

# TOWN OF BUCKLAND ANNUAL REPORT

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## 2022



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

## DEDICATION

### **Richard Warner**

Rich Warner hung his shingle on Lower Street in 1992 shortly after returning from a year as a doctor in Ghana. Under his name, the sign declares, “No condition is permanent”. His many loyal patients appreciate his sense of humor as much as they do his phone calls and check-in visits and his practical advice on how to handle a given health issue. In a world where most doctors spend no more than 10 minutes with each patient, Dr Warner continues to dedicate whatever time is needed to ensure his patients are heard and feel well cared for.

At Memorial Day parades in Shelburne Falls, Rich is the guy on the penny farthing bike with the impossibly high seat wearing the period shirt and smiling ear to ear. His exploits on a bike are legendary, and include riding an entire day of a multi-day trip in Colorado with rocks in his packs and his friends working hard to control themselves as they added to his load at each rest stop and he never slowed his pace. His three boys share their father’s adventuresome spirit and he relishes spending time with them biking and skiing.

As a member and long-time chair of the Board of Health for over 30 years, Rich helped implement state no-smoking regulations, new title 5, and regulations on the emissions of outdoor wood boilers. He is presently working to establish a clinic in Buckland so our area can continue to enjoy excellent, compassionate health care when his shingle, in keeping with its message, is retired.



**NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Elizabeth Warren  
413-788-2690

Edward Markey  
413-785-4610

**GOVERNOR**  
Charlie Baker  
888-870-7770

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**  
Karyn Polito

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT I**  
Richard E. Neal  
413-785-0325

**STATE SENATOR**  
Adam Hinds  
617-722-1625  
adam.hinds@masenate.gov  
*Resigned September 25, 2022*

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**  
Natalie Blais  
413-362-9453  
Natalie.Blais@mahouse.gov

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Jay DiPucchio, Vice Chair, Regionally Elected  
Bill Perlman, Chair, Regionally Elected  
Emily Johnson, Franklin Regional Planning Board Appointee  
Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, Council Appointee  
Kevin Fox, Clerk, Council Appointee

## **Town of Buckland Transfer Station Information**

**Transfer Station Hours:** Tuesday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Transfer Station Location:** Route 112 South, turn left onto Hodgen Road (opposite “Recycling Center” sign), go past the Fire Station and up the hill to the Transfer Station

**Transfer Station Telephone:** (413) 625-6743

### **Transfer Station Regulations**

Transfer Station stickers will be issued after proof of residency is shown. Transfer Station stickers are available at the Town Hall from the Administrative Assistant (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Stickers are to be displayed on lower left or rear window of your vehicle.

An attendant will monitor stickers at the Transfer Station; **NO ONE** will be allowed to enter the Transfer Station without a **CURRENT STICKER**.

All trash must be disposed of in a trash bag displaying a Town of Buckland green trash bag sticker. Trash bag stickers are \$2.00 each and are available at Buckland Town Hall (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.), Buckland Public Library, LaBelle’s Sales and Service, McCusker’s Market, and Shelburne Farm and Garden. Town of Buckland 25-gallon bags are sold at Town Hall, ten for \$12.50.

Recyclable materials may be disposed of free of charge. Shoes are required to be worn.

No removal of items from Transfer Station property – person will be prosecuted.

No smoking is allowed at the Transfer Station. Children and/or pets must be confined to the vehicle.

**Allowable Items:** Clean and dry paper and cardboard; junk mail; boxboard; newspapers/inserts; magazines/catalogs; paper bags; white and colored office paper; computer paper; corrugated cardboard; paperbacks and phone books. All paper and cardboard must be clean and dry. Remove wrappings from junk mail. Glass bottles/jars (only clear, green, brown, less than two gallons); aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids and aluminum foil; milk and juice cartons (tent top); drink boxes; plastic bottles, jars, tubs, and microwave trays/containers, clear drink cups, clear plastic egg cartons. **Empty and rinse all containers.** All types of metal, ferrous, non-ferrous, clean waste oil, yard waste (no trash or branches).

**Do Not Include:** Plastic bags or wraps, motor oil bottles, Styrofoam, egg cartons, syringes/hypodermic needles, broken glass, soda or beer holders/cartons, ceramics, aerosol cans.

**Appliances: A fee of \$10.00 per appliance must be paid at the Town Hall before disposal.**

Ranges	Stoves	Ovens	Hot water heaters	Compactors
Washers	Dryers	Dishwashers	Gas Grills - <u>without propane</u>	

**APPLIANCES CANNOT BE SMASHED BUT MAY HAVE SOME DENTS.**

**Propane Tanks: Fees must be paid at the Town Hall before disposal.**

### **UNALLOWABLE ITEMS:**

Stereo Sets	Television Sets	Tree Stumps
Refrigerators	Microwaves	C&D Material

Salvaging materials by public, Chairs, Tables, Sofas, Rugs, etc.

## **TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**Select Board Meetings** are held at 5:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, in the Town Hall Select Board meeting room, and are open to the public. Meetings are broadcast over cable television. Other Boards & Committees meet as necessary. See website calendar for more information.

### **Select Board Office**

**Administrative Assistant** – Pamela Guyette 625-6330 X1  
[adminassist@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:adminassist@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Town Clerk** – Karen Blom 625-6330 X4  
[twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Assessor's Office** 625-6330 X3  
**Director of Assessing** – Pamela Guyette  
[assessor@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:assessor@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Tax Collector/Treasurer** – Cara Leach 625-6330 X2  
[treasury@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:treasury@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Town Administrator** – Heather Butler 625-6330 X5  
[townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Town Accountant** – Per Contract FRCOG 625-6330 X6

**Buckland Public Library** – Sarah Salem 625-9412  
[jbuchanan@cwmares.org](mailto:jbuchanan@cwmares.org)

**Regional Animal Control Officer** – Kyle Dragon (413) 768-0983

**Highway Department** – Anthony Gutierrez 625-2367  
[bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us)

**Recreation Area** - Cindy Schwartz 625-9555  
[schwartz.cynthia11@gmail.com](mailto:schwartz.cynthia11@gmail.com)

**Transfer Station** – Floyd Scott 625-6743

**Wastewater Treatment Plant** 625-2300  
[sfwwtf@town.buckland.ma.us](mailto:sfwwtf@town.buckland.ma.us)

## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

The following Boards, Committees, and Commissions meet “as posted”:

**Agricultural Commission**

**Board of Assessors**

**Board of Health**

**Buckland Public Library Trustees**

**Conservation Commission**

**Cultural Council**

**Energy Committee**

**Finance Committee**

**Historic Commission**

**Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee**

**Personnel Committee**

**Planning Board**

**Public Safety Committee**

**Recreation Committee**

**Select Board**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### OFFICES

### TERM

#### **SELECTBOARD (three-year term)**

Barry Del Castilho, Chair (to fill unexpired 1 year term)	2022-2023
Clinton Phillips	2021-2024
Larry Wells	2022-2025

#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS (three-year term)**

Elizabeth Cerone	2021-2024
Pamela Guyette	2020-2023
Marion Scott	2022-2025

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH (three-year term)**

Peggy Hart	2021-2024
Carmela Lanza-Weil	2022-2025
Julia Godfrey (appointed to fill vacancy)	2022-2023

#### **BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES (three-year term)**

George Dole	2022-2025
Marjorie MacLeod	2020-2023
Catherine Russillo	2021-2024

#### **CONSTABLES (three-year term)**

David Grader (resigned 8/22/22)	2020-2023
Arthur Henry Phillips	2022-2025
Floyd Scott	2021-2024

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (three-year term)**

Paula Consolo	2022-2025
George Langford, Chair	2020-2023
Bruce Lessels	2021-2024
Dena Willmore (one-year unexpired term)	2022-2023
Robert Dean (to fill unexpired 2 year term)	2022-2024

#### **MODERATOR (one-year term)**

Phoebe Walker	2022-2023
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#### **MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (three-year term)**

Leah Phillips	2020-2023
Martha Thurber	2022-2025

#### **TREE WARDEN (three-year term)**

Jeff Purinton	2022-2025
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**TOWN CLERK (two-year unexpired term)**

Karen Blom

2021-2023

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS****ADA COORDINATOR**

Heather Butler

**TERM**

7/1/22-6/30/23

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Susan Atherton, chair

7/01/21-6/30/24

Colin Scott

7/01/20-6/30/23

David Lenaerts

7/01/21-6/30/24

Sammy Purington

7/01/21-6/30/24

Paul Willis

7/01/20-6/30/23

**REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Kyle Dragon, 413-768-0938 kdragon@fcsso-ma.us

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR (one-year term)**

Martha Taft-Ferguson

5/01/22-4/30/23

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS (three-year term)**

Nancy Parland (D)

10/12/22-6/30/25

Karen Blom (U)

7/01/21-6/30/23

Laura Scott (R)

7/1/21-6/30/24

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Will of Fred Wells (five-year term)**

Susan Shauger

6/10/19-6/30/24

**BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL (three- year term)**

Arthur Samuelson

7/01/21-6/30/24

James Bonham, treasurer

7/1/21-6/30/24

Cindy Fisher

9/14/21-9/14/24

Laura Cunningham, chair

7/1/21-6/30/24

Sarah Neelon

7/1/21-6/30-24

Brook Batteau

9/14/21-9/14/24

Karen Sheaffer

7/1/20-6/30/23

Brenda Parrella

9/14/21-9/14/24



**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****VACANT**

Dana McNay

7/1/22-6/30/23

Donald Wheeler

7/1/22-6/30/23

**CARE OF VETERANS GRAVES**

Les Chadwick

7/01/22-6/30/23

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION (three-year term)**

Mary Knipe

7/01/22-6/30/25

Kathleen Lytle, chair

7/1/21-6/30/24

Alex Meade

7/1/20-6/30/23

Steven Howland (appointed to fill vacancy)

12/22/20-6/30/23

James Eagan

7/1/22-6/30/25

**COUNCIL ON AGING (three-year term)**

Ellen Eller

7/01/21-6/30/24

Anthony Jewell (appointed to fill vacancy)

7/01/21-6/30/24

Joanne Soroka

7/01/22-6/30/25

Jan Fleuriel (to fill unexpired 1 year term)

7/1/22-6/30/23

**FENCE VIEWER**

John R. Riggan

7/01/21-6/30/22

**FIELD DRIVER**

Melissa Griffin

7/01/22-6/30/23

**FOREST WARDEN**

Herbert Guyette

7/01/22-6/30/23

**DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN**

Jake Purinton

7/01/22-6/30/23

Craig Purinton

7/01/22-6/30/23

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM**

James Bonham

7/01/22-6/30/23

**FRCOG COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Carmela Lanza-Weil

7/1/22-6/30/23

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE**

Barry Del Castillo

7/1/22-6/30/23

Heather Butler, Alternate

7/01/22-6/30/23

**FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Peter Otten

7/01/22-6/30/23

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Andrea Donlon 7/01/22-6/30/23  
Martha Taft-Ferguson, Alternate 7/01/22-6/30/23

**GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Jeff Purinton 7/01/22-6/30/23

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

VACANT 7/01/22-6/30/23

**HEALTH AGENT**

Randy Crochier 7/01/22-6/30/23

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-year term)**

Polly Anderson 7/01/20-6/30/23  
Michael McCusker 7/01/20-6/30/23  
David Parella, Chair 2/08/22-6/30/25  
Sandy Cardinal 7/1/22-9/30/25  
Ginny Ray 7/1/22-9/30/25

**HIGHWAY FOREMAN 413-625-2367****HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY****INSPECTORS – REGIONAL  
BUILDING INSPECTOR**

James Hawkins, Building Inspector 413-774-3167 x113  
David Roberts, Local Building Inspector 413-774-3167 x145  
Jeff Gougeon, Local Building Inspector 413-774-3167 x145

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

Thomas McDonald 413-774-3167 x115

**PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR**

Andrew French 413-774-3167 x112

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Herbert Guyette, Director 7/01/22-6/30/23  
Heather Butler, Assistant 7/01/22-6/30/23

**NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Marion Scott 7/01/22-6/30/23

**PARKING CLERK**

Karen Blom 7/01/22-6/30/23

**PLANNING BOARD (three-year term)**

Andrea Donlon	7/01/22-6/30/25
John Gould, Chair	7/01/22-6/30/25
Michael Hoberman	7/01/20-6/30/23
Jon Wyman	7/01/21-6/30/24
VACANT	

**POLICE CHIEF 413-625-8200**

Greg Bardwell, Chief  
Kurt Gilmore, Sergeant

**POOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Pamela Guyette	7/1/20-6/30/23
Cynthia Schwartz	7/1/20-6/30/23
Brandon Boucias	7/1/20-6/30/23
Carol Foote, Alternate	7/1/20-6/30/23

**VETERANS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**

Barry Del Castilho	7/01/22-6/30/23
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**RECREATION COMMITTEE (three-year term)**

Mark Amstein	7/01/22-6/30/25
Brandon Boucias	7/01/21-6/30/24
Carol Foote	7/01/22-6/30/25
Daniel Fleuriel	7/1/20-6/30/23
Christy Moore	7/01/20-6/30/23
Cynthia Schwartz, Chair	7/01/20-6/30/23
Wendy Sweetser Ferris	7/01/22-6/30/25

**SELECT BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Mary Bolduc	7/01/22-6/30/23
Pamela Guyette	7/01/22-6/30/23

**SEWER HOOK-UP INSPECTOR**

Lisa Provencher	7/01/21-6/30/22
Chris Drury, Assistant Operator	7/01/22-6/30/23

**STREET LISTER**

Karen Blom	7/01/22-6/30/23
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**SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK, AND LUMBER**

Dennis Clark	7/01/22-6/30/23
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

FRCOG, Michael Kociela	7/01/22-6/30/23
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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Heather Butler

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Cara Leach

2/24/22-6/30/25

Linda Marcotte, Assistant

7/01/22-6/30/23

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT**

Cara Leach

7/01/22-6/30/23

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)**

Robin Bestler

7/01/19-6/30/24

Dennis Clark

7/01/22-6/30/27

John Gould

7/01/19-6/30/24

James Rae

7/01/18-6/30/23

Jeffrey Rose

7/01/22-6/30/27

Randy Heminger, Alternate

7/01/18-6/30/23

Justin Lively, Alternate

7/01/21-6/30/26

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Open

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES****DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING****Appointed by the Assessors**

Pamela Guyette

7/01/22-6/30/23

Elizabeth Cerone

7/01/22-6/30/23

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Ellen Kaufmann (vacated Feb. 2022)

Michael Novack

Penny Novack

Margaret Olin, chair

Harvey Schaktman

Brian Summer

**McKNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Buckland Select Board

Treasurer

## **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mark Amstein	Jeffrey Rose	Michael Hoberman
Susan Atherton	Jill Selleck	Ellen Kaufmann
Janet Sinclair	Chris Skelly	Phoebe Walker
Marilyn Kelsey	Rob Riggan	

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Paula Consolo (Finance Committee Appointee)  
Leslie DeGraff-Grinnell (Moderator Appointee)  
Patricia Schmidt (Select Board Appointee)

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Heather Butler	Anthony Jewell	Janet Sinclair
Herb Guyette	Rob Riggan	Arthur Henry Phillips

## **REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**(Three-year term, Moderator's Appointment)**

VACANT

7/01/22-6/30/25

## **TOWN EMPLOYEES**

### **MAIN OFFICE**

Heather Butler	Town Administrator
Cara Leach	Treasurer/Tax Collector
Pamela Guyette	Director of Assessing/Administrative Assistant
Karen Blom	Town Clerk
Mary Bolduc	Select Board Clerk
Michael Kociela	Town Accountant, FRCOG

### **HIGHWAY/REFUSE DEPARTMENT**

Anthony Gutierrez	Truck Driver/Operator
Jake Purinton	Truck Driver/Operator
Michael Lovett	Truck Driver/Operator
Floyd Scott	Transfer Station Attendant
Merijold Gutierrez	Transfer Station Attendant

### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Lisa Provencher	Chief Operator
Chris Drury	Assistant Operator

### **BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Sarah Salem	Library Director
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## **BUCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Greg Bardwell

### **SERGEANT**

Kurt Gilmore

### **RESERVE OFFICERS**

Jeffrey Belanger

Zack Caloon

Theodore Hanna

James Helenek

Chris Miner

Robert Carmody, Auxiliary

Joseph Murdock, Auxiliary

## **ASHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Beth Bezio, Chief

Jarek Konopko

Justin Roy

Dan Teibow

## **CHARLEMONT POLICE**

### **DEPARTMENT**

Jared Bellows, Chief

Gordon Cutter

Greg Dekoschak

Melinda Herzig, Sergeant

John McDonough, Sergeant

Fran Noyes

Kyle Sweeney

## **SHELBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Greg Bardwell, Chief

Timothy Budrewicz, Sergeant

Tucker Jenkins, Patrolman

Jeffrey King

Brandon Lopez

Christopher Pettengill

Corey Powell

Ed Thurston

## **SELECT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Select Board's membership at beginning of 2022 went through several transitions during the year. Select Board Chair Zachary Turner resigned effective February 1 when he moved out of town. Barry Del Castilho was elected chair, Clint Phillips was elected vice chair, and one Board seat remained vacant for several months. Del Castilho's three-year term ended with the May 3, 2022 election and was filled by Larry Wells. At the same time Del Castilho was elected to fill the one year remaining on Turner's three-year term. Del Castilho was elected chair and Phillips was elected vice chair.

