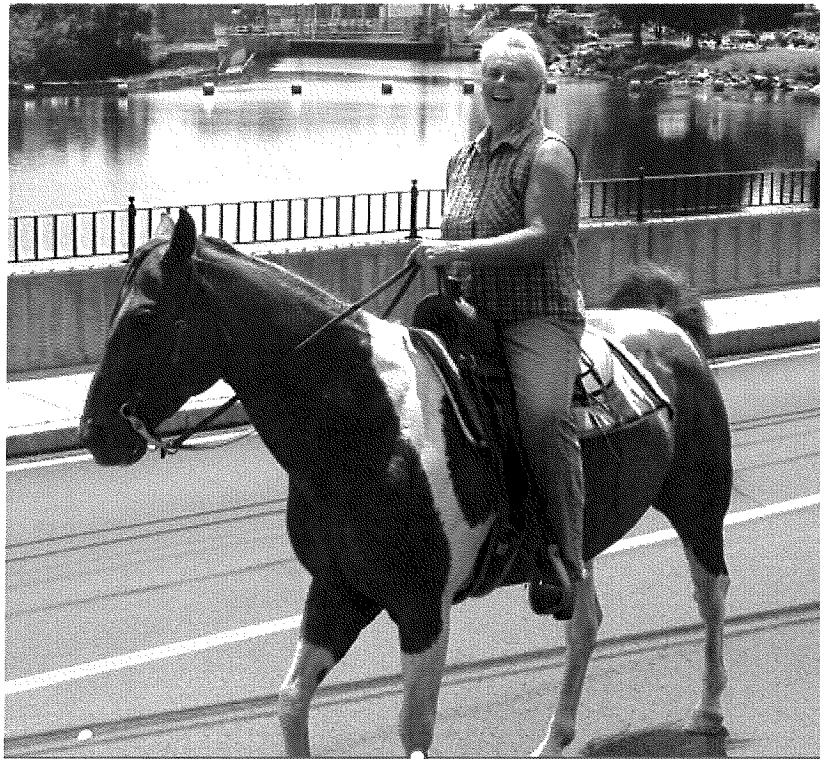


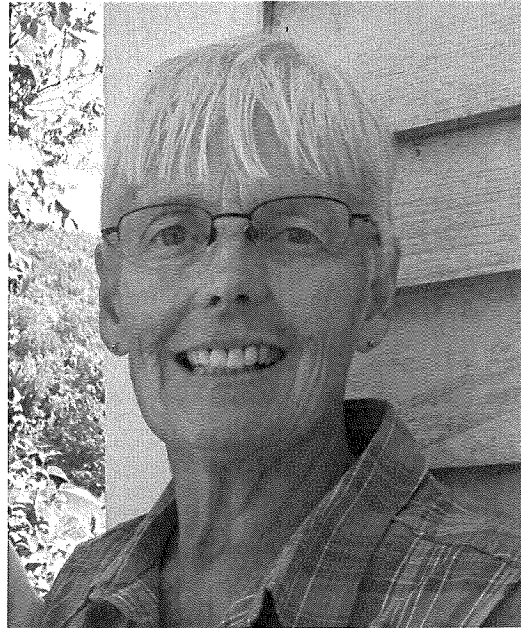
TOWN OF BUCKLAND ANNUAL REPORT

INCORPORATED APRIL 14, 1779

2023



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2023



DEDICATION
SUSAN E. (SUE) ATHERTON

Susan E. (Sue) Atherton lived most of her life on the Atherton Farm on Ashfield Road in Buckland. She graduated from the Mohawk Trail Regional High School and was employed at Country Bank in Shelburne Falls, Lamson and Goodnow Manufacturing Company, Lunt Silversmiths in Greenfield and Frank LaBelle Sales and Service of Buckland.

While Sue was dedicated to these positions, her true love was farming, working her land and communing with nature while riding her horse. For the last 20 years of Sue's life, she owned and operated the Atherton Farm, making hay to feed her horses as well as to sell; growing and selling flower and vegetable plants at her farm stand throughout the spring, summer and fall months and making and selling Christmas wreaths and other festive items in December. Sue knew her clients as well as her plants, and was always willing and able to recommend just the right kind of tomato or proper geranium for an individual's needs or which plants to use in sunny as well as shady locations. She shared her knowledge with others and was particularly supportive of women in agriculture. Sue's husband, Paul Sabin, is keeping Sue's dreams alive by continuing these traditions at the Atherton Farm.

Sue also gave her time and energy to many non-profits in Franklin County and was one of the original members of the first Ag Commission in the Town of Buckland, serving as Chair of this committee and helping to ensure the Right to Farm. She served as Treasurer of the Mary Lyon Church and was very active in the "Monday Nighters" group, the church's sewing group, and was instrumental in making the annual church raffle quilts.

Sue passed away March 17, 2023, and has been greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbors. Prior to Sue's passing, she helped to establish the Sue Atherton Endowed Scholarship Fund, administered by the Mary Lyon Foundation, to recognize Sue's respect for the natural world and her lifelong commitment to agriculture and farming and provide financial assistance to students interested in farming and agriculture.

NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Elizabeth Warren
413-788-2690

Edward Markey
413-785-4610

GOVERNOR

Maura Healey
888-870-7770

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Kim Driscoll

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT I

Richard E. Neal
413-785-0325

STATE SENATOR

Paul W. Mark
617-722-1625
paul.mark@masenate.gov

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
Julia Blythe, Franklin Regional Planning Board Appointee
Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, Council Appointee
Kevin Fox, Chair, Council Appointee
Jane Peirce, Regionally Elected
Emily Johnson, Franklin Regional Planning Board 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 (413) 625-6330 X1
adminassist@town.buckland.ma.us

Town Clerk – Alicia Graves (413) 625-6330 X4
twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

Assessor's Office (413) 625-6330 X3
Director of Assessing – Pamela Guyette
assessor@town.buckland.ma.us

Assessor Clerk – Elizabeth Cerone
assessclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

Treasurer/Tax Collector – Cara Leach (413) 625-6330 X2
treasury@town.buckland.ma.us

Town Administrator – Heather Butler (413) 625-6330 X5
townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us

Town Accountant – Per Contract FRCOG (413) 625-6330 X6

Buckland Public Library – Kellee Davis (413) 625-9412
kdavis@cwmares.org

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

Highway Department – Anthony Gutierrez (413) 625-2367
bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us

Recreation Area - Cindy Schwartz (413) 625-9555
schwartz.cynthia11@gmail.com

Transfer Station – Floyd Scott (413) 625-6743

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Dan Fleuriel (413) 625-2300
chiefoperator@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)

Clinton Phillips, Chair	2021-2024
Larry Wells	2022-2025
Joan Livingston	2023-2026

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (three-year term)

Elizabeth Cerone, Member	2021-2024
Pamela Guyette, Director	2023-2026
Marion Scott, Chair	2022-2025

BOARD OF HEALTH (three-year term)

Peggy Hart	2023-2026
Carmela Lanza-Weil	2022-2025
Julia Godfrey (appointed to fill Vacancy)	2023-2024

BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES (three-year term)

George Dole	2022-2025
Catherine Russillo	2021-2024
Horace Taft-Ferguson, Chair	2023-2026

CONSTABLES (three-year term)

Dena Wilmore	2023-2026
Arthur Henry Phillips	2022-2025
Floyd Scott	2021-2024

FINANCE COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Paula Consolo	2022-2025
George Langford, Chair	2023-2026
Bruce Lessels	2021-2024
Robert Dean	2022-2025
Abigail Straus	2023-2026

MODERATOR (one-year term)

Phoebe Walker	2023-2024
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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Martha Thurber	2022-2025
David Henry	2023-2026

TOWN CLERK (two-year unexpired term)

Alicia Graves	2023-2026
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SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ADA COORDINATOR

Heather Butler

TERM

permanent

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Colin Scott

07/01/23-06/30/26

Christopher (David) Lenaerts

07/01/21-06/30/24

Sammy Purington

07/01/21-06/30/24

Paul Willis

07/01/23-06/30/26

REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

permanent

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Andree Duval

Karen Blom

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (three-year term)

Alicia Graves (U)

07/01/23-06/30/26

Laura Scott (R)

07/01/21-06/30/24

Nancy Parland (D)

10/12/22-06/30/25

Jim Picardi (U)

03/21/23-06/30/26

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

Susan Shauger

06/10/19-06/30/24

BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL (three- year term)

Arthur Samuelson (1st term)

07/01/21-06/30/24

James Bonham, Treasurer (2nd term)

07/01/21-06/30/24

Cindy Fisher, Chair (1st term)

09/14/21-09/14/24

Laura Cunningham, Secretary (2nd term)

07/01/21-06/30/24

Sarah Neelon (2nd term)

07/01/21-06/30/24

Brook Batteau (1st term)

09/14/21-09/14/24

Brenda Parrella (1st term)

09/14/21-09/14/24

Sharin Alpert (1st term)

09/13/23-11/14/26

Carmela Lanza-Weil

11/15/23-11/14/26

CARE OF VETERANS GRAVES

Les Chadwick

permanent

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (three-year term)

Mary Knipe	07/01/22-06/30/25
Kathleen Lytle, chair	07/01/21-06/30/24
Steven Howland (appointed to fill vacancy)	07/01/23-06/30/26
Kim Erslev	08/09/23-06/30/26
Pat Conlin	02/13/24-06/30/25
James Eagan (resigned 12/27/23)	

COUNCIL ON AGING (three-year term)

Ellen Eller, President	07/01/21-06/30/24
Joanne Soroka, Vice President	07/01/22-06/30/25
Janice Fleuriel, Secretary	07/01/23-06/30/26

FENCE VIEWER

VACANT

FIELD DRIVER

VACANT	permanent
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FOREST WARDEN

Herbert Guyette	permanent
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DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN

Jeremy (Jake) Purinton	permanent
VACANT	permanent

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTIONS PROGRAM

James Bonham	07/01/23-06/30/24
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FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

Joan Livingston, (appointed by Select Board)	07/01/23-06/30/2024
Heather Butler, Alternate (appointed by Planning Board)	07/01/23-06/30/24
OPEN	

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Peter Otten	07/01/23-06/30/26
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FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Andrea Donlon	07/01/23-06/30/26
Martha Taft-Ferguson, Alternate	07/01/23-06/30/26

GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

VACANT

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Heather Butler	permanent
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HEALTH AGENT-REGIONAL THROUGH FRCOG

FRCOG-Kurt Schellenberg

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-year term)

Polly Anderson	07/01/23-06/30/26
Michael McCusker	07/01/23-06/30/26
David Parella, Chair	02/08/22-06/30/25
Sandy Cardinal	07/01/22-09/30/25
Ginny Ray	07/01/22-09/30/25
Patricia Schmidt	02/14/23-06/30/26
Mary Dearborn	02/14/23-06/30/26

HIGHWAY FOREMAN 413-625-2367

VACANT

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Joan Livingston	07/01/23-6/30/24
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INSPECTORS – REGIONAL**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

FRCOG-Thomas McDonald	413-774-3167 x115
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PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR

FRCOG-Andrew French	413-774-3167 x112
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Herbert Guyette, Emergency Management Director	07/01/23-06/30/24
Heather Butler, Emergency Response Coordinator	07/01/21-06/30/22

McKNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Larry Wells	07/01/23-06/30/24
Cara Leach	07/01/23-06/30/24

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PROGRAM

VACANT

NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Marion Scott	7/01/23-6/30/24
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PARKING CLERK

Alicia Graves	permanent
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PLANNING BOARD (three-year term)

Andrea Donlon	07/01/22-06/30/25
John Gould, Co-Chair	07/01/22-06/30/25
Michael Hoberman, Co-Chair	07/01/23-06/30/26
Jon Wyman	07/01/21-06/30/24
Adriana Isaza-Geary, Alternate	07/01/23-06/30/26
Maria-Elena Mariel Olcoz, Alternate	07/01/23-06/30/26

POLICE CHIEF 413-625-8200

Greg Bardwell, Chief	07/20/20-
Kurt Gilmore, Sergeant	09/09/21-

RECREATION COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Mark Amstein	07/01/22-06/30/25
Brandon Boucias	07/01/21-06/30/24
Carol Foote	07/01/22-06/30/25
Daniel Fleuriel	07/01/23-06/30/26
Cynthia Schwartz, Chair	07/01/23-06/30/26
Wendy Sweetser Ferris	07/01/22-06/30/25

SELECT BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mary Bolduc	07/01/23-06/30/24
Pamela Guyette	07/01/23-06/30/24

SEWER HOOK-UP INSPECTOR

VACANT

STREET LISTER

Alicia Graves	permanent
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SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK, AND LUMBER

Dennis Clark	07/01/23-06/30/26
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FRCOG-Michael Kociela	permanent
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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Heather Butler

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Cara Leach	permanent
Linda Marcotte, Assistant	permanent

VETERANS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Larry Wells	07/01/23-06/30/24
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WOODLAND'S PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

Chris Skelly

09/12/23-06/30/26

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

Cara Leach

permanent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)

Robin Bestler

07/01/19-06/30/24

Dennis Clark

07/01/22-06/30/27

John Gould, Chair

07/01/19-06/30/24

James Rae

07/01/23-06/30/28

Jeffrey Rose

07/01/22-06/30/27

Randy Heminger, Alternate

07/01/23-06/30/28

Justin Lively, Alternate

07/01/21-06/30/26

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Open

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

Pamela Guyette

7/01/23-6/30/26

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Michael Novack

07/01/23-06/30/24

Penny Novack

07/01/23-06/30/24

Margaret Olin, chair

07/01/23-06/30/24

Harvey Schaktman

07/01/23-06/30/24

Brian Summer

07/01/23-06/30/24

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE

Michael Hoberman

07/01/23-06/30/24

Ellen Kaufmann

07/01/23-06/30/24

Janet Sinclair

07/01/23-06/30/24

Chris Skelly

07/01/23-06/30/24

Phoebe Walker

07/01/23-06/30/24

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Larry Langford (Finance Committee Appointee)

07/01/23-06/30/24

Patricia Schmidt (Moderator Appointment)

07/01/23-06/30/24

Larry Wells (Select Board Appointee)

07/01/23-06/30/24

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Heather Butler	07/01/23-06/30/24
Anthony Gutierrez	07/01/23-06/30/24
Michael Parker	07/01/23-06/30/24
Greg Bardwell	07/01/23-06/30/24
Herb Guyette	07/01/23-06/30/24
Anthony Jewell, Chair	07/01/23-06/30/24
Arthur Henry Phillips	07/01/23-06/30/24
Janet Sinclair	07/01/23-06/30/24

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(Three-year term, Moderator's Appointment)
VACANT**REPRESENTATIVES****SHELBURNE FALLS TASK FORCE**

Joan Livingston

STATE APPOINTMENTS**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Martha Taft-Ferguson	05/01/23-04/30/24
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TOWN EMPLOYEES

MAIN OFFICE

Heather Butler	Town Administrator
Cara Leach	Treasurer/Tax Collector
Linda Marcotte	Treasurer/Tax Collector Assistant
Pamela Guyette	Director of Assessing/ Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Cerone	Assessor Clerk
Alicia Graves	Town Clerk
Andree Duval	Town Clerk Assistant
Mary Bolduc	Select Board Clerk
Alison Cornish	Boards Clerk
Michael Kociela	Town Accountant-FRCOG

REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Floyd Scott	Transfer Station Attendant
Merijold Gutierrez	Transfer Station Attendant

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Daniel Fleuriel	Chief Operator
Chris Drury	Assistant Operator
Rook Schatz	Collections Operator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Anthony Gutierrez

BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kellee Davis	Library Director
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BUCKLAND-SHELBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

623 Mohawk Trail
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
(Non-Emergency) Control Dispatch Center: 413-625-8200
EMERGENCY: 9-1-1
Office: 413-625-0304 ext. 5
Fax 413-489-3005

FULL TIME OFFICERS

CHIEF: Greg Bardwell	gbardwell@TownofShelburneMA.gov
SARGEANT: Tim Budrewicz	tbudrewicz@TownofShelburneMA.gov
SARGEANT: Kurt Gilmore	kgilmore@TownofShelburneMA.gov
DETECTIVE: Tucker Jenkins	tjenkins@TownofShelburneMA.gov
PATROLMAN: Christopher Pettingill	cpettengill@TownofShelburneMA.gov
PATROLMAN: Jeffrey Belanger	jbelanger@TownofShelburneMA.gov

RESERVE OFFICERS

Jeffrey King	Cory Powell
Edwin Thurston	Chris Miner
Ted Hanna	Zack Caloon
Bob Carmody	

SELECT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Select Board's membership once again went through some changes for the 2023 fiscal year. Select Board Chair Barry Del Castilho chose not to run for a reappointment. This made way for Joan Livingston to step into a 3 year term uncontested. Clint Phillips was elected by board members Joan Livingston and Larry Wells. Wells was appointed to Vice Chair.

