

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Town of Montague
Massachusetts



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2020

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SELECTBOARD

The Montague Selectboard is pleased to submit its annual report for the year 2020. In so many ways, it was an exceptional year, both in its challenges and its accomplishments. We are pleased to report that Montague completed the year in sound fiscal condition and poised to rebound from the dramatic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on everyday life, even as we continue to work to overcome the pandemic's ongoing challenges.

From the standpoint of the Selectboard's office, the year began with great excitement. Construction of our new DPW, completed in October, was well underway, and staff were diligently planning and implementing other important projects, such as the redevelopment of Spinner Park and replacement of the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge. We were seeing the benefits of investments in staff capacity focused on catalyzing our downtowns and the outlook was very positive as our economic and cultural renaissance continued to blossom.

The March 5 Special Town Meeting highlighted our improving financial capacity, directing some of it toward present and future capital requirements. Members transferred \$800,000 in excess Assessors' overlay into Town Capital Stabilization and voted to dedicate ongoing cannabis sales tax revenue—which totaled \$147,849 in 2020—to that same account. Further, they created another stabilization account to hold cannabis impact fee revenue—which totaled \$198,884 in 2020—for future appropriation for eligible cannabis mitigation expenses.

Unfortunately, as these developments unfolded, a public health crisis was becoming evident. On March 15 the Selectboard met in emergency session to declare a State of Emergency in response to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. This declaration followed a similar declaration at the state level, as the virus swept across the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world. In a very complete way, the pandemic halted everything; substantially altering the lives of all our residents, businesses, institutions, and government. This condition persisted and remained unresolved at the close of 2020.

The Selectboard Office responded with a series of decisions and actions to ensure worker safety and operational continuity. The expected longevity of the crisis, coupled with state and federal financial support from the CARES Act, made it both necessary and possible to redesign our approach to business, largely through the adoption of technology that would allow our staff to work and collaborate remotely. Among the changes was a shift of all board and committee meetings to remote videoconferencing, and an outdoor Annual Town Meeting, on June 13, 2020 with extensive public health and safety precautions.

Town staff remained engaged and working throughout the early stages of the pandemic and all were working on site by June 25th, when Town Hall re-opened to limited public entry in accordance with state-mandated health and safety guidelines. In the context of the pandemic, every precaution had to be taken to ensure the safety of staff and patrons, and the Town leveraged CARES funding toward that purpose. That funding, in excess of \$733,000, was vital to securing the technology, physical barriers and improvements, and staffing needed to make government work for our residents.

Throughout the crisis, we closely monitored the presence of the virus in Montague, but also the impact of widespread shutdowns and stay-at-home orders on our local businesses and community. The board worked to facilitate restaurant and retail re-openings through extraordinary accommodations for outdoor service, and redeployed available CDBG funding to provide grants to struggling businesses. We also invested \$175,000 in CARES funds to improve ventilation in school buildings to facilitate a return to in-person learning. These measures were in the greater context small, but we believe very meaningful, contributions to support local businesses, students, and their families.

Amidst the pandemic's challenges, Montague also confronted concern and unrest following instances of police brutality in other parts of the nation. Concerns presented at Annual Town Meeting, as well as through a large, peaceful, Black Lives Matter rally in Turners Falls, led the Selectboard to establish police advisory groups to examine police community engagement, and equity and the use of force in our Town. The Selectboard was closely engaged in the groups' review of Montague police data and policies, and collection of public input, and are deeply committed to positive community engagement and equitable policing.

Somehow, even in the context of the pandemic, the normal cycle of business development and closings continued, occupying much of the Selectboard's attention. Most notably, the board heard and approved proposals from two cannabis establishments, one focused on delivery service and the other proposing to develop a new cultivation facility in our Industrial Park. At the same time, we grappled with the closing of the Farren Care Center, a loss of both local jobs and history, and worked to ensure responsible decommissioning of the facility.

In the final analysis, we believe that Montague maintained a clear focus on the well-being of our community and managed to continue much of our positive momentum. This progress was made possible by the adaptability and determination of our public servants, both paid and volunteer, and we thank them for that effort. Members of every department made extraordinary efforts, but we will take a moment here to recognize the efforts of our Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz, who learned, and taught, and ensured that our Town was able to conduct its business via Zoom, among many other tasks.

Thank you for your interest in this report and reports of our many departments and boards. We encourage you to read those reports and learn more about their activities. We look forward to working with you to ensure that Montague remains a great place to live, work, and visit.

SELECTBOARD
Rich Kuklewicz, Chairman
Chris Boutwell
Michael Nelson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Steven Ellis

ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR - As of May 18, 2020

POSITION	NAME	TERM END
BOARD OF ASSESSOR	ANN CENZANO	5/17/2021
	PAUL EMERY	5/15/2023
	BARBARA ALCONADA -appt. till next elec.	5/17/2021
BOARD OF HEALTH	CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL, SR.	5/17/2021
	ALBERT CUMMINGS	5/16/2022
	MICHAEL M NELSON	5/15/2023
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	PAULETTE BILLIEL	5/16/2023
	NANCY L CROWELL	5/16/2022
	DAVID HARMON	5/15/2023
	KAREN LATKA	5/16/2022
	MARGOT G. MALACHOWSKI	5/16/2022
	JAMES MARTINEAU	5/17/2021
	PATRICIA PERHAM	5/17/2021
	GRETCHEN W. WETHERBY	5/17/2021
	LYDIA IEVINS –appt. till next elec.	5/17/2021
MODERATOR	CHRISTOPHER COLLINS	5/17/2021
MONTAGUE HOUSING AUTHORITY	KAREN M. CASEY-CHRETIEN	5/15/2023
	PAULA E. GIRARD	5/19/2025
	JUDITH L. HASTINGS	5/17/2021
	STANLEY F. ZERA, JR.	5/20/2024
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE	ALBERT CUMMINGS	5/16/2022
	DENNIS GRADER	5/15/2023
	BARBARA KUKLEWICZ	5/17/2021
SELECTBOARD	CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL, SR.	5/16/2022
	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	5/17/2021
	MICHAEL M NELSON	5/15/2023
TOWN CLERK	DEBRA A. BOURBEAU	5/16/2022
TREASURE - TAX COLLECTOR	EILEEN M SEYMOUR	5/16/2022
TREE WARDEN	MARK A STEVENS	5/16/2022

**TRUSTEE, SOLDIER'S MEM,
NON-VETERAN**

CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL, SR.	5/15/2023
DONALD H. GIRARD	5/17/2021

**TRUSTEE, SOLDIER'S MEM,
VETERAN**

LORI LEE ADAMS	5/15/2023
ALBERT CUMMINGS	5/17/2021
JOHN T MURPHY	5/16/2022

APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR - AS OF JULY 2021

<u>BOARD NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM END</u>
ADA COORDINATOR	STEVEN F ELLIS	6/30/2021
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	DIANE FLYNN	6/30/2022
	DONNA FRANCIS	6/30/2023
	KARL (CHIP) GARBIEL	6/30/2023
	BOB MIZULA	6/30/2022
	PAUL VOILAND	6/30/2023
AIRPORT COMMISSION	DAVID BRULE	6/30/2022
	GARY COLLINS	6/30/2023
	JOSEPH M MAZESKI	6/30/2021
	MAXWELL JOHN	
	PELLERIN	6/30/2023
	SETH RUTHERFORD	6/30/2022
AIRPORT MANAGER	BRYAN CAMDEN	6/30/2021
ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR	RICHARD ASMANN	6/30/2018
	CHARLES BADO	6/30/2021
	DAVID JENSEN	6/30/2021
ASSESSOR - DIRECTOR	KAREN TONELLI	6/30/2020
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	KATHERN F. PIERCE	6/30/2021
AUCTION PERMIT AGENT	WENDY M BOGUSZ	6/30/2021
	DEBRA BOURBEAU	6/30/2021

BATTLEFIELD GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	DAVID BRULE	6/30/2021
	JOE GRAVELINE	6/30/2021
	DOUG HARRIS	6/30/2021
	RICH HOLSHUH	6/30/2021
	ROGER LONGTOE	
	SHEEHAN	6/30/2021
	JOHN NOVE	6/30/2021
	ELIZABETH SANTANA	
	KISER	6/30/2021
	MARILYNN STOWE TOMB	6/30/2021
	BETTINA WASHINGTON	6/30/2021
BOARD OF ASSESSOR - TEMPORARY APPT	BARBARA A ALCONADA	5/17/2021
BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTOR	DANIEL WASIUK	6/30/2021
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	JASON BURBANK	6/30/2021
	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	6/30/2021
	RICHARD WIDMER	6/30/2021
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FREDERIC BOWMAN	6/30/2020
	STEVEN F ELLIS	6/30/2020
	GREG GARRISON	6/30/2020
	JOSHUA LIVELY	6/30/2020
	ROBERT OBEAR	6/30/2020
CEMETERY COMMISSION	ANNABEL LEVINE	6/30/2021
	JUDITH LOREI	6/30/2021
	JERI MORAN	6/30/2021
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	MARK FAIRBROTHER	6/30/2023
	JUSTIN T. FERMANN	6/30/2021
	DONNA FRANCIS	6/30/2023
	DEBORAH HENSON	6/30/2023
	ANTHONY REIBER	
	LAURIE REID	6/30/2023
	SEAN WERLE	6/30/2022
CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ASSOC. MEMBER	TOBIAS CARTER	6/30/2021
CONSTABLE	WENDY M BOGUSZ	6/30/2021

	CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS	6/30/2021
COUNCIL ON AGING	DEBRA BOURBEAU	6/30/2021
	BARBARA KUKLEWICZ	6/30/2021
	LARRY PARKER	6/30/2021
	ROBERTA POTTER	6/30/2021
CULTURAL COORDINATOR	SUZANNE LOMANTO	6/30/2020
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DANIEL BRANDON	6/30/2023
	JOHN FURBISH	6/30/2023
	ANNE HARDING	6/30/2022
	KATHY LYNCH	6/30/2022
	KATE MARTINEAU	6/30/2023
	BETTY TEGEL	6/30/2022
	RACHEL TEUMIM	6/30/2022
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	TOM BERGERON	6/30/2021
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL CORP	LINDA ACKERMAN	6/30/2023
	JOHN FURBISH	6/30/2021
	ELLA INGRAHAM	6/30/2023
	MOON MORGAN	6/30/2019
	JAMES MUSSONI	6/30/2022
EMERGENCY MANAGER	JOHN ZELLMANN	6/30/2021
ENERGY COMMITTEE	JASON BURBANK	6/30/2021
	ARIEL ELAN	6/30/2021
	PAMELA F HANOLD	6/30/2021
	CHRIS MASON	6/30/2021
	SARAH (SALLY) PICK	6/30/2021
	TIMOTHY N. VAN EGMOND	6/30/2021
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	WENDY M BOGUSZ	
F. C. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2	CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL, SR.	6/30/2021
	MICHAEL M NELSON	6/30/2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE	JENNIFER AUDLEY	6/30/2022
	FREDERIC BOWMAN	6/30/2021
	GREG GARRISON	6/30/2021
	JOHN HANOLD	6/30/2022
	CHRISTOPHER MENEGONI	6/30/2021
	FRANCIA WISNEWSKI	6/30/2023
	JENNIFER WARYAS	6/30/2023
FIRST REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE		6/30/2021
	MICHAEL NAUGHTON	6/30/2021
	LYNN REYNOLDS	
FOREST WARDEN		6/30/2021
	RICHARD SAWIN JR.	
FOREST WARDEN – DEPUTY		6/30/2021
	JOHN ZELLMANN	
FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT'S		6/30/2021
	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	6/30/2021
	ELIZABETH IRVING - (Planning Rep)	6/30/2021
FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT'S		
FRCOG PLANNING BOARD - SELECTBOARD REP	WALTER F RAMSEY	
FRTA ADVISORY BOARD	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	6/30/2021
FRTA ADVISORY BOARD	JEFFREY SINGLETON	6/30/2021
	HERBERT F. HOHENGASSER	6/30/2021
GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR - ALTERNATE	TIMOTHY J. HARTNETT	6/30/2021
	JOHN LETOURNEAU	6/30/2021
GILL-MONTAGUE TRANSIT AUTHORITY	STEVEN F ELLIS	6/30/2022
	CAROLYN OLSEN	6/30/2022
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	CHRIS CLAWSON	6/30/2022
	EDWARD P. GREGORY	6/30/2022
	SUZANNE LOMANTO	6/30/2021
	JANEL NOCKLEBY	6/30/2022

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - TEMPORARY POSITION	LYDIA IEVINS	5/18/2021
MONTAGUE ENERGY POLICY LIAISON	ARIEL ELAN	6/30/2020
PARB - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	DENISE AIKEN	6/30/2021
	KATHLEEN BUREK	6/30/2021
	THOMASINA HALL	6/30/2021
	KWAMANE HARRIS	6/30/2021
	COLIN MITCHELL	6/30/2021
	MICHAEL M NELSON	6/30/2021
	CHRIS PINARDI	6/30/2021
PARB - EQUITY AND USE OF FORCE	DAVID BULLEY	6/30/2021
	ARIEL ELAN	6/30/2021
	FAITH ENGLISH	6/30/2021
	DEBORAH RUTH FRENKEL	6/30/2021
	RICHARD HALL	6/30/2021
	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	6/30/2021
	MADDOX SPRENGEL	6/30/2021
PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR	JONATHAN DOBOSZ	6/30/2021
PERSONNEL BOARD	CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL, SR.	5/16/2022
	RICHARD KUKLEWICZ	5/17/2021
	MICHAEL M NELSON	5/15/2023
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION AGENT	WALTER F RAMSEY	6/30/2021
PLANNING BOARD	FREDERIC BOWMAN	6/30/2021
	GEORGE COOKE	
	ELIZABETH IRVING	6/30/2021
	MICHAEL M NELSON	6/30/2023
	ROBERT OBEAR	6/30/2023
	RON SICARD	6/30/2022
PLANNING BOARD - ASSOCIATE MEMBER	MATT LORD	6/30/2021
POLICE CHIEF	CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS	

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY BUILDING COMM.	JASON BURBANK	6/30/2021
	JAY DIPUCCHIO	6/30/2021
	ARIEL ELAN	6/30/2021
	MARK FAIRBROTHER	6/30/2021
	PAMELA F HANOLD	6/30/2021
	DAVID JENSEN	6/30/2021
	ROBERT MACEWICZ	6/30/2021
	KEN MORIN	6/30/2021
	RICHARD WIDMER (ALT)	6/30/2021
	MARK WILLIAMS	6/30/2021
REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMM.	JOHN ZELLMANN	6/30/2021
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	DEBRA BOURBEAU	6/30/2022
	ELIZABETH IRVING	6/30/2021
	STANLEY DOBOSZ	6/30/2023
	ANNE E STUART	6/30/2022
RETIREMENT BOARD	STEVEN F ELLIS	6/30/2021
RIVERCULTURE STEERING COMMITTEE	EILEEN DOWD	6/30/2022
	TAMMY KETCHAM	6/30/2022
	LUCINDA KIDDER	6/30/2020
	ERIN MACLEAN	6/30/2021
	OLIVER MILLER	6/30/2021
	RACHEL TEUMIM	6/30/2022
	LILITH G WOLINSKY	6/30/2022
TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN	EILEEN M SEYMOUR	6/30/2021
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	CAROLYN OLSEN	6/30/2023
TOWN COUNSEL	KOPELMAN & PAIGE, PC	6/30/2019
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	DAVID DETMOLD	6/30/2021
	CHARLES WALKER KORBY	6/30/2021
	ANNABEL LEVINE	6/30/2021
	SEAN MAHONEY	6/30/2021
	MICHAEL	
	MARCOTRIGIANO	6/30/2021
	ROBERTA POTTER	6/30/2021

	TOM SULLIVAN	6/30/2021
	RAFAEL ANDY VEGA	6/30/2021
	JEFFREY WARREN-PUKIS	6/30/2021
TURNERS FALLS ATHLETIC CLUB	CHRISTIAN COUTURE	
VETERAN'S BURIAL AGENT	CHRISTOPHER DEMARS	6/30/2021
VETERAN'S DIRECTOR	TIMOTHY NIEJADLIK	6/30/2021
VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER	JOHN T MURPHY	6/30/2021
WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL SUPT.	CHELSEY LITTLE	3/29/2023
WELLS TRUST	RON SICARD	6/30/2021
WIRING INSPECTOR	WAYNE SHAW	6/30/2021
WIRING INSPECTOR - ALTERNATE	TODD WEED	6/30/2021
	THOMAS W. WYMAN	6/30/2021
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	JOHN BUREK	6/30/2022
	WILLIAM J. DOYLE IV	6/30/2023
	JOSHUA LIVELY	6/30/2024
	ALLEN RIPINGILL JR.	6/30/2024
	RICHARD RUTH	6/30/2021
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - ALTERNATE	DAVID JENSEN	6/30/2021

PCT	NAME	ADDRESS	VILLAGE	EXPIRATION
1	ACKERMAN, LINDA N.	86 TAYLOR HILL RD	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
5	AIKEN, DENISE A.	18 FOURTH STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	ALLAN, PAMELA G.	79 K STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
2	ATWOOD, MATTHEW	BOX 235, 9 BROADWAY	LAKE PLEASANT	18-May-2020
4	AUDLEY, JENNIFER R.	27 X STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
2	BAZEMORE, ROBERT	475 A TURNERS FALLS RD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
1	BECK, PATRICIA A.	130 CHESTNUT HILL LOOP	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
1	BLOOMBERG, SHEREE .	25 CENTER STREET	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
3	BODIN, KRISTI A.	199 TURNPIKE RD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
4	BOUTWELL, CHRIS M.	28 SUNSET DR	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
4	BOWMAN, FREDERIC H.	701 FAIRWAY AVE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	BROWN, ERNEST L.	12 MARSHALL ST	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022

6	BROWN, LESLIE P.	17 POPLAR ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	BRUNELLE, TAWYNA M.	76 OAKMAN ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	CADRAN, CHAD T.	20 SUNSET DRIVE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
1	CLARK, MALCOLM	PO BOX 901	HADLEY	17-May-2021
5	COHEN, NATAN M.	25 CENTRAL ST. #2	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
2	CONSTANTINE, STEPHEN	80 SOUTH PROSPECT ST	MILLERS FALLS	17-May-2021
6	COSTA, BRIAN	5 KINGSLEY AVE	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	COTTRELL, SHARON E.	191 GREENFIELD RD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
2	CROWELL, NANCY L.	4 GROUT CIRCLE	MILLERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	CUNHA, M. EDITE	161 AVENUE A,	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
3	DAVOL, LISA B.	23 HILLSIDE AVE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	DEMERS, THOMAS J.	35 WALNUT STREET	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	DETMOLD, DAVID	60 FOURTH ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
3	DILLENSNEIDER, JEREMY	183 MILLERS FALLS ROAD	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	DOBOSZ, STANLEY	29 GROVE STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
5	DODD, SCOTT E.	99 FOURTH STREET, #3	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	DODGE, CHARLES E. III	212 TURNERS FALLS RD	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
5	DOUGLASS, EMILY Y.	113 AVNEUE A	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
3	DUCHARME, CHERI S.	1 BULKLEY ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
3	DUCHARME, RICHARD	1 BULKLEY ST	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
4				17-May-2021
1	EDWARDS, CHARLES Y.	48 TAYLOR H ILL ROAD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
1	ELAN, ARIEL S.	506 TURNERS FALLS RD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
3	EMERY, PAUL J.	33 COOLIDGE AVE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	EZCURRA, ELLIOT H.	12 K STREET #2	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
1	FAIRBROTHER, MARK	129 MEADOW ROAD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
6	FERMANN, JUSTIN T.	48 RANDALL WOOD DR.	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
1	FISK, MARK E.	15 MEADOW RD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
2	FRENKEL, DEBORAH	51 MONTAGUE AVE	LAKE PLEASANT	17-May-2021
3	FRITZ, ROBERT R.	57 MILLERS FALLS RD	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
2	GAJDA, GEORGE W.	14 BRIDGE ST	MILLERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	GARRISON, GREGORY .	27 RANDALL WOOD DRIVE	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
3	GLOSKI, CAROL J	18 VLADISH AVE	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
2	GOLRICK, PETER	11 W MAIN ST	MILLERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	GONZALEZ-PERES,LUIS	138 FOURTH STREET	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
3	GRACE, JOHN	23 TURNERS FALLS RD	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	GRADER, DENNIS L.	72 DELL ST	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	GRONEMAN, JESSIE A.	3 H STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
5	HANOLD, JOHN T.	62 PROSPECT ST	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	HANOLD, PAMELA F.	62 PROSPECT ST	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	HASTINGS, KEVIN J.	34 RANDALL ROAD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
3	HASTINGS, MEGHAN E.	92 MILLERS FALLS RD	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	HEBDEN, JEAN A.	101 FOURTH STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	HEISIG, LAURA E.	83 G STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
2	HENRY, MICHAEL E.	57 S PROSPECT ST	MILLERS FALLS	18-May-2020
3	HOLMES, HEATHER L.	67 MILLERS FALLS RD	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021

6	HUDYMA, PETER J.	82 GREENFIELD RD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
1	IRVING, ELIZABETH M.	7 NEWTON LANE	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
2	JENSEN, DAVID E.	13 DENTON ST	LAKE PLEASANT	17-May-2021
2	JENSEN, HAROLD	25 GREEN POND RD	MILLERS FALLS	16-May-2022
2	KOSTANSKI, MARILYN	434 MILLERS FALLS RD	MILLERS FALLS	16-May-2022
4	KUKLEWICZ, BARBARA	3 HIGHLAND CIRCLE	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	KUKLEWICZ, LINDA M.	66 OAKMAN ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	KUKLEWICZ, RICHARD .	66 OAKMAN ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	LATKA, KAREN	266 Turners Falls Rd	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
4	LIVELY, JENNIFER J.	81 HIGH STREET	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	LIVELY, JOSHUA D.	60 K STREET, APT. 2`	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
1	LOREI, JUDITH	7 NORTH ST.	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
1	LOVEJOY, SAMUEL H.	BOX 177 46 MAIN ST	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
1	LYNCH, KATHLEEN	27 CENTER ST	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
3	MACKIN, MIKE	5 WORCESTER AVE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	MAHONEY, SEAN	7 GREENFIELD ROAD, #A	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	MAILLO DE AGUILERA, MARIA	42 THIRD STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
1	MARIANI, EILEEN	63 MAIN ST	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
3	MARTINEAU, ALANA J.	42 GROVE STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
2	MARTINEAU, JAMES G.	4 GRAND AVE	MILLERS FALLS	17-May-2021
3	MARTINEAU, SHANNON	18 CARLISLE AVE	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
3	MATTIACE, MARY K.	1 WENTWORTH AVENUE	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
1	MCQUAID, SUSAN V.	130 CHESTNUT HILL LOOP	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
4	MENEGONI, CHRISTOPHER	37 K STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
6	MILKEY, DENISE A.	2 KINGSLEY AVENUE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
1	MITCHELL, COLIN J.	22 TAYLOR HILL ROAD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
6	MURPHY, JOHN T	22 O STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	MUSSONI, JAMES J.	149 GREENFIELD RD	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
2	NAUGHTON, MICHAEL J	11 S LYMAN ST	MILLERS FALLS	17-May-2021
5	NELSON, JACK	65 CANAL ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	NELSON, JON	42 THIRD STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
1	NELSON, MICHAEL	16 SUNDERLAND ROAD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
3	PACKARD, ROLLAND	17 WORCESTER AVE	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
3	PEREIRA, KELEIGH A.	14 WORCESTER AVE	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
1	PERHAM, PATRICIA	E TAYLOR HILL RD	MONTAGUE	16-May-2022
1	PEZZATI, PATRICK S.	144 DRY HILL RD	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
1	PHANEUF, VERONICA .	547 TURNERS FALLS RD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
3	PHILLIPS, JOYCE A.	18 VLADISH AVE	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	RAMSEY, WALTER F.	15 DAVIS ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
4	REID, DONALD A.	7 COUNTRY CLUB LANE	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	REIPOLD, APRIL J.	17 CHESTNUT ST.	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
1	REYNOLDS, JOHN L.	62 EAST TAYLOR HILL RD.	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
1	REYNOLDS, MARLYN H.	62 EAST TAYLOR HILL RD.	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
5	ROFFI, ROBERT A.	66 PROSPECT ST	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
5	RUTH, JR., RICHARD R.	15 MAPLE ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021

6	SADOWAY, SOLON W.	16 ELEVENTH ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
5	SAWYER-LAUCANNO, CHRIS	70 PROSPECT ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
6	SERRILLI, ELYSSA M.	7 H STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	SINGLETON, JEFFREY .	18 CENTRAL ST. #1	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
5	SNOW-COBB, SUZETTE	179 AVENUE A, APT 2	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
3	STOLER, RACHEL	205 TURNPIKE ROAD	MONTAGUE	17-May-2021
4	SWIHART, ELIZABETH	35 PARK STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
6	TAPSCOTT, IAN E.	83 G STREET	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
4	THOMPSON, DAVID P.	4 HIGH ST	TURNERS FALLS	17-May-2021
2	WETHERBY,GRETCHEN	14 BRIDGE ST	MILLERS FALLS	18-May-2020
2	WIDMER, RICHARD J.	5 CHURCH ST	MILLERS FALLS	16-May-2022
2	WISNEWSKI, FRANCI	196 TURNPIKE ROAD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
2	WISNEWSKI, MARK P.	196 TURNPIKE ROAD	MONTAGUE	18-May-2020
6	WOLINSKY, LILITH G.	312 MONTAGUE.CITY RD	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022
3	WOOD, DAVID H.	35 SUNRISE TERRACE	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	YOUNG, TAMMY A.	11 PARADISE PARKWAY	TURNERS FALLS	18-May-2020
6	ZAMOJSKI, MELANIE K.	33 O STREET	TURNERS FALLS	16-May-2022

**TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
March 5, 2020**

According to the foregoing warrant the legal voters met at the Turners Falls High School Theater on Thursday, March 5, 2020 when the meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM when checker Wendy Bogusz announced the presence of a quorum. Seventy-Seven, (77), Town Meeting Members were in attendance while thirteen, (13), were excused and twenty-eight, (28), were no shows.