As a first step in developing shared police services between the Towns of Buckland and Shelburne, the Buckland Select Board appointed Shelburne Chief of Police Greg Bardwell to serve also as Buckland Chief of Police. That arrangement was replaced in June with an agreement between the Towns of Buckland and Shelburne for the Town of Shelburne to provide Chief of Police services to the Town of Buckland, with Shelburne Chief Bardwell providing that service. Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito came to the Buckland Town Hall to announce a \$200,000 State grant for shared services. The very flexible grant provided, among other things, consulting services from the UMassBoston Collins Center for Public Management to assist the two Towns in developing a more comprehensive shared police services proposal to be presented to the 2023 Annual Town Meetings of both Towns. The first of two public forums on this subject was held in December.

Early in 2022 a working group of representatives of Ashfield, Shelburne, Buckland and the Senior Center Board of Directors finalized, publicized and held a public forum on a draft recommendation for the three Towns' 2022 Annual Town Meetings. All three Annual Town Meetings overwhelmingly approved the submission to the State legislature of a Special Act authorizing the establishment of a West County Senior Services District to replace the current Senior Center Consortium Agreement. With the help of our legislators, the bill passed both houses and was signed by Governor Baker in the final hours of his administration. Implementation will follow in 2023.

One of the Select Board's highest priorities – road improvements – continued to progress under the leadership of Town Administrator Heather Butler and the Highway Department's Foreman Anthony Gutierrez, with the support and hard work of his crew. The Highway Department focused their efforts on re-establishing drainage ditches and experimenting with more effective patching materials and methods. At the same time MassDOT began the long-awaited reconstruction of Conway Street to the Conway Town Line. That project included sidewalks, water and sewer upgrades and the replacement of two failing culverts.

Under the leadership of the Recreation Committee, a design was completed, the Select Board awarded a construction contract, and construction began on the long-awaited Buckland Rec pool replacement. The project was funded by donations, by the Town, and by grants, including a State grant that was awarded in the amount of \$400,000 in response to an application for \$100,000!

Under the leadership of the Town Administrator, “#teambuckland” continued to provide high quality public services. A Building and Grounds Department was created, staffed with one full time employee. That position allowed the Town to stop the high-cost outsourcing many of the facilities-related activities including sidewalk snow removal and mowing. That position will also help the Town Administrator administer grant projects to promote accessibility and environmental sustainability.

The COVID-19 pandemic diminished during 2022, but recovery from its effects continued.

The Select Board greatly appreciates the many and varied significant contributions that have been made by Buckland citizens and business community, other elected and appointed Town officials and staff, our neighbors, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, and our elected and appointed State officials.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Del Castilho



## **TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

Thank you to all the residents who completed and returned the annual street listing forms promptly. The annual street listing is very important for a variety of reasons. It's essential for the accuracy of the town voting lists. Many town departments use this information in other ways for rescue & fire response, tax collection, school enrollments, veteran services and street lists. If I do not receive the annual street listing from a resident, I must make the all the voters at that residence inactive on the voting list.

Last year we received the results from the 2020 US Census Bureau. The 2020 Buckland population dropped to 1816 from 1902 in 2010 and 1991 in 2000. There is no change in precincts for voting – we remain a single precinct located at 1 William St.

### **ELECTIONS, TOWN MEETINGS & VOTER REGISTRATIONS**

There were 2 state elections - a primary and a state mid-term, 1 local election, 1 annual town meeting and 1 special town meeting in 2022. With the adoption of the Voter Acts law in late June, more voting options allowed voters to vote by mail or in-person early. Thank you to the election workers who covered early voting sessions and the many hours on election days; a majority of whom donate their time to help with elections and town meetings.

#### **Town Meetings and Elections were as follows: 1405 registered voters**

Annual Town Election	May 3, 2022	147 voters
Annual Town Meeting	May 7, 2022	90 voters
Special Town Election	July 25, 2022	148 voters
State Primary Election	September 6, 2022	401 voters
State Election	November 8, 2022	918 voters

#### **There were several Voter Registrations and Early Voting sessions held in 2022.**

April 13, 2022	Prior to Annual Town Election
April 15, 2022	Prior to Annual Town Meeting
July 15, 2022	Prior to Special Town Election
Aug. 27, 30, 31, Sept 1 & 2	Prior to Primary Election
Oct 22, 25, 26, 27, 29 Nov 1, 2 & 3	Prior to State Election

## **ANNUAL DOG LICENSES 2021**

**January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022**

162	Spayed Females @ \$.5.00	810.00
9	Females @ \$10.00	90.00
115	Neutered Males @ \$5.00	575.00
17	Males @ \$10.00	170.00
1	Kennels @ \$50.00	50.00
20	Late Fines @ \$25.00	500.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2195.00</b>

## **VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN 2021**

BIRTHS	12
MARRIAGES	9
DEATHS	16

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Blom, Town Clerk  
Elected Term 2021-2023

Open Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 3 pm  
By appointment  
413-625-6330 X4  
twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

## **BUCKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

2022 brought more transitions on the Board of Health, as new members Carmela Lanza- Weil and Julie Godfrey joined the board. Thanks to outgoing members Terry Estes and Dean Singer for their service. The Board met three times in person this year but has gone back to zoom meetings to accommodate members' work schedules

The mask mandate was changed to a recommendation effective March 7, taking into account a lower level of community transmission per the CDC.

Once again the town opted out of aerial spraying for mosquitoes and submitted an Alternative Mosquito Response plan. The BOH purchased tick test kits for town residents.

The town hosted a flu clinic, and several COVID vaccination clinics.

After Deerfield withdrew from FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments), the CPHS satellite office moved to Buckland, housed in the police station building. As Buckland is a member town of FRCOG, its health agents Randy and Kurt assisted BOH members to perform the typical responsibilities: food permits, Title V applications, recreational camp applications, short term rental permits, and special event permits.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy Hart

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

**- Police Chief Gregory D. Bardwell -**

It is a privilege to provide the 2022 Buckland Police Department Annual Report to the residents of Buckland. The Police Department personnel continue to experience an immense amount of support from our community and for that we thank you. We extend our sincere appreciation to the residents of Buckland.

### **Staffing:**

The Buckland Police Department is currently comprised of the Chief of Police and one full-time police Sergeant. The balance or any uncovered hours are picked up by fully trained, sworn in, part-time officers on a rotating basis. Generally, shifts consist of one officer covering the entire town until the next shift begins. The Buckland Police Department works closely with The Shelburne Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police and staff stationed out of the Shelburne Falls State Police Barracks.

### **Calls for Service:**

In 2022 the department responded to and generated 1071 calls for service. These included, but were not limited to: Burglar Alarms, Animal Complaints, Assaults, Breaking and Entering, Disturbances, Medicals, Motor Vehicle Complaints, Officer Wanted, and Assisting Other Agencies.

During a patrol each Officer has an array of responsibilities while on shift. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, enforcing Massachusetts General Law, checks on public assemblies and buildings for security, reporting street hazards or other dangerous conditions. Maintain log of activities, prepares and submits reports on incidents occurring on shifts. Aside from road patrol, these officers also partake in criminal investigations and non-criminal incidents such as missing persons, lost hikers, stranded motorists and responding to medical calls as first-responders.

### **Reminders:**

#### **Massachusetts has a new police reform law. Here's what's in it**

Gov. Charlie Baker signed Massachusetts' new police reform bill into law, enacting landmark changes to law enforcement training, oversight and best practices statewide.

"An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth" follows months of rallying, re-examination and debate surrounding policing in Massachusetts. The changes outlined in the new law have already begun to take effect, impacting police officers and departments across the state.

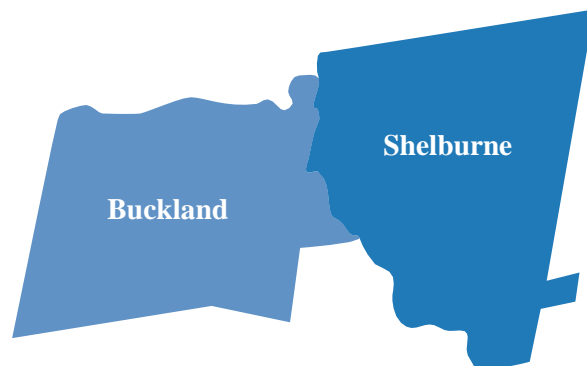
# Should Shelburne and Buckland Share Police Services?

In December 2020, Governor Charlie Baker signed, “An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth Massachusetts,” otherwise known as the Massachusetts police reform law.

This law requires many changes to police work statewide, some of which have a substantial effect on small town police departments. Police reform requires all police officers to receive a high level of training and certification. Communities that historically relied on part-time officers to fill gaps in service will need to pay for fully trained and certified officers, regardless of their work schedule. The costs of providing police services are likely to go up. The Buckland and Shelburne Select Boards are looking for a way to comply with the law without causing unnecessary cost burdens on their residents, though an increase in cost is still likely.

Ultimately, the decision to share police across the two towns is up to you, the voters. The Select Boards hope that by sharing police services, both communities could have:

- Better police services in general
- More consistent and professional police coverage in both towns
- A police force that is better trained and educated, particularly in modern policing techniques and approaches
- The option for officers to train in specialty fields (for example: detective work, community outreach, search and rescue, crash reconstruction, domestic violence intervention, etc.)



## How will this affect me?

- The Commonwealth’s police reform law will likely increase the costs of policing for most Massachusetts communities. The select boards of Shelburne and Buckland hope that by sharing police services, the cost impact will be reduced than if each town were to comply with the law on its own.
- Remember, any costs to the taxpayers for any services or projects above 2.5% must go to Town Meeting and the ballot for approval.

## **Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST)**

In a first for Massachusetts, the new law has established a majority civilian-led commission that has created a mandatory statewide certification process for all police officers. The Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (**POST**) Commission will be able to decertify or suspend officers, as well as investigate claims of misconduct.

Law enforcement agencies will now be required to submit officers' disciplinary records, and the commission will maintain a public database of officers who are decertified, suspended, or required to undergo retraining.

The nine-member commission created by the new law will include six civilian board members, with members appointed by the governor and attorney general. The implementation of the POST standard will eliminate the position of "part-time" officer as we know it.

### **Minimum standard of training for all police officers**

The POST Commission includes a division tasked with setting uniform policies and standards for police training and certification. Minimum standards for the three-year certification will include completing a basic training program (5-6 months), undergoing a physical and psychological evaluation, passing an exam and completing a background check.

The Committee on Police Training and Certification, which will head the division, will also establish standards for screening police academy applicants.

### **De-escalation and use of force**

The law creates a so-called "duty to de-escalate," requiring officers to attempt de-escalation tactics when feasible before using force to arrest, detain or prevent imminent harm (when the use of force is proportionate to the threat).

"De-escalation tactics" are proactive steps to stabilize a situation and reduce or eliminate the need for force. The legislation describes tactics including using verbal persuasion, creating distance between officer and threat, and calling in medical or mental health professionals to address a potential crisis.

Officers will also be required to intervene and later report to their supervisor when they see another officer using physical force — including deadly force — beyond what is reasonable or necessary under the circumstances.

### **Protests and demonstrations**

During the summer of 2020, Black Lives Matter rallies popped up nationwide to protest the deaths of several Black Americans at the hands of police. Some rallies — including one in Boston — turned violent, driving a further wedge between officers and activists.

Now, before planned mass demonstrations, Massachusetts police departments are required to make a good faith attempt to communicate with event organizers to discuss logistics and strategies to avoid conflict between police and participants.



If an officer uses force — including rubber bullets, tear gas or dogs — against a crowd, their agency will need to file a report with the POST Commission detailing what de-escalation tactics the officer used. The commission will review the report and may investigate whether the officer's actions were justified.

### **Chokehold ban**

The law bans the use of chokeholds and specifies that officers will not be trained to use any action that involves them placing a body part on or around a person's neck, limiting the person's breathing or blood flow. This has always been a part of the Massachusetts training curriculum for police officer.

### **No-knock warrant**

A no-knock warrant is one that authorizes officers to enter private premises without knocking and announcing themselves. Under the new law in Massachusetts, a judge will be required to issue no-knock warrants and may only do so when lives would be at risk without one and when there are no children or adults older than 65 in the home.

### **School resource officers**

The new bill redefines training requirements for a department's school resource officers, establishing training programs designed to differentiate interaction and arrest tactics to be used on juveniles and adults. Emphasizing de-escalation tactics to be used specifically in interactions with juveniles, the new certification practice will also include training around cultural competency, sexual and domestic abuse, and hate crimes.

School resource officers appointed and certified for their position are prohibited from sharing information collected on a student or a student's family, including data on immigration status, religion, ethnicity, or suspected or alleged gang affiliation.

### **State Police reforms**

Under current laws, the Massachusetts State Police colonel can only be appointed from within the ranks. The new bill allows the governor to appoint from outside the agency for the first time.

Like local officers, Massachusetts State Police troopers will be required to receive a certification from the POST Commission. The reforms also include punishment for officers who are paid for hours they did not work. According to the bill, any law enforcement officer found to have made a false claim of hours worked would be punished with fines three times the amount of the fraudulent wages collected, or by imprisonment up to two years.

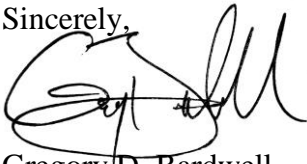
Each year it is our department's goal to provide the Town of Buckland with the most professional, transparent, progressive community policing it deserves.

To contact or leave a message for an officer, or to report non-emergency incidents please call:

**The Buckland Police Department- 413.625.8573**  
**Shelburne Control Dispatch Center (24/7) - 413.625.8200**

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES:**  
**DIAL 911**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory D. Bardwell', written over a horizontal line.