The board hit the ground running after a Town Meeting and election vote passing a prop 2 ½ override of \$151,252. Shared police services with the Town of Shelburne went into effect July 1st and the Buckland Police Department was dissolved. The Town joined the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership and received a \$25,000 grant for improvements of Cricket Field.

The Buckland Rec Swimming Pool opened for a short season to get people swimming at the new establishment. The positive reviews that were received would not have been possible without the dedicated work of the Rec Committee. When the pool was closed for the season, contractors moved back in to complete the punch list so that a full season opening could happen in 2024.

The board sent support, joining MTRSD leadership in the advocacy for more Rural School Funding to support our school district and students.

A Grant coordinator was hired for the Continued Climate Resiliency planning and management of the \$162,000 MVP Action Grant.

The board initiated a large scale ground mounted solar array that is to be installed in the spring of 2024 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. This project was funded by a Mass Department of Energy grant of \$186,000.

Contracts were signed for the reconstruction of Depot St and the Freight Yard parking lot with construction to begin in early 2024 which is being funded by CDBG grant funding. Another contract was also signed for the reconstruction of upper North St being overseen by Mass DOT and set to begin in early 2024.

The Board appointed two members to serve for the West County Senior Services District Board of Managers, but is still in search of one more member to serve as a representative for the Town of Buckland. The board also appointed Tony Jewel to serve on the Shared Police Services Advisory Board to be shared at this time by board member Clint Phillips and Finance Committee member Bob Dean. Approval by the board to resurface and repair drainage to East Buckland Rd which was funded through chapter 90 funds along with free cash. The board has been working diligently with the Finance Committee to continue with the improvement of Town roads that grant funding will not support. This project has been of high importance for the board as it is a high priority to have safe streets for community members to travel on.

The Select Board wishes to thank all of the hard working employees, boards, committees, and community members for all of the work and dedication that is put into the Town of Buckland not just over the last year, but in all years past and for the many more to come. #TeamBuckland

TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

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, and it is vital for accurate records for our rescue & fire response, tax collection, school enrollments, and veteran services.

Thank you to Karen Blom for making the transition into this position a smooth one for me. So much to learn, and so much to do! If we haven't yet met, please stop in and say hi.

ELECTIONS, TOWN MEETINGS & VOTER REGISTRATIONS

There was only one election in 2023 - our Annual Town Election, also our Annual Town Meeting, and one Special Town Meeting. Thank you to the election workers and meeting workers for their hard work and diligence in making sure Buckland residents can vote securely. Many of these workers donate their time. There is no change in precincts for voting – we remain a single precinct located at 1 William St.

Town Meetings and Elections were as follows: 1369 registered voters

Annual Town Election	June 6 th , 2023	252 voters
Annual Town Meeting	May 6 th , 2023	111 voters
Special Town Meeting	November 27 th , 2023	58 voters

There were several Voter Registrations and Early Voting sessions held in 2023.

May 26 th , 2023	Prior to Annual Town Election
April 26 th , 2023	Prior to Annual Town Meeting
November 17 th , 2023	Prior to Special Town Meeting

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES 2023

January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023

148	Spayed Females at \$5.00	\$740.00
18	Females at \$10.00	\$180.00
114	Neutered Males at \$5.00	\$575.00
16	Males at \$10.00	\$160.00
1	Kennels at \$50.00	\$50.00
14	Late Fines at \$25.00	<u>\$345.00</u>

Total: \$2050.00

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN 2023

BIRTHS - 10
MARRIAGES - 5
DEATHS - 11

Respectfully submitted by:

Alicia Graves, Town Clerk
Elected Term 2023-2026

Open Tuesday 10:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm
Thursday 7:30am-1:30pm
Or by appointment
413-625-6330 X4
twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

Moderator's Message on Town Meeting Procedures

Welcome To Buckland's Town Meeting! This is one of the most important events in Buckland every year – the night we come together to debate and approve our spending for the next year and many other important issues that affect us as town residents. We conduct our meetings in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, our own bylaws, and Town Meeting Time, a handbook of parliamentary law. Below are some guidelines for taking part in Town Meeting, followed by a second page of definitions of most of the important components of the Meeting.

1. Anyone wishing to speak during a particular article should get up and approach the microphone(s) and wait for the Moderator to recognize them. Once recognized, please stand up and state your name and the street you live on before beginning your remarks. Buckland bylaws limit all comments to ten minutes. The Moderator may make exceptions for reports by Committees presenting complex warrant articles.
2. Please keep all comments and questions relevant to the article at hand.
3. Town Meeting comments should be polite and based in fact.
4. To encourage hearing from everyone who may wish to speak to the article or motion at hand, our bylaws state that you may speak twice to an article or motion, but not until everyone who wishes to speak to the article or motion has had an opportunity to speak at least once.
5. Except for motions involving the expenditure of money or by-law amendments, the Moderator will first recognize the maker of the motion, if he or she wishes to speak.
6. Before starting discussion on motions involving the expenditure of money or by-law amendments, the Moderator will call for committee reports as follows:
 - Expenditure of money – Finance Committee
 - Zoning Bylaw amendments – Planning Board
 - Capital Improvements – Finance Committee, then Capital Planning Committee
 - General Bylaw amendments – Bylaw Review Committee
7. Before a vote is taken, all persons in attendance must remain where they are so that their votes may be successfully and accurately counted.
8. Once the vote has begun, if you leave the room, you will not be permitted back in, through any door, until the vote has concluded.

9. All amendments must be submitted in writing to the Moderator as soon as the amendment is offered.

10. Children are welcome at Town Meeting as long as they are quiet.

11. People who are not registered voters in Buckland are welcome to attend, but must sit in a separate section, and need the approval of the Town Meeting to be heard.

Questions about Town Meeting procedure? Feel free to contact me at 625-9883 or phoebe01370@gmail.com. -- Phoebe Walker, Buckland Town Moderator

Town Meeting Definitions

Warrant - The foundation stone of every town meeting is the warrant. No action at a town meeting is valid unless the subject matter is contained in the warrant. The purpose of the Warrant is to appraise the voters of the subject matter to be considered at the meeting. Every action taken at the meeting must be pursuant to some article in the warrant, and must be within the scope of such article.

Article – Matters that might be acted upon during the town meeting. Articles stake out the limits of the area within which the meeting may act. Articles cannot be amended, but motions can.

Motions – All action taken by a town meeting is taken by votes upon motions. After an article is read, the Moderator will ask if there is a motion to move “Article 1” (or whichever article has been read). A typical response is “So moved.” To be acted upon, all motions require a “second,” typically stated as “I second the motion.” Any motion required to obtain a “second” but failing to do so cannot be acted (voted) upon. Motions can be amended.

Amendments – A motion to amend requires a “second” and majority (50% +1) vote. Motions to amend are typically stated “I move that the pending motion be amended by adding the following words:.....” All amendments should be submitted to the Moderator in writing as soon as the motion to amend is made. Motions to amend are always debatable. Amendments may be amended. However, for the sake of clarity and to avoid confusion, no one may make a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment. At that point, a new motion would be in order.

Point of Order – There are only three instances in which a point of order may be called. (1). Is the speaker entitled to the floor? Also, is what the speaker (2) saying or, (3.) proposing, frivolous, irrelevant, illegal or contrary to proper procedure? Proper format is to stand and state: “I rise to a point of order.” Point of Order does not require a second, and is decided by the Moderator, not the Meeting.

Move The Question – Also referred to as “Calling The Question” and/or “The Previous Question.” The person moving the question must be recognized by the Moderator before doing so, and may make no other comments. Proper statements would be: “I move the question” or “I call the question” or “I move the previous question.” This motion is used to propose the ending of the discussion on the current

motion, and if appropriate, to move directly to a vote. This motion requires a second, may not be debated, and requires a 2/3's majority to pass.

To Adjourn To A Fixed Time – When town meetings run late it may be advisable to adjourn to another day to continue the town meeting. Proper statements would be: “I move that we adjourn to _____” where date, time and location are clearly and completely spelled out. This motion requires a second and a majority (50%+1) vote. It may be debated and amended.

Voting – A majority vote means 50% + 1 of the voters must vote in favor. Stating that only 50% voted in favor does not constitute a majority, it constitutes a tie. Therefore, a majority is defined at 50% plus 1. If a motion requires a 2/3's or 9/10's majority, then the Moderator must count up the total number of votes cast. By Town Meeting Time rules, the Moderator MUST ROUND UP to the next largest whole number.

*Definitions and examples were obtained from “**Town Meeting Time**, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law” Third edition 2001, Richard B. Johnson, Benjamin A Trustman and Charles Y. Wadsworth, and as published by the Massachusetts Moderators Association 2001*

BUCKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

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.

Buckland installed five air sensors which send data to Purple Air. You can check Buckland air quality at map.purpleair.com and also fire.airnow.gov.

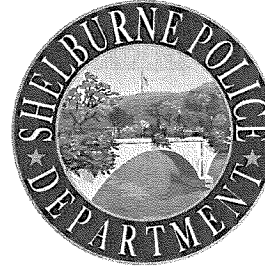
A Covid and flu vaccine clinic was held at Buckland library in February. A second clinic was held at Mohawk HS Oct. 25. Free covid tests kits continue to be available at Buckland town hall. BOH members helped with a tick prevention event (shoe spraying) at the Aubuchon plaza. in July.

Buckland will receive \$12,000 over a period of years from the opioid settlement. We will partner with other local towns to fund regional programs .

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hart

SHELBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Police Chief Gregory D. Bardwell -



Mission Statement

"The Shelburne Police Department is committed to working as a team with our community to provide innovative, efficient, and effective service to improve the quality of life for those who reside in and visit the Town of Shelburne, Massachusetts. We are dedicated to public safety and serving with respect, fairness, and dignity, while maintaining the highest level of ethical standards and insuring the rights of all individuals."

It is a privilege to provide the 2023 Shelburne Police Department Annual Report to the residents of Shelburne and 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 and Shelburne.

Staffing:

The Shelburne Police Department is comprised of 12 Police Officers, 6 full-time employees and 6 part-time. Generally, shifts consist of two patrol officers covering both the Towns of Shelburne and Buckland until the next shift begins. The Shelburne Police Department works closely with The Massachusetts State Police and staff stationed out of the Shelburne Falls State Police Barracks.

Calls for Service:

In 2023 the Shelburne Police Department completed 6914 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.

209A SERVICE	Total: 26
209A VIOLATION	Total: 8
ABANDONED 911 CALL	Total: 63
911 CALL	Total: 241
911 HANG UP	Total: 125
911 MIS DIAL	Total: 81
ABANDONED MV	Total: 1
ADMINISTRATIVE	Total: 103
ALARM BURGLAR OR HOLDUP	Total: 176
EMS ALARM - LIFELINE ACTIVATED	Total: 31
FIRE ALARM	Total: 61

ANIMAL COMPLAINT	Total: 172
ARREST	Total: 66
ASSIST CITIZEN	Total: 130
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	Total: 151
ASSAULT	Total: 12
ARTICLES LOST	Total: 17
ARTICLES RECOVERED	Total: 33
BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO	Total: 1
BREAKING AND ENTERING	Total: 3
BREAKING & ENTERING PAST	Total: 17
BE ON THE LOOK OUT	Total: 1
BUILDING/LOCATION CHECK	Total: 87
CHIMNEY FIRE	Total: 2
CHECK WELFARE	Total: 196
Civil Issue	Total: 1
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	Total: 30
CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARD	Total: 1
COMMUNITY POLICING	Total: 391
COMPLAINT	Total: 31
CSO OUTREACH	Total: 1
CUSTODY ISSUE	Total: 3
Car vs. Deer	Total: 36
DISORDERLY PERSON	Total: 2
DISTURBANCE	Total: 47
DISABLED MV	Total: 186
Drill/Testing	Total: 49
DRUG OFFENSE	Total: 10
DETAIL REQUEST	Total: 31
ESCORT/TRANSPORT	Total: 21
FIGHT	Total: 2
FIREARMS LICENSING	Total: 136
BRUSH FIRE	Total: 5
STRUCTURE FIRE	Total: 8
FIRE, OTHER NON-SPECIFIC	Total: 9
FIRE WORKS	Total: 1
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	Total: 160
FRAUD/SCAM	Total: 59
GAS LEAK	Total: 4
GENERAL INFO	Total: 240
HARASSMENT	Total: 50
HIT AND RUN	Total: 22
ILLEGAL BURN	Total: 1
ILLEGAL DUMPING	Total: 4
INVESTIGATION	Total: 38
JUVENILE OFFENSES	Total: 6
KEEP THE PEACE	Total: 4
LARCENY	Total: 43
LINE DOWN, POWER,PHONE OR CABL	Total: 212
LOCKOUT	Total: 45
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	Total: 378
MISSING PERSON	Total: 1
MISCELLANEOUS	Total: 54
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT NO INJU	Total: 170
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	Total: 187
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDE W/INJURY	Total: 16

MOTOR VEHICLE - STOLEN	Total: 2
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION	Total: 566
NOISE COMPLAINT	Total: 6
NOTIFICATION	Total: 37
OPEN DOOR	Total: 4
ODOR INVESTIGATION	Total: 2
OFFICER WANTED	Total: 231
PAPERWORK SERVICE	Total: 75
PARKING COMPLAINT	Total: 13
PATROL AREA	Total: 500
POWER OUTAGE/FAILURE	Total: 6
RADAR/TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Total: 289
RAPE	Total: 1
REPOSSESSION	Total: 11
RESCUE CALL	Total: 1
RUNAWAY	Total: 3
ROLLING Q2-1	Total: 1
SAFETY HAZARD	Total: 148
Section 12	Total: 15
SERVICE CALL	Total: 45
SHOPLIFTING	Total: 1
SHOTS FIRED	Total: 11
SMOKE INVESTIGATION	Total: 5
SOLICITING	Total: 7
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	Total: 11
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DUTIES	Total: 32
SUMMONS SERVICE	Total: 5
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	Total: 28
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	Total: 43
SUICIDE THREAT	Total: 2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	Total: 69
THREAT	Total: 16
TRAFFIC HAZARD	Total: 141
TRAFFIC CONTROL	Total: 34
TRESPASS	Total: 9
TRUANT	Total: 2
UNWANTED PERSON	Total: 20
VANDALISM	Total: 15
SERVE WARRANT	Total: 8

Grand Total: 6914

We are proud to report that our first year of providing policing services for the towns of Buckland and Shelburne has been a resounding success. Our commitment to community-oriented policing has fostered a safer environment and closer ties with the residents of both towns.