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk, Deb Bourbeau, as the first order of business was to elect a moderator pro-tem as current moderator Chris Collins was unavailable.

Past moderator, Ray Godin, was gracious enough to come out of retirement just in case the legislative body wanted to elect him for the meeting. As suspected, the body elected Ray Godin as Moderator Pro-Tem unanimously and they were happy to have him back for an evening. He was duly sworn in by Deb Bourbeau and ready to roll with town meeting procedures.

Temporary moderator Ray Godin led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Officers Return was read and the Preliminary Motions were read and passed unanimously.

Ray introduced everyone on the stage.

A consent agenda was used for articles 9 through 12.

The meeting was adjourned without day at 7:27 PM.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
March 5, 2020**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 4 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting by adding to Schedule II the position of Police IT Administrator with an annual stipend of \$3,000, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	FY20 REQUESTED
Police IT Administrator	3,000
(Selectboard Request)	

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #21 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, which authorized the borrowing of the sum of \$521,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a solar array at the Water Pollution Control Facility at 34 Greenfield Road, which borrowing is no longer needed for the project for which it was approved, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$19,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing voting booths, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Town Clerk Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget for the Dispatch Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Police Chief Request)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,348, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying prior year bills of the WPCF operating budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Interim Superintendent Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$130,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget for the Water Pollution Control Facility, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Interim Superintendent Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$75,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the removal and disposal of an existing oil tank and vault, and the purchase and installation of new oil tanks, including any and all incidental and related costs, at the Water Pollution Control Facility, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Interim Superintendent Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$800,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Administrator Request)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a special purpose Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the cannabis excise tax revenues to the Town Capital Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the cannabis impact fee revenues to the Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

Given under our hands this ____th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April ____, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
March 5, 2020**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 4 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting by adding to Schedule II the position of Police IT Administrator with an annual stipend of \$3,000.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

TITLE

Police IT Administrator

FY20 REQUESTED

3,000

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #21 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, which authorized the borrowing of \$521,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a solar array at the Water Pollution Control Facility at 34 Greenfield Road, which borrowing is no longer needed for the project for which it was approved.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,000 for the purpose of purchasing voting booths, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget for the Dispatch Department, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,348 for the purpose of paying prior year bills of the Water Pollution Control Facility operating budget, said sum to be raised from WPCF Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget for the Water Pollution Control Facility, said sum to be raised from WPCF Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding the removal and disposal of an existing oil tank and vault, and the purchase and installation of new oil tanks, including any and all incidental and related costs, at the Water Pollution Control Facility, said sum to be raised from the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$800,000 for the purpose of increasing the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from Overlay Surplus.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to establish a special purpose Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town dedicate 100% of the cannabis excise tax revenues to Town Capital Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town dedicate 100% of the cannabis impact fee revenues to the Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 13, 2020**

According to the foregoing warrant the legal voters met at the Turners Falls High School on Saturday, June 13, 2020 when the meeting was called to order at 8:46 AM when checker Wendy Bogusz announced the presence of a quorum. Seventy-Three, (73), Town Meeting Members were in attendance while twenty-one, (21), were excused and twenty-two, (22), were no shows.

Due to COVID 19 the body met in the parking where staff, town meeting members and the public could meet while social distancing and wearing masks. It ended up being a perfect day to be outside – sunny and warm.

Moderator Chris Collins led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

State Representative Natalie Blais came to say thank you to all who attended in this most trying time.

The Officers Return was read and the Preliminary Motions were read and passed unanimously. Town business was kept to only the major money articles in order to keep town business on track.

The meeting was adjourned without day at 11:42 A.M.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 13, 2020**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at 8:30 A.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, or other Town departments with the approval of the Selectboard, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website at <https://www.montague-ma.gov/p/374/Annual-Budget-Information> or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website at <https://www.montague-ma.gov/p/374/Annual-Budget-Information> or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the classification plan to add the position of Assistant Planner at Grade D as per a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Montague and the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Planning Department Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,527,445, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website at <https://www.montague-ma.gov/p/374/Annual-Budget-Information> and for any other necessary changes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,449,068, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website at <https://www.montague-ma.gov/p/374/Annual-Budget-Information>, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$79,750, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$55,694, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,255,456, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Franklin County Technical School Request)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,732,268, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$16,250, or any other amount, for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide valuation services relating to the natural gas and electric transmission/distribution utility properties located in town, including any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Assessors Request)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$41,953 or any other amount, for the following school building related projects and any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

1. To repair the canopy over the Gill Montague Regional School District Administration Building's side entry
2. To repair the Hillcrest Elementary School roof
3. To obtain Building Condition Assessments to support capital planning for the Sheffield School, Hillcrest School, and Great Falls Middle School/Turners Falls High School Buildings

(GMRSD Request)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$191,000, or any other amount, for the following WPCF projects and any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

1. To increase the appropriation made pursuant to Article 7 of the March 5, 2020 Special Town Meeting, which appropriated \$75,000 to remove and dispose of an existing oil tank and vault.
2. To replace coarse bubble diffusers at the Montague WPCF with fine bubble diffusers or similar energy saving technology

3. To replace a primary sludge pump at the Montague WPCF, including purchasing and equipping a new pump, removal and disposal of the existing pump, design and installation services. (WPCF Superintendent Request)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$127,260, or any other amount, for the following Town projects and any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

1. To purchase, equip and make major repairs to DPW vehicles and equipment
2. To replace the Council on Aging chimney
3. To repair traditional walking paths in the villages of Millers Falls and Turners Falls, including but not limited to repair or replacement of the existing public stairway leading from the Millers Falls Village Center to Highland Park and the existing public walkway running from 7th Street to High Street, near its intersection with Avenue B.

(Dept. of Public Works, Council on Aging and Planning Department Request)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of the land and/or building commonly known as the former DPW Garage, located at 500 Avenue A, Turners Falls, and shown as Assessors' Parcel ID 05-0-127, from the Selectboard for general municipal purposes to Selectboard for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance or lease; and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or lease, transfer or convey all or any portion of such land and/or building for such sum and upon such conditions determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town, pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all instruments, including deeds, leases or other agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of the land and/or building commonly known as the Town Hall Annex, located at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, and shown as Assessors' Parcel ID 04-0-0004, from the Selectboard for general municipal purposes to the Selectboard for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance or lease; and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or lease, transfer or convey all or any portion of such land and/or building for such sum and upon such conditions determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town, pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all instruments, including deeds, leases or other agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the vote taken hereunder, or pas any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18:

We are writing to request that funds be appropriated to facilitate the repair of the public stairway leading from the Millers Falls Village Center to Highland Park. While many people continue to use the stairs they are in a sorry state and could cause someone harm if not addressed. Several of the concrete stairs are crumbling and the railings are rusted and broken. We feel that this is an important connector between the village center and the park and we hope that fixing the stairs would increase the use of the park by residents of the village center. Please repair the stairs so that we can use them safely. (Petitioned Article)

Given under our hands this 26th day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectboard, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA May ____, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 13, 2020**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard, or other Town departments with the approval of the Selectboard, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation. **PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials.

SCHEDULE I

Elected Officials

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY20 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY21 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY21 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	370	370	370
SELECTBOARD			
Chairman	2,355	2,355	2,355
Second/Third Members	2,140	2,140	2,140
BOARD OF ASSESSOR			
Chairman	1,765	1,765	1,765
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,605	1,605
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	64,985*	68,963**	68,963
*G-5			
**G-7			
TOWN CLERK	73,905	75,014*	75,014
*G-11			

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY20 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY21 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY21 RECOMMEND</u>
BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
Town Clerk	840	840	840
TREE WARDEN	1,575	1,575	1,575
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Chairman	1,765	1,765	1,765
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,605	1,605

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY20 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY21 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY21 RECOMMEND</u>
ANNUAL STIPENDS			
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	525	525	525
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,765	5,765	5,765
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,575	1,575	1,575
BARN INSPECTOR	1,050	1,050	1,050
IT COORDINATOR	2,100	2,100	2,100
MEDIC COORDINATOR		4,000	4,000
POLICE IT ADMINISTRATOR	3,000	3,000	3,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,710	1,710

RATES PER INSPECTION
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR

35.00 35.00 35.00

SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY21</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>

<u>RATES PER INSPECTION</u>			
GAS INSPECTOR	35.00	35.00	35.00

PLUMBING INSPECTOR	35.00	35.00	35.00
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ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	35.00	35.00	35.00
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<u>HOURLY RATES</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>
EXTRA CLERICAL	12.00-13.75	12.75-14.50	12.75-14.50
ELECTION WORKERS	12.00-14.75	12.75-15.50	12.75-15.50
SUMMER HIGHWAY	12.00-14.75	12.75-14.75	12.75-14.75
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	17.00-21.00	17.00-21.00	17.00-21.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS	17.00-21.00	17.00-21.00	17.00-21.00
PARKS & RECREATION	12.00-20.00	12.75-20.00	12.75-20.00
AIRPORT INTERN	12.00-14.25	12.75-15.00	12.75-15.00

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2020</u>		<u>Range FY2021</u>	
		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
<u>SALARIED</u>					
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	92,811	114,221	94,203	115,934
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	60,346	73,905	61,251	75,014
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	84,373	103,837	85,639	105,395
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	76,703	94,397	77,854	95,813
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	60,346	73,905	61,251	75,014
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	60,346	73,905	61,251	75,014
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	H	76,703	94,397	77,854	95,813
<u>HOURLY</u>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	E	22.43	27.61	22.77	28.02
POLICE LIEUTENANT	G+8.5%	36.59	40.60	37.29	41.37
POLICE CUSTODIAN	A	15.03	18.50	15.26	18.78

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the classification plan to add the position of Assistant Planner at Grade D as per a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Montague and the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE).

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,527,445 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Town Operating Budget, and for any other necessary changes, with \$47.30 to be raised from Transportation Infrastructure Fund Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and \$10,527,397.70 to be raised from Taxation.

SCHEDULE III
Town Operating Budget

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY20	REQUEST FY21	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY21
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
113	TOWN MEETING	2,070	2,090	2,090
122	SELECT BOARD	184,489	192,014	192,014
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	680	1,000	1,000
132	RESERVE FUND	60,000	60,000	60,000
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	81,680	81,934	81,934
141	ASSESSORS	189,278	195,422	195,422
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	224,914	239,560	239,560
151	TOWN COUNSEL	98,000	90,000	90,000
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	46,000	58,100	58,100
159	SHARED COSTS	65,659	72,759	72,759
161	TOWN CLERK	159,223	167,001	167,001
175	PLANNING	125,302	121,187	121,187
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,200	1,200	1,200
182	MEDIC	1,000	5,000	5,000
190	PUBLIC BLDG UTILITIES	119,570	141,320	141,320
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVT	1,359,065	1,428,587	1,428,587
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
211	POLICE	1,652,537	1,698,119	1,698,119
211	POLICE CRUISER	51,600	53,000	53,000
212	DISPATCH	312,299	311,584	311,584
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR	140,080	141,444	141,444
244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS	2,750	2,750	2,750
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,765	5,765	5,765
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	20,057	20,414	20,414
294	FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,710	1,710
299	TREE WARDEN	18,285	20,285	20,285
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,205,083	2,255,071	2,255,071

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY20	REQUEST FY21	SELECTBOARD
				FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY21
	PUBLIC WORKS			
420	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,407,163	1,441,408	1,441,408
420	FLAIL LEASE #2/5	24,090	24,090	24,090
423	SNOW & ICE	254,250	278,050	278,050
433	SOLID WASTE	519,983	598,886	598,886
480	CHARGING STATIONS		7,000	7,000
491	CEMETERIES	7,000	7,000	7,000
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,212,486	2,356,434	2,356,434
	HUMAN SERVICES			
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	146,732	135,948	135,948
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	46,031	46,980	46,980
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	96,600	98,400	98,400
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	289,363	281,328	281,328
	CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	LIBRARIES	411,071	426,950	426,950
630	PARKS & RECREATION	139,448	143,539	143,539
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,300	1,300	1,300
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATION	552,319	572,289	572,289
700	DEBT SERVICE	888,793	1,128,500	1,128,500
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	104,608	111,179	111,179
	MISCELLANEOUS			
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,227,951	2,298,057	2,298,057
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	93,275	96,000	96,000
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	2,321,226	2,394,057	2,394,057
	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	9,932,943	10,527,445	10,527,445

AMENDED ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$10,481,863** for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Town Operating Budget, and for any other necessary changes, with \$47.30 to be raised from Transportation Infrastructure Fund Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and **\$10,481,815.70** to be raised from Taxation.

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	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	9,932,943	10,527,445	10,481,863
		PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE AS AMENDED		

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,449,068 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, with \$220,559 to be raised from Taxation and \$2,228,509 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

SCHEDULE IV
WPCF Budget

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY20	REQUEST FY21	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY21
	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL			
440	Wages & Expenses	1,571,754	1,585,763	1,585,763
700	Debt Service	533,163	520,551	520,551
910	Employee Benefits	279,702	291,954	291,954
	SUBTOTAL WPCF	2,384,619	2,398,268	2,398,268
449	DPW SUBSIDIARY			
	Wages & Expenses	42,800	42,800	42,800
	Capital Outlay	8,000	8,000	8,000
	SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	50,800	50,800	50,800
	TOTAL WPCF	2,435,419	2,449,068	2,449,068

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$79,750 for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, said sum to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,694 for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, with \$1,405 to be raised from Taxation and \$54,289 to be raised from Airport User Fees.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,255,456 for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,732,268 for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,250 for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide valuation services relating to the natural gas and electric transmission/distribution utility properties located in town, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Taxation. **PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,953 for the following school building related projects and any and all incidental and related costs, with \$20,000 to be raised from Free Cash and \$21,953 to be raised from Taxation.

1. \$10,000 to repair the canopy over the Gill Montague Regional School District Administration Building's side entry
 2. \$10,000 to repair the Hillcrest Elementary School roof
 3. \$21,953 to obtain Building Condition Assessments to support capital planning for the Sheffield School, Hillcrest School, and Great Falls Middle School/Turners Falls High School Buildings
- PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE**

ARTICLE 14: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$191,000 for the purpose of the following WPCF projects and any and all incidental and related costs, with \$51,000 to be raised from WPCF Retained Earnings, \$100,000 to be raised from WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, \$15,439.53 to be raised from the unexpended balance of Article #19 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, and \$24,560.47 to be raised from WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund.

1. \$51,000 to increase the appropriation made pursuant to Article 7 of the March 5, 2020 Special Town Meeting, which appropriated \$75,000 to remove and dispose of an existing oil tank and vault.
2. \$100,000 to replace coarse bubble diffusers at the Montague WPCF with fine bubble diffusers or similar energy saving technology
3. \$40,000 to replace a primary sludge pump at the Montague WPCF, including purchasing and equipping a new pump, removal and disposal of the existing pump, design and installation services

PASSED/TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 15: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$127,260 for the following Town projects and any and all incidental and related costs, with \$80,000 to be raised from Taxation and \$47,260 to be raised from Free Cash.

1. \$80,000 to purchase, equip and make major repairs to DPW vehicles and equipment
2. \$10,000 to replace the Council on Aging chimney
3. \$37,260 to repair traditional walking paths in the villages of Millers Falls and Turners Falls, including but not limited to repair or replacement of the existing public stairway leading from the Millers Falls Village Center to Highland Park and the existing public walkway running from 7th Street to High Street, near its intersection with Avenue B

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 16. MOVED: That the Town vote to transfer care, custody and control of the land and/or building commonly known as the former DPW Garage, located at 500 Avenue A, Turners Falls, and shown as Assessors' Parcel ID 05-0-127, from the Selectboard for general municipal purposes to Selectboard for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance and lease; and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or lease, transfer or convey all or any portion of such land and/or building for such sum and upon such conditions determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town, pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all instruments, including deeds, leases or other agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the vote taken hereunder.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. MOVED: That the Town vote to transfer care, custody and control of the land and/or building commonly known as the Town Hall Annex, located at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, and shown as Assessors' Parcel ID 04-0-0004, from the Selectboard for general municipal purposes to the Selectboard for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance and lease; and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or lease, transfer or convey all or any portion of such land and/or building for such sum and upon such conditions determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town, pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all instruments, including deeds, leases or other agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the vote taken hereunder.

PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 18. MOVED: We are writing to request that funds be appropriated to facilitate the repair of the public stairway leading from the Millers Falls Village Center to Highland Park. While many people continue to use the stairs they are in a sorry state and could cause someone harm if not addressed. Several of the concrete stairs are crumbling and the railings are rusted and broken. We feel that this is an important connector between the village center and the park and we hope that fixing the stairs would increase the use of the park by residents of the village center. Please repair the stairs so that we can use them safely.

DEFEATED/UNANIMOUS VOTE (Petitioned Article)

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 13, 2020**

According to the foregoing warrant the legal voters met at the brand new Montague DPW Garage on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 when the meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM when checker Wendy Bogusz announced the presence of a quorum. Ninety, (90), Town Meeting Members were in attendance while fifteen, (15), were excused and nineteen, (19), were no shows. Due to COVID 19 the Town could not hold a meeting in the Turners Falls High School Theater – social distancing was not attainable and town meeting members were more open meeting in the open bays of the new DPW Garage with fans circulating the cold air from outside.

For all the good effort in planning this meeting, it turned out to be a bad idea and the town will never hold a town meeting there again. The acoustics were horrible and everyone sounded like they were underwater. Lots of echoes and shrills from the PA system – there was nothing to absorb the bouncing sound waves. The body pressed on anyway.

Moderator Chris Collins led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent gave a statement of thanks to the DPW Building Committee each by name for their 3 years of hard work planning the new complex.

The Officers Return was read and the Preliminary Motions were read and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned without day at 7:42 PM.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 13, 2020**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Montague DPW Garage, 128 Turners Falls Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article #6 of the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$10,481,863 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, by reducing the amount to be raised by taxation by \$109,000, so that the total amount raised by taxation is reduced from \$10,481,815.70 to \$10,372,815.70, and to amend **Schedule III: Town Operating Budget**, as shown on the **Revised Schedule III: Town Operating Budget**, set forth below, with all other line items remaining unchanged, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Revised Schedule III: Town Operating Budget			
Dept. #		Article #6 06/13/20 FY21	Revised FY21
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
151	Town Counsel	90,000	80,000
155	Information Technology	58,100	62,100
159	Shared Costs	72,759	74,759
190	Public Bldg Utilities	141,320	106,320
	HUMAN SERVICES		
543	Veterans' Services	98,400	88,400
	MISCELLANEOUS		
910	Employee Benefits	2,298,057	2,238,057
Total Town Operating Budget		10,481,863	10,372,863

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing the Council on Aging roof and any other necessary exterior repairs, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Council on Aging Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of hiring professionals to survey the parcels comprising Montague Center Park in support of its future redevelopment or use, and anything incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks & Recreation Commission Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making necessary improvements to the Shea Theater fire protection system, and anything incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(DPW Request)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$820.49, or any other amount, which represents the net premium paid to the Town upon the sale of the Town's \$5,785,000 DPW Facility Bonds dated January 22, 2020, to pay costs of the DPW facility authorized by the vote of the Town passed March 29, 2018, and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by such amount, as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, §20 or any other applicable law, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV and anything incidental or related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the following sums, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

Fund	Amount (\$)
Town General Stabilization Fund	61,507
Town Capital Stabilization Fund	200,259
OPEB Trust Fund	118,000
GMRSD Stabilization Fund	39,185
FCTS Stabilization Fund	68,000
Total:	486,951

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$73,652, or any other sum, to the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, said sum representing the approximate amount collected by the Town from the assessment of the cannabis retail sales tax during fiscal year 2020; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,791, or any other sum, to the Town Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund, said sum representing the approximate amount collected by the Town from the assessment of cannabis impact fees during fiscal year 2020; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2021 Reserve Fund budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$82,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of obtaining engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight and construction services related to the capping of the former Montague Burn Dump, and anything incidental or related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$39.90, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a prior year bill of the Board of Health, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (BOH Request)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation to change the date of the Annual Town Election from the third Monday in May of each year to the third Tuesday in May each year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION IN THE
TOWN OF MONTAGUE

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court
assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1974 is hereby amended by striking the word "Monday" in the first sentence and replacing it with the word "Tuesday".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

(Town Clerk Request)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 from the Town's General Bylaws, relative to the date of the Annual Town Election, as show below, provided, however, that any amendments approved pursuant to this article shall not take effect unless and until the

Legislature enacts amendments to Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1974 relative to the date of the Annual Town Election, as set forth in Article 12 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The bylaw amendment will strike section 2 of the Town's General Bylaws, which currently reads as follows:

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 2: The annual meeting for the election of Town officers required by law to be elected by ballot shall be held on the first Monday in March of each year. *(This section was rescinded at a Special Town Meeting on 11/15/1973, by the following act passed by the General Court on February 22, 1974.)

Chapter 9, Acts of 1974, "An act relative to the dates of the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting held in the Town of Montague". Be it enacted as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Montague to the contrary, said Town shall hold the Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and the determination of such matters as by law or vote of the Town are required to be elected or determined by official ballot on the third Monday in May of each year. All other business shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the first Saturday of May of each year. Separate warrants may be posted for said election and business meetings.

And replace it with the following:

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 2: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Montague to the contrary, said Town shall hold the Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and the determination of such matters as by law or vote of the Town are required to be elected or determined by official ballot on the third Tuesday in May of each year. All other business shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the first Saturday of May of each year. Separate warrants may be posted for said election and business meetings.

(Town Clerk Request)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to take the following actions in connection with the construction of a new 5th Street pedestrian bridge and related purposes:

(1) acquire an easement, approximately 16' in width, across the FirstLight Canal, for the placement of a new 5th Street pedestrian bridge, said bridge to be located southerly of the existing 5th Street vehicular bridge and the 1880 County Layout, as well as such easements at the eastern and western termini of the new pedestrian bridge as may be needed for access thereto, including wheelchair and other ADA-compliant access infrastructure, all as shown on a plan entitled "5th Street Pedestrian Bridge and Intersection Improvements Montague, MA," prepared by McMahon Associates, Inc., a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk;

(2) acquire temporary construction easements at or near the site of the new 5th Street pedestrian bridge, including for access and related purposes in order to construct said bridge;

(3) relinquish such rights the Town may have for the installation and maintenance of utilities, located across, upon and under the Strathmore pedestrian bridge, serving 20 Canal Road, and,

in exchange therefor, obtain an easement for utilities, including, but not limited to, water and sewer, as deemed necessary and convenient, across, upon and under the new 5th Street pedestrian bridge;

(4) acquire an easement, to pass and repass, for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and for utilities, commencing at or near the western terminus of the new 5th Street pedestrian bridge, in a northeasterly direction, along Canal Road to and across the so-called IP bridge;

(5) acquire easements at or near the location of the existing Strathmore pedestrian bridge, for the purpose of installing, constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a bridge, for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

all of the foregoing rights and easements to be acquired on such terms and conditions as determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town; to authorize the Selectboard to accept all grants and funding to accomplish the foregoing; and, further, to negotiate and execute any and all agreements as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this Article, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

Given under our hands this ____ day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA September ____, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 13, 2020
MOTIONS**

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article #6 of the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$10,481,863 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, by reducing the amount to be raised by \$109,000, so that the total amount raised is reduced from \$10,481,863 to \$10,372,863; with \$47.30 to be raised from Transportation Infrastructure Fund Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and \$10,372,815.70 to be raised from Taxation, and to amend **Schedule III: Town Operating Budget** as shown on the **Revised Schedule III: Town Operating Budget**, set forth below.

Revised Schedule III: Town Operating Budget

Dept. #		Article #6 06/13/20 FY21	Revised FY21
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
151	Town Counsel	90,000	80,000
155	Information Technology	58,100	62,100
159	Shared Costs	72,759	74,759
190	Public Bldg Utilities	141,320	106,320
	HUMAN SERVICES		
543	Veterans' Services	98,400	88,400
	MISCELLANEOUS		
910	Employee Benefits	2,298,057	2,238,057
Total Town Operating Budget		10,481,863	10,372,863
PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE			

ARTICLE 2: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of replacing the Council on Aging roof and any other necessary exterior repairs, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of hiring professionals to survey the parcels comprising Montague Center Park in support of its future redevelopment or use, and any incidental or related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of making necessary improvements to the Shea Theater fire protection system, and any incidental or related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$820.49 which represents the net premium paid to the Town upon the sale of the Town's \$5,785,000 DPW Facility Bonds dated January 22, 2020, to pay costs of the DPW facility authorized by the vote of the Town passed March 29, 2018, and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by such amount, as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, §20 or any other applicable law, said sum to be raised from Fund Balance Reserved for Excluded Debt. **PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

ARTICLE 6: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV and any incidental or related costs, said sum to be raised from PEG Access Funds Receipts Reserved for Appropriation. **PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

ARTICLE 7: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the following sums for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below with \$232,951 to be raised from Taxation and \$254,000 to be raised from Free Cash.