Gregory D. Bardwell  
Chief of Police  
Buckland Police Department  
Shelburne Police Department



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Sheriff

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CHRISTOPHER J. DONELAN  
SHERIFF



LORI M. STREETER  
SUPERINTENDENT

### ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION



#### TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF BUCKLAND:

In 2019, the Towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne join in partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program to provide full-time services to these towns.

During 2022, the Regional Animal Control Program welcomed the Towns of Bernardston, Conway, Leyden, and New Salem. With the addition of these (4) towns, the Regional Animal Control Program now provides Animal Control Services for (12) Towns. We also welcomed the addition of a part-time Animal Control Officer (Judie Garceau) to the program.

During 2022, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 693 calls for service between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.

#### Calls for Service:

- 🐾 21 call(s) for animal bites investigations.
- 🐾 21 call(s) for animal welfare checks.
- 🐾 147 call(s) for animal complaints.
- 🐾 84 call(s) regarding found animals.
- 🐾 15 call(s) for inspections.
- 🐾 16 call(s) for sick or injured animals.
- 🐾 50 Mutual Aid Requests.
- 🐾 45 Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.
- 🐾 11 Animal Surrenders.

*\*Note: The above does not represent all*

#### Breakdown of calls by Town:

- 🐾 **Bernardston:** 40
- 🐾 **Buckland:** 53
- 🐾 **Charlemont:** 29
- 🐾 **Colrain:** 74
- 🐾 **Conway:** 5
- 🐾 **Gill:** 55
- 🐾 **Heath:** 48
- 🐾 **Leyden:** 15
- 🐾 **Monroe:** 2
- 🐾 **New Salem:** 29
- 🐾 **Northfield:** 72
- 🐾 **Shelburne:** 56
- 🐾 **Other\*:** 215

In the spring of 2022 with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Amy Rubin and Amy Tuominen we were able to host rabies clinics in Turners Falls and Heath.

We have also worked with local food pantries to keep them stocked with pet food for residents in need, if you are struggling to obtain food for your dog or cat, or know of a pantry in need of pet food. Please reach out.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at [animalcontrol@fcsoma.us](mailto:animalcontrol@fcsoma.us) or by phone at **413-774-7340**. If you have an urgent or immediate situation, please contact the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center at **413-625-8200**.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer*

*Judie Garceau, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer*

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#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGIONAL DOG SHELTER:

The Franklin County Sheriff's Regional Dog Shelter has been in operation since 2012. The shelter was started by Sheriff Christopher Donelan who saw the need in the community for a dog sheltering facility and is currently the only brick and mortar dog shelter in Franklin County.



As of this date, the dog shelter provides services to 23 of the 26 Franklin County towns. During the course of 2022, the Regional Dog Shelter logged 190 canine intakes (164 were brought in as strays, and 26 were surrendered, transferred, or returned to our facility).



- 🐾 102 were returned to their owners;
- 🐾 74 were adopted into new fur-ever homes; and
- 🐾 11 were transferred to another facility to better meet their specific needs.



While we are primarily a dog facility with the addition of the Sheriff's Office Regional Animal Control Position, the shelter assisted in the holding and transfer of 18 felines. At this time, the shelter does not have the capability to process cat adoptions, therefore, all felines are transferred to an appropriate agency.

#### **Working with the Community:**

**Food Pantries:** If you are struggling to feed your pet or know of a food pantry that could use dog/cat food, please let us know!



**Rabies Clinics:** In 2022, the shelter partnered with (2) local veterinarians to sponsor rabies clinics in Turners Falls and Heath.



**Dog Licensing:** Some town clerks have granted the ability for the shelter to issue a dog license for a dog that is brought in and not licensed. As Massachusetts General Law requires every dog be licensed and vaccinated for rabies before it can be released from the shelter. This ability has drastically reduced the time that an owned dog must stay at the shelter, if it was licensed upon intake.



**Volunteers:** Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of the shelter. Without them, we would not have the success that we have today. Donating over 6,167 hours in 2022, volunteers helped with daily kennel chores, foster homes, event staffing, and providing enrichment specific to each dog needs. We are always in need of new volunteers. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please check out the volunteer application on our website.

**Did you know?** The overall average length of stay for a dog at our kennel is 30 days. During this time, all their costs and care are covered by the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter.

## **BUCKLAND ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The following is a summary of the annual Animal Inspection for 2022

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Young</b>
1. <b>Cattle:</b> (Adult = 2 years and over)		
Dairy	67	65
Beef	46	20
Steers/Oxen	7	2
2. <b>Goats</b> (Adult = 1 year and over)	12	4
3. <b>Sheep</b> (Adult = 1 year and over)	67	15
4. <b>Swine:</b>		
Breeders	8	
Feeders	8	
5. <b>Llamas/Alpacas</b>	0	
6. <b>Equine:</b>		
Horses, Ponies	20	
Donkeys and Mules	1	
7. <b>Poultry:</b>		
Chickens	657	
Turkeys	7	
Ratites (Emus)	7	
Waterfowl	54	
Gamebirds	1	
8. <b>Rabbits</b>	2	
9. <b>Other Animals</b>	0	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Taft-Ferguson  
Buckland Animal Inspector

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

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.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2022 shows a decrease of 200 tons of recycling compared to 2021. District residents recycled just over 2,500 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We returned to holding our Clean Sweep bulky waste collections in 2022 with events in May and October. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Northfield highway Garage, and Whately transfer station. The May event was the first one held since October 2019 due to the pandemic. Combined, the events served almost 600 households and collected over 60 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2022 at Greenfield Community College and Orange transfer station. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 374 households participated in this event. Residents have access to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$101,400 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

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](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 117 Main St. in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

## **SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Senior Center in Shelburne continued its important work this past year, while still navigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, a total of 261 residents age 60+ from Buckland utilized services at the Center 4,011 times.

The staffing at the Senior Center went through a transition in FY22 with a new Director and Outreach Coordinator. The ability to deliver continuous service throughout the transition is a testament to members, towns, and volunteers. While some activity opportunities continued to be limited due to Covid safety measures, the Senior Center staff and volunteers managed creative means of service delivery. Our twice monthly To-Go meals continued as staff and volunteer chefs worked together to package homemade food for local seniors. A number of Buckland residents coordinated pickup and delivery of meals. Activities of health and wellness were attended by Buckland residents, such as, Yoga, Foot Care, and Bones and Balance. Buckland seniors engaged in activities 1,891 times in 2022. Phone calls and support were provided 1,034 times to Buckland residents. Many took advantage of the weekly Big Y and in-town shopping opportunities and benefited from the Demand Response Ride program for medical appointments. Buckland seniors were engaged in transportation services over 160 times.

Outreach services were provided 336 times for Buckland seniors. Throughout FY22, many vaccination clinics were provided, as well as support in setting up needed appointments and navigating the online system of scheduling. The food program CISA, as well as SNAP benefit eligibility, saw increased enrollment in Buckland, and many took advantage of the great Food-to-Table benefits. Fuel assistance, SHINE support, and housing applications were provided to Buckland residents, as were risk counseling service and referral, all conducted via the Outreach Coordinator, holding meetings in homes, and at the Senior Center.

In 2022, the Senior Center continued to receive invaluable support from our community. We received numerous grants and sponsorships that supported our programs and services, including, caregiver support and home repair. Many Buckland Seniors took advantage of the home repair program and received help with their home environment from the qualified volunteers. This year, the Senior Center volunteers put in 1,146 hours of their time, with 590 hours provided by Buckland based volunteers, the most of any of the Consortium towns.

The Senior Center Consortium, as well as the Expansion Committee, developed the legislation packet for all town residents to vote on, and all three towns accepted the proposed, “West County Senior Services District.” As of January 2023, the District Legislation was signed by the Governor and will be implemented over the FY23 to FY24 cycles.

The Senior Center Foundation continued their support of the Senior Center’s important work this year. The Foundation’s \$10,000 contribution to the Center’s annual budget made various programs and services possible. The purchase of MySeniorCenter software was made possible by funds provided by the Foundation. This platform will provide approved state reporting, benefiting future fundraising and program compliance. We are thankful for their dedication to helping us on our mission to enrich the lives of those that we serve.

## **Buckland Public Library Annual Report 2022**

This last year saw the departure of a much-loved director, Jane Buchanan, and the hiring of a new director, myself, Sara Salem. After a long period of less activity in our building during covid, our ramp-up was a quick one. We increased our open hours to 18 by extending Tuesday evenings until 8 p.m. and Friday evenings until 7p.m. Our website was updated and improved to include current programs and a live calendar on our home page. Our already well-maintained collection grew by over 600 new items. Patrons checked out 11,638 items and our collection supplied other CWMARS libraries with 10,835 circulated items for a total of 22,473 items. People spent increasing amounts of time in the building using the public computers, browsing the shelves, chatting together, and reconnecting face to face.

After being deprived of one another's company during COVID people were eager to attend programs together. We hosted over 130 programs with over 910 attendees. Some were weekly, monthly, or just once. Our new Tuesday Crafternoons for children with Amy Love became a much-loved addition that brings a regular group of children and caregivers each week. Our well stocked, always available craft cart and Legos were popular attractions. We hosted a series of games nights. Our book club continued monthly meetings, at first online, then outside, and finally inside again. We met for dinner outside at our picnic tables. Children painted with water, drew with chalk, and danced with hula hoops outside.

We are especially grateful to: Gary Novack for leading a guided mushroom walk in the Purple Forest, Candace Curran and Jody Stewart for supporting the development of a quarterly Poetry Open Mic and being our first featured readers, Kirsten Mosher and Martha McCollough for being featured poets at our second Open Mic, Alan Young for leading Origami for Adults and consulting for the knitting group, Tinky Weisblat for performing and reading from her new book, Rick Leskowitz for starting his Stress Management Workshops, Bill Strader for leading Kites and Things that Fly, Buckland Cultural Council and Jules Skloot for a Dance-Along Storytime, Susan Shauger for her Advance Directives Workshop, Mass Cultural Council and Gary Maichack for his Pastels Instruction, Mass Dept. of Early Education along with MTRSD/HRSD and Dave Herera for Story Time with Mr. Dave, Nancy Dodson and Ellie Mae for Read to a Dog, Janice Dompke for leading our Word Play weekly writing group, Mass Dept. of Mental Health for an outside Story Walk, Kristin Howard for finding and collecting yarn donations around town, Webs Yarn Store for donating yarn, FRCOG for bringing a vaccine clinic and providing free COVID test kits, EM Letterpress for donating paper and Jorie McLeod and McCusker's Coop for help with our Seed Library.

The community room was lively with over 70 meetings. Buckland Historical Society, MTRSD teachers, Bike Park Committee, Buckland Historic Commission, Summer Day on the Common Committee, B.H.S. Barn Committee, Senior Center Foundation, Western Massachusetts Fibershed, Catamount Hill Association, Pocket Park Committee, and Friends of Robert Strong Woodward all made good use of the space. Registered individuals also booked and used the space and Wi-Fi over 35 times.

Our board of trustees welcomed new member, Teri Allen and gratefully thanked Patricia Donohue as she left after a remarkable 9 years of service. George Dole (chair), Horace Taft (treasurer), Ciara Hayden, Jorie McLeod, Brenda Parrella, Teri Allen and Cass Russillo continue meeting monthly on

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. with the director to guide and support the good function of the library with a focus on community building, programming, fiscal responsibility, and the care and maintenance of the building.

Looking ahead the library will begin the creation of an updated Long Range Strategic Plan this year. Public input is desired and welcomed. We are also seeking handmade contributions for a raffle during the upcoming Summer Day on the Buckland Common. We are already grateful for an exquisite baby quilt donated by Kristin Strange, a carved spoon donated by Alan Young, and some knitted items made during our new Saturday fiber group. Jules Skloot will perform again on the Common. We are excited about a \$9,090 unrestricted Recovery Grant from the Mass Cultural Council which will help us bolster our collection, increase our programming, and help purchase easels and art supplies among other items.

Buckland Public Library is an institution largely supported, maintained, and enhanced by the community it serves. We are grateful for the town's municipal appropriation, State Aid to Public Libraries from the MBLC, generous annual patron donations, grants from the Buckland Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council, and the Estate of Mary Shaffer. Many other community members help us function in crucial ways. Dianna Young, Judy Sweet, Don Wheeler, Dena Willmore, Cheryl L. Dukes, Georgette Defriesse, Mike McCusker, Polly Anderson, Dale Moss, Michael Novack, Elias Roustom, Eliza Dole, Alicia Graves, Sue Samoriski, Aleyna Hayes, Jalila Smith, Debb Makara, Laurie Hayes, Laurie Wheeler, Betsy Antaya, Sara Hertel-Fernandez, Matthew Coes, Sue Roberts, Nancy Dole, Betty Barrett, Marcus & Cynthia Fisher, Sandra Jaquay-Wilson, Dale Ward, Mary Lyon Church and Ann Stephany are just a few of the people who have given their time, effort, and expertise with warmth and generosity.

Lastly, we are indebted to Marcia Wheeler, Dianna Young, and Judy Sweet who have quietly gone above and beyond in their steadfast devotion to the library. We could not function without their knowledge and labor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Salem

## **ARMS LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Arms Library, one of the first public buildings seen when entering at the Shelburne entrance to Shelburne Falls, has had another busy year. Library usage began to reach pre-pandemic levels, and people were adjusting to the everchanging rules regarding COVID-19.

Statistics for FY2022 follow below. These statistics include all circulations that pass through the checkout desk. They do not include actual inside use of the library, reference transactions, or number of “hits” on the wi-fi, or usage of the Arms’ back grassy area.

Total Print and Media Circulation at the Arms: 20,838

Total E-book and downloadable audio and video: 9,994

Circulation and Renewals of Arms materials at other libraries in CW/MARS: 15,075

Interlibrary Loans from other libraries: 7,128

Registered borrowers with Arms Library cards: 1,134

Hours open: Mon. 10:30-5:30, Wed. 11 – 7, Sat. 10 – 3, Sun. 12 – 3.

Computers were available for public use; and the library’s internet was available around the clock. No password is needed. A person can park anywhere around the library building and get wi-fi.

Staff: Laurie Wheeler, Sharin Alpert, Courtney Celli, Sara Salem, Colleen Rauch. Cathy Livingstone served as both a substitute, and a volunteer. (Nine years Cathy has been volunteering with us!)

Arms Library Trustees: Karen Sheaffer, Sheryl Gilmore, Kate Downes, John Cornman, Arthur Samuelson, T.L. LaFleur, and Dan Alden.

Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee: Karen Sheaffer, Dan Alden, Kate Downes, Sheryl Gilmore, Andrew Baker.

Volunteers: Cathy Livingstone, Candace Curran, Cate MacKinnon, Linda Cavanaugh, and Deb Makara.

Friends of the Arms Library: Sally Judd, Peter Schriber, Christin Couture, Joan Lawless, Sharon Glazer, Ken Eisenstein, and Candace Curran.

And just one financial note. FY22 was the first year the Arms paid in full for its CW/MARS membership; a bequest from Phyllis Joyce allowed the Arms to pay for implementation and yearly membership fees for its first ten years of automation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wheeler  
Arms Library Director



## **BUCKLAND RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

2022 was a huge year for the Buckland Recreation Committee as many years of work raising funds to build a new pool and pool house came to fruition. With the help of our generous community, a state PARC grant, Covid relief funds, and a special town meeting to reallocate funds needed, we received the support to award the contract to Westfield Construction. The turnout and support we received from our community at the special town meeting on July 25, 2022 was incredibly gratifying and heart-warming to witness.

