

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
VIA ZOOM
Monday, May 16, 2022
AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85967110642>

Meeting ID: 859 6711 0642 **Password:** 222847 **Dial into meeting:** **+1 646 558 8656**

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

- 1. 6:30 PM** Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Approve minutes of May 9, 2022
3. 6:31 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:32 Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture Director
 - Execute New American Banjo Festival Grant of \$1,500 (FY22-FE-FE2-20826) from the Mass. Cultural Council
 - Use of Public Property: Avenue A Sidewalks for periodic retail sales during summer months, June, July, August 2022
 - Use of Peskeompskut Park: Free Summer Events sponsored by RiverCulture and Montague Parks and Recreation, Various dates June, July and August 2022
5. 6:40 Liquor License Hearing
 - Hole Pie, Inc. d/b/a Pie Hole, Evelyn Wulfschuhle as manager has applied for a transfer of the All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License (Restaurant) from Riff's, Inc. d/b/a Riff's North. The premise is located at 166 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA
6. 6:50 Montague Board of Health
 - Call Meeting to Order
 - Review COVID-19 data
 - Consider trends and any necessary measures
7. 7:05 Consider parameters for proposed Sludge Compost Design Grant Application
8. 7:15 Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
 - Summary of Chapter 90 Spending Plan
 - WRAP Supplemental Funding Spending Plan
9. 7:25 Personnel Board
 - Appoint Jacob Dodge, DPW Summer Help, 40 hours/week, 3 Months, Effective 5/17/2022
 - Mass. Dept of Transportation Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program
 - Police/Dispatch Hiring Process
 - Selectboard Office Hiring Process
 - Juneteenth Holiday

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10. 7:45 1 Day Special License Request
- Jason Cohen, Heartbeat Collective, Inc. 177 Ripley Road, Montague, June 19, 2022; 5:30 PM to 11:50 PM
11. 7:55 Town Administrator's Business
- Withdrawal of 38 Avenue A Redevelopment Proposal
 - Review of FRCOG Short Term Rentals Report
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

Other

- Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 via ZOOM

May 10, 2022

To: Town Administrators

From: Andrea Donlon (adonlon@frcog.org), FRCOG Senior Land Use and Natural Resources Planner
Phoebe Walker (walker@frcog.org), FRCOG Director of Community Services

RE: 2019-2022 Short-term Rentals in Franklin County -- trends and rooms tax revenues

Background: Starting in July of 2019, short-term rentals started to be regulated by the MA Department of Revenue like any other lodging business. This change has created a source of more trackable data for towns. The last couple of years has been atypical, with lodging impacted during the pandemic both negatively and possibly positively. Many have started to wonder what kinds of impacts short-term rentals are having on communities. It is our hope that this packet can help inform thoughts and decisions about this relatively new economic sector in our communities.

Massachusetts has a state room occupancy excise tax rate of 5.7%. In addition to the state excise, Massachusetts cities and towns are permitted to charge a local room occupancy excise tax up to 6% (6.5% for Boston). The room occupancy excise tax applies to room rentals of 90 days or less in hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, and lodging houses. Beginning July 1, 2019, the room occupancy excise also applies to short-term rentals of property for 31 days or less.

Summary: Our analysis shows that the number of short-term rentals across the county has increased by 47% between 2019 and April of 2022. In the current year, 44% of the short-term rentals are in West County towns. Another 30% are in towns that abut the Connecticut River. And, for those towns that assess room occupancy excise tax to any sort of lodging, it has contributed \$1.4 million to town and city revenues between July 2019 and March 2022. These data do not directly answer the question about short-term rental impacts on housing.

FRCOG has held two workshops for local officials on short-term rentals. If your town has not yet opted to charge a local room occupancy excise tax, there are sample town meeting warrant articles to set this in motion at our website at <https://frcog.org/short-term-rental-law-workshop-for-towns/>.

Data Sources:

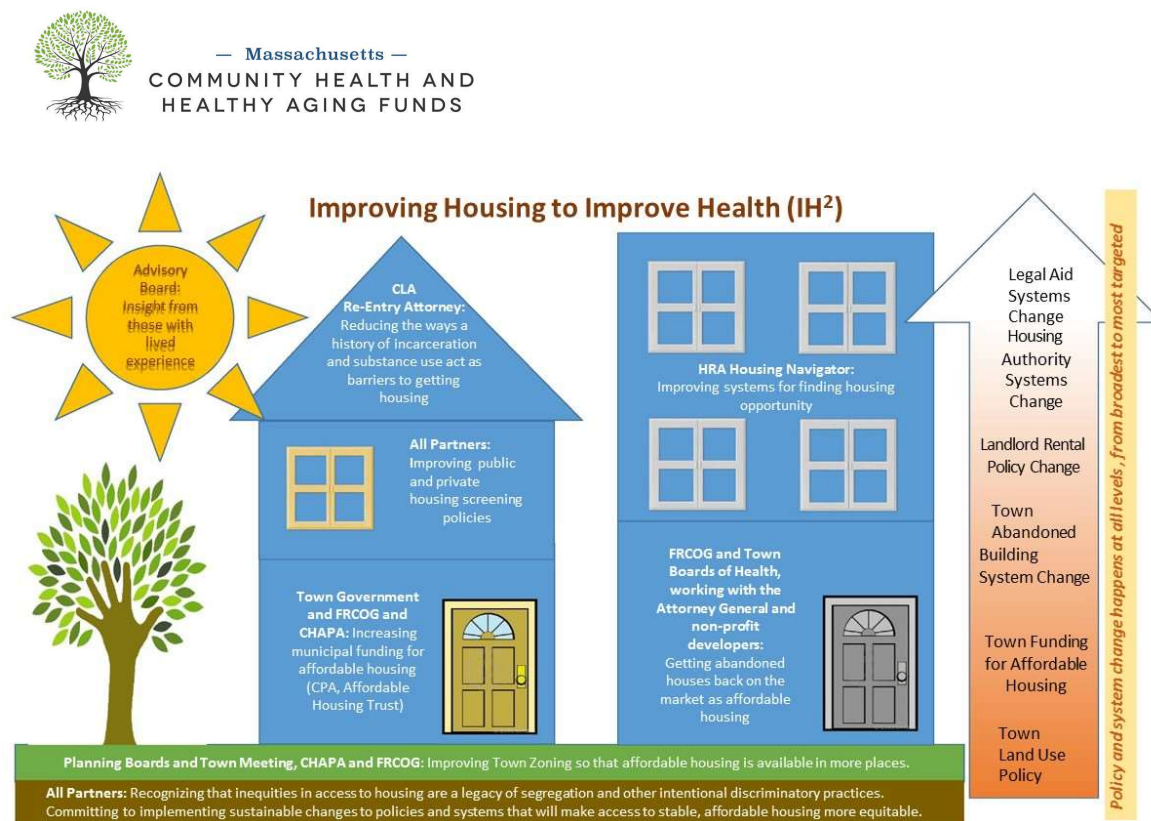
- 1) Numbers of short-term rentals in Franklin County towns comes from the MA Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services, Municipal Data Bank. For Franklin County towns that receive inspection services through FRCOG's Cooperative Public Health District, contact Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg (kschelle@frcog.org) if you would like specific data for your town. If

you are not a FRCOG inspection town, please request the data from lodgingregistry@mass.gov. Please note that the Public Registry of Lodging Operators database online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/public-registry-of-lodging-operators> has some issues related to searches by “town.” As is common in this part of Massachusetts, a mailing address does not always match the town where a short-term rental is located, so it is best to request the data directly from the state rather than accessed online.

- 2) Rooms taxes paid to towns came from MA Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, Local Option Meals and Rooms. The data were accessed online at [https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local Option Meals Rooms](https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local%20Option%20Meals%20Rooms)

The work to compile these data for towns is supported in part by a grant awarded to FRCOG called Improving Housing to Improve Health from Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds (MA CHHA Funds).

MA CHHA Funds were created in January 2017 when the MA Department of Public Health completed a landmark revision of its determination of Need regulation, which authorized the creation of these Funds. The Funds are committed to disrupting and removing barriers to health – structural and institutional racism, poverty, and deep power imbalances – through community-centered policy, systems, and environmental change approaches.



Local option -- Rooms taxes paid to towns July 1, 2019 to March 1, 2022

Taxes are distributed quarterly in the months shown below

Municipality	Current room tax rate (% of nightly charge)	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Totals
Ashfield		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bernardston	6%	\$ 9,264	\$ 12,840	\$ 3,418	\$ 1,324	\$ 2,021	\$ 4,313	\$ 1,832	\$ 3,023	\$ 6,615	\$ 11,141	\$ 823	\$ 56,614
Buckland	6%	\$ -	\$ 791	\$ 1,396	\$ 879	\$ 2,476	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,103	\$ 4,970	\$ 2,620	\$ 3,997	\$ 3,234	\$ 22,516
Charlemont	6%	\$ 4,036	\$ 10,911	\$ 5,372	\$ 1,715	\$ 12,574	\$ 8,952	\$ 4,824	\$ 9,608	\$ 16,212	\$ 16,073	\$ 10,149	\$ 100,426
Colrain	6%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 873	\$ 4,544	\$ 6,710	\$ 3,207	\$ 4,071	\$ 2,993	\$ 22,398
Conway	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,624	\$ 549	\$ 175	\$ 1,190	\$ 276	\$ 106	\$ -	\$ 254	\$ 407	\$ 42	\$ 4,623
Deerfield	6%	\$ 60,641	\$ 69,449	\$ 39,948	\$ 23,947	\$ 42,571	\$ 20,871	\$ 18,452	\$ 28,854	\$ 60,537	\$ 80,439	\$ 37,737	\$ 483,446
Erving		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gill	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,095	\$ 466	\$ 518	\$ 709	\$ 777	\$ 29	\$ 475	\$ 396	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,010	\$ 6,960
Greenfield	6%	\$ 73,095	\$ 87,044	\$ 47,805	\$ 22,045	\$ 52,116	\$ 33,979	\$ 27,862	\$ 40,982	\$ 66,154	\$ 81,232	\$ 49,021	\$ 581,335
Hawley		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Heath		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leverett	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,335	\$ 797	\$ 171	\$ 616	\$ 237	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 3,406
Leyden	3%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 527	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 122	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,286
Monroe		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Montague		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Salem		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Northfield		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Orange	6%	\$ -	\$ 11,506	\$ 5,422	\$ 4,054	\$ 7,254	\$ 3,283	\$ 4,141	\$ 5,672	\$ 9,711	\$ 10,153	\$ 5,678	\$ 66,874
Rowe		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shelburne	6%	\$ -	\$ 4,442	\$ 2,723	\$ 1,729	\$ 9,368	\$ 3,516	\$ 3,438	\$ 8,831	\$ 6,086	\$ 5,781	\$ 5,052	\$ 50,966
Shutesbury	6%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ 178	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,194	\$ 317	\$ 4,286
Sunderland	6%	\$ -	\$ 2,033	\$ 1,217	\$ 805	\$ 1,463	\$ 290	\$ 788	\$ 2,525	\$ 1,332	\$ 945	\$ 1,761	\$ 13,159
Warwick		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wendell		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Whately	6%	\$ 1,658	\$ 2,383	\$ 1,935	\$ 992	\$ 1,969	\$ 885	\$ 836	\$ 1,388	\$ 1,899	\$ 2,228	\$ 1,943	\$ 18,116
TOTALS		\$ 148,694	\$ 205,453	\$ 111,575	\$ 58,832	\$ 134,327	\$ 79,565	\$ 68,338	\$ 114,313	\$ 176,325	\$ 219,146	\$ 119,843	\$1,436,411