Fund	Taxation (\$)	Free Cash (\$)	Total (\$)
Town General Stabilization	61,507		61,507
Town Capital Stabilization	82,259	118,000	200,259
OPEB Trust Fund	50,000	68,000	118,000
GMRSD Stabilization	39,185		39,185
FCTS Stabilization		68,000	68,000
Total	232,951	254,000	486,951

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$73,652 to the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, said sum representing the approximate amount collected by the Town from the assessment of the cannabis retail sales tax during fiscal year 2020; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,791 to the Town Cannabis Impact Fee Stabilization Fund, said sum representing the approximate amount collected by the Town from the assessment of cannabis impact fees during fiscal year 2020.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2021 Reserve Fund budget, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$82,000 for the purpose of obtaining engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight and construction services related to the capping of the former Montague Burn Dump, and any incidental or related costs, with \$32,000 to be raised from Free Cash and \$50,000 to be raised from Town Capital Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11: MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$39.90 for the purpose of paying a prior year bill of the Board of Health, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation to change the date of the Annual Town Election from the third Monday in May of each year to the third Tuesday in May each year, as specified in Article 12 of the Warrant.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION IN THE
TOWN OF MONTAGUE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1974 is hereby amended by striking the word "Monday" in the first sentence and replacing it with the word "Tuesday".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend Section 2 from the Town's General Bylaws, relative to the date of the Annual Town Election, as show below, provided, however, that any amendments approved pursuant to this article shall not take effect unless and until the Legislature enacts amendments to Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1974 relative to the date of the Annual Town Election, as set forth in Article 12 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

The bylaw amendment will strike section 2 of the Town's General Bylaws, which currently reads as follows:

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 2: The annual meeting for the election of Town officers required by law to be elected by ballot shall be held on the first Monday in March of each year. *(This section was rescinded at a Special Town Meeting on 11/15/1973, by the following act passed by the General Court on February 22, 1974.)

Chapter 9, Acts of 1974, "An act relative to the dates of the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting held in the Town of Montague". Be it enacted as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Montague to the contrary, said Town shall hold the Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and the determination of such matters as by law or vote of the Town are required to be elected or determined by official ballot on the third Monday in May of each year. All other business shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the first Saturday of May of each year. Separate warrants may be posted for said election and business meetings.

And replace it with the following:

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 2: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Montague to the contrary, said Town shall hold the Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and the determination of such matters as by law or vote of the Town are required to be elected or determined by official ballot on the third Tuesday in May of each year. All other business shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the first Saturday of May of each year. Separate warrants may be posted for said election and business meetings.

PASSED/UNANIMIOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to take the actions to obtain and relinquish certain rights and easements, as specified in Article 14 of the Warrant, in connection with the construction of a new 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge, with all of the rights and easements to be acquired on such terms and conditions as determined by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town, and further to authorize the Selectboard to accept all grants and funding to accomplish the purposes of this vote, to negotiate any and all agreements as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this vote, and to execute any and all documents to carry out the purposes of this vote.

(1) acquire an easement, approximately 16' in width, across the FirstLight Canal, for the placement of a new 5th Street pedestrian bridge, said bridge to be located southerly of the existing 5th Street vehicular bridge and the 1880 County Layout, as well as such easements at the eastern and western termini of the new pedestrian bridge as may be needed for access thereto, including wheelchair and other ADA-compliant access infrastructure, all as shown on a plan entitled "5th Street Pedestrian Bridge and Intersection Improvements Montague, MA," prepared by McMahon Associates, Inc., a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk;

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PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
March 3, 2020**

According to the forgoing warrant, the legal votes of the six precincts of the Town of Montague, met in their respective polling places and cast votes for the following named offices of which the following is the total vote as returned by the Precinct Officers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST		
Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	694	56.15%
PRECINCT 2	403	38.05%
PRECINCT 3	375	39.23%
PRECINCT 4	398	36.95%
PRECINCT 5	326	34.14%
PRECINCT 6	349	35.50%
UOCAVA		
TOTAL	2545	40.62%

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE *DEMOCRATIC PARTY*
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
NUMBER OF *DEMOCRATIC* BALLOTS CAST**

Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	651	52.67%
PRECINCT 2	352	33.24%
PRECINCT 3	321	33.58%
PRECINCT 4	361	33.52%
PRECINCT 5	308	32.25%
PRECINCT 6	313	31.84%
UOCAVA		
TOTAL	2306	36.80%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE				Vote for One			UOCAVA	TOTAL
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		
DEVAL PATRICK	2	1	2	1	2	2		10
AMY KLOBUCHAR	4	1	3	2	2	2		14
ELIZABETH WARREN	219	58	35	64	44	52		472
MICHAEL BENNET	2	0	0	0	0	0		2
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG	33	19	31	30	9	23		145
TULSI GABBARD	3	4	0	6	3	5		21
CORY BOOKER	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
JULIAN CASTRO	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOM STEYER	1	3	2	2	0	0		8
BERNIE SANDERS	262	184	123	152	201	154		1076
JOSEPH R. BIDEN	121	71	117	91	40	69		509
JOHN K. DELANEY	0	0	1	0	0	1		2

ANDREW YANG	0	0	1	1	1	0		3
PETE BUTTIGIEG	1	7	5	9	5	2		29
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
No Preference	1	2	0	2	0	0		5
								0
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	1		3
Blanks	1	1	1	1	1	2		7
TOTALS	651	352	321	361	308	313	0	2306

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Vote for One

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
DAVID J. NARKEWICZ	452	254	238	243	201	209		1597
								0
Write-Ins	2	3	2	1	2	2		12
BLANKS	197	95	81	117	105	102		697
TOTALS	651	352	321	361	308	313	0	2306

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Vote for One

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
								0
Write-Ins	75	33	40	45	32	33		258
BLANKS	576	319	281	316	276	280		2048
TOTALS	651	352	321	361	308	313	0	2306

TOWN COMMITTEE

Do not vote for more than 35

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JUDITH LOREI	351	222	148	168	141	149		1179
KATHLEEN LYNCH	338	233	174	173	142	154		1214
JILL E. INGHAM	302	222	151	168	137	147		1127
MICHAEL M. NELSON	359	257	208	226	153	193		1396
CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL	310	241	181	203	149	163		1247
JENNIFER R. AUDLEY	330	223	162	185	163	158		1221
MATTHEW LORD	314	220	149	168	134	143		1128
DENISE J. DIPAOLO	333	228	170	188	166	161		1246
JENNIFER J. LIVELY	336	235	175	201	149	164		1260
MARY JANE STEPHENSON	336	223	149	168	138	146		1260
ALBERT L. CUMMINGS JR.	302	231	166	188	138	150		1175
ELIZABETH M SWIHART	304	217	152	175	139	148		1135
DEBRA A. BOURBEAU	369	264	213	233	165	190		1434
MARK P. WISNEWSKI	348	231	167	194	159	168		1267
FRANCIA E. WISNEWSKI	374	231	167	201	162	170		1305
SUZANNE K. LOMANTO	317	223	154	177	153	153		1177
EILEEN M. SEYMOUR	314	233	161	184	140	151		1183
ELIZABETH M. IRVING	315	222	148	169	140	147		1141
PETER G. WULKAN	336	222	146	164	137	144		1149

Write-Ins	8	1	0	5	13	5		32
BLANKS	16489	7941	8094	9097	7962	7951		57534
TOTALS	22785	12320	11235	12635	10780	10955	0	80710

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE *REPUBLICAN PARTY*
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
NUMBER OF REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST**

Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	40	3.24%
PRECINCT 2	47	4.44%
PRECINCT 3	52	5.44%
PRECINCT 4	37	3.44%
PRECINCT 5	16	1.49%
PRECINCT 6	31	3.25%
UOCAVA		
TOTAL	223	3.56%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
WILLIAM F. WELD	8	4	9	3	2	3		29
JOE WALSH	1	1	0	0	2	0		4
DONALD J. TRUMP	28	40	42	32	9	28		179
ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE					1			1
No Preference	2	2	0	1	1	0		6
								0
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	1	0		3
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
TOTALS	40	47	52	37	16	31		223

STATE COMMITTEE MAN							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JAY S. FLEITMAN	32	33	42	19	10	25		161
								0
Write-Ins	0	1	2	0	2	0		5
BLANKS	8	13	8	18	4	6		57
TOTALS	40	47	52	37	16	31	0	223

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
MARY L. STUART	26	32	43	18	9	25		153
								0
Write-Ins	1	1	0	2	2	0		6
BLANKS	13	14	9	17	5	6		64
TOTALS	40	47	52	37	16	31	0	223

TOWN COMMITTEE							Do not vote for more than 35	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
								0
								0
								0
								0
								0
Write-Ins	2	0	2	0	1	0		5
BLANKS	1398	1645	1818	1295	559	1085		7800
TOTALS	1400	1645	1820	1295	560	1085	0	7805

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
NUMBER OF GREEN-RAINBOW BALLOTS CAST

Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	2	0.16%
PRECINCT 2	3	0.28%
PRECINCT 3	1	0.10%
PRECINCT 4	0	0.00%
PRECINCT 5	1	0.10%
PRECINCT 6	3	0.31%
UOCAVA		
TOTAL	10	0.16%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Vote for One

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
SEDINAM KINAMO CHRISTIN MOYOWASIFZA- CURRY	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
KENT MESPLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
HOWARD HAWKINS	1	1	0	0	0	0		2
No Preference	1	1	0	0	1	0		3
								0
Write-Ins	0	1	1	0	0	2		4
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTALS	2	3	1	0	1	3	1	11

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Vote for One

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
								0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
BLANKS	2	3	1	0	1	3		10
TOTALS	2	3	1	0	1	3	0	10

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN				Vote for One				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
								0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
BLANKS	2	3	1	0	1	3		10
TOTALS	2	3	1	0	1	3	0	10

TOWN COMMITTEE				Do not vote for more than 10				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
BLANKS	20	30	10	0	10	30		100
TOTALS	20	30	10	0	10	30	0	100

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICAL BALLOT OF THE *LIBERTARIAN PARTY*
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
NUMBER OF UNITED-INDEPENDENT BALLOTS CAST

Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	1	0.08%
PRECINCT 2	1	0.09%
PRECINCT 3	1	0.10%
PRECINCT 4	0	0.00%
PRECINCT 5	1	0.10%
PRECINCT 6	2	0.20%
UOCAVA		
TOTAL	6	0.10%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE				Vote for One				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
ARVIN VOHRA	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
VERMIN LOVE SUPREME	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
JACOB GEORGE HORNBERGER	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
SAMUEL JOSEPH ROBB	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
DAN TAXATION IS THEFT BEHRMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
KIMBERLY MARGARET RUFF	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
KENNETH REED ARMSTRONG	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
ADAM KOKESH	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
JOJORGENSEN	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
MAX ABRAMSON	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
								0
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	1		2
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTALS	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	6

STATE COMMITTEE MAN				Vote for One				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
BLANKS	0	1	1	0	1	2		5
TOTALS	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	6

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN				Vote for One				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
BLANKS	0	1	1	0	1	2		5
TOTALS	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	6

TOWN COMMITTEE				Do not vote for more than 10				
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
								0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
BLANKS	10	10	10	0	10	20		60
TOTALS	10	10	10	0	10	20	0	60

This is the return of the total votes cast in the various precincts and returned to the Board of Registrars

Debra Bourbeau _____
Elizabeth Irving _____
Stanley Dobosz _____
Anne Stuart _____

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Weather: Partly cloudy, high of 43 degrees

Attest: _____
Debra A. Bourbeau, Montague Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
March 3, 2020

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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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**TOWN OF MONTAGUE
TOWN ELECTION**

MONTAGUE, MA

Monday, June 22, 2020

According to the forgoing warrant, the legal votes of the six precincts of the Town of Montague met in their respective polling places and cast votes for the following named offices of which the following is the total vote as returned by the Precinct Officers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

		Turnout by precinct
Precinct No. 1	241	19.25%
Precinct No. 2	170	15.84%
Precinct No. 3	210	21.88%
Precinct No. 4	217	20.04%
Precinct No. 5	125	12.86%
Precinct No. 6	175	17.52%
Total	1138	17.95%

SELECTMAN, For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
ASHLEY B. ARTHUR	111	59	44	59	65	56	394
(michael nelson)	125	99	162	151	54	115	706
BLANKS	5	12	4	7	6	4	38
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

ASSESSOR, For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
PAUL J. EMERY	184	134	171	173	95	139	896
No Name Write-Ins	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
BLANKS	52	35	39	44	30	36	236
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

BOARD OF HEALTH, For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
MICHAEL M. NELSON	199	137	191	190	95	150	962
							0
No Name Write-Ins	2	5		1	4	2	14
BLANKS	40	28	19	26	26	23	162
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE, For three years						Vote for three	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
DAVID C. HARMON	182	124	169	172	92	134	873
Sherri Roffi					3		3
Paulette Billiel		1				2	3
Others	9	13	1	9	10	3	45
BLANKS	532	372	460	470	270	386	2490
TOTALS	723	510	630	651	375	525	3414

MONTAGUE HOUSING AUTHORITY, For five years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
PAULA E. GIRARD	194	131	171	179	95	136	906
							0
No Name Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
BLANKS	47	38	39	37	30	38	229
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
DENNIS L. GRADER	193	133	171	183	100	140	920
							0
No Name Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
BLANKS	48	37	39	33	24	33	214
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

TRUSTEE, SOLDIERS MEMORIAL (Veteran), For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
Lori Lee Adams	2	1	2	2		27	34
							0
Others	4	2	4	6	6		22
BLANKS	235	167	204	209	119	148	1082
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

TRUSTEE, SOLDIERS MEMORIAL (Non-Veteran), For three years						Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER M. BOUTWELL	185	128	163	178	94	140	888
No Name Write-Ins	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
BLANKS	56	41	46	39	31	35	248
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS, For three years				Vote for not more than seven			
PRECINCT 1							
Mark E. Fisk	179	*		Write in			
Adrienne S. LaPierre	144	*					
Michael M. Nelson	183	*					
Eileen M. Mariani	170	*					
Sheree I. Bloomberg	152	*					
John L. Reynolds	155	*					
Matt Lord	31	*					
Others	78						
BLANKS	595						
TOTAL	1687	*					

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS For three years		Vote for not more than seven	
PRECINCT 2			
George W. Gajada	102	*	
Mark P. Wisnewski	99	*	
Gretchen W. Wetherby	102	*	
Francia Wisnewski	98	*	
Matt Atwood	31	*	Write in
Andrew Stewart	18	*	Write in
Joanna Mae Boody	18	*	Write in
Others	58		
Blanks	664		
TOTALS	1190	*	

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS, For two years		Vote for not more than two	
PRECINCT 2			
Caleb Hiliadis	18	*	Write in
Michael J. Ketcham	10	*	Write in
No Name Write Ins	34		
BLANKS	278		
TOTALS	340		

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS, For one year		Vote for not more than two	
PRECINCT 2			
Megan Smith	19	*	Write in
Michael A. Ketcham	10	*	Write in
No Name Write Ins	42		
BLANKS	279		
TOTALS	340	*	

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS For three years		Vote for not more than seven	
PRECINCT 3			
Cheri Ducharme	143	*	
Jennifer Holmes	16	*	Write in
Carleigh Dlugosz	49	*	Write in
Jacob Dlugosz	35	*	Write in
Cody Wells	25	*	Write in
Lisa Kingsbury	18	*	Write in
Zachary Billings	13	*	Write in
No Name Write Ins	159		
BLANKS	1168		
TOTAL	1626		

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS, For one year		Vote for not more than one					
PRECINCT 3							
Write Ins	15						
BLANKS	195						
TOTALS	210						
TOWN MEETING MEMBER For three years		Vote for not more than seven					
PRECINCT 4							
Durand D. Lively	134	*	Write in				
Frederic H. Bowman	133	*					
Richard J. Kuklewicz	157	*					
Robert D. Pierce	141	*					
Linda M. Kuklewicz	151	*					
Walter F. Ramsey	150	*					
Thomisina Hall	20	*					
Write Ins	83						
BLANKS	550						
TOTAL	1519						
TOWN MEETING MEMBER For one year		Vote for not more than one					
PRECINCT 4							
Richard Hall	20	*	Write in				
Writes Ins	34						
BLANKS	163						
TOTAL	217						
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS For three years		Vote for not more than seven					
PRECINCT 5							
Robert A. Roffi	66	*	Write in Write in				
Sherry L. Roffi	69	*					
John F. Nelson	82	*					
Natan N. Cohen	86	*					
M. Edite Cunha	83	*					
Laurie Callahan	5	*					
Mishel Herrera-Ortega	30						
Write Ins	85						
BLANKS	369						
TOTAL	875						

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS For one year		Vote for not more than one					
PRECINCT 5							
Brian Brownell	36	*	Write in				
Write Ins	10						
BLANKS	79						
TOTAL	125						
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS For three year		Vote for not more than seven					
PRECINCT 6							
Denise A. Milkey	126	*	Write in				
Dorinda C. Bell-Up	102	*					
Kenneth E. Trask	104	*					
Gregory O. Garrison	112	*					
Leslie P. Brown	118	*					
Thomas J. Demers	121	*					
Sarah Jung	17	*					
Write Ins	50						
BLANKS	475						
TOTAL	1225						

* = elected

This is a return of the total votes cast in the various precincts and returned to the Board of Registrars by the precinct clerks for the Town of Montague.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Debra A. Bourbeau

Stanley Dobosz

Elizabeth Irving

Anne Stuart

Weather: Cloudy - high 65 degrees

Attest:

Debra A. Bourbeau, Montague Town Clerk

GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE							
REPRESENTING THE TOWN OF GILL							
SCHOOL COMMITTEE For three years				Vote for not more than one			
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WILLIAM TOMB	140	98	136	145	71	122	712
							0
Write Ins	9	15	6	10	7	6	53
BLANKS	92	57	68	62	47	47	373
TOTALS	241	170	210	217	125	175	1138
REPRESENTING THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE							
SCHOOL COMMITTEE For three years				Vote for not more than two			
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
Cassie Damkoehler	56	36	66	49	22	24	253
Carleigh Dlugosz	0	25	38	30	11	40	144
							0
Write Ins (All Others)	57	37	14	47	66	50	271
Blanks	369	242	302	308	151	236	1608
TOTALS	482	340	420	434	250	350	2276
Attest:							
Debra A. Bourbeau							
Montague Town Clerk							

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
Tuesday, September 1, 2020

According to the forgoing warrant, the legal votes of the six precincts of the Town of Montague, met in their respective polling places and cast votes for the following named offices of which the following is the total vote as returned by the Precinct Officers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST		
Turnout by precinct		
PRECINCT 1	646	51.23%
PRECINCT 2	370	33.79%
PRECINCT 3	412	42.39%
PRECINCT 4	436	40.15%
PRECINCT 5	329	33.03%
PRECINCT 6	349	34.49%
OUCAVA	9	
TOTAL	2551	39.72%

**STATE PRIMARY
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
TOWN OF MONTAGUE**

NUMBER OF <u>DEMOCRATIC</u> BALLOTS CAST			
			Turnout by precinct
PRECINCT 1		588	117.84%
PRECINCT 2		313	115.93%
PRECINCT 3		336	120.43%
PRECINCT 4		375	110.62%
PRECINCT 5		298	87.13%
PRECINCT 6		310	111.51%
UOCAVA		9	
		2229	111.06%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
EDWARD J. MARKEY	443	161	136	195	194	140	4	1273
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III	144	147	198	177	103	170	5	944
								0
Write-in		2		1		0		3
BLANKS	1	3	2	2	1	0		9
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JAMES P. McGOVERN	545	281	305	337	270	278	8	2024
Write-in		4	1	3	3	0		11
								0
BLANKS	43	28	30	35	25	32	1	194
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

COUNCILLOR							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
MARY E. HURLEY	498	269	302	322	242	267	8	1908
								0
Write-in	1	4		2	1			8
BLANKS	89	40	34	51	55	43	1	313
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOANNE M. COMERFORD	542	276	299	333	264	280	8	2002
								0
Write-in		6		1	1			8

BLANKS	46	31	37	41	33	30	1	219
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
NATALIE M. BLAIS	530	277	297	329	259	274	8	1974
								0
Write-In		7		2	2			11
BLANKS	58	29	39	44	37	36	1	244
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

REGISTER OF PROBATE							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOHN F. MERRIGAN	498	268	305	326	249	270	8	1924
								0
Write-In		5	1	1	2	2		11
BLANKS	90	40	30	48	47	38	1	294
TOTALS	588	313	336	375	298	310	9	2229

STATE PRIMARY OFFICAL BALLOT OF THE <u>REPUBLICAN PARTY</u> TOWN OF MONTAGUE									
NUMBER OF <u>REPUBLICAN</u> BALLOTS CAST									
							Turnout by precinct		
	PRECINCT 1			54			77.14%		
	PRECINCT 2			54			65.85%		
	PRECINCT 3			71			136.54%		
	PRECINCT 4			58			81.69%		
	PRECINCT 5			28			73.68%		
	PRECINCT 6			38			56.72%		
				303			79.74%		

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
Other								0
SHIVA AYYADURAI	34	34	50	32	18	25		193
KEVIN O'CONNOR	17	19	21	25	9	13		104
Write-in				1				1
BLANKS	3	1			1			5
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
TRACY LYN LOVVORN	44	40	62	48	21	29		244
Write-in		1			2			3
BLANKS	10	13	9	10	5	9		56
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

COUNCILLOR							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
Other								0
Write-in		3	9	4	4	3		23
BLANKS	54	51	62	54	24	35		280
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
DONALD PELTIER								0
other								0
Write-in	2	2	6	7	6	1		24
BLANKS	52	52	65	51	22	37		279
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
other								0
write-in		2	6	6	5	1		20
BLANKS	54	52	65	52	23	37		283
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

REGISTER OF PROBATE							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
Other								0
Write-in	1	1	6	6	4	2		20
BLANKS	53	53	65	52	24	36		283
TOTALS	54	54	71	58	28	38		303

STATE PRIMARY OFFICAL BALLOT OF THE <u>GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY</u> TOWN OF MONTAGUE					
NUMBER OF GREEN-RAINBOW BALLOTS CAST					
				Turnout by precinct	
PRECINCT 1			0		0.00%
PRECINCT 2			0		0.00%
PRECINCT 3			1		#DIV/0!
PRECINCT 4			1		50.00%
PRECINCT 5			1		11.11%
PRECINCT 6			1		50.00%
			4		20.00%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
write-in				1		1	2	2
								0
BLANKS			1		1		2	2
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	4

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
write-in		0		1		1		2
								0
BLANKS			1		1			2
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1		4

COUNCILLOR							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0		1				1
								0
BLANKS	0		1		1	1		3
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1		4

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0		1				1
								0
BLANKS	0		1		1	1		3
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1		4

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
Other		0		1				1
Write-in			1					1
BLANKS	0		0		1	1		2
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1		4

REGISTER OF PROBATE							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
other		0		1				1
								0
BLANKS	0		1		1	1		3
TOTALS	0	0	1	1	1	1		4

STATE PRIMARY OFFICAL BALLOT OF THE <u>LIBERTARIAN PARTY</u> TOWN OF MONTAGUE					
NUMBER OF UNITED INDEPENDENT BALLOTS CAST					
				Turnout by precinct	
PRECINCT 1			4		80.00%
PRECINCT 2			3		33.33%
PRECINCT 3			4		133.33%
PRECINCT 4			2		50.00%
PRECINCT 5			2		22.22%
PRECINCT 6			0		0.00%
			15		42.86%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
								0
Write-in	4	3	4	1	1			13
BLANKS			0	1	1	0		2
TOTALS	4	3	4	2	2	0		15

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0						0
Write-in	2		4	1	1			8
BLANKS	2	3	0	1	1			7
TOTALS	4	3	4	2	2	0		15

COUNCILLOR							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0						0
Write-in	1	1	4	1	1			8
BLANKS	3	2	0	1	1			7
TOTALS	4	3	4	2	2	0		15

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0						0
write-in	1	1	3	1	1			7
BLANKS	3	2	1	1	1			8
TOTALS	4	3	4	2	2	0		15

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
		0						0
write-in	1		4	1	1			7
BLANKS	3		0	1	1			5
TOTALS	4	0	4	2	2	0		12

REGISTER OF PROBATE							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6		TOTAL
Other								0
Write-in	1	1	4	1	1			8
BLANKS	3	2	0	1	1			7
TOTALS	4	3	4	2	2	0		15

This is the return of the total:

Deb Bourbeau _____

Stanley Dobosz _____

Elizabeth Irving _____

Anne Stuart _____

Weather: Partly cloudy, high of 88 degrees

Attest: _____

Debra A. Bourbeau, Montague Town Clerk

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
MONTAGUE, MA
Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

According to the forgoing warrant, the legal votes of the six precincts of the Town of Montague, met in their respective polling places and cast votes for the following named offices of which the following is the total vote as returned by the Precinct Officers

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST				
				Turnout by precinct
Precinct 1	1056	85.85%		
Precinct 2	840	78.14%		
Precinct 3	790	80.86%		
Precinct 4	852	76.76%		
Precinct 5	634	68.39%		
Precinct 6	753	76.06%		
UOCAVA	0	0.00%		
TOTALS	4925	78.06%		

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
BIDEN AND HARRIS	846	521	554	590	480	529		3520
HAWKINS AND WALKER	13	12	3	7	12	9		56
JORGENSEN AND COHEN	11	24	14	14	8	15		86
TRUMP AND PENCE	178	272	211	231	128	191		1211
All Others	5	8	2	3	3	4		25
BLANKS	3	3	6	7	3	5		27
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							Vote for one	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
EDWARD J. MARKEY	859	535	542	586	504	537		3563
KEVIN J. O'CONNOR	172	266	211	234	110	192		1185
Others		2		5	9	1		17
Dr. Shiva	14	21	20	13		11		79
BLANKS	11	16	17	14	11	12		81
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							Vote for One	
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	869	560	575	609	510	561		3684
TRACY LYN LOVVORN	166	256	192	211	107	168		1100
Others		0	1	3	2	3		9
BLANKS	21	24	22	29	15	21		132
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