Early on in the year, FRCOG was a big help in pulling together our Request for Proposals to find an architect and pool designer. At this point, we had only a rough idea of what the costs would be. Once we enlisted the design talents of Rob Marcalow from Kuth Ranieri Architects, we quickly arrived at the beautiful design of the pool and pool house. With the clock ticking on our state grant, we had to move through these decision making phases very quickly. With construction costs skyrocketing, we also had to strip down our wish list of pool features and amenities to only the necessary functions. We put the project out to bid, and even with cost-cutting measures, the projected cost of construction came back much higher than the funds we had available. Then, our incredible community stepped up and unanimously voted to release the funds needed to get us to the finish line.

We had a small groundbreaking celebration on September 19, 2022. Since then, our contractor and subcontractors have been busy on site and are making very good progress. A grand opening is scheduled for late June 2023.

We are so grateful to everyone who made the swimming pool project possible and the many people who have helped this project succeed over the last 6 years. Administrative Assistant, Pam Guyette, became the project's point-person on behalf of the town and she has guided the many details of both the RFP process and the construction contract process with great patience, hard work, and enthusiasm.

To all of you who donated towards the swimming pool project, we are eternally grateful!!

Sincerely,

The Buckland Recreation Committee

Cindy Schwartz      Carol Foote      Wendy Ferris      Christy Moore

Brandon Boucias      Mark Amstein      Dan Fleurriel

## **BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Buckland Cultural Council funds West County arts, humanities, cultural projects, and events through small but meaningful grants to artists and presenters. Our funding comes from state appropriations through our tax dollars. It is our mission to support these offerings to improve the quality of life for students, residents, and visitors to West County. Any citizen that can meet the basic requirements can apply for a grant.

For 2022 we were able to fund 25 projects. These projects include music, drama, visual arts, current event speakers, natural sciences, and dance. We are proud to be able to help fund so many diverse cultural events. Local citizens are urged to check our Facebook page for times and places for these events. Project coordinators are encouraged to send promotional material to us, to local news outlets, and social media. Many of the projects are presented by local residents.

To view our 2023 projects visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/> We hope our choices will continue to bring interesting and culturally enriching events to our area. We welcome community input to let us know of any events you would like us to fund in our area.

Our Council always needs new members as we have term limits. If you are interested in serving on this easy, fun committee, with no big time commitment, please contact the Town Hall or one of the members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Cunningham, Co-chair, Secretary  
Jim Bonham, Co=Chair, Treasurer  
Karen Sheaffer  
Sarah Neelon  
Brook Batteau  
Brenda Parilla  
Arthur Samuelson  
Cynthia Fisher



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*Business Manager*

**Dee Dee Pielock**  
*Executive Assistant*

## Mary Lyon Foundation Annual Report October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) was a record year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. We exceeded our expectations in the silent phase of our *Campaign for Student Success* and raised \$2,082,635.69 toward our goal of \$5,000,000 over five years. Total campaign revenue since the Campaign began on October 1, 2020, is \$2,827,668.

The *Campaign for Student Success* is a bold initiative that allows us to invest in the most pressing needs facing our students, families, and educators.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is working tirelessly to ensure that all students come to school ready to learn, succeed academically, socially, and emotionally and thrive in the wider world. Our goal is to provide families with access to the services needed to foster a healthy and stable learning environment at home and school. We strive to ensure that Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School District educators have the tools and resources they need to give our students the best possible education possible.

The Foundation's programming and services have expanded substantially in FY22 to meet the ongoing needs of our community.

### **Some program highlights are below:**

- We expanded our scholarship offerings to graduating students living in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Our food scarcity program has grown, and the Foundation currently delivers groceries to 140 People every other Tuesday. This program has doubled since its inception in July of 2021.
- We supported all educator assistance requests that promoted reimagination and innovation in the classroom.
- We provided funding for students to help with driver's education, CPR and first aid certification, serve-safe certificates, computers for college, and much more.
- Our Adopt a Child/Family program provided 73 children with gifts during the holidays, thanks to our partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank.
- Thanks to our partnership with the United Way and the Warm the Children Program, two hundred children in our community received funds so parents could buy winter clothing and boots.
- Due to the generosity of our community and the DAR, we gave warm winter hats, mittens, and scarves to the six schools in the school district and Valley Play School.
- Through our Walmart Gift Card Program, 158 gift cards were distributed to parents so they could purchase school supplies and other items to prepare their children for school.
- We partnered with the Salvation Army to help families with groceries, clothing, and utility bills through their Hometown Endowment Program.
- We funded scholarships to families so their children could attend summer and vacation camps and programs while parents worked.
- We provided parents of newborn babies with helpful supplies in collaboration with the DAR and the Good Neighbors knitting groups.
- We organized the West County People Who Support People Consortium in partnership with FRCOG and Community Action. This group of seventy service providers meets quarterly to discuss how we can connect our community to the programs and services available to our families and students.

- In partnership with MTRSD and Foxtown Diner, we supported a district-wide celebration of learning and gave graphic novels and dinner to children and families throughout the district.
- We partnered with The Optician to provide glasses for many children within the community.
- We provided emergency relief to families who needed help with their utility bills.
- We initiated a Period Poverty Program in the district, giving young women sanitary products.
- We provided funding for the Preschool Assessment of Stereopsis with a smile, a program that measures children's and nonreaders' depth perception.
- We provided funding for the senior class's Franklin County Fair Fundraiser. The senior class raises funds to pay for prom and other school-wide events throughout the year.
- We funded four seniors so they could fulfill their capstone projects.
- We partnered with MTRSD and helped fund a teacher appreciation ice cream social.

### **Campaign Highlights:**

- The Mary Lyon Foundation endowed the Mohawk Trail Sustainability Endowment through an anonymous donor.
- A campaign pledge funded the Paulyne and Harper Gerry Student Assistance Endowment.
- A campaign pledge funded Guardian Angel Endowment.
- We provided funding to build a new Career and College Readiness Center at the high school.
- We provided grant funding to multiple organizations to better serve the surrounding community.
- We funded the before- and after-school programs at Hawlemont Regional School through an anonymous donation.

- Through the generosity of Marion and Gordon Taylor, we created the Marion J. and Gordon E. Taylor Endowment, which will provide funding in perpetuity in areas of greatest need.
- In partnership with Gloriosa, we hosted our first campaign event and raised \$40,000 for the Marion J. and Gordon E. Taylor Endowment.

Through our campaign fundraising, the Mary Lyon Foundation has significantly increased our program and service delivery in FY22. As a result, we hired a part-time Program Coordinator to help manage, maintain, and expand our programming.

In FY22, many students and families faced extraordinary challenges. With the support of our constituents and community partners, the Mary Lyon Foundation expanded existing programs. It developed new initiatives to help meet the needs of our community across the district.

Through our *Campaign for Student Success*, we will continue to fundraise for the next few years to expand existing programs and underwrite our operating endowment. The Campaign will secure the Foundation's future and ensure that we will provide funding so that all students come to school ready to learn, succeed academically, socially, and emotionally and thrive in the wider world.

### **Revenue and Expenditure Descriptions:**

**Special Projects:** Donations the Foundation receives are earmarked for other programs, such as

- the Buckland Recreation Department's Pool Project
- Career and College Counseling Center

**Scholarships:** Scholarship funding received and established by the Mary Lyon Foundation paid out to Mohawk Trail Students.

**Unrestricted Endowment:** Income from unrestricted donations is given to the Mary Lyon Foundation for use where needed most.

**Educator Assistance:** Funding for educators in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts to support reimagination and innovation in the classroom.

**Emergency Assistance:** This category supports the Guardian Angel, Paulyne and Harper Gerry Student Assistant Funds. These funds support the family and children of the district by assisting with groceries and clothing, avoiding shut off of utilities, etc.

**Literacy:** Funding to support literacy in children from birth through high school.

**Operations:** Annual fundraising to support the Mary Lyon Foundation's daily operations.

**Restricted Endowments:** Income from restricted endowments underwrite the Mary Lyon Foundation's programs, services, and scholarships in perpetuity. (e.g.) Student Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Literacy, and Educator Assistance.

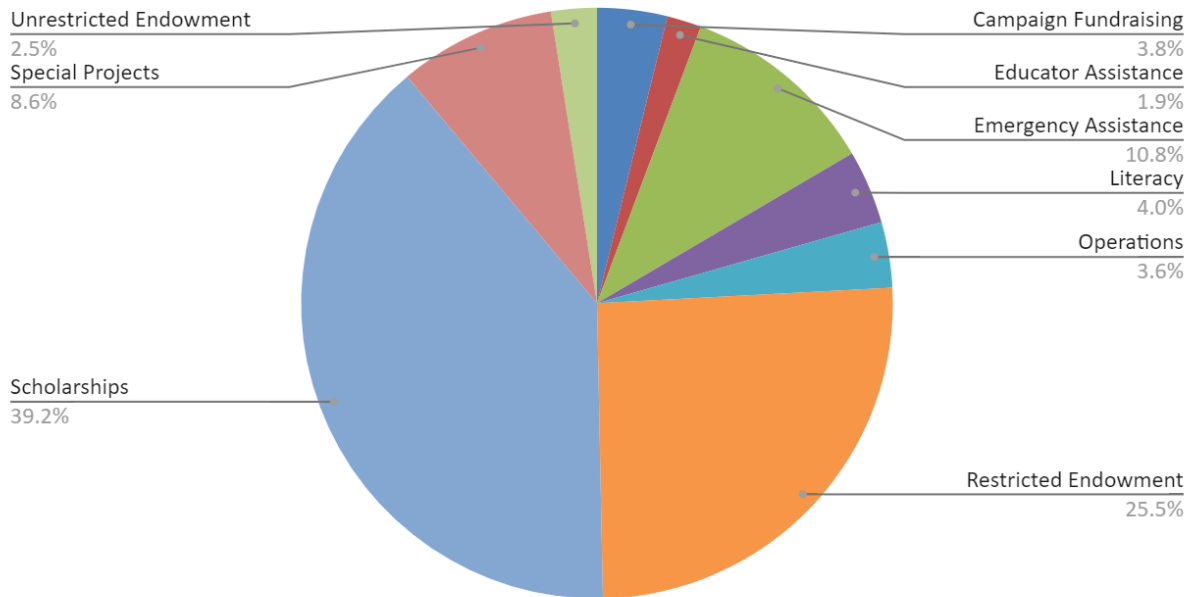
**Campaign Fundraising:** Unrestricted funding for immediate use where it is needed most.

Respectfully submitted,

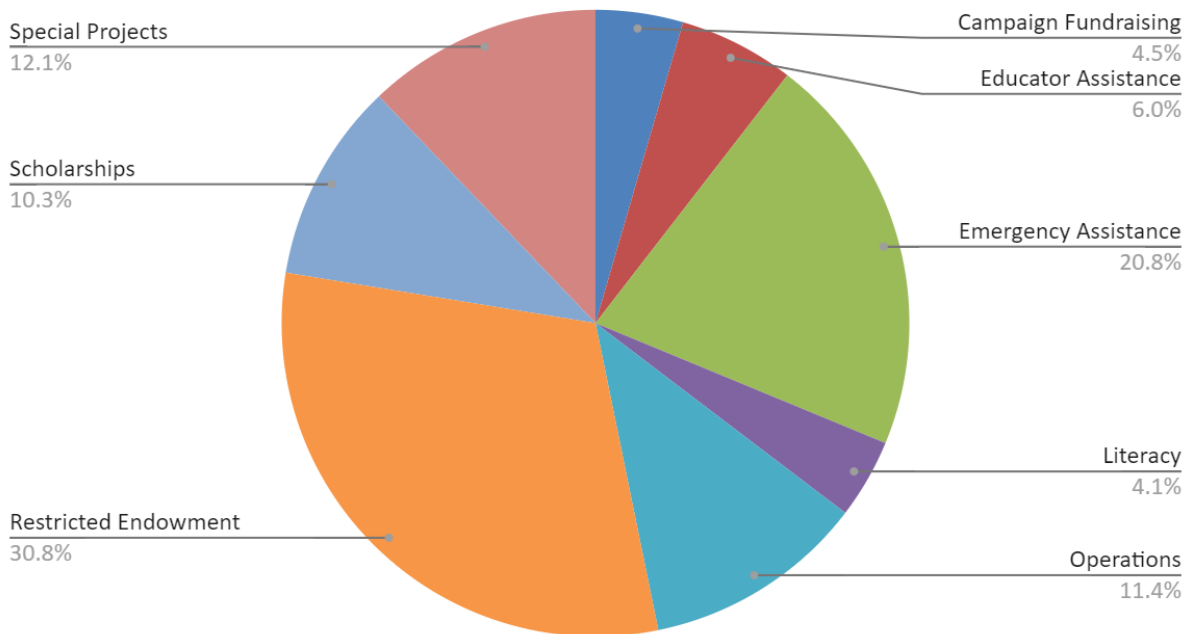
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Kristen Tillona Baker  
Executive Director

## 2022 Total Revenues



## 2022 Total Expenditures



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## COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT 2022

**It's posted at the building's entrance:** *The mission of the Senior Center and member Councils on Aging is to enrich the lives of residents in the community as they age by designing support networks, identifying and meeting their needs and interests, and providing services and programs in welcoming, respectful and safe environments.*

It's a mission the Buckland Council on Aging (COA) takes seriously—and happily. We're members of the Senior Center's Board of Directors, working with the Ashfield and Shelburne COAs to help the staff fulfill the mission.

In 2022, still masking and social distancing, like all Center volunteers we put our personal skills to work. Women who love to cook formed a group of "Center Chefs" who, under the direction of Program Coordinator Dot Lyman, planned and prepared delicious meals twice a month for drive-by pickup. Local residents led such popular indoor classes as Yoga, Tai Chi, Drawing and Drumming. The Home Repair Program was much in demand and hugely successful thanks to handy folks willing to lend a hand.

Many Buckland seniors enjoyed movies like "West Side Story" and "Elvis," as well as virtual travels to fascinating places like Everglades National Park via interactive Senior Learning Network programs. Residents attended regular Foot Clinics, Memory Cafes and a Caregiver's Support Group; others took advantage of the Center's newer offerings such as Friday morning Internet Cafes and "A Novel Idea," a book club whose members don't all read the same book but rather discuss whatever they've been reading.

There were staff changes at #7 Main Street in 2022. In the spring Amanda Joao resigned and Juli Moreno became Director; then longtime Outreach Coordinator Leanne Dowd resigned and Teddy Doucette joined the team. Their plates were full but they adjusted beautifully.

Also in 2022 we Board members helped bring about legislation to create the West County Senior Services District, a municipal entity that established a new legal partnership and ownership of the Senior Center, allowing Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne to address its capital needs—something not covered in the Consortium Agreement—and affording the Center flexibility to serve West County's growing number of seniors. The District Proposal, voted on and passed in all three towns, was approved by the State Senate and House and signed by Governor Charlie Baker just before he left office.

And through it all, Bob Szafran's Transportation Department provided hundreds of rides to medical appointments as well as shopping trips to Big-Y and Walmart.

As members of the Buckland COA, we're grateful for the efforts of the Center's professional staff for always providing a positive, welcoming atmosphere. We're also grateful for the generous support of the Senior Center Foundation (SCF), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to raise funds for the Senior Center's programs and operation.

Now it's our objective to build an active network of Buckland seniors connected through phone calls and neighborly visits. So we invite you to join us at the Center as participants or volunteers...and discover new ways to make the most of your own life experiences and talents.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel & Joanne Soroka

# Buckland Historical Society, Inc.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022 Annual Report

### TRUSTEES

Pat Schmidt, Sandy Cardinal, Alicia Graves, Carol Bolduc, David Parrella, Polly Anderson, Sue Roberts, Michael Turley, Kathy Lytle, Muriel Shippee, Sue Samoriski, Michael McCusker

We were awarded a Massachusetts Cultural Facilities matching construction grant for restoring the Wilder Homestead's circa 1790 barn. Together with many local donations from individuals and businesses we hired forester, Tom Jenkins, to cut down and haul out big logs with his team of oxen. Watch this spring as the barn will be dismantled by Cruckfather LLC and Dickie Hillman will excavate for Dave Bernard's foundation pouring. We are very excited about expanding historical education programs that have been taking place for more than 25 years. Our central theme is barn-loom weaving, which has been ongoing since 1946 in Buckland. Watch the 8-minute video

<https://vimeo.com/591119932>

Sue Roberts made a donation of a large collection of reproduced maps dating from the 1700's that can be found in the Buckland Public Library.