NOTE: these numbers include the tax revenue from hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts as well as short term rentals. The state does NOT break these out in the revenue data, only the registry.

Data source: MA Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, Local Option Meals and Rooms
 Accessed online on 5/3/2022 at https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local_Option_Meals_Rooms

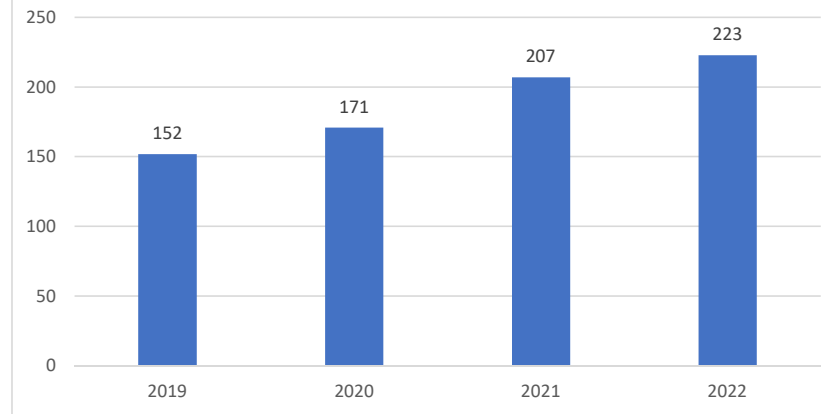
Summary of Franklin County Short Term Rental Entities 2019-2022 (as of April 15, 2022)

Town	2019	2020	2021	2022	% change
Ashfield	9	10	12	13	44%
Bernardston	4	5	6	7	75%
Buckland	11	12	13	13	18%
Charlemont	13	15	19	22	69%
Colrain	2	3	6	6	200%
Conway	5	5	5	5	0%
Deerfield	11	12	13	15	36%
Erving	1	1	2	2	100%
Gill	4	6	7	7	75%
Greenfield	17	17	20	22	29%
Hawley	5	4	8	11	120%
Heath	1	3	3	3	200%
Leverett	8	8	8	8	0%
Leyden	3	3	3	3	0%
Monroe	0	0	1	2	
Montague	13	15	18	18	38%
New Salem	1	1	1	1	0%
Northfield	2	2	3	3	50%
Orange	8	11	17	17	113%
Rowe	1	1	1	1	0%
Shelburne	17	20	22	23	35%
Shutesbury	6	7	7	7	17%
Sunderland	3	3	3	3	0%
Warwick	3	3	3	5	67%
Wendell	2	2	4	4	100%
Whately	2	2	2	2	0%
Franklin County	152	171	207	223	47%