Throughout the year, our department has focused on proactive measures to reduce crime and improve public safety. We have increased patrols in high-need areas, and provided educational outreach to schools and community groups. This proactive approach has resulted in an increase in community trust.

Our officers have undergone extensive training to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve our communities effectively. We have also embraced transparency and accountability by engaging with the community through social media and feedback initiatives, allowing residents to voice their concerns and contribute to shaping our policing strategies.

The success of this first year is evident in the positive feedback we've received from community members, local businesses, and town officials. The strong partnerships we've established with community stakeholders have been invaluable in addressing local issues and creating customized solutions that work for our unique communities.

We understand that the work is never done when it comes to public service. As we move forward, the Shelburne Police Department remains committed to continually monitoring and enhancing our professional services. We will regularly review our performance metrics, stay abreast of best practices in law enforcement, and seek innovative ways to better serve Buckland and Shelburne.

We are dedicated to maintaining the high standards of policing that our communities deserve. Through ongoing training, community engagement, and a steadfast commitment to excellence, we will continue to build upon this year's successes and strive to ensure that Buckland and Shelburne remain safe and welcoming places for all who live, work, and visit here.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to serving you and working together to better our municipalities in the years to come.

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

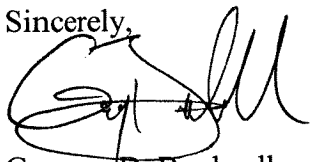
- The Shelburne Police Department- 413.625.0304 ext.5
- Shelburne Control Dispatch Center (24/7) - 413.625.8200

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

The **Shelburne/ Buckland Police Log** can now be found on the Town of Shelburne website:

- Follow the links to: **Files - Police Logs**

Sincerely,



Gregory D. Bardwell
Chief of Police
Shelburne Police Department

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Sheriff

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CHRISTOPHER J. DONELAN
SHERIFF



LORI M. STREETER
SUPERINTENDENT

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

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

TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF BUCKLAND:

In 2019, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne join to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program to provide full-time services to these towns. Since its inception, the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program has expanded to provide these services to (12) towns in Franklin County. The program has also expanded its staff to include a part-time Animal Control Officer.

During 2023, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 880 calls for service between January 1st and December 31st, 2023, which resulting in 1455 corresponding action(s).

Breakdown of calls by Town:

🐾 Bernardston:	47
🐾 Buckland:	67
🐾 Charlemont:	52
🐾 Colrain:	49
🐾 Conway:	44
🐾 Gill:	55
🐾 Heath:	18
🐾 Leyden:	26
🐾 Monroe:	12
🐾 New Salem:	44
🐾 Northfield:	75
🐾 Shelburne:	77
🐾 Dog Shelter:	106
🐾 Other:	208

Calls for Service:

- 🐾 22 – Animal bite reports.
- 🐾 179 – Animal complaints or concerns.
- 🐾 134 – Investigations.
- 🐾 83 – Found or lost animals.
- 🐾 23 – Inspections.
- 🐾 33 – Sick or injured animals.
- 🐾 74 – Assistance to other agencies.
- 🐾 51 – Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.

**Note: The above does not represent all the calls that where received.*

Other Statistics:

- 🐾 24 – Animal surrenders.
- 🐾 47 – Canines picked up.
- 🐾 33 – Cat(s) picked up.
- 🐾 13 – Wildlife picked up.
- 🐾 1 – Other animals picked up.
- 🐾 20 – Warnings issued.
- 🐾 9 – Dog hearings.
- 🐾 7 – Citations issued.

In the spring of 2023, with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Amy Rubin and Jaime Remillard we were able to host rabies vaccination clinics in Turners Falls and Heath, through which a total of 96 pets where vaccinated.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at animalcontrol@fcs0-ma.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,

Kylie Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer
Judie Garceau, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer

BUCKLAND ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the annual Animal Inspection for 2023.

	Adult	Young
1. Cattle: (Adult = 2 years and over)		
Dairy	63	55
Beef	35	17
Steers/Oxen	4	0
2. Goats (Adult = 1 year and over)	12	0
3. Sheep (Adult = 1 year and over)	60	8
4. Swine:		
Breeders	8	
Feeders	2	
5. Llamas/Alpacas	0	
6. Equine:		
Horses, Ponies	20	
Donkeys and Mules	3	
7. Poultry:		
Chickens	729	
Turkeys	3	
Ratites (Emus)	4	
Waterfowl	65	
Gamebirds	2	
8. Rabbits	5	
9. Other Animals	0	

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Taft-Ferguson
Buckland Animal Inspector

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

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 2023 shows that it was almost identical to 2022 recycling tonnage. District residents recycled just over 2,500 tons of paper and containers through their town programs. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We held a May and October Clean Sweep bulky waste collection in 2023. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Northfield highway garage, and Whately transfer station. Combined, the events served 500 households and collected over 45 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2023 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 360 households participated in this event. Residents have access every year to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$107,100 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 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

The Senior Center in Shelburne has successfully distanced itself from the lingering effects of gathering restrictions by actively engaging in more in-person and group activities, fostering an even stronger and more vibrant community. Notable improvements to our site include a bright new blue awning, along with refreshing updates to our reception area and meeting rooms. The recent integration of My Senior Center software has streamlined day-to-day data retrieval for grants and reports, providing a continuous snapshot of senior involvement.

In 2023, our Senior Center experienced a significant surge in participation, with over 270 Buckland seniors actively engaging in our community—a marked increase from the previous year. Residents aged 60 and above utilized our services an impressive 2904 times.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers at the Senior Center continue to create and facilitate activities that resonate with the community and its senior residents. Establishing partnerships with local businesses and organizations has opened new doors for opportunities, creating expanded resources and networks for seniors. Wellness and health activities garnered high attendance, with well-regarded instructors leading Yoga, Tai Chi, and Aerobics classes. Specialized programs like Bones and Balance, Foot Care clinics, and the Heart and Sole Walking Club, alongside a Fall Prevention series through LifePath, offered seniors with essential skills and knowledge for maintaining health and independence.

In addition, our twice monthly To-Go meals persisted, thanks to the collaborative efforts of staff and volunteer chefs, providing homemade food to local seniors. Shelburne residents stepped up to coordinate meal pickups and deliveries. Lunch Bunch and Mystery rides made a welcome return, bringing back outings and travels. Transportation services continued to safely offer rides to Buckland residents, facilitating weekly Big Y and in-town shopping opportunities, as well as the Demand Response Ride program for medical appointments. In total, Buckland seniors availed themselves of transportation services for 419 rides to medical appointments and shopping excursions.

Our Outreach services were accessed 231 times by Buckland seniors, addressing obstacles to fuel assistance and providing advocacy and resources for those facing tough choices. The focus remains on enabling seniors to live in their homes as independently as possible. Increased enrollment in programs like CISA and SNAP benefits, coupled with the Food-to-Table initiative, demonstrated the community's proactive response to essential needs. Fuel Assistance, SHINE support, housing applications, risk counseling, and referrals were all provided to Buckland residents through the Outreach Coordinator, with meetings conducted in homes and at The Senior Center.

In 2023, The Senior Center continued to receive invaluable support from the community, securing numerous grants and sponsorships that bolstered our programs and services. Funding for the Caregiver Support and Home Repair programs increased, benefiting many Buckland seniors. The Home Repair program witnessed substantial participation, with volunteers offering their expertise to enhance seniors' home environments. Our dedicated volunteers contributed over 1100 hours, with 643 hours from Buckland-based volunteers.

The Senior Center Foundation contributed funding to make various programs and services possible. This generous support enabled the implementation of MySeniorCenter software, the new SeniorWise format, and distribution—ultimately made possible by the community's unwavering support and solidifying our role as an integral part of the Buckland community.

Buckland Public Library Annual Report
Submitted by Kellee Davis, Buckland Public Library Director

The past year has continued to bring changes for the Buckland Public Library. While she was only here a short time, director Sara Salem made a big impact on the library and the community as a whole. She coordinated the transition back to in-person services and activities. She implemented many programs with willing volunteers from the community as well as those who were supported by local and state cultural grants. She applied for and received funding to provide more arts-based activities and supplies for both adults and children. After taking over for Sara in July 2023, I strive to follow her example to make the library a welcoming and supportive place for all.

Patrons, Collections, and Circulation

Our library is small but vibrant - we have 383 registered patrons (including 32 who have signed up for cards in the past year), meaning that over 20% of our town's population has a Buckland Library card! We have many regular patrons and families from around the region who visit weekly, but frequently meet new folks who have never visited before. We work hard to turn one-time visitors into regulars by providing materials, services, and activities that meet their needs.

We have 13,264 items in our collection, including over 10,200 books and 1,800 DVDs. Marcia Wheeler, our amazing library assistant, stays updated on the latest adult fiction, non-fiction, and movies that appeal to our adult patrons. My personal goal is to ensure that the children's and YA sections provide kids and families with books that are diverse and appealing to a wide-range of interests, ages, and reading levels. By utilizing our regular book distribution channels, as well as a new wholesale book vendor that averages \$3.50/book, we have been able to add over 1,700 books to the collection, including 667 adult and YA books and 853 children's books.

This year we checked out 13,073 items and sent 12,558 items to other libraries through interlibrary loan, bringing our total circulation to 25,631. Adult books, followed by children's books, and then DVDs and audiobooks, are the most popular formats for both local and interlibrary borrowing. While books are the largest share of our circulation numbers, DVDs are still incredibly popular, and patrons look forward to borrowing our new releases, TV series, and family movies. Our specialty magazines, including those for fiber arts, writing, woodworking, and cooking, also circulate regularly.

While our patrons seem to prefer tangible items to digital options, we have seen an increase in people using the free Libby audiobook app. In addition, we have promoted patrons obtaining a Boston Public Library e-card to access materials and services that we can't afford to provide directly. Using the e-card, our patrons have access to streaming movies and shows through Kanopy and Hoopla, language learning programs, continuing education, craft instruction, and all other online resources that Boston Public Library offers.

Programming

We continue to host a wide variety of structured and unstructured activities that appeal to all ages. Families visit regularly to have children play with our train table, doll house, puzzles, and Legos, or to use our craft materials. A puppet theater donated by Jorie MacLeod has been our biggest hit, with new performances put on every day we are open. Regular storytimes, crafts, and our Hilltown Mom's Group help us maintain a regular group of kids and families. Programs such as music and storytelling events by

Davis Bates and Jules Skloot, Dr. Bill's kite-making workshop, and our Summer Reading program bring in others.

For adults, our Seed Library was incredibly popular - we gave out over 400 seed packets last season, and are preparing to hand out even more this season. Our monthly puzzle exchange also gets a lot of use. Many different arts programs, including origami, still life drawing, paint pouring, and children's craft workshops provided fun for the community. Concerts, lectures, nature walks, and local author, poetry, and play readings were held by volunteers and local creators supported by local and state cultural grants. Vaccine clinics and a stress management series supported community health and wellness. Our library events and book sale coinciding with the 2023 Summer on the Buckland Common were also well attended.

Community Room

Organizations that use our community room help center the library as a community resource, and we hosted 75 meetings for ten different organizations over the past year. The Buckland Historical Society and its specialized committees, the Catamount Hill Association, and the Senior Center Foundation, as well as personal enrichment groups like the community book group, Word Play writer's group, and Hilltown Moms were the most frequent regular users. Registered individual users also booked the community room on 42 occasions. Our ongoing book sale offerings, craft supplies available to all, and small kitchen help make the library welcoming for visitors when we are open as well.

Trustees and Friends

Our trustees have worked overtime this year, hiring and supporting a new director, working out staffing and materials budgeting, and planning for improvements to the building's HVAC system. George Dole (chair), Horace Taft (treasurer), Cass Russillo, Ciara Hayden, Brenda Parella, Terri Allen, and Annie Thompson meet monthly to guide the director, manage the library's finances, and plan for the maintenance of the physical building as well as the community culture around the library's materials, services, and events.

This year, a group of local supporters has created the Friends of the Buckland Library to help the library realize its programming and collections goals through fundraising. Sara Salem, Dena Willmore, and Abby Straus have been instrumental in organizing and developing goals for this group, and we are looking forward to working with the Friends on our annual appeals, book sale, and grant-writing initiatives in the years to come.

Future

In the coming year, the Buckland Library will create its next five-year Strategic Plan. Our planning committee will hold workshops this spring to gather input from the community, which will help us better support current patrons and reach out and support those who don't currently use our library.

We are always looking for opportunities to collaborate with other local libraries, organizations, businesses, and individuals. In the next year, we hope to develop stronger relationships with the local school systems, collaborate more frequently across local libraries, and continue to build community support for our programs and services.

Thanks

The Buckland Public Library would not exist without the support of the community it serves. We are grateful for the Town of Buckland's municipal appropriation, State Aid to Public Libraries from the MBLC, grants, and the community donations that allow us to continue to serve the town of Buckland and western Franklin County. We appreciate the assistance of Cara Leach and Heather Butler of the town of Buckland and our treasurer Ho Taft and bookkeeper Cass Russillo for managing all the varied financial aspects of running the library.

Other local organizations and businesses also deserve our thanks. The staff of the Arms Library, Belding Memorial Library, and Shelburne Center Library have been incredibly supportive of me as a new director and colleague. Roundabout Books/Boswell's Books, Raven Used Book Store, Wandering Moon, Shelburne Farm and Garden, and McCusker's Market have donated materials, given new life to "weeded" library books and movies, and helped us build our collections. Canepari Landscaping and Diversified Cleaning keep our building looking beautiful inside and out.

Finally, many individuals have volunteered their time and energy to the Buckland Library in many different ways. Marcia Wheeler is the heart of the library and keeps everything running. Judy Sweet and Dianna Young make sure that our books are always available. Sue Vight and Don Wheeler are always ready to help whenever needed. Thank you to Dena Willmore, Abby Straus, and all the other members of our Friends group for taking on this crucial role. We also greatly appreciate those who have shared their skills and talents with our community this year: Amy Love, Janice Dompke, Jan Voorhis, Gary Novack, Cheryl L. Dukes, Cynthia Fisher, Alan Young, Jules Skloot, Dr. Bill Strader, Rachel Hinkel-Wang and many others. Finally, we want to thank everyone who has donated books, materials, expertise, and time for helping to make our library a great place to be.

ARMS LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Statistics for FY23

Circulation of Materials at the Arms Library – 24,543

Circulation of Arms Library materials at other libraries – 6,861

Interlibrary Library Loan items received from other libraries – 7,184

Interlibrary Library Loan items sent to other libraries - 1,811

Electronic borrowing – 5,909 items 6,221 FY24

Registered borrowers with Arms Library cards - 1,134

Hours: Mon. 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sun. 12 noon – 3 p.m.

- Current Board of Library Trustees: Dan Alden, Sheryl Gilmore, John Cornman, Arthur Samuelson, Clay Connor, Peggy Warwick, Emily Willis.
- FY23 Library Staff: Laurie Wheeler, Sharin Alpert, Carrie Healy, Courtney Celli, Colleen Rauch.
- Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee: Dan Alden, Sheryl Gilmore, Kate Downes, Karen Sheaffer, Andrew Baker (Shelburne Selectboard liaison.)
- FY23 Friends of the Arms Library Executive Board: Sally Judd, Candace Curran, Christin Couture, Joan Lawless, Peter Schriber, Sharon Glazer, Barbara Schauer.
- Library Volunteers: Cathy Livingstone, Candace Curran, Cate MacKinnon, Debb Makara, Linda Cavanaugh, Emily Baron. Some are regularly in the library, while others work on special projects.

Since the end of FY23 we have had a changeover in library associates. We welcome new staff member Andrew Achenbach; Peggy Warwick and Emily Willis to our Board of Library Trustees; and volunteers Annie Cheatham, Sara Cohen, Althea Church, and Emily Baron.