COUNCILLOR	Vote for one							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
MARY E. HURLEY	889	641	642	687	531	603		3993
Others	2	8	5	9	10	6		40
BLANKS	165	191	143	156	93	144		892
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	Vote for One							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOANNE M. COMERFORD	910	648	637	696	552	611		4054
Others	2	10	6	8	10	6		42
BLANKS	144	182	147	148	72	131	5	829
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	748	5	4925

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Vote for one							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
NATALIE M. BLAIS	908	647	636	694	546	606		4037
Others	1	7	5	7	10	4		34
BLANKS	147	186	149	151	78	138	5	854
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	748	5	4925

REGISTER OF PROBATE	Vote for one							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOHN F. MERRIGAN	848	623	637	679	512	604		3903
Others	1	6	6	6	9	5		33
BLANKS	207	211	147	167	113	144		989
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Vote for one							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JAY D. DiPUCCHIO	797	601	601	641	483	576		3699
Others	3	4	5	6	7	0		25
BLANKS	256	235	184	205	144	177		1201
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753		4925

QUESTION 1 |
LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

QUESTION 1								
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	852	631	606	655	479	579		3802
NO	157	181	162	167	127	151		945
BLANKS	47	28	22	30	28	23		178
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

**QUESTION 2
LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
SUMMARY**

	QUESTION 2							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	671	369	337	384	381	398		2540
NO	341	436	432	431	224	328		2192
BLANKS	44	35	21	37	29	27		193
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

**QUESTION 3
THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING**

	QUESTION 3							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	791	517	493	519	476	519		3315
NO	178	250	215	243	108	165		1159
BLANKS	87	73	82	90	50	69		451
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

**QUESTION 4
THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING**

	QUESTION 4							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	879	643	574	629	504	579		3808
NO	78	109	122	127	71	86		593
BLANKS	99	88	94	96	59	88		524
								0
TOTALS	1056	840	790	852	634	753	0	4925

This is the return of the total votes cast in the various precinct and returned to the Board of Registrars of the Town of Montague

Debra Bourbeau _____

Stanley Dobosz _____

Elizabeth Irving _____

Anne Stuart _____

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Attest: _____

Debra A. Bourbeau, Montague Town Clerk

Town of Montague
Combining Balance Sheet
Year Ended June 30, 2019

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency	Total
Cash	4,950,475	487,453	1,959,645	511,899	2,208,708	10,118,180
Receivables:						
Property Taxes	737,804					737,804
Excise Taxes	152,346					152,346
Tax Liens	325,789			267,921		593,710
Tax Foreclosures	303,914			1,261		305,175
Departmental	1,320			345,763		347,083
Allowance For Abatements	(2,257,993)					(2,257,993)
Due Froms	17,390	278,069	139,533	76,517		511,509
Total Assets	4,231,045	765,522	2,099,178	1,203,361	2,208,708	10,507,814
Liabilities						
Warrants Payable	121,937	38,096	53,153	59,696		272,882
Accrued Payroll	48,229	7,958		8,965		65,152
Withholdings Payable	62,702					62,702
Due Tos	158,697					158,697
Other Liabilities	97,974	9,584		50		107,608
Deferred Revenue:	(848,430)			606,160		(242,270)
Notes Payable			-			-
Total Liabilities	(358,891)	55,638	53,153	674,871	-	424,771
Fund Balance						
Reserved For Cont. Approp.	768,734	709,884	2,046,025	37,440		3,562,083
Reserved For Expenditures	470,044					470,044
Reserved for Principal					184,455	184,455
Undesignated Fund Balance	3,351,158			491,050	2,024,253	5,866,461
Total Fund Balance	4,589,936	709,884	2,046,025	528,490	2,208,708	10,083,043
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,231,045	765,522	2,099,178	1,203,361	2,208,708	10,507,814

Town of Montague
Combining Income Statement
Year Ended June 30, 2019

Revenues	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency	Total Memo Only
General Government	20,907,155	729,733			35,099	21,671,987
Public Safety	215,984	276,152			4,829	496,965
Education					2,862	2,862
Public Works	267,640	723,819		2,330,544	2,384	3,324,387
Human Services	98,171	27,428			341	125,940
Culture/Recreation	5,442	96,782			1,376	103,600
Intergovernmental			419,841	68,453		488,294
Miscellaneous		85,111	73,927	442		159,480
Proceeds from Notes/Bonds			6,273,047			6,273,047
Transfers In	53,465		-	212,443	325,981	591,889
Total Revenues/OFS	21,547,857	1,939,025	6,766,815	2,611,882	372,872	33,238,451
Expenditures						
General Government	1,193,814	792,255	20,400			2,006,469
Public Safety	2,053,560	270,469			-	2,324,029
Education	10,785,498				1,650	10,787,148
Public Works	1,978,743	717,593	1,040,770	1,440,724		5,177,830
Human Services	247,468	31,196				278,664
Culture/Recreation	533,302	95,244				628,546
Debt	625,348			363,128		988,476
Intergovernmental	198,697			56,460		255,157
Miscellaneous	2,470,358	17,906		318,428		2,806,692
Transfers Out	538,424			-	53,465	591,889
Total Expenditures/OFU	20,625,212	1,924,663	1,061,170	2,178,740	55,115	25,844,900
Net Revenues - Expenditures	922,645	14,362	5,705,645	433,142	317,757	7,393,551
Beginning Fund Balance	3,667,291	695,522	(3,659,620)	95,347	1,890,952	2,689,492
Ending Fund Balance	4,589,936	709,884	2,046,025	528,489	2,208,709	10,083,043

Town of Montague
Special Revenue Fund Activity
Year Ended June 30, 2020

Name	Balance 7/1/2019	Receipts	Expended	Balance 7/15/2020
Police Extra Duty	(19,525.00)	220,637.00	221,111.00	(19,999.00)
Ins Reimb < \$20K	6,572.00	18,338.00	18,338.00	6,572.00
Chapter 90	-	664,271.00	662,461.00	1,810.00
MoD ADA Planning Grant	-	29,951.00	29,951.00	-
MoD ADA Project Grant	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-
State Personnel Grant			10,000.00	(10,000.00)
IT Grant (Treasurer)		34,945.00	34,945.00	-
Early Voting Grant	899.00	1,208.00	2,107.00	-
Comm Compact Mills	31,100.00			31,100.00
Dry Hill Rec Trail Grant	-			-
Wetlands Protection	17,113.00	1,187.00	137.00	18,163.00
Agriculture Commission		1,583.00	1,577.00	6.00
River Culture Grant	13,081.00	7,740.00	13,570.00	7,251.00
ConComm SRRHMF Gifts	6,000.00			6,000.00
Subdivision Updates Grant	-			-
MVP Planning Grant	5,317.00	27,250.00	12,257.00	20,310.00
Green Communities Grant	30,978.00	21,497.00	32,229.00	20,246.00
Turners Falls Cultural District	-	5,000.00	3,315.00	1,685.00
CDBG FCRHA	-	418,554.00	418,554.00	-
Complete Streets	(3,818.00)	12,467.00	8,649.00	-
Montague City Rd Flooding			33,146.00	(33,146.00)
Comm Dev Discretionary	67,003.00	11,117.00	23,421.00	54,699.00
911 Grant	531.00	6,488.00	5,300.00	1,719.00
K-9 Vehicle Donations	12,076.00			12,076.00
Police Equipment/Technology		18,880.00	18,880.00	-
Drug Forfeiture	1,584.00	4,133.00	1,600.00	4,117.00
K-9 Donations	591.00	10,440.00	4,719.00	6,312.00
EMPG Grant	-			-
Memorial Tree	359.00	840.00	365.00	834.00
Miller Falls Tree Planting			3,759.00	(3,759.00)
Eversource Flail Lease	-	48,744.00	48,744.00	-
Recycling Dividends Program	12,853.00	7,200.00	2,785.00	17,268.00
State COA Grant	17.00	23,035.00	23,052.00	-
COA Memorial Gifts	7,588.00	4,391.00	308.00	11,671.00
Program Income	7,862.00	2.00	7,837.00	27.00
State Aid to Library	45,925.00	13,816.00	3,850.00	55,891.00
Library STEM Grant	-			-
Library Traprock Grant	667.00	350.00	445.00	572.00
Library Donations	24,274.00	4,801.00	3,003.00	26,072.00
Skatepark Donation	3,069.00	4,114.00	4,363.00	2,820.00

Town of Montague
Special Revenue Fund Activity
Year Ended June 30, 2020

Name	Balance 7/1/2019	Receipts	Expended	Balance 7/15/2020
Arts Council	877.00	7,204.00	5,833.00	2,248.00
War Memorial Grant	10,507.00		660.00	9,847.00
PEG Access Funds	-	12,500.00	12,500.00	-
Battlefield Grant	(72,611.00)	72,611.00	5,406.00	(5,406.00)
Total Fund 225	267,489.00	857,048.00	822,267.00	302,650.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	3,800.00	-		3,800.00
Sale of Real Estate	138,206.00			138,206.00
Total Fund 226	142,006.00	-	-	142,006.00
Recreation Revolving	(2,900.00)			(2,900.00)
Total Fund 227	(2,900.00)	-	-	(2,900.00)
Colle Operations	345,526.00			345,526.00

TOWN OF MONTAGUE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
6/30/2020

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance 7/1/2019</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/20</u>
MF Industrial Park	15,360				-
Canal District			26,487	87,959	(61,472)
Stabilize Strathmore	(25,000)			150,988	(175,988)
DPW Facility	1,943,271	6,003,760		6,416,399	1,530,632
Airport	125,277		620,946	697,031	49,192
WPCF	(12,883)			(12,883)	-
Totals	<u>2,046,025</u>	<u>6,003,760</u>	<u>647,433</u>	<u>7,339,494</u>	<u>1,357,724</u>

TOWN OF MONTAGUE
DEBT STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Outstanding 07/01/20	Issued FY2020	Retired FY2020	Outstanding 06/30/20	Interest FY2020
LONG TERM DEBT					
Water Pollution Control Facility	8,610,788		352,016	8,258,772	302,177
Town	6,156,492	5,785,000	433,902	11,507,590	257,066
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	14,767,280	5,785,000	785,918	19,766,362	559,243
SHORT TERM DEBT					
Tax Anticipation Notes	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	15,664
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	250,000		250,000	
Grant Anticipation Notes	-				
Other Short Term Debt					
TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT	-	4,250,000	4,000,000	250,000	15,664

BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED

Long-term debt authorizations that have not been issued or rescinded as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DPW Facility	2,858,762
Strathmore Abatement	385,000
	<u>\$ 3,243,762</u>

TOWN OF MONTAGUE
REVENUE DETAIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND

General Revenue

Taxes (net of refunds)	
Personal Property	\$ 1,623,295
Real Estate	15,521,091
Tax Liens Redeemed	97,795
Tax Foreclosures	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	753,028
Boat Excise	1,463
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	132,315
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	12,610
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	11,280
Trailer Park Taxes	3,696
Meals Tax	61,187
Cannabis Sales Tax	73,652
Total Taxes	<u>18,291,412</u>

State Revenues

State Owned Land	221,320
Abatements to Veterans/Elderly	47,204
Unrestricted Local Aid	1,523,798
Court Fines	1,300
Comm MA Motor Vehicle Infractions	2,741
Other State Revenue	(328)
Veteran's Benefits (State Reimb)	55,237
Total State Revenue	<u>1,851,272</u>

Other

FCTS SRO Reimb	81,673
GMRSD SRO Reimb	62,812
Earnings on Investments	24,861
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,837
Kearsarge Rental	158,729
Cannabis Impact Fee	35,792
Premium from Sale of Debt	3,331
Transfers from Other Funds	
WPCF Overhead to Town	48,712
Total Other	<u>418,747</u>

Departmental Revenue

Board of Selectmen	29,220
Board of Assessors	3,327
Treasurer/Collector	15,057
Town Clerk	11,313
Planning & Conservation	2,109
Zoning Board of Appeals	550

TOWN OF MONTAGUE
REVENUE DETAIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND

General Revenue, continued

Police	29,670
Dispatch	13,196
Building	84,459
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Dog Licenses	9,142
Hwy - Trash	283,744
Hwy - Other	11,458
Board of Health	30,505
Council on Aging - Gill Reimbursement	6,428
Libraries	3,092
Total Departmental Revenue	<u>533,270</u>
 Total General Fund Revenue	 <u><u>\$ 21,094,701</u></u>

AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND

Airport PILOTS	\$ 8,984
Rentals/Leases	24,767
Investment Income	49
Other Fees	3,580
Transfer from General Fund (Tax Share)	6,094
Total Airport Enterprise Fund Revenue	<u><u>\$ 43,474</u></u>

WPCF ENTERPRISE FUND

Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 253,261
Sewer Liens Redeemed	107,621
Interest & Demands	66,826
Industrial Sewer Fees	460,865
Residential Sewer Fees	1,575,573
Septage Fees	53,327
Bond Premiums	2,927
MA CEC Grant	322
Sewer Permits	105
Investment Income	3
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,818
Transfer from WPCF Stabilization Fund	75,000
Transfer from General Fund (Tax Share)	215,000
Total WPCF Enterprise Fund Revenue	<u><u>\$ 2,812,648</u></u>

AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Turners Falls Municipal Airport, overseen by the Airport Commission, completed multiple projects in 2020 totaling just under a half million dollars. Projects included harvesting and clearing roughly 32 acres of property located just north of the runway, installing LED runway lights, and installing a 25,000 watt solar canopy with 4 electric vehicle charging ports. Other work was completed to continue to improve both air-side and land-side property including repaving of the Aviation Way and the hanger area taxi-lanes. Self contained LED Solar wind indicators were installed under the Massachusetts LEED program, and provide critical safety information to airborne aircraft. Most if not all work was completed by using MassDOT Aeronautics Division grants with almost no local costs associated.

The intern / co-op student position continues to benefit the airport. The program in its third year now has resulted in a drastic reduction to the workload of the airport manager. With more available time the manager was able to secure \$461,933.01 in state and federal grants to improve the facility. The student positions consists of bi-weekly work, averaging 10 hours per workweek. The airport manager is the only permanent position, and is budgeted to work 19 hours per week, weekly. Duties for the airport manager and the student position include but are not limited to snow removal, mowing, grounds upkeep, lighting system repairs and LED upgrades, grant writing, payment and bill processing, and public relations.

Despite the long term shutdown due to COVID-19 the airport is still showed promising numbers for both based aircraft and daily operations. Funding from the FAA provided under the CARES Act covered the revenue loss that was a direct result of delayed lease payments and reduction of commercial landing and service fees. While the overall setback from the pandemic will not be realized for at least another year, it appears that the airport escaped with only minor financial and operational setbacks.

Currently the Turners Falls Municipal Airport is home to 39 aircraft, an increase from 38 based aircraft in 2019. The airport is the home to Fly Pioneer Valley, a long term business offering all aspects of flight training. Pioneer Aviation, the sole fuel and maintenance provider on the airfield has called Turners Falls Airport home since 1970. The pending sale of the 10.4 acres of property titled "Pioneer Aviation" provides a tremendous opportunity for the airport to expand its revenue sources while securing services critical to the future of the airport. The airport also has established a strong work ethic with the Franklin County Technical School which abuts airport property. The school has on many occasions provided the airport with quality and cost effective work to maintain and improve the grounds and systems.

Airport Commission:

Gary Collins

David Brule

Seth Rutherford

Max Pellerin

Joe Mazeski

Airport Manager:

Bryan Camden

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Listed below are figures taken from the FY2020 Tax Recapitulation Sheet.

Total Appropriations	\$25,471,594.00
Offsets to Cherry Sheet	14,470.00
State Assessments	91,871.00
Overlay for abatements/exemptions	133,913.23
Court Judgment and Debt Expense	62,016.78

Total to be Raised	<u>\$25,773,865.01</u>
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Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources

Cherry Sheet Receipts	\$ 1,898,173.00
Local Receipts	1,258,026.41
Enterprise funds	2,546,117.00
Free Cash	1,147,754.00
Other available funds	120,400.00
	<u>\$ 6,970,470.00</u>

<u>New Growth:</u>	\$ 564,663.00
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Taxable Valuation

Real Property	\$803,476,363.00
Personal Property	\$103,844,650.00

Total Taxable Valuation	<u>\$907,321,013.00</u>
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Total Exempt Valuation	<u>\$149,381,494.00</u>
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<u>Total Tax Levy:</u>	<u>\$ 18,803,394.60</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Emery, Chairman
Ann M. Cenzano
Barbara A. Alconada
Montague Board of Assessors

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department had a reduced number of permit applications over the past year. A great deal of time was spent on COVID19 related occupancy questions. Due to the office closings a great deal of the work was done remotely with a limited loss of services.

The online permitting system is continuing to be an important asset in achieving our goal of 100% customer satisfaction.

We continue to strive for quality and timely customer service.

The majority of the permits that were issued were for upgrades to existing buildings and repairs.

INCOME FROM PERMIT FEES-2020

Building Permits	383	\$96,597.00
Gas Permits	65	\$3,900.00
Plumbing Permits	73	\$ 9,785.00
Electrical Permits	181	\$24,833.00
Total Construction Permits	702	\$135,115.00
Annual Inspections	24	\$1,440.00
Home Occupation Permits	25	\$265.00
TOTAL	823	\$135,380.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvements Committee (CIC) met frequently throughout 2020 to hear and evaluate capital requests, and issue recommendations for funding to the Selectboard, Finance Committee, and Town Meeting. As with all things, the pandemic required creativity to ensure work was prioritized and completed in a safe fashion. The CIC's meetings were shifted from in person to remote (via Zoom) and requests to Town Meeting for funding of some articles was deferred by request of the Selectboard.

A summary of capital requests recommended and advanced to Annual or Special Town Meeting in calendar year 2020 appears below, including those deferred to Town Meeting in 2021.

Submitted and Voted at June 13, 2020 ATM		Recommended
	Project Description	Appropriation
COA	COA Chimney Rebuild	\$ 10,000
DPW	DPW Discretionary	\$ 80,000
Planning/DPW	Millers Falls Stair and 7th Street Walking Path Repairs	\$ 37,260
WPCF - STM	Oil Tank and Vault Removal/Replacement	\$ 51,000
WPCF	Pump and Blower Upgrades	\$ 100,000
WPCF	Primary Sludge Pump #2	\$ 40,000
GMRSD	Hillcrest Roof Repair	\$ 10,000
GMRSD	Admin Building Entry Canopy Repair	\$ 10,000
GMRSD	Building assessment studies	\$ 21,953
Total		\$ 360,213
Submitted and Voted at October 13, 2020 STM		Recommended
	Project Description	Appropriation
COA	COA Roof Replacement	\$ 50,000
Selectboard	Burn Dump Design and Capping (Modified Corrective Action Design)	\$ 82,000
Total		\$ 132,000
Deferred to 2021 due to COVID		Recommended
	Project Description	Appropriation
GMRSD	Hillcrest Façade and Roof Project	\$ 60,000
GMRSD	Admin Building Masonry Wrap and Entry Canopy Repair	\$ 60,000
GMRSD	Sheffield - dividing wall in library (PROJECT WITHDRAWN)	\$ 20,000
GMRSD	TFHS/GFMS tennis court re-surfacing	\$ 60,000
Total		\$ 200,000

It is also notable that the CIC also considered several major capital requests advanced to Town Meeting in 2021, including replacement of the Chestnut Hill Loop Bridge, completion of the

capping of the Montague Burn Dump, and purchase of the former Pioneer Aviation property. These projects, along with a full slate of requests for funding in FY22, will be detailed in the 2021 Town Report.

The CIC notes that the Town is making considerable headway relative to the backlog of capital projects in Montague, with several major building improvements having been completed over the past five years and the completion of the Town's new DPW facility, which was officially opened for business and hosted Special Town Meeting in October, 2020. This has the Town poised to transition from a focus on emergency repair of buildings to a planned approach to capital needs, which would benefit from a comprehensive assessment of Town buildings.

The CIC also notes the Town's deepening commitment to funding capital repairs through dedicated revenue streams, noting the transfer of some \$800,000 in Town Assessors' Excess Overlay into Capital Stabilization, as well as the dedication of cannabis retail sales tax and a portion of solar lease revenues to capital stabilization. While our immediate and longer-term capital needs remain great, this funding holds promise to allow the Town to make strategic and ongoing investments in ways that were not possible in years past.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Lively, Chair
Fred Bowman
Steve Ellis
Greg Garrison
Bob Obear

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Montague Cemetery Commission is a three-person commission with oversight of the town's seven municipal cemeteries. The Commission's primary responsibility is to ensure that these historic cemeteries are maintained.

The Commission had an active year.

Highland Cemetery. In July, members of the Highland Cemetery Board approached the Cemetery Commission with a request to transfer ownership of the cemetery to the town. Highland Cemetery is located on Millers Falls Road. Several meetings with the town administrator, members of the Selectboard, the Finance Committee, and other interested parties were held throughout the Summer and the Fall. The Cemetery Commission worked with the Highland Cemetery Board to review their budget and management of the cemetery and discuss the ways in which an active cemetery could benefit the town, including a new green burial section. The Selectboard gave its approval to move forward with the preparation of warrant articles for a vote at the 2021 annual town meeting.

Gravestone assessment. We have been walking through our seven cemeteries taking a gravestone inventory, in part to document which stones need repair. Many stones are covered with lichen and fungus which obscures the ability to read the inscriptions and actually damages the stone itself. We've determined that 80% of them could use cleaning. There are also several stones completely missing, and a number of stones in each cemetery that have broken off and are laying on the ground. These broken stones need to be repaired before they "disappear".

We have augmented existing documentation by preparing detailed maps of three of cemetery layouts, with names and inscriptions. We are converting this information to a digital format so it is readily available. We will continue this work for the other four cemeteries in 2021.

We were fortunate to have the volunteer help of 253 Farmacy staff who cleaned the headstones of three town cemeteries until the winter weather set in. They have expressed a willingness to come back and work on the other cemeteries when the weather improves in 2021. We are very grateful for their assistance. Some of these stones still need more intensive cleaning which requires expensive stone cleaning products and a greater knowledge than the volunteers have.

Halloween event at East Mineral Road Cemetery. In an effort to introduce more Montague residents to the town's cemeteries, the Commission co-sponsored a masked-socially distant Halloween event at the East Mineral Road Cemetery. The event featured a short performance by Lovelights, a local theater company, pumpkin carving, and refreshments.

In the future, the Commission would like to hold more events in our cemeteries, including talks on various historical aspects of the cemeteries and those buried there, and exploration of the plants and trees in and around cemeteries.

Montague Cemetery Commission members

Judith Lorei
Annabell Levine
Jeri Moran

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Gill Montague Council on Aging serves residents of Montague and Gill who are 55 years of age and older. The two towns fund the Council on Aging and Senior Center proportionately and the Council on Aging receives and administers annual formula grant funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs for both towns. Ongoing services provided through the Gill Montague Senior Center ordinarily include fitness programs, arts and cultural programs, information sessions, referrals to local and state aging resources, food security programs, and opportunities and space for socializing. The Senior Center is ordinarily open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and is staffed by one 17 hour per week Council on Aging Director and several volunteer receptionists. The Senior Center is a designated meal site for Lifepath's congregate meal program three days per week.

As for all municipal and public agencies, 2020 was a year of unimagined challenges for the Gill Montague Council on Aging. The Senior Center, the main focus of our activities, closed abruptly in the middle of March and the community, especially the older community, was advised to stay at home, avoid contact with anyone outside ones immediate household, and refrain from going out in public. The pandemic required that the council on aging pivot from providing social, fitness, and nutritional services within the senior center to serving more individualized needs for seniors at home. We immediately recruited volunteers to deliver our regular Western Mass Food Bank "Brown Bag" monthly groceries to eligible seniors. Working with Lifepath, we distributed over 500 boxes of meat and dairy products provided by the USDA. We were able to continue our monthly "Parking Lot Panty" in a safe and contact free manner. We recruited other volunteers to grocery shop for seniors and worked with Food City to set up a payment system. We also distributed masks and hand sanitizer as needed and, in November, we contracted with "Footcare by Nurses" to resume a monthly foot clinic with full pandemic protocol in place.

Throughout the pandemic, there has been a great need for information and we have worked to be sure accurate and timely information was available and shared. In cooperation with Lifepath and TRIAD, volunteers and staff developed telephone contact lists and called many older community residents regularly to address any needs they might have and to help reduce isolation. We continued to distribute firewood through the Montague Tree Advisory Committee's Wood Bank, to assist seniors with fuel assistance and other emergency needs, and to serve as an information and referral center for local elder resources.

Roberta L. Potter, Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The aim of the Montague Cultural Council is to increase the cultural vitality of our town by supporting activities that enrich the lives of residents of its five villages: Turners Falls, Millers Falls, Montague Center, Montague City, and Lake Pleasant. We are part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns. Montague's cultural councilors are volunteers, appointed by the Select board for a 3-year term. Through its Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, the Mass Cultural Council allocates funding to each LCC, and the LCCs distribute those funds in the form of grants for cultural programs.