Summer Day on the Buckland Common, July 15, 2023. The museum will be open while serving Buckland Blueberry Buckle. Most community groups will participate. Concerts, food, and children's games highlight.

Pie Social Annual meeting, June 15, 2023. Jack Sobon, our timber frame architect presents.

Hilltown History Tour, August 2023. Watch the website or our Facebook page for details.

1828 Elmer Mill on 112 at Cross Street, A committee is diligently working with the owner to find a way to save it from the next Clesson Brook flood. Serious progress is being made. Let us know if you are interested in being on a very active committee.

Individual, family, or business memberships are available at [bucklandmasshistory.org](http://bucklandmasshistory.org)

Respectfully submitted, Michael McCusker, President

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

It is a pleasure and honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. It has been a year with much to celebrate as students and staff have experienced a spring and fall of in-person learning. As we learn to manage the lingering effects of the pandemic, we are focusing on ensuring students have the learning support they need to be successful every day. I am incredibly grateful for the collaboration with local town officials, community members, and families as we move forward to address the challenges and celebrate our successes.

The school districts have continued to focus on improving our technology infrastructure for in-person instruction through device replenishment and touch screen projection equipment. Every classroom in every school in Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) now has a Clear Touch instructional projection device. In the Hawlemont Regional School District (HRSD), additional touch screens have been purchased and shared throughout the school. Our capital improvement projects in MTRSD have been completed. Again, thank you to the Capital Improvement Working Group for their time and thoughtful approach to ensuring our schools receive the needed attention and repairs necessary. We are excited to begin our solar project for MTRSD at the middle high school. While the project will create important savings in our operating budget, it will also generate green energy for the school. Thank you to our Outdoor Learning Committee for bringing this proposal forward and through completion.

We continue to advocate for the unique needs of students, families, and schools in our rural district and across the Commonwealth to sustain high quality, equitable education for our communities. We have worked with Representative Natalie Blais to ensure that the Rural Commission Report Recommendations are a key priority in legislation moving forward. We have support from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association to advocate for the recommendations that would address the goals of the Student Opportunity Act beyond the initial phase of supporting districts and communities with substantial high need student populations.

Literacy continues to be a key focus area for both districts. Our District Literacy Leadership Team has chosen Wit and Wisdom for grades 7 and 8 and EL Education for Kindergarten through grade 6. Our work with the Hill for Literacy on the science of reading has continued as well as support from EL Education for implementation of our new curriculum. In addition, all elementary schools now have a common schedule so that students across the district have the same access to rigorous curriculum and instruction. We have continued our partnership with the Mary Lyon Foundation in support of our literacy focus, and extend our sincere appreciation for their collaboration.

A third key curriculum priority in all schools continues to be social-emotional learning. Our students continue to build resiliency in our post-pandemic and very digital world. Our guidance and adjustment counselors are key personnel in this effort throughout both districts. Our ESSR II and ESSR III funds continue to support enrichment and summer programming for our students and these programs demonstrate the amazing kinds of experiences our students have! Our biking program, hiking, winter animal tracking, ski club, STEM, kayaking and babysitting classes are just a few examples.

We continue to implement our [strategic plan](#) and the four key priority areas designed to move our district forward. These priority areas include building community, innovating, investing in our shared

future, and fostering an inclusive community of learners. HRSD has also developed a strategic plan to address the challenges and build on the unique and special nature of being a small rural elementary school. It's exciting to see the enthusiasm for our learning community. Our students are amazing athletes, musicians, artists, leaders, and friends and demonstrate what it means to be a Trailblazer: we are unique and our educational paths are filled with exploration, curiosity, individualized learning, community involvement and deep connections. This is evident in so many areas of our districts. I continue to be extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to celebrate our learning community and look to the future to address the unique challenges facing our rural community. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton  
Superintendent  
Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

## Principal Annual Report 2022

### Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

This has been a great year of growth at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary. We have stayed focused on the education of the children of our community. We have implemented a new literacy program, EL formerly known as Expeditionary Learning and we continue to implement Bridges for Math curriculum in grades kindergarten through grade five. Currently our enrollment is 277 from Preschool to Grade 6.

At BSE we have 16 classrooms requiring a large network of professional and support staff to help meet the needs of all our students. The teaching assignments for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows: Martha Parker and Katie Derry in Preschool, Alexandra Tomlinson and Kaitlyn Jenkins in Kindergarten, Erica Galipault and Corrie Wroblewski in grade 1, Amy Kelley and Brittany York in grade 2, Terry Page and Katrin Griswold in grade 3, Lisa Kuerzel and Jacqueline Fuller in grade 4, Boris Samarov and Lauren Paquin in grade 5, and David Conlon and Christine Reidy in grade 6. These are the same teachers in the same grades as last year. We did not have to hire any teachers this year. We have many wonderful paraprofessionals who provide additional support in classrooms including 1:1 paraprofessionals. Robert Wilson is the head custodian, the nurse is Danielle Long, Jennifer Shaw and Jessica Torrey are the cafeteria staff. Also, all the same as last year.

In 2022, we had two retirements. Vicky Rochstroh, our former (and beloved) Physical Therapist (PT) retired after more than 20 years in our district and Rebecca Bucala has stepped into her position. Anne Wheeler also retired her position, after 15 years as a paraprofessional. A huge thank you to Vicky and Anne for all that they have done for all our students, and we welcome new staff to our team!

BSE is fortunate to offer many afterschool enrichments such as dance, snow shoeing, Lego club to name a few. This year there continues to be a 5-day extended day program that runs from 7:00 – 8:30 in the morning and 3:15 to 5:30 in the afternoon. Raelene Lemoine continues to serve as the program coordinator and manages the staffing and enrichment offerings.

Our Local Educational Council (LEC) is composed of five caregivers, a community member, one teacher, and myself. Together we approved a School Improvement Plan (SIP) goal that focuses on community engagement. We organize and support the volunteer program at BSE. We also facilitated community events and groups. The PTO was reborn from the LEC and now a thriving group of stakeholders.

Our fantastic teachers, staff, caregivers, students, and community members make this a great school where everyone shows safety, compassion, and responsibility. I look forward to next year and continued growth and joy at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayley Gilmore  
Principal

## Mohawk Trail Regional School Principal Annual Report 2022

### Feedback and Communication

Starting in January of 2022 I established routes for feedback and communication from all MTRS stakeholders. These included bi-monthly drop-in hours, a student advisory group, as well as quarterly *How are we doing?* Surveys to students, families and staff. These ongoing structures continue to provide opportunities for community members to give immediate feedback on what goes on at MTRS. In addition to the Local Educational Committee and the Outdoor Advisory Committee, these mechanisms also provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

### Barr funding and Innovation

In October of 2022 MTRS received \$160,000 from the BARR foundation. This represented the final payment for the grant awarded to support the continued redesign of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This payment has allowed us to continue to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. Over the course of the past two years, students, staff, and community members have engaged in professional development and working groups in order to implement the new Trailblazer Model; Most recently seven teachers attended a site visit at Casco Bay School district to help inform and refine our model of teaching and learning:

*Mohawk Trail Regional School is tailoring the most innovative work in the field of education to fit our rural district as we design the Trailblazer Model. We are building on the best of what we have while challenging the status quo to make education relevant and meaningful for our students. They will acquire 21st century skills while pursuing their individual passions, as they blaze a trail to graduation. Students will lead their own learning, break down the boundaries of traditional classes, and learn by doing. Experiences at MTRS will move our students beyond textbook knowledge. They will use research to solve real problems, intern at local businesses, design independent projects, and take courses at local colleges. In return, our community will flourish from the increased partnership with our school. MTRS graduates will be curious, adaptable, independent, and motivated citizens who seek to do good work in the world.*

The Trailblazer Model has six key focus areas: high quality instruction, advisory and social emotions learning, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios and equity. This model engages all stakeholders in a transformational school experience including:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Interdisciplinary courses such as STEM, Bioethics, Artglish, and American Democracy
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Portfolio of student work
- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students and community members that meets several times a year

We have continued to partner with national education organizations: Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) and EL Education. NGLC and EL Education have been working with MTRS teachers and administrators to transform classrooms to be more student-centered and to develop rigorous and diverse ways in which students can demonstrate their learning. In addition, EL Education continues to assist teachers in the development of interdisciplinary, hands-on activities that will engage students in rigorous community-based projects. NGLC and EL have continued to support our Instructional Leadership Team and Portfolio Working Group to develop a comprehensive portfolio model and to prepare students to drive student-led conferences. Teachers will continue to guide students through the compilation of an individualized portfolio that demonstrates who they are as a learner and goals they set for themselves. NGLC and EL will also work with teachers to develop assessments that connect to 21st century skills and the real world.

In addition to EL Education and NGLC, MTRS has partnered with Firefly Worldwide Inc and their founder and CEO Cheyenne E. Batista. Ms. Batista continues to work with the MTRS Equity Council in their implementation of an anti-racism strategic plan with a focus on curriculum, communication, and policy.

### Culture building

We continue to make significant community building strides as we “come back” after COVID-19. This intention is personified through the three slogans in the entry lobby at MTRS:

- I am part of this community
- I can contribute in a positive way
- I will be accountable for my words and actions

We continue to focus on relationship strengthening and community building through our advisory program in 7-12 as well as regular student-led whole school assemblies on Wednesday mornings.

### Distributed leadership and District-Wide structures

A number of staffing changes have been made in service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer model of distributed leadership and increased Social and Emotional Learning student need: The school admin team was reconfigured to provide greater student culture support through the role of Dean of Culture. In addition, the role of Athletic Director was enhanced to be District Athletic Director in order to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district as well as a specific intention to have students continue to remain at MTRS in grades 6 and 9, the point at which they might change schools and districts.

Distributed leadership continues to be evident through the work of the teacher based Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and their work in designing and delivering staff PD on Standards Based Teaching and Learning development as well as piloting Student-led Conferences.

Academic structural changes have also come about as a result of a continued focus on student need, distributed leadership and helping support students returning to school from COVID-19. In the current

school year, these include the creation of the role of a District Literacy coordinator to help support the district focus on literacy and Middle school staff as they piloted El and Wit and Wisdom ELA curriculum.

### College and Career Supports

MTRS continues to focus on supporting students taking their learning beyond the classrooms. This is evident through the links that the Work based learning and Internship coordinator makes with Capstone students in grade 12 and also through the 7-12 project week in the late Spring semester.

In addition to our continued dual enrollment relationship with Greenfield Community College (GCC), we are pleased to be a partner in their Incubator grant, intended to increase student attendance in higher education in Franklin County. 2022/23 will see plans to work with GCC to provide more early college opportunities for MTRS students in grades 7-12.

Finally, we are incredibly grateful for the help and support of the Mary Lyon Foundation who secured a \$28,000 donation specifically to build a College and Career speakers center in the library. This was officially opened at the Open House in September

### Tiered Student Supports

In addition to our Mohawk Trail Separate Classroom and Vocational programs, this year we are piloting a new program as part of our tiered intervention support for some of our learners. Bridge for Resilient Youth in Translation (BRYT) program provides clinical support and academic coordination services for students who are reintegrating back into full time education after missing extensive learning due to health, medical or life transition challenges.

### Field Trips

While transport costs are still challenging, we continue to look at innovative ways to provide students with learning experience outside of the classroom. To date this year, teachers have led field trips to the following locations:

Smith College, GCC, UMASS Amherst, Springfield College, Amherst Art Museum, Boston Aquarium.

### Technology

This year has seen the district transition to SUZOR for software, hardware and school data management. Additionally, MTRS has invested \$130,000 in 34 Cleartouch devices for teaching and learning in all specialist classrooms.

### Community Involvement

We continue to be thankful for parents and care providers for their active involvement in MTRS life through the Local Education Committee (LEC) and also the newly formed Outdoor Advisory Committee (OAC). The former is a great way to have family input and feedback on school improvement



planning and the latter has been instrumental in providing community voices on how we continue to seek to use teaching and learning spaces and environment as effectively as possible. The OAC has been vital to helping develop our outdoor classroom and in helping the district with its solar panel project at MTRS.

Other community wide opportunities such as Open House, the Celebration of Learning and the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association (MTAA) organized Spring Fling continue to imbibe MTRS with positive community spirit.

### Music and Theatre

We are really pleased with the resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2022, *Bits of Broadway*, and a district Spring concert, Fall of 2022 saw two performances of *Axe of Murder*, our Winter play.

### Athletics

The Mohawk Trail Athletic Department has gone through a restructuring process in FY23 by hiring Ashfield's Greg Lilly to assume the role of District Athletic Director. In contrast to previous Athletic Directors, Mr. Lilly is now responsible for overseeing Mohawk Trail's athletic programs district wide, K-12. This change was made to ensure the health of our high school programs by investing time and resources into the sustainability of our youth and feeder programs.

This past fall, our West County Youth Soccer program had 187 participants from grades K-6 from our elementary schools. These are unprecedented numbers for a youth sports program in our district. Much of the credit for such high participation numbers goes to Ashfield's Tina Miller and Buckland's Jake Thurber, along with dozens of other coaches and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to give our students every opportunity to succeed on the pitch.

This winter also saw never before seen participation numbers in our Hilltown Basketball League! The district was able to field a total of 15 teams between our three elementary schools, Hawlemont, and New Hingham Elementary. All told, there were 158 elementary students playing hoops this past season. Also, for the first time in 4 years, Mohawk Trail was able to field a 5th and 6th grade Suburban travel team, coached by Shelburne's Fred Redeker and Buckland's Tim Budrewicz. This group had the opportunity to travel all over Western Massachusetts and face an extremely high level of competition.

At the Middle and High School levels, our athletes and teams have been struggling with low enrollment numbers. However, this has not prevented them from succeeding at the absolute highest level! Participation levels for athletics at Mohawk Trail are WELL above state and national averages and should remain that way for the foreseeable future.

This past fall, our Middle School Football team enjoyed an UNDEFEATED season, while also getting the opportunity to play night games under the lights on Pollard Field for the first time in history! In addition to this, our Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, and Boys Cross Country teams all qualified for the MIAA state tournament. All told, 7 of our 8 fall teams came away with winning records!

This winter is also shaping up to be one for the record books! Both our Boys and Girls Alpine Ski teams are looking to continue a 40-year tradition of dominance on the slopes. The Boys are well on their way to another league championship, while our Ladies are poised to repeat as STATE CHAMPIONS!

Another bright spot for the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department is the Girls Middle School basketball team! They suffered only two losses on the season while playing a schedule against high school competition! The future is very bright for our ladies.

With the end of the pandemic, The Mohawk Trail Athletic Association has also seen a resurgence, and is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate its many fundraising efforts. The MTAA is the district's primary athletic booster, and aids our student-athletes by purchasing uniforms, athletic equipment, and anything else that our teams need to help them succeed! The future of Mohawk Trail Athletics is very bright, and our entire athletic family is working tirelessly to ensure it stays that way!

