemetery, Nichewaug Cemetery, Williams Cemetery, Flat Rock Cemetery, West Road Cemetery, and Goddard Cemetery). TaMara Conde is contracted to continue with gravestone repairs and to conduct workshops. Brush hogging was completed on the annex to the East Street Cemetery. Water level and beaver control continue to the north of the East Street Cemetery.

The Cemetery Commission supported the efforts of Mr. Bill Purple with his intention that the stonewall along the new section of the West Road Cemetery be rebuilt to improve the setting of the final resting place of Petersham citizens and to resemble the well-constructed stonewall along the older section of West Road Cemetery and other cemeteries in Petersham. Following research, consultations, and assistance from the Highway Department; a citizens' petition was circulated which placed an article on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Purple presented the plan at Town Meeting which resulted in the the Town voting \$31,500.00 for the project.

The Cemetery Commission, the Historic District Commission, and the Petersham Historical Society have combined on a joint project to save the Hearse House in the Center Cemetery. Lynn Shaw has agreed to serve as the point person. Meetings have been held to assess the current condition of the building, to review previous information from 2003, and to gain historical knowledge thanks to Christine Mandel. Efforts continue to develop a plan and to seek funding.

Updating cemetery records continues to be a major project for members of the Cemetery Commission. In addition, historical research with Christine Mandel seeks to clarify cemetery information from old documents, ledgers, and deeds. Allocation of trusts for Memorial Day flowers is currently being researched. Ann Townsend, Lynn Shaw, and Sheila Youd have spent long hours organizing files. Barbara Hanno has informed the Cemetery Commission that the Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society has completed its project of cataloguing the Petersham cemeteries, and the book will be available to purchase (print on demand).

Cemetery Commission Members

June 30, 2013

Kenneth Levine, Co-chairperson

Lynn Shaw, Co-chairperson

Glenede Albertine, Clerk

Ann Townsend, Treasurer

Marcia Flynn

Sheila Youd

Deb Bachrach



PETERSHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE PETERSHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FISCAL 2014

Regular monthly meetings were held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Public Hearings and Special Meetings were scheduled to either coincide with regular monthly meetings or between monthly meetings as necessary. The Commission issued six Determinations of Applicability and one Order of Conditions during the Fiscal year. Site visits were conducted for all Determinations of Applicability and the Order of Conditions

The Conservation Commission manages four properties, the Lewis and Corinne Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary and the Hallberg and Ganson Parcels and the Davenport Pond Property totaling over 269 acres. The Commission also holds Conservation Restrictions (CRs) on over 450 acres of private land including a 200 foot zone on either side of the East Branch Swift River on Harvard Forest property. Required annual monitoring and establishment of baseline reports for the CRs was done by John Baker's Clark University students which has been a valuable educational experience for the students as well as a very valuable service to the Conservation Commission. Their work and reports are greatly appreciated. Annual CR monitoring of the Davenport Property was conducted by Harvard Forest and CR monitoring of the Hallberg and Ganson Parcels was conducted by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. Annual mowing open fields and reclaiming overgrown fields continued at the Sanctuary.

The L.A.N.D. Grant (Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity Grant) from EOEEA conserving 100 acres including an 8 acre field of prime agricultural soil of the former King property abutting the Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary was completed with no expense to the Town thanks to the efforts of the East Quabbin Land Trust in raising the Town's portion of the grant through private funding. The required baseline documenting the conditions at the time the conservation restriction became effective was prepared by Clark University students.

Fiscal 2014 marks the thirty-first year the Commission has funded the very successful Environmental Education Program at the Petersham Center School which includes classroom work K through 6th grade and field trips to the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary. The program continues to be taught by Chris Eaton and funded through the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary Trust Fund. As far as is known this is the only environmental education program in a public school funded by a Conservation Commission.

The bluebird trail at the Petersham Center School had nesting bluebirds, tree swallows, and house wren the first year. It is hoped the coming season will be even more successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Clark, Chair
John Baker, Clerk
Abigail Castagnaro
Ashley Gabrenas
David Lockesmith
Ry Parcell
Henry Woolsey
Thomas Webber, Associate

PETERSHAM COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2014

Mission Statement: Petersham's Council on Aging dedicates itself to addressing concerns of the sixty-year and older population.

We are an all volunteer organization. We have no salaried positions. Funds to carry out our activities come from an annual grant of \$4,000 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and a grant of \$850 from the Town of Petersham. We are also supported by services from Franklin County Home Care Corp. (FCHCC) and Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA).

The Council on Aging Board for FY2014 has met monthly, except for May and June, in order to plan health and entertainment programs for Petersham's seniors and to assure that the meal site meets standards, and that seniors are informed via monthly newsletters of issues and programs of interest. An ongoing project that we have been pursuing is the replacement of an aged stove that takes a lot of time to bring up to temperature.

We thank Sue Hellen for continuing to be Petersham's Representative to Franklin County Home Care Corporation. The Board welcomed Ethel Barnes, Yvonne Bryant, and Delores Wierman as new members. We meet every second Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Town Hall. We welcome anyone to come and share ideas and concerns.

The COA's Senior Transportation Program through the Franklin Regional Transit Authority consists of out of town medical rides in the Athol/Orange area as funded by the FRTA. Reservations may be made by calling 413-774-2262.

The Monday Luncheon Club through the FCHCC's Meals-on-Wheels Program is in its 20th year. We meet every Monday at 12:00 in the Lower Town Hall. Mary Russell is our site manager and culinary miracle worker. Her helpers include: Barbara Amidon, Kay Berry, Wanda Dickson, and Janice Olson. This year 768 meals were served on 39 Mondays. The volunteers that provide this service comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Petersham Board of Health. We estimate that the COA volunteers have given 2,020 hours of their time wearing several different hats. Thank you for your dedication to the seniors of Petersham. Many of our volunteers have received certification in serv-safe practices, choke saver and heart resuscitation, allergen training and sanitation. We are an approved site. A \$2.00 donation is recommended. To reserve a meal, please call Mary Russell at 978-724-3233 on Thursday for a lunch on Monday.

The COA newsletter, underwritten by the EOEA is sent to all Petersham residents 60 years and older. This past year 358 seniors received a newsletter. The newsletter has a calendar of local activities, senior program notices, monthly meal site menus, health and legal advisories. The current editor is Katherine Berry.

We now have our own email address. It is: pshamcoa@gmail.com.

A review of the programs and activities highlighted in this year's newsletters included:

- The Exercise Program for seniors consisted of two 10-week sessions led by YMCA instructors at the Center School gymnasium on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Area Senior Picnic at Silver Lake Park Pavilion in Athol on Aug. 29, 2013
- Senior Trip to the "Big E" on Sept. 19, 2013
- 'Finding Your Balance' with Tina Schryver of GVNA on Sept. 23, 2013
- Volunteer Luncheon at Winterwood Inn of Petersham on Oct. 16, 2013
- Flu Clinic by Athol Memorial Hospital and Athol Board of Health on Oct. 21, 2013
- 'Maximizing Your Resources' with Gretchen Smith of FCHCC on Oct. 21, 2013
- Band and Chorus of the Center School performing on Dec. 16, 2013
- Yoga classes started at the Davis Memorial of the Unitarian Church on Jan. 9, 2014
- Lion's Club 'Spring Fling' meal for the Luncheon Club on Mar. 17, 2014
- Program on hypertension with Tina Schryver of GVNA on Apr. 7, 2014
- Sing-A-Long of patriotic music with Dick Patridge on April 28, 2014
- 'Native Turtles' program with Christina Eaton on May 5, 2014

The Council wishes to thank all those that helped to make 2013/2014 a successful year.

- The Petersham Center School for sharing their gym and their talented chorus and band that entertained us at the December luncheon.
- The Town Office Administrative Coordinator for allowing use of the copier for the newsletter.
- Susan Lavoie, V.P. of the Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition, for approving our request for admission and bus transportation.
- The Selectboard for their support of all the COA's activities.
- Steven Boudreau, Administrative Coordinator, for all his assistance in coordinating the use of the Town Hall and keeping us updated on needed information.
- Road Superintendent Tim Graves for keeping the walkways clear for us.
- Neil Legare for maintenance and cleaning of the Town Hall.
- A big thank you to all those unsung volunteers who have kept us going.

Respectfully submitted,
Council on Aging Board Members

Katherine Berry, Chairman
Katherine Berry, Treasurer
Janice Olson, Secretary
Mary Russell, Meal Site Manager
Barbara Amidon
Ethel Barnes

Yvonne Bryant
Wanda Dickson
Eileen O'Grady
Nancy Robinson
Delores Wierman

FY 2014 Cultural Council Report

Petersham Memorial Library	Petersham	Library Coffee House	\$300
The Country Store	Petersham	Sunday Music Series at the Store	\$500
Christine Word	Petersham	Planting Seeds in Petersham	\$660
Petersham Historical Society	Petersham	Daniel Shays Rebellion-Brochure	\$315
Athol Area YMCA	Athol	YouthReach! Summer Theater Program	\$100
Petersham Congregational Church	Petersham	Summer Fair Entertainment	\$150
Friends of Mahar Music	Petersham/Orange	Music in the Parks Festival	\$500
Orange Revitalization Partnership	Orange	Starry Starry Night	\$100
First Congregational Parish Unitarian	Petersham	Quabbin's Got Talent Coffee House Series	\$300
Barbara Hanno	Petersham	Petersham Cemeteries Photographing and Documenting old Stones	\$250
Petersham Art Center	Petersham	Figure Drawing Sessions	\$350
Fredrik Marsh	Petersham	Independence Day Parade Music	\$150
Richard W. Partridge	Athol	Dick Partridge Presents to COA	\$100
Swift River Valley Historical Society	New Salem	Swift River Valley Day	\$170
Renee Malowitz	Hubbardston	Marbleizing Paper Workshop at Library	\$295
Renee Malowitz	Hubbardston	Paste Paper in the style of Eric Carle at Library	\$175
Jay Mankita	Amherst	Eat Like A Rainbow at PCS	\$500
Band of Voices	Petersham	Celebrating the Earth with BOV	\$300
Petersham Center School	Petersham	Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA Theater production of We the People	\$351
Total Awards			\$5566.00

Mar. 2014: Trashion-Re-Fashion Ball was successfully attended and celebrated at Petersham Town Hall

Cultural Council Membership

Linda Paquet, Chairperson

Jody Bird

Rebekah Fraser

Ashley Gabrenas

Christine Word

Trisha Delohery Keiras

Pam Chevalier

Petersham Emergency Management Committee
Annual Report FY 2014

The Committee continues to be active in preparing for and responding to emergencies for our Town as well as being ready to assist other towns or work with them as they assist us. The Town was fortunate to not have to deal with any major disasters this year, but the committee remains diligent in assuring the Town has the necessary resources to respond if necessary.

The Emergency Management web page is now active on the Town website and allows for the dissemination of citizen information, disaster alerts and tips for self preparedness. The CODE RED reverse 9-1-1 system was approved for purchase and this will go live once the contract is completed. It is expected that it will be live and on the Town website by March 2015.

The regional hazard mitigation plan was completed with MRPC.

Continuing works includes:

- The EMD applying for grants that are made available to the Town for emergency preparedness and response activities
- Maintain the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- Continued updates to the Petersham Center School Emergency Plan. The Town is fortunate that the School takes a very active interest in emergency preparedness on all levels and welcomes training to keep the children and staff safe. The Petersham School staff is one of the best trained schools in the region due the collaboration in planning and training between the school and emergency responders.
- Continue with Active Shooter training as offered by the Massachusetts State Police in conjunction with the Petersham Center School and area police departments.
- Active Shooter Table top exercise and drill planned for the winter for 2014 utilizing EMPG grant funds. Barre and Petersham will combine their grant dollars to allow for a larger scale exercise and ore participants from police, fire and EMS from both Towns and surrounding communities. School staff will also be involved.

The Committee wishes to thank the men and women who continue to serve as first responders in our Town.

Self preparedness is the basis for community preparedness. Visit <http://www.ready.gov/are-you-ready-guide> for individual disaster preparedness information.

Emergency Management Director Lynne Shaw
Assistant Emergency Manager Chief Dana Cooley
Dana Robinson
Rick Marsh
Tim Graves
Jay Burke
Briana Skowya



PETERSHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE

FY 14 TOWN REPORT

August 2013:

Accepted resignation of Ken Levine and Betty Davis. Brian Miner appointed to committee. Switched service from Hampshire Power to National Grid temporarily until Hampshire Power prepared new fixed rate contract. Soltas Energy broke contract with Town regarding sale of energy credits from Adams Farm. Discussion with other entities involved began. Per contract with Green Communities program, Bales Energy Associates conducted ASHRII Level 2 energy audit on all town buildings.

February 2014:

Bales presented summary report on energy audit on all buildings except school.

March 2014:

Bales presented audit report to school reps and energy committee.

April:

Josh Cayea appointed to committee. Published bids for Town Hall storm windows. Submitted grant application for SAPHIRE Renewable Thermal program for Center School.

May 2014:

Began discussion of Fire Station insulation and new heating system. Bales Energy hired by DOER to do feasibility for SAPHIRE Program. Prepared bids for attic insulation at Highway Barn, Police Station and original school building.

June 2014:

Met with Chief Robinson and Robert Legare. Staff to remove & dispose of ductwork to lower cost of installation of heating system. Staff also to replace or repair sheetrock in ceiling. Walk-through for insulation contractors scheduled. Nobody attended storm window walk-through. Two more companies were invited – one highly recommending inside energy panels.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Paquet, Chairperson
Chris Eaton
Max Feldman
Sheila Youd
Josh Cayea
Brian Miner



Petersham Fire Department

Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2014

To the Citizens of Petersham:

Below is the report of the activity of the Petersham Fire Department for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014. During the Fiscal Year the department responded to 92 requests for service during the period. The nature of the calls for assistance are outlined below.

Structure Fires	0
Chimney Fires	1
Brush Fires	1
Automobile Accidents	10
Medical Emergencies	37
Sprinkler Alarm Malfunction	6
Wires Down/Arcing	4
Alarm Activation -- No Fire	15
Illegal Burn	1
Car Fire	1
Public Service	1
Cellars Pumped	2
Stand-by at Station	1
Fire Watch	2
Lost Person	1
Smoke Investigation	1
Mutual Aid	<u>8</u>
Total Calls	92

Inspections and Permits Issued

Smoke and CO Detector Inspections	24
Oil Burner Permits	5
Propane Storage Permits	18
Oil Tank Removal Permit	1
Liquor License Renewal Inspections	5
Blasting Permit	1
Brush Burning Permits Issued	301

Fiscal Year 2014 was marked as the year of equipment maintenance. Several pieces of equipment underwent unanticipated maintenance that proved to be budget busters. The most extensive repairs were to Engine 2 our first due response vehicle. Many of these repairs were minor in nature but cumulatively were quite expensive. Other repairs were performed on Tanker 2 and Forestry 1. Forestry 1 continues to have maintenance issues as we try to extend its useful life. The pump on Forestry 2 was repaired by members of the department after the pump housing cracked due to exposure to extreme cold over the winter. This in house repair saved approximately \$2,000 and the Town's insurance covered the cost of the repair parts.

The installation of a new emergency generator that is large enough to operate the entire Fire Station got underway finally during the spring of 2014. Installation of a new electrical switch over panel and propane to operate the generator were complete at year end. Final electrical connections will be completed in Fiscal Year 2015 to finish the project.

Four Firefighters completed the Fire Fighter I/II Training class that was hosted by Winchendon Fire Department. They are to be commended for the time they have invested in receiving this valuable training. Most department members were recertified in CPR and the use of Automatic Defibrillators during the year. Firefighters also participated in a defensive driving class presented by the Town insurance carrier that included a driving simulator. Firefighters also completed a First Responder refresher course during the year. This refresher was designed to update all of our skills across the board as we respond to an ever increasing number of medical emergencies.

The Fire Department meets on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M. Any resident interested in joining the Fire Department is encouraged to contact the Chief. New firefighters with and without experience are always welcome. Training is provided during bi-monthly meetings and through free training opportunities available nearby that are sponsored by the Mass. Fire Academy.