We offer a tremendous thank you to our outgoing trustees Kate Downes and Karen Sheaffer. Both have given much of themselves to the Arms Library, helping guide us through fundraising for our building, two major renovations, automation, a revival of the Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee, and COVID-19.

A new addition to the library grounds is the installation of the Town of Shelburne's Veteran's Memorial, now on the west side of the Arms. It had been located in another, less visible part of Town. Les Chadwick was a primary catalyst in making this happen. Grounds plans in 2024 include putting in plantings around the Veteran's Memorial, and creating a flower garden on the south side of the library.

Contact and Information: 413-625-0306; armslibrary@gmail.com; www.armslibrary.org; Facebook.

The Friends of the Arms Library have created their own Facebook Page; it's both factual and fun.

And, if you have not signed up for our weekly Wowbrary eNewsletter, you may sign up on our webpage. That shows new materials, programs and other things of interest.

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Wheeler
Arms Library Director**

BUCKLAND RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

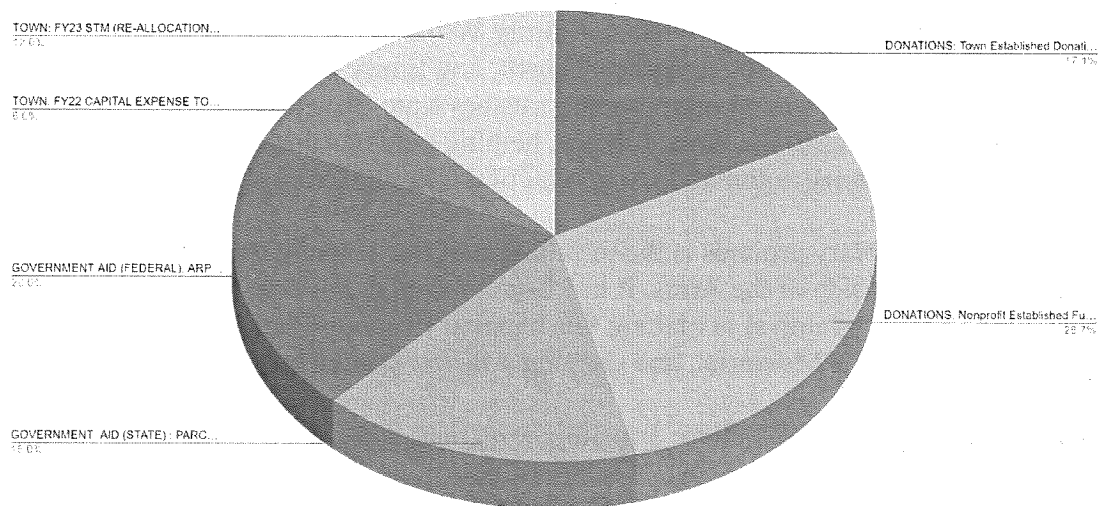
It was an emotional year for the members of the Buckland Recreation Committee as they had laser focus on the pool project, endured bumps and setbacks, and experienced feelings of amazing accomplishment. At long last, our community was swimming again this year.

There has been some confusion and misinformation shared about the financing of this project that the committee felt it was important to clarify. To review the scope of the finances that brought this amazing resource back to our town, here is a breakdown:

DONATIONS: TOWN ESTABLISHED FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	\$427,562
DONATIONS: NON-PROFIT ESTABLISHED FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	\$717,147
GOVERNMENT AID (STATE) : PARC GRANT	\$400,000
GOVERNMENT AID (FEDERAL): ARPA FUNDING	\$500,000
TOWN: FY22 CAPITAL EXPENSE TOWN ACCOUNT	\$150,000
TOWN: FY23 STM (RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS)	\$300,000

TOTAL

\$2,494,709



Of this entire project, 18.5% of the funding has come from taxable sources from the town of Buckland. The balance of the funding - 81.5% - came from other sources. Further to the point, when rates were decided upon for memberships and daily entry, Buckland residents paid 33% less than others in the

eight town Mohawk Trail district. At this time, there is still a balance to pay to the general contractor, however, we expect to be returning approximately \$75,000 of the reallocated funds back to the town.

With construction of the capital project at the Buckland Recreation Area having begun in the Fall of 2022, the committee was steadily involved in its progression. Chair Cindy Schwartz and town appointed staffer Pam Guyette led the effort for the town. They joined meetings with Kuth Ranieri Architects contact - Rob Marcalow, General contractor - Wesfield Construction and pertinent vendor contacts from Weston and Sampson (the pool builders), Taylor Davis Landscaping aka "The Dirt Guys," and others as they met weekly and made decisions together.

For safety and liability reasons related to on-site hazards (open excavation, trenches, construction equipment, etc.) the recreation facility remained completely closed to the public for the duration of construction.

January - March:

- Activity continued and the vendors were feeling that they would be finished by the deadline of June 30, 2023 as was established by the Parklands Acquisition and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant.
- Much of the pool prep had happened and the pool house framing had begun.
- The committee started discussions about membership and daily rates, summer camp, swim lessons, and staffing.
- Updates from the Friends of the Town of Buckland Recreation Committee continued.
- Patio furniture was being purchased at this time to coordinate with the decor of the pool. Multi colored umbrellas, umbrella stands, Adirondack chairs, picnic tables, and loungers were ordered and would be delivered over the course of the spring.
- An inquiry was received from Mohawk Trail Regional staff about the use of the pool facility for the summer Explorers program, which created a small revenue stream for the facility.

April - June:

- The committee had to make final decisions on membership and daily pricing. What was presented to the Finance Committee and Select Board was a "break even" model, prioritizing Buckland residents, followed by the other 7 towns in the school district, then the broader community. The focus was on the economy of the memberships. At that point, committee members didn't know how many weeks access to the pool could be offered. But planning on 10 weeks, the breakdown of a Buckland resident's season pass would be \$20/week per family, which felt like a reasonable charge for a family of four to be able to enjoy the pool 7 days a week. Information on season passes was on the town website.
- Hiring of pool park attendants and lifeguards was complete, knowing that wages had almost doubled since the pool was last open.
- As the tile inside the pool was being installed, there were problems with the quality of the work. Though it had to be ripped out twice, the subcontractor assured management they would finish on time. Painting followed, and the pool deck was poured.
- It was now time to fill the pool. Thanks to the Shelburne Falls Fire Department and our neighboring departments, the pool was filled in less than 5 hours.
- The pool house was really moving along with plumbers and electricians on site allowing the walls to be closed up.
- The Community Service jail crew came in to help with the grounds clean up, painting, putting together pool furniture and other tasks needed to get the facility ready.

- Though the PARC grant deadline was looming and all parties were in touch in the weeks and days leading up to it, thankfully the project was granted permission for extra time once the administrator from the state understood how close the project was to completion.

July - September:

- The recreation committee members came in for a work bee July 8th to move and set up the newly purchased furniture at our new pool.
- The Board of Health authorized swimming lessons to begin on time, Monday, July 10, even though the full facility was not quite ready. Young swimmers and their families were met with warm rain, but that did not dampen their spirit. Thanks to swim instructor and head lifeguard Zoe Neely for approaching the class with the energy we would expect. We offered two two-week sessions, with each lesson lasting 35 minutes.
- With a mad dash and help from town staff, the unofficial opening of the pool was on Saturday, July 15th, 2023. With pool staff having been at the ready for over a week, it was finally “go time.”
- The staffing schedule was tough to manage, but ultimately worked out with just a few coverage issues.
- Even though the facility was operational, the grounds still looked like a construction site. The changing area, office space and entrance were not complete, drainage needed to be addressed along with landscaping and other issues.
- One of the ongoing issues centered around the lap lane. After some discussion, the arrangement was made that adult swim would be called at the top of each hour for 10 minutes while lifeguards were on break, giving lappers time in the pool.
- Although we would have liked to have stayed open a bit longer....Lifeguards and pool attendants needed to go back to school/work, leaving us with no staff.

September - March:

- Contractors were back on site once the pool closed for the season. The pool was drained and imperfections dealt with and then repainted. Changing area is now completed. Pool was refilled and the backordered custom pool cover arrived and installed. Entryway completed. Signage installed. Site cleaned up.
- Pool and pool house winterized for the season.
- The weather held out long enough to schedule the new concrete patio area. This area is located near the pool house and playground. It will be equipped with chairs, picnic tables and umbrellas, creating a shady spot for snacking.
- Solar Panels were installed in late January 2024.
- Contractors will be back on site in late March to finish the punch list items.

Thank you to all of our members, families and guests for a wonderful season and for their patience as we continue to navigate the finishing touches. We look forward to a long, hot and fun upcoming season. Memberships and swim lesson registrations are now available in the Buckland Town Office.

BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

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 2023 we were able to fund 32 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 24 choices for 2024 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,

Cynthia Fisher, Chair
Laura Cunningham, Co-Chair, Secretary
Jim Bonham, Co-Chair, Treasurer
Karen Sheaffer
Sarah Neelon
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Brenda Parilla
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MARY LYON
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Annual Report
October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

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Our community, made up of the nine towns that feed the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, has growing needs, and our programs and services have expanded to meet those needs, thanks to the generosity of our donors in these nine towns. The Mary Lyon Foundation aims to provide families and educators with the necessary resources to ensure all children in our community can learn, succeed, and thrive.

The Mary Lyon Foundation has raised \$3,573,765.62 since the inception of the Comprehensive Campaign in October 2020. The campaign committee is laser-focused on raising the remaining \$1,426,234.38 of the \$5,000,000.00 goal over the next two years to meet the following objectives:

1. Guarantee the future of the Mary Lyon Foundation,
2. Fund for our essential programs, and
3. Help more students and families through the Annual Fund.

Program Highlights

Student and Family Assistance

The food scarcity program is currently at its capacity. We deliver four bags of groceries and milk to fifty families every other Tuesday. This program would not be possible without our partnership with Hilltown Church's Food Pantry or our volunteers who pack and deliver the groceries. We are always looking for more volunteers to support this program.

We supplied books, blankets, and stuffed animals to all PK Students in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts in partnership with The Learning Knoll, Community Action, It Takes a

Village, and Montague Catholic Ministries. The total value of these packages was \$2,352.

We provided \$9,352.96 in books to support literacy in the school libraries, district classrooms, and homes.

We partnered with the MTRHS Key Club and opened the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet in the high school.

The Foundation contributed \$35,000 to meet the needs of our local families. This included fuel assistance, grocery assistance, clothing, internet needs, eyeglasses, driver's education, childcare needs, and much more.

We supported 175 children in the district with gift cards to purchase warm winter clothing through the Warm the Children Program sponsored by the Greenfield Recorder.

With the help of our community, we gave holiday cheer to 115 children through the holiday giving tree and our partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank.

Community Partners and Volunteers:

The Foundation supplied school children and families with new backpacks, school supplies, dried goods, warm winter gear, and books through our partnership with the United Way and their programs Blooming Backpacks, Supper for Six, and Busloads of Blessings.

Through our partnership with the Brickhouse, the Foundation stocked the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet with brand-new shorts, flip-flops, winter coats, and t-shirts.

We worked with the Salvation Army to provide new backpacks, food vouchers, clothing vouchers, heating vouchers, and much more.

Special thanks to all our community partners:

- Berkshire East
- Bittersweet Cafe
- Bridge Street Bazaar
- Brickhouse
- Buckland Pizza
- Community Action
- Foxtown Diner
- FRCOG
- Greenfield Savings Bank
- Greenfield Medical and Dental
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry
- Hager's Market
- Hilltown Church's Food Pantry
- Hope and Comfort
- Individual Donors and Volunteers
- It Takes a Village
- Keystone Market
- Mocha Mayas
- Mohawk Trail Regional High School
- Moldavite Dreams
- Montague Catholic Ministries

- Mo's Fudge Factor
- Opioid Task Force
- Salvation Army
- Shelburne Fall Coffee Roasters
- Sweet Lucy's
- The Optician
- Trinity Church
- United Way

Community Outreach:

We organized the first Community Resource Fair, which included 30 vendors, dinner, ice cream, and FRCOG's Vaccine Clinic. Three hundred people attended, and the feedback was highly positive.

Educator Assistance:

The Foundation gave \$10,000 to educators to support reimagination and innovation in the classroom.

Scholarships:

Our scholarship program awarded \$55,000 to students who reside in West County in 2023. For a complete list of the scholarships we administer, please go to www.marylyonfoundation.org/scholarships.

District Support:

We supported multiple programs in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts with funding totaling \$112,000.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is grateful for the community's support. The generosity of our donors allows us to live our mission to promote student success by mobilizing community investment in services and programs that create positive educational outcomes.

As we look forward, we will continue to focus on our campaign and raising the funds necessary to expand our programming and realize our vision: ensuring all students have the resources to be ready to learn, to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, and to thrive in the wider world.

Should you want to volunteer or discuss donating to the Mary Lyon Foundation, don't hesitate to contact Kristen Tillona Baker at kbaker@marylyonfoundation.org or (413) 625.2555.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Tillona Baker
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT

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.

The Buckland Council on Aging (COA) takes that mission seriously—and with joy.

We work closely with the Ashfield and Shelburne COAs and the Senior Center staff to meet the needs of our towns' elder residents and to support the Center's operations. Our aim is to provide enjoyable activities for seniors—especially events that forge connections to help folks avoid one of the most difficult aspects of growing older: loneliness.

Last summer, with funding from a grant program called Mass-in-Motion, whose objective is community improvements for the aging and disabled, we provided free ice cream and raffle prizes to about 40 seniors in the alley outside Town Hall, and used the opportunity to collect ideas for future events. Those Mass-in-Motion funds enabled us to purchase benches to offer rest spots along paths in Upper Buckland, at the Recreation Center and in the Village. This year, our plan is to buy audio equipment to improve sound quality in the big room upstairs at Town Hall—which should be a bonus for meeting attendees of all ages.

As of this writing, we are joining forces with COA members from Ashfield and Shelburne to host a Game Night at the Senior Center and, later this spring, an Ice Cream Social with Music. We're planning informative Conversation Cafes and Brown Bag Luncheons—and we'll let Buckland Seniors know what's going on through the Senior Center Newsletter and "robo-calls" from me, Ellen Eller (not to bother you, but to keep you up to date).

In 2023 the three Senior Center member towns, Buckland, Ashfield and Shelburne, voted to establish the West County Senior Services District, a legal entity with a Board of Managers. The Managers will be administrators, advocates and agents for the COAs, allowing us to expand our services to meet the needs of an expanding senior population.

With the generous support of the Senior Center Foundation (SCF), a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that was created specifically to raise funds for the Senior Center, the building located at #7 Main Street provides programs and services that run the gamut of what seniors might need or want, from delicious drive-up Meals-to-Go to help with home repairs; from computer instruction to tai chi classes; from bingo to rides to Big Y.

Our Senior Center is a priceless resource, and I urge you to take advantage of it.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Eller
Janice Fleuriel
Joanne Soroka

Historic Preservation Commission Report

Chair: David Parrella
Vice-Chair: Michael McCusker
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In the 2023-2024 fiscal year the Buckland Historic Commission worked on issues related to the early industrial history of the Clesson Brook Valley. We found that up to seventeen mills and factories once lined the banks of the stream during the early 19th century, producing items including lumber, leather goods, metal files, and children's toys and window sashes.

Only one of those mills is still standing. The Townsley Mill, also called Elmers Mill, stands at the corner of Cross Street and the Route 112 Scenic Byway. Through the generous support of the Town and an anonymous local donor, we were able to leverage a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to document the mill complex. When finished we will submit the results of this work to the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC).