2022 as of April 15, 2022

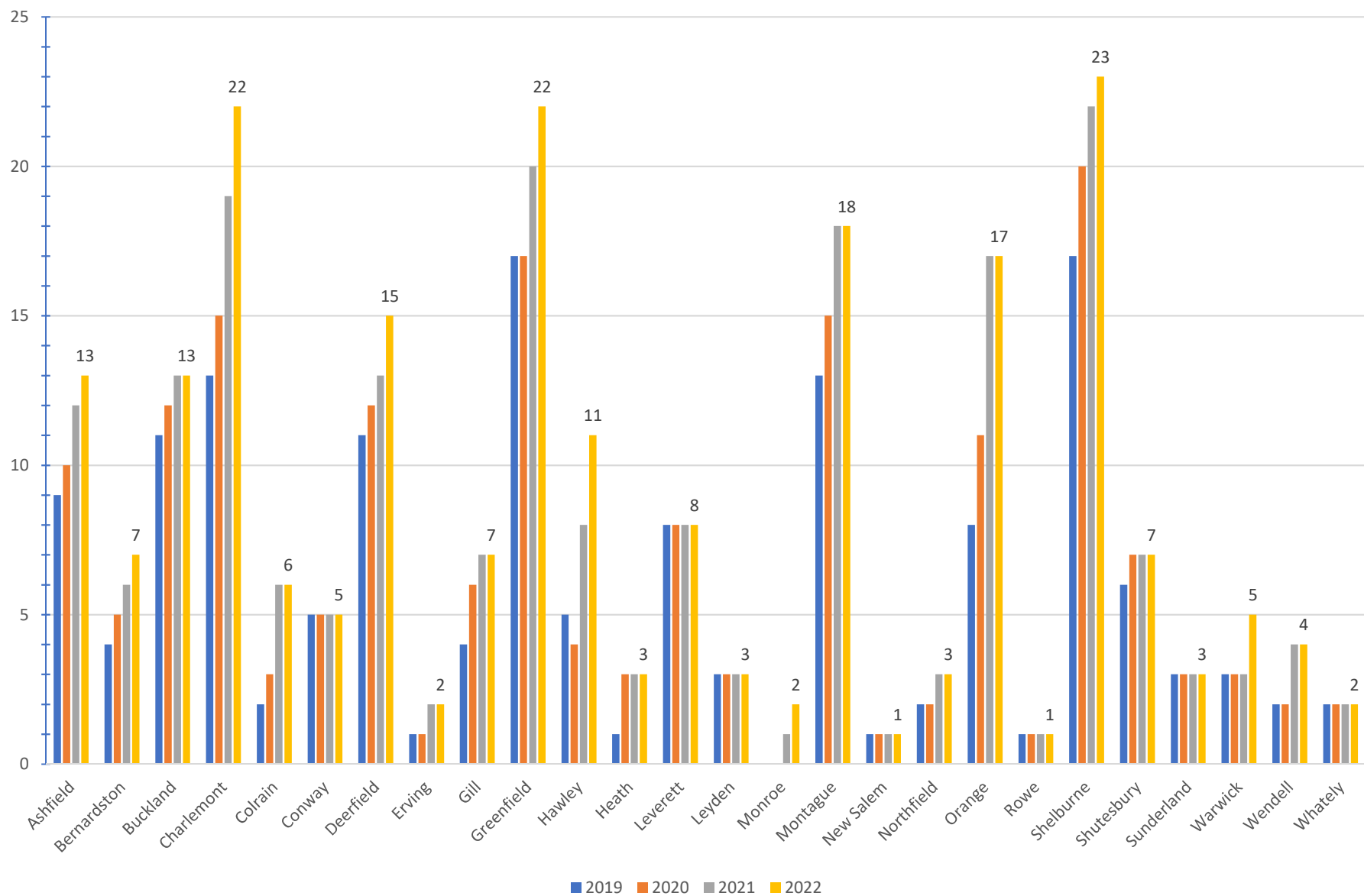
46.7% increase between 2019 and 2022

Franklin County totals
Short term rentals 2019-2022



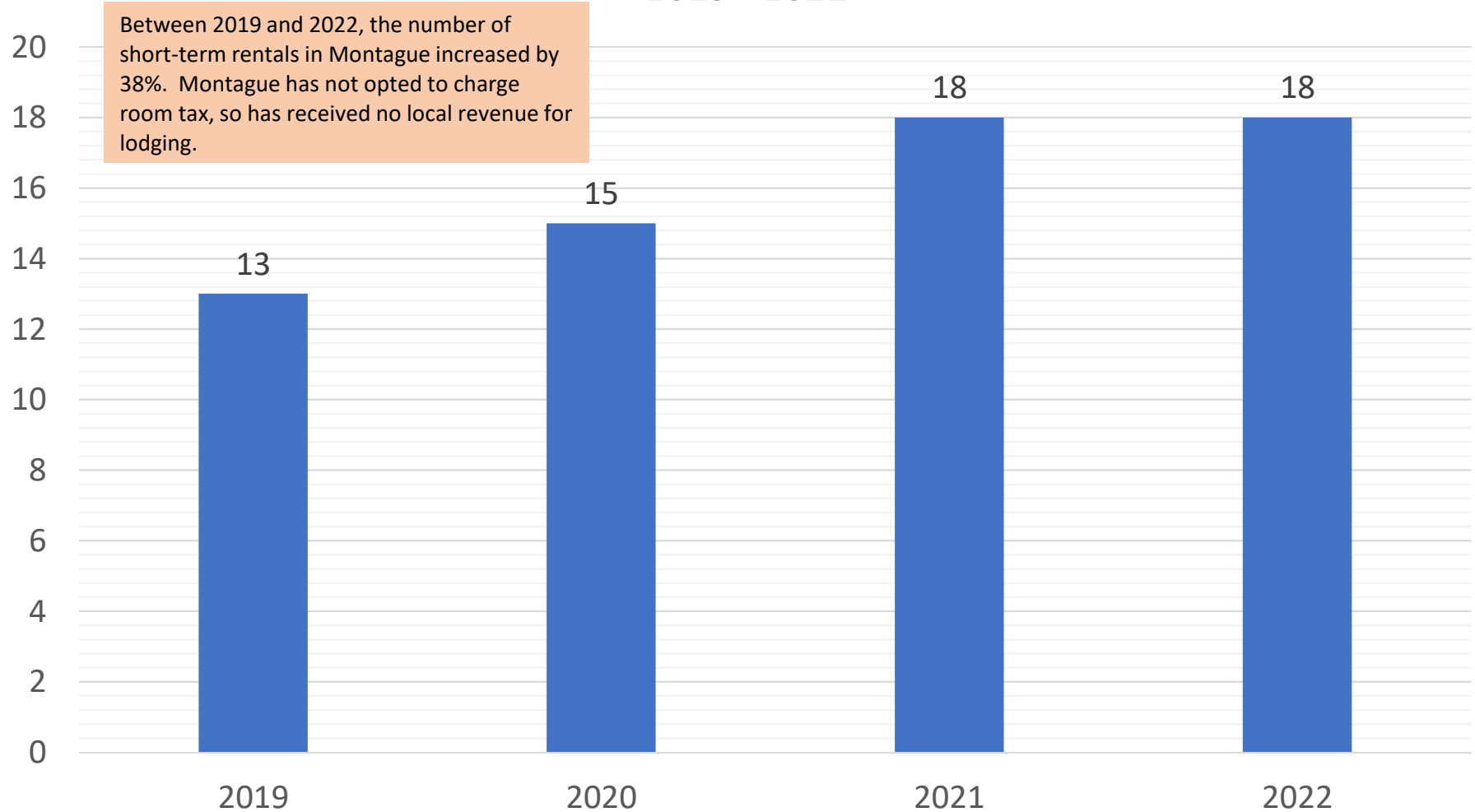
Data source: Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue, Division of Local Services' Municipal Data Bank.

Short-term rentals in Franlin County, MA 2019-2022 (as of April 2022)



Registered Short-term Rentals in Montague, MA

2019 - 2022



Data source: Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue, Division of Local Services' Municipal Data Bank.

A short-term rental is an occupied property that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house, or bed and breakfast establishment, where at least one room or unit is rented out by an operator through the use of advance reservations.

MA started requiring STRs to register with the state and start paying state taxes in 2019. Data for 2022 is as of April 15.

Wendy,
For Monday 5/16

1 Minute: \$1500 Festival Grant, New American Banjo Festival. Contract to be signed by Rich between the Town of Montague and the Mass Cultural Council.

1 Minute: On behalf of Turners Falls Cultural District retail businesses RiverCulture requests permission for the use of pop-up tents and outdoor retail display during the months of June, July and August with oversight from RiverCulture.

5 Minutes: RiverCulture and Montague Parks and Recreation request permission for the use of Peskeompskut Park for various events from June, July and August 2022. All events are sponsored by RiverCulture and/or Montague Parks and Recreation.

Suzanne

ATTACHMENT A - SCOPE OF SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

CONTRACTOR NAME: RiverCulture

ADDRESS: Director, RiverCulture One Avenue A Turners Falls Massachusetts 01376

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT SERVICES (make any necessary changes if your project has changed significantly from the information below; initial and date):

This is a grant of financial assistance for the New American Banjo Festival.

APPLICATION #: FY22-FE-FE2-20826

TOTAL MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF CONTRACT: \$1,500

CONTRACT START DATE: March 01, 2022

CONTRACT TERMINATION DATE: June 30, 2022

Contract must be signed and returned to the offices of the Mass Cultural Council no later than **May 20, 2022**.

DATE ANNUAL OR FINAL REPORT IS DUE: July 31, 2022

PAYMENT: For Festival Grants, the Contractor will be reimbursed one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount upon receipt of a completed and authorized Contract. The Council shall make reasonable efforts to process payments promptly. The Council shall not be liable for any interest or penalty charges for late reimbursement.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS BEYOND THOSE STATED IN PROGRAM GUIDELINES (if blank there are none):

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ~ STANDARD CONTRACT FORM



This form is jointly issued and published by the Office of the Comptroller (CTR), the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (ANF), and the Operational Services Division (OSD) as the default contract for all Commonwealth Departments when another form is not prescribed by regulation or policy. The Commonwealth deems void any changes made on or by attachment (in the form of addendum, engagement letters, contract forms or invoice terms) to the terms in this published form or to the **Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications**, the **Commonwealth Terms and Conditions for Human and Social Services** or the **Commonwealth IT Terms and Conditions** which are incorporated by reference herein. Additional non-conflicting terms may be added by Attachment. Contractors are required to access published forms at CTR Forms: <https://www.macomptroller.org/forms>. Forms are also posted at OSD Forms: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/osd-forms>.

CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME: RiverCulture (and d/b/a):		COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME: Massachusetts Cultural Council MMARS Department Code: ART	
Legal Address: (W-9, W-4): Director, RiverCulture One Avenue A Turners Falls Massachusetts 01376		Business Mailing Address: 10 Saint James Ave., 3rd Fl.	
Contract Manager: Michael Nix	Phone: 413-824-9858	Billing Address (if different):	
E-Mail: mnix@nixworks.com	Fax:	Contract Manager: Cyndy Gaviglio	Phone: 617-858-2711
Contractor Vendor Code:		E-Mail: cyndy.gaviglio@art.state.ma.us	Fax:
Vendor Code Address ID (e.g. "AD001"): AD001. (Note: The Address ID must be set up for EFT payments.)		MMARS Doc ID(s):	
		RFR/Procurement or Other ID Number: FY22-FE-FE2-20826	

<p><u>X</u> NEW CONTRACT</p> <p>PROCUREMENT OR EXCEPTION TYPE: (Check one option only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Contract (OSD or an OSD-designated Department)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Collective Purchase (Attach OSD approval, scope, budget)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department Procurement (includes all Grants - 815 CMR 2.00) (Solicitation Notice or RFR, and Response or other procurement supporting documentation)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contract (Attach justification for emergency, scope, budget)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach Employment Status Form, scope, budget)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Procurement Exception (Attach authorizing language, legislation with specific exemption or earmark, and exception justification, scope and budget)</p>	<p>___ CONTRACT AMENDMENT</p> <p>Enter Current Contract End Date <u>Prior</u> to Amendment: ____, 20 ____.</p> <p>Enter Amendment Amount: \$ _____. (or "no change")</p> <p>AMENDMENT TYPE: (Check one option only. Attach details of amendment changes.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Date, Scope or Budget (Attach updated scope and budget)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interim Contract (Attach justification for Interim Contract and updated scope/budget)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach any updates to scope or budget)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Procurement Exception (Attach authorizing language/justification and updated scope and budget)</p>
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The Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications and the following Commonwealth Terms and Conditions document are incorporated by reference into this Contract and are legally binding: (Check ONE option): X Commonwealth Terms and Conditions ___ Commonwealth Terms and Conditions For Human and Social Services ___ Commonwealth IT Terms and Conditions

COMPENSATION: (Check ONE option): The Department certifies that payments for authorized performance accepted in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be supported in the state accounting system by sufficient appropriations or other non-appropriated funds, subject to intercept for Commonwealth owed debts under 815 CMR 9.00.

☐ **Rate Contract.** (No Maximum Obligation) Attach details of all rates, units, calculations, conditions or terms and any changes if rates or terms are being amended.)

☒ **Maximum Obligation Contract.** Enter total maximum obligation for total duration of this contract (or **new** total if Contract is being amended). **\$1,500**

PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS (PPD): Commonwealth payments are issued through EFT 45 days from invoice receipt. Contractors requesting **accelerated** payments must identify a PPD as follows: Payment issued within 10 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 15 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 20 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 30 days ___ % PPD. If PPD percentages are left blank, identify reason: ___ agree to standard 45 day cycle ___ statutory/legal or Ready Payments (M.G.L. c. 29, § 23A); ___ only initial payment (subsequent payments scheduled to support standard EFT 45 day payment cycle. See Prompt Pay Discounts Policy.)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE or REASON FOR AMENDMENT: (Enter the Contract title, purpose, fiscal year(s) and a detailed description of the scope of performance or what is being amended for a Contract Amendment. Attach all supporting documentation and justifications.)

This is a grant of financial assistance for the New American Banjo Festival.

ANTICIPATED START DATE: (Complete ONE option only) The Department and Contractor certify for this Contract, or Contract Amendment, that Contract obligations:

- ☐ 1. may be incurred as of the Effective Date (latest signature date below) and **no** obligations have been incurred **prior** to the Effective Date.
- ☐ 2. may be incurred as ____, 20 ____, a date **LATER** than the Effective Date below and **no** obligations have been incurred **prior** to the Effective Date.
- ☒ 3. were incurred as of **March 01, 2022**, a date **PRIOR** to the Effective Date below, and the parties agree that payments for any obligations incurred prior to the Effective Date are authorized to be made either as settlement payments or as authorized reimbursement payments, and that the details and circumstances of all obligations under this Contract are attached and incorporated into this Contract. Acceptance of payments forever releases the Commonwealth from further claims related to these obligations.

CONTRACT END DATE: Contract performance shall terminate as of **June 30, 2022**, with no new obligations being incurred after this date unless the Contract is properly amended, provided that the terms of this Contract and performance expectations and obligations shall survive its termination for the purpose of resolving any claim or dispute, for completing any negotiated terms and warranties, to allow any close out or transition performance, reporting, invoicing or final payments, or during any lapse between amendments.