Again this year the department visited the Center School and the Montessori School during Fire Prevention Week. We also sponsored a Fire Prevention Poster Contest at the Center School with the winners in each grade receiving a ride to school in a Fire Truck. Special thanks to School Nurse Stephanie Carmiello for her help coordinating the contest.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank the voters of Petersham for their continued support of the Fire Department at Town Meetings. Your continued support of our warrant article requests allow us to operate the department in a manner that best serves the community as our regular budget continues to be very lean. Also thanks to the police and highway departments as well as the families of our fire fighters for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson, Fire Chief

Town of Petersham
Highway Department
Annual Report
2013-2014

Chapter 90 Work

A drop inlet catch basin and 200ft. of 12" drainage pipe was installed on Leighton Road. Two drop inlet catch basins and 500ft. of sub surface drainage were installed on Carter Pond Road. A new 2013 Volvo front end loader was delivered to the Highway Department. The Town paid for half, and the other half came from Chapter 90 monies. The Town approved a Chapter 90 request for engineering, to install an Acrow Pannel Bridge on Glen Valley Road. The Town received \$38,407.00 from the State's Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program (Pot Hole Money). This was to aid the Cities and Towns to help recover from the severe winter damages to roads. The Highway Department applied the monies to paving on West Road. Crack sealing was applied to Dugway Road, Hardwick Road, Maple Lane, Old East Street, Popple Camp Road, Shaw Road, and East Street

General Highway Account

The normal highway maintenance activities that take place every year were completed. Sweeping roads, cleaning ditches, filling pot holes , grading dirt roads, cutting dead trees, removal of trees that fall, mowing of roadsides, signs were replaced, vehicles were repaired and routine maintenance was performed on them. Winter sand was made and hauled to the Highway Yard. Several wash-outs were repaired due to heavy rains that happened several times this year. The beaver dam above Nichawaug Road broke causing the road to be closed for several hours. Luckily, very little damage occurred. A new cab and chassis was purchased at Town Meeting, and will have the new combination dump/sander body that was purchased last year, installed on it. The Highway Department received a new 6,500 watt generator from Homeland Security. A new water pump was installed in the well at the Town Barn. A beaver deceiver was installed in the beaver pond behind the East Street Cemetery to keep the water level below the Cemetery. It is working well. The Highway Department excavated the area around the well for the Town Hall, to try to seal out any ground water from entering between the casing and the bedrock. Somehow bacteria is getting in the well. The Highway Department's surplus equipment was listed on a municipal auction and sold to the highest bidder.

Snow Account

November 23 was the first snow of the year, and April 16 was the last snow. This winter was listed as one of the worst on record. The Highway went out forty nine different times for sanding and or plowing. The average usage per year for road salt is around three hundred tons. This year we used five hundred and fifty one tons. Approximately sixteen hundred cubic yards of sand was used. The part-timers that help with plowing and sanding are greatly appreciated. The task of plowing and sanding to keep the roads safe could not be accomplished without them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy W. Graves
Highway Superintendent



PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
and PETERSHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Petersham Historic District Commission & Historical Commission met monthly throughout the year at Petersham Memorial Library.

The Commission reviewed general questions about solar panels in the District, work at the Unitarian Church, projects at The Country Store, and a proposed concrete dome at the Town Hall/Town Office well head. An Application was received and a Public Hearing was held for one project at the Store – installation of an exterior cook vent. The project was approved with conditions. An Application was received and a Public Hearing was held for a roof renovation project at Petersham Memorial Library. The project was approved.

Primarily through the dedicated and detailed effort of HDC member Chris Mandel, the Commission produced full applications for Petersham's two historic one-room schoolhouses on East Street, dated 1846 and 1849 respectively, to be submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the National Historic Register seeking inclusion on the National Register. These applications received the support of the Petersham Selectboard, Petersham Historical Society, and the town's State legislators. From HDC member and Cemetery Commission co-chair Lynn Shaw, the HDC heard of proposed work to repair the failing 1889 Hearse House in the Center Cemetery. The HDC supported this effort. Nancy Allen provided updates on the Route 122 Scenic Byway project and proposed installation of one visitors' kiosk in each town. Site visits for both the Hearse House and the kiosk locations were held.

The Commission began preliminary review work of our By-laws, one of the lengthiest sections of the Town's By-laws. With the thanks of fellow members, member Lynn Shaw offered to attempt to begin the project and bring it forward for review. This will be a time consuming process, but all agreed it is necessary for clarification and updating.

The HDC welcomes attendance at our meetings which are held under the Town's Historic District Commission Bylaw Article XII.

The Commission is grateful to Petersham residents and fellow town officials for providing their support for preservation of Petersham's history.

~ Respectfully submitted, *Commission Members, July 2013–June 2014:*

Nancy Allen, *Chair*; Robert Clark, *Vice Chair*;
Christine Mandel, *Clerk*; Lynn Shaw, member

Meeting Agendas, Minutes, and other materials can be found at the Historic District Commission link on the town web site at www.mytowngovernment.org/01366. Our thanks to the web managers for providing this service and to the Memorial Library for providing meeting space.

ABOUT THE PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Through the diligent hard work of town residents and the commitment of Petersham voters, the Petersham Historic District was established in 1967 as one of the earliest in the Commonwealth. Today, there are more than 215 Districts in 110 towns and cities across the Massachusetts. Since the 1930s, over 2,300 Historic Districts have been established across the United States and the number keeps growing as towns discover and appreciate the "quality of community" benefits brought about by preservation.



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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS REPORT July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Category
Building Permits
Wood Stoves

Number
50
8

		<u>Building Permits</u>	
2	Solar Installation	1	Decks and Porches
1	Greenhouse	17	Roofs and Siding
2	Remodel	2	Barns/Garages
14	Repairs	5	Windows
1	Kitchen Exhaust Hood	1	Tent
1	Wheelchair Ramp	1	Above Ground Pool
2	Insulation		

Office hours are held every Monday (except Holidays) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted
Brianna Skowrya
Inspector of Buildings

PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

23 Common Street
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Annual Report to the Town Of Petersham
of the Petersham Memorial Library
July 01, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Vision Statement:

The Petersham Memorial Library will fulfill its vital mission to the community by providing resources, programming and an atmosphere to encourage multi-faceted intellectual growth. This will be achieved by nurturing a love of reading, encouraging the sharing of ideas and acceptance of diversity, and fostering the pursuit of life long learning in a friendly, welcoming environment making the library an important cultural hub for the Petersham community of all ages.

Mission Statement:

The Petersham Memorial Library will provide the community with a diverse and rich collection that nurtures a love of books and reading and fosters the communication of ideas and information. The Library will also be home to a special collection of materials of local and regional history and genealogy. In addition to maintaining the collection, the Library has a commitment to preserve the architectural integrity of the building, to preserve the memorials within the building, and to provide an attractive and friendly environment.

Hours:

- Tuesday 10:00A.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Wednesday 2:00P.M. to 7:00P.M.
- Friday 2:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Saturday 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

Trustees:

- Barbara Hanno
- John Burk
- Lynn Herzog
- Janice Olson
- Annette Ermini
- Thomas Conuel
- Nita Bates
- Robert Bellefeuille
- Tally Lent
- Richard Carfagna
- Anne Perkins
- Clint Shaw

Seven hundred and sixty-one Petersham residents were library cardholders in Fiscal Year 2014. Petersham Memorial Library patrons checked out 5,862 books, 238 print serials, 601 audio books and 1,644 movies. 2,261 interlibrary loans were received and 1,414 were provided. 1,307 on-site loans were made to patrons who do not reside in Petersham.

FY2014 the library had 2 public use computers and 2 public use laptops. An average of 12 patrons per week accessed the internet using the library's computers. Many patrons log on to our wireless connection either in or outside the building. A password is necessary to log onto our connection. Patrons are asked to sign a one time release form before receiving the password. The library's web address is www.petershamlibrary.net.

Our digital library offerings included 6 data base licenses, 24,552 e-book titles, 7,220 audio book titles and 696 video titles. In 2014, 696 titles were downloaded from the digital catalog by our patrons.

The library was open a total of 1,124 hours which included 208 hours on Saturday and 104 hours after 5PM. 6,872 people entered the library during open hours.

Our shelves currently hold 8,269 books for adults and 4,435 books for children and 922 Young Adult titles. There are 41 volumes of print periodicals, newspapers and other print serials. 1,177 DVD/VHS titles were available for loan as well as 335 books/music in audio format.

Discount Passes to area attractions included the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts State Parks Pass, Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, Harvard Museum of Natural History in Cambridge and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

During the 2013-2014 season, the Petersham Memorial Library continued to offer story hour for children, at 10:30 on Tuesday morning. Our story hour format included a story, game, music, craft/science activity, yoga, sign language and play time for our youngest patrons.

The adult book discussion group met on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM. Titles discussed included *Orphan Train* by Christine Kline, *Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth, *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou and *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron.

The Statewide Summer Reading Program theme this year was Fizz, Boom, Read and offered programs for children and their families such as the Paste Paper Art Program, the Family Movie Night featuring The Lego Movie and Lego Day at the Library. The goal of the program is to encourage children to continue to read over the summer.

The Coffee House series included musical guests Barrett Anderson, Mary, Myra & Lester, The Nezhich-Kramer Duo and Jake McKelvie. 80 music lovers attended the performances.

The Library Book Sale was held October 10 and 12. We thank our army of volunteers who support this endeavor. Packers, sorters, movers, sellers and buyers all came together for a successful sale. After the sale the library invites the NCCI to choose books for the prison library. The librarian is always very thankful for the donation.

The Library handed out well over 200 treat bags during the Town Halloween Trick or Treat festivities. A Photo board of all our Halloween visitors was on display at the library throughout the month of November.

The ever-delightful Petersham Holiday Arts and Crafts Show and Sale took place in the Town Hall in December. We wish to thank the show's organizers for allowing the library to participate. We appreciate your generous support and beautiful selection of arts and crafts for holiday shopping.

The Annual Library Tea was held Sunday, February 9 from 2:00 to 4:00. Invitations were mailed to all Petersham residents. The tea is the Library's *Thank You* to our community for the support we receive throughout the year.

This year's Petersham Branch Alliance Annual Plant and Bake Sale was much anticipated and, as always, transformed the Common into a beautiful garden of plants and tasty home-baked goods. A portion of the funds raised by this fantastic event were generously donated to the library. These funds made it possible for us to purchase a new train table for the children's area and a barcode scanner for the circulation desk. We very much appreciate the Petersham Branch Alliance's continued support.

Highlights for the year included:

- The Seed Saving Program, presented by Christie Higginbottom
- The library's serving as filming location for a BFA student film project

- A visit from the Audubon Ark, funded by a grant from the New Salem Academy
- Trees 101, an Arbor Day program, presented by Melissa Lavigne
- A teen sleep-in
- A Town Wide Yard Sale to benefit the library, planned and implemented by Paige Herzog
- Visits from kindergarten, first, second, and sixth grade students from the Petersham Center school.

On September 21, 2013, the Petersham Memorial Library presented a program, "Wild Nights: Emily Dickinson and Friends" to help raise money for the Building Improvement Fund. Dedicated volunteers arranged an evening with such famous luminaries as Abraham Lincoln, Clara Schumann, Louisa May Alcott, Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Emily Dickinson herself. The characters gave readings, recitations, and musical performances. Guests were invited to come as any famous personality they chose. In attendance were characters such as P.T. Barnum, Beatrix Potter, Margaret Fuller, and James Joyce. The evening included fine refreshments, with much conversation and camaraderie among the guests. A successful silent auction concluded the evening with many valuable contributions of items and services bringing generous bids from friends of the library. The library would like to thank the community for their support to help keep the library a center of education and culture for the town of Petersham.

The Petersham Memorial Library Building Improvement Committee prepared and submitted a grant application to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation to supplement the Committee's fundraising efforts in renovating the entrance's roof and portico. The project was awarded \$15,000 towards this important community initiative, which will provide a safe environment for patrons to enter the building. The renovation is scheduled for completion in spring 2015.

We gratefully acknowledge the Petersham Cultural Council for their support of the following programs: Library Coffee House Series, Marbleizing Paper Workshop and Paste Paper in the style of Eric Carle.

In December, The Magical Petersham Holiday Arts and Crafts Show and Sale took place in the Town Hall. We wish to thank the show organizers for allowing the library to participate. We appreciate your generous support and beautiful selection of arts and crafts for holiday shopping.

Non library use of building included meetings for The Grange, Historic District Commission and Historical Society.

Over 121 volunteer hours were logged at our library in 2013/2014 and I would like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers, staff, Trustees and patrons of the Petersham Memorial Library for all they do to help make it the great place it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jayne Arata
Director
Petersham Memorial Library**

PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY Treasurer's Report July 2013 through June 2014

Income	112567.16	
Book Sale		1246.00
Dog License Fund		1700.00
Annual Appeal		3670.00
Other Gifts		3728.83
Building Improvement Income		23391.85
Trash Bags		5400.00
Investment Income		62400.00
State Grant		1879.40
Town Appropriation		8900.00
Other		251.24
Expense	85559.93	
Collection Materials		11412.27
CW Mars		1608.00
Insurance		2689.00
Trash Bags		5225.00
Payroll Expense		41307.45
Transfer to Endowment		7201.00
Projects and Programs		1138.31
Utilities		13077.00
Other		1901.90
Other Expense (Equipment, Maintenance, Accounting)	5914.56	
Net Income	21092.67	



PETERSHAM OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

FISCAL 2014

Regular monthly meetings were held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM with two special meetings for public input on the draft Open Space & Recreation Plan. Work on the draft Open Space & Recreation Plan continued and the issues identified by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) resolved. The final Plan was submitted to the EOEEA in June for the Town to be eligible to receive the EOEEA LAND grant for the King property. The letter of final approval was received on July 7 from the EOEEA just after the fiscal year closed. The Open Space & Recreation Plan is now approved allowing the Town to participate in grants through October 2018.

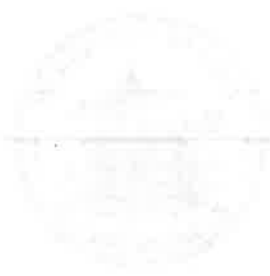
The focus of the new Open Space & Recreation Plan is on the Goals and Objectives including linking our extensive trail system and connecting them with trails in adjacent towns. Work on the Bob Marshall Trail, a little over two miles long connecting the Gould Woodlot at Harvard Forest to the Harvard Pond/Tom Swamp Tracts continued through work projects with MassLIFT AmeriCorps volunteers. Their efforts and wonderful work are always greatly appreciated. The section of the trail through Petersham State Forest remains to be completed as a memorandum of understanding is required from the Department of Conservation and Recreation before work can begin. A footbridge over Nelson Brook will be built to provide easy access.

The new Plan calls for cooperative arrangements with institutions with large land holdings for invasive species control, trail management, and other programs that will benefit our scenic rural character and provide quality recreation for residents and visitors. As grants and volunteer opportunities arise, it is hoped that serious invasive species control can be done on Town properties and roadsides as well as providing opportunities and encouraging invasive species control on private lands.

Protecting wildlife corridors, landscape values, and the variety of beautiful natural areas of Petersham continues to be of primary importance for many residents as well as visitors and provides for many forms of recreation including hunting, fishing, and hiking. The L.A.N.D. Grant (Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity Grant) from EOEEA conserving 100 acres of the former King property abutting the Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary was completed with no expense to the Town thanks to the efforts of the East Quabbin Land Trust in raising the Town's portion of the grant through private funding. The land contains eight acres of prime agricultural soil. The required baseline documenting the conditions at the time the conservation restriction became effective was prepared by Clark University students. Their field work and report were a most valuable contribution.

Identifying and proposing improvements in existing Town owned areas for public recreation is another component of the new Plan. The Committee discussed better access and interpretation at cultural sites as well as opportunities that would enhance the goals of the new Plan.

The Chair of the Open Space & Recreation Committee is a member of the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership (NQRLP). At a meeting of the NQRLP in the fall of 2013, Conservation Investment Zone Assessment (CIZA) was discussed including wood banking by Sean Mahony of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Chair recommended Petersham as an ideal town for establishing a Town run wood bank. Subsequently, Sean Mahoney applied for and received a grant to



establish wood banking in the Towns of Athol, and Petersham. Under the leadership, expertise, and organizational skills of our Town Tree Warden, Melissa LeVangie, the first Town run wood bank was established which will enable roadside trees that are removed and potentially fire wood from management of Town properties to be made available to Town residents in need of firewood during the winter months.

The Committee continued to identify and propose improvements in existing Town owned areas for public recreation, better access, and interpretation at cultural sites as well as opportunities that would enhance the goals of the new Open Space & Recreation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

- Robert A. Clark, Chair
- Emery Boose, Clerk
- Mick (Michael) Huppert appointed in December 2013
- Clint Shaw
- Henry Woolsey

Petersham Planning Board Annual Report
FY July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

There were six plans endorsed as ANR (Approval Not Required) during FY 2013 on:

- Glasheen Road
- Nichewaug Road
- East Street
- Dugway Road
- Two on Monson Turnpike

There was one plot plan reviewed for a project seeking a building permit on Nelson Road.

An article was put on the annual Town Meeting warrant to extend the townwide rate of development (subsequently voted by the town and approved by the State).

Discussion continued throughout the year with a representative from the DCR on how we can make use of NRPZ (Natural Resource Protection Zoning) to control future growth in the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Fraser Sinclair, Chair

Donna Byron, Clerk

Town of Petersham Police Department Annual Report

The Police Department had another busy year with a total of 2,345 calls for officers to answer. Although we have had a lot of calls for service, our residential break and entries remain low as compared to surrounding communities. The Police Department believes this is due to the commitment of our dedicated crime watch staff who, faithfully drive the roads of Petersham and watch your properties for suspicious activity and report it to the police.

I would like to take this time to express sorrow and my deepest sympathy to the family of Alan Connolly. Alan recently passed away and was one of those dedicated people who watched over your property even when he wasn't feeling well. Alan was part of the three amigos that traveled the roads every Monday. Rest in peace Allan. We will miss you.

Our relationship and commitment with the Petersham Center School remains strong as Principal Chris Dodge and this department work hand in hand to assure the safety of the students, staff and visitors. We have supplied high levels of training to our officers provided by the Massachusetts State Police Stop Team in the event of an active shooter situation at the Center School. I am confident that if an event were to happen in the Town of Petersham our officers are prepared for the task at hand.