There was previous survey work performed in documenting the mill and other historic structures in Buckland Center during the 1970s and 1980s. However, that work does not conform to the current electronic format required by MHC. The submission of this data marks the first time in 40 years that the Town of Buckland has updated a site survey for the State. The work undertaken this year will provide a template for a full re-survey of Buckland Center in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

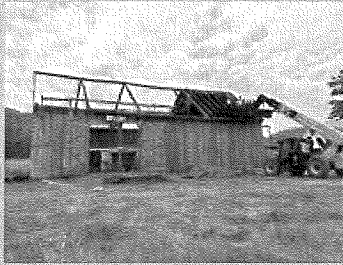
There will be a presentation on the work at the Mill at Buckland Public Hall on May 10, 2024 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The meeting will also include a discussion of our plans to develop an application for a National Historic District in Buckland Center.

The Buckland side of Shelburne Falls is a National Historic District, along with Shelburne, Ashfield Plains, the center of Plainfield, and other surrounding towns. If successful Buckland will have the distinction of including two National Historic Districts that pay homage to our agricultural and industrial heritage.

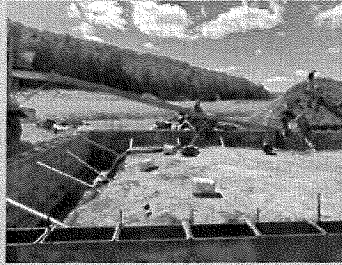
The members of the Historic Commission are grateful for the support provided by the Town of Buckland and look forward to redoubling our efforts in the year ahead.

Buckland Historical Society, Inc.

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BARN RAISE!

The Wilder Homestead 1780 Barn Museum Restoration nears completion with yet, some needed local donations from businesses and individuals. The 208 pieces of timber framing were catalogued and repaired or replaced by Cruckfather LLC. Dick Hillman excavated for Dave Bernard's foundation and Aaron Rutz's stone masonry. Ashfield Stone owner, Johanna Pratt, donated the big stones for all the entryways and will highlight the threshing bay doors. Josh Simpson made and donated 34 panes of bullseye glass for the transoms over the threshing bay doors which the Sheriff's Department community service team glazed into sash donated by Hamshaw lumber. With a few additional donations, the Barn Museum Restoration is expected to be finished this summer as doors and windows are installed and the barn plank floor is laid. **Watch the 8-minute video** <https://vimeo.com/591119932>.

May 23, 2024, Mohawk District's Colonial and Native People's Historical Education Programs that have been taking place for more than 26 years. A central theme is barn-loom weaving which has been ongoing since 1946 here in Buckland. **For elementary schools visit photos Visit** www.bucklandmasshistory.org

Summer Day on the Buckland Common: is Saturday July 20, 2024. The Buckland Center Museum will be open while serving Buckland Blueberry Buckle. Most community groups organize the day. Concerts, food, and children's games.

The BHS Pie Social Program and Annual Meeting: June 2024 date is TBD

The Hilltown History Museum Trail Tour: August 3, 2024

Wilder Homestead & The Center Museum open 2nd & 4th Suns. in July & August 2-4 PM Watch the BHS website bucklandmasshistory.org or FB page for details

TRUSTEES: Jeff Gang, Anya MacMillan, Pat Schmidt, Sandy Cardinal, Alicia Graves, Carol Bolduc, David Parrella, Polly Anderson, Sue Roberts, Michael Turley, Muriel Shippee, Sue Samoriski, Michael McCusker

Mohawk Trail Regional School Principal Annual Report

Culture building

We continue to build from our core focus on community. This intent 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

Peer relationships and student-staff relationships continue to strengthen through our daily advisory program in 7-12 as well as regular student-led whole school assemblies on Wednesday mornings. Additionally our focus on providing opportunities for student voice and student to authentically lead their own learning are apparent through our prioritizing student led conferences and standards based teaching and learning and a concentration on a mastery and application of curricular skills beyond MTRS.

Feedback and Communication

A key part of culture building is that transparent communication continues to be important to MTRS. There are numerous ways for the community to provide continuous feedback to MTRS as a way of improving the student and family experience. These include bi-monthly drop in hours, a student advisory group, and 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 the Local Educational Committee this year assimilated the Outdoor Advisory Committee, in order to also provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

Barr funding and Innovation

In December of 2023 MTRS was awarded a two year, \$450,000, grant from the BARR foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer model. This payment will allow us to continue to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. This will provide students, staff, and community members to have the opportunity to engage in professional development, working groups, and site visits in order to continue to implement and refine our Trailblazer Model

The second phase of the Trailblazer Model continues to build on the existing key focus areas: high quality instruction, advisory and social emotions learning, restorative practices and equitable educational experiences for all students, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios and student-led-conferences.

Working with a variety of Nationally recognized organizations, students, families and staff will be supported in a developing and refining a unique transformational school experience which includes:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Pedagogical supports for staff as the school shifts towards competency based education through a standards based teaching and learning approach
- Building a portfolio of student work and Student-led-conferences
- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Continued community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students and community members that meets several times a year
- Opportunities for teacher leadership in continuing to develop elements of our Trailblazer model

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, opportunities for student voice 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 who continues to provide opportunities for student voice and ownership in and around school. The best example of this is the regular Wednesday whole school student meetings which are student planned and led. The District Athletic Director continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district as well helping retain students at the end of grades 6 and 8.

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 in June of 2023. At the time of writing, as a result of this pilot, we are about to start the school wide Student led conferences at the end of semester 1.

Additionally, the district literacy and numeracy coaches have helped create and support data driven grade level numeracy and literacy teams in grades 7 and 8 to help strengthen the student learning experience.

College and Career supports

MTRS continues to focus on supporting students in taking their learning beyond the classrooms. In addition to providing opportunities for students to participate in Dual Enrolment classes at GCC, the guidance team has focused on providing grade 12 students with the opportunity, as part of their schedule, to extend their Capstone projects into Work based learning and Internship opportunities with business and organizations in the community.

Field Trips

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilize the two new district mini-buses for local trips as we continue to innovate in providing 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, Clarke Museum, Shelburne Falls and numerous other locations linked to classroom activities.

Community Involvement

We continue to be thankful to parents and care providers for their active involvement in MTRS life through the Local Education Committee (LEC) which incorporated the Outdoor Advisory Committee (OAC) as a sub-committee in February of 2023. 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. Additionally, Graduation took place indoors in the MTRS auditorium in June of 2023 and we are planning for this to be the venue for graduation for the Class of '24 on Friday 31st May, 2024.

Music and Theatre

We are really pleased with the continued resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2023, *Guys and Dolls* and a district Spring concert, Fall of 2023 saw two performances of *Gracie's Place*, our Winter play. The district concert took place at MTRS due to rain in the spring of 2023 and December saw the MTRS Winter Concert take place. In addition to the district concert scheduled for late May, we are looking forward to an additional event, the Spring MTRS Concert. This is planned for April of 2024.

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 2023-2024 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 313. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 85 students in seventh grade and 75 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 45 students; 10th grade with 34 students; 34 members of the Junior class, and 38 MTRS seniors. We have 2 students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland
Principal

Principal Annual Report

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 are in second year of implementation of our literacy program, EL formerly known as Expeditionary Learning in grades K-6, and we continue to implement Bridges for Math curriculum in grades kindergarten through grade five. This past year we have been increasing our use of data to drive our instruction and are seeing the benefits of that reflected in the student growth reports. Currently our enrollment is 264 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 2023-2024 school year are as follows: Nichole Demers and Katie Derry in Preschool, Alexandra Tomlinson and Kaitlyn Jenkins in Kindergarten, Erica Ward (formerly 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. The only adjustment to teachers was Mrs. Parker to Mrs. Demers. We did not have to hire any other 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. All the same as last year.

In 2023, we had two retirements again. Tom Dean retired after serving as a Reading Specialist at both Mohawk Trail Regional School and shared at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary. Patricia Archambault has retired after 20 years as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Archambault was at Heath, but came to BSE after Heath Elementary closed. A huge thank you to Mrs. Archambault and Mr. Dean for all that they have done for all our students. Mrs. Archambault especially the artistic skills that she brought to our children, and Mr. Dean for teaching many children to read more proficiently over his 20 years with our District!

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, two teachers, and me. Some of the members are both caregivers and employees of the district. 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 is 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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves 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. According to state data, During the 2022-23 school year:
Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	1.5	1.5	25.0
English Language Learner	0.4	0.8	12.1
Low-income	44.3	43.7	42.3
Students With Disabilities	28.8	23.3	19.4
High Needs	57.2	54.2	55.1

Hawlemont Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
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 that students with disabilities receive could be speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing a SLP and an assistant. This model has increased 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. Historically, each elementary school had a full-time school psychologist who could conduct assessments and provide counseling services. Over the past two years, as folks have retired or left a position, it has been difficult to hire a school psychologist for each building. However, each school does have an adjustment counselor to provide counseling services and support and a school psychologist is contracted to provide the necessary

assessments. The level of services in each building is based on population, need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

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. All of the original parents have moved on, but they did recruit several new parents to take over and the SEPAC continues to meet monthly and attempt to increase parent participation. We are grateful for their work and look forward to continued progress.

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.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- Mohawk Vocational Program. Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22 and focus on transition and vocational skills. Students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East, Charlene Manor, and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

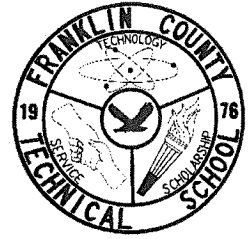
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Richard J Martin
Superintendent



FCTS Mission Statement

It is the mission of Franklin County Technical School to prepare all students to achieve a future of successful careers, technical and intellectual curiosity, healthy life choices and strength of character

FY25 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2023-24 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. As a reminder, the FY25 budget represents October 1, 2023 enrollment count, which is always a year behind the state budget process. FCTS has an enrollment of 568 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	30	Erving	27	Montague	74	Sunderland	9
Buckland	18	Gill	13	New Salem	14	Warwick	5
Colrain	23	Greenfield	132	Northfield	40	Wendell	8
Conway	7	Heath	11	Orange	90	Whately	18
Deerfield	35	Leyden	4	Shelburne	10		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 123 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2023. 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, landscaping, and advanced precision machining 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 2023 FCTS has approximately 38% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. FCTS also 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 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 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 competency guidelines.

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 spring of 2024 and will be used for the 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 4.2 million-dollar competitive grant to build a new 12,000 sq. ft. aviation hangar with no additional assessment to towns. The FCTS hangar will be located along the boundary line between FCTS and the Turners Falls Airport. The facility will include; 1 twin engine airplane, 2 single engine airplanes, 1 glider, and 1 helicopter as well as FAA machines, equipment, engine simulators, and tools 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. Students graduating from the program will have the opportunity to obtain 1200 hours of FAA training to sit for the FAA license test and be on their way to a career in aviation.

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. In late 2022, FCTS was invited into the MSBA eligibility phase of the process, which will conclude in May of 2024. At this time, the MSBA will make a determination if FCTS will enter into the Feasibility Study phase of the program. The Feasibility Study will take several years to complete and will include a design phase which will determine anticipated costs of a potential project. FCTS has budgeted money over the last several years to fund a Feasibility Study without having to go out to bond with member towns. At the conclusion of the Feasibility Study, the MSBA and FCTS will determine if it is “feasible” to go out to our member towns to build a new facility, renovate, or seek other alternatives.

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 21st 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 will partner with 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.

In addition, FCTS applied for and received a total of 1.8 million-dollar multi-year grants over the last several years to implement new adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth’s Career Technical Initiative (CTI). Since 2022, FCTS initiated adult training courses in Welding, Auto Technology, and Carpentry through the CTI grant and plans to explore more programs for 2024. FCTS also started its own Electrical adult program and plans to add more in the near future. To accomplish these goals and to meet industry and community needs, FCTS has 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. The current construction continues on the house on Petty Plain Road in Greenfield. Beyond the Greenfield house project, the Carpentry program constructed a new storage shed for the Town of Charlemont Federated Church, is constructing a pavilion for the Town of Shelburne Falls, and built a related classroom for our Automotive Tech program.

The Landscaping and Horticulture department worked with the Town of Shelburne Falls in the consultation and design of a pocket park, Source to Sea annual cleanup, Franklin County Fairgrounds tree planting, beautification design projects and fence repair, made wreaths for the Conway covered bridge, worked at the Shelburne Hills Cemetery for fall cleanup, consulted and designed the Veteran's Memorial in Pelham, the Peskeompskut Park signage in Turners Falls, and planted trees for the towns on South Deerfield and Turners Falls. In Montague LH is working with the Montague Planning Department on the Millers trail modification.

The Programming and Web Design students worked with the Montague Senior Center and will be providing Tech Support beginning in December of 2023. The program also helped to develop a website for the UCC Church in Conway and a senior student is working with the First Congregational Church in Ashfield and coordinates the video and audio for online services.

The Electrical department continues working with the Town of Heath, retro fitting new parking and office lights at the town hall. Additionally, there is ongoing work at the office of the Turners Falls Airport, the support of the wiring for the newly constructed Vet Science building on campus and the automotive technology related classroom, installation of securing cameras in the welding department, and supporting the FCTS NIS department.

The Advanced Manufacturing program collaborated with our welding and carpentry shop on the design and construction of the Towns of Deerfield and Northfield 350th time capsules. Currently the students are manufacturing rollers for the horticulture program for the striping of the athletic fields in addition to assisting with making replacement parts for the automotive and horticulture departments, and they have worked with carpentry to operate the CNC router with a MasterCam program.

The Culinary Arts program did a crepe presentation for the Northfield Senior Center, and will provided a holiday luncheon in December for the Montague Housing Authority. They will serve the Erving Lady's Red Hat Society for a Valentine's Day luncheon, have created ice carvings for the Annual Winter Festival in Greenfield, hosted the Annual Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, the School Resource Officer's Breakfast, the Superintendent's Award Dinner, the Light Up The Fairgrounds Breakfast, the Annual National Honor Society's luncheon, . Also provided food and baked items for the Annual FCTS Car Show and Little Drummer Craft Fair.

The Welding department repaired the Highland Cemetery Gate in Millers Falls, have created an air conditioner unit cover for the Town of Warwick, a bench to be located at the French King Bridge in Erving, engine stands for the Aviation program scheduled to open in the Fall of 2024, brackets for the Franklin County Land Trust for signage, worked on the recycling carts for the Franklin County Fair and they are in discussion with the High Street Cemetery in Greenfield to restore their gates.

The Health Technology program has run public blood pressure clinics, a nail clinic at the Erving Senior Center, volunteered at the Arbors and Regal Care in Greenfield, collected items for a Hygiene Drive, work with the Ja'Duke Preschool observing child development and the creation of activities, and helped to serve holiday meals at the Stone Soup Café in Greenfield.

The Cosmetology program continues to provide services for residents of the Poet Seat Nursing Home, Linda Manor, Quabbin Valley Nursing Home, and the Bernardston Senior Center.

The Veterinary Science program ran a pet food and toy drive for local shelters, and has volunteered at the Dakin Humane Society. Services will expand to the public once the program occupies the new building.

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,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL REPORT

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 nine Town 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.

Each one of the nine Towns has a representative on the Committee:

Ashfield	Jennifer Pease	Buckland	Marion Scott
Charlemont	Marge Porrovecchio	Colrain	Michelle Hillman
Hawley	Lisa Johnson.	Heath	Robert Gruen
Plainfield	Allen Irvine	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

Other members are:

Chairman of the School Committee.	Martha Thurber
Past School Committee Member	Robin Hartnett
Members At Large:	Pamela Guyette
	Donald Purington
	Angel Bragdon

Election of Officers were held at our meeting September 12, 2023; Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co-chairman. Pamela Guyette replaces Marion Scott as Secretary and Bing Waldsmith is our Treasurer.

This year (2023) the Awards Committee read 18 applications. 8 were from seniors and 10 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. 8 scholarships totaling \$11,275.00 were awarded to seniors and 10 scholarships totaling \$26,400.00 were awarded to graduates. The total amount of scholarships given to both seniors and graduates for 2023 was \$37,675.00.