CERTIFICATIONS: Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the "Effective Date" of this Contract or Amendment shall be the latest date that this Contract or Amendment has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor, the Department, or a later Contract or Amendment Start Date specified above, subject to any required approvals. The Contractor certifies that they have accessed and reviewed all documents incorporated by reference as electronically published and the Contractor makes all certifications required under the Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications under the pains and penalties of perjury, and further agrees to provide any required documentation upon request to support compliance, and agrees that all terms governing performance of this Contract and doing business in Massachusetts are attached or incorporated by reference herein according to the following hierarchy of document precedence, the applicable Commonwealth Terms and Conditions, this Standard Contract Form, the Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications, the Request for Response (RFR) or other solicitation, the Contractor's Response (excluding any language stricken by a Department as unacceptable, and additional negotiated terms, provided that additional negotiated terms will take precedence over the relevant terms in the RFR and the Contractor's Response only if made using the process outlined in 801 CMR 21.07, incorporated herein, provided that any amended RFR or Response terms result in best value, lower costs, or a more cost effective Contract.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

X: _____ Date: _____
(Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:

X: _____ Date: _____
(Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)

Print Name: **David T. Slatery**

Print Title: **Deputy Director**

Download logo at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/about/contracts/credit-logos/>

Verbal Credit: When written credit is not applicable, such as there being no printed program, verbal credit shall be given prior to performances.

3. DONOR RECOGNITION

Any wall plaques or advertisements that acknowledge the Contractor's annual or ongoing support from corporations and/or foundations must also acknowledge the Council.

4. COLLABORATORS

Organizations that are collaborators with the primary grant recipient must comply with these requirements. The Contractor is responsible for informing said collaborators of this policy and ensuring they fulfill these obligations.

5. CO-SPONSORSHIP

Those programs that are "co-sponsored" will have additional, specific publicity requirements, dependent on the program at the time of negotiation. Under no circumstances may a Contractor state or imply that its programs and/or activities are "sponsored," "co-sponsored" or "presented" by the Council without expressed, written consent from the Council.

6. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Mass Cultural Council reserves the right to negotiate additional requirements regarding credit and publicity on a case-by-case basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY, CONTACT YOUR PROGRAM STAFF CONTACT OR MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

River Culture / Town of Montague
Print the Grant Recipient's Organization Name

Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date

Michael M...

5/5/22

Signature of Person Responsible for Grant Recipient's
Publicity and Publications

Date

Suzanne Lo Manto

5/11/22

Suzanne Lo Manto



**Board of Selectmen
Town of Montague**

1 Avenue A (413) 863-3200 xt. 108
Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

**REGISTRATION FOR ASSEMBLY, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION,
OR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY
(Not for Peskeompskut Park or Montague Center Common)**

All information must be complete. This form must be returned to the Board of Selectmen within a minimum of 10 days prior to the assembly.

Name of applicant: River Culture / Suzanne LoManto

Address of applicant: 1 Avenue A

Phone # of applicant: 413-863-3200 ext 115

Name of organization: River Culture

Name of legally responsible person: T.O.M.

Location of assembly: Avenue A sidewalks

Date of assembly: June, July, August 2022

Time of assembly: Begin: _____ End: _____

Number of expected participants: _____

If a procession/parade: Use of sidewalks for periodic
retail sales during
summer months.

Number of people expected to participate: _____

Number of vehicles expected to participate: Oversite: River Culture

Subject of demonstration: _____

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1 Million Individual/\$3 Million Group.

Signatures:

Police Chief: _____ Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____

Board of Selectmen, Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____

RE: SUMMER PARK SERIES

June-August 2022

Usage: Peskeompskut Park

Suzanne LoManto, Director of RiverCulture

Jon Dobosz, Montague Parks and Recreation

In a partnership with Montague Parks and Recreation, RiverCulture has lined up a series of entertainment in the Peskeompskut Park bandshell. These FREE public events are funded by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council and the generous support of Greenfield Cooperative Bank as well as the in-kind donations of our partner organizations.

These events- And MANY others at Unity Park and throughout Montague-will be released in the 2022 Summer Events Calendar Thursday May 26.

RiverCulture and Parks and Recreation request permission to use the park for the following events. All times represent set-up and clean up as well as the scheduled event:

Thurs. June 16 SKELETON CREW Theater 2-9pm

JUNE 17 Movie in the Park, 6-9:30pm

JUNE 18 Library Summer Kick Off (Montague Public Libraries) 1-8pm

JULY 2-3: Antenna Cloud Farm Festival, 2pm-9pm

JULY 8: Movies in the Park, 6-9:30pm

JULY 16-17: SHEA AWAY SERIES, 2pm-9:30pm

JULY 22-23: Festival to be Announced

AUGUST 12: Movie in the Park

AUGUST 13: Earth First (working title)

August 19: Movie in the Park (rain date)

AUGUST 20: Festival to be Announced

August 27: Summer Bazaar Craft fair



Board of Selectmen
Town of Montague

1 Avenue A (413) 863-3200 xt. 108
Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

**Event Application for use of
PESKEOMPSKUT PARK and MONTAGUE CENTER TOWN COMMON**

Name of applicant Suzanne LoManto

Name of business/group sponsoring proposed event if applicable: River Culture

If applicable, number of years your organization has been running this event in Montague? _____

Address 1 Avenue A Turners Falls

Contact phone 413-863-3200 Contact email riverculture@montague-ma.gov

FID _____

Dates of proposed event See Attached Location: Peskeompskut Park

Hours _____ Set Up: _____ Clean Up: _____

Approximate number of people expected to attend See Attached.

What provisions will be made regarding clean up of site? River Culture

Will the proposed event be:

- ☒ Musical
- ☒ Theatrical
- ☒ Exhibitions
- ☐ Amusements
- ☐ Wedding
- ☐ Other _____

Fully & specifically describe content of the proposed exhibition, show and/or amusements:

Free
Summer Events funded by the
Mass Cultural Council and
Greenfield Co Op Bank

Fully & specifically describe the premises upon which the proposed event is to take place.

Bandshell

Use back of form or attach a map of the premises indicating parking area(s), entertainment area(s), vendor area(s), location & number of toilets, location & number of garbage receptacles, garbage storage area, camping area(s), and location of first aid/medical stations.

Will vendors be selling:

- ☐ merchandise
- ☐ food/beverage
- ☐ alcohol
- ☐ other services

N/A

Fully & specifically describe the extent to which the event and/or premises would affect public safety, health, or order. If serving alcohol, indicate separate serving area, approved server i.e. TIPS trained. (separate license required to serve alcohol)

Toilet facilities on-site
(+) hand sanitation

Describe the appropriate level and nature of security and/or traffic control that would be needed and what provisions have been made.

(Police Notification)

What provisions will be made regarding first aid and emergency medical care?

On-site

Are you also applying to place signs within Montague to advertise or give directions to your event? (See the Montague Building Inspector)

If so, at which locations? NO

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1 Million Individual/\$3 Million Group.

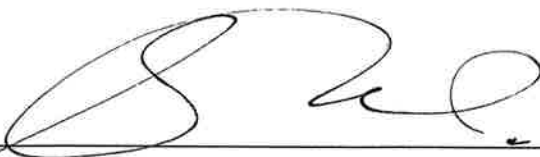
T.O.M.

I attest that to my knowledge the information provided in this application is accurate and not misleading.

Signature of applicant

Date

5/11/22



License fees:

Monday – Saturday = \$25.00 per day

Sunday = \$50.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Approval

Date: _____

POLICE CHIEF - Approval / Comments

Date: _____

BOARD OF HEALTH – Approval / Comments

Date: _____

Montague Reporter:

Please publish the following as a legal notice on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, General Laws, as amended, the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague are hereby notified that Hole Pie, Inc. d/b/a Pie Hole, Evelyn Wulfkuhle as manager, has applied for a transfer of the All Alcohol Liquor License (Restaurant) from Riff's, Inc., d/b/a Riff's North. The premise is located at 166 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA consisting of a one story building with 3 rooms, 2 entrances and 4 exits (1,760 sq ft) outdoor patio (1,200 sq ft) with a basement for storage (1,760 sq ft) for a total of 4,720 square footage.

Date and place of hearing: Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:40 P.M. via ZOOM
<https://www.montague-ma.gov/d/7700/Selectboard-Meeting>

Montague License Commissioners



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358
www.mass.gov/abcc

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER OF LICENSE

Municipality

Montague

1. TRANSACTION INFORMATION

☒ Transfer of License

☐ Alteration of Premises

☐ Change of Location

☐ Management/Operating Agreement

☐ Pledge of Inventory

☐ Pledge of License

☐ Pledge of Stock

☒ Other Change of Manager

☐ Change of Class

☐ Change of Category

☐ Change of License Type
(\$12 ONLY, e.g. "club" to "restaurant")

Please provide a narrative overview of the transaction(s) being applied for. On-premises applicants should also provide a description of the intended theme or concept of the business operation. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Riffs, Inc. is selling the assets and liquor license of Riff's North, 166 Avenue A, Turners Falls (Montague), MA 01376 to Hole Pie, Inc dba Pie Hole. This is an application to transfer the annual, all alcoholic beverages, on premises license to the buyer.

2. LICENSE CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

ON/OFF-PREMISES

On-Premises-12

TYPE

\$12 Restaurant

CATEGORY

All Alcoholic Beverages

CLASS

Annual

3. BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

The entity that will be issued the license and have operational control of the premises.

Current or Seller's License Number 00043-RS-0736

FEIN

Entity Name

Hole Pie, Inc.

DBA

Pie Hole

Manager of Record

Evelyn Wulfschuhle

Street Address

166 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Phone

Email

Add'l Phone

Website

4. DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES

Please provide a complete description of the premises to be licensed, including the number of floors, number of rooms on each floor, any outdoor areas to be included in the licensed area, and total square footage. If this application alters the current premises, provide the specific changes from the last approved description. You must also submit a floor plan.

The premises is located at 166 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA consisting of a one story building with 3 rooms, 2 entrances and 4 exits (1,760 sq ft) outdoor patio (1,200 sq ft) with a basement for storage (1,760 sq ft) for a total of 4,720 square footage.