Our DARE "Drug Awareness Resistance Education" program continues with the fifth grade class at the Center School taught by our own DARE Officer Dan Kimball. This program has been and continues to be supported financially with an annual donation by Harvard Forest.

With today's demands on family commitments we hired on two new officers to assist with taking the load off some of the officers who want to spend a little more time with their families while their children are young and growing up. Officer Joseph Brown of Barre who is a full-time 3 year veteran of the Barre Police Department brings with him a lot of experience to share in assisting with some higher levels of training. Marc Duguay, a Petersham resident, although new to the field will be a great asset once fully trained by being a local resident, living in Petersham where he will be able to assist in responding to emergency calls in the middle of the night.

The Police Department has had to take a hard look at what the impact of Heywood's proposal for a Behavioral Health / Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center will do to the services provided to the Town of Petersham. The Police Department welcomes the facility as most crimes are driven by some type of chemical addition however; we want to be prepared for the impact to the Department and the community.

I would like to thank my officers and their families for their unselfish dedication while these officers put their lives on the line for the Town of Petersham every time they put on the uniform.

As we know with negative publicity of police officers around the country today our officers still take the high road and remain professional with integrity intact while answering the call to duty to protect the residents of the Town of Petersham.

I would like to especially thank my wife Diana and family for supporting me each and every day.

God Bless and God Speed.

Respectfully Submitted.

R. Dana Cooley Jr.
Chief of Police

Town of Petersham
Fiscal Year 2014

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Meeting Moderator			
Department Head Salary	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Total Town Moderator	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Board of Selectmen			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,929.00	\$6,929.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,284.00	\$3,263.66	\$1,020.34
Right of Way Rte 32	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Part - Time Clerk	\$7,464.00	\$7,109.29	\$354.71
Total Board of Selectmen	\$19,677.00	\$17,301.95	\$2,375.05
Town Admin Coordinator			
Salary	\$42,990.60	\$42,990.60	\$0.00
Admin Coordinator Overtime	\$772.00	\$0.00	\$772.00
Total Town Admin Coordinator	\$43,762.60	\$42,990.60	\$772.00
Finance Committee			
Expenses	\$505.00	\$129.00	\$376.00
Total Finance Committee	\$505.00	\$129.00	\$376.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00	\$16,994.71	\$8,005.29
Town Accountant			
Salary	\$14,440.00	\$14,440.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,029.00	\$3,983.91	\$45.09
Audit	\$37,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$24,500.00
Accounting Clerk	\$1,177.00	\$479.30	\$697.70
Total Town Accountant	\$56,646.00	\$31,403.21	\$25,242.79
Board of Assessors			
Board Members Salaries	\$7,641.00	\$7,641.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$17,190.00	\$13,756.39	\$3,433.61
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$29,858.00	\$29,858.00	\$0.00
Mapping Project	\$15,000.00	\$1,858.16	\$13,141.84
FY 16 Revaluation	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total Board of Assessors	\$79,689.00	\$53,113.55	\$26,575.45
Treasurer			
Salary	\$14,440.00	\$14,440.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,158.47	\$3,306.75	\$851.72
Payroll Processing Fees	\$3,400.00	\$2,894.55	\$505.45
Total Treasurer	\$21,998.47	\$20,641.30	\$1,357.17
Tax Collector			
Salary	\$11,494.00	\$11,494.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$14,144.97	\$10,837.64	\$3,307.33
Total Tax Collector	\$25,638.97	\$22,331.64	\$3,307.33
Town Counsel			
Legal Fees	\$7,000.00	\$3,179.98	\$3,820.02
Hwy Right of Way	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Town Counsel	\$8,000.00	\$4,179.98	\$3,820.02

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Clerk			
Salary	\$9,347.00	\$9,347.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,734.00	\$2,320.92	\$413.08
Vital Statistics	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Vital Records	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Part-Time Clerk	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clerk	\$17,741.00	\$12,327.92	\$5,413.08
Election & Registration			
Salaries	\$2,100.00	\$2,081.16	\$18.84
Expenses	\$1,250.00	\$99.74	\$1,150.26
Total Election & Registration	\$3,350.00	\$2,180.90	\$1,169.10
Planning Board			
Expenses	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Broadband Survey	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$918.00	\$0.00	\$918.00
Total Planning Board	\$1,718.00	\$0.00	\$1,718.00
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
ZBA Consultant	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,260.00	\$0.00	\$1,260.00
Land Court / Tax Title Fees			
Land Court Fees	\$17,294.65	\$0.00	\$17,294.65
Tax Title Surveys / Appraisals	\$33,035.00	\$75.00	\$32,960.00
Total Land Court / Tax Title Fees	\$50,329.65	\$75.00	\$50,254.65
Town Hall			
Town Hall / Office Maintenance	\$6,800.00	\$6,384.79	\$415.21
Town Hall / Office Expenses	\$29,454.52	\$29,161.31	\$293.21
Town - Phone	\$11,209.71	\$11,209.71	\$0.00
Handicap Access / Town Hall / Office	\$1,578.77	\$1,421.45	\$157.32
Computer Service	\$1,000.00	\$245.00	\$755.00
Town Hall / Office Wiring	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Windows w/ Screens	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Town Hall Alarm System	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
Total Town Hall	\$93,543.00	\$48,422.26	\$45,120.74
Printing			
Town Printing	\$1,750.00	\$1,118.35	\$631.65
Total Printing	\$1,750.00	\$1,118.35	\$631.65
Police Department			
Police Chief Salary	\$67,620.00	\$67,620.00	\$0.00
Police Wages	\$28,925.25	\$28,480.53	\$444.72
Full Time Officer Wages	\$48,027.00	\$48,027.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$35,539.00	\$34,886.76	\$652.24
Training - Full Time	\$3,170.00	\$2,970.75	\$199.25
Training - Part Time	\$5,345.00	\$5,341.39	\$3.61
Total Police Department	\$188,626.25	\$187,326.43	\$1,299.82

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Fire Department			
Salaries/Wages	\$20,327.92	\$20,327.92	\$0.00
Expenses	\$28,508.31	\$28,508.31	\$0.00
Generator	\$2,572.11	\$1,596.14	\$975.97
Truck Tires	\$566.52	\$0.00	\$566.52
Forestry Gear	\$1,745.50	\$0.00	\$1,745.50
Turnout Gear (2)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Replacement Pagers	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
Total Fire Department	\$66,220.36	\$59,932.37	\$6,287.99
Emergency Management			
Emergency Management	\$4,580.00	\$4,579.93	\$0.07
Total Emergency Management	\$4,580.00	\$4,579.93	\$0.07
Building Inspector			
Building Inspector Salary	\$9,529.00	\$9,529.00	\$0.00
Clerical	\$2,433.00	\$2,431.53	\$1.47
Expenses	\$1,510.00	\$1,198.46	\$311.54
Total Building Inspector	\$13,472.00	\$13,158.99	\$313.01
Dog Officer			
Salary	\$2,103.00	\$1,680.00	\$423.00
Expenses	\$1,700.00	\$407.70	\$1,292.30
Total Dog Officer	\$3,803.00	\$2,087.70	\$1,715.30
Tree Warden			
Salary	\$2,075.00	\$1,975.00	\$100.00
Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
High Tree Work	\$17,333.93	\$12,408.00	\$4,925.93
Town Trees	\$852.00	\$478.28	\$373.72
Total Tree Warden	\$20,460.93	\$15,061.28	\$5,399.65
Forest Warden			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Total Forest Warden	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Public Safety Communications			
Communication Radio Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$113.93	\$1,686.07
IMC & LEAPS	\$2,780.00	\$2,780.00	\$0.00
Total Public Safety Communications	\$4,580.00	\$2,893.93	\$1,686.07
Hearing Enforcement Officer			
Salary	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Total Hearing Enforcement Officer	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Education			
Petersham Center School	\$1,218,660.00	\$1,168,211.37	\$50,448.63
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District	\$804,769.00	\$800,358.00	\$4,411.00
Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech.	\$86,691.00	\$86,691.00	\$0.00
Total Education	\$2,110,120.00	\$2,055,260.37	\$54,859.63

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Highway Department			
Salaries	\$120,773.00	\$119,761.48	\$1,011.52

Expenses	\$54,470.00	\$51,805.28	\$2,664.72
Dump/Sander Body	\$45,977.00	\$0.00	\$45,977.00
Front End Loader	\$60,450.00	\$60,450.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$281,670.00</u>	<u>\$232,016.76</u>	<u>\$49,653.24</u>
Town Barn			
Expenses	\$12,287.92	\$12,271.85	\$16.07
Total Town Barn	<u>\$12,287.92</u>	<u>\$12,271.85</u>	<u>\$16.07</u>
Snow & Ice Removal			
Expenses	\$86,121.72	\$86,121.72	\$0.00
Total Snow & Ice Removal	<u>\$86,121.72</u>	<u>\$86,121.72</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Street Lights			
Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$5,666.03	\$638.97
Total Street Lights	<u>\$6,305.00</u>	<u>\$5,666.03</u>	<u>\$638.97</u>
Cemetery Department			
Expenses	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$0.00
Care of Cemeteries	\$19,896.00	\$19,896.00	\$0.00
Computerizing Cemetery Records	\$185.01	\$0.00	\$185.01
Cemetery Repairs	\$2,308.09	\$2,219.19	\$88.90
Total Cemetery Department	<u>\$22,441.10</u>	<u>\$22,167.19</u>	<u>\$273.91</u>
Board of Health			
Board Members Salaries	\$438.00	\$438.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,200.00	\$425.54	\$1,774.46
Inspector of Animals	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
BOH - Admin Assistant	\$5,631.00	\$5,628.76	\$2.24
Total Board of Health	<u>\$8,444.00</u>	<u>\$6,667.30</u>	<u>\$1,776.70</u>
Transfer Station			
Transfer Station	\$52,143.58	\$51,490.20	\$653.38
Total Transfer Station	<u>\$52,143.58</u>	<u>\$51,490.20</u>	<u>\$653.38</u>
Council on Aging			
Expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Total Council on Aging	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Veterans' Agent			
Expenses	\$7,186.00	\$3,386.86	\$3,799.14
Total Veterans' Agent	<u>\$7,186.00</u>	<u>\$3,386.86</u>	<u>\$3,799.14</u>
Library			
Operating Subsidy	\$8,900.00	\$8,900.00	\$0.00
Total Library	<u>\$8,900.00</u>	<u>\$8,900.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Concerts			
Concerts (6)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Concerts	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bandstand			
Bandstand Lighting	\$325.00	\$128.38	\$196.62
Total Bandstand	<u>\$325.00</u>	<u>\$128.38</u>	<u>\$196.62</u>

<u>Department:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>
Town Clock			
Care of Town Clock	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
Total Town Clock	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$73.00</u>

Care of Common Expenses	\$6,696.00	\$6,696.00	\$0.00
Total Care of Common	\$6,696.00	\$6,696.00	\$0.00
Historical Commission			
Expenses	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
Total Historical Commission	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
Historical District Commission			
Expenses	\$252.00	\$50.79	\$201.21
Total Historical District Commission	\$252.00	\$50.79	\$201.21
Memorial Day			
Expenses	\$585.00	\$547.82	\$37.18
Total Memorial Day	\$585.00	\$547.82	\$37.18
Debt Service			
Interest Expense	\$5,000.00	\$937.50	\$4,062.50
Fire Truck Debt	\$22,400.00	\$22,400.00	\$0.00
Center School Debt	\$101,743.00	\$101,743.00	\$0.00
Police Station Debt	\$30,599.00	\$30,599.00	\$0.00
Mahar Debt	\$31,284.00	\$31,284.00	\$0.00
Total Debt Service	\$191,026.00	\$186,963.50	\$4,062.50
Assessments			
School Choice	\$5,000.00	\$32,500.00	(\$27,500.00)
Air Pollution	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$0.00
Regional Transit	\$962.00	\$962.00	\$0.00
RMV Non-Renewal	\$680.00	\$740.00	(\$60.00)
Total State Assessments	\$7,004.00	\$34,564.00	(\$27,560.00)
Retirement			
Assessment	\$154,980.00	\$154,980.00	\$0.00
Total Retirement	\$154,980.00	\$154,980.00	\$0.00
Insurance			
Health	\$59,607.00	\$55,685.60	\$3,921.40
Retirees Health	\$43,250.00	\$22,621.06	\$20,628.94
Medicare	\$23,496.00	\$21,271.34	\$2,224.66
General Insurance	\$66,622.00	\$60,980.75	\$5,641.25
Total Insurance	\$192,975.00	\$160,558.75	\$32,416.25
Prior Year Invoices	\$2,131.75	\$2,131.75	\$0.00
Transfer To Stabilization Fund	\$90,141.00	\$90,141.00	\$0.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Here we are reporting on FY14, yet another year gone by.

As time keeps moving so do we, as a community, into the future. We have been using the mytowngovernment.org site for our meeting postings. Although I first met with some resistance, it has made the life of many, easier. It has made the public have more access to what is going on in town government, from within their own homes.

I continue to offer my services as a Notary Public and a Justice of the Peace. I continue to sell hunting/fishing licenses from my office.

Thank you to Renee Wingertsman for the help that she has provided me throughout the year. It always helps to do this job when you have great support people around you.

To my election workers, for their hours of great work and support, I continue to say that without them, elections would not run so smoothly. The Board of Registrars, Kay Simms, Anne Perkins and Barbara Nickless, continue to be there when needed. To all a big thank you!

The biggest thanks goes to my family for understanding the hours and commitment it takes to be the Town Clerk.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your Town Clerk.

Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk

ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS – MARCH 3, 2014

MODERATOR – 3 YEARS

398 voters out of 903 = 44% turnout

Bart R. Wendell	315
Blanks	83

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS

Fredrik A. Marsh	250
Marcia Shaw	64
Others	10
Blanks	74

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 2 YEARS

Nancy Allen	197
Dana Kennan	174
Blanks	27

TREASURER – 3 YEARS

Dana C. Robinson	300
Blanks	98

BOARD OF ASSESSORS – 3 YEARS

Fredrik A. Marsh	186
Ellen H. Anderson	204
Blanks	8

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YEARS

Kaye D. Cousens	334
Blanks	64

PETERSHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS

Russell J. Fontaine	300
Blanks	98

PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS – VOTE FOR TWO

John R. Lawson	286
Fraser D. Sinclair	293
Others	1
Blank	216

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY – 3 YEARS

Annette Ermini	120
Others	14
Blanks	264



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At the Annual Town Meeting, held on June 2, 2014, at which a quorum was present, the following votes were taken:

Non-voters present were Tari Thomas - Ralph C. Mahar Regional, Christopher Doge - Petersham Center School, Tammy Lajoie - Monty Tech, Steve Boudreau - Administrative Coordinator and Timothy Graves - Highway Superintendent

A vote was taken to allow the non-residents to speak as needed.

A vote was taken to allow the Moderator to call the 2/3 votes.

Article 1 : Reports were read by Peter George on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Ross France on behalf of the Advisory Finance Committee, Dana Kennan on behalf of the Board of Assessors and Melissa LeVangie as Tree Warden. The Town voted to accept the reports as read.

Article 2: The Town voted to take no action.

A Point of Order was made and voted to take Article 39 out of order and take action on it after Article 24. It was voted to allow all consent articles to be voted on with one vote.

Article 3: The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2015, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 53F.

Article 4: The Town voted to endorse the recommendation of its member to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority authorizing transportation service to or from or within the Town including the commitment by the Town for its share of any deficit as the result of such service.

Article 5: The Town voted to use the income of the William B. Spooner Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year at the Petersham Memorial Library for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 6: The Town voted to allow the Conservation Commission to use the accumulated interest from the Evelyn V. Murphy Conservation Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 7: The Town voted to allow the Conservation Commission to use the accumulated interest from the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year, to be used at the Sanctuary for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 8: The Town voted to re-authorize the Accountant to deposit income generated from property and timber sales into a "Commissions Account" for payment of commissions due as submitted for payment by the Selectboard following sale of property, pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to pay commissions due on the sale of real and/or personal property of the Town; said fund to be established from receipts of said property, and expenditures shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 9: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Treasurer for fees due to the Electrical Inspector, Gas Inspector and Plumbing Inspector. The Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; expenditures from said Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Article 10: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to which shall be deposited all receipts for grave openings and from which the Selectboard may make expenditures to pay the costs thereof, said expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 11: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the several Town departments that process permit and license hearing applications, to pay for services and fees charged for the filing of hearing applications, to include retrieval fees, legal notices, clerical fees, postage fees, and the carrying out of duties required; said fund to be established from receipts collected by the various departments, and said expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 12: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Petersham School Committee Fee Schedule for use of the Petersham School Building, to be expended by the Petersham School Committee for the purpose of repairs to the Building and replacement of equipment associated with the use of the Facility; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Article 13: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Planning Board Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule, to be expended by the Planning Board for the purpose of hiring professional consultants to assist the Planning Board in carrying out its duties; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Article 14: The Town voted to re-authorize the Town Clerk to deposit fee income generated from certificates, DBA's, Dog Fees, Genealogy, etc. into a Commissions Account for payment of fees due as submitted for payment by the Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income, and expenditures shall not exceed \$3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 15: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Treasurer for fees due to the Fire Chief. The Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; expenditures from said Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Article 16: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Zoning Board of Appeals Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule, to be expended by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the purposes of carrying out its duties; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Article 17: The Town voted to re-authorize the Inspector of Buildings to deposit fee income generated from inspections and related work into a Revolving Account, to be expended by the Inspector of Buildings, for the purposes of carrying out department duties, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income, expenditures from said account not to exceed \$3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 18: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and pursuant to Local Cultural Council Regulations at 962 CMR 2:05, for deposit of local funds collected by

the Petersham Cultural Council, to be expended by the Petersham Cultural Council for the purpose of carrying out its duties; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Article 19: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and pursuant to Local Cultural Council Regulations at 962 CMR 2:05, for deposit of grant funds collected by the Petersham Cultural Council from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, to be expended by the Petersham Cultural Council for the purpose of funding annual grants; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2015 not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Article 20: The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Board of Health, to pay for consulting services as required by the Board of Health, said fund to be established from receipts collected by the Board of Health for fees for its services; said expenditures not to exceed \$7,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Article 21: The Town voted to accept and expend Chapter 90 Funds from the State, said expenditures to be 100% reimbursed by the State.