From 1991 - 2023 a total of \$1,168,475.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$357,525.00 and Mohawk graduates have received \$810,950.00.

Mr. Nilman will long be remembered by his generosity and foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our Committee members are honored to bring the wishes of Mr. Nilman's 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. Completed applications must be returned to Mohawk Trail Regional High School by April 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Scott, Past Secretary



Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Buckland in 2023

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, the Cooperative Public Health District, Cooperative Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. The Community Health Department gathers data and works to improve the factors that impact health in the region; 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 local officials.

The following pages list services specific to Buckland.

Climate Resilience, Land Use, and Housing

- Held a pollinator habitat workshop with Buckland residents that will inform a Buckland Town Pollinator Action Plan, to be completed in the summer of 2024 as part of the Regional Pollinator Action Plan.
- Assisted the planning board with preparing a floodplain overlay district zoning bylaw in accordance with state and federal requirements. This bylaw passed at a special town meeting in November.
- Assisted the town administrator with completing the FY23 MA Green Communities Annual Report.
- Assisted the town with securing a second round of action grant funding through the MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. The project will fund river corridor mapping along Clesson Brook, conceptual designs for two resiliency projects, public education, and landowner outreach.
- Assisted the Charlemont Planning Board with developing a zoning bylaw and general short-term residential rentals bylaw on.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County, revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and existing bylaws across the state related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.
- Organized and facilitated the Small Town Housing Working Group, which met 6 times in 2023. A representative from Buckland attended at least one meeting, along with representatives from 15 other Franklin County towns, 3 other municipalities, and several organizations.

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/District (MTRSD) administrators on results from 101 Mohawk students, representing 81% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal school requirements and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Worked with MTRSD administration and staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.

- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the MTRSD.
- Provided 8 Buckland children with summer camp scholarships through a Foundation for Community Justice mini-grant to improve youth health.
- Supported Buckland Mass in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. With Mass in Motion funding, the workgroup purchased four resting pedestrian benches, and organized an ice cream social to gather input from older adults.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Worked with town officials to recruit residents to fill out the Massachusetts Community Health Survey, to better understand local needs and encourage state investment in improving health outcomes.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which hosted a resource fair to bring the county's healthcare and human service agencies to West County.

Economic Development

- Assisted the Shelburne Falls Fire District and the Bridge of Flowers Committee with developing press releases and coordinating a public information session about the pending Bridge of Flowers improvement project to be undertaken in 2024 and funded by a MassWorks grant.
- Coordinated monthly Shelburne Falls Village Task Force meetings through November.
- Provided assistance by drafting an update for the state on the outcomes of the Shelburne Falls Village Rapid Recovery Plan.
- Assisted with an EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment program grant application for the former Buckland Highway Garage at 50 Conway Street.
- Coordinated a site visit of the former Buckland Highway Garage at 50 Conway Street by MassDevelopment's Brownfields staff.
- Supported municipal and Shelburne Falls business community engagement with the consultants conducting the Rural Downtown District Management Study, as funded by a state grant to FRCOG.
- Hosted a focus group with participants from The Senior Center to discuss digital equity issues to inform the Massachusetts Broadband Institute's draft State Digital Equity Plan.

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 conducted a collective 5-year bid for student transportation encompassing 9 Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 100 building permits, 58 electrical permits, and 45 plumbing/gas permits, and 15 Certificates of Inspection for Buckland in 2023.
- 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.

- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- 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, local schools, and senior centers. Clinics in CPHS towns served 726 individuals and provided 1075 doses of vaccine. A clinic at MTRS served 216 people and provided 295 doses of vaccine.
 - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at the Senior Center, serving 44 different people in 52 separate contacts.
 - Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Buckland residents received 16 vaccines, including 12 during home visits.
 - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, checking state infectious disease system daily and following up as required, including for 30 Buckland cases.
 - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all drop-in nursing hours: 69 boxes exchanged.
 - Supported Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee, subcommittees, and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified from the needs survey data.
 - Trained to be Medicare insurance SHINE counselor and assisted 1 Buckland resident this year.
 - Began hosting district "Train the Trainer" events: The first taught community members to train peers to recognize and respond to opioid overdose.
 - In an FRCOG/library collaboration, presented a training on overdose identification and response.
 - Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by collaborating with the board of health to provide prevention materials and 5 permethrin "shoe spraying" events in West County, including one in collaboration with the Buckland BOH.
 - Through a district program and MA Department of Public Health subsidy, Buckland residents sought 7 low-cost tick tests, saving a value of \$210. Of the tested ticks, 15% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen.
 - Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with our on-line public health permitting system; evaluated and made determinations on 59 applications for Buckland, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits. Among these, inspectors reviewed 20 food and temporary food establishment applications, involving 22 inspections; 8 applications for short-term rental permits and 3 well applications; and conducted 2 pool inspections.
 - To enforce the Title-5 (septic) code for the town, inspectors conducted 16 soil evaluations for septic systems; reviewed 7 septic system plans, issued 2 local upgrade approvals and 6 septic installation permits, visited sites, conducted final installation inspections, and

- prepared certificates of compliance; witnessed 10 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer.
- Provided guidance to the Board of Health, and regularly attended board meetings.
- Assisted Buckland businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance, and responded to and managed multiple housing cases with varying degrees of complexity.

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.

Public Health & Community Awareness

Age and Dementia-Friendly Community

Conversation — 1

Food Safety — 6

Health Workforce Performance

Standards/Credentials — 1

Mass in Motion Community Engagement— 1

NARCAN Trainer Certification — 1

Opioid Overdose Response — 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

Selectboard 101 — 1

One-Stop Municipal Grants Info Session — 1

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.
- Helped advance Transportation Improvement Program roadway improvement project on upper North Street to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Informed town regarding a MassDOT program, which provides municipal signs to alert drivers of the new Massachusetts law requiring cars to pass bicyclists at a distance of not less than 4-feet.



Public Health
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Cooperative Public Health Service Services to Buckland – 2023



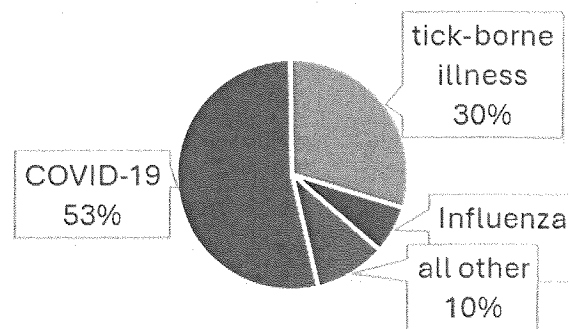
The Town, along with the other member towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, and Shelburne, is served by the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS provides professional support to the Town Board of Health for all public health issues. Staff members include Program Manager Randy Crochier, Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg, Health Inspector Jasmine Ward, Permitting Coordinator Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Public Health Nurses Lisa White and Meg Ryan, and Epidemiologist and Community Health Educator Maureen O'Reilly.

CPHS activities in Buckland on behalf of the Board of Health during 2023 included:

- Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics with state vendors, local schools and senior centers. Clinics in CPHS towns served 726 individuals and provided 1075 doses of vaccine. A clinic at Mohawk Trail Regional served 216 individuals with 295 doses.
- Additionally, the nurses gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours, and home visits, and carried vaccines at the Senior Center throughout the season. Buckland residents received 16 vaccines, including 12 in home visits.
- Served as a resource for residents and hosted monthly drop-in nursing hours at the Senior Center serving 44 different people in 52 separate contacts. Services included blood pressure and other health screenings, assistance addressing health concerns, and where appropriate, wellness visits in the home.
- Started new monthly nursing hours at family playgroup at Trinity Church to better serve a population of families with young children, including 1 Buckland family.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases, checking state infectious disease reporting system daily and following up as required, including 30 Buckland cases. (See pie chart below).
- Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District. At all drop-in nursing hours, residents can pick up hazardous waste boxes appropriate for needle disposal, and can bring full boxes for disposal. 69 boxes were exchanged over the year.
- Supported Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee, and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified from the needs survey.
- Supported Mass in Motion program to further Buckland's Age-Friendly endeavors, attending COA meetings and a public listening session.
- Staff trained to be a Medicare insurance SHINE counselor, adding health insurance advising to the nursing program. Assisted 1 Buckland resident this year.
- Registered with the Department of Public Health to become a Community Naloxone Program, so that CPHS can dispense the medication naloxone (Narcan) at no-cost.
- Hosted a "Train the Trainer" event at Buckland Town Hall: community members can now train their peers on recognizing and responding to opioid overdose.
- Provided a community Narcan training in collaboration with a local library.

- Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by collaborating with the board of health to provide prevention materials and 7 permethrin shoe-spraying events districtwide, including one in collaboration with the Buckland BOH.
- Through a district program, Buckland residents sought 7 low-cost tick tests, saving a value of \$210. Of the tested ticks, 15% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen.
- Served as town's arbovirus coordinator, monitoring weekly tick and mosquito borne disease data reports from the state and providing regular updates to the town.
- Provided a biweekly newsletter for BOH members, to provide updates on public health topics, including upcoming events, visualizations of local data, and relevant epidemiological analyses.
- Provided articles on monthly public health topics to *Two Town News* and a corresponding flyer to BOH, COAs, libraries and senior center.
- Provided guidance to the Board of Health, and regularly attended board meetings.
- Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with our on-line public health permitting system; evaluated and made determinations on a total of 59 applications for Buckland, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits, including:
 - To enforce the Title-5 (septic) code for the town: conducted 16 soil evaluations for septic systems; reviewed 7 septic system plans, issued 2 local upgrade approvals and 6 septic installation permits, conducted final installation inspections, and prepared certificates of compliance; witnessed 10 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer
 - Reviewed 20 food and temporary food establishment permits, conducted 22 inspections
 - Reviewed 3 well applications, and continued to assist Buckland businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance
 - Reviewed 8 short-term rental permits, and conducted 2 pool inspections
 - Responded to and managed multiple housing cases.
- Offered 2 low-cost 3-in-1 Food safety trainings (ServSafe®, Mass Allergens Awareness and Choke Saver with use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for residents and businesses.
- Participated in regional resource fair held by Mary Lyon Foundation at Mohawk Trail Regional School.

Of 30 communicable diseases reported in Buckland in 2023:



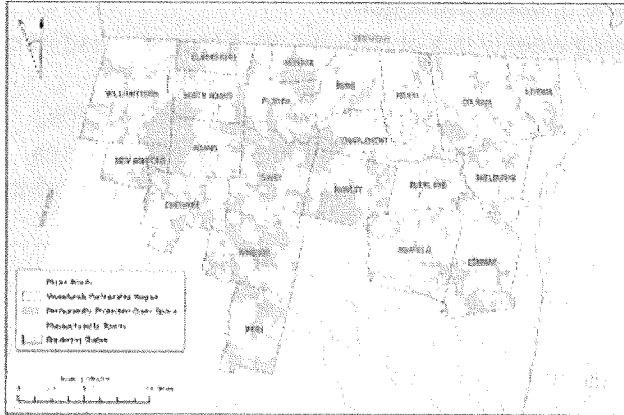
The CPHS staff looks forward to working together with Buckland Board of Health members and residents to improve the health of the community in the coming year

Buckland's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2023 were Board of Health members Carmela Lanza-Weil and Peggy Hart. For more information: www.frcog.org.

Woodlands

PARTNERSHIP

County: **Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain*, Conway, Florida, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe, Shelburne**; Berkshire County: **Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, New Ashford, North Adams, Peru, Savoy*, Williamstown, Windsor**) as well as from Berkshire Natural Resources Council,



Governments, Hoosic River Watershed Association, Lever, Inc., Massachusetts Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Forest Alliance, Ohketeau Cultural Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the U.S. Forest Service. New England Forestry Foundation serves as Administrative Agent for the Partnership.

Active & Ongoing

- The formation of Demonstration Forests in member town forests, one in Berkshire County and one in Franklin County—including outreach events, monitoring and research activities.
- Implementation of climate-smart forestry practices on properties with Forest Stewardship Climate Plans with cost-share funds and application development. Practices include thinning, riparian buffer planting, invasive species treatment, under-planting, forest regeneration patches, and forest improvement of degraded stands or Timber Stand Improvement.
- Recognition of the need to build relationships with Indigenous Peoples while bringing their perspectives to the work, and to embark on needed research into and action on ongoing struggles regarding aboriginal rights and access to land.
- Board committees meet frequently, with each member providing unique perspective and ideas—committees include: Education, Outreach, & Research; Executive Committee; Finance & Budgeting; Forest Conservation; Municipal Financial Sustainability; Natural Resource Based Economic Development.
- Local land trusts work on pursuing conservation projects for Forest Legacy Program consideration, following the Partnership's successful admittance into the eligibility area.

*As of April 2024, Colrain and Savoy have not yet voted to join the Partnership.

2023

- **Ten-Year Plan (2022-2032)** continues to guide Board action.
- \$460,000 awarded in grant funding to increase economic development focusing on the conservation and sustainable management of forests.
- Buckland and Florida voted to join—welcome!
- Ohketeau Cultural Center of Ashfield added to the Board by unanimous vote—welcome!
- State legislation submitted by Sen. Mark to officially change our name.
- Hank Art of Williamstown steps down as Board Chair—we thank him for his service!
- Dicken Crane of Windsor steps up as new Board Chair—we thank him for his leadership!
- Outreach to state as they develop policies and initiatives related to forests (incentives and climate action) and municipalities (Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes reform)
- Virtual Forest Center website nearing completion in partnership with Mass Audubon, Rowe, and others for municipal resources related to forest stewardship.
- Woods walks, in-person workshops, webinars, conferences
- Trees planted in Shelburne Falls and Williamstown for riparian restoration.