Total Sq. Footage

4720

Seating Capacity

48 in, 34 out

Occupancy Number

48 in, 34out

Number of Entrances

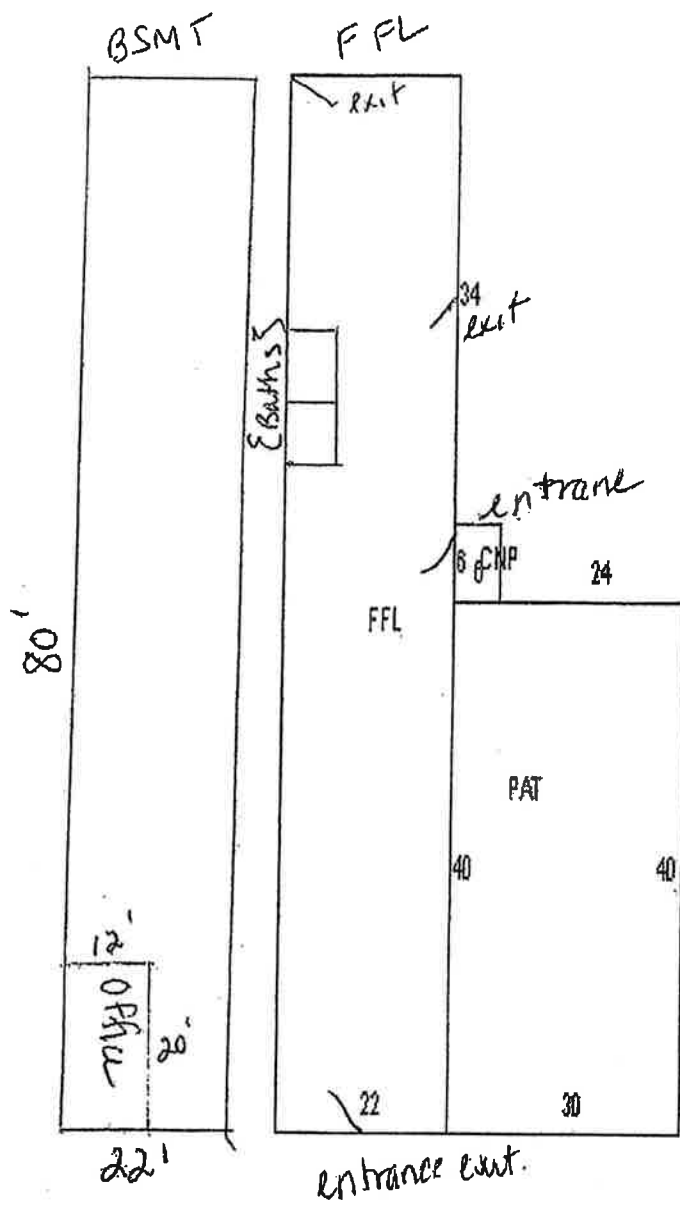
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Number of Exits

4

Number of Floors

1



Basement / St fl sq footage = 1760 sq ft = 3520

patio sq footage = 1200

TURNERS Falls RD (mill & fill 2" / 4 way to Hatchery rd)

Total Length = 8535 width = 32'-33'

$8535' \times 32.5' \times 2" = 3575 \text{ tons}$

Tack

$8535' \times 32.5' \times .07 = 2158 \text{ gallons}$

mill

$8535' \times 32.5' = 30,821 \text{ sy}$

STRUCTURES

DI - 28

MH - 18

WG - 15

Sunderland RD RT 47 (mill & fill 2" / Gunn rd - Town line)

Total Length = 3580 width = 25'

$3580' \times 25' \times 2" = 1,155 \text{ tons}$

Tack

$3580' \times 25' \times .07 = 697 \text{ gallons}$

mill

$3580' \times 25' = 9945 \text{ sy}$

High St (mill & fill 2" / Island @ TFRD - Montague rd)

Total Length = 3200' width = 23'-38'

$845' \times 37' \times 2" = 405 \text{ tons}$

$645' \times 26' \times 2" = 216 \text{ tons}$

$1710' \times 24' \times 2" = 530 \text{ tons}$

Total = 1151 tons

Tack

$845 \times 37 \times .07 = 243 \text{ gal} / 645 \times 26 = 131 \text{ gal} / 1710 \times 24 = 320 \text{ gal}$ Total = 694 gallons

mill

$845 \times 37 = 3474 / 645 \times 26 = 1864 / 1710 \times 24 = 4560$ Total = 9898 sy

STRUCTURES

DI = 20

MH - 12

WG - 5

Montague St (mill & fill 2" / 25 mph slow school - L Street)

Total Length = 2170' width = 32' - 42'

2170' x 35' x 2" = 980 tons

Tack 2170' x 35' x .07 = 591 gallons

mill 2170' x 35' = 8439 sy

structures DI - 19 MH - 10 WS - 4 gas - 1

7th Street (mill & fill 2" / Montague to main)

Total Length = 685' width = 35'

685' x 35' x 2" = 310 tons

Tack 685' x 35' x .07 = 187 gallons

mill 685' x 35' = 2664 sy

structures - DI - 4 MH - 13 WS - 3



BY _____ SHEET NO 3 OF 4
DATE _____ PROJ. NO. _____
SUBJECT Montague (Town of)

7th Street (mill & fill 2" / main TO main / Sky Bridge Project)

Total Length = 2190 width = 26' - 40'

$$1115' \times 34' \times 2'' = 490 \text{ TONS}$$

$$515' \times 27' \times 2'' = 180 \text{ TONS}$$

$$560' \times 40' \times 2'' = 290 \text{ TONS}$$

$$75 \times 21 \times 2'' = 20 \text{ TONS}$$

Total = 980 TONS

Tack

$$1115' \times 34' \times .07 = 295 \text{ gallons}$$

$$515' \times 27' \times .07 = 108 \text{ gallons}$$

$$560' \times 40' \times .07 = 175 \text{ gallons}$$

$$75 \times 21 \times .07 = 13 \text{ gallons}$$

Total = 591 gallons

mill

$$1115 \times 34 = 4212 \text{ sy}$$

$$515 \times 27 = 1545 \text{ sy}$$

$$560 \times 40 = 2489 \text{ sy}$$

$$75 \times 21 = 175 \text{ sy}$$

Total = 8421 sy

structures DI - 7 MH - 8 WB - 3

Totals

12.5 mm mix = 8151 tons

Tack = 4918 gallons

mill = 70,188 sy

STRUCTURES

DI = 78

mt = 61

W6 = 30

gas = 1

Turners Falls RD and Sordelands RD
are out of town everything else
is in town



Charles D. Baker, Governor
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor
Jamey Tesler, Secretary & CEO



April 28, 2022

Steven Ellis
Town Administrator
1 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Dear Steven Ellis:

We are happy to announce \$100,000,000 in statewide funding for the Winter Recovery Assistance Program, also known as WRAP. WRAP provides supplemental funding to cities and towns for improvements to their transportation networks in response to this past winter's harsh weather. Program funding is allocated using a formula based on a municipality's share of local roadway mileage. Montague's WRAP funding apportionment is \$343,830.54 based on its locally owned mileage of 103.09860688000001.

WRAP is a reimbursement-based program, and municipalities must enter into an agreement with MassDOT before incurring any costs. Funding must be spent on eligible expenses in order to be reimbursed by MassDOT, and municipalities must submit online project reports with each reimbursement request. Please only begin WRAP work after receiving a Notice to Proceed from MassDOT. To initiate the contracting process, email WRAPReporting@dot.state.ma.us with the contact information (including email address) of your municipality's authorized signatory. The spending deadline for WRAP funding is **June 30, 2023**.

Additional program details including contracting, eligible costs, project reporting, and key deadlines are available online at www.mass.gov/winter-recovery-assistance-program-wrap. Thank you for your commitment to improving the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Baker
Governor

Karyn E. Polito
Lieutenant Governor

Town of Montague

Personnel Status Change Notice

New Hires

Employee # 1967Board Authorizing **Appointment**: Select Board Meeting Date: 5/16/2022

Authorized Signature: _____

Board Authorizing **Wages**: Select Board Meeting Date: 5/16/2022

Authorized Signature: _____

General Information:

Full name of employee: Jacob Dodge Department: DPW Title: Summer Help
 Effective date of hire: 5/17/2022

New Hire:Permanent: Y X N If temporary, estimated length of service: 3 monthsHours per Week: 40 Union: **Wages:**Union: Wages: Grade Step Wage Rate: \$14.25/hour

Notes:

Copies to: Employee Treasurer Town Clerk Department Accountant Board of Selectmen Retirement Board

WendyB-Montague Selectboard

From: TomB - Montague Highway Department
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:40 PM
To: StevenE - Montague Town Administrator; WendyB-Montague Selectboard
Subject: Fw: Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Hello, I received this letter this morning and would like you Steve and the select board to look at it and let me know what they think and if we can do this, I think it would be a great addition to the work force, even if we have both mechanic's back in place.

Tom

From:
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:04 AM
To: TomB - Montague Highway Department
Cc: Jeffrey Cathcart
Subject: Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Hi Tom,
So good to talk to you this morning. Sorry I was about to go into a presentation. I look forward to talking more later today. I am available anytime you are available.

Below is some information about our program, and about the reimbursement process. We also work with the OJT program out of UMass Transportation Center. They also fund internships and they fund the CDL's. The reimbursement process for their internships is slightly different than what's below - but both are fairly simple.

The initial four week Pre-Apprenticeship Program work experience can often be extended an additional four weeks by transferring students who are working out well for you to the other program. If funding is available, we may even be able to fund up to a total of 12 weeks of internship.

Again, you would hire the students as temporary Town of Montague employees. You would pay them for their work. Our program would reimburse you for their salary, up to \$15 per hour upon completion of the initial four weeks.

Let Jeff or I know what questions you have. Looking forward to working with you.

Cindy

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation provides a one-week Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program to over 24 schools across the Commonwealth. Instruction for the program is provided by the New England Laborers' Training Trust Fund with additional instruction and support by industry representatives and the UMass Transportation Center.