The Town voted to accept Articles 3 – 21 as Consent Articles and voted them as one.

Article 22: The Town voted to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,282,782.00 for the total of the Selectboard Budget for FY2015 broken down as follows:

Town General Office & Finance:	\$ 282,902.00
Total Protection of Persons & Property:	\$ 341,994.00
Total Health and Sanitation:	\$ 61,013.00
Total Highway Department:	\$ 230,382.00
Total Charities and Veterans Benefits:	\$ 7,589.00
Total Unclassified	\$ 358,902.00

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 851,928.00 for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District FY2015 Budget.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 56,509.00 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational School District FY2015 Budget.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,223,252.00 for the Petersham Center School FY2015 Budget.

Article 23: The Town voted to fix the salaries of all Elective Town Officers as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator \$0.00; Town Treasurer \$14,838.00; Town Clerk \$9,605.00; Tax Collector \$11,811.00; Selectboard, Chair \$2,585.00; two members \$2,268.00 each; Board of Assessors, Chair, \$2,929.00; Clerk, \$2,536.00, other member, \$2,387.00; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$10.57/per hour; Board of Health chair, \$183.00; other members, \$134.00 each.

Article 24: The Town voted to Take No Action.

Article 39: Vincent Bill Purple moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,500.00 for the engineering and reconstruction of the stone wall and road edge repair around the stone wall of the West Road Cemetery and any other repairs necessary to complete reconstruction. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed. 57 in favor to 33 against

Article 25: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for (6) six Petersham Brass Bands Concerts at \$300.00 per concert to be held during the summer of 2014.

Article 26: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used for the Council on Aging Activities.

Article 27: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,742.50 to pay the FY2015 principal and interest due on the construction note for the Petersham Center School.

Article 28: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,800.00 to pay the FY2015 principal and interest due on the Fire Department fire truck.

Article 29: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,432.00 to pay the FY2015 principal and interest due on the construction note for the RC Mahar Regional School District Building.

Article 30: The Town voted to amend the dates in Article XVI Zoning By-Laws of Petersham as follows:

Section 1.1.2 TOWNWIDE RATE OF DEVELOPMENT

Section 1.1.2 General. Beginning on the date of the adoption of this By-Law, building permits (hereinafter, "permits") for no more than six(6) new dwelling units shall be issued in each of the six full calendar years following said adoption, those years being *2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*. See section 1.1.3(8) below regarding the remainder of calendar year *2014*. More than six (6) permits may be issued in one year if paragraphs 1.1.3(5) or 1.1.3(6) below apply.

Section 1.1.3(8) The maximum number of permits to be issued for the year *2014* shall be six(6). All provisions of this bylaw shall apply to said issuance.

Section 1.1.6 Time Limitation and Extension. This section shall expire on January 1, *2021* provided, however, that this section may be extended without lapse of its provisions and limitations by vote of the Town Meeting prior to January 1, *2021*.

2/3rds vote required for approval – Motion passes 2 opposed

Article 31: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

Article 32: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Tri Annual Reassessments of the values of all real estate and personal properties for Fiscal Year 2016, as required by state law.

Article 33: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Board of Assessor to fund the second of a three year mapping project required by the Department of Revenue, said funds to be spent in FY2015, FY2016, and any unspent amounts to revert thereafter to the general fund.

Article 34: The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$102,000.00 to purchase a new cab and chassis and related hydraulic components for the Highway Department and any unspent amounts to revert thereafter to the general fund at the end of FY2015.

Article 35: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 to purchase a new police SUV vehicle and any unspent amounts to revert thereafter to the general fund at the end of FY2015. 6 opposed.

Article 36: The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00, for the Fire Department to replace Fire Hose in the first year of a five year hose replacement process.

Article 37: The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$24,000.00 for the Fire Department to replace breathing apparatus in year 1 of a 4 year process.

Article 38: The Town voted to amend Town of Petersham By-Laws Article XVII 'Procedures for Uses of Town Property' as follows:

Current Article

Section 1. Town Common

The area known as the North Common shall be designated at the Memorial Park and Common and shall be maintained as a maple heritage excepting only the Community Christmas Tree, which is a Memorial in itself, and further that the Memorial Park and Common Committee or a committee given similar charge shall be the approving body for all material planted in the North Common area.

Proposed amended Article:

Section 1. Town Common

The area known as the North Common shall be designated as the Petersham Memorial Park and Common and that the Petersham Memorial Park and Common Committee, Petersham Tree Warden, Petersham Forest and Shade Tree Committee acting in accordance shall be the approving body for all material planted on the North Common.

Passed Unanimously

Article 40: The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$2,499.00 from Free Cash and raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,789.00 into the Stabilization Fund. (2/3rds vote required for approval.) Passed Unanimously

The Town voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM.

This is a True Copy Attest.



Diana L. Cooley, Town Clerk

Town Clerk

RAFFLES

The following organizations purchased raffle licenses at \$10.00 each for a total of \$50.00, which was paid to the Treasurer.

Petersham Curling Club
Petersham Branch Alliance
Petersham Fire Association
St. Peter's Church
Petersham Lions Club

DOG FUNDS

A total of 1,854.00 was collected from the sale of dog licenses. A total of \$20.00 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

MARIJUANA CITATIONS

A total of \$300.00 was collected in marijuana citations and turned over to the Treasurer.

Vital Statistics of the Town Clerk

Births

From July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 there were 8 babies born – 2 girls and 6 boys.
 From January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 there was 1 baby born – 1 girl.

Marriages

July 27, 2013	Odin C. Forgues	Petersham
	Kathryn B. Neylon	Petersham
October 12, 2013	Will J. Stevens	Barre
	Shayna M. Cooley	Barre
October 26, 2013	Robert Joseph Croteau, Jr.	Petersham
	Kelly Jean Stone	Petersham
January 1, 2014	Michael Eric Weeks	Petersham
	Rebecca Gay Davis	Petersham
May 17, 2014	Robert Joseph Mallette	Athol
	Melissa Sue Hazen	Athol

Deaths

July 12, 2013	Shirley LaPointe	Petersham	85
July 19, 2013	Norman L. Ricard	Petersham	83
July 27, 2013	Jeremiah W. Connolly, Jr.	Petersham	84
September 1, 2013	Beatrice Monette	Petersham	86
September 12, 2013	Glenn Louis Belloli	Petersham	65
October 24, 2013	Phyllis J. Brown	Petersham	75
January 19, 2014	Lucille Mercier	Petersham	94
March 2, 2014	Vivian Palmerie	Petersham	94
March 17, 2014	Ellen G. Moriarty	Petersham	84
April 7, 2014	Jan Mastin Bedau	Petersham	82
May 19, 2014	John F. Welch, Jr.	Petersham	71

Of the above, 6 burials took place in Petersham. There were 9 burials brought into town.

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

General Government

Selectmen

Nancy Allen	Selectman	735.68	
Timothy Clark	Selectman	1,471.32	
Fredrik Marsh	Selectmen	2,412.32	
Peter George	Selectman	2,309.68	
Steven Boudreau	Admin. Coordinator	42,722.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	7,178.29	\$ 56,829.29

Assessors

Dana Kennan	Assessor	2,850.00	
Ellen Anderson	Assessor	774.36	
Frederick Marsh	Assessor	1,826.32	
Jean Robinson	Assessor	2,468.00	
Kelly Garlock	Asst. Assessor	30,089.90	\$ 38,008.58

Tax Collector

Virginia Newman		22,023.00	\$ 22,023.00
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Town Clerk

Diana Cooley		13,940.15	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	869.00	\$ 14,809.15

Town Treasurer

Dana Robinson		14,440.00	\$ 14,440.00
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Town Accountant

Jean Joel		14,440.00	
Kelly Garlock		122.75	\$ 14,562.75

Building Inspector

Brianna Skowrya		9,529.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	1,981.48	\$ 11,510.48

Board of Health

Kaye Cousens	Health Board	130.00	
Fifi Scoufopoulos	Health Board	130.00	
Robert Pasic	Health Board	178.00	
Richard D. Cooley Jr	Water Operator	900.00	
Nathan Berry	Transfer Station	456.53	
Fredrik Marsh	Transfer Station	2,089.39	
Paul Williams	Transfer Station	825.00	
Renee Wingertsman	BOH Secretary	6,715.92	\$ 11,424.84

Inspector of Animals

Jeffrey Perkins		175.00	\$ 175.00
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Town Hall & Office Custodian

Neil Legare		8,078.82	\$ 8,078.82
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Tree Warden

Melissa LeVangie		1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00
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Conservation Commission

Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	81.83	\$ 81.83
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Dog Officer

Andrew Ohlson		1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00
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Plumbing Inspector

Daniel Jolly		1,845.00	
Gerald Brousseau		1,440.00	\$ 3,285.00

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Electrical Inspector

Gary Terroy

8,035.00 \$ 8,035.00

Gas Inspector

\$ -

Elections & Registration

Michelle Bartus	59.33	
Ralph Hebert	266.48	
Anne Hyde-Hebert	266.48	
Dana Kennan	79.75	
Mary Kenney	232.58	
Carolyn May	266.48	
Barbara Nickless	200.00	
Richard Nickless	139.08	
Karen O'Connor	333.98	
Helen Simms	100.00	
Ann Perkins	200.00	\$ 2,144.16

Police Department

R. Dana Cooley Jr.	Chief	68,842.46	
	Detail Pay	2,460.00	
Scott Acito		4,301.21	
John Bartus		1,120.00	
Richard Bartus		13,891.84	
Jesse Berard		9,319.03	
Ted Bassett		15,396.92	
Jeffrey Boyer		2,708.39	
Peter Buck		555.91	
Randy Horne	Salary	48,423.44	
	Detail Pay	28,755.60	
Daniel Kimball		2,388.08	
Denis Legare		7,420.06	
Robert Legare		6,641.49	
Michael Leslie		7,033.69	
Jason Lichtengerger		5,208.92	
Timothy Wright		8,214.32	\$ 232,681.36

Fire Department

Dana Robinson	Chief	5,502.20	
	Inspection Fees	950.00	
	Forest Warden	25.00	
Robert Legare	Asst. Chief	4,523.62	
Vinnie Acito		1,150.00	
Daniel Allinger		256.80	
Raymond Balzer		479.40	
Scott Churchill		124.50	
Ronald Dejackome		237.70	
Peter Devoll		1,766.60	
Robert Goodfellow		1,499.00	
Robert Hughes		606.30	

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Fire Department - Continued

Rebecca Jackson		204.40	
Gregory Kimball		733.20	
Gilbert King, Jr		95.90	
Neil Legare		560.40	
Eric Leichtweis		42.30	
Rebecca Legare		359.15	
Shawn Legare	Captain	2,455.90	
Colin O'Brien		376.70	
Charles Pinder		1,224.90	
Jeffrey Perkins		54.80	
Ashley Reed		252.20	
Larry Robinson	Captain	1,351.63	
Matthew Robinson		84.60	
Jason Scott		294.15	
Kevin Shortis		14.10	
Peter West		419.50	\$ 25,644.95

Highway Department

Timothy Graves	Superintendent	56,605.70	
Leslie Cooley		53,505.75	
Gary Martinelli		17,277.00	
Brian Bassett		12,729.11	
Richard Cooley, Sr.		4,447.74	
Robert Legare		460.02	
Fredrik Marsh		2,399.12	
Gregory Waid		22,053.45	\$ 169,477.89

Emergency Management

Lynne Shaw			\$ -
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School Department

Christopher Dodge	Principal	74,899.99	
Melanie Pallotta	Learning Specialist	65,325.10	
Bridget Koetsch	Kindegarten	65,173.64	
Christina Boyer- Thompson	Grade 1	42,390.48	
Wendi LeBlanc	Grade 2	69,376.50	
Tracy Smith	Grade 3	60,061.90	
Melissa Clark	Grade 4	46,565.73	
Melissa Fournier	Grade 5	41,219.38	
Nicole Ruggles	Grade 6	69,398.63	
Donna Shaughnessy	Special Needs	60,590.01	
Natasha Hanna	Music/Aide	19,683.98	
Angela Haynes	Music/Aide	16,494.64	
Kay Leonard	Art	10,759.08	
Suzanne Tattan	Phys. Ed.	13,219.46	
Stephanie Carmiello	School Nurse	32,565.59	
Merrycarol Wada	Nurse Sub.	345.00	
Charlotte Layton	Nurse Sub.	1,085.00	
Katherine Arsenault	Technology/Library	46,493.18	

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

School Department (con't)

Karen Regan	Speech Pathologist	53,652.35	
David Weinberg	Guidance	48,725.38	
Rebecca Boisvert	Aide	15,413.38	
Catia Boucher	Aide	6,635.38	
Brandi Cooley	Aide	4,955.64	
Jo-ann Fitzgerald	Aide	5,813.81	
Kelli Graves	Aide	13,444.33	
Patricia Notre	Aide	15,498.71	
Kristen Orlando	Aide	10,093.94	
Kristen Ruberti	Aide	2,472.04	
Kristine Wallace	Aide	12,870.77	
Ann Degnan	Secretary	37,890.92	
Barbara Young	Secretary	18,063.91	
Debra Phelps	Cook	20,319.51	
James M. Burke III	Head Custodian	43,320.56	
Justin Liversidge	Custodian	29,693.58	
Pamela Chevalier	Substitute	2,353.04	
Jennifer Degnan	Substitute	105.00	
Tracy Murphy	Substitute	70.00	
Erin Degnan	Substitute	210.00	
Lynn Peredina	Substitute	612.50	
Alicia Wilcox	Substitute	446.79	
Erin Young	Substitute	700.00	
Helen Simms	Substitute	2,075.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Substitute	360.50	
Ann Marie Goodfellow	Substitute	105.00	\$ 1,081,549.33

Total Payroll All Departments

\$ 1,718,316.43

1099 Vendors

Barnes Landscaping	Care of Common & Cemeteries	31,675.50
Casey Bashaw Plumbing	Plumbing Repairs	1,590.00
Alfred Berry	Survey	1,500.00
Douglas Cameron	Carpentry	800.00
Thomas Garbett	Psychologist	15,980.96
Salvatore Ardagna Jr.	Street Sweeping	1,600.00
Phillip Ledger	Board of Health	3,525.00
David Lockesmith	Conservation Commission	1,970.00
Whittier Plumbing & Heating	Repairs Town Hall & Office	2,215.84
Jeffrey Nail	Tree Work	1,700.00
Eveline MacDowell	Cultural Council	600.00
Mike Christian	Cultural Council	600.00
Chris Pletcher	Cultural Council	1,200.00