The amount of funding each municipality receives is based on its population; Montague is classified in the lowest funding tier. We received 32 applications for grant funding in FY20 and had \$6290 to distribute. In December, we voted to award grants to 19 applicants. This included the remaining funds received from RiverCulture in 2019. (Thank you RiverCulture!). Grants ranged in size from \$200-\$500 and were awarded to many worthwhile projects:

Nolumbeka, Day of Remembrance
Mary Jo Maichack, Cabaret: In the Wee Small Hours
Friends of Discovery Center, Discover the Owls
Slate Roof Press, Poetry in Towns and Schools
Musica Franklin, Community Nights
Makerspace Workshops, VR + Robotics
Great Falls Apple Corps, Food Forest Planting Party
Racial Justice Rising, Program Series
Sugarloaf String Band, 2020 Summer Concert
Gretchen Krull, Voices Carry
Michael Nix, New England Banjo Festival
Eric Grab, Millers Falls Art Happening
Real Live Theatre, The Moors
Cassandra Holden, Barbes in the Woods
Mary King, Migrations 2020
Franklin County Musicians Coop, Co-op concerts
Great Falls Books Through Bars, Documentary and Discussion evenings
Community Network for Children Program, Bim Bam Music

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, many of the planned 2020 events were deferred. Extensions and adjustments were approved for grantees as requested in accordance with Massachusetts Cultural Council guidelines. The state acknowledged the arts sector as one of the hardest hit financially by the pandemic and urged the local councils to continue supporting the artists. With that in mind, the council worked with grantees to make reasonable accommodations. Some events were able to shift to an online platform, while others will take place in 2021, alongside the new round of grants.

The application window for FY21 grants through the Local Cultural Council program was extended last year, opening in October and ending in December. We shifted to video/phone meetings and met in January and February to decide who would receive this year's funding awards. Please visit <https://www.mass-culture.org/montague> for details on the awards for the current grant cycle.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Winter of 2019-2020 was not tough on the DPW what so ever, we had no break down or large repairs to report, in fact the winter was so easy on us we ordered sand in mid-February and never used any, which means as of this printing we have not ordered one truck load of sand for this winter, and so far we have only ordered some road salt.

The summer of 2020 was a different story. The DPW found themselves involved in a lot of projects. Let's start with we had 2 miles of Turners Falls road milled and repaved, the crew even replace several hundred feet of curbing. That all came in at cost of approximately \$250,000. Some of the other projects we did was to install 200 feet of new drainage on Dell Street to relive some street and back yard flooding, we also finished up drainage on Crocker Ave. The crew also did several hundred feet of side walk in Montague Center that the grant did not cover in that project

The biggest under taking that we were involved in was the very large wash out on Millers Falls Rd. It's amazing what one broken pipe and large amounts of rain can do in a short period of time. The DPW and the Town planning department had to work closely with First Light in order to get all the proper permits, The DPW was able to design a fix that not only would work but satisfy all involved, even after consulting with an engineering company the design was used.

The DPW consulted with Warner Brothers and were able to get not only the large rock we needed but also the trucking we need. Over all it took over 100 ton of stone and dirt to fill in the slid, we also replace the old galvanized pipe with new plastic that was secured and buried.

Along with the large projects the crews continued to do whatever need to be addressed. There is always more to get done.

I would like to thank the men and women of the DPW for their constant dedication of receiving at all times of the day and night to perform their work.

Tom Bergeron
Superintendent
Montague DPW

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

To the Residents of Montague;

2020, what a year.

As your Emergency Management Director I am responsible for providing management and coordination of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities within Montague. This is accomplished via hazard mitigation as well as preparation and response planning done in partnership with city/county agencies, regional and state level partners, non-profit entities, schools, and the private sector.

On March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19.

On March 15, 2020 the Town of Montague followed suit and signed a Declaration of Emergency in regards to the COVID-19 outbreak. This action was needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread and acquisition of COVID-19 by and among the residents of Montague.

It has been a very busy year in Emergency Management. The beginning of the year very little was known about COVID-19. As your Emergency Management Director I began with establishing an Emergency Management Team who met regularly to establish safety protocols, keeping our residents, and employees safe during this time of uncertainty.

Your Emergency Management Team spent many hours this past year dealing with this Pandemic. Planning, Developing Safety Protocols, acquiring Personal Protective Equipment and recovering costs associated with this Pandemic.

After months of social distancing and trying to flatten the COVID-19 curve you may find yourself asking: **When will this pandemic end?**

First, let's define what's considered a pandemic.

Pandemic: An epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people. COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in March 2020 by the World Health Organization.

By this definition, the pandemic ends when the virus is no longer prevalent throughout the world or in multiple countries/regions.

Here's how that can happen:

A vaccine or an effective treatment is developed – this would be the most desirable option. Think of polio – an epidemic, not a pandemic – which came to a medical end with a vaccine.

Infection and death rates plummet – also considered a medical end. That's how the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 ended — those infected either died or developed immunity.

People simply get tired of living in fear, and learn to live in a world with the disease. This is considered a social ending, which is not an actual end since the disease itself doesn't go away. In this situation the disease may continue to spread, which can delay the medical end.

Learning to live in a world with COVID-19 doesn't mean permanent quarantine. We can live our lives with a few modifications.

Following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for masking, social distancing and hand washing can help protect us until we have a medical ending – hopefully with the vaccine.

Please continue to take precautions as this Pandemic is not over.

Enough about COVID-19

Again this past year we had several severe weather events that caused significant damage throughout the Town especially in Lake Pleasant. The October 7, 2020 Derecho caused severe damage to the Bridge of Names. This storm also caused significant damage with power lines and poles down, road blockages and residents going without power for days. A coordinated effort between your Fire, Police, and Highway Departments, Eversource and Emergency Management worked extremely hard to restore power and make roads accessible again.

I would like to personally thank all who have dedicated their lives and time to serve their community it is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

John Zellmann
Emergency Management Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE

- Continued to stay in regular contact with and help advise the prudential districts involved in upgrading streetlights to LED technology, added required qualifications to the scope of work for the RFQ.
- Continued to monitor issues and progress with the study of heating system options for Sheffield/Hillcrest school buildings. Met with key people to maximize useful information for the final report.
- Monitored utility bills and overall performance of the HVAC system at the new DPW building after it was completed, kept in contact with engineer and controls contractor about the same.
- Kept current on town matters that might be within MEC's purview through a member attending CIC meetings.
- Brought a resolution regarding Rep. Benson's Carbon Pricing Bill to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and submission to the state legislature.
- Checked with Town Planner to see if the town was applying for a FRCOG District Local Technical Assistance Grant (DLTA).
- Discussed a resolution to authorize Commercial C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) for Montague. Two members attended Select Board Meeting to represent different perspectives. The Select Board voted to authorize C-PACE financing, adding another financing option for owners of commercial buildings for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.
- Began to discuss concerns about advisories under the pandemic to keep windows open even in winter, and other ventilation measures, with specific concern about recommendations for schools. Considered how to bring more fresh air into buildings in Montague to address health concerns without using a lot more energy.
- Began reviewing a letter, drafted by a member, from the committee to state legislators supporting the Climate Bill. The committee voted to send the letter to legislators, the governor, senate president and house chair, and Telecommunications, Utilities, & Energy committee joint chairs at its February 2, 2021 meeting.

Due to the pandemic, the Committee did not hold monthly meetings from April through September, and held virtual meetings the remainder of 2020 continuing into 2021.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is an appropriations committee of at least five and up to seven residents, appointed by the Moderator of Town Meeting. In general, our role is to advise Town staff, the Selectboard, and Town Meeting members about matters pertaining to the use of the Town's financial resources. To fulfill that responsibility in 2020, we met regularly throughout the year. Here is an overview of our work in 2020:

Early in the calendar year, we considered and voted recommendations for financial articles on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting that was held on March 5, 2020.

From January through March, we met weekly in joint session with the Selectboard to review and discuss Town department budget requests and special article requests for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21). We invited department heads, boards, and representatives from the Gill-Montague Regional School District and Franklin County Regional Technical School to provide information and answer questions. We also met with the Capital Improvements Committee and reviewed their recommendations on capital requests.

Using our collective understanding of the Town's short- and long-term needs and the Town's financial management policies, we arrived at a balanced budget for FY21 that aimed to provide effective municipal programs and services to Montague's residents while assuring a financially sustainable future. On March 25, 2020, we finalized that budget and voted recommendations on the articles proposed for Annual Town Meeting.

In April, as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Montague's Annual Town Meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2020, about six weeks later than usual. On May 6, the Finance Committee and Selectboard reviewed available information about the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the budgets for FY20 and FY21 budgets, and decided to place some articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant and defer others until an anticipated Special Town Meeting in the fall. We prepared a report on the budget and sent it to Town Meeting Members in advance of the Annual Town Meeting. The FY21 report and reports from prior years are available in the "Annual Budget Information" section of our area within the Town of Montague's website (www.montague-ma.gov).

Montague's Annual Town Meeting was held in June, and Town Meeting Members' votes established the FY21 budget that took effect July 1, 2020. The committee reorganized, keeping Jen Audley as chair, with Greg Garrison as vice-chair, and John Hanold as clerk.

With funding from a state grant and consulting support from the UMass Collins Center, we began working with town staff and the Selectboard to evaluate and update the town's financial management policies and develop a multi-year financial forecast. This is an ongoing effort.

In September, we considered and offered recommendations for articles on the warrant for the October 13, 2020 Special Town Meeting, including adjustments to the FY21 budget and moving forward with articles that were deferred at the Annual Town Meeting.

In November and December, we began laying the groundwork for the FY22 budget, including meeting with officials from Gill and the Gill-Montague Regional School District's new superintendent to review the Compact for Funding Education (aka the Affordable

Assessment.) We also welcomed new member Jennifer Waryas, who filled the vacancy created when Shauna Wallace stepped down earlier in the year.

We would like to express our gratitude to Steve Ellis, Carolyn Olsen, and Wendy Bogusz for their support and counsel over the course of many, many hours of online meetings, and to Montague Community Access Television for recording them for posterity.

Jen Audley
John Hanold
Fred Bowman
Greg Garrison
Chris Menegoni
Francia Wisnewski
Jennifer Waryas

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

As many residents were home-bound there was an increase in trash and recycling tonnage. A review of recycling tonnage for 2020 shows an increase of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2019. District residents recycled just over 2,800 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. This is the first year in which towns had to pay a recycling processing fee to the facility operator. However, recycling markets have rebounded at the end of 2020 and some commodities are selling at record amounts. This helps offset or reduce the processing fee for all towns.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2020 Clean Sweep collection events.

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2020. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. We adjusted our collection protocol to account for health and safety requirements during the pandemic. A total of 440 households participated in this event. This is over a 15% increase from 2019 and most likely due to the pandemic and residents being home.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$115,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 117 Main St., 2nd Floor in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*
M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

We submit this annual report for 2020 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2020 was 530 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	36	Erving	27	Montague	110	Sunderland	8
Buckland	8	Gill	15	New Salem	9	Warwick	6
Colrain	24	Greenfield	123	Northfield	27	Wendell	9
Conway	4	Heath	6	Orange	70	Whately	11
Deerfield	19	Leyden	1	Shelburne	17		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 106 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2020. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 "2019" accountability status. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 with the bond authorization projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2019 FCTS had approximately 50% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. In 2020, due to COVID-19 issues there is approximately 20% of our seniors on paid Coop. FCTS offers excellence academic offerings with Advanced Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery, and special education courses to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science and Medical Assisting. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years. Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Capital Skills Grants. FCTS has received more than 1.2 million dollars in grants over the last several years without using FCTS funds to enhance its' Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, and Machine Technology vocational programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board (FHREB) and Greenfield Community College (GCC) to offer an evening program for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21st Century modernized CNC machines.

Franklin County Tech's Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Landscaping programs established a foundation in collaboration with the Greenfield Savings Bank to build a new home for the community on an annual basis. FCTS is finishing its second new home in Erving and will be starting a new one next year in Greenfield. In Heath, Electrical Students have been upgrading the electrical structure for municipality buildings. In Turners Falls, our Electrical students are wiring the music studio and installing all of the lighting for the new JaDuke's Performing Arts Center. Plumbing is working at the new Conway DPW and plumbing the bathrooms and kitchen areas.

Electrical students are putting up conduit and wiring 4 new classrooms which now exist in place of the Assembly Hall to provide more space for student learning. Auto Technology saves the district a substantial amount of money by maintaining the school's vehicle fleet. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various construction jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs. FCTS Auto Technology and Collision Repair programs are very appreciative of the donated vehicles which provide our students with real world experiences.

Collision repair continues working to provide body work for town vehicles, but have limited how many vehicles can be repaired due to COVID-19 protocols.

Culinary Arts regularly serves the local Community Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, Ice carving for Greenfield Winter Fest, and the community Car Show. Our Veterinary students have been working with the Mass Division of Fishery and Wild Life, Franklin County Sheriff's Animal Shelter, work with farm animals, and provide grooming for animals and pets.

Franklin County Tech is forward thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs and skills to support students to obtain experiences and training to make them competitive in the workplace, college, and career.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those which allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee

Bernardston-Bradley Stafford; Buckland-Vacant; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;
Conway-John Pelletier; Deerfield-Robert Decker; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown;
Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Mark M. Maloney, Donna M. Woodcock;
Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine;
Montague- Dennis L. Grader, Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson;
New Salem-Bryan Camden; Northfield-Laura J. Earl, Orange-Alec MacLeod, Cain Blackbird;
Shelburne – Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas;
Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SERVICES TO MONTAGUE

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. Partnership For Youth provides substance use and chronic disease prevention; The Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

The COVID-19 pandemic modified the ways we did business in 2020, and while the attention of some staff shifted towards pandemic response, our typical work did not stop, nor did our mission to serve the interests of citizens, municipalities, and the region as a whole. While we've included some of that work here, *FRCOG's 2020 Annual Report*, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages primarily list services specific to Montague.

COVID Response and Recovery

The FRCOG was active in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Advocated for changes to laws and regulation needed to run municipalities remotely
- Conducted a business impact survey to understand how to allocate emergency funding to protect the regional economy
- Monitored active cases and conducted contact tracing for 19 towns
- Opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center to disseminate situation reports to municipalities, responders and other stakeholders
- Launched a weekly newsletter of resources and support for parents and guardians of school-aged children
- Facilitated the distribution of PPE to area hospitals and responders, and facilitated a collective purchase of PPE for municipalities, non-profits and businesses
- Managed and distributed emergency funding to local Boards of Health
- Assisted the Board of Health in identifying contact tracing support for COVID case management
- Secured \$6,510 in COVID emergency management funds to cover the cost of COVID case management
- Provided mask order and social distancing signage for use at town facilities and businesses

Climate Resilience

- Worked with the Town Planner on green infrastructure best management practices to manage stormwater including site assessments for integration with future Complete Streets Projects as part of the Franklin County Sustainable Stormwater Pilot Project.

Economic Development

- Presented at a 2020 Census event at the Montague Senior Center.
- Completed a data request for a private business and the Franklin County Technical School.
- Provided mapping and technical assistance to explore site redevelopment for the Farren Center.
- Prepared a site profile for the virtual Western Mass Developers Conference.
- Incorporated the Canal District Master Plan and Investment Strategy, Sandy Lane Industrial Area, and Support for Farren Care Center and Facility Investment projects into the 2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan.
- Continued to assist with the designation of the Millers Falls National Register Historic District.

- Completed a Phase I Brownfields Environmental Site Assessment.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Montague contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment and drone services; heating and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; fire alarm and fire extinguisher services; dog tags and licenses; and water treatment chemicals.
- Staff assisted the town with a construction bid for Complete Streets improvements and for Unity Park Field House roof replacement, and assisted the school district with bids for sidewalk improvements, building management system services, and glycol services.

Land Use and Natural Resources

- Completed additional work for the Millers Falls Village National Register of Historic Places nomination paperwork.
- Provided technical assistance related to the FERC relicensing of the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage and the Turners Falls Dam hydroelectric projects.
- Began developing a Pollinator Action Plan for Montague as part of the Regional Pollinator Plan for Franklin County.
- Reviewed and prepared potential revisions to the town's zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations to support pollinator habitat.

Public and Community Health

- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Gill-Montague Regional School District administrators on results from 126 Gill-Montague students, representing 61% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the Gill-Montague Regional School District.
- Provided materials and guidance on vaping prevention and intervention and a list of resources for advancing racial justice in schools to the Gill-Montague Regional School District.
- Organized a community showing and discussion of the documentary *I'm Not Racist....Am I?* at which Gill-Montague students and staff participated.
- Compiled and distributed the Coalition Connections Newsletter, which provides information and resources for families, human service providers and educators during the pandemic to support health and prevent youth substance use.

Training and Education

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Montague public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security

Advanced Chainsaw Safety Skills – 5
Chainsaw Skills & Safety – 17

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

Finance Committee 101 – 2
Moderators' Roundtable – 1
OSHA Compliance – 1
Library & Town Offices Safety Planning – 1

Pandemic Support

COVID Coordination Roundtable (biweekly) – 2
COVID-19 Testing Capacity – 2
Municipal Reimbursement for COVID-19 – 1
Vaccine Info Sessions for First Responders – 3

Public Health & Community Awareness:

Communities That Care Coalition – 6
Cultural Humility/Accountability Institutions – 3
Minding Your Mind – 3
Food Safety Training Certification – 2

Additionally, staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

Transportation

- Assisted the Town with implementation of projects through the MA Complete Streets Program.
- Continued to assist the Route 2 Task force related to safety improvements along the corridor.
- Compiled an application to the MA Shared Streets and Spaces Program.
- Wrote a National Scenic Byway nomination for the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.
- Conducted traffic counts on Center Street, Greenfield Road, Route 47/Sunderland Road, Turnpike Road, Unity Street, and Third Street for the Regional Traffic Counting Program.
- Reported traffic turning movement counts in the Canal District and at the intersection of Miller Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard.
- Conducted a traffic signal warrant analysis for the intersection of Miller Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard.
- Surveyed pavement condition of 27 miles of roadway for the Regional Pavement Management Program.

**GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRATION (May)

Jane Oakes, Chair	2022
Heather Katsoulis	2022
William Tomb	2023
Mike Langknecht	2022
Cassie Damkoehler, Vice Chair	2023
Timmie Smith	2021
Jennifer Lively	2021
Haley Anderson	2021
Carleigh Dlugosz	2023

Superintendent's Report

The Gill-Montague Regional School District vision is to be ***“A community that empowers every student for continuous learning, active citizenship, and personal fulfillment”***. Under the direction of the school committee, the district's faculty and staff collectively strive towards this shared vision. These aspirations are guided by the district's three-year strategic plan which began implementation in 2017-2020. In addition, due to the spring 2020 completion of the school year in remote learning, the 3-year plan was not adequately completed. Rather than reset new goals in such a set of challenging circumstances during the pandemic, the School Committee voted to continue the District Strategic Plan and goals through the 2020-2021 school year. The plan's details may be found at our website: www.gmrtd.org and its main objectives are summarized below:

Strategic Plan Overarching Objectives:

1. **Rigor:** Increase the frequency and effectiveness of written and oral tasks that develop the skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluation, creativity, problem solving and reflection.
2. **Relevance:** Meet students where they are by doing the following: Frame questions of natural interest; Build upon prior knowledge; Draw upon cultural experience; Provide choices; and Integrate student choices
3. **Relationships:** Develop school wide approaches and classroom practices to teach self-awareness, self-management, and relationship skills as well as active citizenship and multicultural understanding
4. **Rigor and Relevance:** Increase the frequency of assessments and projects requiring the application of concepts and skills in worthy and authentic contexts.

We believe the combination of initiatives being undertaken as part of this strategy will result in increased student achievement, improved student enrollment trends, and more sustainable school finances.

Student Enrollment:

Total student enrollment has gone from 1,000 in 2014 to 849 in 2020. The distribution of student enrollment across the district in the fall of 2020 was as follows:

Gill Elementary (Grades K-6)	111
Hillcrest Elementary (Grades Pre K-1)	123
Sheffield Elementary (Grades 2-5)	217
Great Falls Middle School (Grades 6-8)	209
Turners Falls High School (Grades 9-12)	<u>189</u>
Total:	849

Finances:

In May, 2020, the citizens of Montague, and in November, 2020, the citizens of Gill, showed their support for the district with their approval of a FY21 Budget that reflected a 3.8% increase in local assessments from the prior year. The general fund budget for FY21 was \$ 21,300,387, a 6.9% increase from the FY20 budget of \$19,932,858.

**Gill-Montague Regional School District – General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Other Sources, and Expenditures and
Other Uses – Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)**

FY20	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive/(Negative)
Revenues and Other Sources:				
Assessments to member towns	11,872,732	11,872,732	11,872,732	0
Tuition	940,000	940,000	1,033,335	93,335
Intergovernmental	6,765,626	6,765,626	6,958,547	192,921
Investment Income	4,500	4,500	12,854	8,354
Miscellaneous	0	0	14,930	14,930
Other Sources	350,000	350,000	202,615	(147,385)
		0		
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$19,932,858	\$19,932,858	\$20,095,013	\$162,155
			162,155	
Expenditures and Other Uses:				
Administration	628,653	667,008	654,767	12,241
Instruction	8,804,552	8,781,539	9,007,181	(225,642)
Other School Services	1,427,494	1,404,654	1,245,924	158,730
Operation and maintenance	1,701,742	1,707,842	1,677,903	29,939
Fixed charges benefits	4,374,533	4,348,241	4,224,939	123,302
Capital Equipment	-	27,690	25,203	2,487
Debt Service	202,884	202,884	202,884	0
Special education tuitions	213,000	213,000	240,420	(27,420)
School choice/charter	2,580,000	2,580,000	2,607,916	(27,916)
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$19,932,858	\$19,932,858	\$19,887,137	\$45,721
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditure and other uses				\$207,876

Gill Elementary School, 2019-2020

We are pleased to present you with the School Annual Report, which provides key information about the 2019-2020 progress at Gill Elementary School.

Student Data

Statistics describing the student population served by Gill Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year may be found below:

- The Gill School served a K-6 grade span, with one classroom per grade level.
- Average class size was 20 students.
- Average daily attendance rate was 96.75%.
- There were 139 students enrolled during the school year.
- 31.3% of students received free or reduced price lunch.
- The overall special education population was 16%. There were no English Language Learners enrolled.
- Student Race and Ethnicity: 89% of the school is white, with 1.8% African-American, 6.3% Hispanic, and 2.7% Multi-Racial.
- Nearly half of the Gill student enrollment consists of students from surrounding towns in School Choice.

Kindergarten	19 Students
First Grade	16 Students
Second Grade	20 Students
Third Grade	19 Students
Fourth Grade	20 Students
Fifth Grade	18 Students
Sixth Grade	27 Students

For staff, we had teachers in the following classrooms: kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade. We also had a special educator, three full-time special education paraprofessionals (one serving in a 1:1 capacity), and a full-time paraprofessional in the kindergarten room. We had a principal and administrative assistant. We had a custodian, school nurse, and one cafeteria worker. We shared our specials teachers with Sheffield Elementary School and Hillcrest Elementary School and had a different specialist every day. We also had an SLP who worked two days a week, an adjustment counselor who was here two days a week, an OT and PT who each work one day a week, and a school psychologist and team chair that are shared among district schools for IEP needs. Our reading interventionist was shared with Sheffield Elementary School and worked at Gill Elementary two hours per day.

School Accountability Status

For the 2019 school year, the Gill School was designated as **Not Requiring Assistance** and **Making Moderate Progress Towards Targets**. Students did not participate in the 2020 MCAS testing administration due to the Covid Pandemic. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did not issue school, district, or state

accountability determinations for the 2019-20 school year due to the cancellation of state assessments and school closures related to COVID-19.

Family School Engagement

Historically, there has been a strong family and community level of engagement at the school with a multitude of school-sponsored events. Given the challenges brought on the pandemic, nearly all events have had to be canceled during most of the 2020 school year. Fortunately, the PTO was able to sponsor a “drive through” Halloween event. We are looking forward to engaging once again with our community once it can be safely done.

Building Improvements

Gill School continued to work with the town of Gill and has successfully installed a functioning and useable water system. Significant upgrades were completed on the HVAC system as well as an upgrade to the electrical system. Replacement of the floors remains a high priority for the school at this time.

Overview of School Improvement Goals 2019-2020:

The Gill Elementary School Council identified five focal areas for the Gill Elementary School Improvement Plan. The Gill School Council, created in response to the Education Reform Act of 1993, revised the Gill School Improvement Plan in the summer and early fall of 2020 and submitted it for approval to the School Committee in October 2020. Each area continues to be reviewed and revised accordingly taking into account current district initiatives, student and staffing needs, and an assessment of the current plan. The School Improvement Plan is closely aligned with the School Improvement Plans at the other elementary schools as well as the District Improvement Plan. The dedicated assistance of the Gill Parent Council/PTO, the Gill School Community, and the many volunteers who generously give their time to the school are acknowledged with deep appreciation. The school community also very much appreciates the strong support of the town to fund the school's programs and building updates.

Goal 1: Implementation of Bridges math program.

- a. **Initiative:** Provide Bridges-recommended training and coaching to staff on new program
- b. **Initiative:** Design Bridges-aligned learning experiences that incorporate project-based
- c. **Initiative:** Teams establish a shared goal linking a GMRSD Fundamental Instructional
- d. **Initiative:** Use PLC time to develop, implement and revise a shared vision and process by which to engage in a cycle of inquiry around math instruction and student performance.

Goal 2: Alignment of literacy instruction to the GMRSD Literacy Plan.

- a. **Initiative:** Share literacy plan and components with staff.
- b. **Initiative:** Provide training and review of the Guided Reading Protocol
- c. **Initiative:** Use of common district assessments.
- d. **Initiative:** Feedback provided to teachers on individual components of the literacy plan.

Goal 3: Improve and expand upon school wide focus on teaching for diversity.