#### Student numbers

At the mid-point of the 2022-2023 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 286. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 73 students in seventh grade and 68 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 42 students; 10<sup>th</sup> grade with 36 students; 39 members of the Junior class, and 26 MTRS seniors. We have 4 students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland

Principal

## SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serve students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. The Department of Pupil Services oversees special education, Title IX, Civil Rights, and ELL. According to state data-

### **Mohawk Trail Regional 2021-22**

<b>Title</b>	<b>% of District</b>	<b>% of State</b>
First Language not English	0.9	23.9
English Language Learner	0.8	11.0
Low-income	48.4	43.8
Students With Disabilities	21.9	18.9
High Needs	56.8	55.6

### **Hawlemont 2021-22**

<b>Title</b>	<b>% of School</b>	<b>% of District</b>	<b>% of State</b>
First Language not English	5.5	5.5	25.0
English Language Learner	5.5	5.5	12.1
Low-income	59.3	59.3	42.3
Students With Disabilities	25.3	25.3	19.4
High Needs	68.1	68.1	55.1

Services provided to students are in several areas: speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, academics, and English as a second language. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full-time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing an SLP and an assistant. This model changed two years ago to increase consistency and support for our students while being cost-effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. BSE, Colrain, and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist. Due to staffing, Hawlemont has a counselor and contracts out for psychological assessments. The Middle and High Schools have two full-time Adjustment Counselors (vs an additional guidance counselor) and School psychologist. The need for counseling support has increased dramatically and the ability for our students to access counseling in the community is extremely limited due to our location and size of wait lists. The level of services in each building is based on population, need, and level of services legally required by an IEP. During the 2021-22 schoolyear, we have returned to full in-person learning and are not serving students remotely. We do continue to offer virtual IEP meetings for caregivers, which supports their work-life needs.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. At this time, both parents have stepped down because their students are no longer involved in special education. We will continue to seek out new parents to support the SEPAC.

The district continues to support several substantially separate programs for students.

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst): The program is located at BSE and currently serves seven students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently, those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School: The program supports students with social and emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- The district has a program in the middle school that supports students with intellectual delays and requires a substantially modified program. Additionally, there is a vocational program at the secondary level that supports eligible students until they are 22. The goal of the program is to develop work habits and interests and support community-level jobs. Students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

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**Richard J. Martin**  
Superintendent

## FY24 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2022-23 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. As a reminder, the FY24 budget represents October 1, 2022 count, which is always a year behind the state budget process. FCTS has an enrollment submission of 559 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	25	Erving	28	Montague	93	Sunderland	9
Buckland	17	Gill	15	New Salem	11	Warwick	6
Colrain	21	Greenfield	117	Northfield	40	Wendell	9
Conway	9	Heath	8	Orange	94	Whately	22
Deerfield	25	Leyden	1	Shelburne	9		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 113 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2022. 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 accountability status out of a 5-point scale with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest. 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. FCTS offers excellent academic offerings with increased courses in Advanced Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery, and special education 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, Medical Assisting, and a future new Aviation Technician program. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years and bring the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 14 and soon to be 15. Unlike other school districts which may offer a 45-minute course in a trade, FCTS students must follow strict Chapter 74 guidelines where students are in their vocational shop program for 6.5 hours per day for a full week to meet industry standard competency guidelines and in academics the next week.

FCTS is in the final process of completing a new 4800 sq. ft. Veterinary Science Learning Center and Clinic. The new building is located on Industrial Blvd next to FCTS. The facility is planning to open in the fall of 2023 and will be used for our relatively new FCTS Veterinary program and provide students with real world experiences in the veterinary field.

The new Aviation program is slated to start during the 2024-25 school year. This program will provide students with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) credentials to be certified as an Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT). FCTS was fortunate to receive a 4.1 million-dollar grant to build a new 12,000 sq. ft. aviation hangar, which will include airplanes, equipment, engine simulators, and tools and materials required by the FAA to start a new program. FCTS is planning to become one of the few high schools in the United States to offer a credentialed FAA program.

FCTS is nearly 50 years old and is one of the few remaining regional vocational schools in Massachusetts without a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funded facility. FCTS has been invited into the eligibility stage of the process during the 2022-23 school year and then will move into the Design Phase followed by a Feasibility Study during the next several years. FCTS anticipates going out to towns for a district wide vote for a core building project as part of a Feasibility Study in the next several years.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Skills Capital Grants. FCTS has received more than 6.2 million dollars in grants over the last 6 years without using tax dollars from member communities. These funds have significantly enhanced our Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, Machine Technology and Aviation vocational technical programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Greenfield Community College to offer an evening program for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21<sup>st</sup> Century modernized CNC machines. Through the highly competitive skills grant FCTS also received \$500,000 to build a mobile welding simulator lab to be used to develop technical skills towards certification. FCTS reached out to the Franklin County House of Corrections to utilize the new mobile welding simulator lab as an opportunity to help inmates acquire advanced technical skills which can lead to employment upon release. The welding mobile simulator lab should be ready by the Spring of 2023.

In addition, FCTS applied and received a \$660,000 grant to start adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth's Career Technical Initiative (CTI). During the Fall of 2022, FCTS initiated two adult training courses in Welding and Auto Technology through the CTI grant, and plans to add two more programs for the Spring of 2023. FCTS also started its own Electrical adult program and plans to add more in the near future. To accomplish these goals to meet community needs, FCTS hired a full-time adult coordinator.

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 has finished its second new home in Erving and is beginning a new home building project in Greenfield.

FCTS vocational programs consistently reach out to support community needs to save tax payer dollars. Plumbing and Electrical students continues to work on the House Project and recently completed the Conway D.P.W. Electrical students support camera hookups, computer and telecommunication cables, rewiring switches, outlets, changing halogen lighting to LED, laying conduit and pipe for outside service, and retrofitting offices at the Heath Town Hall. Cosmetology is open to the public and provide outreach to the Athol, Poet Seat, Linda Manor Nursing Homes and provide service to the Bernardston Senior Center. Welding students built a water wheel to power a home, building a steel gate for Highland Cemetery, and building steel carts for Judd Wire. Culinary Arts is open to the public for lunch, provide special luncheons for the Western MA. SROs, Franklin County Supt. Award Banquet, and Montague Housing Authority. The Health Technology/Medical Assistant students organized a hygiene drive to donate to the needy and homeless, have public blood pressure clinics and nail care for the Erving Senior Center and volunteer at the Arbors and Regal Care in Greenfield. Landscaping did fall cleanup for the Hill Cemetery in Shelburne, Source to Sea River cleanup in Turners, and the Franklin County Fairgrounds tree planting and fence installation in Greenfield.

Landscaping students also provide maintenance to FCTS grounds care, installation of sprinkler system, and provide plants and flowers for events and for the community.

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 competencies 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,

Richard J. Kuklewicz  
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Martin  
Superintendent-Director

## **CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

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

This year (2022) the Awards Committee read 25 applications. 16 were from seniors and 9 were from graduates. We used 30% of our allotted monies for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources.

15 scholarships totaling \$10,775.00 were awarded to seniors and 9 scholarships totaling \$25,200.00 were awarded to graduates. Due to a decline in applications this year from both seniors and graduates we were able to award larger scholarships compared to previous years.

From 1991 - 2022 a total of \$1,130,800.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$ 346,250.00 and \$784,550.00 has been awarded to graduates.

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

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and living in the nine-town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs.

Applications are available either online or they can be obtained at Mohawk School.

Please call Student Services at Mohawk, 413-625-9811, Ext.1503 for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion E. Scott, Secretary



## Board of Assessors' Annual Report 2022

The Board of Assessors, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 38, is required to assess all property at its full and fair cash value as of January 1 of each year. The assessed value for the Fiscal Year 2022 tax bill represents the fair cash value of property as of January 1, 2021. Full and fair cash value is defined as the price an owner willing, but not under compulsion, to sell ought to receive from a buyer willing, but not under compulsion, to purchase.

The Department of Revenue applies a rigorous certification process when a community revalues its property, requiring that assessments meet strict statistical tests to ensure that they accurately reflect the market and are applied consistently. In the years between revaluations, the Town, pursuant to state law, must adjust property assessments consistent with real estate trends. To follow the DOR's standards, we are constantly conducting inspections of various properties in town on a cyclical basis and ask for your cooperation if your home needs inspection. There is a bulletin board in the hallway at the Town Hall with photos and sales of recent properties to help show the correlation between assessed values and sale prices. We encourage you to stop by and look. We are always happy to provide the methodology behind our assessments.

As always, we welcome any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office is open on a part-time basis; therefore, we suggest that you call (413)625-6330, extension 3 to make sure someone is available to help you.

	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>1. Total Dollars to be Raised</b>	\$5,394,050.33	\$6,873,654.81	\$6,665,662.40
<b>2. Source of Dollars</b>			
a. Estimated From State	\$341,779.00	\$393,605.00	\$414,945.00
b. Estimated Local Receipts	\$640,545.00	\$621,793.00	\$623,708.00
c. Available Funds			
1. Free Cash	\$141,499.00	\$170,762.00	\$350,000.00
2. Other Available Funds	\$21,062.00	\$1,186,159.00	\$650,305.00
3. Free Cash to Lower Tax Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Other Source	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3. Annual Tax Levy</b>	\$4,249,165.33	\$4,501,335.81	\$4,626,704.40
<b>4. Total Assessment Valuation</b>	\$238,181,913	\$268,256,008	\$273,123,046
<b>5. Tax Rate</b>	\$17.84	\$16.78	\$16.94

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion E. Scott, Chair  
Pamela Guyette, MAA Director of Assessing & member  
Elizabeth Cerone, member



## **Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Buckland in 2022**

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. The Community Health programs provide 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 following pages list services specific to Buckland.

### **Climate Resilience and Land Use**

- Assisted the town administrator with completing the FY22 MA Green Communities Annual Report.
- Began work on the Clesson Brook Watershed-Based Assessment and Climate Resiliency Plan, with funding from an MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant.
- FRCOG was awarded a planning grant to complete a Buckland Town Pollinator Action Plan as part of a Franklin County Regional Pollinator Habitat Corridor Acton Plan ; work to begin in 2023.
- Assisted the planning board with preparing a floodplain overlay district zoning bylaw in accordance with state and federal requirements.
- Provided technical assistance to the planning board to draft zoning bylaw amendments to address short term residential rentals.

### **Community Health**

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School (MTRS) administrators on results from 112 Mohawk students, representing 82% 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 resources for advancing racial justice in schools to the MTRS District.
- Provided coaching on restorative practices in the MTRS District.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the new, evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the MTRS District.
- Provided funding and technical assistance for efforts to increase school-connectedness for students in the MTRS Supported Classroom Program, including food safety and CPR/first aid training.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which met quarterly to bring together providers from the county's healthcare and human service sectors with community stakeholders in West County.

## **Economic Development**

- Assisted the Shelburne Falls Fire District with successful completion of the MassWorks grant application for \$2.3 million in improvements to the Bridge of Flowers. Coordinated site visits with state officials to view the Bridge of Flowers project.
- Coordinated the Shelburne Falls Village Summit in February and supported subsequent monthly Shelburne Falls Village Task Force meetings.
- Provided assistance to apply for and report on a state grant that funded street furniture and improvements to the alley next to the Buckland Town Hall and a pocket park in Shelburne.
- Facilitated with MassDevelopment a community visioning process for the reuse of the former Buckland Highway Garage at 50 Conway Street.
- Provided information to support the preservation of a historic mill site.
- Met with the town administrator and select board to discuss the municipality's priority town projects seeking funding.

## **Shared Municipal Services**

- Buckland contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment; dog tags and licenses; vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; and town fire alarm and school district fire extinguisher services. Staff also facilitated a construction bid for East Buckland Road improvements.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 102 building permits, 49 electrical permits, and 37 plumbing/gas permits, and ten Certificates of Inspection for Buckland in 2022.
- The FRCOG Town Accounting program produced biweekly vendor warrants, and provided monthly budget reports to all officials and departments. Accountants certified Free Cash and submitted a Schedule A at year-end; assisted in completing the recap for tax rate submission; and customized, developed, and distributed reports for committees and departments. They assisted with the annual audit, if necessary.
- Buckland is a member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a regional health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS Staff:
  - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools, and senior centers and libraries, including two at Mohawk. These clinics served over 1,000 individuals in West County, including many Buckland residents.
  - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance/contact tracing and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 200 Buckland cases, 197 of which were COVID-19.
  - Collaborated with local libraries, Better Life Partners, and other local recovery groups to present a West County community training on how to identify and respond to an overdose.
  - Offered tick prevention materials and help for residents accessing tick tests. Eight Buckland residents received low-cost tick tests through a district program and MA Department of Public Health subsidy, a value of \$240. Of the ticks tested in Buckland, none tested positive for disease pathogens this year!
  - Served on the MTRS District COVID-19 Task Force on behalf of the board of health.
  - Hosted CPHS Walk-in Wellness nursing hours at the Senior Center: saw 51 different people for a total of 60 separate visits
  - Gave 363 Flu and 548 COVID vaccinations at CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours, vaccination clinics, and home visits. Among these, Buckland residents received 47 vaccines.
  - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours: 118 boxes were exchanged.

- Supported the Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by enrolling 5 new towns, including Buckland, conducting a survey of needs and 4 focus groups in early 2022, and gathering participants for work groups to identify priorities from survey results.
- Provided guidance and training to the board of health members serving as agents for the town
- Provided technical support for annual permits applications, processing 42 for Buckland.
- Enforcement of the title-5 (septic) code for the town included: Conducting 11 soil evaluations for septic systems; reviewing 15 septic system plans, visiting these sites, conducting final installation inspections, and preparing certificates of compliance; witnessing 9 title-5 inspections prior to property transfer; and issuing 4 local upgrade approvals and septic permits.
- Provided the town oversight and guidance to permit the public swimming pool at the Buckland Recreational area and a large, new septic system to serve the new pool house.
- Provided oversight and guidance to Red Gate Farm to locate, permit, and inspect a large, new septic system on their property, to allow for new program building and dormitory construction.
- Conducted 7 retail food inspections, permitted 8 wells, and continued to assist Buckland businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance.
- Managed inspections of multiple housing cases with varying degrees of complexity.
- Licensed and inspected 9 short-term rental units.

### **Training and Education**

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

#### **Municipal Officials' Continuing Education**

State Funding for Western MA – 1  
Town Administrator Roundtable (qtrly) – 1

#### **Planning, Conservation & Development**

Shelburne Falls Village Summit – 40  
Small Town Housing -- 3

#### **Public Health & Community Awareness:**

Youth Mental Health – 1  
How to Administer Naloxone/Narcan™ – 2  
Three-In-One Food Safety Training – 2  
Public Health Roundtable (monthly) – 1

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**

- Administered a MassTrails Grant for trail improvements and information kiosks on the Mohican-Mohawk Trail.
- Facilitated the design of kiosk panels at trailheads on the Mohican-Mohawk Trail.
- Assisted in advancing the roadway improvements that include better bike and pedestrian accommodation on upper North Street.
- Taught campers and councilors at Mohawk Trail Regional High School summer camp how to use GPS and create hiking trails and maps for use by the public. Helped create final map for kiosk.
- Completed planning and pre-implementation work for the installation of Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs.
- Conducted traffic counts on Depot and North Streets.