The instructors have the option of selecting students for a co-op of up to forty hours a week for up to four weeks. Funding for the co-op, up to fifteen dollars per hour for the student's wages is provided by the Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program to the employer on a reimbursement basis. (The student would become a temporary employee of the municipality.)

If students do a good job in their four-week co-op, they become eligible for scholarships to prepare for their CDL-B license and their Hoisting license. If the municipality is interested in continuing to employ them beyond the original four weeks, a student who has performed well may be eligible for an additional four weeks of salary reimbursement.

If the co-op is during the school year a school may have paperwork or other requirements such as a site visit, background checks, etc. before the co-op can begin. The Co-op Director from the school will contact you with any requirements they might have. Internships for students that have graduated do not require any involvement with the school.

Graduates of the program have been placed in Public Works Departments in New Bedford, Wilbraham, Becket, Norton, Southwick, Canton, Springfield, Wellesley, and Berlin as well as MassDOT, the Facilities Department at UMass and Fall River Water Department. Five of these students also received their CDL B license through the program and others are in training.

Please visit the website

www.mapavstp.com <https://url.emailprotection.link/?bxhKZvLU0Jrpg6QSYMLjDNyPors4CnLoIGoBMMNpqs3k3Fyf-eDTNa4BJr1K_JbesoWMqQHLSmbRX2sfjTzzOVg~~> and go to the success stories page for examples of past co-ops.

Second email – how the financial reimbursement happens:

Reimbursement is only for the co-op student's hourly wages (up to \$15/hour) for 4 weeks (8 hours/day, or a total of 160 hours). No benefits, payroll taxes, overtime pay or other costs will be reimbursed. Please send an accounting of the hours, days and weeks worked, a W9 for the municipality and one paragraph summarizing the student's activities and accomplishments. Address the invoice to:

New England Laborers' Training Trust Fund
37 East Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

And email the invoice to Jeffrey Cathcart, Program Director - jcjc@cox.net <<mailto:jcjc@cox.net>>.

Since the students will be employees of the municipality, they are required to comply with the rules and regulations of the municipality and can be dismissed at any time if the municipality believes it is in their best interest.

--
Cindy Schaedig, Employment Counselor
MA Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Program UMTC Workforce Development Program

Selectboard Office Hiring – Next Steps

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05.12.2022

On May 7, the Selectboard Office received Town Meeting approval for the addition of two positions, including an:

- Assistant Town Administrator for Development, Facilities, and Infrastructure (ATA) - 37.5 hours/week
- Selectboard Office Administrative Assistant (AA) - 20 hours/week

Following is information pertaining to next steps and the hiring processes relative to each position. Matters of office logistics will be addressed in a subsequent summary. The Selectboard's approach to hiring will influence the schedule for onboarding of new capacity. The goal is to have staff in place as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2022.

Time-Sensitive Tasks

- Develop Position Descriptions
- Determine Hiring Process and Related Logistics

Develop Position Descriptions

Position descriptions will be developed for consideration by the Selectboard. The Town Administrator would welcome a Selectboard member's participation in the development process. This task should be completed prior to advertisement. The Selectboard will review and approve both job descriptions. Note that the Selectboard AA position will also be provided to the union for review and comment.

Determine Hiring Process and Related Logistics

The AA position will reside within the NAGE bargaining unit. The NAGE contract requires that a new or vacant position be posted internally for five days and that a well-qualified member-candidate be hired, subject to management discretion. If no internal candidate emerges, the position would be publicly advertised. Search and evaluation of candidates for this position type is customarily conducted by the department and brought to the Selectboard for approval.

The ATA will not be a union position, so the above contract rule does not apply. Although it is within the Selectboard's discretion to perform an internal hiring process, they can also go directly to a public search. The Town's customary practice for leadership positions is to appoint a search committee to work with the Town Administrator on attracting and vetting candidates. The committee would then bring one or more finalists to the Selectboard for consideration.

Such committees typically feature a member of committees and departments that will work extensively with the employee, as well as staff of the hiring department. I will note that Greg Garrison, who serves as chair of the Capital Improvements Committee and is member of the Finance Committee, has offered to serve on this committee, should the board appoint him.

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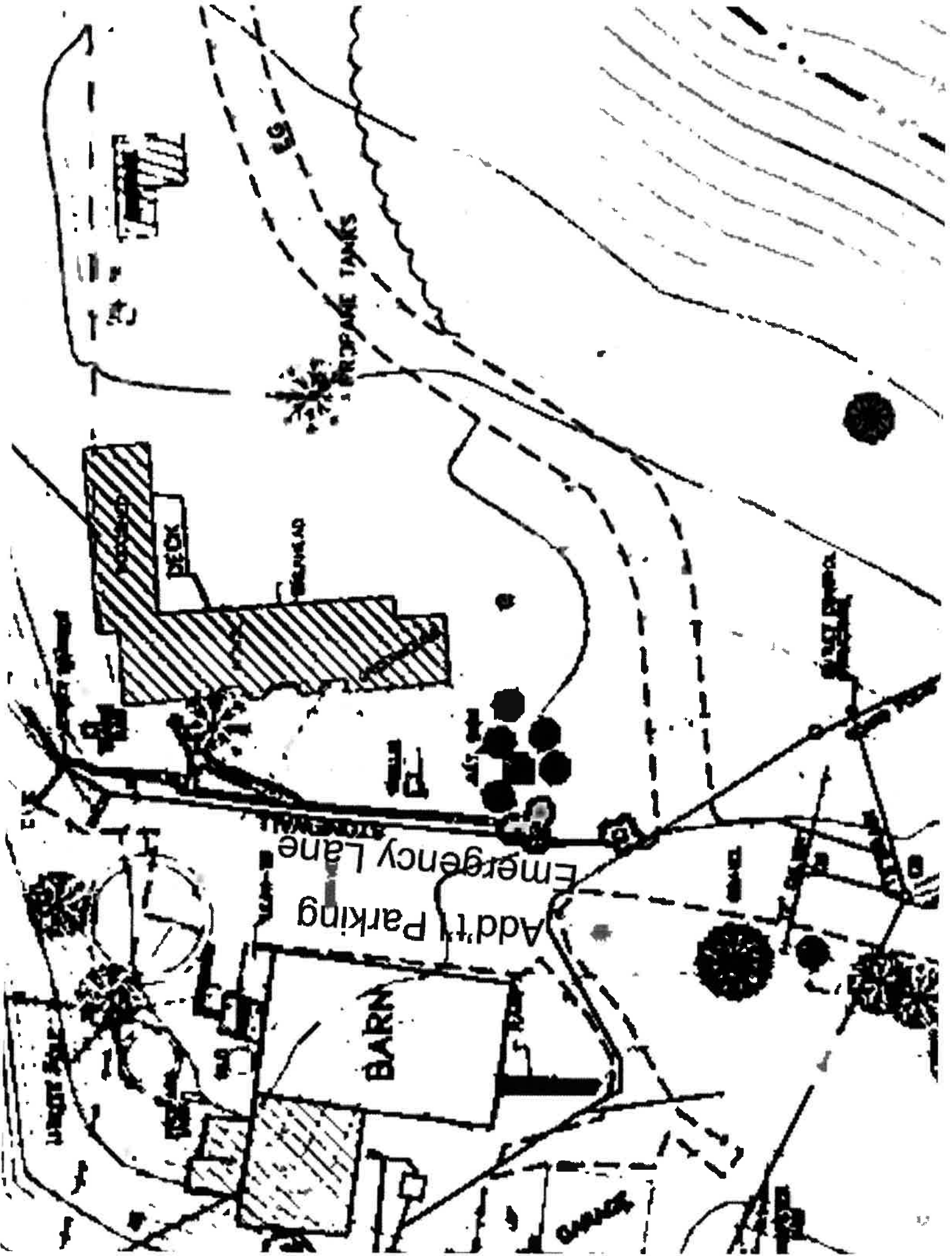
DATE OF EVENT BEING APPLIED FOR: 6/19/22

- The applicant hereby states that the applicant has received a copy of the Licensing Authority's regulations pertaining to Special and One Day Liquor Licenses and is aware of and shall comply with all applicable statutes, by-laws and regulations.

5/11/22

Date _____

Office Use Only: _____ Date Approved: _____
 # Days Permit Issued For: _____ Dates License Issued for: _____
 Police Chief Signature: _____
 Select Board Chair Signature: _____



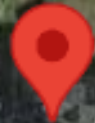
Spaulding Brook

ROW 1-30 Cars
ROW 2-30 Cars
ROW 3-30 Cars
ROW 4-30 Cars

Parking Lot with 120 Spaces

Rd

Ripley Rd



Montague Retreat Center

Lane Kept Open for Emergency Vehicles
Ripley Rd



The Barn at Montague
Retreat Center

May 9, 2022

Town of Montague
Walter Ramsey, AICP, Town Planner/Conservation Agent
One Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

RE: Withdrawal from 38 Avenue A Redevelopment Project

Dear Walter,

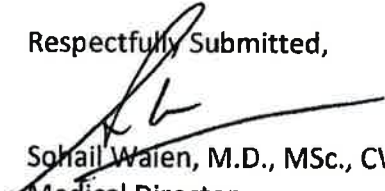
After careful deliberation, we have decided to withdraw from the 38 Avenue A redevelopment Project.

Alan Singer and I have determined that the project's cost to complete does not support the resources needed to do so, given our expectation of receiving any kind of financial return.

We do so with reluctance as we remain committed to maintain New England Wound Care, LLC's business presence in Franklin County as Community stakeholders. We do remain open to suggestions/insights you and the MEDIC might have to offer as further resource support.

We appreciate the support the MEDIC and you have provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sohail Waizen, M.D., MSc., CWSP
Medical Director



www.frcog.org
 12 Olive Street, Ste. 2
 Greenfield, MA 01301
 Phone: (413)774-3167
 Fax: (413)774-3169

May 10, 2022

To: Town Administrators

From: Andrea Donlon (adonlon@frcog.org), FRCOG Senior Land Use and Natural Resources Planner
 Phoebe Walker (walker@frcog.org), FRCOG Director of Community Services

RE: 2019-2022 Short-term Rentals in Franklin County -- trends and rooms tax revenues

Background: Starting in July of 2019, short-term rentals started to be regulated by the MA Department of Revenue like any other lodging business. This change has created a source of more trackable data for towns. The last couple of years has been atypical, with lodging impacted during the pandemic both negatively and possibly positively. Many have started to wonder what kinds of impacts short-term rentals are having on communities. It is our hope that this packet can help inform thoughts and decisions about this relatively new economic sector in our communities.