\$ 64,957.30

Total Payroll & 1099 Vendors

\$ 1,783,273.73

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson
Town Treasurer

Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Fund	Princ. Bal. 7/1/2013	Earnings Bal. 7/1/2013	Princ. Contrib.	Earnings Net	Cash Disb.	Princ. Bal. 6/30/2014	Earnings Bal. 6/30/2014	Ending Cash Value
<u>Cemetery Funds</u>								
Consolidated Cemetery I & II	\$ 74,151.71	\$ 916.90	\$ 300.00	\$ 428.11	\$ 631.93	\$ 74,451.71	\$ 713.08	\$ 75,154.79
E.M. Cook Cemetery Fund	1,026.25	13.33		5.93	9.33	1,026.25	9.93	1,036.18
L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund I & II	2,333.33	30.73		13.47	21.65	2,333.33	22.55	2,355.88
Belle Rickey Cemetery Fund	188.97	1.23		1.10	1.04	188.97	1.29	190.26
Cemetery Bequests								
Annie Daniels Flower Fund	1,069.54	6.84		6.11	5.81	1,069.54	7.14	1,076.68
John Mudge Flower Fund	2,131.32	274.89		13.72	50.00	2,131.32	238.61	2,369.93
J & C Williams Flower Fund	544.61	3.48		3.12	2.96	544.61	3.64	548.25
William Smith Cemetery Fund	9,000.00	116.99		51.99	81.09	9,000.00	87.89	9,087.89
SubTotal	\$ 90,445.73	\$ 1,364.39	\$ 300.00	\$ 523.55	\$ 803.81	\$ 90,745.73	\$ 1,084.13	\$ 91,829.86
<u>School Funds</u>								
McCarthy School fund	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 773.74		\$ 23.32	\$ -	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 797.06	\$ 4,107.97
Hildreth School fund	4,476.72	360.40		27.56	-	4,476.72	387.96	4,864.68
Josephine Dickman School Fund	2,926.79	95.11		17.25	-	2,926.79	112.36	3,039.15
Discovery Center School	459.22	268.08		4.15	-	459.22	272.23	731.45
Subtotal	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,497.33	\$ -	\$ 72.28	\$ -	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,569.61	\$ 12,743.25
<u>Library Funds</u>								
Mann Library Fund I & II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,136.97		\$ 34.99		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,171.96	\$ 6,171.96
GW Cook Library Fund	1,026.25	233.67		7.18		1,026.25	240.85	1,267.10
Spooner Library Fund I, II & III	4,659.00	56.73		26.90	32.98	4,659.00	50.65	4,709.65
Wheeler Library fund	3,000.00	682.16		21.01		3,000.00	703.17	3,703.17
Subtotal	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 2,109.53	\$ -	\$ 90.08	\$ 32.98	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 2,166.63	\$ 15,851.88
<u>Conservation Funds</u>								
Babbit Fund	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 5,292.03		\$ 375.11	\$ 624.00	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 5,043.14	\$ 65,508.69
Evelyn Murphy Conservation Fund	10,000.00	5,501.94		89.36	3,584.00	10,000.00	2,007.30	12,007.30
Subtotal	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 10,793.97	\$ -	\$ 464.47	\$ 4,208.00	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 7,050.44	\$ 77,515.99
<u>Charity Funds</u>								
Elizabeth Newton Charity Fund	\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,607.71		\$ 74.39		\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,682.10	\$ 13,123.75
E Newton Deserving Poor Fund	13,672.26	33,595.13		269.18	(1,141.36)	13,672.26	35,005.67	48,677.93
Subtotal	\$ 17,113.91	\$ 43,202.84	\$ -	\$ 343.57	\$ (1,141.36)	\$ 17,113.91	\$ 44,687.77	\$ 61,801.68

Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

<u>Other Funds</u>									
Flint Memorial Fund	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,455.42	\$ 190.56	\$	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,645.98	\$	\$ 33,613.97	
Disaster Fund	6,949.70	74,953.58	\$ 467.88	(3,166.40)	6,949.70	72,255.06	\$	79,204.76	
Stabilization Fund	131,910.86	417,980.76	\$ 3,109.87	-	222,051.86	421,090.63	\$	643,142.49	
Energy Commission fund	83.59	2.72	\$ 0.51	83.20	0.39	3.23	\$	3.62	
Petersham Village Imp. Soc	115.66	101.67	\$ 1.23		115.66	102.90	\$	218.56	
Davenport Property Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 57.99	\$ 87.05	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 145.04	\$	\$ 11,145.04	
Subtotal	\$ 177,027.80	\$ 503,552.14	\$ 90,141.00	\$ 3,857.10	\$ (7,093.20)	\$ 263,085.50	\$ 50,242.84	\$ 767,328.44	
<u>Grand Total Trust Funds</u>	\$ 379,911.88	\$ 562,520.20	\$ 90,441.00	\$ 5,351.05	\$ (3,179.77)	\$ 466,269.68	\$ 560,801.42	\$ 1,027,071.10	

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana C. Robinson
Treasurer



NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
584 MAIN STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331
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SERVING VETERANS FROM ATHOL, PETERSHAM, PHILLIPSTON AND ROYALSTON

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – A Lincoln

FY14 ANNUAL REPORT

HISTORY & SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans immediately following the Revolutionary War. At the start of the Civil War in 1861, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing M.G.L. Chapter 115 and Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. State and local government leaders wanted to provide benefits to men and women (both living and deceased) who had borne the burden of military duty—and to their families. Chapter 115 enables every eligible Massachusetts veteran to receive certain financial, medical, educational, employment, and other benefits earned by military service. Veterans' Services Officers in 351 municipalities across the state help veterans and families connect with state and federal benefits.

VETERANS' BENEFITS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Chapter 115 Benefits – Provides a needs based means tested program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans.
- Annuities – Provides \$2,000 annually to 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and to unremarried spouses of deceased veterans whose death was service connected.
- Wartime Bonuses – Provides bonuses to eligible wartime veterans.
- Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries – Eligible veterans can be buried at no cost and a nominal fee for spouses in one of two state veterans' cemeteries.
- Women Veterans' Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits; expand awareness of the needs; and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
- Homeless prevention – Provides outreach services and a network of assistance to at-risk veterans and their families.
- Transitional Housing – Provides safe housing, a variety of services, and counseling for up to 24 months to eligible veterans.
- SAVE Program – Provides peer outreach, veteran to veteran, to prevent suicide and advocacy of veterans benefits and services. The SAVE Team is mobile and meets with veterans in the field.
- SHARP Program – Provides peer support, mental health services, psychiatric evaluation and linkages to emergency shelters, and may enroll eligible veterans in the HUD-VASH program.
- Additional services and programs: Employment, Property Tax Exemptions, Soldiers' Homes, and access to federal and local nonprofit benefits programs and services to eligible veterans.

NQD ACTIVATION & REACTIVATION

Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) authorized the district to continue operations through May 8, 2016. District towns are Athol, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

There were four Veterans' Services Districts operating in the Commonwealth on July 1, 2007. There are now 22 Veterans' Services Districts serving 126 communities with a population approaching 1.2 million residents.

NQD GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 11: For every district established under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 10 there shall be a Board of Directors consisting of a representative as appointed by the board of selectmen of each member municipality.

The Board established By-Laws dated January 11, 2006, and amended April 25, 2007, November 3, 2008 and July 12, 2011, which define district operations. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 11 & NQD By-Laws:

1. At the November Board meeting, Director of Veterans' Services presents the next fiscal year's Administrative Budget to the Board recommending the funds required for district operations
2. The Board reviews, discusses and votes to approve the Administrative Budget. It includes each member community's assessment of the total budget.

M.G.L. CHAPTER 115 – VETERANS' BENEFITS

Veterans' benefits are monies paid by towns to eligible recipients. The Commonwealth reimburses a community at least 75% of dollars paid in benefits. See chart:

FINALIZED FY14 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$159,869.41	\$120,539.57	75%
Petersham	\$2,213.12	\$1,659.84	75%
Phillipston	\$17,138.83	\$12,854.14	75%
Royalston	\$213.12	\$159.84	75%

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

NQD assisted veterans with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and other U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office witnessed an increasing number of local area veterans diagnosed with Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), etc.

VA applications for service-connected disabilities; increasing existing service-connected disabilities; Dependency & Indemnity Claims for spouse of deceased veteran; pensions; burial expense assistance; Veterans Grave Markers; Healthcare, etc.

The district has acquired military personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DoD applications to correct Military Records and formal requests to review and upgrade type of discharge.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, dependents, and surviving spouses of deceased veterans, who reside in the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk, Director of Veterans' Services

PETERSHAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FY2014 Annual Report

In FY2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were Maryanne Reynolds (Chair), Brian MacEwen (Clerk), Don Eaton (member), and Jeffrey Perkins (associate/alternate).

The Board approved two applications during this period:

1. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, by AT&T Mobility Corp. was granted a Special Permit to construct a cellular tower at 41 Hall Road. The public hearing closed on November 6, 2013, and a written decision issued on March 10, 2014.
2. Thomas Cahill was granted a Special permit to sell Christmas trees, wreaths and Christmas accessories on a seasonal basis from his property at 6 West Street. The public hearing closed on October 22, 2013, and a written decision issued in 2014.

Multiple business permit requests were processed by the Chair, making the applicants aware of the Town's Zoning-By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Reynolds, Chair

Report of the Petersham Center School

August 27, 2013 marked the start of a great school year at the Petersham Center School. We opened our doors to 111 students in grades K – 6. Class sizes continue to average 16 students. We were again fortunate to have students attend the Center School under the School of Choice program from the towns of Athol, Orange, Templeton, Winchendon, Hardwick, and Phillipston.

The Petersham Center School budget was \$1,589,660 for the 2013-2014 school year. The Town appropriated \$1,218,660 with an estimated \$371,000 in school choice funds. In addition to these funds, the Center School received several grants. These grants were used for a variety of purposes; salaries, books, materials, specialized services, consultation, and professional development.

Students participated in several field trips to compliment their academic studies. 5th and 6th graders began the year a trip to Ocean Park, Maine to take part in the Nature's Classroom program. Other school trips included the Boston's Freedom Trail and Tea Part Museum, Mechanics Hall, Red Apple Farm, Theater at the Mount, and the Worcester Ecotarium. The school concluded the school year with a trip to Look Park in Chicopee, provided by the PTG.

Through the support of local community resources, students were again able to participate in Garden planting and corn harvesting, Vernal Pool Study, Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary, Harvard Pond programs, fish stocking at the Quabbin Reservoir. In addition the Petersham Police Department conducted programs on bus and Halloween safety, along with the DARE Program for the 5th grade students.

Classroom teachers and Specialists worked collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to enhance classroom instruction through collaboration. Professional development during the year focused on implementing the Envisions Math Program, encouraging accountable talk in mathematics, and writing strategies that support diverse learners. Staff are continually reviewing curriculum in all subjects areas to match Common Core Standards.

Parent and community involvement continues to be an integral component of our success. The PTG continued to be a very active group for the Petersham Center School. We are proud of the many parents and community members who volunteer at the school and support us throughout the year. In addition the Parent Teacher Group worked hard to provide the students with activities and opportunities in a variety of areas. Some of these activities included Sharks Ice Hockey game, Holiday Bazaar, Movie Night, Mystery Guest and the End of Year Field Trip.

I would like to express to all the teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members my deep appreciation for their support and a commendation for a job well done. The 2013-2014 school year was an exciting and successful one.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT					
		Budget 2013-2014	Expended 2013-2014	Proposed 2014-2015	
REGULAR EDUCATION					
1000 ADMINISTRATION					
1131 Committee Expense		450	1391	1262	
1132 Committee Adv. Exp		200	48	200	
1133 Committee Legal Exp		3000	2250	3,000	
1140 MASC Dues		1	0	1	
1160 Census		175	725	175	
1170 School Council		1	0	1	
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL		3827	4414	4639	
1210 Superintendent Salary		21738	21239	14,628	
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary		18881	18881	0	
1230 Supt. Office Expense		1517	597	1,000	
1240 Superintendent Dues		1	0	1	
1250 Superintendent Travel		1	0	1	
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal		3133	2651	0	
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL		45271	43368	15,630	
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		49098	47782	20,269	
2000 INSTRUCTION					
2100					
2210 Principal's Salary		74900	74900	77,147	
2220 Principal Secretary Salary		18881	18881	38,800	
2230 Office Expense		5161	3590	3,000	
2241 N.E.A.S.C. Dues		1	0	1	
2242 M.E.S.P.A Dues		600	550	600	
2250 Principal Travel		500	819	800	
2200 PRINCIPAL SUBTOTAL		100043	98740	120,348	
2301 Teacher Salaries		340903	344229	392,803	
2302 Supervisor Salaries		29670	29337	11,929	
2303 Substitute Salaries		10817	9958	8,000	
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries		17658	17568	0	
2305 Discovery Salaries		2500	1875	1	
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries		13430	13809	13,765	
2307 Counselor Salary		1	0	1	

2308	Tech/Media Specialist	1		0	1
2300	TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	414980		416776	426,500
2351	Teacher Course Credits	1302		2597	2,500
2352	Professional Development	1781		1769	5,000
2353	Scholar Supplies	13612		10324	6,000
2354	Technology	7740		9523	14,838
2355	Staff Trave	727		973	800
2356	Field Trips	2193		1943	2,360
2357	Workbooks	3761		27	4,050
2358	Professional Materials	1		0	1
2350	MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTAL	31117		27156	35,549
FINANCIAL STATEMENT					
REGULAR EDUCATION					
		Budget	Expended	Proposed	
		2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	
2400	TEXTBOOK SUBTOTAL	9250	9226	1	1
2500	LIBRARY BOOKS SUBTOTAL	102	42	1	1
2600	AUDIO VISUAL SUBTOTAL	3549	3379	6320	6320
2700	ACHIEVMT. TESTS	4570	833	5500	5500
2000	INSTRUCTION TOTAL	17471	13480	11,822	
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES					
3200	School Physician(Flint Fund)	1	0	1	1
3210	School Nurse Salary	1	0	519	519
3220	Health Supplies	1418	1460	1500	1500
3370	Transportation	103777	102714	103777	103777
3380	Trans. Contingency	1	0	1	1
3400	Food Services	1	0	258	258
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERV. TOTAL	105199	104174	106056	106056
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE					
4110	Custodian Salary	29192	29192	803	803
4111	Custodial Recall	500	833	500	500

4112	Custodial Supplies	9427		9091	9,452
4113	Director of Bldg. & Grounds	42614		42614	43,786
4120	Heating	55585		53549	47,407
4130	Telephone	3540		2069	4,284
4140	Electricity	17518		18329	13,632
4150	Alarm Monitoring	623		433	570
4210	Maintenance of Grounds	2129		1053	3,058
4220	Maintenance of Buildings	4674		620	3,582
4221	Contracted Services	20048		16827	20,048
4222	Water Assoc. Dues	300		195	300
4230	Maint. Of Equipment - Bldg.	3165		5189	6,215
4232	Maint. Of Equipment - Educ.	7831		8452	9,183
4000	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	197146		188446	162,820
5000	FIXED CHARGES				
5200	Health Insurance	125350		147279	176,871
5202	Dental Insurance	0		0	0
5000	FIXED CHARGES TOTAL	125350		147279	176871
7000	ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS				
7200	Acquis. & Imprv. - Bldg.	1		0	1
7390	Acquis. Of Equip. - Educ.	1537		1235	500
7391	Acquis. Of Equip. - Bldg.	1144		880	500
7490	Replacement Equip. - Educ.	1		0	1
7491	Replacement Equip. - Bldg.	1		0	1
7000	ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS	2684		2115	1003
8000	DEBT SERVICE/RETIREMENT	1		0	1
	REGULAR EDUCATION BUDGE	1043089		1050364	1,051,239
			FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
	SPECIAL EDUCATION		Budget 2013-2014	Expended 2013-2014	Proposed 2014-2015
92000	INSTRUCTION				
92210	Spec. Needs Admin Salary	9940		12764	9,730
92220	Special Needs Sec. Salary	9346		9333	12579
92230	Office Expense	200		60	200
92200	SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	19486		22157	22509

92301	Special Needs Teacher Salary	19214	19214	23,389
92302	Special Needs Teacher Salary	0	0	0
92303	Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304	Special Needs Aide Salary	30383	29662	30,670
92305	Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306	Speech Therapist Salary	53812	51693	46,930
92307	Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	9000	9000	12,000
92308	Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309	Counselor Salary	1	0	1
92310	Summer Program Tch.r. Salary	1	0	1
92311	Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300	SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	112415	109569	112,995
92350	Special Needs Travel	1	0	1
92351	Home/Hospital Instruction	100	0	100
92360	Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	1	0	1
92365	Contr. Psychological Services	7000	7000	7,000
92370	Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371	Contracted Services	20000	25957	17,500
92375	S.N. Admin. Dues	0	0	0
92380	CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	27102	32957	24,603
92390	SCHOOL SUPPLIES	2062	1713	900
92400	TEXTBOOKS	1	0	1
92600	AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000	INSTRUCTION TOTAL	2064	1713	902
93000	TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	13500	4104	1
97390	ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	1	0	1
99000	PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICT	13502	4104	3
99100	CAPS Collab. Assessment	500	468	500
99110	Pre-School Program	500	0	500
99120	Tuition Out of District	1	0	1
99000	PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	14503	4572	1004
	SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	175571	170966	162013