Board of Assessors' Annual Report

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 2024 tax bill represents the fair cash value of property as of January 1, 2023. 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.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
1. Total Dollars to be Raised	\$6,873,654.81	\$6,665,662.40	\$6,444,147.60
2. Source of Dollars			
a.Estimated From State	\$393,605.00	\$414,945.00	\$427,005.00
b. Estimated Local Receipts	\$621,793.00	\$623,708.00	\$696,134.00
c. Available Funds			
1. Free Cash	\$170,762.00	\$350,000.00	\$242,500.00
2. Other Available Funds	\$1,186,159.00	\$650,305.00	158.00
3. Free Cash to Lower Tax Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Other Source	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Annual Tax Levy	\$4,501,335.81	\$4,626,704.40	\$5,015,850.60
4. Total Assessment Valuation	\$268,256,008	\$273,123,046	\$285,640,695
5. Tax Rate	\$16.78	\$16.94	\$17.56

Respectfully submitted,

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

SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES IN TAX TITLE

7/1/2022 Nine (9) Properties in Tax Title \$59,738.94

New Liens Recorded	\$	8,643.42
FY 2022 Subsequent Taxes		
Added	\$	5,120.39
Payments	\$	4,766.31
Land Court Judgements (0)	\$	-

6/30/2023 Eight (8) Properties in Tax Title \$68,736.44

OTHER MONEY COLLECTED

Interest on Taxes	\$41,335.41
Demand Fees Collected	\$5,870.00
MLC Fees Collected	\$1,150.00
Duplicate Bill Fees	
Collected	\$333.00
Other Fees Collected	\$50.00
Deputy Collector Fees Collected	\$3,943.00
Registry Mark Fees	
Collected	\$2,480.00
Sewer Interest Collected	\$2,034.75
Sewer Demand Fees Collected	\$490.00
Sewer Liens Collected	\$7,474.11
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$0.00

Total Other Money Collected \$65,160.27

TOTAL	
COLLECTED	\$5,052,047.74

The following list represents outstanding 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Real Estate Taxes due to the Town of Buckland as of the close of business on June 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2018	1	\$70.27
Fiscal Year 2019	6	\$1,021.17
Fiscal Year 2020	6	\$1,894.95
Fiscal Year 2021	7	\$7,130.64
Fiscal Year 2022	10	\$9,132.13
Fiscal Year 2023	45	\$86,389.12

Total Outstanding Real Estate Taxes \$105,638.28

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

TREASURER'S REPORT
7/1/2022 TO 6/30/2023

Bank	Description	Starting Balance	Receipts (+)	Interest (+)	Disbursements (-)	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Ending Balance
Greenfield Coop Bank	Camp Revolving	\$1,967.41	\$0.00	\$7.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$965.00	\$1,009.96
Adams Comm Bank	CBDG	\$136.93	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$162,814.04	\$162,949.80	\$0.32
MMDT	Cultural Council	\$7,562.45	\$0.00	\$230.22	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$7,265.00	\$6,047.67
Greenfield Coop Bank	Election Stabilization	\$5,059.81	\$0.00	\$11.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,071.10	\$0.00
BlueStone	Election Stabilization	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.86	\$0.00	\$5,071.10	\$0.00	\$5,109.96
Greenfield Coop Bank	Emergency Management Stabiliz	\$1,091.22	\$0.00	\$2.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,093.66	\$0.00
BlueStone	Emergency Management Stabiliz	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,102.04
Eashampton Savings Bank	General Fund	\$0.00	\$557,639.83	\$149.64	\$0.00	\$1,093.66	\$500,000.00	\$67,788.47
Greenfield Coop Bank	General Fund (MM)	\$980,006.28	\$4,453,897.48	\$2,680.08	\$0.00	\$5,048,097.36	\$10,417,581.36	\$67,099.85
Unibank	General Fund	\$111,392.60	\$1,088,132.11	\$923.41	\$202,571.21	\$426,881.12	\$1,424,294.07	\$463.96
TD Bank	General Fund MM	\$2,920.45	\$1,905.63	\$83.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,908.32
MMDT	General Fund	\$75,742.25	\$0.00	\$5,046.66	\$0.00	\$82,265.00	\$5,500.00	\$157,553.91
Eashampton Savings Bank	General Fund Bond Proceeds	\$0.00	\$26,600.00	\$145.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,745.27
Country Bank	General Fund Deputy	\$13,436.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,436.82	\$0.00
Unibank	General Fund Deputy	\$22,782.48	\$38,401.40	\$24.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$26,208.49
Adams Comm Bank	General Fund MM	\$213,466.39	\$1,996,100.79	\$4,585.46	\$0.00	\$665,759.27	\$2,683,822.27	\$196,088.64
Peoples United Bank	General Fund MM	\$30,493.43	\$0.00	\$1.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,494.69	\$0.00
BlueStone	General Fund MM	\$2,024.36	\$0.00	\$17,117.56	\$0.00	\$1,150,000.00	\$19,294.63	\$1,149,847.29
Unibank	General Fund Online	\$6,585.96	\$366,581.53	\$66.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370,000.00	\$3,232.58
Adams Comm Bank	Stabilization	\$290,143.97	\$0.00	\$1,189.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$291,333.34	\$0.00
Adams Comm Bank	Stabilization CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$469.88	\$0.00	\$91,333.34	\$0.00	\$91,803.22
Peoples United Bank	General Fund Vendor	\$1,103.48	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,103.51	\$0.00
Greenfield Coop Bank	General Fund Vendor / PR	\$72,354.24	\$290,610.03	\$0.00	\$9,425,126.63	\$9,536,059.47	\$226,531.86	\$247,365.25
MMDT	Highway Stabilization	\$79,221.04	\$0.00	\$1,318.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$5,539.80
Greenfield Coop Bank	Library Donations	\$505.04	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$505.28
BlueStone	McKnight Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.49	\$0.00	\$5,022.75	\$0.00	\$5,061.24
Greenfield Coop Bank	McKnight Scholarship	\$110.79	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$413.65	\$300.00	\$224.54
Greenfield Coop Bank	McKnight Scholarship CD	\$5,011.56	\$0.00	\$11.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,022.75	\$0.00
Unibank	OPEB	\$1,004.67	\$0.00	\$3.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.23	\$0.00
Adams Comm Bank	OPEB	\$43,015.31	\$0.00	\$270.53	\$0.00	\$21,008.23	\$64,294.07	\$0.00
Bartholomew	OPEB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,964.62	\$0.00	\$64,294.07	\$0.00	\$66,258.69
MMDT	Police Stabilization	\$418.91	\$0.00	\$17.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$436.20
Adams Comm Bank	Pod Donations	\$237,291.79	\$0.00	\$1,287.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$238,515.40	\$63.57
Greenfield Coop Bank	Pod Donations	\$193,937.94	\$0.00	\$542.74	\$0.00	\$66,443.20	\$850,863.38	\$60.50
Greenfield Coop Bank	Recreation Donations	\$303.09	\$26,569.33	\$7.37	\$0.00	\$2,660.30	\$22,300.84	\$7,239.25
Greenfield Coop Bank	Recreation Revolving	\$7,558.06	\$15,660.30	\$51.75	\$0.00	\$67.63	\$5,008.00	\$18,259.74
Greenfield Coop Bank	Stabilization	\$86,878.28	\$0.00	\$476.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,354.31
Greenfield Coop Bank	Technology Stabilization	\$8,089.08	\$0.00	\$18.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,107.12	\$0.00
BlueStone	Technology Stabilization	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.12	\$0.00	\$8,107.12	\$0.00	\$8,169.24
Greenfield Coop Bank	Transfer Station Stabilization	\$1,093.57	\$0.00	\$4.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,098.13
Greenfield Coop Bank	WWTP Enterprise	\$453,792.27	\$231,679.53	\$741.79	\$0.00	\$224,597.40	\$669,084.05	\$241,726.94
Unibank	WWTP Enterprise	\$42,572.93	\$0.00	\$257.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,872.89	\$21,957.50
Totals		\$2,999,096.85	\$9,093,767.96	\$39,853.28	\$9,627,697.84	\$18,157,488.71	\$18,156,176.83	\$2,506,331.13

Town of Buckland
Summary Budget Comparison - General Fund Expenses-FY23
From 7/1/2022 Through 6/30/2023

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
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	6,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	36,833.00	0.00	36,833.00	36,753.32	79.68	99.78%
5350	Advertising Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	458.06	541.94	45.81%
5360	Safety/Drug Testing	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	723.89	276.11	72.39%
5400	General Expenses	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	6,497.57	502.43	92.82%
5423	Town Report	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 122	Selectboard	52,333.00	500.00	52,833.00	51,432.84	1,400.16	97.35%
123	Town Administrator						
5110	Salaries & Wages	72,900.00	0.00	72,900.00	72,900.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,357.63	142.37	90.51%
Total 123	Town Administrator	74,400.00	0.00	74,400.00	74,257.63	142.37	99.81%
132	Reserve Fund						
5400	General Expenses	25,000.00	(24,538.00)	462.00	0.00	462.00	0.00%
Total 132	Reserve Fund	25,000.00	(24,538.00)	462.00	0.00	462.00	0.00%
135	Accountant						
5400	General Expenses	28,613.00	0.00	28,613.00	28,612.00	1.00	100.00%
5410	Office Supplies	450.00	0.00	450.00	183.73	266.27	40.83%
5470	Auditing Expense	7,200.00	500.00	7,700.00	0.00	7,700.00	0.00%
Total 135	Accountant	36,263.00	500.00	36,763.00	28,795.73	7,967.27	78.33%
141	Assessors						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	3,900.00	0.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	33,029.00	0.00	33,029.00	32,191.19	837.81	97.46%
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	3,545.81	(1,245.81)	154.17%
5400	General Expenses	9,025.00	0.00	9,025.00	8,595.70	429.30	95.24%
5435	Tax Mapping	4,400.00	2,300.00	6,700.00	4,400.00	2,300.00	65.67%
Total 141	Assessors	50,354.00	4,600.00	54,954.00	52,632.70	2,321.30	95.78%
142	Revaluation						
5800	Capital Expenses	24,500.00	44,169.00	68,669.00	16,420.00	52,249.00	23.91%

Town of Buckland
Summary Budget Comparison - General Fund Expenses-FY23
From 7/1/2022 Through 6/30/2023

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
Total 142	Revaluation	24,500.00	44,169.00	68,669.00	16,420.00	52,249.00	23.91%
145	Treasurer						
5445	Tax Title	2,000.00	6,337.00	8,337.00	5,384.29	2,952.71	64.58%
Total 145	Treasurer	2,000.00	6,337.00	8,337.00	5,384.29	2,952.71	64.58%
146	Collector						
5110	Salaries & Wages	46,634.00	0.00	46,634.00	48,198.30	(1,564.30)	103.35%
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	4,020.00	0.00	4,020.00	3,306.45	713.55	82.25%
5400	General Expenses	16,594.00	0.00	16,594.00	15,697.86	896.14	94.60%
5403	OPEB Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 146	Collector	70,248.00	0.00	70,248.00	70,202.61	45.39	99.94%
150	Operations Support						
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	8,943.00	0.00	8,943.00	2,369.62	6,573.38	26.50%
5400	General Expenses	950.00	0.00	950.00	892.02	57.98	93.90%
5421	Postage	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,700.00	2,300.00	54.00%
5431	Office Equip Maint	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	8,019.28	480.72	94.34%
5535	Grant	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	16,933.01	58,066.99	22.58%
	Administration/Management						
Total 150	Operations Support	23,393.00	75,000.00	98,393.00	30,913.93	67,479.07	31.42%
151	Legal						
5400	General Expenses	15,000.00	1,500.00	16,500.00	16,499.17	0.83	99.99%
Total 151	Legal	15,000.00	1,500.00	16,500.00	16,499.17	0.83	99.99%
159	CDBG						
5440	Grant Matching Funds	9,000.00	11,219.00	20,219.00	12,288.00	7,931.00	60.77%
Total 159	CDBG	9,000.00	11,219.00	20,219.00	12,288.00	7,931.00	60.77%
161	Clerk						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	31,066.00	0.00	31,066.00	31,066.00	0.00	100.00%
5111	Board/Clerk Salaries	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,336.67	163.33	93.47%
5400	General Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,065.62	1,434.38	42.62%
5411	Street Lists	750.00	0.00	750.00	643.17	106.83	85.76%
5424	Town Clerk Record Book	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,949.59	50.41	98.74%
5520	Imaging	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,848.50	7,151.50	28.48%
Total 161	Clerk	40,816.00	10,000.00	50,816.00	41,909.55	8,906.45	82.47%

Town of Buckland
Summary Budget Comparison - General Fund Expenses-FY23
From 7/1/2022 Through 6/30/2023

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
162	Elections						
5110	Salaries & Wages	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,083.70	916.30	77.09%
5400	General Expenses	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00	4,890.47	509.53	90.56%
Total 162	Elections	9,400.00	0.00	9,400.00	7,974.17	1,425.83	84.83%
171	Conservation Commission						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	146.00	354.00	29.20%
Total 171	Conservation Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	146.00	354.00	29.20%
175	Planning Board						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 175	Planning Board	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
176	Zoning/Appeals Board						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 176	Zoning/Appeals Board	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
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	2,000.00	7,500.00	9,500.00	6,460.80	3,039.20	68.01%
Total 190	Personnel	2,000.00	7,500.00	9,500.00	6,460.80	3,039.20	68.01%
192	Buildings & Grounds						
5110	Salaries & Wages	38,679.00	0.00	38,679.00	36,694.42	1,984.58	94.87%
5400	General Expenses	37,000.00	7,622.00	44,622.00	46,169.63	(1,547.63)	103.47%
5425	Town Hall Communications	25,000.00	5,600.00	30,600.00	31,485.21	(885.21)	102.89%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	0.00	100.00%
5530	Vehicle Repairs	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,550.54	449.46	95.51%
5540	Museum Repairs	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5801	Town Hall Repairs	0.00	13,850.00	13,850.00	6.28	13,843.72	0.05%
5825	Swimming Pool Project ATM 6/5/21 A20	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 192	Buildings & Grounds	100,679.00	348,192.00	448,871.00	435,026.08	13,844.92	96.92%

Town of Buckland
Summary Budget Comparison - General Fund Expenses-FY23
From 7/1/2022 Through 6/30/2023

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp	% Diff
193 5400	Property Insurance General Expenses	58,000.00	0.00	58,000.00	54,241.09	3,758.91	93.52%	.00%
Total 193	Property Insurance	58,000.00	0.00	58,000.00	54,241.09	3,758.91	93.52%	.05%
210	Police							.02%
5110 5400	Salaries & Wages General Expenses	178,027.00	0.00	178,027.00	100,300.37	77,726.63	56.34%	.14%
5427	Buildings & Grounds Maint	32,750.00	0.00	32,750.00	75,494.23	(42,744.23)	230.52%	
5820	Police Cruiser	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,255.89	244.11	96.75%	
		0.00	51,946.00	51,946.00	51,946.00	0.00	100.00%	.80%
Total 210	Police	218,277.00	51,946.00	270,223.00	234,996.49	35,226.51	86.96%	.27%
241 5400	Building Inspections General Expenses	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00	100.00%	.83%
Total 241	Building Inspections	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00	100.00%	.05%
291 5111 5400	Civil Defense Board/Clerk Salaries General Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.00%	.53%
		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	200.93	2,299.07	8.04%	.81%
Total 291	Civil Defense	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	3,200.93	2,299.07	58.20%	.18%
292 5400	Animal Control General Expenses	7,446.00	0.00	7,446.00	6,210.00	1,236.00	83.40%	.26%
Total 292	Animal Control	7,446.00	0.00	7,446.00	6,210.00	1,236.00	83.40%	.70%
294 5100 5113 5400	Tree Service Salaries, Elected Officials Forest Fire Warden Stipend General Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%	.67%
		150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.00%	
		6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	5,550.00	450.00	92.50%	.00%
Total 294	Tree Service	7,350.00	0.00	7,350.00	6,900.00	450.00	93.88%	.00%
310 5433 5434 5802	Regional School Operating Assessment Transportation Capital Assessment	2,686,885.00	0.00	2,686,885.00	2,598,256.00	88,629.00	96.70%	.39%
		0.00	0.00	0.00	88,629.00	(88,629.00)	0.00%	
		61,240.00	0.00	61,240.00	61,240.00	0.00	100.00%	.66%
Total 310	Regional School	2,748,125.00	0.00	2,748,125.00	2,748,125.00	0.00	100.00%	.03%
320	Regional Technical School							

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Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
5433	Operating Assessment	225,345.00	0.00	225,345.00	225,345.00	0.00	100.00%
5802	Capital Assessment	6,035.00	0.00	6,035.00	6,034.83	0.17	100.00%
Total 320	Regional Technical School	231,380.00	0.00	231,380.00	231,379.83	0.17	100.00%
325	Other Technical Schools						
5432	Tuition	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	19,622.00	20,378.00	49.05%
5434	Transportation	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	9,603.09	5,396.91	64.02%
Total 325	Other Technical Schools	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	29,225.09	25,774.91	53.14%
422	Highway Expenses						
5110	Salaries & Wages	129,759.00	0.00	129,759.00	128,207.28	1,551.72	98.80%
5400	General Expenses	50,000.00	(158.00)	49,842.00	52,470.48	(2,628.48)	105.27%
5428	Road Machinery Maint	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	48,916.61	1,083.39	97.83%
5499	Prior Year Encumbrances	0.00	305.00	305.00	305.15	(0.15)	100.05%
5804	Highway Repaving	0.00	142,637.00	142,637.00	96,329.50	46,307.50	67.53%
5815	Highway Salt & Sand Shed ATM 6-5/21 A17	0.00	31,317.00	31,317.00	4,950.26	26,366.74	15.81%
5819	Highway Equipment 5/7/22 A15	0.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	43,595.29	131,404.71	24.91%
Total 422	Highway Expenses	229,759.00	349,101.00	578,860.00	374,774.57	204,085.43	64.74%
423	Snow & Ice Removal						
5110	Salaries & Wages	98,108.00	0.00	98,108.00	102,212.49	(4,104.49)	104.18%
5400	General Expenses	145,000.00	0.00	145,000.00	203,380.13	(58,380.13)	140.26%
Total 423	Snow & Ice Removal	243,108.00	0.00	243,108.00	305,592.62	(62,484.62)	125.70%
424	Street Lighting						
5400	General Expenses	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	4,550.43	2,949.57	60.67%
Total 424	Street Lighting	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	4,550.43	2,949.57	60.67%
429	Town Garage						
5400	General Expenses	28,600.00	0.00	28,600.00	28,599.47	0.53	100.00%
5816	Salt & Sand Shed 5/7/22 A15	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00%
Total 429	Town Garage	28,600.00	50,000.00	78,600.00	28,599.47	50,000.53	36.39%
433	Solid Waste						
5110	Salaries & Wages	21,359.00	0.00	21,359.00	21,073.15	285.85	98.66%
5400	General Expenses	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	58,819.70	1,180.30	98.03%