Massachusetts has a state room occupancy excise tax rate of 5.7%. In addition to the state excise, Massachusetts cities and towns are permitted to charge a local room occupancy excise tax up to 6% (6.5% for Boston). The room occupancy excise tax applies to room rentals of 90 days or less in hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, and lodging houses. Beginning July 1, 2019, the room occupancy excise also applies to short-term rentals of property for 31 days or less.

Summary: Our analysis shows that the number of short-term rentals across the county has increased by 47% between 2019 and April of 2022. In the current year, 44% of the short-term rentals are in West County towns. Another 30% are in towns that abut the Connecticut River. And, for those towns that assess room occupancy excise tax to any sort of lodging, it has contributed \$1.4 million to town and city revenues between July 2019 and March 2022. These data do not directly answer the question about short-term rental impacts on housing.

FRCOG has held two workshops for local officials on short-term rentals. If your town has not yet opted to charge a local room occupancy excise tax, there are sample town meeting warrant articles to set this in motion at our website at <https://frcog.org/short-term-rental-law-workshop-for-towns/>.

Data Sources:

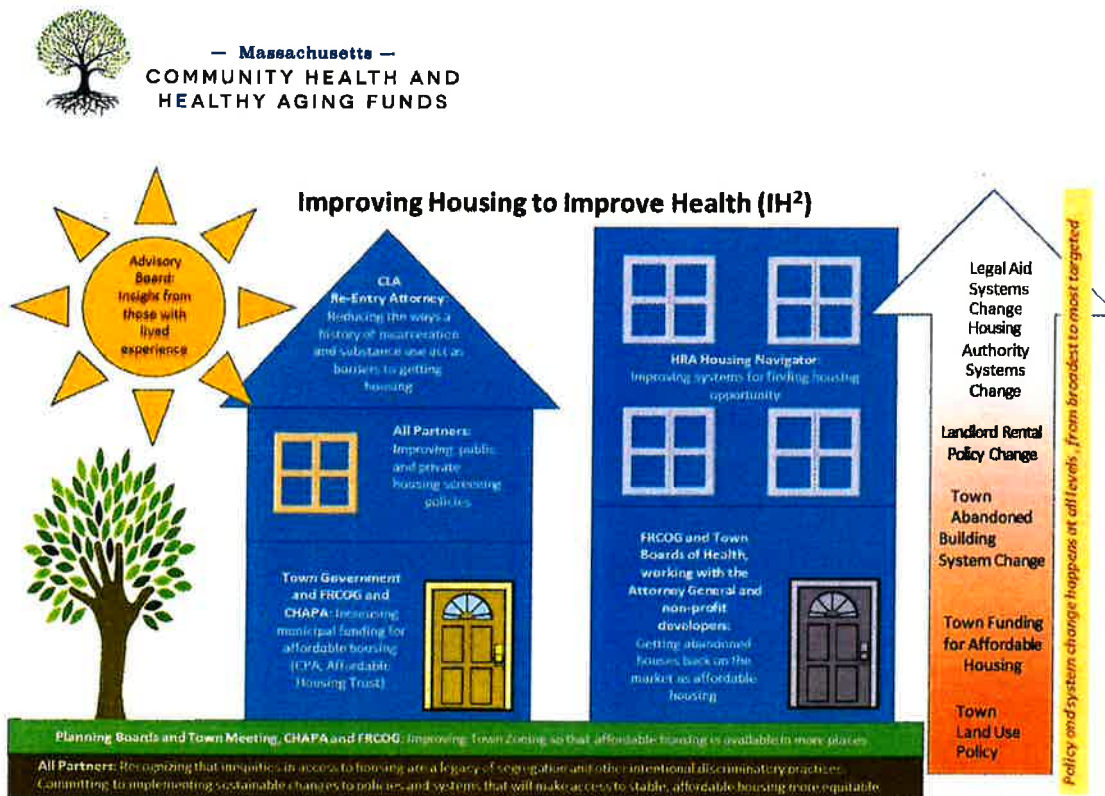
- 1) Numbers of short-term rentals in Franklin County towns comes from the MA Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services, Municipal Data Bank. For Franklin County towns that receive inspection services through FRCOG's Cooperative Public Health District, contact Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg (kschelle@frcog.org) if you would like specific data for your town. If

you are not a FRCOG inspection town, please request the data from lodgingregistry@mass.gov. Please note that the Public Registry of Lodging Operators database online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/public-registry-of-lodging-operators> has some issues related to searches by "town." As is common in this part of Massachusetts, a mailing address does not always match the town where a short-term rental is located, so it is best to request the data directly from the state rather than accessed online.

- 2) Rooms taxes paid to towns came from MA Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, Local Option Meals and Rooms. The data were accessed online at [https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local Option Meals Rooms](https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local%20Option%20Meals%20Rooms)

The work to compile these data for towns is supported in part by a grant awarded to FRCOG called Improving Housing to Improve Health from Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds (MA CHHA Funds).

MA CHHA Funds were created in January 2017 when the MA Department of Public Health completed a landmark revision of its determination of Need regulation, which authorized the creation of these Funds. The Funds are committed to disrupting and removing barriers to health – structural and institutional racism, poverty, and deep power imbalances – through community-centered policy, systems, and environmental change approaches.



Local option -- Rooms taxes paid to towns July 1, 2019 to March 1, 2022

Taxes are distributed quarterly in the months shown below

Municipality	Current room tax rate (% of nightly charge)	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Totals
Ashfield		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Barnardston	6%	\$ 9,264	\$ 12,840	\$ 3,418	\$ 1,324	\$ 2,021	\$ 4,313	\$ 1,832	\$ 3,023	\$ 6,615	\$ 11,141	\$ 823	\$ 56,614
Buckland	6%	\$ -	\$ 791	\$ 1,396	\$ 879	\$ 2,476	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,103	\$ 4,970	\$ 2,620	\$ 3,997	\$ 3,234	\$ 22,516
Charlemont	6%	\$ 4,036	\$ 10,911	\$ 5,372	\$ 1,715	\$ 12,574	\$ 8,952	\$ 4,824	\$ 9,608	\$ 16,212	\$ 16,073	\$ 10,149	\$ 100,426
Colrain	6%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 873	\$ 4,544	\$ 6,710	\$ 3,207	\$ 4,071	\$ 2,993	\$ 22,398
Conway	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,624	\$ 549	\$ 175	\$ 1,190	\$ 276	\$ 106	\$ -	\$ 254	\$ 407	\$ 42	\$ 4,623
Deerfield	6%	\$ 60,641	\$ 69,449	\$ 39,948	\$ 23,947	\$ 42,571	\$ 20,871	\$ 18,452	\$ 28,854	\$ 60,537	\$ 80,439	\$ 37,737	\$ 483,446
Erving		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gill	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,095	\$ 466	\$ 518	\$ 709	\$ 777	\$ 29	\$ 475	\$ 396	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,010	\$ 6,960
Greenfield	6%	\$ 73,095	\$ 87,044	\$ 47,805	\$ 22,045	\$ 52,116	\$ 33,979	\$ 27,862	\$ 40,982	\$ 66,154	\$ 81,232	\$ 49,021	\$ 581,335
Hawley		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Heath		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leverett	6%	\$ -	\$ 1,335	\$ 797	\$ 171	\$ 616	\$ 237	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 3,406
Leyden	3%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 527	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 122	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,286
Monroe		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Montague		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Salem		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Northfield		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Orange	6%	\$ -	\$ 11,506	\$ 5,422	\$ 4,054	\$ 7,254	\$ 3,283	\$ 4,141	\$ 5,672	\$ 9,711	\$ 10,153	\$ 5,678	\$ 66,874
Rowe		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shelburne	6%	\$ -	\$ 4,442	\$ 2,723	\$ 1,729	\$ 9,368	\$ 3,516	\$ 3,438	\$ 8,831	\$ 6,086	\$ 5,781	\$ 5,052	\$ 50,966
Shutesbury	6%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ 178	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,194	\$ 317	\$ 4,286
Sunderland	6%	\$ -	\$ 2,033	\$ 1,217	\$ 805	\$ 1,463	\$ 290	\$ 788	\$ 2,525	\$ 1,332	\$ 945	\$ 1,761	\$ 13,159
Warwick		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wendell		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Whately	6%	\$ 1,658	\$ 2,383	\$ 1,935	\$ 992	\$ 1,969	\$ 885	\$ 836	\$ 1,388	\$ 1,899	\$ 2,228	\$ 1,943	\$ 18,116
TOTALS		\$ 148,694	\$ 205,453	\$ 111,575	\$ 58,832	\$ 134,327	\$ 79,555	\$ 68,338	\$ 114,313	\$ 176,325	\$ 219,146	\$ 119,843	\$ 1,436,411

NOTE: these numbers include the tax revenue from hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts as well as short term rentals. The state does NOT break these out in the revenue data, only the registry.