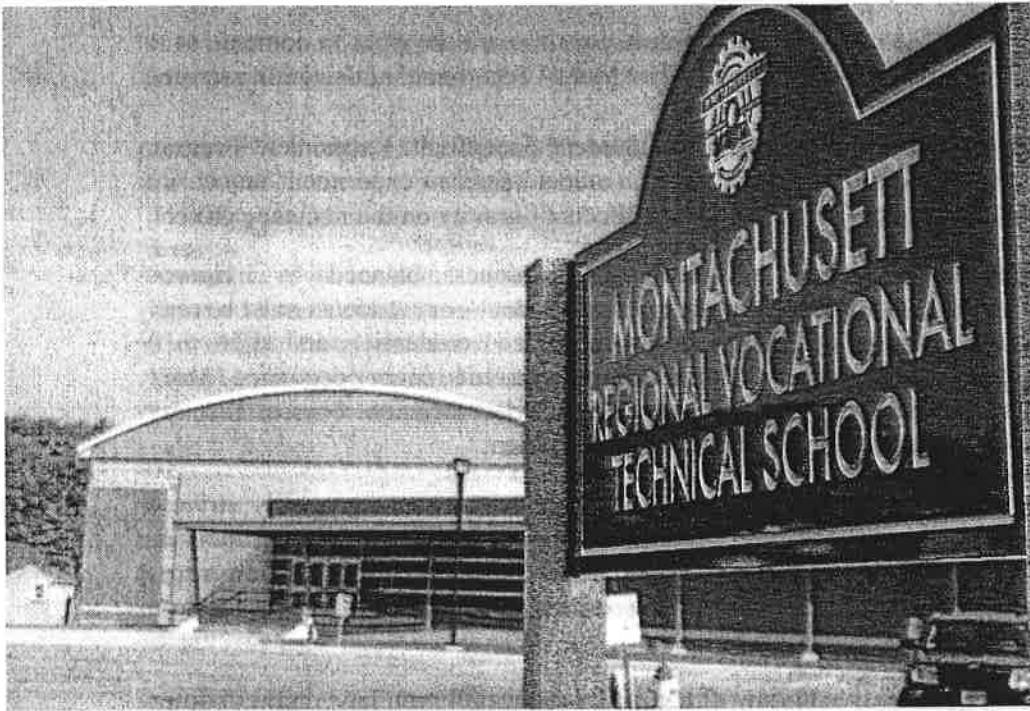
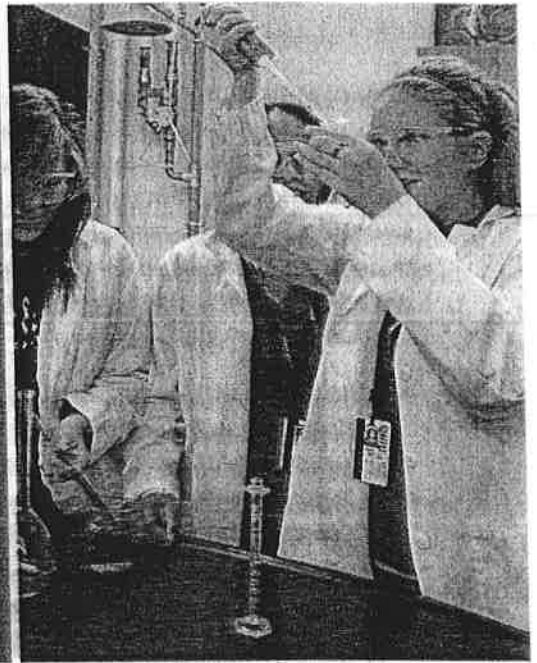
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	1043089	1045950	1,051,239
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	175571	170988	162013
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	1218660	1216916	1,223,252

COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT FIGURES
(October 1st)

Grade	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
K	13	15	16	15	17	18	17	16
1	17	17	16	18	18	18	17	16
2	15	16	17	16	17	17	14	19
3	12	15	16	18	16	16	19	13
4	29	14	16	16	17	17	14	17
5	18	12	15	15	14	14	15	18
6	22	17	14	15	14	15	15	15
Pre-school					1	1	1	
Out of Dist. Placement	1	2	1	1	1			
Resident Students							51	48
School Choice Students							61	66
Total:	127	108	111	114	115	116	112	114



2013 - 2014 Annual Report



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Having only been recently named the Superintendent-Director of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, I am honored and delighted to present the district's 2013-2014 annual report. It was a year marked by student achievement, faculty and staff distinctions, and leadership development - as well as transition. Compiling information for the enclosed report has provided me with an opportunity to get to know the students, faculty and staff that comprise this wonderful school, and to reflect upon their tremendous achievements and activities. I am fortunate to work closely with a talented leadership team, many of whom have contributed to this report, and given great insight into some of the more notable highlights of the 2013-2014 academic year, including:

- Students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement. In the spring of 2014, Monty Tech's passing rate on the MCAS English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 99%.
- Competing in three categories: network security, digital forensics, and Cisco networking, a team of six talented students captured second place at the CyberPatriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association.
- Class of 2014 graduate, Jessica Shattuck of Fitchburg was presented with the *Legion of Valor* award, the highest award a JROTC cadet may receive, recognizing academic excellence and extraordinary leadership skills.
- Ten students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Monty Tech national delegation returned with a bronze medal in Action Skills.
- Monty Tech continues to participate in the highly selective Student Spaceflight Experiment Program, representing the only vocational school in the nation to have a student science experiment launch into space, and providing students with an opportunity to study the effects of gravity on their science project.

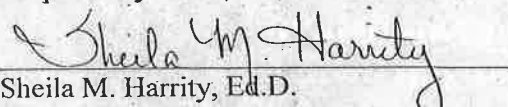
As you know, a Monty Tech education is grounded in workforce preparedness, balanced by a rigorous academic curriculum. Everyday at Monty Tech, one guiding principle is evident - our students must be ready for both college and career. Students are prepared with industry-recognized credentials and skills to be successful in the world of work. And for those students whose future may include higher education, Monty Tech offers dual enrollment courses, articulation agreements, and Advanced Placement courses that may significantly reduce the amount of time and money spent on a college education.

We are so proud of the educational programs offered here at Monty Tech, yet we continually strive to improve upon them. Collaborating with area colleges and universities, we are ensuring our curriculum and instruction is rigorous and relevant. Sharing best practices with vocational-technical colleagues from across the state - and nation - we give and take some of the best ideas, with one thing in mind - what is best for our students.

We hope you will find this report a comprehensive review of the quality education you have come to know and expect from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. You may notice that each of the eighteen member cities and towns are reflected in this report, and that students performed services in almost every community last year. Providing our students with an opportunity to give back to the communities that support them - and support our school - is a pleasure.

I am honored to serve as Superintendent-Director of Monty Tech, a school that continues to transform secondary education in North Central Massachusetts, bringing to life lessons learned in a classroom, at the workplace, and in the community - all while consistently maintaining high standards of fiscal responsibility. Our FY14 Annual Budget was unanimously accepted by each of the eighteen member communities, and reflected only a 2.0% increase over the 2012-2013 Educational Plan. We recognize that we are in the midst of some difficult economic times faced by public education and so we will continue to seek creative ways to reduce member town assessments, while maintaining our high standards of academic and vocational-technical success.

Respectfully submitted,


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

Our Mission

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

Our District

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

Ashburnham
Ashby
Athol
Barre
Fitchburg
Gardner

Harvard
Holden
Hubbardston
Lunenburg
Petersham
Phillipston

Princeton
Royalston
Sterling
Templeton
Westminster
Winchendon

Leadership

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

Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director
Tom Browne, Principal
Tammy Crockett, Business Manager
Kim Curry, Dean of Admissions
Francine Duncan, Director of Technology

Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs
Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs
Richard Ikonen, Director of Facilities
Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator
Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services

Enrollment

On June 1, 2014, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,403 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (54), Ashby (37), Athol (93), Barre (35), Fitchburg (364), Gardner (158), Harvard (3), Holden (68), Hubbardston (61), Lunenburg (70), Petersham (4), Phillipston (21), Princeton (17), Royalston (22), Sterling (56), Templeton (100), Westminster (77), and Winchendon (133). The remaining thirty students were from out-of-district towns, including Clinton, Leominster, Natick, Orange, Pepperell, Rutland, Shirley, West Boylston, and Worcester.

Throughout 2013-2014, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2013, approximately 1,000 district eighth graders participated in the annual "Tour Day" event. Students toured our twenty-vocational/technical areas and learned about the school's challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members, to further explore the facilities and talk with staff members.

Each year, the Dean of Admissions conducts school visits, student interviews, and accepts applications for admissions. 2013-2014 proved to be an exceptionally busy year for her, as the school received 730 applications for admission. Of those, 642 were from students hoping to enter our incoming freshman class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. Because

there are only a limited number of students the school can accept each year, 367 freshmen and 19 upperclassmen were admitted.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school, and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational/technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2013-2014 school year, serving approximately 600 area students.

Class of 2014 Awards

Members of the Class of 2014 were awarded approximately \$50,000 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$34,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$250 to \$2,500. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Well over 60% of the graduating class of 2014 reported plans to enroll at either a 2-year college, 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will benefit by saving both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

Financial Report

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff. The final fiscal year 2013-2014 Educational Plan totaled \$24,785,280, which represents a 2.0% increase over the 2012-2013 Educational Plan. As a result of changes to the final FY14 State budget and the District's decision not to increase the already-approved community assessments, the District's FY14 budget was approximately \$200,000 below the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70.

The District was audited in August 2014 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and a very good report is anticipated.

Grants and Contracts

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2014, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$842,780. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$525,000. Included in that total are a number of highly competitive awards, including a \$400,000 award from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, used to provide

training in the new vocational-technical education frameworks to over 350 educators across the Commonwealth, and a \$42,500 award from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, used to purchase one adult patient simulator, which will provide our Health Occupations students with unprecedented training opportunities, as the device manifests vital signs, clinical signs and symptoms. Allocation and competitive grants totaled \$1,367,780 for fiscal year 2014.

Academic Achievement












In 2013-2014, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. In the spring of 2014, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 99%.

English Language Arts	2012	2013	2014
Students Tested	361	352	364
Passing	100%	99%	100%
Advanced/ Proficient	95%	95%	95%
Needs Improvement	5%	5%	5%
Failing	0%	1%	0%

Mathematics	2012	2013	2014
Students Tested	360	352	366
Passing	99%	98%	98%
Advanced/Proficient	87%	80%	84%
Needs Improvement	12%	18%	14%
Failing	1%	2%	2%

Biology	2012	2013	2014
Students Tested	361	398	351
Passing	98%	97%	99%
Advanced/ Proficient	73%	73%	74%
Needs Improvement	24%	24%	25%
Failing	2%	3%	1%

The district continues to make progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Students in all subgroups have met their progress and performance targets, continuing the school's Level 1 Status distinction.

Student Group	On Target = 75 or higher	Performance	Progress
All Students		81	Met Target
High Needs		79	Met Target
Low Income		84	Met Target
ELL and Former ELL		-	-
Students with Disabilities		81	Met Target
American Indian/ Alaska Native		-	-
Asian		-	-
African/American/Black		-	-
Hispanic/ Latino		93	Met Target
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		-	-
White		84	Met Target

Vocational Projects in the District Communities

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

The 2013-2014 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body: Collision Repair Technology: Throughout 2013-2014, the program completed seventy requests for service and repair work. Students detailed police vehicles, installed new fenders and repainted several town vehicles, benefiting the school, police and fire departments in local communities. With assistance from several other departments, the program hosted the annual car show, which was a tremendous success. Students also competed in the *World of Wheels* competition, held in Boston, and were awarded first place in the pedal car building competition. (Total enrollment: 60; 36 males, 24 females)

Automotive Technology: The Automotive Technology program saw a very busy year, marked by curriculum changes that instructors believe will benefit every student. Aligning state frameworks with NATEF standards, instructors purchased new textbooks and developed new lessons, designed to enhance the learning experience. The program also successfully completed the NATEF Master Automobile Service Technology recertification process, which occurs every five years. Because the Monty Tech program continues to hold this rigorous certification, students qualify for articulated credits at area colleges upon program completion. A top student, Brian Nielsen of Ashby was awarded a gold medal at the SkillsUSA state competition, and traveled to the national competition in June 2014. The program also supported eight students in the co-operative education program, and a total of fourteen students were employed within the industry. These students gained valuable workplace experience, applying the skills they learned in the rigorous automotive technology program, and received high praise from their employers. Finally, in addition to all of these accomplishments, program students and instructors completed work on more than 400 vehicles, including those of faculty, staff, retirees, district residents, and municipal vehicles. (Total enrollment: 54; 44 males, 10 females)

Business Technology: Students and instructors in the Business Technology program continue to enjoy an increased presence in the school community, providing assistance to shops and offices throughout the school by coordinating bulk mailing, labeling, organizing, and collating jobs. Offices that receive direct support from the Business Technology program include: Monty Tech Nurses' Office, front office, Monty Tech Tea Room, and Student Support Services. Students also assist wherever there is a customer service need, as in the annual greenhouse project, directed by Mr. Dylan Hager. Students serve as customer service representatives and cashiers for this very busy seasonal operation. Students also run a successful school store, The Gear House, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. (Total enrollment: 76; 14 males, 62 females)

Cabinetmaking: The Monty Tech Cabinetmaking program is delighted to report the acquisition of a new and much-needed piece of equipment – a CNC Machining Center, which effectively utilizes a variety of software programs. Having this new equipment will allow instructors to teach specific skills that the industry and area employers demand. Throughout the year, students spent a great deal of time building and installing cabinetry in a number of public offices throughout the Monty Tech district, including: Westminster Town Hall weights and measure scale cabinet; Cherry sign for the Fitchburg Fire Department; two podiums for the Town of Athol; a cherry buffet for the United Way offices in Fitchburg; display cases for the Gardner Elks; and counter tops built and installed at the Barre Police Station. Finally, the program saw nine students benefit from co-operative learning experiences with area employers. Both students and employers reported enjoying the mutually beneficial experience. (Total enrollment: 72; 46 males, 26 females)

Cosmetology: Providing students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials and certifications is a guiding principle in the Cosmetology department. Twenty-three seniors sat for the State Board Exams, and all twenty-three passed and are now licensed cosmetologists. More than half of the graduating seniors remain in the industry. Students in their junior year of the program, who are primarily responsible for managing the “clinic floor”, provided numerous services that resulted in total sales in excess of \$9,000. Monty Tech Cosmetology instructors continued to promote community service, and as a result, this year the program supported a classmate’s Youth Venture Club project, raising more than \$650 for this very worthwhile organization. (Total enrollment: 90; 1 male, 89 females)

Culinary Arts: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, which serves 90-120 patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents at trade shows and competitions throughout the year. In 2013-2014, culinary arts students participated in three hot food competitions, and placed first on two of the events, where they were competing against area hotels, restaurants, and professional chefs. The program provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as support staff, for a number of events for public organizations, including: Fitchburg Rotary Club, Montachusett Home Health Care, Senate Ways and Means Committee, Gardner AARP, and the Fitchburg City Council. The program was also fortunate to receive new equipment, including a combination steam convection oven, a kitchen video monitoring system, two new butcherblock tables, and a custom stainless steel bench with power supply. (Total enrollment: 101; 35 males, 66 females)

Dental Assisting: During 2013-2014, the Dental Assisting program placed 3 students in co-operative educational placements, working with area dentists. Fourteen students earned externships, while twelve students participated in affiliation. All sophomore, junior, and senior students attended the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. While national passing averages for Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exams range from 69% - 78%, the Monty Tech dental students earned a 94% passing rate on the Infection Control exam and an outstanding 100% passing rate on the Radiology exam. The program supported four students who traveled to the SkillsUSA national competitions. For the fourth consecutive year, Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, thirty-two students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. (Total enrollment: 62; 5 males, 57 females)

Drafting Technology: Students in the Drafting Technology program earned well-deserved recognition for their achievements in 2013-2014. Four seniors held co-op positions, four students were recognized for outstanding SkillsUSA achievements, and 90% of the program’s graduating seniors continue in the field of drafting, either by selecting a related college major or by entering the workforce in a related field. The shop continued to provide countless community services in the form of banners, signage, building plans, interior design plans, and decorating for school-sponsored events. Some of the more notable projects in 2013-2014 included: railings design for Harvard Public Schools; designed a Habitat for Humanity duplex in Fitchburg (*to be built by Monty Tech students and instructors 2014-2015*); landscape design services for the Forbush Library in Westminster; and completing the Fitchburg Fire Department seal. (Total enrollment: 56; 33 males, 23 females)