## **TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

**The following list represents money collected from  
07/1/2021 to 06/30/2022**

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

2019	\$	424.39	
2020	\$	136.69	
2021	\$	105.34	
2022	\$	119,039.44	
Total Personal Property Taxes Collected			\$119,705.86

### **REAL ESTATE TAXES**

2018	\$	417.37	
2019	\$	3,298.20	
2020	\$	13,387.74	
2021	\$	34,450.57	
2022	\$	4,318,113.62	
Total Real Estate Taxes Collected			\$4,369,667.50

### **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES**

2017	\$	49.67	
2018	\$	165.63	
2019	\$	457.50	
2020	\$	3,540.25	
2021	\$	53,591.36	
2022	\$	176,020.82	
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Collected			\$233,825.23

### **SEWER USE CHARGES**

2021	\$	6,666.61	
2022	\$	149,879.94	
Total Sewer Use Charges Collected			\$156,546.55

### SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES IN TAX TITLE

7/1/2021 Nine (9) Properties in Tax Title \$74,061.57

New Liens Recorded	\$	-
FY 2021 Subsequent Taxes Added	\$	10,014.91
Payments	\$	29,403.48
Land Court Judgements (0)	\$	-

6/30/2022 Nine (9) Properties in Tax Title \$59,738.94

### OTHER MONEY COLLECTED

Interest on Taxes	\$27,090.41
Demand Fees Collected	\$7,565.00
MLC Fees Collected	\$1,775.00
Duplicate Bill Fees Collected	\$286.00
Other Fees Collected	\$45.00
Deputy Collector Fees Collected	\$6,136.00
Registry Mark Fees Collected	\$2,360.00
Sewer Interest Collected	\$1,421.40
Sewer Liens Collected	\$10,748.20
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$871.36

Total Other Money Collected \$58,298.37

TOTAL COLLECTED \$4,967,446.99

The following list represents outstanding 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Real Estate Taxes due to the Town of Buckland as of the close of business on June 30, 2020.

Fiscal Year 2018	1	\$70.27
Fiscal Year 2019	11	\$5,900.55
Fiscal Year 2020	12	\$25,878.34
Fiscal Year 2021	21	\$34,050.61
Fiscal Year 2022	39	\$67,201.68

Total Outstanding Real Estate Taxes \$133,101.45

Respectfully submitted, Cara Leach  
Treasurer/Collector  
Town of Buckland

TREASURER'S REPORT  
7/1/2021 TO 6/30/2022

Bank	Description	Starting Balance	Receipts (+)	Interest (+)	Disbursements (-)	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Ending Balance
Adams Comm Bank	CBDG	\$135.17	\$0.00	\$0.76	\$0.00	\$399,322.73	\$399,322.73	\$135.93
Adams Comm Bank	General Fund MM	\$211,995.08	\$3,968,775.30	\$2,685.01	\$0.00	\$399,322.73	\$4,369,322.73	\$213,465.39
Adams Comm Bank	General Fund Stabilization	\$288,531.38	\$0.00	\$1,612.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,143.97
Adams Comm Bank	Pool	\$235,972.97	\$0.00	\$1,318.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$237,291.79
Country Bank	General Fund Deputy	\$13,419.68	\$0.00	\$20.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,439.82
Greenfield Coop Bank	Stabilization	\$261,278.30	\$0.00	\$881.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,281.66	\$86,878.28
Greenfield Coop Bank	Emergency Management	\$1,087.70	\$0.00	\$3.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,091.22
Greenfield Coop Bank	WWTP Enterprise	\$475,209.79	\$266,718.63	\$2,051.66	\$0.00	\$3,515.93	\$293,703.74	\$453,792.27
Greenfield Coop Bank	Technology	\$8,063.09	\$0.00	\$25.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,089.08
Greenfield Coop Bank	Election	\$5,043.54	\$0.00	\$16.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,059.81
Greenfield Coop Bank	Recreation Donations	\$215.37	\$15,520.50	\$2.37	\$0.00	\$85.35	\$15,520.50	\$303.09
Greenfield Coop Bank	Library Donations	\$504.80	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$505.04
Greenfield Coop Bank	McKnight	\$452.29	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$71.91	\$413.65	\$110.79
Greenfield Coop Bank	General Fund (MM)	\$134,029.95	\$4,119,948.78	\$1,963.86	\$0.00	\$5,471,184.63	\$8,747,120.93	\$980,008.28
Greenfield Coop Bank	General Fund Vendor / PR	\$159,849.64	\$346,172.48	\$0.00	\$9,203,534.62	\$8,769,806.13	\$0.00	\$72,338.63
Greenfield Coop Bank	Recreation Revolving	\$5,669.14	\$2,830.00	\$33.73	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,274.81	\$7,558.06
Greenfield Coop Bank	Camp Revolving	\$1,957.61	\$0.00	\$9.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,967.41
MMDT	General Fund	\$86,133.83	\$0.00	\$249.02	\$0.00	\$44,359.40	\$55,000.00	\$75,742.25
MMDT	Police Stabilization	\$11,412.08	\$0.00	\$6.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$418.91
MMDT	Highway Stabilization	\$53,980.29	\$0.00	\$240.75	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$79,221.04
MMDT	Cultural Council	\$10,917.22	\$0.00	\$24.63	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,359.40	\$7,582.45
Peoples United Bank	General Fund Vendor	\$1,103.23	\$0.00	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,103.48
Peoples United Bank	General Fund MM	\$30,484.28	\$0.00	\$9.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,493.43
TD Bank	General Fund MM	\$719.55	\$2,200.00	\$0.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,920.45
Unibank	General Fund	\$4,988.11	\$1,023,788.01	\$18.27	\$118,766.67	\$268,181.82	\$1,086,816.94	\$111,392.60
Unibank	OPEB	\$1,004.51	\$0.00	\$0.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,004.67
Unibank	WWTP Enterprise	\$29,499.28	\$0.00	\$4.89	\$0.00	\$13,250.58	\$181.82	\$42,572.93
Unibank	General Fund Online	\$9,392.15	\$246,133.17	\$4.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$248,933.64	\$6,585.95
Unibank	General Fund Deputy	\$7,948.20	\$40,335.27	\$1.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,500.00	\$22,782.48
Greenfield Coop Bank	McKnight Scholarship CD	\$5,067.29	\$0.00	\$16.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.91	\$5,011.56
BlueStone (Mansfield Ba	General Fund MM	\$2,017.84	\$0.00	\$6.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,024.36
Greenfield Coop Bank	Pool Donations	\$194,540.05	\$0.00	\$974.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,576.75	\$193,937.94
Greenfield Coop Bank	Transfer Station Stabilization	\$1,091.38	\$0.00	\$2.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,093.57
Adams Comm Bank	OPEB	\$22,835.48	\$0.00	\$179.83	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$43,015.31
	Totals	\$2,276,548.27	\$10,032,422.12	\$12,376.63	\$9,322,301.29	\$15,445,401.21	\$15,445,401.21	\$2,999,080.24

Respectfully Submitted, Cara Leach, Treasurer / Collector Town of Buckland



**TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
GENERAL FUND REVENUE REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Received</b>
	Property Taxes						
4110	Personal Property Taxes	120,009.00	(1,103.00)	118,906.00	118,059.16	846.84	99.29%
4120	Real Estate Taxes	4,381,327.00	(40,269.00)	4,341,058.00	4,340,391.10	666.90	99.98%
4142	Tax Title Redeemed	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,376.66	(26,376.66)	0.00%
	<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>4,501,336.00</b>	<b>(41,372.00)</b>	<b>4,459,964.00</b>	<b>4,484,826.92</b>	<b>(24,862.92)</b>	<b>100.56%</b>
	State Aid						
4610	State-Owned Land Reimb	2,727.00	0.00	2,727.00	2,727.00	0.00	100.00%
4613	Veterans Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,929.00	(10,929.00)	0.00%
4616	Elderly Person Exemptions	10,625.00	0.00	10,625.00	12,119.00	(1,494.00)	114.06%
4620	Chapter 70 State Aid	13,134.00	0.00	13,134.00	13,134.00	0.00	100.00%
4630	Vocational OOD Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,004.00	(3,004.00)	0.00%
4661	Unrestricted Gen Govt Aid	336,523.00	0.00	336,523.00	336,523.00	0.00	100.00%
4665	Veterans Benefits	25,956.00	0.00	25,956.00	28,937.00	(2,981.00)	111.48%
	<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>388,965.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>388,965.00</b>	<b>407,373.00</b>	<b>(18,408.00)</b>	<b>104.73%</b>
	Local Receipts						
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	232,526.02	(82,526.02)	155.02%
4170	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	26,682.75	(4,682.75)	121.29%
4171	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	803.64	(803.64)	0.00%
4173	Penalty and Interest on tax Titles	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,515.30	(7,515.30)	0.00%
4180	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	250.00	0.00	250.00	871.36	(621.36)	348.54%
4320	Fees	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	54,572.50	(26,572.50)	194.90%
4380	Other Solid Waste Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,785.16	(5,785.16)	0.00%
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	6,230.00	(2,230.00)	155.75%
4420	Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.50	(390.50)	0.00%
4450	Permits	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,773.00	(773.00)	177.30%
4682	Local Option Meals Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,258.94	(17,258.94)	0.00%
4685	Fines - Court	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	837.50	162.50	83.75%
4687	Local Option Rooms Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,291.36	(14,291.36)	0.00%
4771	Fines - District Court	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	(40.00)	0.00%
4772	Dog Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	545.00	(545.00)	0.00%

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4773	Parking Violations	0.00	0.00	0.00	202.50	(202.50)	0.00%
4820	Earnings on Investments	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	5,061.94	(4,061.94)	506.19%
4840	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,245.36	(5,245.36)	0.00%
	Total Local Receipts	207,250.00	0.00	207,250.00	380,632.83	(173,382.83)	183.66%
	Fund Transfers						
4971	Tr Fr Special Revenue	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00%
4975	Tr Fr Stabilization	161,000.00	0.00	161,000.00	161,000.00	0.00	100.00%
	Total Fund Transfers	171,000.00	0.00	171,000.00	171,000.00	0.00	100.00%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,268,551.00</b>	<b>(41,372.00)</b>	<b>5,227,179.00</b>	<b>5,443,832.75</b>	<b>(216,653.75)</b>	<b>104.14%</b>

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET/EXPENSE REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Exp</b>
114	Moderator						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 114 Moderator		250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.00%
122	Selectboard						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	5,500.00	500.00	91.67%
5110	Salaries & Wages	17,828.00	0.00	17,828.00	24,621.54	(6,793.54)	138.11%
5350	Advertising Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,338.00	(1,338.00)	233.80%
5360	Safety/Drug Testing	750.00	0.00	750.00	1,066.95	(316.95)	142.26%
5400	General Expenses	7,000.00	7,117.00	14,117.00	6,168.36	7,948.64	43.69%
5423	Town Report	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50.00%
Total 122 Selectboard		33,078.00	7,617.00	40,695.00	40,194.85	500.15	98.77%
123	Town Administrator						
5110	Salaries & Wages	69,188.00	0.00	69,188.00	71,677.48	(2,489.48)	103.60%
5400	General Expenses	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	130.00	3,370.00	3.71%
Total 123 Town Administrator		72,688.00	0.00	72,688.00	71,807.48	880.52	98.79%
132	Reserve Fund						
5400	General Expenses	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 132 Reserve Fund		20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
135	Accountant						
5400	General Expenses	27,674.00	0.00	27,674.00	27,862.26	(188.26)	100.68%
5410	Office Supplies	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00%
5470	Auditing Expense	7,200.00	8,338.00	15,538.00	15,038.00	500.00	96.78%
Total 135 Accountant		35,324.00	8,338.00	43,662.00	42,900.26	761.74	98.26%
141	Assessors						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	3,900.00	0.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	38,648.00	0.00	38,648.00	38,042.05	605.95	98.43%
5400	General Expenses	7,150.00	0.00	7,150.00	6,971.03	178.97	97.50%

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5435	Tax Mapping	4,400.00	2,300.00	6,700.00	4,400.00	2,300.00	65.67%
Total 141	Assessors	54,098.00	2,300.00	56,398.00	53,313.08	3,084.92	94.53%
142	Revaluation						
5800	Capital Expenses	24,500.00	37,344.00	61,844.00	17,675.00	44,169.00	28.58%
Total 142	Revaluation	24,500.00	37,344.00	61,844.00	17,675.00	44,169.00	28.58%
145	Treasurer						
5445	Tax Title	7,000.00	27.00	7,027.00	690.20	6,336.80	9.82%
Total 145	Treasurer	7,000.00	27.00	7,027.00	690.20	6,336.80	9.82%
146	Collector						
5110	Salaries & Wages	47,378.00	0.00	47,378.00	54,641.29	(7,263.29)	115.33%
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	1,950.00	1,050.00	65.00%
5400	General Expenses	18,934.00	2,407.00	21,341.00	15,127.52	6,213.48	70.88%
5403	OPEB Expenses	2,850.00	0.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 146	Collector	72,162.00	2,407.00	74,569.00	74,568.81	0.19	100.00%
150	Operations Support						
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	11,130.00	0.00	11,130.00	3,810.71	7,319.29	34.24%
5400	General Expenses	950.00	0.00	950.00	1,167.14	(217.14)	122.86%
5421	Postage	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,925.00	2,075.00	58.50%
5431	Office Equip Maint	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,624.46	(124.46)	101.66%
Total 150	Operations Support	24,580.00	0.00	24,580.00	15,527.31	9,052.69	63.17%
151	Legal						
5400	General Expenses	15,000.00	332.00	15,332.00	15,331.52	0.48	100.00%
Total 151	Legal	15,000.00	332.00	15,332.00	15,331.52	0.48	100.00%
159	CDBG						
5440	Grant Matching Funds	8,500.00	79,421.00	87,921.00	1,702.40	86,218.60	1.94%
Total 159	CDBG	8,500.00	79,421.00	87,921.00	1,702.40	86,218.60	1.94%
161	Clerk						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	30,015.00	0.00	30,015.00	29,900.00	115.00	99.62%
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,550.50	949.50	62.02%

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5400	General Expenses	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00	3,094.06	(794.06)	134.52%
5411	Street Lists	600.00	0.00	600.00	869.75	(269.75)	144.96%
5424	Town Clerk Record Book	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 161	Clerk	36,915.00	0.00	36,915.00	36,914.31	0.69	100.00%
162	Elections						
5110	Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.00	(405.00)	0.00%
5400	General Expenses	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,070.27	2,929.73	51.17%
5401	Registrars Expense	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Total 162	Elections	6,400.00	0.00	6,400.00	3,475.27	2,924.73	54.30%
171	Conservation Commission						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.15	0.85	99.83%
Total 171	Conservation Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.15	0.85	99.83%
175	Planning Board						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	420.00	80.00	84.00%
Total 175	Planning Board	500.00	0.00	500.00	420.00	80.00	84.00%
176	Zoning/Appeals Board						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	155.16	344.84	31.03%
Total 176	Zoning/Appeals Board	500.00	0.00	500.00	155.16	344.84	31.03%
182	Energy Committee						
5412	Energy Comm Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
Total 182	Energy Committee	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
190	Personnel						
5780	Personnel Reserve	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00%
Total 190	Personnel	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00%
192	Buildings & Grounds						
5110	Salaries & Wages	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,694.11	(5,694.11)	128.47%
5400	General Expenses	22,000.00	33,995.00	55,995.00	45,995.57	9,999.43	82.14%
5425	Town Hall Communications	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	25,185.70	(3,185.70)	114.48%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	148.00	148.00	147.47	0.53	99.64%