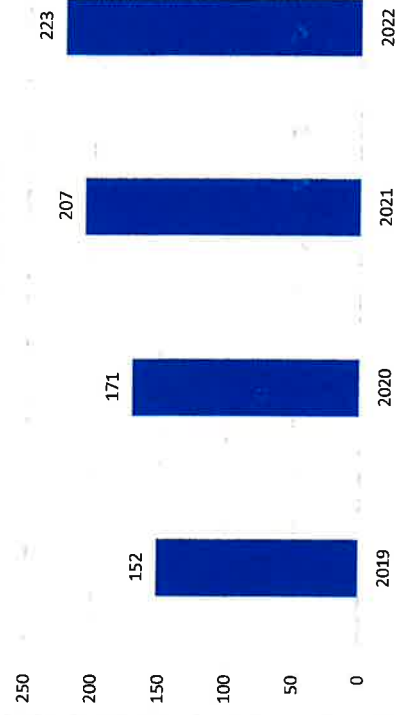
Data source: MA Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, Local Option Meals and Rooms
 Accessed online on 5/3/2022 at https://disgateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Local_Option_Meals_Rooms

Summary of Franklin County Short Term Rental Entities 2019-2022 (as of April 15, 2022)

Town	2019	2020	2021	2022	% change
Ashfield	9	10	12	13	44%
Barnardston	4	5	6	7	75%
Buckland	11	12	13	13	18%
Charlemont	13	15	19	22	69%
Colrain	2	3	6	6	200%
Conway	5	5	5	5	0%
Deerfield	11	12	13	15	36%
Erving	1	1	2	2	100%
Gill	4	6	7	7	75%
Greenfield	17	17	20	22	29%
Hawley	5	4	8	11	120%
Heath	1	3	3	3	200%
Leverett	8	8	8	8	0%
Leyden	3	3	3	3	0%
Monroe	0	0	1	2	
Montague	13	15	18	18	38%
New Salem	1	1	1	1	0%
Northfield	2	2	3	3	50%
Orange	8	11	17	17	113%
Rowe	1	1	1	1	0%
Shelburne	17	20	22	23	35%
Shutesbury	6	7	7	7	17%
Sunderland	3	3	3	3	0%
Warwick	3	3	3	5	67%
Wendell	2	2	4	4	100%
Whately	2	2	2	2	0%
Franklin County	152	171	207	223	47%

2022 as of April 15, 2022

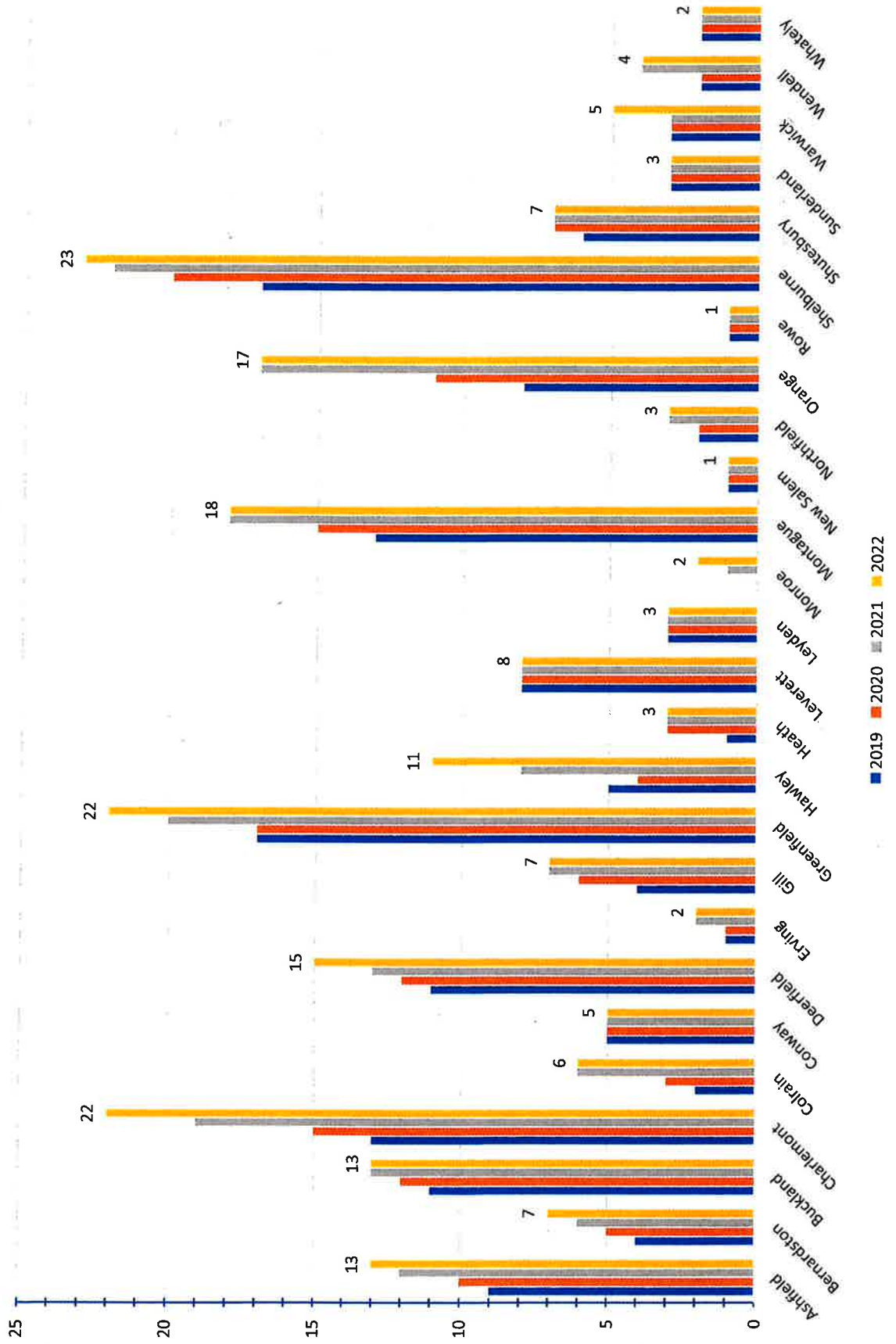
Franklin County totals
Short term rentals 2019-2022



46.7% increase between 2019 and 2022

Data source: Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue, Division of Local Services' Municipal Data Bank.

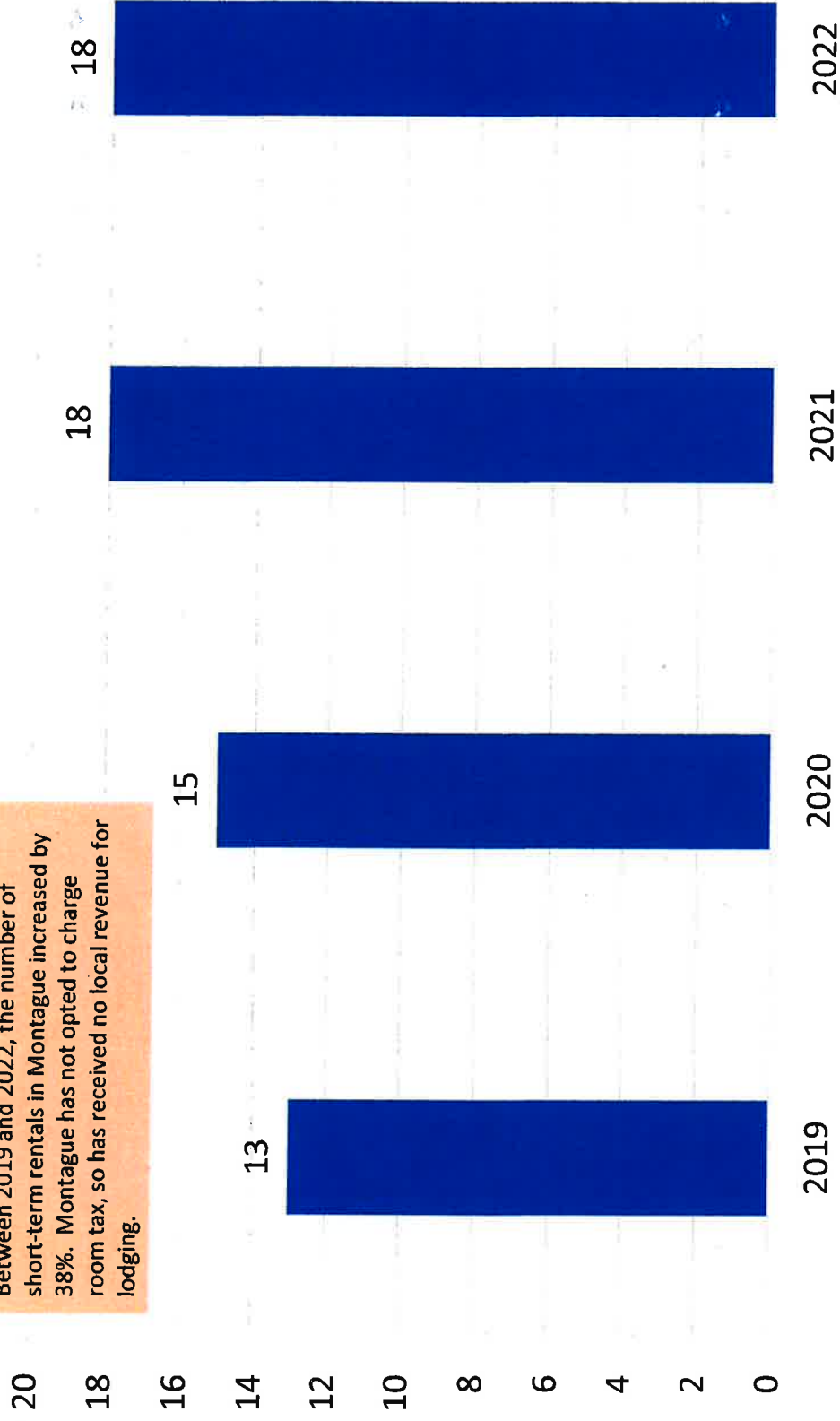
Short-term rentals in Franklin County, MA 2019-2022 (as of April 2022)



Registered Short-term Rentals in Montague, MA

2019 - 2022

Between 2019 and 2022, the number of short-term rentals in Montague increased by 38%. Montague has not opted to charge room tax, so has received no local revenue for lodging.



Data source: Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue, Division of Local Services' Municipal Data Bank.
A short-term rental is an occupied property that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house, or bed and breakfast establishment, where at least one room or unit is rented out by an operator through the use of advance reservations.
MA started requiring STRs to register with the state and start paying state taxes in 2019. Data for 2022 is as of April 15.