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Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
Total 433	Solid Waste	81,359.00	0.00	81,359.00	79,892.85	1,466.15	98.20%
439	Landfill						
5400	General Expenses	950.00	0.00	950.00	6,204.81	(5,254.81)	653.14%
5429	Franklin Cnty Solid Waste	7,464.00	0.00	7,464.00	5,709.90	1,754.10	76.50%
5506	Landfill Maintenance & Testing	10,000.00	5,250.00	15,250.00	2,665.00	12,585.00	17.48%
Total 439	Landfill	18,414.00	5,250.00	23,664.00	14,579.71	9,084.29	61.61%
512	Board of Health						
5100	Salaries, Elected Officials	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,237.50	112.50	91.67%
5112	Animal Inspector	800.00	0.00	800.00	600.00	200.00	75.00%
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	55.00	445.00	11.00%
5413	Regional Health Prog	14,907.00	0.00	14,907.00	14,907.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 512	Board of Health	17,557.00	0.00	17,557.00	16,799.50	757.50	95.69%
541	Senior Center District						
5400	General Expenses	70,579.00	0.00	70,579.00	70,579.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 541	Senior Center District	70,579.00	0.00	70,579.00	70,579.00	0.00	100.00%
543	Veteran's Services						
5400	General Expenses	40,392.00	0.00	40,392.00	36,544.86	3,847.14	90.48%
5414	Deceased Veterans Benefits	750.00	0.00	750.00	162.55	587.45	21.67%
5441	Veterans Serv Ctr	4,455.00	0.00	4,455.00	4,455.06	(0.06)	100.00%
Total 543	Veteran's Services	45,597.00	0.00	45,597.00	41,162.47	4,434.53	90.27%
610	Library						
5110	Salaries & Wages	25,297.00	0.00	25,297.00	25,314.12	(17.12)	100.07%
5400	General Expenses	20,578.00	0.00	20,578.00	20,560.70	17.30	99.92%
5415	Arms Library	24,483.00	0.00	24,483.00	24,483.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 610	Library	70,358.00	0.00	70,358.00	70,357.82	0.18	100.00%
630	Recreation Activities						
5110	Salaries & Wages	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	10,500.00	(1,500.00)	116.67%
5400	General Expenses	11,275.00	0.00	11,275.00	9,453.87	1,821.13	83.85%
Total 630	Recreation Activities	20,275.00	0.00	20,275.00	19,953.87	321.13	98.42%
692	Celebrations						
5416	Fourth of July	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.00%

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Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
5417	Band Concerts	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	100.00%
5418	250th Anniversary	250.00	3,500.00	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00%
5419	Bridge of Flowers	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 692	Celebrations	2,400.00	3,500.00	5,900.00	2,150.00	3,750.00	36.44%
710	Retirement of Debt						
5910	Principal-Long Term Debt	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 710	Retirement of Debt	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	100.00%
751	Interest on Long-term Debt						
5915	Interest-Long Term Debt	69,326.00	0.00	69,326.00	69,325.00	1.00	100.00%
Total 751	Interest on Long-term Debt	69,326.00	0.00	69,326.00	69,325.00	1.00	100.00%
820	State Assessments & Charges						
5640	Air Pollution District	539.00	0.00	539.00	539.00	0.00	100.00%
5646	RMV Non-Renewal Surchg	1,760.00	0.00	1,760.00	2,440.00	(680.00)	138.64%
5663	Regional Transit Authority	3,471.00	0.00	3,471.00	3,471.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 820	State Assessments & Charges	5,770.00	0.00	5,770.00	6,450.00	(680.00)	111.79%
830	County Assessments & Charges						
5310	Core Assessment	12,629.00	0.00	12,629.00	11,935.00	694.00	94.50%
5330	FRCOG Statutory Assessment	710.00	0.00	710.00	694.00	16.00	97.75%
5340	Procurement Services	2,669.00	0.00	2,669.00	2,669.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 830	County Assessments & Charges	16,008.00	0.00	16,008.00	15,298.00	710.00	95.56%
911	Retirement Contribution						
5400	General Expenses	125,595.00	0.00	125,595.00	125,595.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 911	Retirement Contribution	125,595.00	0.00	125,595.00	125,595.00	0.00	100.00%
913	Unemployment Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	2,289.00	0.00	2,289.00	769.50	1,519.50	33.62%
Total 913	Unemployment Compensation	2,289.00	0.00	2,289.00	769.50	1,519.50	33.62%
914	Health Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	153,727.00	0.00	153,727.00	113,383.03	40,343.97	73.76%
5402	Retirees Group Ins	35,056.00	0.00	35,056.00	37,987.20	(2,931.20)	108.36%

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Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
Total 914	Health Insurance	188,783.00	0.00	188,783.00	151,370.23	37,412.77	80.18%
916	Medicare						
5400	General Expenses	10,855.00	2,266.00	13,121.00	13,120.92	0.08	100.00%
Total 916	Medicare	10,855.00	2,266.00	13,121.00	13,120.92	0.08	100.00%
970	Transfer To						
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	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Report Difference		5,220,146.00	967,042.00	6,187,188.00	5,693,892.89	493,295.11	92.03%

TOWN OF BUCKLAND — GENERAL FUND REVENUE REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Received
	Property Taxes						
4110	Personal Property Taxes	125,976.00	(637.00)	125,339.00	126,373.85	(1,034.85)	100.83%
4120	Real Estate Taxes	4,500,728.00	(22,744.00)	4,477,984.00	4,497,369.93	(19,385.93)	100.43%
4142	Tax Title Redeemed	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,766.31	(4,766.31)	0.00%
	Property Taxes	4,626,704.00	(23,381.00)	4,603,323.00	4,628,510.09	(25,187.09)	100.55%
	State Aid						
4610	State-Owned Land Reimb	3,501.00	0.00	3,501.00	3,501.00	0.00	100.00%
4616	Elderly Person Exemptions	10,166.00	0.00	10,166.00	11,294.00	(1,128.00)	111.10%
4620	Chapter 70 State Aid	13,134.00	0.00	13,134.00	13,134.00	0.00	100.00%
4661	Unrestricted Gen Govt Aid	354,695.00	0.00	354,695.00	354,695.00	0.00	100.00%
4665	Veterans Benefits	28,077.00	0.00	28,077.00	27,123.00	954.00	96.60%
	State Aid	409,573.00	0.00	409,573.00	409,747.00	(174.00)	100.04%
	Local Receipts						
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	202,929.20	(52,929.20)	135.29%
4170	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	39,561.48	(17,561.48)	179.82%
4171	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,071.18	(3,071.18)	0.00%
4173	Penalty and Interest on tax Titles	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,572.75	(4,572.75)	0.00%
4180	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
4195	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.00	(91.00)	0.00%
4320	Fees	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,339.53	(339.53)	104.24%
4370	Trash Bags	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	33,083.00	(13,083.00)	165.41%
4380	Other Solid Waste Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.00	(67.00)	0.00%
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	6,585.00	(2,585.00)	164.63%
4420	Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	340.50	(340.50)	0.00%
4450	Permits	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,829.50	(829.50)	182.95%
4682	Local Option Meals Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,483.68	(17,483.68)	0.00%
4685	Fines - Court	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	45.00	955.00	4.50%
4687	Local Option Rooms Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,325.03	(17,325.03)	0.00%
4772	Dog Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	495.50	(495.50)	0.00%

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Received
4773	Parking Violations	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.00%
4820	Earnings on Investments	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	30,833.19	(29,833.19)	3,083.32%
4840	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,891.34	(13,891.34)	0.00%
	Local Receipts	207,250.00	0.00	207,250.00	380,593.88	(173,343.88)	183.64%
	Fund Transfers						
4975	Tr Fr Stabilization	275,000.00	0.00	275,000.00	275,000.00	0.00	100.00%
	Fund Transfers	275,000.00	0.00	275,000.00	275,000.00	0.00	100.00%
	TOTALS	5,518,527.00	(23,381.00)	5,495,146.00	5,693,850.97	(198,704.97)	103.62%

TOWN OF BUCKLAND — SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FISCAL YEAR 2023

Fund Code	Fund Description	Balance July 1, 2022	Revenue	Expenses	Balance June 30, 2023
	Special Revenue Funds				
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	3,772.86	1,450.00	(1,370.95)	3,851.91
232	Recreation Revolving	7,490.43	13,041.75	(2,272.44)	18,259.74
233	Board of Health Revolving	1,854.49	0.00	0.00	1,854.49
234	Recreation Summer Camp Revolv	1,967.41	7.55	(1,965.00)	9.96
235	Town Hall Revolving	385.00	150.00	0.00	535.00
236	Parking Clerk Revolving	213.41	0.00	0.00	213.41
237	Zoning Board	1,038.26	300.00	(973.90)	364.36
238	Planning Board	1,285.88	10,232.00	(11,017.00)	500.88
240	Conservation Commission Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
250	Film/Media Productions MGL C.44,S53E1/2	16,250.00	0.00	0.00	16,250.00
255	Waste & Recycling C.44,S.53E 1/2 RF	1,005.28	2,873.60	0.00	3,878.88
260	Bridge Academy Police-FRCOG Grant	2,634.02	0.00	(2,165.98)	468.04
265	MIIA Risk & Rewards Grant	0.00	3,200.00	(6,041.81)	(2,841.81)
271	Recreation Donations	303.09	29,237.00	(29,512.63)	27.46
272	Recreation Trusse	292.60	0.00	0.00	292.60
273	Conservation Donations	248.40	0.00	(86.00)	162.40
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	(422.70)	1,466.47
278	Swimming Pool Donations	424,786.53	651,829.92	(1,076,492.38)	124.07
279	FRCOG BOH Grant	46.60	0.00	0.00	46.60
281	Insurance Claims	35,975.69	36,579.24	(3,321.00)	69,233.93
287	Solarize Grant	6,093.62	0.00	0.00	6,093.62
288	Library Donations	505.04	0.24	0.00	505.28
404	CONNECT Opioid Settlement Funds	0.00	2,552.79	0.00	2,552.79
405	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2020	8,421.82	0.00	0.00	8,421.82
406	Drug Forfeiture Grant	61.74	0.00	0.00	61.74
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	62.55	0.00	0.00	62.55
408	Local Preparedness Grant (EMPG)	599.19	0.00	(3,037.97)	(2,438.78)

Fund Code	Fund Description	Balance July 1, 2022	Revenue	Expenses	Balance June 30,
409	COVID-19 CARES Expenses	127,648.00	0.00	0.00	127,648.00
412	Council on Aging Grant	647.19	8,760.00	(8,884.00)	523.19
413	Mass In Motion-COA Grant	0.00	0.00	(4,023.14)	(4,023.14)
414	Library State Aid	14,233.13	5,401.19	(3,442.00)	16,192.32
415	Cultural Council	7,482.45	5,730.22	(7,165.00)	6,047.67
418	Wellness Grant	790.67	0.00	(667.44)	123.23
419	COVID-19 FEMA Expenses	(159,305.86)	0.00	0.00	(159,305.86)
420	Election State Reimbursement	526.50	1,747.60	0.00	2,274.10
423	SFBA Grant	(6,969.39)	9,500.00	0.00	2,530.61
424	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	8,432.58	0.00	0.00	8,432.58
427	CDBG Block Grant	(12,640.54)	172,678.43	(168,427.25)	(8,389.36)
428	Recycling Dividend Program	11,230.76	4,900.00	(1,050.85)	15,079.91
429	Community Compact Grant	203,789.65	17,500.00	(84,956.37)	136,333.28
430	Green Communities Grant	3,415.71	3,750.00	(4,999.18)	2,166.53
431	PARC Grant	0.00	307,957.43	(170,112.25)	137,845.18
432	Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	(55,928.61)	43,005.00	(43,883.47)	(56,807.08)
433	FCRHA Housing Rehab Reimbursement	94,629.62	19,600.00	0.00	114,229.62
434	Mass. Div. of Fish & Game-D.E.R.	(64,025.00)	64,025.00	0.00	0.00
436	MassWorks Grants	(146,020.60)	161,922.80	(15,902.20)	0.00
438	DOT Small Bridge Grant	(278,668.79)	278,668.79	0.00	0.00
440	Small Town Capital WWTF	191.96	0.00	(112,759.53)	(112,567.57)
441	MassHighway Shared Streets Grant	44,052.15	0.00	(43,000.00)	1,052.15
442	GAP III, Mass DEP Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
445	ADA Self-Eval & Transition Plan	0.00	0.00	(27,000.00)	(27,000.00)
449	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	276,488.81	276,488.82	0.00	552,977.63
	Total Special Revenue Funds	587,255.51	2,133,089.37	(1,834,952.44)	885,392.44
610	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer Enterprise Fund	454,485.04	307,486.14	(619,818.99)	142,152.19
	Total Enterprise Fund	454,485.04	307,486.14	(619,818.99)	142,152.19
	Capital Project Funds				
215	Chapter 90	(69,844.83)	239,007.36	(276,467.32)	(107,304.79)
710	DOT Transportation Improv. Prog. (TIP)	(77,915.32)	389,174.08	(350,234.42)	(38,975.66)
	Total Capital Project Funds	(147,760.15)	628,181.44	(626,701.74)	(146,280.45)

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	Trust & Agency Funds				
811	McKnight Scholarship Fund	5,679.65	(93.87)	(300.00)	5,285.78
820	OPEB Trust	44,019.98	22,238.71	0.00	66,258.69
830	Stabilization Fund	377,022.25	2,135.28	(200,000.00)	179,157.53
831	Transfer Station Stabilization	1,093.57	4.56	0.00	1,098.13
832	Highway Stabilization	79,221.04	1,318.76	(75,000.00)	5,539.80
833	Police Stabilization	418.91	17.29	0.00	436.20
834	Election Stabilization	5,059.81	50.15	0.00	5,109.96
835	Technology Stabilization	8,089.08	80.16	0.00	8,169.24
836	Emergency Management Stab	1,091.22	10.82	0.00	1,102.04
846	Opioid Settlement Stabilization	0.00	1,388.29	0.00	1,388.29
891	Off Duty Police Detail	(27,878.75)	291,349.52	(265,720.77)	(2,250.00)
892	Firearm ID Cards	925.00	2,700.00	(2,725.00)	900.00
893	Clerk Fees	1,916.25	590.00	0.00	2,506.25
898	Deputy Collector's Fees	1,002.58	6,271.00	(6,332.00)	941.58
	Total Trust & Agency Funds	497,660.59	328,060.67	(550,077.77)	275,643.49
	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,391,640.99	3,396,817.62	(3,631,550.94)	1,156,907.67

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