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5801	Town Hall Repairs	0.00	13,850.00	13,850.00	0.00	13,850.00	0.00%
5818	Grounds Tractor STM 10/23/21 A8	0.00	18,100.00	18,100.00	18,100.00	0.00	100.00%
5825	Swimming Pool Project ATM 6/5/21 A20	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 192	Buildings & Grounds	44,000.00	236,093.00	280,093.00	265,122.85	14,970.15	94.66%
193	Property Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	56,000.00	0.00	56,000.00	53,620.00	2,380.00	95.75%
Total 193	Property Insurance	56,000.00	0.00	56,000.00	53,620.00	2,380.00	95.75%
210	Police						
5110	Salaries & Wages	178,564.00	0.00	178,564.00	151,096.79	27,467.21	84.62%
5400	General Expenses	34,250.00	0.00	34,250.00	37,740.68	(3,490.68)	110.19%
5427	Building Maintenance	11,340.00	0.00	11,340.00	5,770.70	5,569.30	50.89%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	5,397.00	5,397.00	3,673.67	1,723.33	68.07%
5820	Police Cruiser	0.00	51,946.00	51,946.00	0.00	51,946.00	0.00%
Total 210	Police	224,154.00	57,343.00	281,497.00	198,281.84	83,215.16	70.44%
241	Building Inspections						
5400	General Expenses	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 241	Building Inspections	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00	100.00%
291	Civil Defense						
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00	1,004.43	1,145.57	46.72%
Total 291	Civil Defense	5,150.00	0.00	5,150.00	4,004.43	1,145.57	77.76%
292	Animal Control						
5112	Animal Inspector	6,200.00	0.00	6,200.00	0.00	6,200.00	0.00%
5400	General Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	6,451.00	(5,451.00)	645.10%
Total 292	Animal Control	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00	6,451.00	749.00	89.60%
294	Tree Service						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5113	Forest Fire Warden Stipend	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	5,000.00	3,338.00	8,338.00	8,337.50	0.50	99.99%
Total 294	Tree Service	6,350.00	3,338.00	9,688.00	9,687.50	0.50	99.99%

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310	Regional School						
5433	Operating Assessment	2,673,693.00	0.00	2,673,693.00	2,661,463.00	12,230.00	99.54%
5802	Capital Assessment	99,739.00	0.00	99,739.00	99,739.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 310 Regional School		2,773,432.00	0.00	2,773,432.00	2,761,202.00	12,230.00	99.56%
320	Regional Technical School						
5432	Tuition	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	22,267.89	7,732.11	74.23%
5433	Operating Assessment	111,754.00	0.00	111,754.00	111,754.00	0.00	100.00%
5434	Transportation	0.00	994.00	994.00	8,724.99	(7,730.99)	877.77%
5802	Capital Assessment	5,789.00	0.00	5,789.00	5,789.17	(0.17)	100.00%
Total 320 Regional Technical School		147,543.00	994.00	148,537.00	148,536.05	0.95	100.00%
422	Highway Expenses						
5110	Salaries & Wages	167,651.00	(20,000.00)	147,651.00	115,788.66	31,862.34	78.42%
5400	General Expenses	55,000.00	5,977.00	60,977.00	88,452.85	(27,475.85)	145.06%
5428	Road Machinery Maint	39,400.00	0.00	39,400.00	43,658.95	(4,258.95)	110.81%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	335.00	335.00	316.30	18.70	94.42%
5804	Highway Repaving	0.00	114,107.00	114,107.00	21,469.08	92,637.92	18.81%
5815	Highway Salt & Sand Shed ATM 6-5/21 A17	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	3,682.50	31,317.50	10.52%
Total 422 Highway Expenses		262,051.00	135,419.00	397,470.00	273,368.34	124,101.66	68.78%
423	Snow & Ice Removal						
5110	Salaries & Wages	98,108.00	0.00	98,108.00	82,557.29	15,550.71	84.15%
5400	General Expenses	145,000.00	(14,500.00)	130,500.00	139,636.37	(9,136.37)	107.00%
Total 423 Snow & Ice Removal		243,108.00	(14,500.00)	228,608.00	222,193.66	6,414.34	97.19%
424	Street Lighting						
5400	General Expenses	13,000.00	(5,700.00)	7,300.00	4,398.69	2,901.31	60.26%
Total 424 Street Lighting		13,000.00	(5,700.00)	7,300.00	4,398.69	2,901.31	60.26%
429	Town Garage						
5400	General Expenses	30,450.00	13,813.00	44,263.00	47,633.84	(3,370.84)	107.62%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	10,559.00	10,559.00	7,187.36	3,371.64	68.07%
Total 429 Town Garage		30,450.00	24,372.00	54,822.00	54,821.20	0.80	100.00%

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433	Transfer Station						
5110	Salaries & Wages	21,631.00	0.00	21,631.00	19,582.03	2,048.97	90.53%
5400	General Expenses	61,000.00	(6,700.00)	54,300.00	56,960.36	(2,660.36)	104.90%
5429	Franklin Cnty Solid Waste	7,349.00	0.00	7,349.00	5,511.00	1,838.00	74.99%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	6,843.00	6,843.00	4,657.93	2,185.07	68.07%
Total 433 Transfer Station		89,980.00	143.00	90,123.00	86,711.32	3,411.68	96.21%
439	Landfill						
5400	General Expenses	950.00	0.00	950.00	100.00	850.00	10.53%
5506	Landfill Testing	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	7,650.00	2,350.00	76.50%
Total 439 Landfill		10,950.00	0.00	10,950.00	7,750.00	3,200.00	70.78%
512	Board of Health						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	712.50	637.50	52.78%
5112	Animal Inspector	800.00	0.00	800.00	600.00	200.00	75.00%
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	605.00	(105.00)	121.00%
5413	Regional Health Prog	16,863.00	0.00	16,863.00	14,334.06	2,528.94	85.00%
Total 512 Board of Health		19,513.00	0.00	19,513.00	16,251.56	3,261.44	83.29%
541	Council on Aging						
5400	General Expenses	68,638.00	0.00	68,638.00	68,638.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 541 Council on Aging		68,638.00	0.00	68,638.00	68,638.00	0.00	100.00%
543	Veteran's Services						
5400	General Expenses	37,000.00	393.00	37,393.00	38,534.34	(1,141.34)	103.05%
5414	Deceased Veterans Benefits	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	58.00	1,142.00	4.83%
5441	Veterans Serv Ctr	4,613.00	0.00	4,613.00	4,612.90	0.10	100.00%
Total 543 Veteran's Services		42,813.00	393.00	43,206.00	43,205.24	0.76	100.00%
610	Library						
5110	Salaries & Wages	22,638.00	0.00	22,638.00	19,545.36	3,092.64	86.34%
5400	General Expenses	20,745.00	0.00	20,745.00	20,967.09	(222.09)	101.07%
5415	Arms Library	22,839.00	0.00	22,839.00	22,839.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 610 Library		66,222.00	0.00	66,222.00	63,351.45	2,870.55	95.67%
630	Recreation Activities						



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5110	Salaries & Wages	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	12,800.00	0.00	12,800.00	12,781.95	18.05	99.86%
Total 630	Recreation Activities	21,300.00	0.00	21,300.00	21,281.95	18.05	99.92%
692	Celebrations						
5416	Fourth of July	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.00%
5417	Band Concerts	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	100.00%
5418	250th Anniversary	250.00	3,250.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00%
5419	Bridge of Flowers	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 692	Celebrations	1,800.00	3,250.00	5,050.00	1,550.00	3,500.00	30.69%
710	Retirement of Debt						
5910	Principal-Long Term Debt	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 710	Retirement of Debt	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.00%
751	Interest on Long-term Debt						
5915	Interest-Long Term Debt	93,767.00	0.00	93,767.00	93,766.67	0.33	100.00%
Total 751	Interest on Long-term Debt	93,767.00	0.00	93,767.00	93,766.67	0.33	100.00%
820	State Assessments & Charges						
5640	Air Pollution District	538.00	0.00	538.00	538.00	0.00	100.00%
5646	RMV Non-Renewal Surchg	2,560.00	0.00	2,560.00	1,760.00	800.00	68.75%
5663	Regional Transit Authority	3,672.00	0.00	3,672.00	3,672.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 820	State Assessments & Charges	6,770.00	0.00	6,770.00	5,970.00	800.00	88.18%
830	County Assessments & Charges						
5310	Core Assessment	12,922.00	0.00	12,922.00	12,212.00	710.00	94.51%
5330	FRCOG Statutory Assessment	710.00	0.00	710.00	710.00	0.00	100.00%
5340	Procurement Services	2,614.00	0.00	2,614.00	2,426.00	188.00	92.81%
Total 830	County Assessments & Charges	16,246.00	0.00	16,246.00	15,348.00	898.00	94.47%
911	Retirement Contribution						
5400	General Expenses	122,681.00	0.00	122,681.00	122,681.35	(0.35)	100.00%
Total 911	Retirement Contribution	122,681.00	0.00	122,681.00	122,681.35	(0.35)	100.00%
913	Unemployment Compensation						

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
5400	General Expenses	1,943.00	1,107.00	3,050.00	3,049.26	0.74	99.98%
Total 913 Unemployment Compensation		1,943.00	1,107.00	3,050.00	3,049.26	0.74	99.98%
914	Health Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	134,306.00	(12,073.00)	122,233.00	114,223.60	8,009.40	93.45%
5402	Retirees Group Ins	31,928.00	0.00	31,928.00	34,068.75	(2,140.75)	106.70%
Total 914 Health Insurance		166,234.00	(12,073.00)	154,161.00	148,292.35	5,868.65	96.19%
916	Medicare						
5400	General Expenses	11,486.00	0.00	11,486.00	10,984.57	501.43	95.63%
Total 916 Medicare		11,486.00	0.00	11,486.00	10,984.57	501.43	95.63%
970	Transfer To						
5962	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5966	Transfer to Trust Fund	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 970 Transfer To		0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5,005,076.00</b>	<b>592,965.00</b>	<b>5,598,041.00</b>	<b>5,163,544.08</b>	<b>434,496.92</b>	<b>92.24%</b>

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Balance July 1, 2021</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>
	Special Revenue Funds				
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	1,559.27	3,670.00	(1,456.41)	3,772.86
232	Recreation Revolving	4,969.50	4,161.20	(1,640.27)	7,490.43
233	Board of Health Revolving	1,854.49	0.00	0.00	1,854.49
234	Recreation Summer Camp Revolv	1,957.61	9.80	0.00	1,967.41
235	Town Hall Revolving	175.00	210.00	0.00	385.00
236	Parking Clerk Revolving	237.50	0.00	(24.09)	213.41
237	Zoning Board	658.26	1,500.00	(1,120.00)	1,038.26
238	Planning Board	1,123.38	5,507.50	(5,345.00)	1,285.88
240	Conservation Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
250	Film/Media Productions MGL C.44,S53E1/2	24,750.00	1,500.00	(10,000.00)	16,250.00
255	Waste & Recycling C.44,S.53E 1/2 RF	0.00	1,005.28	0.00	1,005.28
260	Bridge Academy Police-FRCOG Grant	0.00	4,800.00	(2,165.98)	2,634.02
271	Recreation Donations	215.37	15,608.22	(15,520.50)	303.09
272	Recreation Trusse	292.60	0.00	0.00	292.60
273	Conservation Donations	248.40	0.00	0.00	248.40
274	Police Donations	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
275	DARE Donations	32.04	0.00	0.00	32.04
276	Highway Donations	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
277	Quasibicentennial	1,889.17	0.00	0.00	1,889.17
278	Swimming Pool Donations	430,513.02	2,116.71	(7,843.20)	424,786.53
279	FRCOG BOH Grant	46.60	0.00	0.00	46.60
281	Insurance Claims	21,920.09	18,055.60	(4,000.00)	35,975.69
287	Solarize Grant	6,093.62	0.00	0.00	6,093.62
288	Library Donations	504.80	0.24	0.00	505.04
405	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2020	(10,308.00)	23,219.82	(4,490.00)	8,421.82
406	Drug Forfeiture Grant	61.74	0.00	0.00	61.74
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	534.67	681.12	(1,153.24)	62.55

408	Local Preparedness Grant (EMPG)	(2,041.21)	5,400.00	(2,759.60)	599.19
409	COVID-19 CARES Expenses	127,648.00	0.00	0.00	127,648.00
410	Executive Office of Public Safety & Security Grant	0.00	1,749.00	(1,749.00)	0.00
412	Council on Aging Grant	647.19	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	647.19
414	Library State Aid	9,673.27	4,559.86	0.00	14,233.13
415	Cultural Council	8,242.82	5,024.63	(5,785.00)	7,482.45
418	Wellness Grant	90.67	700.00	0.00	790.67
419	COVID-19 FEMA Expenses	(159,441.45)	37,665.79	(37,530.20)	(159,305.86)
420	Election State Reimbursement	526.50	0.00	0.00	526.50
423	SFBA Grant	2,530.61	0.00	(9,500.00)	(6,969.39)
424	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	(1,017.50)	95,579.20	(86,129.12)	8,432.58
427	CDBG Block Grant	(11,708.56)	585,440.46	(586,372.44)	(12,640.54)
428	Recycling Dividend Program	7,161.80	4,200.00	(131.04)	11,230.76
429	Community Compact Grant	4,708.96	214,000.00	(14,919.31)	203,789.65
430	Green Communities Grant	2,255.71	1,250.00	(90.00)	3,415.71
432	Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	287.92	0.00	(56,216.53)	(55,928.61)
433	FCRHA Housing Rehab Reimbursement	23,250.34	71,379.28	0.00	94,629.62
434	Mass. Div. of Fish & Game-D.E.R.	0.00	24,675.00	(88,700.00)	(64,025.00)
436	MassWorks Grants	(42,887.80)	793,425.91	(896,558.71)	(146,020.60)
438	DOT Small Bridge Grant	(44,081.74)	1,102,358.09	(1,336,945.14)	(278,668.79)

<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Balance July 1, 2021</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>
440	Small Town Capital WWTF	(3,900.00)	34,911.96	(30,820.00)	191.96
441	MassHighway Shared Streets Grant	0.00	50,000.00	(5,947.85)	44,052.15
445	ADA Self-Eval & Transition Plan	0.00	7,915.71	(7,915.71)	0.00
449	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	96,818.41	179,670.40	0.00	276,488.81
	Total Special Revenue Funds	508,133.07	3,307,950.78	(3,228,828.34)	587,255.51
	Enterprise Fund				
610	Sewer Enterprise Fund	494,691.10	286,208.69	(326,414.75)	454,485.04
	Total Enterprise Fund	494,691.10	286,208.69	(326,414.75)	454,485.04
	Capital Project Funds				
215	Chapter 90	(360,732.34)	385,987.43	(95,099.92)	(69,844.83)
710	Conway Street Water Improvements	0.00	207,393.06	(285,308.38)	(77,915.32)
	Total Capital Project Funds	(360,732.34)	593,380.49	(380,408.30)	(147,760.15)
	Trust & Agency Funds				
811	McKnight Scholarship Fund	5,663.25	16.40	0.00	5,679.65
820	OPEB Trust	23,839.99	20,179.99	0.00	44,019.98
830	Stabilization Fund	524,528.02	2,494.23	(150,000.00)	377,022.25
831	Transfer Station Stabilization	1,091.38	2.19	0.00	1,093.57
832	Highway Stabilization	53,980.29	25,240.75	0.00	79,221.04
833	Police Stabilization	11,412.08	6.83	(11,000.00)	418.91
834	Election Stabilization	5,043.54	16.27	0.00	5,059.81
835	Technology Stabilization	8,063.09	25.99	0.00	8,089.08
836	Emergency Management Stab	1,087.31	3.91	0.00	1,091.22
891	Off Duty Police Detail	(3,700.00)	161,313.75	(185,492.50)	(27,878.75)
892	Firearm ID Cards	600.00	2,887.50	(2,562.50)	925.00
893	Clerk Fees	32.75	2,629.50	(746.00)	1,916.25
898	Deputy Collector's Fees	1,017.58	6,044.00	(6,059.00)	1,002.58
	Total Trust & Agency Funds	632,659.28	220,861.31	(355,860.00)	497,660.59
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,274,751.11</b>	<b>4,408,401.27</b>	<b>(4,291,511.39)</b>	<b>1,391,640.99</b>