- a. **Initiative:** Introduce and review the Teaching Tolerance Social Justice Standards to the school community at staff meetings.
- b. **Initiative:** Introduce and share the TTS standards with the parent community at open house and in newsletters.
- c. **Initiative:** Build and use a library of diverse children's literature for use in classrooms.

Goal 4: Improve Student Social Emotional Learning

- a. **Initiative:** Recommit to Responsive Classroom practices in all elementary classrooms.
- b. **Initiative:** Review and implement classroom management strategies that engage students in learning and minimize discipline infractions.
- c. **Initiative:** Review and implement strategies that help students connect to teachers outside of academic learning.

Goal 5: Increase the level of Community Engagement around Teaching and Learning

- a. **Initiative:** Revise the mission and vision to reflect current PBL work and share with the Gill community.
- b. **Initiative:** Establish common practices for Home School Communication including written communication, electronic communication, and communication through social media/websites.
- c. **Initiative:** Provide opportunities for families and community members to increase understanding of elementary curriculum including the Bridges program and teaching for diversity.

Hillcrest Elementary School, 2019-2020

We are pleased to present you with the School Annual Report, which provides key information about the 2019 - 2020 progress at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Student Data

Statistics describing the student population served by Hillcrest Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year may be found below:

- Hillcrest Elementary School served grades PK, K, and 1 with 3 preschool classes, 3 kindergarten classes, 3 first grade classes, a Therapeutic Special Education Classroom and a K & 1 High Needs Special Education Classroom.
- There were 153 students enrolled during the school year.
- 55.6% of the students were economically disadvantaged.
- English Language Learners made up 17.6% of our student population.
- 17.6% of our students had educational disabilities.

Overview of School Improvement Goals 2019-2020

Goal 1. Improve mathematics teaching and learning through implementation of the Bridges Program

- Implemented initiatives included:
 - Multiple Professional Development offerings led by trainers from the Math Learning Center
 - Grade level teams collaborated on a shared professional practice goal linking a GMRSD Fundamental Instructional Practice to math instruction

Goal 2. Improve literacy teaching and learning through implementation of the GMRSD literacy plan

- Implemented initiatives included:
 - Literacy plan was shared with all staff members
 - Literacy plan was the focus of selected grade level team meetings to guide conversations about instruction, assessment and curriculum planning
 - Professional development and instructional coaching focused on Guided Reading were provided to Kindergarten and First Grade teachers

Goal 3. Improve and expand school-wide focus on teaching for diversity

- Implemented initiatives included:
 - Teaching Tolerance Social Justice Standards were introduced to the Hillcrest school community via All School Meetings, school newsletters and curriculum projects
 - The Hillcrest Diverse Books Collections was expanded
 - Multiple Family Read Aloud events featuring books from the Hillcrest Diverse Books Collection were held
 - The Diverse Books Lending Library was established

Goal 4. Improve student social and emotional learning

- Implemented initiatives included:
 - Review of Responsive Classroom Practices at several Staff Meetings
 - Family Survey on issues of school climate was conducted

Goal 5. Increase the level of community engagement around teaching and learning

- Implemented initiatives included:
 - Family engagement activities hosted at Hillcrest -- Monthly All School Meetings, Family Read Aloud events, Hillcrest Math Night, Read Across Hillcrest

Sheffield Elementary School, 2019-2020

We are pleased to present you with the School Annual Report, which provides key information about the 2017-2018 educational progress for Sheffield Elementary School.

Student Data

Statistics describing the student population served by Sheffield Elementary School during the 2017-2018 school year may be found below:

- The Sheffield School served a 2-5 grade span, with 3 classrooms each for grades 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Average class size was 18 students.
- Average daily attendance rate was 94.65%.
- There were 240 students enrolled during the school year.
- 100% of children received free or reduced price lunch and the English language learner population was 8 %
- The overall special education population was 30%. Two substantially separate programs for children with significant disabilities exist in the school; a therapeutic program for children with emotional disabilities and a life-skills program for children with developmental disabilities. Sheffield Elementary practices inclusion as well as pull-out for children with special needs.

There was no MCAS testing due to COVID 19.

Overview of School Improvement Goals 2019-2020: The 2019-2020 school year the Sheffield School Council identified five main focal points for the Sheffield Elementary School Improvement Plan.

Goal 1: Improve mathematics teaching and learning through implementation of the Bridges program

Goal 2: Improve literacy teaching and learning through implementation of the GMRSD Literacy Plan.

Goal 3: Improve and expand school wide focus on Teaching for Diversity.

Goal 4: Improve student Social Emotional Learning.

Goal 5: Increase level of Community Engagement around Teaching and Learning.

Great Falls Middle School, 2019-2020

Great Falls Middle School provides a welcoming, nurturing, and academically challenging learning environment. The program provides a supportive transition from elementary to secondary school and is specifically designed to empower early adolescents by helping them develop and recognize their value and place in the local and global community.

Great Falls Middle School enrolls approximately 230 students in grades six through eight. A team structure, common planning time, flexible scheduling, and a philosophy that addresses the needs of early adolescents are what sets us apart from junior highs and many other middle schools. We take great pride in the quality of the education that we offer our students, and in the cooperative and productive atmosphere where students and teachers work and learn together as a community.

Great Falls Middle School is housed in the west side of the building shared with Turners Falls High School. While their classroom spaces are separated, the two schools share the library, gymnasium, pool, theater, music room, and cafeteria. The middle school is comprised of three interdisciplinary academic teams, one for sixth grade, one for seventh grade, and one for eighth grade. A fourth team is composed of the teachers of related arts classes that include Art, Physical Education, Health, Math Applications, Reading, Music and World Languages (for grade 8). In addition to the four academic courses, all students participate in a study skills class where they learn and practice literacy skills to help improve their overall academic performance.

All students also participate in Developmental Designs, a model for middle school education designed to create networks of supportive relationships between students and staff and to promote a positive school culture. Students meet three days a week in a small “home base” group and two days a week in all-school morning meeting to build community. Like Turners Falls High School, we incorporate Restorative Practices into our approach to student behavior management -- a way to help students understand how their behavior impacts the people around them.

Students have many ways to get involved and explore interests beyond the classroom. The school offers concert band, chorus, yearbook, as well as Student Council and the Gender Sexuality Alliance. In addition, many students participate in the inter-scholastic athletics program which includes soccer, football, field hockey, cheer, volleyball, golf, basketball, swimming, baseball, softball, tennis, and track. Due to COVID-19, baseball, tennis, track, and softball were paused during the pandemic.

This past year was marked by events that highlight the school’s efforts to build community within and beyond the building:

- New Family Orientations: prior to school opening, families new to our school met the principal and assistant principal, teachers, and other students while getting familiar with the school building.
- The last day of the first week of school always includes the “Great Falls Challenge” field day, where mixed-grade student teams race to answer questions about school facts, figures, and expectations.
- We are fortunate to have the support of the GFMS PTO who fundraise and organize community events. This year the PTO and other organizations from the local community hosted tables at our September back-to-school Open House, and due to the pandemic the annual spaghetti dinner and talent show were postponed.
- With the rest of the Gill-Montague Regional School District, we participated in a food drive which donated hundreds of items to the Montague Catholic Social Ministries pantry.

Turners Falls High School, 2019-2020

Turners Falls High School (TFHS) is a four-year, comprehensive high school. There were approximately 200 students enrolled in 2019-2020. TFHS distinguishes itself as a small school with an amazing array of offerings for its size. In addition to course offerings in English, mathematics, science, and social studies, the school offers diverse elective courses including three world languages (Latin, Spanish, and French), business and technology education (including graphic arts, digital filmmaking, television studio production and a Maker Lab with 3D printing), health education, physical education, art, and music. Many Advanced Placement courses that offer students the opportunity to earn college credit are also part of the curriculum. In addition, the school has partnered with Greenfield Community College’s Educational Transitions Program to provide students with dual enrollment opportunities. Recognizing the importance of providing students with insight into the world of work, internships were provided for students who wanted hands-on opportunities for credit.

The high school’s hallmarks include a commitment to excellence, a caring atmosphere promoted by students and staff, and a strong sense of community. Students participate in leadership opportunities including Student Council, National Honor Society, and Rise Up, a program which allows students to work on a variety of community service efforts and charitable undertakings. Each Tuesday, the entire community gathers for morning meeting. Each Thursday, students participate in an Advisory that includes team building, upstander/anti-bullying curriculum, and academic check-ins. The Advisory group and their Advisor stay together for four years.

Athletic highlights of 2019-2020 included:

Fall

Football - Co-op with Mohawk was established

Field Hockey - Lost in quarterfinals

Volleyball - League Champs – lost in 1st round tourney

Winter

Boys Basketball - Anthony Peterson scored his 1,000 point in a tourney game vs. Franklin Tech, ended career with 1,016 points

Swim - Liv Whittier, Jade Tyler, and Cam Bradley qualified for Western Mass

Spring – cancelled due to COVID-19

Community Service

- Athletic Leadership Council gathered and distributed food and necessities for families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Cheer, FH and VB competed in the Jill Harrington Memorial 5k run

Students and staff also participated in a variety of other co-curricular and extracurricular activities in and beyond school:

- In the winter, we recognized the student and staff recipients of the McGraw Uplift Award, named in honor of our late Assistant Principal, Mr. Earl McGraw, to keep alive his spirit of respect, love and laughter.
- Annual traditions such as the Advisory college door-decorating contest, the National Honor Society traveled to several local nursing homes to bring holiday cheer through caroling, the Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest, and the All-District Performing Arts Concert kept school spirit high.
- The staff donated monies to purchase a lawn sign for each graduate in the spring. To recognize our graduating Seniors enthusiastic staff in their personal vehicles created a long parade. Staff honked their horns and cheered as a lawn sign was placed in each Senior's yard. With the help of our local police departments, traffic was controlled to provide a smooth and safe event throughout each town.
- In the fifth year, the Senior Walkthrough became a Senior Drive-Thru led by local police and fire from all area towns. The Senior Drive-Thru went to each of the local elementary schools within the district. As they paraded the parking lots, they were welcomed and cheered on by staff and parents, as they proudly wore their caps and gowns.
- We were thrilled to be one of the only high schools in Massachusetts that offered a "traditional" type graduation ceremony that was held in person on Thursday, July 23, 2020. For the first time in several years, the graduation was held on our football field while practicing the state's COVID-19 guidelines. We were fortunate to have a beautiful ceremony on a beautiful evening.

Turners Falls High School appreciates the community's support of our many activities, athletic events, fundraisers, concerts, and field trips and the help of the many volunteers who assist our school.

<u>Contributors to the Annual Report</u>
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BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The 2020 Annual Report of the Montague Board of Health is herewith submitted to the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Montague for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020.

Al Cummings continues his role on the Board of Health as the Chair. Al's willingness to be available to serve the community of Montague has led to him coming in to the office to be available and a dynamic team play in helping with the work flow. Al is also on the Soldier's Memorial Trustee's Committee and on the Parks and Recreation Board for the Town of Montague. Outside of his work with Montague, Al is Treasurer for the Greenfield Moose Lodge #997 and enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren whenever possible.

Christopher Boutwell, Sr. remains the senior member of the Board of Health in his position as Secretary. Chris has served as an elected member of the Board since May 1997. His dedication to Montague speaks for itself given his long, tireless, service to the town. Chris continues to share his accumulated public health experience with the Board of Health and as a member on the Select Board. Chris is also a 20 plus year member of the Franklin County Solid Waste District holding positions on the Executive Board, Vice Chair of the District along being the Montague representative. Chris is a member of the Order of the Moose Lodge #997, past Co-Chair of MAPHCO, and Senior member of the Memorial Trustee's Committee. When he has time...he enjoys spending time with his family and grandchildren!

Michael Nelson works full time as a public health emergency preparedness planner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Michael donates considerable time and expertise to Montague's emergency preparedness program. Michael is also a dedicated Select Board member and is the coordinator of the popular Great Falls Harvest Festival held annually in October. This past year Michael and his wife Bethany welcomed a son, Dylan to their family.

Daniel Wasiuk, Director of Public Health just finished his first full year with Montague. He has met the current challenges head on including extensive COVID-19 meetings, community updates and beginning stages of the vaccine roll out. Daniel comes to Montague with a wealth of knowledge from his previous jobs in the towns of Greenfield and Northampton, Massachusetts as well as working and traveling the country for National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) as a Food Safety Auditor/Consultant, Food Assessments and Studies. Daniel's skill base of planning and management has been an asset to both the welfare of the community and the Montague Board of Health as a whole. Daniel has recently followed through on a previously adopted BOH regulation to institute nuisance fines and re-inspection fees pertaining to housing complaints. Daniel graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a degree in Science. Daniel enjoys the Pioneer Valley and the outdoors in general. In his free time you can find him in the mountains or in the woods taking in the scenery with family and friends.

Anne E. H. Stuart is in her tenth year with the Board of Health and continues to be a dedicated staff member with a keen sense of what needs to get done without hesitation. Anne continues to be instrumental in the running of the department with her attention to detail in the handling of various permits, complaints and situations that are a daily occurrence here in this office. Anne along with Daniel had a year filled with COVID-19 meetings and community education and engagement. The addition of bringing Public Health nursing back to the community through the partnership with Town Nurse Cheryl Volpe RN, BSN has led Anne to be able to put her diverse skills to work to help with Flu Clinics and MIIS & Prepmo reporting on behalf of Montague. Anne

holds a BFA in Interior Design and Architecture from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In Anne's free time she is devoted to various profit and non-profit boards in Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

Cheryl Volpe, RN, BSN joined us last year after a lapse of over 5 years without a Public Health Nurse. Cheryl's presence and knowledge for four hours a week came just in the nick of time! As you can imagine, four hours quite quickly was not enough going into the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to increase hours was necessary. Cheryl has been able to be exceedingly flexible and up to date with her knowledge of both general nursing questions along with the every changing landscape of the pandemic. Cheryl has been available for both our residents, business owners and staff as they frequently and continuously had questions throughout the year. Cheryl comes with both a military medic and training which includes emergency preparedness planning at the hospital and community levels. In her spare time you can find her with her feet in the sand enjoying some sunshine.

Kathleen Burek continues to serve as the Animal Inspector. Kathy's knowledge about animals and her commitment to the job of Animal Inspector is greatly appreciated. The role of preventing a case of human or animal rabies in town cannot be overstated-that is what Kathy does, it is not an easy job. Kathy excels at her mandated duties including the grueling task of conducting a barn to barn animal census annually. In her off time Kathy raises Nubian goats and chickens and makes award winning cheese!

The following is a partial list of the responsibilities of the Board of Health:

Ensuring minimum standards for human habitation are met (safe, clean housing).

- Remediation of all sources of filth and disease risk
- Protecting groundwater by overseeing the location of septic systems and private drinking wells
- Ensuring safe food through inspectional services and investigation of complaints
- Investigate nuisances that may affect human health and safety
- Inspect and enforce the law regarding semi-public and public swimming pools
- Investigate all reported animal bites and scratches, and maintain a rigorous rabies prevention program
- Permit and/or inspect body artists, food establishments, schools, septic system installers, funeral directors, beaver, septage haulers, trash haulers, recreational camps for children and mobile/manufactured home, and many other duties as necessary to protect public health.

2020 REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Beaver trapping permit	03
Burial Permits	53
Complaints (non covid-19)	62
Emergency Preparedness Meetings Attended	64

Temporary Food Permits and Inspections

Farmers Market	08
Other Temporary Food Events	05
Mobile Food Vendor	01
Total Temporary Food Permits	14
Total Food Establishment Inspections (Brick and mortar)	90
Annual Food Establishment Permits Issued (Brick and mortar)	45

Annual Food Establishment Permit Pending (covid-19)	04
Funeral Director License	02
Hoarding Complaints	05
Perc Tests	13
Pumping/Hauling License	10
Records Searches for Public	38
Residential Kitchen Permits	01
Septic Installers Permits	14
Septic plan review and installation Inspections	40
Septic Tank Pumping reports	76
Title Five Reports Reviewed	38
Tobacco Permits	09
Trailer Park License	02
Trash Hauler Permits	07
Well Permits	10

Animal Quarantines 2020

<u>Humans bitten:</u> By Animals: 12 By Bats 3	Animals with bites of unknown origin 15
Barn Animal Census 2020	58 Barns 720 barn animals counted

Burial Agent 2020

2020	January - December		Totals
	Female	Male	
January	2	3	5
February	0	3	3
March	2	1	3
April	5	1	6
May	4	0	4
June	1	1	2
July	3	1	4
August	1	3	4
September	5	3	8
October	5	2	6
November	0	3	3
December	3	2	5
Total Deaths	31	23	54

As you can expect where events and other annual Board of Health duties didn't happen in 2020 other responsibilities were new and many with the focus being the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Board of Health had to prepare to educate, enforce, and respond to numerous questions, concerns & complaints throughout the community.

The dissemination of information through the Board of Health office consisted of, various media platforms (electronic & print), signage throughout the villages, to be current was challenging at times, but helped to inform the greater community to keep them abreast of the ever changing landscape of the COVID-19 situation. Along with various media platforms, Anne and Daniel continued to handle the daily operations of the Board of Health office along with having the added resource of a Town Nurse that is invaluable during this time.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, Daniel and Anne worked with both the local businesses as well as corporate headquarters to coach their employees on the current phases of the pandemic and provide literature and guidance where it was appropriate. Ongoing assistance to ensure compliance with specific safety and prevention protocols that were required to be instituted by public and private entities led to on-site inspections with businesses.

Board of Health Members

Albert Cummings, Chair
Christopher Boutwell, Secretary
Michael Nelson

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Montague Historical Commission, under MGL 40 section 8d, has as its charge to “conduct researches for places of historic or archaeological value, cooperate with the state archaeologist in conducting such researches and other surveys ...for the purpose of protecting and preserving such places, it may make recommendations as it seems necessary to the selectmen...”

To accomplish this mission, the Commission intends to:

- Maintain the integrity of the town's historic districts
- Contribute to community awareness and maintain interest in Montague's historical heritage during its monthly meetings and when applicable, on the Town's webpage in order to promote preservation of those assets.
- Serve to provide an historical perspective as mandated under the MGL as a partner with other town boards and committees.
- Advise and guide the Town of Montague in all matters pertaining to the proposed destruction, exterior renovation or relocation of historical assets, the commercial excavation or soil disturbance in what is deemed to be in proximity of an historical site.

During the past year, the Historical Commission has actively participated as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program, which oversees historical and cultural research as well as archaeological field work on the site of the May 19, 1676 Falls Fight. As such, the Montague commission collaborated with the Historical Commissions of Gill, Greenfield, Northfield and Deerfield as well as with the Native American tribes of the Narragansett, Wampanoag, Nipmuck and Abenaki.

The Commission was consulted on the demolition of the Keith Paper Mill smokestack.

The Montague Historical Commission has been charged by the Selectboard with providing historical archival information to the public concerning the Falls Fight of 1676 and the naming of the village of Turners Falls. Such work is on-going and this information can be found on the town's webpage.

David Brule, Chair and Secretary
Chris Clawson
Ed Gregory
Suzanne LoManto, Vice-Chair
Jeffrey Singleton (resigned)

MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

2020 was a very challenging year due to the COVID pandemic, but the dedicated and creative library staff more than rose to the occasion. They worked hard throughout, and developed new ways to serve the public while remaining as safe as possible.

The Montague Public Libraries were among the last area libraries to close their doors to the public in mid-March, and one of the first to reopen for curbside pick-up in late May, when COVID cases dropped. In the interim, staff remained very productive behind the scenes doing collection maintenance and development, continuing education, and telephone wellness checks for seniors, etc... In mid-September, the Carnegie Library reopened for browsing and computer use two days a week by appointment, one of the first in the area. In December, the doors were closed again to the public due to rising COVID cases, but curbside services continued.

Curbside pick-up became a very popular service, averaging a thousand items picked up weekly between the three libraries. Some library users ordered their choices on-line, while others consulted with library staff over the phone for recommendations. Monthly lists of all new library items were distributed each month to assist selection. Many library users praised the convenience of the new services, and appreciated the expanded hours of service.

The Libraries developed a stronger on-line presence. Please see below for details of the virtual children's programs created. The internet service, including Wi-Fi, was upgraded at the Carnegie in December with COVID grant funding.

Some library users switched over to reading more electronic books during the pandemic. Free e-book borrowing privileges is one of the many advantages of belonging to the CWMARS circulation network, as is the sharing of physical items by member libraries. Due to the pandemic, interlibrary loan delivery ceased for part of the year.

Anna Greene, a long-time staff member retired in the fall after many years of service. She was primarily known for her long stints at the Montague Center Library, and also worked at the Millers Falls Library. Kate Martineau of Millers Falls took over in Montague Center. Karen Wartel, the Children's Program Assistant, also retired. Meghan Doyle was hired for the position. Turners Falls residents Taelour Cornett and Ashley Janes were hired as substitutes.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Montague Public Libraries continued to serve the public, often in new and creative ways. This is evidenced by the circulation of library materials only declined 16% from the year before, despite very limited physical access to the library buildings by the public for most of the year. Thank you to the hard-working creative library staff, and to all of our dedicated library users. May 2021 be a safer and healthier year for all.

Circulation (Based on State ARIS Statistics):

Adult and Young Adult Printed Material	25,968
Adult Audio	2443
Adult Video/DVD	27,355
Children's Books	16,417
Children's Audio	569
Children's Video/DVD	5390
Downloadable Audio	3028
Downloadable Video	13

e-books and magazines	4248
Usage of electronic collections	809
Materials in Electronic Format	53
Materials in Microform	0
Misc. (includes museum and park passes)	195
Total Circulation	86,488
Number of Items on Hand	52,824
Interlibrary Loan:	
Items Received From Other Libraries	12,008
Items Sent To Other Libraries	10,411
Non-Resident Circulation At Our Libraries	166

Montague Public Libraries - Youth Programs Statistics 2020

Highlights:

In early 2020, young patrons and their caregivers enjoyed two of our most popular Saturday programs, the Pirate Party and Valentine Party. Not long after, the challenge of the pandemic, beginning in mid-March, made it impossible to offer in-person programs. However, this challenge presented opportunities for learning and creativity. The Youth Services Librarian researched how to create virtual Story Times and began producing them in early April, remotely. Equipment for a mobile filming kit was purchased with CARES Act funds so that filming could take place remotely and at the Carnegie Library. Beyond the pandemic, this equipment can also be used to create videos to promote various library programs and services. Tom Carroll and Laurie Davidson began producing shorter versions of Music & Movement remotely using Facebook Live.

Completed plans for the Summer Reading Program were reimagined. The program was adjusted to allow for both virtual and curbside options for patrons, allowing them to participate within their comfort zone, whether the library buildings were open to the public or not. The Youth Services Librarian focused on finding creative ways to offer fun activities while in-person programs were impossible.

Take-and-Make craft bags were offered in summer and seasonally the rest of the year. In lieu of the annual Fairy House Party, craft bags that contained natural and recycled materials were offered at contactless curbside pick-up tables and they were very popular. Two Story Walks were offered on the front lawn of the Carnegie Library in the fall, bringing the library to patrons, allowing families to enjoy reading in fresh air while safely distancing. Fall Photo Booths were installed at all three library branches, encouraging patrons of all ages to take photos against a fall-themed background and share them with the library. Submitted photos were posted to library social media. Patrons gave positive feedback via phone and email voicing their appreciation for the efforts of library staff to offer services and fun and educational activities during a challenging time for all.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 127

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL PROGRAMS: 4363 (includes both individuals and household views)

Programs Funded Primarily by MPL: Sessions – 115 Attendance – 4072

Programs Funded by MPL AND Outside Sources: Sessions – 8 Attendance – 166

Programs Primarily Funded by Outside Sources: Sessions – 2 Attendance – 53

Outreach Programs: Sessions – 2 Attendance – 72

Programs Primarily Funded by MPL:

Story Time: Jan. 8 – Mar. 11: Sessions - 9 Attendance – 162,

Virtual: Sessions - 37 Attendance – 512 household views

Music & Movement:

Turners Falls: Sessions - 10 Attendance - 378

Virtual: Sessions - 31 Attendance – 2176 household views

Youth Advisory Committee: Sessions - 1 Attendance – 5

Saturday Programs:

Pirate Party: Attendance - 64

Valentine Party: Attendance - 81

LEGOS Feb. Vacation: Attendance – 19

Virtual Visiting the Beyond (Teens): 6

Self-directed Programs:

Art-to-Go Box: February Vacation: 40

Fairy House Take-and-Make Craft: 70

Fall Take-and-Make Craft: 122

6 Seasonal Photo Booths at the 3 libraries

Dec Take-and-Make Craft: 45

Story Walks: 25 observed individuals

Summer Reading Program with Special Events

Self-Directed Summer Reading Program- 32 sign ups

Dragon Eggs Craft Bags: 62

Mini Garden & Various Craft Bags: 132

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Craft Bags: 90

Virtual Yoga Series: Sessions: 6 household views - 40

Virtual Rainforest Reptiles: Attendance – 26

Virtual Jim Cruise the Spoon Man: Attendance – 17

TOTAL Programs Primarily Funded by MPL:

TOTAL Sessions – 1115 TOTAL Attendance – 4072

Programs Funded by MPL AND Outside Sources:

Homeschool Science: Sessions - 8 Attendance – 166

TOTAL Programs Funded by MPL AND Outside Sources:

TOTAL Sessions - 8 TOTAL Attendance - 166

Programs Funded Primarily by Outside Sources:

Montague Cultural Council Funded Programs:

Virtual Reality: 3D Printing: Attendance - 3

The Friends Funded Programs: Virtual No Strings Marionettes: 50 household views

TOTAL Programs Funded Primarily by Outside Sources:

TOTAL Sessions – 2 TOTAL Attendance – 53

Outreach Programs (In Person, Off-Site):

G St. School: Sessions (Jan. & Feb.) – 2 Sessions, Attendance – 72

TOTAL Outreach Programs: TOTAL Sessions – 2 TOTAL Attendance – 72

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hickman
Library Director

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Youth Services Librarian

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MONTAGUE COMMUNITY CABLE, INC. (MCCI)
ANNUAL REPORT January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Montague Community Cable Inc., Home of Montague Community Television

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Montague Community Cable Incorporated (MCCI) is the Access Management Organization (AMO) awarded the contract by the town to run Montague Community Television (MCTV).