Early Childhood Education: Jordan Patricks earned a gold medal at the 2014 SkillsUSA state competitions in Action Skills. From there, she traveled to the national competitions, placing 3rd. She was accompanied by her classmate, Jessica Shattuck, who served as a National Voting Delegate and was also awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award. These students represent the Monty Tech Early Childhood Education program well, as the program is known for a strong emphasis on community service, academic and vocational-technical excellence, and a commitment to continued education. During 2013-2014, Early Childhood Education students participated in the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children’s Recognition Dinner, constructing twenty 3-dimensional children’s games to serve as centerpieces for the event. Students

volunteered at the *Boston Strong* relay held in Winchendon, organized and led children's activities at the annual ARC Christmas Party, and provided child care services for the mental health symposium held here at Monty Tech in May 2014. The Monty Tech Childcare Center continues to operate at full capacity, serves as a co-operative education site for two students, and successfully prepares their young students for transition into Kindergarten. The Center's Director, Ms. Kelley Booth, visits with prospective parents almost daily and handles frequent calls for Fall placement. (Total enrollment: 65; 2 males, 63 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program at Monty Tech continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During the 2013-2014 year, students and instructors completed a number of "outside projects" that include: installing new lighting at the Turkey Hill Middle School in Lunenburg, adding additional lighting receptacles at the Bromfield School in Harvard, adding additional receptacles and internet outlets in Barre, and rewiring a data network in Winchendon. Countless electrical projects were also completed in-house, including: library renovations, LED lighting on the outside of the school, and new equipment installations in a variety of vocational programs. The Electrical program is also particularly proud to have trained fourteen students who benefited from a co-op placement during the 2013-2014 school year, successfully applying what they have learned at Monty Tech in workplaces across North Central Massachusetts. (Total enrollment: 87; 76 males, 11 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering program continued to enhance their curriculum and instruction by embedding three Project Lead the Way courses into the already rigorous vocational-technical curriculum. Students performed quite well on the end of course assessments affiliated with the Project Lead the Way coursework, with nine students earning college credit in Principles of Engineering, seven students earning college credit in Introduction to Engineering Design, and eight students earning credit in Digital Electronics. These students may apply these credits at colleges and universities across the country. The exploratory program during the 2013-2014 school year yielded positive results for the program, with 12 students selecting Engineering Technology as their first choice. All thirteen seniors graduated, and reported plans to continue their education or continue working in the engineering field. Finally, instructors were pleased with the work done in their instructional space, citing better organization and increased safety. Instructors also look forward to further renovations in the instructional space, including a dropped ceiling, refinishing the floor, new work benches, and the installation of a second SMARTboard. (Total enrollment: 57; 45 males, 12 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to have graduated twenty students, all of whom were accepted at a variety of colleges, including 2-year, 4-year, public, and private institutions. Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, the shop continued to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, the shop produced approximately three hundred twenty "outside" print projects, billing in excess of \$18,000 and saving area town offices and school districts over \$125,000. The shop also produced yearbooks for local institutions, saving each school approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000, as the billing only reflects the cost of materials. The Graphic Communications program also completed numerous "in house" projects in our student-operated copy center, including: over two million black and white copies, two hundred fifty thousand color copies, and over five hundred wide format prints. By industry standards, this would cost the district \$275,000. Our cost to complete these projects was only \$55,000, which resulted in a substantial savings of \$219,500. The program was fortunate to receive a number of equipment upgrades and pieces of new technology, including: Konica Minolta High Speed Copier, a Konica Minolta Office Color Copier, and ten (10) new iMac computers, each equipped with CS6 software. (Total enrollment: 83; 28 males, 55 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. With guest speakers including a mortician, an emergency room physician, the American Red Cross and representatives from Battered Women's Resources, instructors aim to provide students with critical exposure to a variety of health-related career options. The program, which boasts an enrollment of more than one hundred students, continues to participate in community service programs, including Red Cross Blood Drives, Pediatric Day (in

conjunction with students from the Early Childhood Education program), and a “baby shower” for women living in a local battered women’s shelter. The Health Occupations program is dedicated to providing all students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials, and as a result, students earn the following credentials: Medical Terminology Certificate; Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Certificate through the American Heart Association; Certified Nursing Assistant License through the American Red Cross; and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant credential through the certifying board of the National Healthcare Association. (Total enrollment: 103; 7 males, 96 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Some of the more notable projects from the 2013-2014 school year include: building two baseball dugouts (wood frame and asphalt shingle roofs) for Phillipston Elementary school; building four dugouts (wood frame, corrugated metal roofs, and PVCF trim); installing interior wall partitions, renovating exterior walls, and installing new windows at the Templeton Senior Center; building and installing cabinets at the Templeton Food Pantry; renovating the “booking room” at the Barre Police Station; installing a guard rail, small shed, handicapped ramp guardrail, and Police Station sign for the Town of Hubbardston; replacing deteriorated aluminum trim around the school entrance at the Lunenburg Primary School; and reconstructing and reroofing the West Fitchburg Gazebo. (Total enrollment: 61; 36 males, 25 females)

Industrial Technology: In 2013-2014, the Monty Tech Industrial Technology program added instructor Matt McGee to the talented team of educators. Mr. McGee’s great enthusiasm for the subject matter has been a welcome addition to the program, as he brings a wealth of both industry and teaching experience. Additionally, his immediate contributions to the program have resulted in revised and improved curriculum in interpreting technical drawings and prints, and troubleshooting problems in heating and cooling systems. In a program where students are called on for “a little bit of everything,” a great deal of work was done to assist local municipal offices in building upgrades and renovations. Some of the more notable outside projects include: conducting an energy audit for the Sterling Municipal Light Department, and making necessary upgrades to the Department of Public Works main building, in an effort to reduce energy consumption at this aging facility. The co-operative education program continues to be a highlight for students in the Industrial Technology program, as seven students were awarded co-op placements during the year. (Total enrollment: 54; 47 males, 7 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, Information Technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the program, students and instructors performed in excess of four hundred hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Competing in three categories: network security, digital forensics, and Cisco networking, a team of six talented students (led by instructor Richard Duncan) captured second place at the CyberPatriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association. A team of seven Information Technology students travelled to Fitchburg State University, and participated in a highly competitive programming event. The team placed 5th in a field of more than forty teams. Finally, to ensure program graduates are armed with valuable industry-recognized certifications, program instructors offer students the following certification opportunities: CIW Web Foundation certification (passing rate 56%), TestOut PC Pro certification (passing rate 69%), IC3 certification (passing rate 75%), Discover I Networking course (passing rate 100%), and Cisco IT Essential Course for Computer Repair and Maintenance (passing rate 88%). (Total enrollment: 60; 55 males, 5 females)

Machine Technology: The Monty Tech Machine Technology department was pleased to add a new piece of equipment to the training program, a Sinker Electrical Discharge Machine (EDM), which will enable instructors to better prepare students to enter the workforce, and making them more marketable to area machine shops that utilize similar equipment. Two students advanced from the SkillsUSA district competition to compete at the state level, one in Precision Machining and the other in CNC Milling. The program is particularly proud of student efforts in Precision Machining at the state SkillsUSA competition, where a

Monty Tech student won a bronze medal. A total of thirteen (13) students were offered co-op employment, and were able to put their vocational education into practice at area machine shops. Students who remained at the school refined their skills by completing a number of special projects, including: manufacturing brass plaques to mark projects within the school and outside projects in Monty Tech communities, laser engraving plaques for the school's annual car show, and collaborating with Auto Body students to manufacture the rims, steering wheel, pedals, dashboard, and license plate for the pedal car that was entered into the *World of Wheels* competition, winning first prize. (Total enrollment: 63; 58 males, 5 females)

Masonry: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Masonry program were busy on our campus, as well as in many of the member communities throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Community services included: building four block dugouts at Quabbin High School in Barre, installing concrete anchors for a batting cage at Ashburnham's Little League field, installing stone veneer on a concrete wall at Bromfield School for Harvard Access Television, installing a tile floor at the Barre Police Station, replacing a concrete floor for the Winchendon Housing Authority, completing tile and concrete repairs at Lunenburg High School, installing benches for Phillipston and Templeton Little League, and tiling three bathrooms and a stone veneer at the Westminster Senior Center. When students weren't busy in our district communities, they were preparing for and competing in the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition. The annual event was held at Monty Tech, which brought seventy-two competitors and a total of two hundred fifty people to our campus in the spring of 2014. Finally, Masonry students performed particularly well in the district and state SkillsUSA competitions, where one student was awarded a gold medal and earned the right to travel to the national event in Kansas City, Missouri in June 2014. (Total enrollment: 71; 60 males, 11 females)

Plumbing: The Plumbing program welcomed a new instructor, Ms. Melissa Blanchard to the team of talented instructors, filling a vacancy that was left after longtime Plumbing instructor, Mr. John Dolen, retired after more than twenty years of service. Ms. Blanchard is a welcome addition to the program, whose depth of both industry and instructional experience is a steady and valuable resource for students and instructors alike. Prioritizing employability, the Plumbing instructors worked closely with the district's Co-Op Coordinator, Ken Baer, to provide all students in their junior year an opportunity to develop a comprehensive professional resume, and participate in the mock interview program. This experience will help students as they transition into the world of work. The Plumbing program is particularly proud to have trained seven students (more than 20% of the junior and senior class) who were given an opportunity to demonstrate their technical skills in a co-operative educational placement. The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like others throughout the school, is committed to community service, and as a result, during the 2013-2014 school year, students and instructors completed rough drainage work at the Templeton Senior Center, and installed plumbing and heating systems in an unused space at the Bromfield School in Harvard, which is now home to the Harvard Community Cable Access Group. The Monty Tech Plumbing program proudly graduated sixteen students in the Class of 2014. Two students, in particular, received prestigious trade awards/recognitions: Matthew Parmenter (Winchendon) was named a Vocational-Technical All-Star by the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts; and Shane Lashua (Westminster) was awarded the highly competitive Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspectors Association scholarship. (Total enrollment: 69; 67 males, 2 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The Welding/Metal Fabrication program is charged with successfully completing numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, including repair work, layout, design, and installation. In conjunction with other trades at the school, students and instructors in the Welding/Metal Fabrication program are instrumental in the successful completion of many of the school's building renovation initiatives. In addition to the more than 60 miscellaneous projects successfully completed by students during the 2013-2014 school year, students and instructors worked collaboratively to complete the following community service projects: fabricated and welded a 31 ft. multi-section guard rail for the Bromfield School in Harvard; rebuilt a 10 ft. plow for the Winchendon Schools; fabricated and welded edge protectors for the Winchendon Housing Authority; fabricated and welded a handrail for the Hubbardston Slade Building; fabricated signs for the Town of Ashburnham fields; designed, fabricated, and welded six park benches for the Johnny Appleseed Trail Association in Fitchburg; and fabricated and welded wall mount brackets for the Fitchburg Fire Department.

The program was pleased to place ten top students in co-operative education work experiences across the district. (Total enrollment: 59; 52 males, 7 females)

Special Services

During the 2013-2014 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

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

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

Technology

In 2013-2014 Monty Tech continued the process of improving our network infrastructure to meet future needs. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's initiative to replace the current MCAS student assessment testing system with PARCC, an online student assessment testing system, is the driving force for such improvements in school districts across the state.

Monty Tech has completed the upgrade of the network core switch and other network switches throughout the building. Internet bandwidth was increased, and will increase further in 2014-2015. A second firewall was added to reduce the possibility of internet downtime. In July 2013, the school installed building-wide wireless access. We believe these improvements put the school in a position of being ready for the new PARCC assessment pilot testing scheduled for Spring 2015.

In December 2013, the library re-opened after a lengthy renovation. The library is equipped with laptops and a high-resolution projection system, and is home to two "quiet rooms" and one classroom, equipped with laptops and a SMARTboard.

Monty Tech continues to replace and add technology equipment and software so that students and staff gain experience with newer technology. The school added SMARTboards in several classrooms during the year. In addition, the Special Education department began using iPods as an e-reader assistive technology tool. Administrators began using iPads and Teachpoint teacher evaluation software to meet the reporting

requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) educator evaluation system.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America had a skilled workforce. Through our association with Skills USA, our students develop job skills, leadership and professional skills, as well as provide community service.

Led by co-advisors, Ms. Kelsey Moskowitz, English teacher, Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education Instructor, and Brad Pelletier, Special Education teacher, 2013-2014 proved to be a remarkable year for the Monty Tech SkillsUSA chapter. Highlights of the year include:

- Fitchburg resident, and Dental Assisting student, Brittany Velez, served as SkillsUSA National Secretary.
- Fifteen students attended the Annual Fall State Leadership Conference. The conference spanned three days, and presented the students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and perform community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.
- The SkillsUSA local competition was held in December 2013/ January 2014. The competitions took place over a three-week period, and included leadership competitions as well as technical and skill based competitions. The event culminated in a Local Awards Ceremony, held at the school on January 29, 2014.
- Winners from the local competition advanced to the district competitions, held at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School. There, a grand total of thirty-nine (39) medals were captured by Monty Tech students - fourteen (14) gold, fourteen (14) silver, and eleven (11) bronze medals. Three students also qualified to run for the State Executive Council.
- Two students, Jessica Shattuck (Early Childhood Education) and Cassandra Campbell (Drafting Technology), served on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- A total of sixty-seven (67) students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, also held at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. Traveling to the highly competitive conference were twenty-nine (29) District Medalist and qualifiers, thirteen (13) local leadership contestants, three (3) state officer candidates, and twenty-two (22) voting delegates. The event culminated with fourteen (14) medals and ten (10) students earning the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri in late June. Russell Holbert, Jessica Shattuck and Cassandra Campbell were selected to be national voting delegates.
- Five students also traveled to the National Conference, where they received the coveted President's Volunteer Service Award.
- In June 2014, fifteen students and six instructors attended the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo. There, Jordan Patricks, a junior in Early Childhood Education (from Holden) received a bronze medal in Action Skills.

- Throughout the year, students participated in a number of community service projects, including: a “Change for Children” Campaign; a holiday party and celebration for children in the Fitchburg area; Salvation Army “Christmas Angels” were distributed to collect toys and gifts for underprivileged children; Raffle to benefit Be Like Brit Foundation and The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Marine Corps JROTC

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (MCJROTC) had an eventful school year with enrollment exceeding 190 students. For the first time in its twelve-year history, the Monty Tech program was proud to see a cadet awarded the *Legion Of Valor* award. This is the highest award a deserving cadet may receive, recognizing academic excellence and extraordinary leadership skills. The *Legion of Valor* award was presented to Jessica Shattuck of Fitchburg by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Training and Education Command.

The JROTC Cyber Security Team, led by First Sergeant Paul Jorret and Information Technology Instructor Richard Duncan, once again captured national recognition by placing second in the Air Force Association’s National Cyber Security Competition held in Washington, DC.

The 2013-2014 Corps of Cadets completed over eighty-six hundred hours (8,600+) of community service throughout the district. The corps conducted a major canned food drive, worked side-by-side with the Marine Corps in a national Toys 4 Tots campaign, and spent four weekends working with the Salvation Army. The cadets also supported their adopted charity, Canines For Combat Veterans, raising more than \$21,000 through its annual “March-A-Thon”.

One hundred Monty Tech cadets attended adventure training and leadership camps, hosted on Cape Cod and Boswell, Pennsylvania, where they were joined by cadets other JROTC units from across New England. Both camps provided cadets with both individual and team development opportunities.

During the summer of 2014, our Cyber Team was again asked to support three Cyber STEM camps. The Cyber Team coordinated the implementation of three, one-week long camps that focused on defending cyber networks from attacks. The camps also offered an introduction to robotics programming using the VEX Robotics System. The camps were attended by 300 students, representing twenty states.

The Monty Tech JROTC program was honored by a recent invitation issued by Senator Brewer, who asked the unit’s Color Guard to present colors in the senate chamber for the 2014 Memorial Day observation at the Massachusetts State House. This recognition was a true honor for our cadets. The Cadet Corps continues to support community and patriotic functions throughout the district.

Women in Technology

The past year marked the 12th year that the North Central Massachusetts Women In Technology program has been providing opportunities for young women from area high schools to learn firsthand about careers in high-tech and business. Participants spent two days a month working on real-world work projects under the mentorship of company managers at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products in Westminster, subsidiaries of Tyco International, a Fortune 500 company.

Students from Monty Tech, Leominster’s Center for Technical Education Innovation, Oakmont, Quabbin, Gardner, Fitchburg and Narragansett participate in the program. Their completed projects are unveiled at an annual end-of-the-year presentation held in Monty Tech’s Performing Arts Center. Corporate sponsors, along

with families, friends and teachers, are invited to attend and see what the students have accomplished during the school year.

This long-standing program continues to offer opportunities to young ladies interested in gaining work experience in a corporate setting. Affiliation with the program, and skills acquired through participation in the Women in Technology program, open doors to career opportunities not otherwise available to high school students. Graduates of the program are also equipped with a foundation to better meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding work force.

Each year, graduates of the program go on to rewarding and well-paying careers, made possible by this unique experience.