MCTV's mission as the public access provider for Montague, Gill and Erving, is to make the tools of modern electronic mass communication easy and convenient to use. We encourage all citizens, organizations and institutions in Montague and the broadcast viewing area to produce and be involved in quality programming by and for this community. We also offer the community a range of production services to record local meetings and events- from full equipment, staffing and production to simple technical assistance-including all necessary training. MCTV is committed to providing a professional and welcoming environment where Montague citizens may obtain hands-on training in video production. While MCTV's first focus is the town of Montague, it actively engages in networking with other local PEG Access stations in the Franklin/Hampshire region to increase producer reach and viewer choices.

Content:

Our producers were getting out to a fast start this year. This all came to a grinding halt with the Covid shutdown beginning in March. Despite this we were still able to get 178 new programs produced and uploaded to Vimeo. Currently there are over 2020 videos posted on that site. A variety of producers have contributed their time and skills in the creation of their own shows or participation in covering of Station Manager identified events of interest. Most active producers this year were Hannah Brookman and Michael Smith.

In 2020, MCTV continued to cover local events, but also collaborated with organizations and individuals to enhance or host cultural events, including the following:

A series of five informational pieces showcasing the five schools in the district.
(TFHS, GFMS, Sheffield, Hillcrest, Gill Elementary)
Couch Music (Shot at the Shea Theater)
Young Shakespeare Players East

Description of facility and equipment use:	2020: 178 Videos Uploaded to Vimeo
2020 stats: Equipment Reservations: 142	Public: 50 Videos
Facilities Reservations: 142	Government: 128 Videos

Despite Covid our local vs out of town content that was being broadcast remained consistent with 2019 stats. Thankfully we have vast reservoir of local content to utilize for programming that spans over a decade.

Weekly Programming Breakdown:

Local: 133 Hours
Out of Town: 35 Hours

Outreach:

MCCI has employed a wide range of outreach strategies and activities over our years of service. Through it all, we made a lot of new friends but didn't see much of a return in the form of video content or increased participation. Currently, we continue to send out our weekly news blasts and share our station news with The Montague Reporter, but we focus most of our outreach energy on networking and sending our crews out to record meetings and events. Before the Covid lockdown in March we were able to complete our five part series with the GMRSD. This resulted in distinct videos that showcased the different strengths of our schools. MCTV's collaboration with the following entities resulted in local content for our community.

Town of Montague	Selectboard
Finance Committee	Town Clerks Office
Zoning Board of Appeals	Planning Board
DPW	Parks and Recreation
Montague Tree Advisory Committee	Police Department
Fire Department	Riverculture
Greenfield Media	Greenfield Savings Bank
Shea Theater	Carnegie Library
Cielito Lindo	Nolumbeka Project
Food Bank of Western MA	Root Yoga
North Quabbin Arts Association	Rob Surette
Nina's Nook	Friends of the Coffeehouse
Black Lives Matter Movement Greenfield	Black Lives Matter Movement Turners Falls
Musica Franklin	National Spiritual Alliance
Young Shakespeare Players East	WestMass Brass Band
Greenfield Community College	Great Falls Discovery Center
Gill Montague Regional School District	Eggtooth Productions
Montague Congo Church	Montague Community Band
Montague Catholic Social Ministries	Montague Business Association
Franklin Regional Transit Authority	Franklin County Chamber Of Commerce
Department of Conservation and Recreation	Northfield Mountain Recreation
Senior Center	

TRAINING

The standard AMO approach to training local producers- 6 to 8 weeks on a set schedule covering everything from lighting to editing- doesn't serve our community. Indeed, because MCTV can provide the full range of technical support for local meetings and events, some producers will require no training, at all. For the rest of our producers, we can provide individual, hands on training in the tools and techniques they will need for their particular productions, when and where they need it (subject to practical limitation...). All producers are trained on any equipment they want to sign out for use in their productions. It should be noted that the producers we train are often then hired by MCTV to work on other station productions, which provides experience and further training while creating even more content!

FISCAL MANAGEMENT:

One of our first and best deliberations, upon regaining the Montague public access contract, was to secure the services of a business manager, The Brick House' Michael Bosworth. He installed high quality, financially conservative business practices for us that have been fundamental to our robust sustainability. During the years of our collaboration, we adopted sound accounting practices; established clear and secure purchasing procedures; engaged an auditing and tax accountant with specialization in non-profits; and mandated a minimum liquidity standard

whereby we maintain a balance of operating funds never lower than the equivalent of two months operating expenses. We also have a long standing and regular relationship with a local bookkeeper of high repute. The organization-wide adherence to these practices and investment in these intrinsic relationships has enabled us, over the years, to accrue a six month operating cushion in addition to a substantial reserve.

In accepting the PEG Access assignment from Montague, MCCI embraced a fiduciary responsibility to the Town and citizens of Montague. Central to meeting that responsibility is financial transparency in managing MCTV's resources. Pursuant to our contract with the Town, MCCI submits quarterly financial reports and a complete annual report. These documents, our budget, our profit and loss statements, our balance sheet and all our board minutes are available to the public on our website at Montagutv.org. We also share our tax return and independent financial audit with the Town each year. The following yearly financial reports show that MCCI is healthy, sustainable and continues to apply our founding practices. Our operational assumptions were good across the board and we saved a little money. One takeaway is the indication that we are nearing 90% of our budgeted production capacity (total tech/prog services), but there is room in the budget to expand that capacity (\$9,200 in net ordinary income, for starters, subject to further discussion...). A pretty standard year:

CAPITAL ASSET AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT:

In addition to providing unobstructed access to our financial trail, MCCI's fiduciary responsibility to the Town and to our community includes responsible and productive capital asset and equipment management. When developing any capital plan or committing any capital resources, we seek Town input. We don't proceed with any capital plan unless it has been reviewed and approved by the CAC. Below is the report for our capital equipment account from 2016, the year of the first capital payment received under the new contract (and the first in almost ten years) to the present. The income payments are capital specific funds from Comcast.

MCTV 2020 LOCAL PRODUCTIONS

A Midsummer Nights Dream
Advisory and Community Building March
All Souls Church 2/8/20
Chair Yoga With Jackie
Coffee House Series-Windborne
Dan O'Sullivan 2/7/20
Drive, Drive, Drive
Great Falls Wild Edible Walk
GSB Series-Cannabis Education
GSB Series-Moonlight and Morningstar
Jamie Walker-The Goddess That She Is
Kids Yoga With Jackie
MLK Day at GCC
Montague May Day
National Spiritual Alliance
Nina's Nook S.S.S
Northern Roots
Same Old Blues
Sunsets-MAXSH
West MA Brass Band-Christmas Best

A Children's Fashion Show
A Very Careful Gathering
A Very Careful Gathering
Black Lives Matter Protest
BLM Protect Turners Falls
BMC EOS
Ceilito Lindo
Exploded View-You Are Here
Mayor of Greenpants Dino Disaster
Montague Reporter Special Edition Wrapping
Paper
Musica Franklin-Lift Every Voice and Sing
North Quabbin Garlic Arts Virtual Festival
Salvation Army Band Thanksgiving Concert
Santa's Morning
Spinner Park Removal
TFHS Graduation
The Rob Surette Story
When We Can Breathe Again
Yoga with Jackie

MCTV 2020 GOVERNMENT PRODUCTIONS

Selectboard Meeting 1/6/20	Finance Committee Meeting 1/8/20
Selectboard Meeting 1/13/20	Finance Committee Meeting 1/15/20
Selectboard Meeting 1/27/20	Finance Committee Meeting 1/22/20
Selectboard Meeting 2/3/20	Finance Committee Meeting 1/29/20
Selectboard Meeting 2/10/20	Finance Committee Meeting 2/5/20
Selectboard Meeting 2/24/20	Finance Committee Meeting 2/12/20
Selectboard Meeting 3/2/20	Finance Committee Meeting 2/26/20
Selectboard Meeting 3/9/20	Finance Committee Meeting 3/4/20
Selectboard Meeting 3/16/20	Finance Committee Meeting 3/18/20
Selectboard Meeting 4/6/20	Finance Committee Meeting 3/25/20
Selectboard Meeting 4/13/20	Finance Committee Meeting 5/6/20
Selectboard Meeting 4/27/20	Finance Committee Meeting 5/20/20
Selectboard Meeting 5/4/20	Finance Committee Meeting 6/10/20
Selectboard Meeting 5/11/20	Finance Committee Meeting 7/8/20
Selectboard Meeting 5/18/20	Finance Committee Meeting 8/5/20
Selectboard Meeting 5/26/20	Finance Committee Meeting 9/2/20
Selectboard Meeting 6/1/20	Finance Committee Meeting 9/16/20
Selectboard Meeting 6/8/20	Finance Committee Meeting 9/30/20
Selectboard Meeting 6/15/20	Finance Committee Meeting 10/7/20
Selectboard Meeting 6/23/20	Finance Committee Meeting 10/28/20
Selectboard Meeting 6/29/20	Finance Committee Meeting 11/18/20
Selectboard Meeting 7/13/20	Finance Committee Meeting 12/2/20
Selectboard Meeting 7/20/20	Finance Committee Meeting 12/9/20
Selectboard Meeting 7/27/20	Finance Committee Meeting 12/16/20
Selectboard Meeting 8/10/20	GMRSD Meeting 1/14/20
Selectboard Meeting 8/17/20	GMRSD Meeting 1/28/20
Selectboard Meeting 8/24/20	GMRSD Meeting 2/11/20
Selectboard Meeting 8/31/20	GMRSD Meeting 2/20/20
Selectboard Meeting 9/8/20	GMRSD Meeting 3/10/20
Selectboard Meeting 9/14/20	GMRSD Meeting 3/24/20
Selectboard Meeting 9/21/20	GMRSD Meeting 3/31/20
Selectboard Meeting 9/28/20	GMRSD Meeting 4/9/20
Selectboard Meeting 10/5/20	GMRSD Meeting 4/28/20
Selectboard Meeting 10/19/20	GMRSD Meeting 5/12/20
Selectboard Meeting 10/26/20	GMRSD Meeting 5/26/20
Selectboard Meeting 11/2/20	GMRSD Meeting 6/9/20
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Selectboard Meeting 11/30/20	GMRSD Meeting 8/18/20
Selectboard Meeting 12/7/20	GMRSD Meeting 8/25/20
Selectboard Meeting 12/14/20	GMRSD Meeting 9/8/20
Special Town Meeting 3/5/20	GMRSD Meeting 9/22/20
Annual Town Meeting 6/13/20	GMRSD Meeting 9/29/20

Special Town Meeting 10/13/20 Board of Health Emergency Meeting 3/15/20 Airport Commission Hearing 12/21/20 Livability Plan 2/1/20 Wendell Selectboard Meeting 1/18/20 Mass DOT General Pierce Bridge 2/4/20 Battlefield Study Forum 2/27/20 Cannabis Community Forum 11/14/20 Police Community Engagement 9/22/20 Police Community Engagement 10/21/20 Police Community Engagement 10/28/20 Police Community Engagement 11/4/20 Police Community Engagement 11/11/20 Police Community Engagement 11/18/20 Police Community Engagement 12/2/20 Police Community Engagement 12/9/20 Police Community Engagement 12/16/20	GMRSD Meeting 10/13/20 GMRSD Meeting 10/27/20 GMRSD Meeting 11/10/20 GMRSD Meeting 11/28/20 GMRSD Meeting 12/22/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 10/22/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 10/29/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 11/5/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 11/12/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 11/19/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 12/13/20 Police Equity and Use of Force 12/17/20
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05/17/21

Accrual Basis

Montague Community Cable, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	Dec 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
GSB 1399	59,893.31
GSB 1407	2,323.18
GSB 1415 Operating Savings	171,662.65
GSB Operating 2899	12,301.46
Total Checking/Savings	246,180.60
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	45,780.85
Total Accounts Receivable	45,780.85
Other Current Assets	
Accum. Depr. - Equipment	-155,725.00
Accum. Depr. -Furn & Fixtures	-606.00
EQUIPMENT	190,431.73
Furniture & Fixtures	606.21
Prepaid Insurance	974.33
Prepaid Rent/ LMR	945.00
Security Deposit	830.92
Total Other Current Assets	37,457.19
Total Current Assets	329,418.64
TOTAL ASSETS	329,418.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	75.00
Total Accounts Payable	75.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Payroll	1,175.00
Accrued Vacation	1,386.24
Deferred Revenue	19,406.83
HSA Liability,	
Dean HSA	5,176.40
Tim HSA	2,076.84
Total HSA Liability	7,253.24
Payroll Liabilities	
State Withholding	101.14
Total Payroll Liabilities	101.14
Total Other Current Liabilities	29,322.45
Total Current Liabilities	29,397.45
Total Liabilities	29,397.45
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	250,981.91
Net Income	49,039.28
Total Equity	300,021.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	329,418.64

PROFIT/LOSS

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Cable Access Income	135,671.77
Interest Income	110.31
Media Sales	<u>390.00</u>
Total Income	<u>136,172.08</u>
Gross Profit	136,172.08
Expense	
ADMINISTRATION	
Fees Paid ICBA Fees	0.55
Bank Service Charges	64.75
Insurance	
Insurance- Business Liability	910.00
Insurance D&O	<u>1,263.00</u>
Total Insurance	2,173.00
Office Supplies/Expenses	529.78
Postage	26.75
Telephone Stipend	1,200.00
Bookkeeping	5,300.00
Professional Fees	
Annual Review/ Taxes	<u>2,305.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	<u>2,305.00</u>
Total ADMINISTRATION	11,599.83
PROGRAM	
Website Admin.	266.00
Equip. Repair & Maint.	211.44
Video Equipment	439.64
Video Supplies	151.45
Program Expenses	3,476.98
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>127.37</u>
Total PROGRAM	4,672.88
BUILDING & PROPERT	
Rent / Mortgage	12,420.00
Utilities - Power	2,180.52
Utilities - Alarm	300.00
Telephone/ Internet	<u>1,947.43</u>
Total BUILDING & PROPERT	16,847.95

PAYROLL

Station Manager 30 hrs	47,397.63
Admin Support	
Admin Support-Office	200.00
Admin. Asst. to Board	196.00
Media Program Mngmt	11,264.65
Outreach/News	<u>416.00</u>
Total Admin Support	12,076.65
Tech/Program Services	
Audio Mixing	45.50
Camera	4,491.50
Editing	3,350.50
Mic Runner	0.00
Setup/Rigging	<u>273.00</u>
Total Tech/Program Services	8,160.50
Employer Taxes	6,338.08
Workers Comp.	534.00
Health Ins./ Retirement	<u>3,599.96</u>
Total PAYROLL	78,106.82
Payroll Expenses	-0.01
SUSPENSE	<u>120.42</u>
Total Expense	<u>111,347.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	24,824.19
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Capital Equipment Income	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Other Income	25,000.00
Other Expense	
Capital Equipment Purchase	<u>784.91</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>784.91</u>
Net Other Income	<u>24,215.09</u>
Net Income	<u><u>49,039.28</u></u>

MONTAGUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the Citizens of the Town of Montague. I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Montague Housing Authority for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Regular monthly meetings of the Montague Housing Authority Board were held the second Friday of the month, to transact routine business of the authority. The monthly meeting usually starts at 9:00 AM, unless is change for some reason.

In 2020 Montague Housing Authority has total of 2859 applications. 2261 applications are applying for family housing, chapter 200-1, and 744 application are applying for Elderly/Younger Disabled housing, chapter 667-1,2,3. (This total amount is including 207 for elderly and 537 for Handicapped). In 2020 we able to Lease/House 1 unit of 3 bedrooms apartment to chapter 200-1 family housing, and 4 units of 1 bedroom to chapter 667-1 and 2, Elderly/Handicapped. All the elderly applicant is local from Town of Montague and one for the family is not local.

Montague Housing Authority has four developments all State-Aided Public Housing. Montague Housing Authority's Elderly/Handicapped chapter 667-1,2,3 housing has a total of 80 apartments at three different sites. Family Housing, chapter 200-1 has 30 apartments one site.

In 2020 Montague Housing Authority received a funding/award from DHCD for In House Project #192067 Force Account Unit renovation on turnover. This project includes replacement of kitchen cabinet, flooring, bathroom, and removal of asbestos. This project is set up as phase 1, 2 and 3. The total amount for Phase 1 is \$162,716.71 (\$100,000) is for Asbestos removal.

On behalf of the Montague Housing Authority and our Board of Commissioners, I want to express my sincere thanks, and appreciation to all who have supported our housing needs.

Montague Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
Karen Casey-Chretien, Chairman
Stanley Zera, Vice Chairman
Paula Girard, Treasurer
Judith Hastings, Asst. Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Bellamine Dickerman, Executive Director

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2020 began (at least) on a good note with our Annual Sawmill River 10k Run, held on New Years Day. We hosted 147 runners who wanted to ring in the New Year trekking through the pastoral roads of Montague Center. Proceeds from the run benefit our Sponsor-A-Child Scholarship Program. In the winter we also offer our Youth Basketball Program, which included one 3/4 grade team and a K-2 Instructional Program. We also run The Bluefish Swim Team in the fall and winter months. The Bluefish have been around for over 40 years, and are members of the Pioneer Valley Swim League. The Bluefish often swim against teams twice their numbers, but are very comparable relative to skill level. We also host Open Swim at the TFHS swimming pool, which includes a Family session and an Adult Lap session from January through March. In mid-February, we hosted a Babysitter Training Course for young adults aged 11 – 15. It's a small program, but most often completely booked. This was also the second winter in which we hosted a Night Sledding event down at Unity Park. We provided hot chocolate and the fixings for 'S'mores, for those who wished to toast some marshmallows on a small campfire we got going for the event. The Franklin County House of Corrections lends us one of their light towers, and a couple dozen sledders came out for what we hope will be a nice little tradition.

Unfortunately, once spring rolled around things pretty much came to a stop (due to the virus that shall not be named). As would be expected most of our programs were unable to operate due to restrictions; this included adult softball, girls softball, youth baseball and tee ball. We were, however, lucky enough to make changes to our Annual Peter Cottontail EGGstravaganza. While having a crowd of a couple hundred people participate in an egg hunt at Unity Park was not feasible, we turned the event into a "Drive-by" where we drove Peter Cottontail through all the villages in Montague. It was great to have the Montague Police lead the way, in addition to the Turners Falls and Montague Center Fire Departments bringing up the rear with their sirens and lights. It was a wonderful moment of having various Town departments and agencies come together during difficult times, and based on the many smiles we saw from the hundreds of people along the parade route, it was a great success.

As the summer rolled around we needed to think outside the box when it came to camp alternatives. Thankfully, we were able to develop a themed morning program that catered to children ages 5-12. The program ran for six weeks, with the themes switching from arts & crafts to field games on a week-to-week basis. We had a relatively small crew of children for each group, but it nonetheless proved successful with both kids and parents being very appreciative of the program.

During the autumn months we offered a Youth Soccer Program, which consisted of an introductory program for children in grades K-2 and a clinic for kids in grades 3-6. These programs ran once a week and we had over fifty kids participate. Gotta keep these kids moving!

Despite the obstacles throughout 2020, our ability to offer a full array of quality programs and services would not have been possible without the generosity of many wonderful partners and supporters in our fine community. Therefore, we would like to thank Greenfield Savings Bank, The Montague Elks, The Turners Falls Athletic Club, A.H. Rist Insurance, Co., Judd Wire, Inc., Turn It Up Music, The Franklin County Housing & Redevelopment Authority, the Franklin County House of Corrections, and the Gill-Montague Regional School District and Partnership for their support.

We would also be remiss if we didn't take a moment to acknowledge the Department of Public Works for maintaining our parks and facilities, and our volunteers for the time, effort and passion they invested in our programs in 2020. Their community spirit contributes significantly to the success of our department and we simply could not function without them. Finally, we would like to thank our patrons for their interest and enthusiasm in Montague Parks & Recreation programs. We are very hopeful that we'll be able to ease back into normalcy, and see all of you in 2021.

Parks & Recreation Department Staff
Jonathan J. Dobosz, Director, CPRP, CPO
Jennifer L. Peterson, Clerk/Bookkeeper

Parks & Recreation Commission
Dennis Grader, Chair
Barbara Kuklewicz, Vice Chair
Albert Cummings, Secretary

PLANNING & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Department Staff: Walter Ramsey, AICP- Town Planner and Conservation Agent
Suzanne LoManto, Assistant Planner/ Director of RiverCulture

The Montague Planning and Conservation Department is responsible for 1) Land use planning 2) Natural resource protection and 3) Advancing economic and community development activities identified in Town Plans. The primary function of the Planning Department is to manage regulatory processes for development proposals submitted to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. As part of that process the Planning Department evaluates development proposals for their contribution toward community planning goals as documented in Montague Comprehensive Plan and other local strategic plans. The Department is also actively engaged in programs and projects that help the community achieve its planning goals.

The Department provides technical support to the RiverCulture Steering Committee, Selectboard, and the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC). The Department represents the Town and its interests at both the regional and state level through a variety of projects and planning initiatives such as the regional brownfields program and the regional economic development strategy (CEDS). The Department manages the RiverCulture Program, The Turners Falls Cultural District, the Green Communities Program, Complete Streets Program, and the Municipal Vulnerabilities Preparedness Program.

2020 was year of suspended progress on many fronts due to the pandemic, but the Planning Department, like the town is resilient and we were able pivot to respond to new challenges, rules, programs, and realities- while advancing some of the longer term projects. Helping our boards, collaborators, and constituents transition to remote interactions during the pandemic was a unique challenge faced in 2020. Suzanne LoManto assumed the new role of Assistant Planner and has been able to integrate her role as cultural coordinator into the greater functions of the Planning Department. The Town Planner completed the Supervisory Leadership Development Program sponsored by the Mass Municipal Human Resources association and attended Mass. Certified Public Purchasing Official procurement training for Real Estate Transactions.

The highlights of 2020 included project development and management of the following projects:

- Breaking ground on the Burn Dump Solar Project
- Completed abatement of the Strathmore Complex
- Completed the Newton Street River Access in Millers Falls
- Completed Complete Streets project to improve Main Street, Ave A, First Street, and the crossing at Scotty's
- Rehabbed the Grand Ave Staircase in Millers Falls
- Completed a Downtown Turners Falls Master Plan update exercise
- Emergency small Business Microenterprise Relief Program that supported 6 businesses
- Completed a Green Communities grant that improved lighting efficiency at Sheffield, Parks+ Rec fieldhouse, and Police Station
- Shared Streets and Spaces Grant to improve pedestrian connections to Unity Park.
- Advanced planning and design for the Canal District Gateway Improvement Project- a project identified in the 2013 Downtown Livability Plan

Planning Board

The Planning Board maintains the Comprehensive Plan, prepares zoning bylaws and zoning map amendments for Town Meeting acceptance, administers Subdivision Regulations, approves site plans and issues special permits for industrial development and common driveways. The Planning Board meets monthly and is staffed by Walter Ramsey, AICP-Town Planner and the Planning Clerk. The Planning Board's business included:

Four (4) Special Permits/ Site Plan Approvals

- Granting a special permit to allow vehicular access to a planned single family home over a side lot line (Ripley Rd) where zoning frontage is located on Federal Street. 16 Ripley Road.
- Granting Site Plan Approval to allow the construction of a 20,000 square foot industrial warehouse at 180 Industrial Boulevard (Not Built)
- Site Plan approval to permit a 14,200 square foot expansion at 27 Industrial Boulevard
- Special Permit and Site Plan approval to Flower Power Growers, Inc. to permit a cannabis cultivation and production establishment up to 105,000 square feet in area at 180 Industrial Boulevard

Five (5) "Approval Not Required" (ANR) Subdivision Plans Endorsements

Planning Board Members in December 2020

Ronald Sicard (Chair)

Frederic H. Bowman (Vice Chair)

Elizabeth Irving (FRCOG Rep)

Robert Obear (CIC rep)

George Cooke

Matt Lord – Associate Member

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission administers the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, which regulates work in or near surface waters and wetlands. The Commission also works to support the protection of important natural resources areas through land conservation. The Commission meets monthly and is staffed by Walter Ramsey- Conservation Agent and the Conservation Clerk. The Commission's business included the following:

Wetlands Administration:

The Commission engaged in the following permitting activities:

- Four (4) Requests for Determination of Applicability
- Two (2) Notices of Intent : Chestnut Loop Bridge Replacement and Eversource Fairmont Line Replacement

Open Space:

The Commission did not execute or acquire and conservation land in 2020.

Conservation Commission Members in December 2020:

Mark Fairbrother (Chair)

Justin Fermann (Vice Chair)

Deb Henson

Donna Francis

Sean Werle

Alexander Peterkin

Laurie Reid

Addie Rose Holland (Associate Member)

Agriculture Commission

The Agriculture Commission did not convene in 2020.

Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation was created for the purpose of acquiring and holding real property and financial assets to be developed in the public interest of the town. The MEDIC has authority to conduct development activities within areas of the town only as designated by the “Economic Development Plan” adopted by Town Meeting in 2013. The EDIC is a seven-member commission comprised of people with expertise in certain areas defined by general law and appointed to three-year renewable terms by the Board of Selectmen.