Student Athletics

The Monty Tech athletic program continues to expand in scope and skill each year. More students and teams compete every season. In fact, during the 2013-2014 school year, the Monty Tech Athletic program saw a record number of student athletes participating in competitive sports programs, more than 450 participants! During the fall of 2013, Monty Tech was well-represented by eighteen teams. In the winter months, there were thirteen teams, and wrapping up the year, spring saw fourteen teams come together at Monty Tech.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team started out strong, winning 5 of their first 7 games to qualify for the playoffs in the new football playoff system. They played a very tough game against St. Bernard's, losing 29 - 22. This may have taken a bit out of their sails as they finished the season 5 - 6. The JV Football team was 8 - 1 - 2 and the Freshmen Football team was 3 - 4. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 - 6 - 3, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Douglas, 3 - 0. The JV Boys Soccer team was 8 - 5 - 1, another improvement over the last year. The Varsity Golf team was 5 - 11 - 1 overall, while the JV Golf team participated in three tournaments, gaining valuable experience on the links. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 12 - 4 - 2, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for the fourth consecutive year. They beat Blackstone Valley, 2 - 1, in the first round, and lost to Narragansett 2 - 0 in the quarter finals. The JV Field Hockey team finished at 6 - 5 - 1. The Boys Cross Country team was 11 - 3 and finished 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League with a 5 - 2 record. The Girls Cross Country team was 9 - 3 overall and 5 - 1 in the Colonial Athletic League, finishing 2nd. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team went 4 - 16. They had their annual Bump-Set-Spike competition in October, raising more than \$3,000 to help the fight against Breast Cancer. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 10 - 10 and the Freshmen Girls team continued to improve with an 8 - 6 record. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 11 - 7 and qualified for the post-season where they lost to Assabet 1 - 0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 12 - 3 and will send some fine players to the varsity next year.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 11 - 8 on the season, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament in Steve Newingham's last season as coach. They lost to South Lancaster Academy, 51 - 46 in the first round. The JV Girls were 11 - 6 and the Freshmen Girls were 10 - 5. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 9 - 10, missing an opportunity for the post season because of a snowed out game. The JV Boys Basketball team was 15 - 4. The Freshmen Boys were 13 - 6. The Wrestling team (a co-op team comprised of students from Fitchburg, Oakmont, Murdock, and Monty Tech) participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 3 - 8. Tyler Popp, a freshman, participated in the State Tournament at the end of the year. The Ice Hockey team (a co-op team comprised of students from Fitchburg and Monty Tech) missed the playoffs for the 2nd year in a row. The JV Ice Hockey team played very well and we should be better next year. We participated in a Co-op Swim team with Leominster, North Middlesex and Oakmont and had 7 swimmers from Monty Tech participating. They swim at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area. Indoor Track & Field student athletes each participated in 7 meets, and recorded some fine individual performances.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament with a 12 - 8 record. They beat AMSA, 14 - 1 and lost to Assabet 11 - 5. The JV Softball team was 8 - 5. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 17 - 3 and 10 - 0 in the Colonial Athletic League, winning the league title for the 2nd year in a row. They beat Worcester Tech 3- 0 in the first round of the State Vocational Tournament, before losing to Greater New Bedford Vocational 3 - 0 in the finals. The JV Boys Volleyball team played strong all year and finished at 13 - 1. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 10 - 10 and qualified for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Auburn, 8 - 0. The JV Baseball team was 13 - 4 and the Freshmen Baseball team was 9 - 5. Due to poor field conditions, both the Varsity and JV teams played a lot of home games away using the Fitchburg State University and Oakmont fields for games, while the freshmen played a number of their games at the Westminster Babe Ruth field. The Boys Track & Field team was 7 - 1, placing 2nd in the Colonial Athletic league with a 6 - 1 record. The Girls Track & Field team was 6 - 2, also placing 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League with a 5 - 2 record. The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team played in 17 games going 2 - 15. The JV Boys Lacrosse was 10 - 3 - 2, as we look to the future. The Girls Lacrosse team, a co-op with North Central Charter School, finished at 2 - 11 on the year. We had two boys and seven girls play for Fitchburg High School in Boys and Girls Tennis in a Co-Op agreement. He made the Sentinel and Enterprise All-Star team his first year on the team. We may try to add girls to the Co-Op at Fitchburg in tennis next spring.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2013-2014, Patrick Fenton and Brandi Richard.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

The Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program, also known as Monty Tech Nites, continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2013, Monty Tech offered 101 courses “in-house” and another 400+ were offered online. Approximately 840 seats were sold for Fall 2013 courses. In comparison, there were 92 “in-house” courses and, again, over 400 on-line courses offered during the Spring 2014 semester. Approximately 790 seats were sold for Spring 2013 courses.

In March 2014 the postgraduate program successfully graduated our third class of fifteen Emergency Medical Technicians. The students took their practical exam at Monty Tech and proceeded to take their written exam at a state-designated facility. Several graduates have already found employment in their chosen field.

The Director of the Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program actively seeks information to develop new (and expand existing) certificate and licensure programs that align with regional workforce needs and employment trends.

Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission, which is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, accomplished the following:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation
- Stresses the importance of developing critical thinking skills to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever-changing technical and diverse society
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment

In June 2014, thirty-three (33) students graduated and entered the nursing profession. The class achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 88%, and just over 91% of the 2014 graduates are currently working in the North Central area as LPNs in various health care settings from long term care, sub-acute care, clinics and prison health care.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to develop the “LPN to BSN Bridge” relationship with Fitchburg State University. Additionally, the program is proud to report an expanded partnership with Fitchburg State University, as both institutions were recently awarded a grant known as the "Nurse of the Future" initiative, awarded by the state Department of Higher Education. The grant funding will assist veterans hoping to transition from military to civilian healthcare fields, granting academic credits for previous military training and experience in related fields. The goal of this unique partnership is to have five students enrolled in the program at both Monty Tech and Fitchburg State University annually.

Looking Ahead

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

Expand partnerships with area colleges and universities: Building upon an already strong partnership with area colleges, Monty Tech hopes to bring additional vocational-technical training opportunities to students that may result in articulated credits. Providing students with an opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school will not only save the students time and money, it validates their very rigorous educational programs in place here at Monty Tech. In 2014-2015, school officials hope to work closely with area college leaders to also accomplish the following:

- Embed MWCC’s Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate program into Monty Tech’s Health Occupations program, which would result in students earning an additional eight (8) college credits before leaving Monty Tech;
- Work closely with MWCC and Becker College to develop a Cyber Security certificate and/or degree program that aligns with Monty Tech’s already very successful Information Technology (and Cyber Security) program;
- Establish a branch office of a financial institution (*to be named later*), which would allow instructors in the school’s Business Technology program to expand the scope of their curriculum to include financial literacy, bank teller employability training, as well as provide a much-needed service to the Monty Tech educational community. Upon the establishment of this banking institution, Monty Tech school officials will work to develop articulation agreements with area colleges who will honor the valuable experiences learned from the expanded curriculum;
- Continue discussions regarding the development of a \$30,000 Baccalaureate Degree program with leaders at four Central Massachusetts public higher educational institutions: Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, and Worcester State University. Upon completion, Monty Tech graduates will benefit from an agreement that outlines a “stackable pathway” of college credits that are guaranteed to transfer across these institutions, saving students in Central Massachusetts time and money as they pursue advanced education and training.

Expand AP offerings: While Monty Tech currently offers a limited menu of Advanced Placement coursework, district officials anticipate expanding AP offerings in the coming years. Grounded in the belief that because today's vocational programs are rigorous and complex, high school academic offerings should be as well. To that end, administrators have considered introducing courses such as AP Environmental Science, AP United States History, and even AP Computer Science Principles (*available Fall 2016*).

Seek grant funds to support the addition of cutting edge vocational-technical educational programming: In an effort to maintain currency, appeal to a broad spectrum of students, and address documented, regional workforce needs, Monty Tech officials are actively seeking grant funding that would support the establishment of a new vocational-technical program, Animal Science/ Vet Tech. District officials, in collaboration with post-secondary partners, seek to establish a cutting edge veterinary science program, addressing a documented need in the career/technical education offerings in North Central Massachusetts, significantly bolster the local workforce, and create an opportunity for students to successfully bridge from secondary to post-secondary education. There are only five Chapter 74 animal science programs in high schools across the Commonwealth, and students in the Monty Tech sending districts do not have access to any of these programs. As a result, our students are at a distinct disadvantage for related employment opportunities.

Expand Summer Camp offerings: The school's Dean of Admissions has developed an expanded Summer Camp program that will bring additional opportunities to interested 6th – 8th grade students in our eighteen sending communities. Students will be invited to attend one of eight innovative summer enrichment programs, each designed to introduce students to vocational programming, familiarize them with our school, and culminate in an exciting field trip! Additionally, thanks to the continued generosity of the Monty Tech Foundation, scholarships will be available to students who qualify for free/reduced lunches, and all costs associated with the field trip will be covered for every participant.

The Monty Tech School Committee

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures.

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experience and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2013-2014 School Committee for their outstanding service.

Eric Olson, Phillipston
Chair

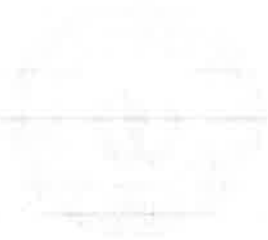
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Terri Hillman, Winchendon
Secretary

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District Treasurer



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Respectfully Submitted By:

**Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School
January 12, 2015**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Town	Term Expires
Peter Cross, Chair	Orange	2016
Patricia Smith, Vice-Chair	Orange	2015
Carla Halpern	New Salem	Appointed Position
Paul Gervais	Orange	Resigned
Lynn Peredina	Petersham	Appointed Position
Heidi Shortis	Petersham	2016
Johanna Bartlett	Wendell	Appointed Position
Chris Paul	Orange	2016
Rebecca Badgley	Orange	2017
Sunday Lefebvre	Orange	2017
Dianne Salcedo	Orange	2017
Chante Jillson	Orange	2015

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Madison Corcoran

Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent
Gabriele Voelker, District Treasurer
Daniel Haynes, Director of Finance and Operations

Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Office Telephone: 978-544 2920
District Web site: <http://www.rcmahar.org>

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, in collaboration with families, envisions a quality learning environment which values academic excellence that enables students to reach their full potential in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School community will ensure teaching and learning take place in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment. We commit to working with families and community members to support the personal, academic, and career growth of every student. We believe that a challenging curriculum for all students and a culture that actively welcomes all learners will contribute to a more knowledgeable community and society. We believe that all students must be prepared with 21st-century skills and an understanding of the demands and challenges of an ever changing world.

Core Values

Student Achievement:

- We believe all students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process.
- We believe education is about student growth that includes core academics, the arts, cultural awareness, and physical, social and emotional well-being.
- We believe the purpose of education is to enable students to become self-reliant learners and productive, responsible citizens.

Personal Growth:

- We believe in promoting personal responsibility in students so they may reach their full potential.

School Climate:

- We believe all decisions should be made in the best interest of students while recognizing and welcoming their individual differences.
- We believe in a safe environment built on communication and a shared decision making process that supports curiosity, creativity, respect, and positive attitudes.

Collaborative Partnerships:

- We believe in identifying and developing diverse opportunities for students to engage in active learning within their communities.
- We believe the education of a child is the shared responsibility of town, educational, family, and student communities.

Resources:

- We believe in school personnel working with family and town communities to provide ongoing information regarding student achievement, school-related activities, and annual budget and expenditures.
- We believe in utilizing fiscally responsible strategies which support teaching and learning to meet the unique needs of students.

Enrollment as of December 2014

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Totals
RC Mahar Regional	124	139	131	99	121	92		706
RC Mahar Gateway			17	0	17	29		63
RC Mahar Pathway			0	0	20	13		33
RC Mahar Other	2	5	5	6	5	2	5	30
Total								832

Ralph C. Mahar At-A-Glance

Enrollment	832
Attendance	96%
Average Class Size	17
Special Education	18%
Low Income	45.5%
English Language Learners	0
School Choice In	192
School Choice Out	55
Home Education	10
Number of Staff	125

**DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANTS
(As Reported on End of Year Financial Report)**

The efforts of the Ralph C. Mahar Administration and Staff have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling \$430,810 (\$452,565.00 in FY14 and \$768,108.00 in FY13). This has allowed for programs and services to be implemented that otherwise would not be funded but annually the district is seeing a decline in available grant monies. Some examples of the federal and state grants are as following:

Title II-A Improving Educator Quality: \$32,766.00

The purpose of this grant program is to increase student achievement through the reduction of class size and comprehensive district initiatives that focus on the preparation, training, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified educators. The goal is to improve the overall quality of all educators, including administrators, within the district.

Federal Special Education Entitlement P.L. 94-142: \$203,320.00

The salaries of a Counselor, one Special Education Teacher, a Special Education Paraprofessional and a portion of a Speech and Language Pathologist's salary were paid through this grant. Some classroom instructional supplies were purchased as well.

Title I: \$124,296.00

Title I, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, provides resources to local school districts to assist low-achieving students in high poverty schools to meet the state's challenging academic standards. This grant provides Mahar Regional with two teachers and two paraprofessionals who provide supplemental instruction to students at risk in English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as some materials and supplies.

274 Special Education Program Improvement Grant: \$3,388.00

Funds from this grant were authorized to support alternative programming for emotionally and behaviorally challenged middle and high school students.

District and School Assistance Center Grant: \$25,000.00

Funds from this grant were utilized for curriculum development in partnership with Mt. Wachusett Community College.

Race to the Top Fund Code 201: \$23,990.00

Race to the Top (RTTT), funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, is a four-year U.S. Department of Education (ED) grant awarded to state education agencies that won a national competition for committing to a set of education reforms.

Supplementary Support Fund Code 320-C: \$33,100.00

Title I, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), provides supplemental resources to local school districts to assist low achieving students in high poverty schools to meet the state's challenging academic standards.

PARTNERSHIPS

CAPS Educational Collaborative Programs at Mahar

Two programs, "Junior Senators" and "Senior Senators" continue to be located on the campus of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School. Students aged 13 – 22 who are challenged with multiple disabilities receive a high quality education that allows them to be included in the public school environment. These students are afforded the full complement of specialized CAPS instruction and related services such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, but can also be seen in grade level Mathematics, English, Social Science, and unified arts classes.

The Gateway to College

This partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College and the Gateway to College (based in Portland, OR) continues to be a road to academic success for students from the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and schools in many other central and western Massachusetts towns. Students in this program attend classes at Mount Wachusett and begin earning college credits early. A creative funding formula makes this program a win/win for Mount Wachusett Community College and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District. Students who graduate from the Gateway to College earn the Ralph C. Mahar Regional high school diploma.

Pathways Early College Innovation School

Now in its fifth year of operation, this program offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associates Degree from Mount Wachusett Community College at the same time. By becoming full-time, dual enrollment students at the beginning of the junior year, students in this program will have the opportunity to attend all college classes at Mount Wachusett Community College free of charge. In June, the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District graduated 19 seniors with both an associate's degree and high school diploma.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AM Integrated Learning Center

This is an alternative high school program that is referred to as "A School Within a School." Students in this program have the benefit of a school social worker, special education teacher, and full-time paraprofessional support. The focus of this program is on students' emotional and behavioral health which has impacted their ability to learn in the mainstreamed environment. A level-system that focuses on rewards and positive behavioral intervention has proven successful for many students who might be educated at the expense of the district in placements other than Ralph C. Mahar.

PM Integrated Learning Center

This program focuses on the non-traditional learner. Students in the PM Integrated Learning Center are involved in career and/or internship placement for 20 hours per week. These students attend school from 3:00 – 5:00 PM each day during the school year and take one class each summer. There are few programs which offer students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma outside of the regular school schedule in Massachusetts.

Middle School Integrated Learning Center

This is a self-contained middle school classroom for students who are also challenged with behavioral and emotional issues. This program feeds into the high school AM Integrated Learning Center. A significant difference is the middle school utilizes a more tangible system for reinforcement for positive behavioral interactions. These students are offered the services of a school psychologist, full-time teacher, and two paraprofessionals.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

MCAS Performance 2014

The *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) requires an annual report card for each school as well as for each student. Report cards answer important questions about a school's overall performance and contain specific information about student enrollment and teacher qualifications, student achievement, accountability, how a school is performing relative to other schools in the district and the state, and the progress made toward narrowing proficiency gaps for different groups of students.

The report includes the following important information about our school:

Student enrollment and teacher quality: This section of the report card provides information about the students and teachers in our school as compared to the district and the state. If your child attends a school that receives federal Title I funds, you also have the right to request the following information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether your child's teacher is licensed in the grade levels and subject areas they teach
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver
- The college degree and major of your child's teacher
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

Student assessment on MCAS and other tests: This section of the report shows how our students are performing on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests as compared to the district and the state.

School and district accountability information: This section of the report contains three important pieces of information:

- **Accountability and Assistance Levels:** Schools and districts are placed into one of five accountability and assistance levels (1-5), with the highest performing in Level 1 and lowest performing in Level 5. Our school has

been placed into Level 2 because we are not quite yet narrowing the achievement gaps for our students in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

- School Percentiles: A school percentile between 1 and 99 is reported for most schools. This number shows the overall performance of our school relative to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school percentile is 28. This means that our school is performing higher than twenty-eight percent of similar schools with similar grade spans (7-12) in the state.
- Progress and Performance Index (PPI): The PPI is a number that indicates our school's progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, or, in other words, helping *all* students reach proficiency and be prepared for success after high school. Massachusetts has set a goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half between the years 2011 and 2017. For a group of students to be considered to be making sufficient progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, its cumulative PPI must be 75 or higher. The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District's PPI is 62.

To improve student achievement at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, we are continuing to have high expectations for all students and to provide quality instruction which focuses on deeper understanding of content and building capacity for strategic, higher level critical thinking and application. Data is used from formative, summative, and interim standards-based assessments to inform and adjust instruction as an essential part of the improvement process. Intervention and targeted assistance is provided to students based on identified achievement gaps in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment.

We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For more information about our school and to view the actual report card please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at:

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/reportcard/SchoolReportCardOverview.aspx?linkid=37&orgcode=07550505&fycode=2014&orgtypecode=6&>

or to request information about the qualifications of your child's teachers, please feel free to contact the school at 978-544-2920.

Tari Nugent Thomas
Superintendent of Schools
January 2015

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Board of Selectmen.	Rick Marsh–Nancy Allen- Peter George	978-724-3353
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Cemetery Sexton	Ellen Anderson	978-724-3537
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Council on Aging	Kay Berry/ Janice Olson (Mondays)	978-724-3522
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Town Clerk	Diana Cooley	978-724-6649
Treasurer	Dana Robinson	978-724-6699
Tree Warden	Melissa LeVangie	413-221-8782
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Wiring Inspector	Gary Terroy	978-249-4663
Zoning Board of Appeals	Maryanne Reynolds, Chair	978-724-0024
Town Fax		978-724-3501

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Petersham Montessori School	978-724-0246