The EDIC generally advances economic development in 4 areas of Montague: 38 Avenue A, The Airport Industrial Park, Sandy Lane Industrial Area (behind transfer station), and the Canal District of Turners Falls.

The Town Planner serves as the Coordinator of the MEDIC. The MEDIC meets quarterly. In 2020 the MEDIC was involved with facilitating the sale of a lot in the Industrial Park, negotiating with the selected developer of 38 Avenue A, capping the burn dump to allow future industrial expansion, and advancing infrastructure plans and site redevelopment in the Canal District.

EDIC Members in 2020:

Members

Moon Morgan (Chair).....	General
Linda Ackerman (Treasurer).....	Finance
Richard Ruth	Industrial Development
John Furbish.....	Low/Moderate Income
Ella Ingraham.....	Municipal Government
VACANT.....	General

Battlefield Grant Advisory Board

The Battlefield Grant Advisory Board is a consortium of 5 neighboring towns and 4 tribal historic preservation offices that have partnered with the Town and the National Park Service to conduct a comprehensive study of the extent and context of a 1676 conflict on Montague/ Gill/ Greenfield soil. An additional purpose is to engage local officials, landowners and the interested public in effort to locate and encourage the protection of the battlefield.

The Town completed a grant in the amount of \$81,000 from the American Battlefield Protection Program to conduct a second phase of archeological investigation that was identified in the first phase. Work began in 2019. The field work for this report was started and completed over the year by the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center who was secured as the principal investigator by the Town.

The reconciliation ceremony between the Town of Montague and the Narragansett Indian Tribe, and the NPS ABPP grants GA-2287-14-012 and GA-2287-16-006 have focused a great deal of public attention on the historical significance of the Great Falls Battlefield. Significantly, these efforts have gained the support and participation of neighboring towns of Gill and Greenfield where much of the battle, and the colonial approach and retreat, took place. At the same time, preliminary discussions between some town officials, the NPS and multiple Tribal officials about promoting cultural tourism and establishing a Great Falls Cultural Landscape Park further increases awareness and support. 5 public information sessions have been attended by over 50 to 100 people. The monthly battlefield Grant Advisory Board Meetings are always well attended by at least 15 people. Local newspapers have covered the process with great interest.

The Board did not meet in 2020 due to the COVID emergency.

David Brule, Chair

RiverCulture Program and Steering Committee

Art and Recreation in Montague, MA
Suzanne LoManto, Director
www.turnersfallsriverculture.org

The Director of RiverCulture implements the goals and activities of the RiverCulture program in the five villages of Montague. Supervision and guidance is provided by the Montague Town Planner and the RiverCulture Steering Committee, appointed by the Select Board.

RiverCulture works to: Foster art and culture in Montague; Enhances the quality of life in our community; Work with a diverse group of community, political, educational, and business leaders to support the creative economy; Establish an environment that attracts new businesses, residents and visitors to Montague; Develop live-work, retail and studio space.

RiverCulture accomplishes this by: Hosting and promoting cultural events; Spearheading cooperative marketing efforts; Branding and promoting Montague through social media; Maintaining a website as a central resource of information; Serving as a forum for partners to convene around shared topics; Providing coordination of the Turners Falls Cultural District; and Participating in the Town's economic development initiatives.

2020

Like other Town departments, COVID -19 disrupted RiverCulture's 2020 event schedule. In light of changed priorities, RiverCulture worked closely with the Planner to write and implement COVID related economic relief grants and projects.

The Turners Falls Cultural District Signage Incentive Program was implemented in January 2021 by a majority of downtown stakeholders. The pilot program qualifies business owners up to \$250 for the design, fabrication or installation of professional business signage. Details about participation are available on the Town and RiverCulture websites.

The Director of RiverCulture has been working with the Millers Falls Community Improvement Association (MIFA) on an extension of the Newton Street River Access installed by the Planning Department last year.

The Director of RiverCulture oversees the MCC Cultural District Grant which is awarded annually. Spring **2021** funds will be used for entertainment in downtown parks, a robustly performing business listing on the RiverCulture website, and funding for the new downtown Signage Initiative Program. The Director of RiverCulture will continue to bring art and entertainment to our residents, opportunity for cross-promotion between the business and arts communities, and regional visibility of the Town's people, industry, amenities, and beauty.

Steering Committee:

Eileen Dowd (Chair), Lilith Wolinsky, Kristi Bodin, Tammy Ketcham, Rachel Teumim

MONTAGUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
for the year ending December 31, 2020

2018	2019	2020	
19,730	18,873	15,329	Calls for Service
3318	3300	2000	911 Emergency Calls
421	381	258	Persons arrested by the Police
270	330	181	Persons were male, 4 were juveniles
151	51	77	Person were female, 11 were juveniles
387	531	295	Victims of crime
59	52	50	Restraining orders served (209a & 258E)
0	0	5	Alarm by-law tickets
43	59	47	Registered Sex Offenders

TOTAL REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS OVER \$1,000 IN VALUE

2018	2019	2020
142	115	103

TOTAL REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS UNDER \$1,000 IN VALUE

2018	2019	2020
27	34	19

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLES ACCIDENTS

2018	2019	2020
169	149	122

INJURED PERSONS

2018	2019	2020	
17	15	12	Operators
2	5	1	Passengers
1	1	1	Pedestrians
1	1	3	Bicyclist
1	3	0	Motorcyclists
1	0	0	Fatalities
23	25	17	Total Injuries

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS

2018	2019	2020
1244 (Fines \$5,380.00)	1165 (Fines \$2,685.00)	474 (Fines \$1380.00)

FIREARMS REGISTRATION: PERMITS TO CARRY

2018	2019	2020
204	226	219

PARKING TICKETS ISSUED

2018	2019	2020
466 (\$9,070.00)	442 (\$8,680.00)	397 (\$7,900.00)

HOUSE CHECKS WHILE PEOPLE WERE AWAY

2018	2019	2020
127	99	19

SUMMONS SERVED

2018	2019	2020
89	109	19

MONTAGUE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Annual Statement for the Montague Retirement System

Assets and Liabilities	2020 End Balance	2019 End Balance	2018 End Balance
1040 - 1049 Cash	259,210.29	157,091.49	240,220.35
1100 - Short Term Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
1180 - Fixed Income Sec (book value)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1170 - Equities	0.00	0.00	0.00
1101 - Pooled Short Term Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1172 - Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1173 - Pooled International Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1174 - Pooled Global Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1181 - Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1182 - Pooled International Fixed Income Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1183 - Pooled Global Fixed Income Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1193 - Pooled Alternative Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
1194 - Pooled Real Estate Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1195 - Pooled Domestic Balanced Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1196 - Pooled International Balanced Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1198 - PRIT Cash	170,022.13	170,448.34	60,311.14
1199 - PRIT Fund	51,941,402.10	46,898,008.60	41,019,595.67
1891 - Principal Adjustment Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
1550 - Interest Due & Accrued Fixed Inc Sec	0.00	0.00	0.00
1398 - Accounts Receivable (A)	15,697.02	12,229.32	16,661.07
2020 - Accounts Payable (A)	(2,972.47)	(1,731.85)	0.00
Total	52,383,359.07	47,236,045.90	41,336,788.23
Funds:			
3293 - Annuity Savings Fund	7,315,802.66	6,835,104.87	6,695,691.66
3294 - Annuity Reserve Fund	2,943,844.34	3,031,627.73	2,986,526.53
3295 - Military Service Fund	2,215.79	2,213.58	2,211.37
3296 - Pension Fund	200,588.72	36,440.38	187,528.37
3298 - Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
3297 - Pension Reserve Fund	41,920,907.56	37,330,659.34	31,464,830.30
Total Assets at Market Value	52,383,359.07	47,236,045.90	41,336,788.23

Receipts		2020	2019	2018
1. Annuity Savings Fund:				
(a) 4891 - Members Deductions		764,713.02	733,386.18	713,027.02
(b) 4892 - Transfers from Other Systems		93,186.98	79,661.46	127,045.65
(c) 4893 - Make Up and Redeposit Payments		39,030.04	15,154.21	1,689.82
(d) 4900 - Member Payments from Rollovers		0.00	0.00	0.00
(e) Investment Income CR to Members A/C		8,349.85	12,854.74	6,816.96
	Subtotal	905,279.89	841,056.59	848,579.45
2. Annuity Reserve Fund:				
Investment Income Cr to Annuity Res. Fund		85,979.03	86,062.04	87,237.38
	Subtotal	85,979.03	86,062.04	87,237.38
3. Pension Fund:				
(a) 4898 - 3(8)c Reimburse from Other Systems		152,092.70	147,692.98	126,320.31
(b) 4899 - Rec'd from State for COLA & Survivor Ben.		11,278.00	11,828.16	17,869.74
(c) 4894 - Pension Fund Appropriation		2,064,003.00	1,961,980.00	1,865,000.00
(d) 4840 - Workers Compensation Settlement		0.00	6,600.00	6,000.00
(e) 4751 - Recovery of Pension from Reinstatement		0.00	0.00	0.00
(f) 4841 - Recovery of 91A Overearnings		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	2,227,373.70	2,128,101.14	2,015,190.05
4. Military Service Fund:				
(a) 4890 - Contributions Received from Municipality		0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Investment Income Credited		2.21	2.21	2.21
	Subtotal	2.21	2.21	2.21
5. Expense Fund:				
(a) 4896 - Expense Fund Appropriation		0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Investment Income Cr to Expense Fund		342,204.33	346,499.59	349,902.81
	Subtotal	342,204.33	346,499.59	349,902.81
6. Pension Reserve Fund:				
(a) 4897 - Federal Grant Reimbursement		0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) 4895 - Pension Reserve Appropriation		0.00	0.00	0.00
(c) 4822 - Interest not Refunded		192.07	276.89	110.37
(d) 4825 - Misc. Income		25.00	0.00	0.00
(e) Excess Investment Income		5,395,490.15	6,362,412.10	1,217,443.54
	Subtotal	5,395,707.22	6,362,688.99	-1,217,333.17
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,956,546.38	9,764,410.56	2,083,578.73

Disbursements		2020	2019	2018
1. Annuity Savings Fund:				
(a) 5757 - Refunds To Members		34,479.28	99,546.59	31,420.57
(b) 5756 - Transfers to Other Systems		7,491.48	129,411.01	151,139.49
	Subtotal	41,970.76	228,957.60	182,560.06
2. Annuity Reserve Fund:				
(a) 5750 - Annuities Paid		556,373.76	523,056.57	500,312.56
(b) 5759 - Option B Refunds		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	556,373.76	523,056.57	500,312.56
3. Pension Fund:				
(a) 5751 - Pensions Paid Total		2,649,199.13	2,557,298.72	2,418,026.36
Regular Pension Payments		2,152,176.89	2,064,562.75	1,969,021.31
Survivorship Payments		144,112.44	152,428.22	137,943.33
Ordinary Disability Payments		4,014.96	3,866.40	3,722.16
Accidental Disability Payments		348,894.84	336,441.35	307,339.56
Accidental Death Payments		0.00	0.00	0.00
Section 101 Benefits		0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) 5755 - 3(8)(c) Reimbursements To Other Systems		219,485.23	209,340.41	136,360.32
(c) 5752 - COLA'S Paid		0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) 5753 - Chapter 389 Ben Increase Paid		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	2,868,684.36	2,766,639.13	2,554,386.68
4. Military Service Fund:				
(a) 4890 - Return to Municipality for Members who withdrew their fund		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Expense Fund:				
(a) 5118 - Board Member Stipend		23,100.00	23,100.00	22,959.58
(b) 5119 - Salaries & Benefits		52,257.02	49,496.15	46,682.68
(c) 5304 - Management Fees		226,754.50	227,905.67	224,321.24
(d) 5305 - Custodial Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00
(e) 5307 - Investment Consultant Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00
(f) 5308 - Legal Fees		2,418.74	7,340.62	0.00
(g) 5309 - Medical Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
(h) 5310 - Fiduciary Insurance		2,395.00	2,336.00	2,236.00
(i) 5311 - Service Contracts		21,500.00	20,800.00	37,700.00
(j) 5312 - Rent Expense		0.00	0.00	0.00
(k) 5315 - Professional Services		0.00	0.00	0.00
(l) 5316 - Actuarial Service		0.00	0.00	0.00
(m) 5317 - Accounting Services		5,000.00	5,000.00	4,500.00
(n) 5320 - Education and Training		0.00	1,470.00	2,560.00
(o) 5589 - Administrative Expenses		7,276.41	6,316.75	6,679.19
(p) 5599 - Furniture and Equipment		1,454.36	621.87	0.00
(q) 5719 - Travel		48.30	2,112.53	2,264.12
	Subtotal	342,204.33	346,499.59	349,902.81
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		3,809,233.21	3,865,152.89	3,587,162.11

Investment Income	2020 End Balance	2019 End Balance	2018 End Balance
Investment Income Received From:			
(a) Cash	2,303.78	1,374.88	200.76
(b) Short Term Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
(c) Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) Equities	0.00	0.00	0.00
(e) Pooled Funds	1,061,701.19	1,186,447.89	1,165,994.64
(f) Commission Recapture	0.00	0.00	0.00
4821 – TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	1,064,004.97	1,187,822.77	1,166,195.40
Plus:			
4884 - Realized Gains	2,264,436.73	2,202,271.00	1,957,106.33
4886 - Unrealized Gains	8,579,471.02	5,347,629.99	1,514,944.21
1550 - Interest Due & Accrued Fixed Inc Sec Cur Yr	0.00	0.00	0.00
Less:			
4823 - Paid Accrued Interest – Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
4885 - Realized Losses	304,462.58	0.00	0.00
4887 - Unrealized Losses	5,771,424.57	1,929,893.08	5,411,730.12
1550 - Interest Due & Accrued Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	5,832,025.57	6,807,830.68	-773,484.18
Income Required:			
Annuity Savings Fund	8,349.85	12,854.74	6,816.96
Annuity Reserve Fund	85,979.03	86,062.04	87,237.38
Expense Fund	342,204.33	346,499.59	349,902.81
Military Service Fund	2.21	2.21	2.21
TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED	436,535.42	445,418.58	443,959.36
Net Investment Income	5,832,025.57	6,807,830.68	-773,484.18
Less: Income Required	436,535.42	445,418.58	443,959.36
EXCESS INCOME TO THE PENSION RESERVE FUND	5,395,490.15	6,362,412.10	-1,217,443.54

REPORT OF TREASURER'S CASH AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

BANK ACCOUNTS INTEREST BEARING

UniBank	1,330,056.03	
Peoples United	32,071.50	
Greenfield Savings Bank - Airport	<u>64,875.56</u>	
		1,427,003.09

BANK ACCOUNTS NON-INTEREST BEARING

Greenfield Savings Bank - Park & Rec.	(8,637.91)	
Greenfield Co-Operative Bank - Sewer	793,009.49	
Greenfield Co-Operative Bank	<u>2,821,479.45</u>	
		3,605,851.03

INVESTMENTS

MMDT	331,644.07	
Greenfield Savings - Sewer	10,024.35	
SRBT	549,950.67	
Unibank - DPW Facility Account	2,598,468.43	
UniBank	<u>60,574.07</u>	
		3,550,661.59

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	51,813.09	
Investment Income	<u>837.10</u>	
Balance June 30, 2020		52,650.19

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	991,701.32	
Investment Income	17,214.38	
Added to Fund	57,564.00	
Disbursements from Fund		
Balance June 30, 2020		1,066,479.70

GILL MONTAGUE EDUCATIONAL STAB FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	38,277.74	
Investment Income	999.02	
Added to Fund	38,507.00	
Balance June 30, 2020		77,783.76

FRANKLIN TECH EDUCATIONAL STAB FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	46,030.76	
Investment Income	967.56	
Added to Fund	51,500.00	
Disbursements from Fund		
Balance June 30, 2020		98,498.32

MONTAGUE SEWER CAPITAL STAB FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	200,363.28	
Investment Income	1,644.89	
Added to Funds		
Disbursements from Fund	<u>75,000.00</u>	
Balance June 30, 2020		127,008.17

TOWN OF MONTAGUE CAPITAL STAB FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	178,809.60	
Investment Income	4,085.05	
Added to Funds	121,015.00	
Disbursements from Fund	<u>-</u>	
Balance June 30, 2020		303,909.65

MSCP PI TRUST

Balance July 1, 2019	27.18	
Investment Income	0.06	
Added to Funds	-	
Disbursed from Fund		
Balance June 30, 2020		27.24

Eileen M. Seymour
Treasurer

SEWER USER FEES AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

<u>2020 SEPTAGE FEES COLLECTED</u>	346,819.82
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2020 INDUSTRIAL USE FEES

Committed prior to June 30, 2020	356,611.49
Committed after June 30, 2020	<u>58,043.77</u>
	414,655.26

Collected prior to June 30, 2020	346,819.82
Collected after June 30, 2020	<u>7,273.26</u>
Outstanding Balance	60,562.18

2015 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		0.00
Receipts	0.00	
Refunds		
Net Receipts	0.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020	<u>0.00</u>	

2016 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		10,349.66
Receipts	1,942.56	
Net Receipts	1,942.56	
Tax Title	8,407.10	
Outstanding June 30, 2020	<u>0.00</u>	

2017 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		32,259.15
Receipts	2,851.12	
Net Receipts	2,851.12	
Tax Title	28,212.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2020	<u>1,195.68</u>	

2018 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		48,899.40
Receipts	5,016.08	
Net Receipts	5,016.08	
Tax Title	37,425.60	
Outstanding June 30, 2020	<u>6,457.72</u>	

2019 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		228,858.06
Receipts	169,992.45	
Refunds	<u>-1,894.07</u>	
Net Receipts		168,098.38
Abatement		1,168.59
Payment Reversal - Lehotamki NSF		454.37
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>59,136.72</u>

2020 SEWER USE FEES

Commitment Balance		866,118.25
Add'l Commitment		865,042.17
Sewer Billing Error		11,954.74
Correction - Sewer		<u>338.12</u>
Total Commitment		1,743,453.28
Receipts	1,532,010.31	
Refunds	<u>-6,602.88</u>	
Net Receipts		1,525,407.43
Abatement		3,604.57
Correction with 2nd 1/2 Transfers		5.35
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>214,435.93</u>

INTEREST AND CHARGES ON ABOVE**\$6,825.97**

Eileen M. Seymour
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

2015 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			6,940.97
Receipts	1,563.23		
Net Receipts		1,563.23	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>5,377.74</u>	
			<u>6,940.97</u>

2016 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			11,677.65
Receipts	5,733.56		
Refunds	<u>-505.11</u>		
Net Receipts		5,228.45	
Abatements		505.11	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>5,944.09</u>	
			<u>11,677.65</u>

2017 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			23,631.90
Add'l Commitment			<u>45.00</u>
Total Commitment			23,676.90
Receipts	17,121.27		
Refunds	<u>-697.33</u>		
Net Receipts		16,423.94	
Abatements		402.20	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>6,850.76</u>	
			<u>23,631.90</u>

2018 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			80,241.43
Add'l Commitment			<u>76,362.44</u>
Total Commitment			156,603.87
Receipts	141,452.53		
Refunds	<u>-5,642.68</u>		
Net Receipts		135,809.85	
Abatements		9,111.14	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>11,682.88</u>	
			<u>80,241.43</u>

2019 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			79,703.43
Add'l Commitment			<u>82,609.75</u>
Total Commitment			162,313.18
Receipts	138,675.88		
Refunds	<u>-6,100.52</u>		
Net Receipts		132,575.36	
Abatements		8,046.56	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>21,691.26</u>	
			<u>79,703.43</u>

2020 MOTOR VEHICLE

Commitment Balance			658,627.27
Add'l Commitment			<u>59,578.98</u>
Total Commitment			718,206.25
Receipts	613,778.47		
Refunds	<u>-28,983.11</u>		
Net Receipts		584,795.36	
Abatements		7,344.24	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>126,066.65</u>	
			<u>718,206.25</u>

2015 BOAT EXCISE

Commitment Balance			408.00
Receipts	0.00		
Net Receipts		0.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>408.00</u>	
			<u>408.00</u>

2016 BOAT EXCISE

Commitment Balance			413.00
Receipts	0.00		
Net Receipts		0.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>413.00</u>	
			<u>413.00</u>

2017 BOAT EXCISE

Commitment Balance			40.00
Receipts	0.00		
Net Receipts		0.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>40.00</u>	
			<u>40.00</u>

2018 BOAT EXCISE

Commitment Balance	0.00		164.00
Receipts		0.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		164.00	
			<u>164.00</u>

2019 BOAT EXCISE

Commitment Balance			1,533.00
Receipts	1,463.00		
Net Receipts		1,463.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2020		<u>70.00</u>	
			<u>1,533.00</u>

INTEREST & CHARGES ON ABOVE**\$61,457.04**

Eileen M. Seymour
Tax Collector

VETERANS' SERVICES
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

Our district has now been in operation for 5 ½ years. We are the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for VA health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- Veterans records retrieval and storage
- Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- Attend area outreach events (fairs, festivals, health care expos)

While the COVID-19 pandemic hampered our satellite location hours, our office remained opened and staffed to assist veterans.

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Montague now has around \$317,876.25 in monthly Federal VA payments being paid to approximately 139 Montague residents. This is tax-free income paid due to service-connected injuries, low-income or survivor status.

We forecast Montague's M.G.L. Ch115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future. This is the states low income assistance program for veterans' and their dependents. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state, so reducing payouts up front has freed up funds for Montague. This budget item has been reduced to \$6,293.68 by thorough investigations and helping clients file for alternative source of income

For the coming year we have increased our accessibility to veterans records through direct DOD access and having our Deputy become a National Service Officer. Our long term goal is to become a VA tele-health center allowing veterans to meet with VA providers in our office via the internet, saving travel time for our veterans.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Our hearts are with those who have been personally affected by the recent COVID-19 pandemic. As always, but even more so during these times, we strive to provide the best treatment of wastewater possible, in order to protect both the public and environmental health of our community.

The Montague Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) currently services residences and commercial/ industrial businesses, in Turners Falls, Montague City, Montague Center, Lake Pleasant, and the Riverside section of Gill. As there are no pump stations or gravity mains the connect from Millers Falls to the treatment facility, all residents and businesses located on that collection system are serviced by the Town of Erving Wastewater Treatment Facility. In addition, WPCF staff operate and maintain eight remote pump stations, four grinder pump stations, three combined sewer overflow (CSO) regulators, two CSO outfalls, the Millers Falls flume, and two canal crossing heaters.

Financial support is based on Enterprise Funding where the users of the system pay based on the volume of water used. The sewer rates increased 2% for FY 2020. Operational, capital expenditure and debt service expenses are supported by the sewer users with the Town paying an annual Inflow & Infiltration (I/I) surcharge.

The facility's average design flow is 1.83 million gallons per day (MGD) and presently treats an average of 0.80 MGD. The facility currently operates a conventional activated sludge treatment model, which uses primary settling tanks for the separation of settleable solids, aeration tanks for biological degradation, and secondary clarifiers for the separation of sludge from treated wastewater. This treatment process has been extremely successful over the last year, with an annual average percent removal of 92.5 and 91.4 for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS), respectively. The permit issued by EPA requires a minimum of 85% removal for both BOD and TSS.

The facility hired its new Superintendent, Chelsey Little, in March of 2020. Little comes to the facility with a Bachelors Degree in Biological Sciences, a Masters Degree in Public Health, and experience working in both Greenfield and Northfield Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Robert Trombley, the consulting Superintendent, has continued to support staff by offering his experience and guidance, especially as it pertains to project management. In early summer, the facility's Chief Operator took a position running a neighboring treatment plant, leaving the facility with the challenging loss of a critical staff member. Despite multiple attempts at advertising for the position, the facility remained without a Chief Operator for the remainder of 2020. The facility was able to hire for its open Laborer/Operator position, and welcomed Samuel Stevens to the crew in late September 2020. This brings the facility's staffing level to seven licensed operators on site (including both Little and Trombley), and one administrative assistant.

The facility has an unbelievably talented, hard working staff, who come with many exceptional talents such as carpentry, mechanics, plumbing, and laboratory experience. The WPCF takes pride in its highly skilled and motivated personnel, who have been essential to the efficient operations of the facility.

In June 2020, the Town was issued two separate administrative orders per EPA, from a previous 2019 inspection of the facility and accompanying collection system. During 2020, the

facility was able to comply with 8/11 items, with 3 items remaining for 2021. The facility has a strong working relationship with its regulatory agencies, and continues to work diligently to satisfy the requirements of both its presiding local and federal departments.

The WPCF places priority in protecting the environmental public health of its residents. Without proper treatment, pathogens and diseases such as *E. coli*, cholera, dysentery, Hepatitis A, and salmonella would become extensive and widespread. The facility is also constantly looking for ways to create a smaller carbon footprint, especially as it pertains to mitigating the effects of climate change and human health.

The facility would like to thank all of the helpful departments, committees, boards, and residents it works with throughout the year. Our forward progress wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

Chelsey Little
Superintendent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is the Town's final arbitrator of land use issues. It hears and decides requests for Special Permits and Site Plan Review. They decide upon conditional uses for activities such as, signage, multi-family construction, earth removal and some commercial uses of land. It is empowered to vary the terms and requirements of our Zoning Bylaws under certain prescribed conditions such as hardship and unique circumstances where the strict application of the By-laws is unfair or unanticipated. The Board is also the last local appeal body for land use decisions of the Inspector of Buildings and of Sub-division decisions of the Planning Board.

The Board of Appeals is a volunteer board appointed by the selectmen consisting of 5 full member positions and 3 associate member positions. For 2020 the Board had 5 members and 1 associate member.

The Board collected \$925.00 in application fees for 2019 while the Board's expenses were \$965.78.

Christopher H. Rice
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer