

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The petition of pioneering settlers to incorporate a territory to be known as the Town of Cheshire was granted by the General Court and enacted on March 14, 1793; and

Whereas, It is customary to recognize and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of municipalities throughout the Commonwealth, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and progression of the Bay State; and

Whereas, The citizens of Cheshire have met annually at Town Meeting since 1793, to elect town officers and participate in democratic governance of their town; and

Whereas, Courageous contributions have been made by many selfless patriots from the Town of Cheshire in the pursuit of the freedom and security of our great nation; and

Whereas, The great dairy farming and cheese-making traditions of the community were called upon to create the famed Mammoth Cheshire Cheese in honor of Thomas Jefferson; and

Whereas, The natural resources of the land were harnessed by its citizen entrepreneurs to create such local industries as Glassworks, Lime Companies, Iron Works, Shoe Factory, Sand Quarries, Lumber Mills, Dairy Farming and Recreational pursuits; and

Whereas, A Citizens Planning Group has arranged for a year-long celebration of this historical milestone with activities, events, parades, ceremonies, music and fireworks; and

Whereas, We congratulate the Town of Cheshire and its citizens on the 225th anniversary of the establishment of their independent municipal existence and extend greetings as they gather to celebrate the occasion,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 14th 2018, to be the,

QUASQUIBICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE'S INCORPORATION

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourteenth day of March, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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2018

Town Elected Officials

		<i>Term Expires</i>			<i>Term Expires</i>
Selectmen	Edmund St. John	2020	Constables	Robert Copeland	2019
	Robert S. Ciskowski	2021		C.J. Garner	2019
	Carol A. Francesconi	2019		Alison Warner	2019
Moderator	Edmund St. John IV	2019	Planning Board	Francis Griswold	2022
				Nicholas Graham	2023
Board of Assessors	Laurie Charon	2020		Peter Traub	2019
	Everett L. Martin	2021		Ronald DeAngelis	2020
	Barbara Astorino	2019		Donna Defino	2021
Board of Health	Jeffrey Warner	2020	Adams-Cheshire Regional School District		
	Richard Salvi	2021	School Committee Members		
	Michael Biagini Jr.	2019	from Cheshire	Adam Emerson	2020
				Bethany DeMarco	2021
Water Commissioners	Donald Rueger	2020		Peter Tatro	2019
	Ricky Gurnery	2021	Adams-Cheshire Regional School District		
	Francis Waterman Jr.	2019	School Committee Members		
			from Adams	Regina Hill	2020
Cemetery Commissioners	Anne M. Furey	2021		Michael Mucci Jr.	2021
	Peter LeFebvre	1-year appointment		Paul Butler	2019
	Julie Ciskowski	1-year appointment		Jennifer Andrews	2019
Tax Collector	Rebecca Herzog	2021	Northern Berkshire Vocational		
			School Committee Member		
Town Clerk	Christine B. Emerson	2021	from Cheshire	William Craig	2019

Town Appointments

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Town Administrator			Animal Control Officer		
Procurement Officer			Animal Inspector		
BRTA Representative	Mark Webber	Yearly		Myron Proper	Yearly
	<i>Retired November 1, 2018</i>		Keeper of the Pound		
	Edmund St. John IV	Yearly		Everett Martin	Yearly
	<i>Appointed 12/2018 to 5/2019</i>		Director of Veterans Services		
Selectmen's Secretary			Veteran Burial Agent		
Adm.Asst.Town Adm.				Stephen Roy	Yearly
Planning Board Sec.	Carole Hilderbrand	Yearly	Right To Know Co-ordinator		
				Richard Francesconi	Yearly
Superintendent of Streets			Farm Commission	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
Tree Warden				Kenneth Egnaczak	2020
Measurer of Wood and Bark				Michael Balawender	2020
Inspector of Ditches	Blair Crane	Yearly		Mark Warner	2021
				Kim Martin	2019
Treasurer				Eric Whitney	2019
	Rebecca Herzog	Yearly		Joseph Wrenn	2019
Accountant			Fence Viewers		
	Lynne Lemanski	Yearly	Members of Farm Commission		
Town Counsel				Jason Turner	
	Edmund St. John III	Yearly		Mark Warner	
Building Commissioner				Fred Balawender	
ADA Co-ordinator			Greylock Advisory Board		
Zoning Enforcement	Gerald Garner	Yearly		Gary Trudeau	Yearly
			Vocational School Program		
Local Building Inspector					Yearly
	Mark Kruzel	Yearly	Representatives Arts Lottery Council		
Inspector of Wiring			North Berkshire Arts Council	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
	George Sweet	Yearly		Maureen Riley-Moriarty	2021
Asst. Wiring Inspector				Shannon Badorini	2020
	Leslie Rhinemiller	Yearly	Recreation Committee		
Inspector of Gas/Plumbing				Robin Poirot	Yearly
	Bruce LaPerle	Yearly		Heather Emerson	Yearly
Asst. Gas/Plumbing				Andrew Kachel	Yearly
	John Burzimati	Yearly	Delegate to Northern Berkshire		
Emergency Management Co-ordinator			Solid Waste Management Program		
	Corey Swistak	Yearly		Richard Salvi	Yearly
Asst. Emergency Management			Northern Berkshire Cable Representative		Yearly
	Fred Balawender	Yearly	Rent Control Board		
	Trevor Swistak	Yearly	Memorial Day Parade		
				Board of Selectmen	

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Conservation Commission			Fire Chief	Thomas Francesconi	<i>Yearly</i>
	Carol Francesconi	<i>Yearly</i>			
	Leah Kruszyna	<i>Yearly</i>	Police Chief	Timothy Garner	<i>Yearly</i>
	Raymond Killeen	<i>Yearly</i>			
Emergency Management Committee			Police Staff Sergeant	Alison Warner	
	Carol Francesconi			<i>Retired 6/1/2018</i>	
	Edmund St. John IV				
	Robert Ciskowski		Police Officers	Sgt. Michael Alibozek	
	Richard Salvi			Joseph Charon (<i>Retired</i>)	
	Francis Waterman			David Tarjick	
	Travis Delratez			Trisha Carlo	
	Blair Crane			Dylan Vandoloski	
	Timothy Garner				
	Thomas Francesconi		Special Police Officers	Peter Mazzaco	<i>Yearly</i>
	Corey Swistak			Paul Maloney	<i>Yearly</i>
School Crossing Guards	appointed by ACRSDistrict		Harbor Master	Paul Maloney	<i>Lifetime appointment</i>
Council on Aging	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>		Alternate Planning Board Member	Sandra Sloane	<i>Yearly</i>
	Anna Farnam	2019			
	Peter Traub	2021	Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas Zappula	<i>Yearly</i>
	Elsie Zaleski (<i>Resigned</i>)	2018		Gale Grimshaw	<i>Yearly</i>
	Harrison King	2019		Stephen Marko	<i>Yearly</i>
	Margaret Gwozdz	2019	Alternate Zoning Member	Robert Balawender	<i>Yearly</i>
	Helen Dargie	2021			
	Donald Pulver	2020			
	Eugene Gebarowski	2021			
Historical Commission	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>				
	Diane Hitter	2019			
	Elaine Daniels	2021			
	Vern Emerson	2021			
	Robert Hitter	2019			
	Dawn Daniels	2020			
	Barry Emery	2020			
	Gus Martin	2020			
	George Reynolds	Alternate Member			
Board of Registrar of Voters	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>		Advisory Board	Justin Kruszyna	2019
	Gary Herzog	2019		Kathleen Levesque	2021
	Diane Hitter	2021		Jeremy McLain	2019
	Elizabeth King	2020		John Tremblay	2021
Election Official	Alison Warner	<i>Yearly</i>		Joseph Johnson	2020
				Denise Gregoire	2020
Asst. Election Official	Ronald Lancia	<i>Yearly</i>		Heather Emerson	2020

Appointments by the Moderator

Board of Selectmen

Greetings to the Residents of Cheshire:

In concert with the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen will present a balanced and reasonable spending budget for the upcoming year. The FY 2020 budget, very similar to last year's, shows an increase of 2.80%. Naturally, there were some costs that increased over which we had no control. Historically, one of the largest items that drives the increase in the budget is the cost of education. However, this year was somewhat unique. The Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee's budget came in with an overall decrease of \$66,835, or -2.39%. The Northern Berkshire Vocational School budget came in with a decrease of \$40,792. Therefore, the total budget for education was \$107,627, or 3.28% under last year's amounts. The decrease in spending from the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District represents a recalculation of the minimum and over-minimum local contributions. We also anticipate that we will receive a refund for FY 2019, as we were over-assessed for this time frame. This budget reduces the amount of free cash used, which has historically been approximately \$170,000 to \$140,000. Hopefully, we will be able to continue this trend in the future to stabilize this account and use it to address capital needs. This places a minimal burden onto the tax payer while stabilizing our free cash account should an emergency arise. Generally, it is advised that a municipality have 3-5% of their operating budget in free cash. FY 2020's proposed free cash expenditures leaves the town with approximately 2.75%.

This budget strives to provide more in terms of services while keeping within our means. We looked to incorporate as much of the department requests as we could while remaining within the frameworks of Proposition 2½. Ideally, with this budget or the next, we will be in a position where we will level off on tax increases while maintaining excellent services to our residents. Moving forward, we need to place an emphasis on our infrastructure. To that end, we are working to establish a capital improvement plan. We need to renew our commitment to using local and state dollars, as well as aggressively pursuing other sources of funding, to go after our worst roads and maintain what we have. Prior investments have shown vast improvements of the overall road quality. In the near future, we will see projects such as Depot Street and Mill Hill Road (in concert with the Water Department performing significant water main work), as well as finishing Maple Drive come to fruition. Other projects include maintenance work such as crack sealing over Wells Road and Windsor Road, as well as other smaller projects aimed at long-term sustainability. However, we need to also budget wisely so that in the short term, we can sustain a proactive approach to road repair, rather than reactive.

We have also strengthened our budget for items that we have chronically underbudgeted. By doing so, we will reduce our dependency on mid-year transfers from other accounts. To that end, you will see an increase in the maintenance accounts as well as the creation of a new account dealing with a program to improve our technology for Town Hall and Town employees. Our first step was upgrading our internet speed from a dismal 4 mb/s to the industry norm of 100 mb/s. The Town Administrator's Expense line increased by \$10,000.00. This is a direct effort to put into place a technology improvement plan to address our aging technological infrastructure, update our storage and security, as well as basic connectivity issues. We have also explored other options that will both reduce on-going expenditures and redundancies.

In summary, this budget moves the Town forward and is the first step in changing not only how we complete projects, but how we invest in our Town's future.

This year has also brought about a great deal of change in our administration. We recently celebrated the retirement of our first Town Administrator, Mark Webber, and welcomed his successor, Ed St. John, IV. We also just celebrated the retirement of Carol Francesconi from the Board of Selectmen. Carol served the Town of Cheshire for 30 years in this capacity and, in the words of Representative John Barrett, III, has truly made Cheshire a better place. Mark Biagini and Jason Levesque were elected for a three-year term and a one-year term, respectively.

The Board is pleased and honored to work on the Town's behalf, and we encourage all comments and suggestions that might help us serve you better. We meet each Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 PM at the Community Center and all are welcome to attend. We made this move not only to accommodate two new members as our Board grows from 3 to 5 members, but to make more room for all of you to attend. In closing, we thank all of our dedicated volunteers, as well as elected and appointed officials who serve us all with pride and professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ciskowski, Chairman
Mark Biagini
Jason Levesque

Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS RECORDED

Births.....		31
Deaths.....		30
Marriages.....		6
Census		3,275
	16 years and over	2936
	0 to 15 years	339
Registered Voters.....		2,310
	Democrat	545
	Republican	242
	Libertarian	4
	United Independent	14
	Other	5
	Unenrolled	1,500

GASOLINE STORAGE PERMIT RENEWALS

Bedard Bros.	\$ 25
H.D. Reynolds	25
Hoosac Valley Middle & High School	25
MGE Realty	25
Republic Services	25
Whitney Farm Market	25
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	\$150

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

New	2
Renewals	4
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\$20 for 4 year period	\$120

SALE OF DOG LICENSES

License period 4/1/2018-3/31/2019	
Males	35
Neutered Males	151
Females	17
Spayed Females	191
4 Dog Multi Unit	5
10 Dog Multi Unit	2
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**Amount turned over to Treasurer
(includes Late Fees and Fines) \$4,885**

Gratitude to the Registrars, Poll Workers, Election Officials and Counting Crew for the continued dedication to the Elections. Thanks to the Town Officials and Board for their support and help.

And thank you to the Cheshire Residents who make this office a good place to be and work.

I, hereby, submit my twenty-fifth Annual Town Report.

Christine B. Emerson

Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Cheshire:

I hereby submit to you my 16th Annual Town Accountant's report for Fiscal Year 2018.

I am happy to report that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified the Town of Cheshire's free cash balance as of July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$339,776. This is a decrease of 18% from the prior year July 1, 2017 balance of \$416,620.

I am submitting the Schedule A Revenues and Expenditures which summarize the FY2018 receipts and expenditures along with the General Fund Balance sheet as of June 30, 2018.

In closing, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the town officials who have supported me throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Lynne M. Lemanski
Town Accountant

Town of Cheshire Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	1,002,469.43	(320,562.46)	7,627.00	290,515.58		877,509.53		1,857,559.08
Investments								-
Receivables:								-
Personal property taxes	3,783.25							3,783.25
Real estate taxes	240,685.47							240,685.47
Deferred taxes								-
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(65,992.79)							(65,992.79)
Special assessments								-
Tax liens	44,601.82							44,601.82
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	43,681.98							43,681.98
Other excises								-
Utility Charges				118,797.67				118,797.67
Departmental								-
Other receivables								-
Due to/from other funds								-
Due from other governments								-
Prepays								-
Inventory								-
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								-
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				429,000.00			603,374.53	1,032,374.53
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave								-
Total Assets	1,284,586.45	(320,562.46)	7,627.00	838,313.25	-	877,509.53	603,374.53	3,290,848.30
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Deferred revenue								-
Real and personal property taxes	178,476.02							178,476.02
Deferred taxes								-
Prepaid taxes/fees	171.87							171.87

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	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
Special assessments								
Tax liens	44,601.82							44,601.82
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	43,681.98							43,681.98
Other excises								-
Utility Charges				118,797.67				118,797.67
Departmental								-
Deposits receivable	4,999.49							4,999.49
Other receivables								-
Due from other governments								-
Due to other governments								-
Accounts payable								-
Warrants payable								-
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,065.84							1,065.84
Other liabilities	6,145.83							6,145.83
IBNR								-
Bonds payable			657,000.00					657,000.00
Notes payable				429,000.00			603,374.53	1,032,374.53
Vacation and sick leave liability								-
Total Liabilities	294,500.14	-	657,000.00	547,797.67	-	-	603,374.53	2,102,672.34
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	135,801.90							135,801.90
Reserved for expenditures	216,000.00			25,000.00				241,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations								-
Reserved for petty cash								-
Reserved for appropriation deficit								-
Reserved for snow and Ice deficit								-
Reserved for debt Service								-
Reserved for premiums								-
Reserved fund balance		(320,562.46)	(649,373.00)			877,509.53		(92,425.93)
Undesignated fund balance	638,284.41							638,284.41
Unreserved retained earnings				265,515.58				265,515.58
Investment in capital assets								-
Total Fund Equity	990,086.31	(320,562.46)	(649,373.00)	290,515.58	-	877,509.53	-	1,188,175.96
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,284,586.45	(320,562.46)	7,627.00	838,313.25	-	877,509.53	603,374.53	3,290,848.30

Schedule A All Parts
Fiscal Year 2018

Schedule A Part I
General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	A. Taxes	
4110	Personal Property Taxes	\$ 98,475
4120	Real Estate Taxes	3,843,833
4150	Excise Taxes	561,838
4179	Penalties and Interest	29,600
4180	In Lieu of Taxes	
4191	Other Taxes - Hotel/Motel	
4198	Urban Redevelopment Excises	
4199	Other Taxes	3,544
	A. TOTAL TAXES (NET OF REFUNDS)	4,537,290
	B. Charges for Services/Other Departmental Revenues	
4211	Water Charges	
4212	Other Utility Charges	
4229	Other Charges	
4243	Parking Charges	
4244	Park and Recreation Charges	
4246	Sewerage Charges	
4247	Trash Collection Charges	85,875
4248	Transit Charges	
4370	Other Department Revenue	58,374
	B. TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES/ OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES	144,249
	C. Licenses, Permits and Fees	
4322	Fees Retained from Tax Collection	8,210
4400	Licenses and Permits	54,577
	C. TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	62,787
	D. Federal Revenue	
4540	Unrestricted - Direct	
4580	Unrestricted - Through the State	
	D. TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	
	E. Revenues From State	
4600	State Revenue	776,112
	E. TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE	\$ 776,112

Schedule A Part I
General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01)(continued)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	F. Revenues From Other Governments	
4695	Court Fines	\$ 50
4720	Received From the County for Services Performed	
4730	Received From Other Municipalities for Services Performed	
	F. TOTAL REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	50
	G. Special Assessments	
4750	Special Assessments	16,668
	G. TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	16,668
	H. Fines, and Forfeitures	
4770	Fines and Forfeitures	
	H. TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES	
	I. Miscellaneous Revenues	
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues	
4820	Earnings on Investments	4,199
	I. TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	4,199
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	5,541,355
	J. Other Financing Sources	
4990	Other Financing Sources	
	J. TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	5,541,355
	K. Interfund Operating Transfers	
4972	Transfers from Special Revenue Funds	
4973	Transfers from Capital Projects Funds	
4975	Transfers from Enterprise Funds	
4976	Transfers from Trust Funds	
4977	Transfers from Agency Funds	
	K. TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, AND INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	\$ 5,541,355

Schedule A

Part II General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses (Fund 01) Fiscal Year 2018

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (100)												
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Legislative	Executive	Accountant Auditor	Collector	Treasurer	Law Dept. Town/City Counsel	Public Building Properties Maintenance	Assessors	Operations Support	License & Registration	Conservation Commission
5100	Salary and Wages		41,589	23,890	23,367	24,000		5,188	27,507		30,249	
5700	Expenditures	14,000	4,787	2,916	7,856	16,776	2,625	125,825	28,578	24,323	7,672	362
5800A	Construction											
5800B	Capital Outlay											
	TOTAL	14,000	46,376	26,806	31,223	40,776	2,625	131,013	56,085	24,323	37,921	362

PUBLIC SAFETY (200)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Police	Fire	Emergency Medical Services	Inspection	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	94,288	3,500		32,646	
5700	Expenditures	22,288	34,375	3,234	2,674	30,703
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay	40,000				
	TOTAL	156,576	37,875	3,234	35,320	30,703

EDUCATION (300)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Education	Regional School Assessment 1	Regional School Assessment 2	Regional School Assessment 3	Regional School Assessment 4
5100	Salary and Wages					
5700	Expenditures	3,140,670				
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
	TOTAL	3,140,670				

PUBLIC WORKS (400)									
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Highway/Streets Snow & Ice	Highway/Streets Other	Waste Collection & Disposal	Sewer Collection & Disposal	Water Distribution	Street Lighting	Other	
5100	Salary and Wages		281,148	27,062				22,410	
5700	Expenditures	188,670	306,666	103,912			45,684	23,247	
5800A	Construction								
5800B	Capital Outlay								
TOTAL		188,670	587,814	130,974			45,684	45,657	

HUMAN SERVICES (500)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Health Services	Clinical Services	Special Program	Veterans Services	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	12,318		14,370	1,167	
5700	Expenditures	4,861		8,171	21,684	
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
TOTAL		17,179		22,541	22,851	

CULTURE AND RECREATION (600)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Library	Recreation	Parks	Historical Commission	Celebrations
5100	Salary and Wages	11,815				
5700	Expenditures	13,974	1,319		502	
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
TOTAL		25,789	1,319		502	

DEBT SERVICE (700)					
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Retirement of Debt Principal	Interest on Long Term Debt	Interest on Short Term Debt	Other Interest
5900	Debt Service	219,649	30,522	9,594	
TOTAL		219,649	30,522	9,594	

UNCLASSIFIED (900)										
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Workers Compensation	Unemployment	Health Insurance	Other Employee Benefits	Court Judgements	Other Insurance	Intergovernmental Assessments	Retirement	Other
0001	Unclassified			187,914	10,319		77,547	29,508	92,908	14,800
TOTAL				187,914	10,319		77,547	29,508	92,908	14,800

TRANSFERS/OTHER FINANCING USES (0001)		Amount
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	49,142
5990	Other Financing Uses	
TOTAL		49,142

TOTAL ALL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		Total
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	
Expenditures		
5100	Salary and Wages	676,514
5700	Expenditures	4,188,354
5800A	Construction	
5800B	Capital Outlay	40,000
5900	Debt Service	259,765
0001	Unclassified	412,996
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		5,577,629
Other Financing Uses		
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	49,142
5990	Other Financing Uses	
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER FINANCING USES		49,142
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		5,626,771

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Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
MODERATOR				
01-5-001-001	Moderator Salary	50.00	-50.00	0.00
01-5-001-002	Moderator Expenses	25.00	0.00	25.00
	Total	75.00	-50.00	25.00
SELECTMEN				
01-5-002-001	Selectmen Salary Chair	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-002-002	Selectmen Clerk	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-002-003	Selectmen Third Mem.	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-002-004	Selectmen Secretary	5,799.00	-5,800.42	-1.42
01-5-002-005	Selectmen Expenses	3,400.00	-3,370.46	29.54
01-5-002-009	Select Conserv Consult S.	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-5-002-010	Select Conserv Expenses	2,400.00	-362.11	2,037.89
01-5-002-011	Selectmen Town Council	7,500.00	-2,625.00	4,875.00
01-5-002-012	Select Clean Lake Program	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.00
01-5-002-013	Selectmen Administrator	21,433.00	-21,433.00	0.00
01-5-002-014	Selectmen Admin Expenses	300.00	-95.61	204.39
01-5-002-015	Selectmen Group Purchasing	600.00	-500.00	100.00
01-5-002-016	Town Audit	15,000.00	-14,000.00	1,000.00
01-5-002-018	Town Administrator Assistant Salary	4,569.00	-3,805.58	763.42
	Total	88,001.00	-78,492.18	9,508.82
ACCOUNTANT				
01-5-003-001	Accountant Salary	23,890.00	-23,890.00	0.00
01-5-003-002	Accountant Expenses / Dues	1,700.00	-1,668.72	31.28
01-5-003-004	Accounting Software	1,250.00	-1,247.00	3.00
	Total	26,840.00	-26,805.72	34.28
TREASURER				
01-5-004-001	Treasurer Salary	24,000.00	-24,000.00	0.00
01-5-004-002	Treasurer Expenses Postage	5,200.00	-5,060.90	139.10
01-5-004-003	Treasurer Mileage & Trips	200.00	-192.63	7.37
01-5-004-004	Treasurer Education	200.00	-196.94	3.06
01-5-004-005	Treasurer / Accountant Software	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.00
01-5-004-006	Treasurer / Tax Title Fees	12,000.00	-10,075.00	1,925.00
	Total	42,850.00	-40,775.47	2,074.53
TAX COLLECTOR				
01-5-005-001	Tax Collector Salary	23,367.00	-23,367.00	0.00
01-5-005-002	Tax Collector Postage	4,000.00	-3,483.75	516.25
01-5-005-003	Tax Collector Office Expense	4,200.00	-3,372.11	827.89
01-5-005-004	Tax Collector Contract Serv.	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
01-5-005-005	Tax Collector Tax Title / Fees	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Total	34,567.00	-31,222.86	3,344.14

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
ASSESSORS				
01-5-006-001	Assessors Salary Chairman	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-006-002	Assessors Clerk	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
01-5-006-003	Assessors Third Member	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
01-5-006-004	Assessors Admin. Assessor	18,007.00	-18,007.00	0.00
01-5-006-005	Assessors Supplies	1,611.96	-1,615.59	-3.63
01-5-006-007	Assessors Computer	1,700.00	-1,497.00	203.00
01-5-006-008	Assessors Education	500.00	-499.65	0.35
01-5-006-011	Assessors Contracted Svcs	30,800.00	-24,965.38	5,834.62
	Total	62,118.96	-56,084.62	6,034.34
ADVISORY BOARD				
01-5-007-001	Advisory Board Expenses	50.00	-6.65	43.35
01-5-007-002	Advisory Board Dues	155.00	-160.00	-5.00
01-5-007-003	Advisory Board Meetings Mileage	1,000.00	-654.07	345.93
	Total	1,205.00	-820.72	384.28
TOWN CLERK				
01-5-008-001	Town Clerk Salary	23,367.00	-23,367.00	0.00
01-5-008-002	Town Clerk Expenses	1,950.00	-924.53	1,025.47
01-5-008-003	Town Clerk Dog License Exp	500.00	-228.62	271.38
01-5-008-004	Town Clerk Education	1,200.00	-487.06	712.94
01-5-008-005	Town Clerk Book Repair	3,500.00	-3,100.00	400.00
01-5-008-006	Town Clerk Copy Machine	1,006.97	-983.94	23.03
01-5-008-007	Town Clerk Service Contract	1,000.00	-985.00	15.00
01-5-008-008	Town Clerk Census / Lists	4,192.00	-2,870.59	1,321.41
	Total	36,715.97	-32,946.74	3,769.23
BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
01-5-009-001	Board of Registrars Registrars	8,000.00	-1,096.51	6,903.49
	Total	8,000.00	-1,096.51	6,903.49
ELECTIONS				
01-5-010-000	Elections	12,000.00	-5,784.56	6,215.44
	Total	12,000.00	-5,784.56	6,215.44
VITAL STATISTICS				
01-5-011-000	Vital Statistics	160.00	-60.00	100.00
	Total	160.00	-60.00	100.00
TOWN REPORTS				
01-5-012-000	Town Reports Printing	3,000.00	-2,134.39	865.61
	Total	3,000.00	-2,134.39	865.61
PLANNING BOARD				
01-5-013-001	Planning Board Expenses	2,000.00	-1,011.46	988.54
01-5-013-002	Plan Brd Berksh.Reg.Plan.Comm.	2,453.00	-2,453.35	-0.35
01-5-013-003	Planning Board Contracted Serv	2,000.00	-930.09	1,069.91
	Total	6,453.00	-4,394.90	2,058.10

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
01-5-014-000	Zoning Board of Appeals	600.00	-722.66	-122.66
01-5-014-001	Zoning Board - Contract Svcs	800.00	-99.82	700.18
	Total	1,400.00	-822.48	577.52
BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT				
01-5-015-000	Berkshire County Retirement System	92,908.00	-92,908.00	0.00
	Total	92,908.00	-92,908.00	0.00
HEALTH INSURANCE				
01-5-016-000	BC/BS	264,167.00	-187,913.50	76,253.50
	Total	264,167.00	-187,913.50	76,253.50
MEDICARE ER SHARE				
01-5-017-000	MEDC Employer Share (SS Tax)	8,300.00	-10,318.92	-2,018.92
	Total	8,300.00	-10,318.92	-2,018.92
TOWN BUILDINGS				
01-5-018-001	Town Building Town Hall	21,000.00	-26,735.83	-5,735.83
01-5-018-002	Town Building Fire Dept	11,000.00	2,521.16	13,521.16
01-5-018-003	Town Building Town Shed	5,600.00	-9,779.45	-4,179.45
01-5-018-004	Town Building Senior Center	4,700.00	-5,055.17	-355.17
01-5-018-005	Town Building Telephone System	10,400.00	-15,002.53	-4,602.53
01-5-018-006	Town Building Janitor	6,240.00	-5,187.90	1,052.10
01-5-018-009	FY2018 Article 15 - CES Maintenance and Safekeeping	100,000.00	-85,349.40	14,650.60
01-5-018-011	Town (Internal Charge) for Water Usage	0.00	-9,142.00	-9,142.00
	Total	158,940.00	-153,731.12	5,208.88
SPECIAL REPAIRS				
01-5-019-000	Special Repairs Town Building	11,000.00	-1,427.40	9,572.60
01-5-019-004	FY2018 Article 8 - Grant Housing Rehab	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
	Total	71,000.00	-1,427.40	69,572.60
INSURANCE				
01-5-020-000	Insurance	65,188.00	-62,881.27	2,306.73
	Total	65,188.00	-62,881.27	2,306.73
POLICE DEPT				
01-5-022-001	Police Dept Chief Salary	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-022-002	Police Dept Officers Salaries	97,500.00	-90,787.76	6,712.24
01-5-022-003	Police Dept General Expenses	4,000.00	-3,361.16	638.84
01-5-022-004	Police Dept Auto Expenses	14,754.00	-14,426.97	327.03
01-5-022-005	Police Dept Equipment	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00
01-5-022-008	FY2018 Article 6 Police Cruiser	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.00
	Total	164,254.00	-156,575.89	7,678.11
ANIMAL CONTROL				
01-5-023-001	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
01-5-023-002	Animal Control Expenses	600.00	-363.30	236.70
01-5-023-003	Animal Control Trans/Disposal	450.00	-128.00	322.00
01-5-023-005	Animal Control Train/Meetings	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-023-006	Animal Control Cell Phone	600.00	-476.81	123.19
	Total	4,950.00	-3,968.11	981.89

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
FIRE DEPT				
01-5-024-001	Fire Dept Chief Salary	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-024-002	Fire Dept Expenses	34,079.00	-34,374.90	-295.90
01-5-024-004	Fire Dept EMS Supplies	4,000.00	-3,093.67	906.33
01-5-024-005	Fire Dept EMT Training	0.00	-140.00	-140.00
01-5-024-006	FY2018 Article 5 - Emergency Generator For Fire House	14,000.00	-10,112.00	3,888.00
01-5-024-008	Fire Dept Rescue Vehicle Loan	9,817.00	-9,817.00	0.00
	Total	65,396.00	-61,037.57	4,358.43
POLICE / FIRE INSURANCE				
01-5-025-000	Police / Fire Dept Accident Ins.	8,171.00	-8,171.00	0.00
01-5-025-002	Police / Fire Disability Ins.	6,495.00	-6,495.00	0.00
	Total	14,666.00	-14,666.00	0.00
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER				
01-5-026-000	Communication Center	19,671.00	-19,591.27	79.73
	Total	19,671.00	-19,591.27	79.73
BUILDING INSPECTOR				
01-5-027-001	Building Inspector Salary	12,300.00	-12,300.00	0.00
01-5-027-002	Building Inspector Expenses / Mileage	1,000.00	-138.36	861.64
01-5-027-003	Building Inspect Meetings / Train	1,000.00	-505.47	494.53
01-5-027-004	Building Inspector Assistant	4,100.00	-4,100.00	0.00
	Total	18,400.00	-17,043.83	1,356.17
GAS / PIPING				
01-5-028-001	Gas Piping Inspector Salary	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.00
01-5-028-002	Gas Piping Inspector Expenses	200.00	-200.00	0.00
01-5-028-003	Gas Piping Inspect Travel Expenses	200.00	-200.00	0.00
01-5-028-004	Gas Piping Inspector Assistant	515.00	-515.00	0.00
	Total	4,115.00	-4,115.00	0.00
WIRE INSPECTOR				
01-5-029-001	Wire Inspector Salary	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00
01-5-029-002	Wire Inspector Expenses	300.00	-262.50	37.50
01-5-029-003	Wire Inspector Travel Expenses	625.00	0.00	625.00
01-5-029-004	Wire Inspector Assistant Salary	500.00	-500.00	0.00
	Total	7,425.00	-6,762.50	662.50
TREE WARDEN				
01-5-030-003	Tree Warden Tree / Stump Removal	15,000.00	-14,766.21	233.79
01-5-030-004	Tree Warden Tree Replacement	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total	16,000.00	-14,766.21	1,233.79
CIVIL DEFENSE				
01-5-031-001	Civil Defense Expenses	500.00	-500.00	0.00
01-5-031-002	Civil Defense Supplies	500.00	-500.00	0.00
	Total	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
BOARD OF HEALTH				
01-5-032-001	Board of Health Chairman Salary	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-032-002	Board of Health 2nd Member	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-032-003	Board of Health 3rd Member	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
01-5-032-004	Board of Health Expenses	3,580.00	-955.42	2,624.58
01-5-032-006	Board of Health Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-5-032-007	Board of Health Secretary	3,162.00	-1,817.97	1,344.03
01-5-032-008	Board of Health Maven Reporting	3,906.00	-3,906.00	0.00
	Total	21,648.00	-17,179.39	4,468.61
ANIMAL INSPECTOR				
01-5-033-001	Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	-500.00	0.00
01-5-033-002	Animal Inspector Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
01-5-033-003	Animal Inspect Rabies Testing	540.00	0.00	540.00
	Total	1,190.00	-500.00	690.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR				
01-5-034-001	Plumbing Inspector Salary	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00
01-5-034-002	Plumbing Inspector Expense	200.00	-200.00	0.00
01-5-034-003	Plumbing Inspector Travel Expenses	200.00	-200.00	0.00
01-5-034-004	Plumbing Inspector Assistant	531.00	-531.00	0.00
	Total	2,931.00	-2,931.00	0.00
TOWN COMPACTOR				
01-5-035-001	Town Compactor Caretaker Salary	26,903.00	-26,687.19	215.81
01-5-035-002	Town Compactor Brd of Health Collecto	1,000.00	-375.00	625.00
01-5-035-003	Town Compactor Oper Exp	90,713.93	-66,291.86	24,422.07
01-5-035-004	Town Compactor Site Maint	2,600.00	-1,075.00	1,525.00
01-5-035-005	Town Compactor Bags / Stickers	9,000.00	-9,544.00	-544.00
01-5-035-006	Town Compactor Training / Edu	150.00	-166.88	-16.88
	Total	130,366.93	-104,139.93	26,227.00
RECYCLING				
01-5-036-000	Recycling Account	34,116.00	-26,834.42	7,281.58
	Total	34,116.00	-26,834.42	7,281.58
STREET LIGHTS				
01-5-037-000	Street Lights	47,000.00	-45,683.62	1,316.38
	Total	47,000.00	-45,683.62	1,316.38
HIGHWAY ADMIN				
01-5-039-001	Highway Salaries	233,635.00	-243,477.57	-9,842.57
01-5-039-002	Highway Vacation & Fringe Bene	27,991.00	-37,669.72	-9,678.72
01-5-039-003	Highway Dues & Meetings	550.00	-432.00	118.00
	Total	262,176.00	-281,579.29	-19,403.29
HIGHWAY TOOLS / GAS / OIL				
01-5-040-000	Road Machinery Tool / Gas / Oil	127,762.17	-124,147.36	3,614.81
	Total	127,762.17	-124,147.36	3,614.81
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
01-5-041-000	Snow & Ice Removal	192,000.00	-188,670.35	3,329.65
	Total	192,000.00	-188,670.35	3,329.65

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
01-5-042-001	Highway Dept Repair Town Roads	35,000.00	-36,667.19	-1,667.19
01-5-042-002	Highway Dept Town Roads / Bridges	43,774.80	-36,561.90	7,212.90
01-5-042-003	Highway Dept Street Repair	35,000.00	-29,358.05	5,641.95
01-5-042-004	Highway Dept Curbing & Culverts	5,000.00	-1,743.59	3,256.41
01-5-042-005	Highway Dept Guard Rails	10,000.00	-10,401.74	-401.74
01-5-042-006	Highway Dept Blacktop	54,000.00	-35,578.22	18,421.78
01-5-042-007	Highway Dept Engineering Serv	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
01-5-042-008	Highway Dept Stream Cleaning	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
01-5-042-011	FY2018 Article 7 - Ford F550 Dump Body & Sander	11,000.00	-7,459.65	3,540.35
01-5-042-025	Heavy Equipment Rental	10,000.00	-9,550.00	450.00
	Total	217,274.80	-167,320.34	49,954.46
RECREATION				
01-5-043-000	General Recreation Expense	6,920.00	-719.00	6,201.00
	Total	6,920.00	-719.00	6,201.00
MEMORIAL DAY				
01-5-044-000	Memorial Day	1,000.00	-600.10	399.90
	Total	1,000.00	-600.10	399.90
LIBRARY				
01-5-045-001	Library Salary	13,360.00	-11,814.75	1,545.25
01-5-045-002	Library New Books Magazines	10,362.68	-9,238.06	1,124.62
01-5-045-003	Library Insurance	950.00	-725.00	225.00
01-5-045-004	Library Exp Supplies Misc.	1,700.00	-1,653.05	46.95
01-5-045-007	Library ILL Loan Replacements	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-045-008	Library Education	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-045-009	Library Programs	800.00	-773.46	26.54
01-5-045-010	CWMARS Annual Fee	2,000.00	-1,585.00	415.00
	Total	29,472.68	-25,789.32	3,683.36
VETERANS				
01-5-046-001	Veterans Agents Salary	2,000.00	-1,166.69	833.31
01-5-046-002	Veterans Agents Expenses	0.00	-662.70	-662.70
01-5-046-003	Veterans Benefits	20,000.00	-21,020.61	-1,020.61
01-5-046-005	Veterans Cemetary Flags	800.00	0.00	800.00
01-5-046-006	Veterans Dues for Assoc.	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Total	22,850.00	-22,850.00	0.00
CEMETERY				
01-5-047-001	Cemetery Chairman Salary	800.00	-800.00	0.00
01-5-047-002	Cemetery 2nd Member Salary	800.00	-800.00	0.00
01-5-047-003	Cemetery 3rd Member Salary	800.00	-800.00	0.00
01-5-047-004	Cemetery Labor	25,578.00	-20,010.02	5,567.98
01-5-047-005	Cemetery Maint & Expenses	0.00	-718.77	-718.77
01-5-047-006	Equip Mowers Loam Tools	6,303.00	-6,155.17	147.83
01-5-047-007	Cemetery Admin & Supplies	1,087.00	-372.91	714.09
	Total	35,368.00	-29,656.87	5,711.13

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
RESERVE FUND				
01-5-048-000	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-14,800.00	5,200.00
01-5-048-001	Capital Equipment Stabilization Account	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
01-5-048-025	Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
	Total	60,000.00	-54,800.00	5,200.00
COUNCIL ON AGING				
01-5-050-001	Council on Aging Gen Expenses	500.00	-1,476.94	-976.94
01-5-050-002	Council on Aging Van Expenses	5,900.00	-3,755.23	2,144.77
01-5-050-003	Council on Aging Van Oper Salary	13,042.00	-14,369.94	-1,327.94
01-5-050-004	Council on Aging Contracted Services	3,200.00	-2,939.00	261.00
	Total	22,642.00	-22,541.11	100.89
HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
01-5-051-000	Historical Commission	500.00	-501.67	-1.67
01-5-051-001	Cheshire Agricultural Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Total	1,000.00	-501.67	498.33
INTEREST ON NOTES				
01-5-052-000	Interest on Anticipated Notes	5,000.00	-1,050.00	3,950.00
01-5-052-001	Well Bond Payment (112,769.00	-112,768.76	0.24
01-5-052-003	New Fire Truck FY2016 Yr 1	36,161.00	-36,161.00	0.00
01-5-052-004	New Highway Truck Loan (FY2016)	39,585.00	-39,585.00	0.00
01-5-052-005	FY2018 Highway Truck Loan	58,950.00	-58,950.00	0.00
01-5-052-006	FY2018 Highway Truck Loan (Interest)	1,433.00	-1,432.70	0.30
	Total	253,898.00	-249,947.46	3,950.54
ACRSD				
01-5-058-001	ACRSD Foundation Budget	1,984,517.00	-1,984,517.00	0.00
01-5-058-002	ACRSD Transportation	183,294.00	-183,294.00	0.00
01-5-058-003	ACRSD Over-Foundation	312,815.00	-312,815.00	0.00
01-5-058-011	ACRSD Building Project Interest Only	239,639.00	-239,639.00	0.00
	Total	2,720,265.00	-2,720,265.00	0.00
VOCATIONAL				
01-5-061-000	Vocational School	420,059.00	-420,405.00	-346.00
	Total	420,059.00	-420,405.00	-346.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS				
01-5-100-001	State Assess - Air Pollution	0.00	-842.00	-842.00
01-5-100-002	State Assess - RMV Nonrenewal	0.00	-2,600.00	-2,600.00
01-5-100-003	State Assess - Regional Transi	0.00	-26,066.00	-26,066.00
	Total	0.00	-29,508.00	-29,508.00
GRAND TOTAL		5,909,705.51	5,626,766.97	282,938.54

Town of Cheshire Water Enterprise Fund FY2018

Account Number	NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE				
65-5-054-001	Chairman Salary	2,986.00	-2,986.00	0.00
65-5-054-002	2nd Member Salary	2,986.00	-2,986.00	0.00
65-5-054-003	3rd Member Salary	2,986.00	-2,986.00	0.00
65-5-054-004	Superintendent	57,200.00	-56,353.98	846.02
65-5-054-005	Collector	10,300.00	-10,300.00	0.00
65-5-054-006	Licenses Operator	7,210.00	-7,210.00	0.00
65-5-054-008	Main Replacements	40,000.00	-37,634.30	2,365.70
65-5-055-000	Operating Expense	45,000.00	-57,499.85	-12,499.85
65-5-056-000	Maintenance Costs	63,332.00	-33,160.26	30,171.74
	Total	232,000.00	-211,116.39	20,883.61
IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE				
65-5-057-001	Improvements Pipe Replacement	23,000.00	0.00	23,000.00
65-5-057-002	Improvements Debt Service	25,000.00	-22,945.00	2,055.00
	Total	48,000.00	-22,945.00	25,055.00
	GRAND TOTAL	280,000.00	-234,061.39	45,938.61

Treasurer's Report

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire:

The Annual Report of the Town Treasurer for FY 2018 is hereby submitted:

Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts	Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts
Board of Assessors	190.00	190.00	Planning Board	9,925.00	9,925.00
Board of Health			Plumbing Inspector		
Bags & Stickers	85,875.00		Permits	2,730.00	2,730.00
Transfer Station - Demo	8,261.35		Police Dept		
Permits	2,565.00		Details	23,279.15	
Perc Tests	3,865.00	100,566.35	Permits	6,487.50	
Board of Selectmen			Fees / Fines	4,012.38	33,779.03
Licenses / Fees	28,039.70		Refunds	1,326.32	1,326.32
Misc Receipts	4,173.49	32,213.19	Tax Collector		
Building Inspector			Taxes / Interest / Fees	4,588,823.40	4,588,823.40
Permits	13,447.21	13,447.21	Town Clerk		
Cemetery			Dog Licenses	4,400.00	
Grave Openings	7,500.00		Fines / Late Fees	483.00	
Misc Work/Weekend	2,350.00		Rental Town Buildings	550.00	
Equipment Use	275.00		Miscellaneous	455.00	5,888.00
Deed Fees	80.00		Treasurer		
Sale of Lots	1,905.00		Health Insurance Premiums	35,492.71	
Perpetual Care Fund	3,200.00	15,310.00	Health Insurance Reimbursement	14,942.84	
Commonwealth of MA			Tax Titles	4,069.77	54,505.32
CMVI - RMV Infractions	9,132.70		Water Department		
General Government (Lottery)	584,184.00		Rents	266,606.93	
State owned land	109,999.00		Work Permits	2,569.50	
Elderly / Blind Exemption Reimbursements	20,398.00		Interest / Fees	76.06	
N. Berkshire District Court Reports	50.00		District Interest Earned	1,005.14	270,257.63
EMPG Grant	2,460.00		Wire Inspector		
Other State Revenue	263.10		Permits	22,733.50	22,733.50
Elder Affairs Grant	7,600.87		Zoning Board	775.00	775.00
Elder Affairs Incentive Grant	11,175.65		TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Library Grant	4,102.98		FY 2018:	6,423,120.04	6,423,120.04
PILOT	907.00				
Board of Health Recycling Program	2,100.00				
Civil Defense MEMA Grant	927.17				
Veteran Services	20,598.00				
Extended Polling	1,013.12				
Chapter 90	454,497.77	1,229,409.36			
Conservation Commission					
Fees / Permits	1,715.00	1,715.00			
Council on Aging					
Van Receipts	1,273.00	1,273.00			
Fire Dept					
Grants	27,694.00				
Permits	2,225.00	29,919.00			
Interest					
General Fund	4,198.60				
Trust Funds	4,135.13	8,333.73			

SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS:

Stabilization	\$ 508,656.27
Capital Equipment Stabilization	52,532.60
Cemetery Dept.- Perpetual Care	172,536.83
Cemetery Dept.- Sale of Lots	18,920.20
Cemetery Dept.- Whipple and Harkness	32,512.27
Cemetery Dept.- Dumont	6,144.45
Cemetery Dept.- Benjamin & Phyllis Bissell	1,457.00
Cemetery Dept.- John L. Brown	1,600.56
Cemetery Dept.- Lorraine N. Braund	52,523.74
Philip Burns Public Library	6,724.12
Philip Burns Public School	19,820.44
Westminster Chime	1,473.28
Veteran's Memorial	2,607.77
Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 877,509.53

LOANS

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE –
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Easthampton Savings Bank	
Loan Amount (Renewal)	\$ 657,000.00
Highway Truck I:	\$ 113,000.00
Fire Truck:	419,000.00
Highway Truck II:	125,000.00
Issue Date – February 2, 2018	
Due Date – February 1, 2019	
Interest Rate – 1.45%	
Balance July 1, 2017	657,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	0.00
Interest Expense	0.00
Balance June 30, 2018	657,000.00

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE –
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Easthampton Savings Bank	
Loan Amount	745,000.00
Highway Truck I:	170,000.00
Fire Truck:	450,000.00
Highway Truck II:	125,000.00
Issue Date – February 3, 2017	
Due Date – February 2, 2018	
Interest Rate – 1.15%	
Balance July 1, 2017	745,000.00
Paydown on Highway Truck 1:	57,000.00
Paydown on Fire Truck:	31,000.00
BAN renewal amount:	657,000.00
Interest Expense	8,543.70
Balance June 30, 2018	0.00

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND ISSUE

USDA RUS Loan: 455,000.00	
USDA RUS Grant: 150,440.00	
Amount of Bond Issue at Inception	455,000.00
Issue Date – April 28, 2016	
Term of Bond – 35 years	
With interest payable annually	
Interest Rate – 2.25%	
Balance July 1, 2017	442,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	13,000.00
Interest Expense	9,945.00
Balance June 30, 2018	429,000.00

HIGHWAY DEPT. TRUCK LOAN

Hampden Bank	
Loan Amount	195,000.00
Issue Date – March 7, 2013	
Due Date – March 7, 2018	
Interest Rate – 1.50%	
Balance July 1, 2017	39,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	39,000.00
Interest Expense	\$ 585.00
Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 0.00

LAND ACQUISITION BOND ISSUE

Amount of Bond Issue at Inception	\$ 1,158,925.00
Issue Date – December 15, 2009	
Term of Bond – 15 years	
With interest payable semiannually	
Interest Rate – 3.00%	
Balance July 1, 2017	645,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	85,000.00
Interest Expense	\$ 27,768.76
Balance June 30, 2018	560,000.00

**FIRE DEPT. – EMERGENCY RESCUE VEHICLE
BOND ISSUE**

USDA Rural Development	
Issue Date – March 11, 2008	
Due Date – March 11, 2023	
Total vehicle cost	165,000.00
Less Grant award	57,750.00
Loan Amount	107,250.00
Interest Rate – 4.25%	
Balance July 1, 2017	51,023.05
Annual Payment Amount	7,648.52
Interest Expense	\$ 2,168.48
Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 43,374.53

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Herzog

Tax Collector

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire:

The Annual Report of the Tax Collector for FY 2018 is hereby submitted:

Outstanding Taxes as of July 1, 2017:

Real Estate	\$ 224,580.13
Personal Property	4,242.84
Motor Vehicle	54,824.12
TOTAL	283,647.09

Abatements / Exemptions:

Real Estate	\$ 24,243.37
Personal Property	839.55
Motor Vehicle	19,685.23
TOTAL	44,768.15

Committed to collect:

Real Estate	3,893,430.80
Personal Property	98,856.36
Motor Vehicle	571,030.20
TOTAL	4,563,317.36

Refunds:

Real Estate	4,480.70
Motor Vehicle	10,761.44
TOTAL	15,242.14

Turned over to the Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes	3,847,664.46
Personal Property Taxes	98,475.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	573,248.45
Tax Title	10,053.51
Mobile Home Excise	16,668.00
Interest	29,013.23
Registry Marking Fees	4,160.00
Municipal Lien Fees	2,025.00
Tax Collector Fees	8,210.00
Deputy Collector Fees	10,323.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,599,840.92

Outstanding Taxes as of June 30, 2018:

Real Estate	240,679.08
Personal Property	3,784.38
Motor Vehicle	43,682.08
TOTAL	288,145.54

Hoosac Lake District

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2017:	3,026.19
Committed to collect:	23,902.78
Turned over to Treasurer:	22,794.30
Abatements	234.18
Refunded	89.93
Outstanding Taxes June 30, 2018:	\$ 3,990.42

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Herzog

Board of Assessors

The annual report of the Board of Assessors for Fiscal Year 2018 is hereby submitted.

Fiscal year 2018 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were committed to the Tax Collector on September 26, 2017.

The elected Board of Assessors is required to value all property in the town annually, at full and fair cash value (market value). Much of our direction comes from Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Department of Revenue is charged, by statute, with the responsibility of certifying every three years that the Assessors are complying with the statutes and that they do so, fairly and equitably.

Market value of property is generally determined by using the sales price of similar properties from the preceding year. These sale prices are extrapolated into previous cost tables, to then be applied to all parcels.

FY2018 was an interim adjustment year. Sales were analyzed and no changes were made to the cost or land tables.

The tax rate increased from \$12.39 to \$13.06

The Hoosac Lake District tax rate changed from \$0.55 to \$0.95.

Real Estate & Personal Property Commitments and Abatements

Commitments

Type	No. of Bills	Tax	Valuation
Real Estate	1,615	\$ 3,893,430.80	\$ 298,118,738.00
Personal Prop	29	98,856.36	7,569,401.00
Hoosac Lake Dist	107	23,902.78	25,160,600.00
Total	1,751	\$4,016,189.94	\$330,848,739.00

Abatements & Exemptions

Abatements RE	1	\$ 130.60
Abatements PP	3	839.55
Abatements LD	1	234.18
Elderly Exempt	17	3,950.00
Veteran Exempt	26	19,725.27
Blind Exempt	1	437.50
Clause 18 Exempt	0	-0-
Total	49	\$ 25,317.10

Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments & Abatements

Commitments

Year	No. of Bills	Tax
2017	558	\$ 59,971.92
2018	3,939	511,058.28
Total	4,497	\$ 571,030.20

Abatements

Year	No. of Abatements	Tax Abated
2013	1	\$ 46.25
2015	2	116.25
2016	3	107.29
2017	88	6,632.13
2018	113	12,783.31
Total	207	\$ 19,685.23

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Astorino
Everett Martin
Laurie Charon

Board of Health

To the citizens of the Town of Cheshire, the Board of Health hereby submits the annual report for Fiscal year 2018.

This year the board is again trying to stay on top of all of the recent changes in the state as far as recycling efforts, as well as the ever growing cost of transfer station tipping and hauling, which is out of our control.

Our budget is still what we projected. There is a need of some repairs to our transfer station to be brought up to state safety standards. The final cost is estimated around or between \$6,000-\$13,000. The highway superintendent, Blair Crane, has agreed to take on the majority of this work for less cost to the town.

As always, the board continues to take classes to stay abreast of the regulations and the ever-changing laws with septic systems, new and upcoming designs, as well as Title 5 witnessing and install inspections.

The Board of Health has turned back \$10,577.00 in permits and demo as well \$95,431.00 in bags and sticker sales for a total of \$106,008.00 back to the town.

Respectfully submitted

The Cheshire Board of Health,
Richard Salvi
Jeffrey Warner
Michael Biagini

Cemetery Commission

Fiscal Year 7/1/2017-6/30/2018

The majority of the fiscal year began with the three former Cemetery Commissioners at the helm. As of May 2, 2018, Anne Marie Furey was elected as a Cemetery Commissioner and the chairman for a three-year duration. Appointed to the Cemetery Commission were Peter LeFebvre and Julie Ciskowski for a one-year duration.

During the year there were a total of 29 burials:

Full Burials	12
Cremations	17
Burial Plots sold	5

The Cemetery grounds crew was led by Dave Lazarczyk and joined by Ted Dzbenski, Roger Lanski and Dave Hilchey. They maintained the West Mountain Cemeteries in addition to seven other cemeteries in Cheshire. The Cemetery Commissioners thank them for keeping Cheshire Cemetery so beautiful. We would also like to thank the Cheshire Highway Department for their service of opening graves.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Furey
Peter LeFebvre
Julie Ciskowski

Council on Aging

FY 2018 Annual Report

The following services were provided by the Cheshire Council on Aging (COA) between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018:

- The COA van traveled 9,483 miles providing 1,154 trips for medical, shopping, social, lunch and other needs.
- The Senior/Community Center has provided a place to serve over 1,600 hot lunches on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Senior Aide, Michelle Dargie oversees this service.
- Over 800 person/hours of exercise classes.
- Over 200 “Brown Bags” (staples supplied by the Food Bank each month) have been prepared by Cheshire volunteers in Adams and distributed from the Cheshire Senior/Community Center.
- Over 200 person/hours of quilting classes.
- Over 50 visits to our foot clinic.
- A 90th Birthday Party was attended by 30 persons.
- A presentation by Barry Emery from the Historic Commission was given at the Bass Water Grill.
- 64 persons took advantage of a “Skin Cancer Clinic” held at the Center.
- The COA has provided a pizza party for 40 persons, an Irish Party for 25 persons, a geneology class, an apple picking trip, a trip to Vermont, a Hudson River cruise trip, presentations on the flu, the Village concept, Bee Keeping and glass making.
- Farmer Market coupons were distributed, and the SHINE counselor provided Help to many with medical insurance questions and concerns.
- The annual intergenerational Children’s Christmas party was held at the Senior/Community Center with refreshments being provided by the COA.
- Christmas cookies were provided to Cheshire’s shut-ins.
- The “Cheshire Chatter” was published bimonthly.

Outreach Worker, Kerry Lahey, was shared by the towns of Savoy and Lanesborough by means of a grant from Elder Affairs.

The Adams Community Bank has donated \$1,000 to be used to offset future costs for Cheshire seniors utilizing the Fallon car for medical trips.

The Northern Berkshire Cultural Council granted the COA funds to provide 25 tickets for a performance of “Saturday Night Fever” at the Mac-Hayden Theatre.

Over 1,750 hours of volunteer work was donated. Thanks to everyone involved.

The Members of the Cheshire Council on Aging are :

Anna Farnam, Chairman
Helen Dargie
Gene Gebarowski
Mal Gwozdz
Butch King
Don Pulver
Peter Traub

Cheshire Library Association

The face of the Cheshire Library Association has changed this year. We had three Trustees, Ruth Andrew, Doris Perrault and Joanne Pasquini, resign. Unfortunately, Doris Perrault has since passed away and we send our condolences to her husband, Ray, and her family. We greatly appreciate their years of service and all they have done for our library. Our new Trustees are John Bianchi, Aimee Casey and Karen Drain. We are looking forward to their help to continue the mission of our library.

Our patron count has reached 805 and we are always happy when our numbers increase. We had \$125,465.69 (6,349 items) worth of materials circulated from our library, including \$27,139.93 of material borrowed from other libraries and \$10,013.54 of our materials shared with other libraries through the Inter-Library Loan program of CWMARS. We have thousands of dollars of materials for loan, including books, DVDs, audiobooks, children's materials, periodicals and even cake pans! If we don't have what you are looking for, please ask and we'll see if we can get.

Passes for the Berkshire Museum, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Historic Deerfield Village, Hancock Shaker Village, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens, Mass MoCA, Albany Institute History and Art and DCR parking passes for reduced entrance fees are available for Cheshire residents.

Some of the programs sponsored by the Cheshire Library Association and the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council included Bee Keeping, Tie One On, a service project making scarves for the less fortunate, Paint an Slurp, Self-Care and Empowerment, Cookie Decorating, Erratic Wanderings, The Mammoth Cheese, Garden Fairies and the Boston Science Museum program. Trick or Treating at the library was new and a big hit. We are always looking for new ideas. If you would like to offer a program or have ideas for new programs, please let us know.

We partnered with the Family Center for three events, Every Child Ready to Read, Creepy, Crawly, Buggy Storytime and Let's Build It, a STEM Storytime.

Our Library Director, Amy Emerson-Inhelder, has story hour for preschoolers on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. The stories and activities are a fun way to get future readers engaged and interested in reading. She also runs "Cabin Fever" and a summer reading program for all ages. This year's summer reading program theme was "Libraries Rock." The Museum of Science brought us "Planetarium," inflatable planetarium!!

We are always available on Facebook, and at our website: www.cheshirepubliclibrary.wordpress.com

It's a great way to find out what is going on at the library, or reserve your next book, DVD, etc. through CWMARS Inter-Library Loan and pick them up at the Cheshire Library while in the comfort of our own home.

Remember, our library cards are free and can save you lots of money! Please stop by for a visit soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Baker
President,
Cheshire Library
Association Trustees

Members:

John Bianchi
Suzanne Boyle
Aimee Casey
Karen Drain
Christine Emerson
Heather Emerson
Jack Girard
Diane Hitter
Inez Jepson.

Building Inspector

Fiscal Year: 07/01/17– 6/30/18
 Supplements to the Annual Report

To The Citizens of Cheshire:

The Building Inspection Department ensures that all new construction, alterations, renovations, repairs and demolitions are in conformance with 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code, Massachusetts General Laws, Town of Cheshire Zoning By-Laws and any other applicable codes and statutes enforced by the Building Inspector.

A total of 116 permits were issued

Job Code

1	New Residential Homes	2
1A	Foundation only.....	3
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	80
3	Accessory Buildings.....	2
4	Pools.....	0
5	Demolition.....	6
6	Other.....	9
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial.....	0
8	Garage Residential.....	3
9	Signs.....	0
10	Stoves.....	11
11	Fences	0
12	Commercial / New.....	0

Total Job Values\$ 2,337,515.00
 Permit Fees Collected.....\$ 13,447.21

The 2015 *International Building Code* (IBC) and the 2015 *International Residential Code* (IRC) became in effect on October 20, 2017 with Massachusetts Amendments. The BBRS also voted to adopt the **2015 IECC as an equivalent to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code.**

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for their appointment to this position and all of the departments for their cooperation and dedication of service. I look forward to working with the citizens of Cheshire and assisting them in their endeavors to make this an enjoyable community.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald W Garner, CBO
 Building Commissioner /
 Inspector of Buildings

Wire Inspector

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire, as Wire Inspector of the Town of Cheshire I submit this Report from January 2018 to December 2018.

1	Modular Home
3	Garage Wiring
1	Addition
3	Heating Systems
4	Service Upgrades
6	New Services
3	Underground Services
2	Services & Minor Wiring
1	Meter & Panel Change
1	Meter Socket Change
1	Replace Panel
2	High School Minor Projects
1	New Panel & Misc. Wiring
1	Emergency Service
2	Minor Wiring
5	Remodels
1	Garage & Breezeway
1	Porch
1	Storage Building
1	Hot Tub
1	Controls for Well Pumps
1	Addition & Rewire House
16	Solar Electric Photovoltaic (PV) System
3	Generators

YEARLY PERMIT

Number of Permits..... 61
 Number of Inspections..... 130
 Total Fees Collected \$ 16,530.00

Respectfully submitted,

George Sweet
 Wire Inspector
 Les Rhinemiller
 Assistant Wire Inspector

Police Department

To the Board of Selectman and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, as Chief of Police, it is my pleasure to submit to you my annual report for fiscal year 2018.

This year was a year of yet another change in our Department. Our new full-time Officer, Mike Alibozek, has been doing a tremendous job in his new role and has been very well received. He has been instrumental as our Field Training Officer as well, with our new Officers we have, and will be hiring. This year we had three of our Officers retire from our Department. They are Staff Sergeant Alison Warner, Sgt. Steven Charon and Officer Joseph Charon. We want to wish them well in their future. We appointed one new Officer, Dylan Vandoloski, to help fill the shifts and will be looking to add more to our roster to support the schedule we strive to maintain. Sergeant Alibozek is also our School Liason Officer and contact person whenever something arises at the school.

This year at our annual Town Meeting, The Town gave their support to our Department purchasing a new cruiser to replace our 2008 Ford Crown Victoria. In November of 2017, we received our new 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV police cruiser and put it into service. Our 2008 Ford sedan was donated to Massachusetts Special Olympics to be used locally at all the events held to support the Special Olympic athletes. The car has been redesigned and decaled sporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Massachusetts Special Olympic logos. A picture is available to view at the Police Station.

Our Department has its own Facebook page and encourage all who use Facebook to like our page, Cheshire Police. We post whatever we feel important for you to know such as safety concerns, school closings, storm updates, community events and much more.

I would continue to ask residents who see anything suspicious to please call the cruiser cell phone at 413-446-3920. If a suspicious vehicle is seen, get a plate number first, and then if time permits, get a good description. We will follow up on any call we receive even if it turns out to be nothing. Thank-you for any assistance.

“If You See Something, Say Something”

Our department members continue to take training and refresher courses as they become available. Some are mandatory and others are taken to further educate our members. We will continue to do the best job possible for the residents of the Town of Cheshire.

I would like to thank my Officers who continue to step up to the plate and volunteer for the various functions in Town like various events such as parades that are held, Memorial Day and Halloween, our kids’ Easter Egg hunt as well as many other functions. My thanks.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Cheshire Police Department for your continued dedication and professionalism. My thanks to the Board of Selectman for your continued support of our Department. Also to the members of the Cheshire Fire Department and E.M.S. squad for your outstanding hard work and assistance when needed. My thanks to the Mass. State Police and surrounding Departments for assistance when needed. And as always, last but not least, my thanks to the residents of the Town of Cheshire for your much appreciated continued support of the Police Department. **THANK-YOU.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Tim Garner

CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

CHIEF OF POLICE
TIM GARNER 203

OFFICER
DAVID TARJICK 375

OFFICER
DYLAN VANDOLOSKI 215

OFFICER
NICK SORRELL 205

SERGEANT FULL-TIME
MICHAEL ALIBOZEK 197

OFFICER
TRISH CARLO 201

OFFICER
AMALIO JUSINO 575

OFFICER
CODY ALVAREZ 393



BOAT AND HARBORMASTER DUTIES
BLAIR CRANE 209

Police Department *(cont.)*

TOTAL CALLS FOR FY 2018

Calls on Police Line -----	119	Hit and Run -----	0
Miscellaneous Calls-----	92	Motor Vehicle Accidents-----	29
Assist Other Police Depts.-----	45	A.T.V. Accidents -----	0
B & E Complaints -----	3	Snowmobile Accident -----	0
Disturbances -----	15	Stolen Motor Vehicle -----	1
Assault and Battery-----	1	D.M.V.-----	15
A & B / Dangerous Weapon -----	0	Harassing Phone Calls -----	3
Domestic Disturbances-----	22	Harassment -----	2
Drunk Persons -----	0	Abuse Complaints -----	0
Missing Persons -----	5	Alarm Calls-----	31
Prowler Complaints -----	0	911 Calls -----	4
Shooting Complaints-----	2	Abandoned 911 Calls -----	11
Repo Motor Vehicle -----	0	Fire Calls -----	3
Larceny Under -----	6	M.V. Lockouts -----	5
Larceny Over -----	3	Arrest Without Warrant-----	5
Vandalism-----	1	Arrest By Warrant -----	3
Animal Complaints -----	41	Illegal Dumping -----	1
Medical Calls-----	127	Bomb Threat -----	0
Unattended Deaths-----	2	Suspicious Activity-----	1
		Recovered Stolen M.V. -----	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR FY2018

Returned Fines to the Town of Cheshire

District Court Fines -----	\$ 3,282.38
Registry of Motor Vehicle Infractions -----	\$ 9,132.70

Motor Vehicle Infractions

Citations Issued -----	100
Warnings Issued-----	48
Civil Citations Issued -----	37
Criminal Applications -----	12
Arrests Made -----	3

Fees Returned to the Town of Cheshire

Pistol Permits-----	\$ 3,212.50
Report Fees -----	\$ 700.00
Parking Ticket Fines-----	\$ 255.00

Cruiser Mileage Logged

3130 - 2008 Crown Victoria Sedan -----	8,159
3131 - 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV -----	13,259
3130 - 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV -----	17,438

Total Returned Fines and Fees to the Town Generated by the Police Department----- \$ 16,582.58

Cheshire Fire Department - Hoosac Hose Co.

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, it is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the Cheshire Fire Department for 2018.

In 2018 the Cheshire Fire Department responded to 380 calls for service. These calls for service required either a fire department or an EMS response, both of which are provided by the Cheshire Fire Department. Additionally, the command staff of the department issued 175 burning permits, 3 certificates of compliance, 22 oil burner installation permits, 29 propane tank installation permits, 4 underground oil tank removal permits, 4 new oil tank installation permits, 2 gasoline mobile tank storage permits, 1 firework display permit and 83 smoke and carbon monoxide compliance permits.

This year, the department was again successful in being awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that is offered by the Federal Government. We have been awarded this grant for the last 6 years thanks to the Fire Department's grant writer, Amalio Jusino, from Emergency Response Consulting. The AFG grant is a grant that allows the department to purchase critical pieces of equipment and training that otherwise would have to be purchased by the town. With this grant we are able to provide equipment and training to our firefighters and EMTs that makes their jobs safer and easier without burdening the town with additional expense(s). This is a win for both the town of Cheshire as well as the members of the Cheshire Fire Department. This year, we were able to upgrade our JAWS of Life and purchase new, cordless, modern tools that will make our extrication challenges at motor vehicle crashes that much easier and allow us to extricate our patients faster, getting them to needed medical hospitals at a quicker rate. This new JAWS replaces our older, hydraulic JAWS that was purchased in 1989. Without the AFG grant, this wouldn't have been possible.

I have mentioned for the past several years that recruitment and retention has been a problem for our Fire Department as well as all volunteer departments across the nation. I am happy to report that we have had several new applicants apply to be members of the department and all are anxious to help our department and our town making us that much more staffed and ready to respond to emergencies. That being said, we are always looking for new members to augment our department. If you, or someone you may know is interested in joining, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the members of the department to see how they may help.

This year, our fire station suffered a catastrophic roof collapse that impacted the north end of our fire station. Members arrived at the station one day to find water pouring into the north section of the station. After some investigation it was determined that the roof sheathing was suffering from severe rot causing the leaks in the roof. Of course, while the water was leaking inside, it ruined some interior portions of the station as well. When a contractor was contacted and responded, they found such severe rot and breakdown of the roof, that the entire north end of the roof of the station had to be reengineered and construction was halted while the engineering could be completed. After a few days of placing buckets around the station to collect the rain

water, the roof was reengineered, and work began again to get the roof sealed up before the coming winter. Fortunately, the contractor was able to complete the work in time before the first snowfall and both the exterior work as well as the interior work was completed. Only some cosmetic interior work remains to be completed as of this writing. We will continue to monitor the condition of our station and keep the residents posted on any changes that may occur. We are hoping that with the north section of the roof rebuilt, our roof leak issues are behind us.

The department continues to train every Thursday night at 7 pm. During these training drills we practice a number of skills that keep our firefighters and EMTs trained to the highest level and I am proud of how professional and trained our firefighters and EMTs are. Our members also attend training at the Department of Fire Services in both Stow and Springfield, MA, several times throughout the year to learn the newest skills as well as to keep up several national certifications that some of our members have attained. All of the members of the Cheshire Fire Department are certified Medical First Responders, certified in recognizing and dealing with hazardous materials, as well as cardio pulmonary respiration (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillators or AEDs. Cheshire also belongs and utilizes a county-wide mutual aid system that provides fire and emergency medical services to neighboring towns and cities in Berkshire County during times of need and large-scale incidents. We regularly train with our neighboring departments to build and maintain a positive working relationship with our brother and sister firefighters and EMTs.

The fundraising side of the Cheshire Fire Department is the Hoosac Hose Company. The Hoosac Hose Company continues to give back to our community by donating money to several high school and middle school sports teams. We also donate to several youth programs as well as have scholarships for local graduating seniors from local high schools. The Hoosac Hose Company also sponsors a Little League Baseball team as well as gives money to youth outdoor programs and to those youths looking to get into the public safety field.

In closing, I would like to thank the men and women of the Cheshire Fire Department. Your dedication and commitment to the residents of the Town of Cheshire as well as to those passing through is second to none. You continually give up time away from your family and friends to provide the most professional, dedicated service to the town. Thank you for all you do on a daily basis. I am proud of each and every one of you.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Cheshire Police Department, the Cheshire Highway Department, the Massachusetts State Police, the Adams Ambulance Service and everyone else that helps us do our jobs every day. Without you we wouldn't be as successful as we are.

Respectfully,

Thomas Francesconi
Fire Chief



CHESHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Hoosac Hose Company)



FIRE CHIEF

Thomas Francesconi

ASSISTANT CHIEFS

Jason Mendonca

Corey Swistak

FIRE CAPTAINS

Shawn Martin

Kim Martin

Andy Heath

EMS CAPTAIN

Fred Balawender

FIREFIGHTERS

Dan Barnes

Brent Lancia

Craig Comstock

Brian Lancia

CJ Garner

William Lewis

Tim Garner

Erin Paris

Fran Gwozdz

Gary Russell

Andy Kachel

Chris Smith

Del Krzeminski

Quinn Whitney

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Fred Balawender

Sandra Martin

APPRENTICES

Josh Pettit

Mike Sebato

RETIRED RESERVES

Mark Biagini

Mike Biagini

HONORARY MEMBERS

Michael Biagini

Ed Gwozdz

George Sweet (Retired Chief)

HOOSAC HOSE COMPANY OFFICERS

Robert Belini

Gary Lamb

Ralph Biagini

Paul Astorino

HOOSAC HOSE COMPANY OFFICERS

Tim Garner - Secretary

Erin Paris - Treasurer

AUXILLARY MEMBERS

Barry Emery

Joe Wilk

Historical Commission

Annual Report 2018

Our year began with anticipation of Cheshire's 225th Anniversary (1793-2018). As part of the Anniversary Committee, costumed Commission members presented a display of 18th and 19th century Cheshire domestic and farm artifacts, for the opening Anniversary Gala.

Through our collections, we were able to depict Cheshire dairy farming traditions. The display included many glass dairy farm milk bottles. At one time there were more than forty operational dairies in town. Some of the earliest produced the famous Cheshire Cheese for President Jefferson. The display included member Gus Martin's slide show featuring old Cheshire dairy barns.

Cheshire's oldest citizen, Juliette Campbell, 106, who received the Historical Commission's first Honorary Senior Cane last year, was in attendance at the Gala. She was honored with much applause.

An urgent project of the Commission will be undertaken this year. With Select Board approval, we were able to hire Brazeau Masonry for the much-needed repair of the historic town trough. This beautiful fountain, built in 1914, requires extensive rehabilitation. The Commission will present the trough's interesting history with appropriate nearby signage following the work. Restoration will begin after Labor Day.

The Commission is currently in discussion with the Select Board regarding ways to preserve and enhance the structure and environment of Stafford Monument, Cheshire's major Revolutionary War Memorial.

As of this report, we are exploring possibilities for securing a suitable headquarters to properly display our town's rich history.

Please keep the Commission in mind if you plan to dispose of any Cheshire Treasures. We will give them a good home.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hitter, Chair
Dawn Daniels
Elaine Daniels
Vern Emerson
Barry Emery
Bob Hitter
Gus Martin

Water Department

Mission Statement adopted
by the Board of Water Commissioners:
*To provide safe drinking water to our customers,
be in compliance with all current and new drinking
water regulations, be fiscally sound,
and be sensitive to our customers needs.*

Annual Report
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The Board of Water commissioners are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 2018.

The Board of Water commissioners meets at the Town Hall every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The Cheshire Water Department continues to look for efficiencies in operating your water system.

The Cheshire Water Department is also looking to find ways to conserve the land which we care for. We believe that land conservation, wildlife protection and preservation are part of our watershed area. We vow to protect these resources, as well as, our most basic need for life, water!! We are currently working with a State Forester to manage our forest.

Listed below are the projects completed
by the Water Department in 2017/2018.

- Consumer Confidence Report compiled and delivered to water users.
- Statistical Report completed and submitted to Mass DEP.
- Serviced Emergency Generator.
- Completed all mandatory water quality testing including lead, copper, Arsenic, and nitrates.
- Redevelopment on Well #2.
- GIS mapping of the water system.
- Town-wide leak detection.
- Calibrated Master Meter.
- Rehab West Mt. Pit.
- Updated our Operation and Maintenance Plan & Master Plan.
- Fixed 4 leaks and replaced 1 gate.
- Painted Fire hydrants.

Please feel free to stop in any Tuesday evening if you have any comments or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

The Cheshire Water Department


Board of Water Commissioners

Francis A. Waterman, Jr., Chairman/Commissioner

Rick Gurney, Commissioner

Donald F. Rueger, Commissioner

Town Block Party



TOWN OF CHESHIRE
225th Anniversary
1793-2018
 Year Long Celebration
www.cheshireproud.com



Town Block Party



Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

www.nbswmd.com

The Town of Cheshire CY18 Annual Report

For Calendar Year 2018, 873.69 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled District-Wide. The Town of Cheshire recycled 59.22 tons of paper and 35.63 tons of glass, cans and plastic. Textile Recovery, One World Center Clothes Collection Box 15, 120 pounds collected. Congratulations on being the Top Collector of the District Towns! Thank You for keeping textiles from the waste stream and donating. Your Town's Scrap Metal Recycling Program collected 34.50 Tons, generating \$1,897.50 revenue for the Transfer station.

The District contracted with PSC/Stericycle for a one-day Hazardous Waste Collection that was held on June 2, 2018 at the Adams DPW Yard. This location is central to the residents of the thirteen Member Towns and we appreciate the Town of Adams allowing NBSWMD the use of the property for that day. Residents from every member town, 145 households in all, took advantage of the opportunity to rid their homes of hazardous chemicals. The cost for this one-day event was \$6,550.83. Peace of mind for residents - "Priceless"! Thank you to Town of Adams Commissioner, Edward Driscoll for your help at our much-needed Collection.

Six paint collections were held from May until the end of June. What we are doing different - no longer accepting Latex paint. As Coordinator of the District, I worked closely with Mass DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator on this recent change. Latex paint is not a hazardous waste, handouts were distributed educating District residents on reuse options / dry it up / dispose in trash. We shipped out 875 gallons of oil-based paint and stain and (3) 55-gallon drums of spray paint (220 gallons) at a cost of \$5,953.58. Box packing the oil-based paints is a messy job. Special thanks to Transfer Station attendants, Shawn Wright and Amy Broderick, Assistant Court Services Coordinator's Trial Courts Office of Community Corrections Commonwealth of Massachusetts crew for their volunteer efforts and hard work. Thanks also to the Cheshire, Hinsdale and Williamstown DPW crews who provide us with assistance and storage space for our Supplies.

We began the Paint Program in 1998 to meet a need. It is now consuming more and more of our program budget. We are currently working with Paint Care (paint manufacturers group), the Product Stewardship Institute and Massachusetts Product Stewardship Committee to pass legislation that would have the paint manufacturers pay for paint collection, either at retail stores or municipal transfer stations. We are actively advocating its passage.

The District has six Mercury Product Sheds for District member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by Mass DEP. This program has increased with collections - location of sheds: Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor and Williamstown Transfer Station. NLR, Inc., is the designated facility for the District's recycling. To stay in compliance with Mass DEP, all sheds must be cleaned and packed for shipping on a yearly basis. A big Thank you again to Shawn Wright and Amy Broderick, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of Community Corrections for their volunteer efforts and hard work. The District recycled 310 NI-CAD, 287 Lithium and 169 Alkaline batteries. Recycled Lamps - 1,390 CFL Compact PL, 35 CLFL Circle line, 50 U-Style, 105 8-foot, 2,010 4-foot, and 65 2-foot Fluorescent

Lamps at a cost of \$3,237.49. We continue with Outreach and Education in assisting our communities in converting their household and businesses to LED lighting.

The District, with town volunteers, held Annual Bulky and Electronic waste collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. Total material collected at Adams: 11,450 pounds of electronics, 2.20 tons of scrap metal, and 4.06 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Lanesborough: 6,950 pounds of electronics, 5.80 tons of scrap metal, and 4.75 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Clarksburg: 4,200 pounds of electronics, 2.22 tons of scrap metal and 1.21 tons of furniture, etc. Thanks to Greg DeBlois, Shawn Wright and Amy Broderick and Crew, Carl McKinney, Joe Szczepaniak, Selectman Sayers, Paul Howcroft, Selectman Bush, Selectman Nowak, Scott and Daniel Cernik and Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough DPW. The District had 3 very successful Bulky Waste Collection events. The schedule for 2019 will be listed on our website and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized.

This year, NBSWMD Program Coordinator filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" to seven towns in the District and NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants and purchase a Roll-Off Container. This container will rotate among the towns and every town will benefit. There were six towns in the District that received Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, with NBSWMD contribution of \$1,500.00.

The Towns of Cheshire, Williamstown, Windsor and Savoy were again recognized and awarded funds under the Mass. DEP Recycling Dividends Program. The District is proud to announce 2 newcomers receiving Recycling Dividends Program, Towns of Adams and Hinsdale. This program awards points for achievement. Awards for the District Member Town's: Adams \$2,800.00, Cheshire \$3,150.00, Hinsdale \$2,800.00, Savoy \$2,800.00, Williamstown \$4,200.00 and Windsor \$3,150.00. The funds are reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects. Congratulations! All the Towns increased their RDP grant dollars from last calendar year. My goal is to help all the Towns achieve RDP Grant awards.

The waste stream continues to evolve, and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at collecting textiles, Compost Distribution Program, Mattress Recycling Incentive grant opportunity, Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled September 28th, 2019 to be held in Adams, expanding our "Green Team" collaboration with our Districts Local Schools, Outreach and Education.

Thank you all for a Great Year - Board of Commissioners, Town Officials, Volunteers, and most of all the Transfer Station / Recycling Attendants that make it all happen.

Reuse - Recycle - Re-think - Donate and Recycle whenever possible

Linda Cernik
NBSWMD Program Coordinator

Rick Salvi
NBSWMD Commissioner for the Town of Cheshire

Annual Election Warrant - May 7, 2018

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In the Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire at:

Cheshire Community / Senior Center
119 School Street, Cheshire, MA
Monday, May 7th, 2018 Cheshire Annual Election
Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

To elect:

- One Selectmen for a term of three years
- One Assessor for a term of three years
- One Board of Health Member for a term of three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Water Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Tax Collector for a term of three years
- One Town Clerk for a term of three years
- One Planning Board Member for a term of five years
- One Constable for a term of one year
- One Adams Cheshire Regional School District School Committee Member from Cheshire
- One Adams Cheshire Regional School District School Committee Member from Adams

Question One:

“Shall the Town of Cheshire vote to accept the provisions of Section Six C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorizes cities and town to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?”

Yes _____ No _____

Summary of the question:

Question One asks whether the voters will authorize the Town of Cheshire to spend public funds to remove snow and ice from private ways located within the Town. An example of those private ways are the roads that surround and abut Cheshire Lake. An affirmative vote means that it is appropriate to use public funds to remove snow and ice from private ways and a negative vote means that it is not appropriate to use public funds to remove snow and ice from private ways.

Question Two:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2017, entitled ‘An Act Relative to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cheshire’, be accepted?”

Yes _____ No _____

Summary of the act:

The Act referred to in Question Two authorizes an increase in the Board of Selectmen of Cheshire from three members to five members. The Act will not go into effect without approval of the voters of Cheshire. An affirmative vote signifies the voter’s agreement to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members. A negative vote signifies the voter’s rejection of the Petition and rejecting an increase to the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members. If this Question passes, the Petition will be sent to the Legislature for passage. If it is passed, an election will be held at the time of the next annual election for the fourth and fifth members of the Board of Selectmen.

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Robert S. Ciskowski Carol A. Francesconi Edmund St. John IV

A true copy: Attest: Constable

Berkshire,ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Cheshire by posting up attested copies of the same at: Cheshire Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Cheshire Post Office, H.D. Reynolds General Merchandise, Cheshire Police Station and the Cheshire Community/Senior Center. _____ days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Cheshire

Cheshire Annual Election Results - May 7, 2018

OFFICE	NAME	Number of Votes	OFFICE	NAME	Number of Votes
Selectmen	Mark Biagini	191	Constable: 1 Year Term	Robert Copeland	306
	Robert Ciskowski	297		Andrew Kachel	166
	Write-in	1		Blanks	30
	Blanks	13			502
		502	ACRSD School Committee:		
Assessor	Everett Martin	370	Member from Cheshire (all write-ins)		
	Mark Biagini	1	Bethany DeMarco	93	
	Carol Daniels	1	Gary Trudeau	4	
	Donald Trump	1	John Bianchi	3	
	Linda Garner	1	Mary Ellen Baker	3	
	"ME"	1	Ronald DeAngelis	2	
	Blanks	127	Richard Jennings	2	
		502	Andrew Kachel	2	
Board of Health	Richard Salvi	429	Darlene Rodowicz	2	
	"ME"	1	Lorraine Blank	2	
	Blanks	72	Brent Lancia	1	
		502	Kenneth Bleil	1	
Tax Collector	Richard Salvi	429	Julie Ciskowski	1	
	"ME"	1	Robert Balawender	1	
	Blanks	72	Austin Herzog	1	
		502	Mark Biagini	1	
Town Clerk	Rebecca Herzog	446	Shawn McGrath	1	
	Blanks	56	Daniel Delorey	1	
		502	Caitlin Larabee	1	
Cemetery Commissioner	Christine B. Emerson	443	Patricia Rech	1	
	Lynda Bianchi	7	Art Kaufman	1	
	Pleasant Person	1	James Boyle	1	
	Blanks	51	Eugene Gebarowski	1	
		502	Carol Francesconi	1	
			Blanks	387	
				502	
Water Commissioner	Anne Marie Furey	405	ACRSD School Committee: Member from Adams		
	Andrew Kachel	1	Michael Mucci Jr.	321	
	Michael Biagini	1	Leave ACRSD	1	
	Paul Joppich	1	John Bianchi	1	
	Michelle Dargie	1	Erin Milne	1	
	Julie Ciskowski	1	Bethany DeMarco	2	
	Jack Girard	1	Pam St. John	1	
	Carol Daniels	1	Bethany DeMarsico	1	
	Blanks	90	Blanks	174	
		502		502	
Planning Board: 5 Year Term	Rick Gurney	412	Question 1: (Roads Snow Removal)		
	Richard Jennings	1	Yes	290	
	Tom Zappula	1	No	188	
	"ME"	1	Blanks	24	
	Richard Salvi	1		502	
	Blanks	86	Question 2: 3 to 5 Selectmen to Legislature		
		502	Yes	276	
			No	201	
			Blanks	25	
				502	
			ATTEST: True Copy		
			Christine B. Emerson		
			Cheshire Town Clerk		
			May 9, 2018		

Annual Town Meeting - June 11, 2018

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In The Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire at:

Cheshire Elementary School Auditorium
191 Church St., Cheshire, 01225
Monday, June 11, 2018
7:00 pm
Voter check-in to begin at 6:30 pm.
CHESHIRE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting called to order by Moderator St. John at 7:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance said.

Moderator called for a show of hands of all Non-voters present.

Voters present 142

Non-voters present 11

Moderator St. John stated that Cheshire is celebrating its 225th Anniversary which began with a birthday party in March, events are listed on the Town website. June 30, a ceremony to denote Cheshire as a Star Appalachian Community will take place, including a hike to the Cobbles and continue at Diane's Twist near the Bike Trail.

Article 1. To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and the other officers and to act thereon.

Motion to accept the report as presented made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Mrs. Francesconi, Chair of the Cheshire Board of Selectmen made the following comments.

The Town's Certified Free Cash at the beginning of this meeting is \$416, 620 if all the articles are approved the balance will be \$200, 610.

If all the budget items are approved the Town will be \$53,000 under our levy limit.

Correction: The Clean Lake Program is \$20,000 not \$16,000 as listed under the Selectmen's line items.

The elected and appointed officials have received an across the board 2% pay increase.

The Town Administrator's salary has increased to \$40,000, as the current Town Administrator will be retiring during the coming fiscal year and a salary needed to reflect a salary that qualified candidates might attract as well as more hours on the job.

Mrs. Francesconi then explained the increases or decreases in budget or article numbers for the coming year.

Also, explained what each article on the warrant represented.

Motion on the floor to accept Article 1.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and to pay interest on loans maturing in this year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: *The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.*]

Moderator St. John stated that this is the budget, he will read the sub totals. Any voter wishing to hold an item, please state "Set Aside." The balance of the budget will then be voted, minus the "set-asides." Then each "set aside" will be discussed and voted separately.

"Set Asides", Clean Lake Program under Selectmen's budget, Board of Health, and Adams-Cheshire Regional School budget.

Moderator called for a motion to vote the balance of the budget. Motion made by Justin Kruszyna, co-chair of the Advisory Board; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Set-aside, Clean Lake Program. Mrs. Francesconi explained that the amount was incorrect in the printed budget, the figure of \$20,000 is the correct figure. This will change the total for the Selectmen's budget and also the Town total budget figure.

Motion to accept the line item as presented made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Set-aside, Board of Health requested by Irene Bator.

Mrs. Bator's question was why the Compactor hours are being reduced and the bag and sticker cost is the same.

Mr. Biagini, of the Board of Health, replied that the cost of the bags and stickers equal the amount for removal of the compactor bins.

A survey was done and the Cheshire Compactor was open for more hours than other Berkshire County sites, with the exception of Williamstown whose site is run by the Highway DPW. Therefore a decision was made to reduce the hours that Cheshire Compactor is open.

Motion to accept the Board of Health budget as presented made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Motion to accept the corrected budget total made by Bill Craig; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$170,000 (one hundred seventy thousand dollars) to reduce the tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate any additional sum or sums of money which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under any applicable State Aid Highway Programs for construction or improvements to Town roads and bridges as requested by the Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$4,500 (four thousand five hundred dollars) for the purpose of purchasing an "e-permitting" system to be utilized by the Town's building, electrical and plumbing inspectors, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion:

Explanation of e-permitting program was made by Moderator St. John.

Question by Mr. Biagini, will there be future use available to other boards?

Not at this time was the answer.

Voice Vote.

Unanimous.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new model year 4-wheel drive three-quarter ton pick-up truck and plow for use of the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion:

Bernard Bator questioned how many Highway employees there were and how many trucks did the Highway Department have?

Blair Crane, Highway Superintendent answered four employees, two 1-ton trucks, two dump trucks.

Mr. Bator also asked how many trucks were being traded in.

The answer was two.

Mr. Ciskowski stated that for a couple of years now, the Selectmen felt the Highway Superintendent should have a small truck. Not use their own vehicles for errands or 24/7 on call. The liability is a big part of this decision. Also a small truck is economical and useful.

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) for the purpose of funding a ride sharing pilot program for Cheshire residents needing transportation to medical appointments beyond the geographical limits of the Cheshire Council on Aging van, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion:

Mr. St. John explained that this is to fund a “pilot program” for the COA. The Town of Adams was gifted a Nissan Rogue for the purpose of transporting residents to medical facilities outside of Berkshire County. Cheshire has been invited to join in this program. The cost is to cover the trips mileage and driver, unless the driver is a volunteer. Adams Community Bank has donated \$1,500 to this program. The program will be on a one year trial basis, until a firm figure on the cost for this program can be established.

Voice Vote. **Motion carried.**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Cheshire bylaws by accepting the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 6N, “Private Ways; Temporary Repairs, Ordinances or By-laws’, specifically and limited to the following conditions: (a) repairs to non-accepted Town ways shall be limited to the leveling of existing ways; (b) any repairs are required by public necessity to allow for the safe travel of emergency vehicles and; (c) the Town shall be exempt from any liability resulting from these repairs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article with the amended language of public ways and non-accepted Town ways with “public access” made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion:

The list of roads had been read at the beginning of the meeting. Explanation that this article is the second part of the Chapter 40 that was voted last year.

Motion to amend the wording to private ways with public access and also (a) non-accepted Town ways with public access.

Voice vote on the amended language. **Motion carried.**

Motion made to accept the article as amended made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote. **Motion carried.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Cheshire bylaws Article 5 Advisory Committee by changing the title from Advisory Committee to Finance Committee, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion:

The only change to this by-law is the name. The Finance Committee will have the same duties that the by-law outlines.

Voice Vote. **Motion carried.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Cheshire bylaws Article 39, Section 1 **Town Compactor Site** as follows: “The Board of Health shall have control, supervision and responsibility for the operation of the Town Compactor and related activities other than the supervision of the Town Compactor attendants, who shall fall under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen or their designee,” *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as presented made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion:

Explanation of this change was given in Mrs. Francesconi early remarks.

Voice Vote. **Motion carried.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Collector a fee of \$10.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2018, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None.

Voice Vote. **Motion carried.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) from Certified Water Operations Retained Earnings and appropriate the same amount to the FY 2019 Water Department Operations line item, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as presented by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None
Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning by-laws by inserting a new section, "8.7 Marijuana Establishments," or take any other action in relation thereto.

The purpose of this section is to provide for the placement of Marijuana Establishments (MEs) and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers in suitable locations in the Town of Cheshire in recognition of and in accordance with "The Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed," M.G.L. ch. 94G and "Medical Use of Marijuana", M.G.L. 94I. The specific purpose of this section is to safeguard the built environment by permitting compliance with state law in a manner consistent with community and neighborhood concerns, while also ensuring that those entities permitted to operate a ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, as defined herein, comply with the relevant provisions of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2016, Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, and the regulations promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) found at 935 CMR 500.000 and 105 CMR 725.000 et seq.

[NOTE: The full text of this proposed bylaw (8.7) shall be made available at this meeting.]

Motion to accept the article as presented made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion:

Moderator St. John stated that this article requires a 2/3 vote.

William Craig made a motion to amend Section 8.7 section d (2) from one to six.

Motion to amend from one to six; seconded.

Voice Vote for amendment.

Motion carried.

Card Vote Taken. Yes: 96 No: 23
Amended article passed.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20, which will allow the Town to establish and fund and Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB), or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion:

Mark Webber, Town Administrator, explained that the Auditors are insisting that this account be set-up. This account will then be a reoccurring line item on the budget in the future. This has

a positive effect on the Town's ability to borrow money and will affect the Town's Bond Rating.

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB), or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: Action on this article is conditional upon approval of the preceding article (Article 14.)]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion:

This amount will establish the line item on the Town Budget.

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, per MGL Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of \$230,000 (two hundred thirty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new model year 10-wheel, all season dump body truck with plow and side wing and to dispose of a 2003 International Model 7600 dump truck and associated snow plowing equipment and a 2006 International Model 7500 and associated snow plowing equipment to the highest responsible bidder, contingent upon subsequent passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: The Advisory Board recommends approval of this Article.]

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for borrowing approval and subsequent majority ballot vote for a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion to be held at a future election.]

Motion to accept the article as presented made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Moderator stated that this article will require a 2/3 vote at this meeting and also a Special Election Prop 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote at a future date.

Discussion:

Mr. St. John taking off his Moderator Hat and putting on his Selectmen Hat stated that this truck purchase would increase efficiency for the Highway Department, as they would not have to return to garage as many times if there was a larger vehicle to employ. He also stated that it would be a wise investment for the Town infrastructure.

Bernard Bator, asked why not trade the other vehicles instead of sale because of the lemon laws.

Mr. St. John stated that the article allows trade-in or sale.

Michael Biagini Jr. stated that he believed the 10-wheeler was too big to turn around on some of Cheshire's roads. Stating further that Cheshire does need a new truck but not a 10-wheeler.

Blair Crane answered that times change and the truck will be able to turn on the roads.

Thomas Ayotte asked could the 10-wheeler be stored in the Town Garage?

He doubted that the loader could reach up to load the 10-wheeler.

Blair answered that room will be made to house this truck. Also that the height of the truck does not affect the loading.

Fred Jajko stated that the Town does not need this large a truck.

Nicholas Graham asked the difference in cost of a 10-wheel versus a 6-wheel.

Blair stated that the 6-wheel is \$10,000 less.

Mr. St. John asked if the truck is purchased off the State Bid List.

The answer was yes.

Card Vote Called. Yes: 65 No: 66

Article Failed.

Article 17: To do and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to dissolve this meeting made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Moderator dissolved the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Thank you to Police Chief Timothy Garner and Officer Michael Alibozek for counting the card votes.

ATTEST: True Copy
Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk
June 26, 2018

Special Town Meeting - October 4, 2018

Cheshire Community/Senior Center
119 School Street
October 4th, 2018
7:00 PM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Voters present: 54

Non-voters present: 6

Meeting called to order by Moderator St. John at 7:05 pm.
Heading of the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$85,000 (eighty-five thousand dollars) from the Town's Stabilization Fund and appropriate the same amount for the purpose of funding emergency repairs to the Town's Fire Station building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

[NOTE: this article requires a 2/3 vote.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mrs. Francesconi; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Mrs. Francesconi addressed the meeting. While an earlier repair that was being funded by the Reserve Fund was attempted, the rafters were discovered to be rotten. Test borings were done on all the roof.

Stabilization Fund stands at \$528,000 and Capital Stabilization Fund at \$72,000.

William Craig asked if there would be competitive bids made for this project?

Answer was yes.

Jason Mendonca speaking for the Fire Department asked where the \$85,000 figure came from and did that include interior damage that was done?

Answer the amount was given by Wooliver who had begun the roof repair until finding the extent of the damage. This amount does cover the interior damage.

Jason continued that the Firemen have been taking care of this building and hopes that moving forward the Selectmen and Town would take a proactive approach to the care and maintenance of the Town's buildings.

Last year the Firehouse collapsing foundation was an expense.

John Tremblay asked if the Town insurance would cover any of this cost?

Mrs. Francesconi answered that Town is working with the Town Insurance at this time.

Mark Webber further stated that the Insurance may not cover as the rot existed and the work did not cause the damage.

Mickey Biagini asked if the other problems at the Firehouse will be addressed and cost to come later such as the heating system and bay doors.

Jason Mendonca again stated that the Town needs to prioritize the work on the Firehouse as well as other Town buildings.

Timothy Luczynski asked what part of the roof needs to be repaired?

Mrs. Francesconi answered the north section needs to be totally redone.

Mr. St. John as Moderator stated an engineering services, rafter and shingles are in this cost.

Mickey Biagini asked to amend the article to state that this amount would be replaced in Stabilization when Certified Free Cash became available?

Mark Webber answered that the Town could not appropriate monies that they do not have. So an amendment can not be added to the article.

Moderator asked for second to amendment and hearing none, proceeded.

Peter Traub asked to authorize the Selectmen a study to analyze the Firehouse as to whether a repair should be made or build a new structure?

Mark Webber stated that this should be taken up under Article 2.

Vote called. Card vote taken.

Sergeant Alibozek and Officer Sorrell did the count.

YES: 53 NO: 1

Motion carried.

Article 2: To transact any other business that may properly come before this Meeting or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Traub again suggested that a Committee be formed to review this expenditure.

Mr. Webber stated that if a Committee were to be formed it would be by appointment of the Selectmen.

Tim Luczynski asked if the Town has a qualified expert that does an annual inspection of the Town's buildings?

Answer was the Insurance Company does.

Mrs. Francesconi made a motion to adjourn;
seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote taken.

UNANIMOUS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm by the Moderator.

ATTEST: True Copy

Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk
October 9, 2018

State Election - November 6, 2018

Registered Voters 2,411

Ballots Cast 1,511

Senator in Congress

Elizabeth Warren	879
Geoff Diehl	566
Shiva Ayyadurai	44
Write-ins	2
Blanks	21
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Baker and Polito	909
Gonzalez and Palfrey	560
Write-ins	5
Blanks	38
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Attorney General

Maura Healey	897
James McMahon	564
Write-ins	6
Blanks	45
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Secretary of State

William Galvin	954
Anthony Amore	447
Juan Sanchez Jr.	49
Write-ins	1
Blanks	61
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Treasurer

Deborah Goldberg	909
Keiko Orrall	440
Jamie Guerin	81
Write-ins	1
Blanks	81
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Auditor

Suzanne Bump	884
Helen Brady	431
Daniel Fishman	54
Edward Stamas	54
Write-ins	1
Blanks	88
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Representative in Congress

Richard Neal	1152
Write-ins	33
Blanks	327
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Councillor

Mary Hurley	935
Mike Franco	396
Write-ins	4
Blanks	177
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Senator in General Court

Adam Hinds	1,183
Write-ins	20
Blanks	309
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Representative in General Court

John Barrett III	1,174
Write-ins	25
Blanks	313
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

District Attorney

Andrea Harrington	747
Paul Caccaviello (write-in)	605
Write-ins	25
Blanks	135
<u>Total Votes Cast</u>	1,512

Clerk of Courts

Deborah Capeless	1,165
Write-ins	18
<u>Blanks</u>	<u>329</u>
Total Votes Cast	1,512

Register of Deeds

Maria Ziemba	991
Deborah Moran	418
Write-ins	4
<u>Blanks</u>	<u>99</u>
Total Votes Cast	1,512

QUESTION 1.

Yes	363
No	1,097
<u>Blanks</u>	<u>52</u>
Total Votes Cast	1,512

QUESTION 2.

Yes	1014
No	411
<u>Blanks</u>	<u>87</u>
Total Votes Cast	1,512

QUESTION 3.

Yes	894
No	538
<u>Blanks</u>	<u>80</u>
Total Votes Cast	1,512

**ATTEST: True Copy
Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk
November 16, 2018**

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESHIRE, MA 01225



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



*Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee
(Standing Left to Right):
Superintendent John Vosburg, Bethany DeMarco, Adam Emerson,
Chairman Paul Butler, Michael Mucci, Regina Hill, Peter Tatro
(missing from photo: Jennifer Gageant)*

Report of the Chairman

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Paul K. Butler, Chairman	Adams, appointed 9/00, elected 5/01, re-elected 5/04, 5/07, 5/10, 5/13, 5/16
Adam Emerson, Vice-Chairman	Cheshire, elected 05/17
Regina Hill	Adams, appointed 09/10, elected 05/11, re-elected 05/14, 05/17
Peter Tatro	Cheshire, elected 05/16
Jenifer Gageant	Adams, elected 05/16
Michael Mucci	Adams, elected 05/18
Bethany DeMarco	Cheshire, elected 05/18

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee membership for this year has seen 2 changes. Longtime members Darlene Rodowicz of Cheshire and Stephen Vigna of Adams finished their tenure on the committee in May, 2018. I would like to recognize each of them for the countless hours they both put in and their endless devotion to the students of the school district. The school committee is pleased to have 2 new members on the board, both elected in May of 2018. Michael Mucci of Adams and Bethany DeMarco of Cheshire are the newest members to serve on the school committee. Both Mike and Bethany have a deep interest in the well-being of the students who attend class here in the district. I am confident that the towns of Adams and Cheshire will benefit greatly from having them serve on the school committee. The current membership of the committee represents both towns and has a wide range of backgrounds and skill sets that allow each member to bring his or her unique perspective to the table.

Perhaps the most significant change to the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District for the 2018/2019 school year has been the hiring of our new Superintendent, Dr. John Vosburgh. This is Dr. Vosburgh's first role as a superintendent but he has served in administrative roles in the Pittsfield Public School System, most recently as principal of Taconic High School where he not only performed the duties as the building's lead administrator, he also oversaw the building project that today is the new Taconic High School. He is already proving himself to be a thoughtful, conscientious, capable, and humble leader for our schools.

Some of you may have served on the search committee for the new superintendent and I wish to offer our words of gratitude for that service. We were pleased to have three well qualified individuals make it through the initial screening and forwarded to the committee for public interviews. Dr. Vosburgh was the ultimate choice amongst the school committee members. Dr. Vosburgh is enrolled in the New Superintendent's Orientation Program; a three year training program for all new superintendents throughout Massachusetts. He has embraced and is expanding upon the District Turnaround plan instituted by former Superintendent Dr. Robert Putnam. He is intent on making improvements to the learning experience for every student throughout the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District.

At the Hoosac Valley campus, Ms. Colleen Byrd has accepted the role of Principal while Mr. Christopher Sposato took on the role of Principal at the middle school. Ms. Michelle Colvin remains as Principal of Hoosac Valley Elementary School. The school committee has great confidence in the commitment, energy, and harmony of our leadership team. We have also seen

success with the use of shared services in our technology department. Adams-Cheshire now shares a Technology director with Central Berkshire. This arrangement gives us the needed expertise at that level in an affordable manner. With the success of this partnership with another district along with the documented benefit to both, it will be worth exploring other areas of shared services in the years to come.

In the fall of 2017 the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District, along with members of both town's selectboards as well as at large citizens of each town, worked through many meetings toward the goal of updating the Regional Agreement for the school district. This document was seriously out of date. The school district contracted with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools to work with us in updating the agreement to align more closely with the desires of both towns and at the same time be in compliance with state regulations. There will be public hearings and presentations during the winter of 2019 to inform the public on the specifics of the updated agreement with the goal of both towns voting to approve this document at town meeting.

The state of public education in Berkshire County as well as other similar parts of the state is certainly one of challenge. Berkshire County as a whole has seen declines in population and student enrollment. Demographic makeup of communities has shifted with many towns seeing the average age of its population on the increase. The difficulties in providing quality education here in the North Berkshire region are compounded by a more transient population and a higher poverty rate than many other areas have seen. Lack of economic opportunity certainly has played a major role in these statistics. As we have been saying for a number of years, State Chapter 70 funding, which makes up roughly 60% of our school budget, has seen virtually no increase over the past decade. However, the cost to run our schools has continued to increase. Salaries, heat & utilities, maintenance, and especially health insurance costs have continued to put upward pressure on school budgets over the years. The net effect of this is that more and more of the school budget must be absorbed by the towns or services to education must be cut. The school committee has tried to be sensitive to the taxpayers and to the realities of town budgets over the years when developing the school budget and formulating assessments to the towns. However, investments in programming throughout our school district are the only way to ensure that each student receives a proper education. All of these factors are closely looked at and examined during each year's budget process.

The Berkshire County Education Task Force has continued to work on the goal of helping the towns and cities of Berkshire

County move toward a single countywide district over the next decade or so. This can be a very controversial position for many schools and towns that may see this as move to reduce local control over the schools. Studies and data continue to suggest that with the current trends of shrinking populations and student enrollments throughout Berkshire County, there may be few other options that have the potential to reduce costs and improve education for every student in the region. It is important to remember that the task force is merely a recommending body, not a mandating one. However, I would strongly suggest that their work be looked at seriously for the benefits that could be afforded to everyone. For more details on the Task Force anyone can review their website at berkshireducation.org or look them up on Facebook.

The school district continues to take measures within its available means to enhance performance on standardized testing. The new superintendent, along with his administrative team, examines every item for potential improvement and recommends ways to achieve higher levels of educational opportunity for all of our students. We continue to use Bay State Readers initiative in the elementary grades. Time on learning in the classroom is emphasized throughout the district, especially at the middle and high school grades.

Investments in technologies have been ongoing for several years in all our schools. The reality is that a higher than average special needs population, an above average poverty rate, and overall lack of economic opportunity in our region all combine to put increased pressures on our schools. Additionally, our district has a below average per pupil spending which limits our ability to add resources to the classrooms. Nonetheless, Students who attend school in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District can and do succeed. And in order to help them succeed, we have committed to investing in new programs such as PLTW, Project Lead The Way. This program was instituted in the fall of 2017 in a pilot format in the middle school and has been expanded upon since. It has been embraced with great enthusiasm from students and staff members alike. The program focuses on technology, bio sciences, engineering, and others. It is important to get exactly this type of theoretic and hands-on education in our schools. When students and teachers become excited and enthused, learning happens naturally.

Coding is being integrated in our curriculum for nearly all grades in some fashion. Many fields of employment now and in the future will require at least some knowledge of program coding. As I mentioned, students who graduate from Hoosac Valley can and do succeed. We continue to send graduating students to great schools including the U.S. Naval Academy, RPI, Northeastern University, Michigan University, Boston University, UMASS, UCONN, Merrimac College, and many more. Some graduates join the military. And still others head directly into the workforce. We graduate future physicians, nurses, lawyers, engineers, business professionals, and of course teachers. Despite being a small school district with limited resources, we are proud of our accomplishments and are confident of improvement.

Maintenance of both buildings within our district continues to be an enormous task. Hoosac Valley Elementary School is located in the C.T. Plunkett building. While this building was renovated, that project was done over 20 years ago and there were some areas of the building that were not re-worked at the time. Even with that, the facility is a very old one and while it has a very solid foundation, there remain the issues that typically are seen on older properties. The school district performs

regular routine maintenance throughout the district as budgeted funds allow. The town of Adams has also allocated funds to use toward targeted maintenance issues at the elementary building.

The Hoosac Valley Middle and High school campus is a much more modern facility. All building systems were updated to current code during the renovation. Nonetheless, a building of that size which houses roughly 800 students each day does require maintenance and repairs. With correct attention to these areas the Hoosac building should serve our district well for many years to come. There have been some issues with the roof as some of you have heard. This is confined to areas of the roof that were not part of the new building project. We have had the roofing company for that roof on site to inspect and repair as needed. There remains a warranty on that section of roof. We are committed to have buildings that at the very least offer clean and comfortable environments for our students and staff.

There are no open negotiations with any bargaining units at this time except for the finalization of the paraprofessional contract.

Obviously a school district would not be a district without our students. The school committee has as its number one goal the well being, safety, and education of every student within our district. Most of the members of the school committee are parents and most of us have children or have had children who attend school here in this district. We are naturally concerned and proud not only of our own children but of all the students in the district as well. There are so many exciting and good things happening in our schools every day. I simply want to say go out and enjoy an event involving students. Perhaps take in a football, baseball, or basketball game. Attend a soccer game or a ski meet. Watch and listen to the band as they march in one of the local parades. Go see the high school musical or one of the concert and jazz band and chorus performances. Support a pancake breakfast or spaghetti supper. Students enjoy being supported by their communities and you will probably be amazed by the level at which our students perform. And almost without exception, students who graduate at or near the top of their class not only excelled academically, they were involved in some fashion in activities or sports.

Finally, as chairman of the Adams Cheshire Regional School Committee, I would once again like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support for the school district and for the children who attend class here every day. By the time this has been printed, I will have made my announcement not to seek re-election to the school committee. In the 19 years I have served on the committee, many things have changed; some things good, and others not so good. I have served with a great number of fellow school committee members, administrators, teachers and other staff members. Many of these people have lived through good years as well as difficult years. But everyone in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District remains committed to the education and welfare of each and every one of our students. After all, they represent the future for all of us. I do feel a renewed sense of enthusiasm throughout our schools that extends from administration down through staff members and into our student body. This is a great trend; one that I sincerely hope continues and one that I know will be appreciated and supported by our communities that make up the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District.

Sincerely,
Paul K. Butler
Chairman
Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Superintendent of Schools

It is with great pleasure that I write my first town report for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District as Superintendent. This past year has been a year of transition for many in our district. We have welcomed new faces in leadership positions such as Superintendent, Student Services Director, School Psychologist and High School Principal. These new faces combined with a recent restructuring of grades and schools, while difficult at times, is evolving into a fresh, new look for our school district.

Change can be difficult. Our administration, faculty, staff, and most important, students, have embraced this challenge and demonstrated not only an ability to adapt but to improve and excel. This came to light when we received our accountability results from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These accountability results measure our district's progress on performance exams (MCAS) related to math, English, and science in grades 3-8. They also measure factors including chronic absenteeism, graduation rates and dropout rates.

Hoosac Valley Elementary School met 100% of its targets, Hoosac Valley Middle School met 53% of its targets while Hoosac Valley High School met 75% of its targets. Any school that has a target percentage of 50% or higher is considered a school that has improved from the previous year. Any school with 75% or higher does not require any assistance or intervention from the state.

Since 2016, the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District has been working with District and School Assistance Center (DSAC) to develop turnaround plans and implement practices to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The work our administrators and teachers have been involved with has given our students the tools and skills necessary to be successful on these exams. While this work continues, our schools are currently performing at a very high level.

As our collaboration with DSAC is coming to a close, we continue to partner with Momenta (formally the Bay State Reading Institute) for teacher professional development. Momenta is now in year three working with our elementary and middle schools to implement an instructional model in math and English language arts. This model has established structure, consistency and clarity for our students as the progress from year to year. Momenta, combined with the addition of Fastbridge for progress monitoring will enable us to analyze how well our students are learning and make adjustments as needed for support.

Our middle and high school students continue to engage in Project Lead The Way. PLTW offers hands on activities and lessons that foster a high level of student engagement. These courses begin in Grade 5 and continue into high school. Faculty and administrators continue to work to provide a more meaningful progression of PLTW courses as students progress into their high school years. The refinement of these courses and all courses at the middle and high school levels will better prepare our students for college and career.

Work on a new Regional Agreement was completed this year. Citizens from both Cheshire and Adams worked very diligently with consultants from the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools to revise the agreement that has been in place since 1965. This new agreement will be presented to each town for approval at the spring town meetings.

As we move forward with our school year, we continue to assess our practices and systems to improve the educational experiences of our students. The mission of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District is to create a partnership of our schools and communities that develops all of our students into educated, responsible and productive citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Vosburgh
Superintendent
Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Hoosac Valley High School

Hoosac Valley High School continues to build upon the excellent traditions that have brought this community so much PRIDE. We continue to house students in grades 8 – 12, and we continue to stress high academic expectations and achievement and the positive development of students' social and emotional skills. Due to consistent efforts of our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and our students, staff, and administration, Hoosac Valley High School is proud to announce we NO LONGER require state assistance. We are meeting targets overall and in some cases, we are exceeding targets in various grade levels. In an effort to continue this trend, and in terms of academics, our goals and expectations are set by the administrators and the ILT. This team, which includes faculty members from all departments, has been at the forefront of the creation of the Turn Around Plan, which is in its second year. The plan consists of four components relating to Shared Leadership, Academic Expectations, School Climate and Culture, and Student Specific Supports. The ILT has continued walkthroughs of classrooms, has developed a definition of high-quality instruction, and has offered several days of professional development to provide strategies for application of this instruction within the classrooms.

In addition, the ILT has been implementing the professional development plan created during the summer, providing a calendar of meetings for the school year, which includes full and half-day professional development opportunities for faculty and staff. Departments meet 1x/month to use common language in creation of assessments, rubrics, and grading. Grade-level teams meet 1x/month to identify at-risk students and to implement behavior management strategies. Full faculty meetings are being used 1x/month for multi-tiered supports and accommodations/instructional practices.

WHAT'S NEW at HVHS:

One of the biggest changes to HVHS this academic year is the shift in core values. For years, Hoosac has focused on Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence (P.R.I.D.E.). One of our goals was to administer a survey regarding the current climate and culture of the school. The survey was eye-opening and has led to several initiatives and new programming. This year, the shift in the core values was a focus on Diversity and Empathy. One of the biggest reflections of the survey related to a lack of recognition of positive behavior. To increase that recognition we encourage teachers to identify students on a weekly and quarterly basis with Talk About Them Tuesdays and quarterly PRIDE Rallies. Several other ideas came out of the results of the survey. Faculty and staff collaborated to create street signs throughout the halls such as Integrity Blvd., Hurricane Highway, Empathy Way, Determination Road, etc. Several staff members painted bathrooms with positive quotes and images, and other staff members created a PRIDE poster to welcome students every morning. The cafeteria is also home to the PRIDE Wordle, the positive poster bulletin board and the upcoming Art Club mural "We all have a voice." In order for

students to fully understand the tenets of Hoosac PRIDE, we are focusing on each component monthly by reading daily quotes, showing videos during morning announcements, and embedding the tenets within the daily curriculum. We are also proud to announce our new partnership with The World of Difference and the Anti-Defamation League. HVHS students and staff will complete training this summer in order to get the program up and running at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. We, too, recognize that "attitudes and beliefs affect actions, and that each of us can have an impact on others, and ultimately, on the world in which we live."

To round off our "what's new list," you may have noticed our new and improved website. It features a link library, copies of Words from Byrd, a blog, a photo collage, and links to important information such as staff websites and email addresses, athletics, guidance information, the student handbook and other policies, and the HoosacFlix page, which showcases some of our student-produced morning shows. Finally, this year Hoosac Travels to two new destinations. Our 8th Grade students will embark on a three-day trip to New York City; they will visit the Museum of Natural History, One World Trade Center, and the Statue of Liberty, just to name a few. Many of our other students will travel abroad in 2020 to Spain, where they will be immersed in the culture and language, which is part of our curriculum. We are excited to offer these opportunities to our students as a way to transform the way students look at the world and themselves!

WHAT'S CONTINUING at HVHS:

Leo Club:

The Hoosac Valley Leo Club works in conjunction with the Adams Lions Club to encourage students to become life-long volunteers. Our goal is to present volunteer opportunities to students that will help them see the benefits and rewards of volunteering. We inducted 11 new members this year, bringing our total membership to 68 students in grades 8-12. Our primary focus every fall is fundraising for our Create-A-Dream program, where, with support from faculty/staff and several local businesses we buy, wrap, box and deliver Christmas presents to about 30 children in Northern Berkshire County. We also complete community service projects like delivering Halloween goodie bags to Kindergarteners and Pre-Kindergarteners in the local elementary schools, as well as running the recycling program within the middle/high school building.

Student Council:

Student Council members promote leadership and citizenship, act as role models to encourage all students to strive for their highest potential, promote school spirit and pride, respect all citizens and groups in our community, and raise money to fund future service activities in the school community. Students must complete a minimum of 20 hours of service each year. They participate in multiple activities:

- Weekly meetings in school
 - Discuss school policies and procedures
- Participate in School Committee meetings (bi-monthly)
- Organize and run school election of class officers
- Host an ice-cream social to welcome incoming 8th graders
- Host the annual Freshmen Reception and Snowball
- Host the annual Art Hathaway Elderly Dinner
- Sponsor high-school field day
- Elect and send a student representative to the State House in Boston for Student Government Day
- Provide annual scholarships for graduating members
- Nominate and vote for Western Massachusetts Regional Advisory Council representatives
 - Elected students participate in bi-monthly regional meetings for Western Mass (Holyoke High School)

HVHS

Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, and Chorus:

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and Chorus had or will have the following performances during the 2018-2019 school year:

- Marching Band:
 - All home football Games
 - North Adams Fall Foliage Parade
 - Halloween Parades in Adams and Cheshire
 - Memorial Day Parades in Adams and Cheshire
- Concert Band:
 - All Band Performance in January (with MS Bands)
 - Annual Showcase Concert in May
 - Graduation in June
- Jazz Ensemble:
 - Holiday Performance in December
 - Art Hathaway Holiday Dinner
 - Jazz Night Performance in March with Lee High School
 - Class Night
- Chorus:
 - Holiday Performance in December
 - Annual Christmas Tree lightings in Adams and Cheshire
 - Annual Showcase Concert in May

Many students from both ensembles participate both vocally and instrumentally in the annual musical - this year it is "Fiddler on the Roof" produced in March. Be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available. Additionally, students from both band and chorus participate in MMEA-WD music festival held at UMASS Amherst in January.

National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high-school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize students who embody the four main purposes that have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. This year, 21 students were inducted into this national society, and so far this year they have organized a can drive and a clothing drive to benefit residents of Adams, Cheshire, and Savoy.

Peer Mentors:

The Peer Mentor program is in its second year. Students in grades 8-12 have the opportunity to offer guidance, encouragement, and support to each other and students in the Hoosac Valley Middle School. The mentors meet with their mentees regularly, guided by the leadership of the high-school Dean of Students and the middle-school Principal. Students meet during the day on school grounds, and the mentors act as friends and role models as a way to develop relationships, develop leadership skills, improve communication skills, build confidence, and ultimately to make a difference in another person's life. Right now approximately 45 students at HVHS are part of this wonderful experience, and the goal is to merge the program into a mentorship as World of Difference leaders for the 2019-2020 school year.

There are many exciting things happening at Hoosac Valley High School, and we are proud to include you into our #hvhsfamily because We Believe in You, too!

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Byrd
Principal HVHS

Hoosac Valley Middle School

2018-2019 Town Report Every Student. Every Day

Hoosac Valley Middle School continues to refine instructional practices in order to improve outcomes for students. From additional playground equipment to participation in multiple collaborative efforts targeting delivery of the curriculum and cultural improvements, we are committed to seeking ways to improve the educational experience for the approximately 400 students.

We could not be happier with the new faculty who have joined us in 2018: Justin McCarthy - Cornerstone Program, and Katy Wixsom - School Adjustment Counselor. Also, we are pleased to have additional support for our students in the form of a new position focused on teaching reading.

We have various enrichment programs, groups and activities such as Project Lead the Way, CodeHS, Botvin Life Skills, Berkshire Theatre Group, Mentoring Program, Girls on the Run, Middle School PTG, and the list goes on.

We have been able to add two Chromebook carts to bring us closer to our vision of a one-to-one initiative so that every classroom will have technology necessary to help students readily available.

We continue with our initiatives and collaborations for staff enrichment including Momenta (formerly BSRI) Coaches in ELA and Math, State Systems of Support (formerly DSAC) Team, Instructional Leadership Team, DataWise decision making, etc., all with the goal of helping increase student outcomes. Also this year, we are very excited to have been selected to be part of the state sponsored three-year Inclusive Practice Academy. The first year of the Academy is focused on the Universal Design of Learning (UDL) and making education accessible to all students regardless of ability. The second and third years will focus on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Each of these concepts are interwoven to reinforce and support the others.

During the months of April and May HVMS students will take a total of Nine MCAS Tests – ELA and Math for all grades, plus Science in grade five. Our first set of MCAS data showed progress, and we are looking forward to the fall to show a continued trend of student growth.

Hoosac Valley Middle School is in its second year and is doing exciting things, resulting in student gains that have not gone unnoticed by our partners. In fact, we were recently asked if we would be willing to have other districts visit! While it will be bittersweet we are hopeful that our performance on this year's MCAS will show that we no longer require the assistance of our State Systems of Support partners.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Sposato
Principal
Hoosac Valley Middle School

Hoosac Valley Elementary School

The Mission of the ACRSD is to create a partnership of our schools and communities that develops all of our students into educated, responsible and productive citizens.

District Beliefs

- I believe all children are capable of learning.
- I believe all students deserve the best instruction and the best resources.
- I believe a safe, respectful, and organized environment creates the ideal climate for learning.
- I believe that people who share responsibility and accountability enhance success.
- I believe that learning is increased when everyone has high expectations.
- I believe providing a variety of approaches leads to individual success and growth.
- I believe that on-going assessment and adjustment is necessary for growth.

Hoosac Valley Elementary School services students in grades Pre-K - 3. The school is located on Commercial Street in downtown Adams housing five grade levels with between 70-77 students in each. The original building, (Formally C.T. Plunkett Elementary School) was constructed in 1923 and served as the town's junior high school for almost fifty years. It was then converted to an intermediate elementary school and served as an instructional facility for students in fourth through sixth grades until it underwent a complete renovation. The school reopened as an elementary school with a fourteen-classroom addition constructed on the south side of the building for students in Kindergarten through grade five in September 1994. In Spring, 2017, the School Committee closed Cheshire Elementary School and all elementary students in the ACRSD entered the renamed Hoosac Valley Elementary School in Fall of 2017.

The information included in this report highlights some of our special accomplishments, provides statistical information on enrollment and staffing, reviews some school-wide projects and initiatives, and tells about some significant changes.

Special thanks to all of the teachers/staff and specialists who contributed submissions for this report; you are truly outstanding!

Enrollment Comparisons

Grade	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Pre-K				56	70
K	87	68	65	83	75
1	83	78	68	80	77
2	79	80	81	78	76
3	73	84	80	104	77
4	74	71	80		
5	85	72	68		
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Totals	481	453	442	401	375

Staffing:

The following people help to provide a high quality educational program and a supportive learning environment for the students at our school:

Pre-K

Laura Crane, Kelly Riechers, Heather Emerson

Kindergarten

Kristy Bachli, Robin Poirot, Mara Woolley, Christine Zdon

Grade 1

Mia Alessio, Katie Chenail, Courtney Danforth, Aprilee Mazzeo, Kelly Ryan

Grade 2

Elizabeth Alibozek, Laurie Cantarella, Bethany Kelley, Christine Kirchner, Kimberley Trimarchi

Grade 3

Beth Bourdon, Stephanie McCarthy, Dawn Prokopowicz, Ann Prudhomme, Danielle Taylor

School-Wide

Principal:	Michelle S. Colvin
Dean of Students:	Patricia Misiuk
Literacy Coach:	Nicole Dunham
Elementary Coordinator:	Mary Tanner
District Specialist:	Kim Biagini
Special Education:	Nicole Crane, Dawn Daniels, Sara Malloy, Christine Harrington
Bridges Program:	Caitlin Larabee
Cornerstone Program:	Travis Poirot
Art:	Wendy Lambertson
Music:	Jonathan Rowe
Physical Education:	Matthew McBride, Dan Wehle
Title I:	Lorry Delmolino
School Adjustment	
Counselor:	Jennifer Renzi
Speech/Lang:	Diane Arduini, Karen Levesque, Brianna Bressett, Ashley Varuzo
Occupational Therapy:	Suzanne Harnick, Deb Silveira
Physical Therapy:	Jamie Bannon, Karissa Kingsley
ESL Specialist:	Joshua Kellogg
Administrative	
Assistant:	Paula Ciskowski
Main Office Para:	Cheryl Steur
Library:	Laurie Gavazzi
Nurse:	Kari Ann Delsoldato
Cafeteria:	Cindy Gajda, Denise Moncecchi, Marianne Mirke, Gena Simoneau, Linda Pelczynski, Shirley Deneault, Nadine Sadlowski
Daycare:	Jennifer Mach, Anmoreena Gazaille
Custodians:	David Richards, Marc McCarthy, Dennis Pinnsonneault, Dale Clark

Paraprofessionals: Pat Alibozek, Shannon Badorini, Kathy Bradbury, Susan Burzimati, Monica Carpenter, Deb Ciempa, Tanelle Ciempa, Laura Dorr, Lila Fetter, Kim Galli, Judy Gaylord, Karen Isbell, Susan Knapp, Donna LaBonte, Suzanne Lamb, Beth Larabee, Julie Lech, Heather Levy, Kathy Malloy, Emily Martinelli, Sue McLear, Paula Meczywor, Donna Mullany, Kayla Pierce, Megan Pytko, Susan Randall, Emily Thurston, Lisa Waltermire, Clara Wilusz, Becky Zaleski

ACRSD Partners with Momenta, (Formerly BSRI) for work in ELA and Mathematics:

English/Language Arts:

Last year, we worked to buy a great deal of novels and chapter books for the ELA block that related to our reading program's (*Scott Foresman's Reading Street*) themes but provided a larger range of Lexile levels for all our students. Teachers have been using our Literacy Closet to help students with comprehension and fluency practice, as well as encouraging student discourse. Not only this, but these novels have been used with Momenta's principles of Reciprocal Teaching and Debate. It is our goal at HVES that by using these novels, our Reading Street program, and the strategies from Momenta, that our students will have a deeper understanding of text, more strategies to help them understand literature, and a love of reading in general.

Mathematics:

Over last summer, a team of teachers from Hoosac Valley Elementary School, representing each grade level, adopted a new math curriculum, Engage NY; also known as Eureka Math. The Engage NY curriculum is aligned with the Common Core standards in mathematics. This new curriculum has been used since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and is being embraced by staff and students as a much needed adjustment to our math instruction. Teachers knew their students needed more engaging and differentiated math instruction. Engage NY offers an in-depth understanding of numbers and their relationships; as well as providing opportunity for student discourse and teamwork. The lessons can be adapted; which allows the teacher flexibility in the classroom. In this way, instruction can meet the needs of all learners. The math modules provide a reasonable number of problem sets and applications for students to reasonably achieve understanding.

The Standards are defined as the knowledge, skills and understanding that individuals can and do habitually demonstrate over time because of instruction and learning experiences. These mathematics standards, collectively, are focused and cohesive—designed to support student access to the knowledge and understanding of the mathematical concepts that are necessary to function in a world very dependent upon the application of mathematics, while providing educators the opportunity to devise innovative programs to support this endeavor. As with any set of standards, they need to be rigorous; they need to demand a balance of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency and application and represent a significant level of achieve-

ment in mathematics that will enable students to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the workforce.
- New York State Education Department

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is looking forward to continued success with the new math curriculum as well as higher student achievement, discourse, and mathematical understanding.

Kindergarten Update:

Our school year started out with lots of our exciting programs including the Bay State Reading Institute, which continues to compliment our best practice programs that are in place. Our stories for Literature are informative and exciting. We learn new words each week in order to expand our vocabulary. We call these our "Amazing Words." We have instituted an intense writing program to accelerate skills in order to prepare them for developing a paragraph. We have also begun a new initiative for Accelerated Students in order to provide Reading and Writing enrichment projects.

In September, we attended the Jaeschke Apple Orchard in the fall. The children had great fun picking and learning about apples and how they grow. The Jaeschkes were very gracious and welcoming to our little students.

We have had several wonderful field trips and programs provided by our Parent Teacher Group. Throughout the year, we send home collaborative family art projects for children to complete at home. When returned they are proudly displayed in the hallway for our peers to enjoy.

Our students have access to a computerized reading program called Lexia Core 5. This computer based reading program is offered as a home school connection and during our school days. This is a fantastic tutorial program to enrich the phonetic base for all of our students at their different levels. Many families use it at home in order to strengthen skills being taught in school. We also have a Math computer program called Symphony Math. It is aligned with state standards and provides 3 assessments during the year to help track individual progress. Teachers are able to constantly monitor their progress and drive instruction according to their individual needs.

In November, our students were in the Berkshire Eagle with their "How to Cook a Turkey" renditions. Many friends and families enjoy this tradition which was started in our kindergartens over 15 years ago.

Our students have learned Veteran's Day songs along with the National Anthem and other patriotic songs.

Community members and parents are invited to come in and read to the children on a regular basis. We have our Secret Reader Program and allow guests to come and surprise the children with a reading!

We need to thank the high school students' Leo Club for preparing and sending all of our kindergarten classes little treat bags during the holidays.

In December, we collaborated with the High School's Student Athlete Leadership Council from Hoosac Valley in an effort to raise money for Make-A-Wish, as the kindergarteners were asked to write a letter with help from the high school students. Money was raised from each letter that was written as a request from a young boy with cancer.

Third grade students will be pairing with our students in kindergarten as they become our reading STUDY BUDDIES. Kindergarten and first grade teachers will collaborate in order to match up students and classes.

In the spring, we will also have our Mexican Fiesta as a culminating celebration for the end of the year. Here we will showcase the Spanish that we will learn in preparation for the performance for our families, who will be invited to attend.

Thank you to the support of our townspeople with all of our Hoosac Valley Elementary School activities! You play a key role in our school's success!

Grade 1 Update:

First grade has been working towards increasing rigor in ELA through our partnership with Momenta (formerly BSRI). Since the fall of 2016, we have added the use of ECRI (Enhanced Core Reading Instruction) as part of small group ELA instruction. Two of our team members have been trained to be the trainers. This allows us to continue to receive refresher courses in the strategies for implementing ECRI. Through our partnership with Momenta, we have researched and implemented a new math curriculum designed to enhance foundational skills for future success. Students have enjoyed the opportunity to work in large, small, and peer-led math groups in order to further explore their understanding of new math concepts. This model has allowed for teachers and support staff to provide systematic and prescriptive instruction that meets the various needs of students.

We are happy to announce that we have continued to increase and strengthen our implementation of STEAM related instruction and activities as a part of daily classroom instruction. Our own first grade teacher, Mrs. April Mazzeo, was selected as MCLA's 2018 Educator of the Year for her successful implementation, instructional practices, and leadership of STEAM activities within the classroom setting! At the conclusion of the ITQ grant in September 2018, we received a final monetary grant of \$16,750 which has allowed us to purchase STEAM materials such as microscopes, mobile iPad lab, robots, and content specific resources. We have created a STEAM closet that is accessible to all students within the building.

As part of our desire to maintain strong community involvement, we have continued our participation in various family friendly events such as Bingo for Books, outdoor STEAM Night, Meet the Teacher Night, Literacy Fair, Seasonal Concerts, Trick-or-Treat night, and a family Polar Express night! In the beginning of December, HVES families were invited to participate in a Polar Express themed event (based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg) along the 1st floor hallway. Faculty and staff decorated doorways on the that floor and handed out fun items such as hot cocoa packets and cookies to children and families. It was certainly a wonderful event with an incredible turn out! It was a fun filled night for all staff and families who attended. Over 200 families attended both our Trick-or-Treat and Polar Express nights!

Grade 2 Update:

This year we will be continuing many wonderful initiatives, such as Book Club, field trips to Mass MoCA, and the Celebration of Success. We are also working on some new initiatives as we strive to improve our instruction and outcomes.

This year we are extending the Second Grade Book Club, which is funded by the ACE grant through the Berkshire Taconic

Fund. The use of novel studies is being incorporated into weekly instruction. This Book Club provides each student with a free book to read at home. This is followed by a Book Club meeting in which students engage in meaningful discussions, to meet new friends, and to participate in an activity that allows for creativity and imagination! Novel studies continue to challenge our readers. Through high-interest texts, students learn that reading can be a fun, lifelong skill. This allows us additional time to dig deeper into reciprocal teaching, one of our comprehension strategies.

The second grade participated in visits to Mass MoCA to view the newest exhibits and create original artwork. We are currently fundraising in hopes to take our students on a joint field trip with the Physical Education Department to the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Springfield Science Museum. This authentic setting will allow students to gain a broader perspective to deepen and enhance their learning in an engaging and interactive way; one they will likely remember for years to come!

Many of our second-grade teachers are participating in the BRAINWORKS grant, a federal grant in conjunction with MCLA. The goal of this grant is to support arts integration while infusing rigor and higher order thinking strategies into our instruction. In addition to an enriching summer course, our teachers participate in weekend workshops throughout the year at various art museums such as Clark Art, Norman Rockwell, Mass MoCA, and the Berkshire Museum among others and continue collaboration in Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings. We are excited to implement our new units and lessons into the classroom as we partner with these local arts institutions in the years to come.

During the holiday season, students took a walking field trip to local businesses to see the wonderful festive displays in town. Back in the classroom children participated in "Holidays Around the World" where we virtually traveled to different countries around the world learning some geography along with how different cultures and countries celebrate the holiday season. We completed holiday activities such as ornament making, gingerbread houses, and holiday literature and math activities corresponding with each country.

Once again second grade will fully participate and host the Celebration of Success, Read Across America, and of course Alex's Lemonade Stand. The Celebration of Success is a showcase of hard work, dedication, and love for not only reading but all areas of the curriculum. Each child is represented with a project to be displayed in the gymnasium for families and friends. Read Across America honors Dr. Seuss's Birthday in which local business owners and townspeople are invited to read to classrooms. The day is dedicated to reading and participating in many literacy activities relating to Dr. Seuss. The Lemonade Stand is an annual event at Hoosac Valley Elementary that allows children to make, serve, and sell lemonade to the rest of the school. This teaches empathy and awareness for childhood cancer.

We are continuing to implement the BRSI Model now known as Momenta, which fosters cooperative learning and academic conversations through center-based instruction. This year our focus is to incorporate this model into our math. We have started to Engage NY which more closely aligns with the Common Core State Standards. This program is very challenging and we are very excited by the growth we have seen over the course of the year!

Through Framing Your Thoughts and Scott Foresman, children are learning how to write a variety of styles of paragraphs, for example descriptive, compare and contrast, and narrative. We have begun using “Stop Light Writing” to help formulate our paragraphs along with 6+1 traits to focus on strengthening each writing trait.

Overall second grade is a busy and exciting year for the students. Lots of learning, fun, and academic growth takes place!!

Grade 3 Update:

Third grade is a pivotal year for children as they become more independent and mature learners. Together, students integrate their love for learning, friendship, and excitement for new ideas!

Third continues to enjoy having the Massachusetts Audubon Society with us again this school year to help teach our science program. Zachary Adams joins us this year offering our students hands-on instruction in the area of science and sharing their experiences about native Berkshire wildlife. Mass Audubon visits and presents lessons in each of the 3rd grade classrooms approximately 2x per month. Third grade teachers, students and parents worked hard through fundraising efforts to help with this program. Due to these efforts, all third-grade students will benefit from 14 in-house class sessions. They will also engage in a culminating field trip to the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in June, 2019. This wonderful, hands-on program helps teachers to address many of the topics in the third-grade science curriculum.

In reading this year, we have made a concerted effort to increase the number of novels being read by students as they are working in small groups using Reciprocal Teaching. Students are engaged with one another predicting, questioning, clarifying, and summarizing their new found love of books. A new math program, Eureka Math, has also been instituted this year. It integrates the CCLS, rigorous classroom reasoning, extended classroom time devoted to practice and reflection through extensive problem sets, and high expectations for mastery. We also continue to implement additional instructional tools with an emphasis on math fact mastery, problem solving, and the everyday applications necessary for continued math growth, including Symphony Math. A unique feature of the program is it instructs students at their level while allowing them to progress by demonstrating the meaning of numbers in several different ways and it ties very nicely to Eureka Math. It is a great tool that can be accessed from home and school!

Focus in Social Studies is placed on the state of Massachusetts and our corner of the state; the Berkshires! We study the state through time, going back to the first settlers, the Pilgrims and Native Americans. Through hard work and a lot of fundraising, third grade will visit Plimoth Plantation which offers powerful personal encounters with history built on thorough research about the Wampanoag People and the Colonial English community in the 1600s. Plimoth Plantation provides our third graders an engaging and experiential outdoor and indoor learning experience.

In April and May, our students will be taking the MCAS test in English Language Arts and Math for their very first time. These assessments are taken via computer-based testing on Chromebooks. Continued daily use of these Chromebooks allows students to practice their computer skills, learn computer keyboarding, practice LEXIA (an online reading program) and investigate math topics (Moby Max and Symphony Math).

This spring all 3rd grades will continue to plant flowers around Hoosac Valley Elementary School. This project called “Beautification for Education” was started 14 years ago and the funds to support this have always been provided through fundraising efforts of the third-grade staff. Mr. John Trimarchi and Michelle Whitney provide help and assistance with the delivery and purchase of the flowers and mulch. It truly is a continued community effort that we are very proud to be a part of.

Library

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Library houses approximately 15,272 books, videos and magazines. The automated circulation and cataloging system makes it possible for students and staff to access the Destiny School Library catalog. Approximately 2,732 items were checked out so far this school year. Students visit the library once a week and have the opportunity to listen to stories and borrow a variety of books, including picture books, fiction, biographies and non-fiction. Faculty and staff also have the ability to check out books for classroom projects, and special events.

Our Library Assistant, Mrs. Laurie Gavazzi, and her team have organized several book fairs themed with special events for our faculty, staff and students. The book fair held in May of 2018 raised \$3,517.07 and our most recent book fair in December of 2017 raised \$3,533.35. These funds help to ensure that our students are reading and working with the most current, award-winning and classic pieces of literature in our school.

Parent Group (PTG)

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School’s PTG Group provides extensive support to the children of our school throughout the year. The group meets monthly to discuss ongoing support to the children. Their efforts support the Hoosac Valley Elementary School community in a variety of ways.

Arts Enrichment:

- Performances in music, drama, science, history and dance, both in-house and off-site
- Sponsoring multiple children’s authors
- Partnering with Berkshire Theater Group to provide our 3rd graders with BTG Plays!
- Collaborative Arts Night

Activities

- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Give-a-Gift to promote the spirit of holiday giving and donating, from children to children.
- Hoosac Valley Elementary School Yearbook creation
- Family Movie nights (hosted in the HVMHS Auditorium)
- Family Fun and Food Festival
- Hosting the Hoosac Harvest and Spring Fling Vendor and Craft Fair
- Audubon science program
- Field Day treats
- Lucky To Have You Dance
- Valentine’s Day Candy-Grams

Appreciation Days

- Staff Appreciation Day in May
- Book Fair breakfast for Faculty and Staff
- Pizza/Ice Cream parties to reward top collectors of BoxTops

School Improvements/Equipment Maintenance:

- Playground fundraising and maintenance
- Purchased classroom projector cameras
- Start up funding for the after school Explorer Program
- Funding for Scholastic Reader in the Classroom

Title I

Title I is a federal entitlement grant supporting school-wide academic support for all Hoosac Valley Elementary students. The grant helps to fund interventionists and instructional assistants as well as materials that supplement and support core instruction. Through Title I funding, classroom teachers and interventionists are able to use assessment data in ELA and math throughout the year to inform instructional routines. In grades 1-3 both the math and ELA interventionist and ELA paraprofessional provide services in both a push-in and pull-out model. In addition, instructional assistants work under the guidance of classroom teachers to reinforce instruction in reading, writing and math through small group differentiated instruction.

This year the staff at Hoosac Valley Elementary School has continued to work closely with consultants from the Bay State Reading Institute (BSRI) to incorporate the most recent research-based methods and strategies to ensure each child's individual needs is addressed. Students who are identified as needing additional instruction receive additional exposure to the core curriculum through Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) and direct and explicit instruction models. Within the small group instruction, students also receive differentiated rigorous instruction to meet their individual needs. Title I also provides enrichment groups for students in second and third grade who have been identified as demonstrating exemplary work.

Not only are a multitude of supports provided throughout the school day, Title I also provides funding for extended day academic activities through the Homework Help Program for grades 2 and 3. Family involvement is proven to correlate to higher student achievement, so this has been a priority this year. Topics suggested by parents and staff are addressed throughout the year through informational meetings, and workshops as well as during evening programs. This year we have already held events such as a Trick-or-Treat, Polar Express and Bingo for Books. At each of these events, as well as at school meetings with families, we reached out to families to provide us feedback and give us suggestions on how to improve. We are committed to making these events enjoyable and convenient for our families to strengthen the home-school connection. We are excited to work closely with our families and members of the community to help make these events possible.

Reading Is Fundamental

RIF is a federally funded program whose goal is to give children access to books and discover the joys and value of reading. Hoosac Valley Elementary School qualifies for this grant due to the percentage of free and reduced lunch students attending. Additional funding is provided by the HVES Library Fund and from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. One time per year each student can choose a book from a wide selection of books, based on their own interests. The book distributions are enhanced by fun reading-motivational activities. Volunteers are a big part of RIF, helping make bookmarks, stamp and inventory books, and helping on distribution day by reading with students, stocking books, and even handing out hot chocolate and cookies. This

program is vital for children who have no books in their homes, have limited access to bookstores, and who, without RIF would not experience the thrill of owning their own books.

Music Program:

Jonathan Rowe teaches general music at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. In music classes students are introduced to musical notation, musical terminology, families of instruments, and major composers and different musical genres. Students in grades K and 1 focus on singing and movement activities along with hands-on experiences with drums, maracas and other classroom instruments while students in grades 2-3 have the opportunity to learn the basics of keyboards and drums.

Art:

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Visual Arts Program creates exposure to a variety of artists, materials and techniques. This exposure fosters creativity and increases the students' art knowledge and appreciation. Students develop and expand their Visual Arts skills through a combination of literacy based art lessons and techniques. Cross-curricular art lessons including language arts, math, science and art history enhance the students' experience of art techniques such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, mosaic and collage. Our students are encouraged to "Explore" the manipulation of various art materials such as paint, clay, ink and oil pastel. This art experience enables students to create multi-media art work.

The students' beautiful artwork can be seen decorating the walls of our school's hallways throughout the year. The culmination of the students' talent, creativity and knowledge will be on display at our school for the annual Student Art Show on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this spectacular showcase.

Physical Education:

The 2018-2019 school year welcomes change to our physical education department with the addition of Mr. McBride who is working with our preschool, second, and third grade students. Hoosac Valley Elementary physical education classes work to both actively engage a student's mind and body while conveying the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Physical education is both fun and challenging to all students, no matter their ability or skill level. A student enrolled in our program learns how to physically perform a skill, the rules involved and the social aspect surrounding that activity or sport.

Students are engaged in a vast array of different activities while participating in physical education. Children in the preschool and kindergarten levels have been learning many different gross motor skills required to participate in large group activities and non-competitive games. The skills being learned at this level include the overhand and underhand throwing technique, kicking a stationary object, striking a moving object, jumping rope, locomotor movements, and fleeing and dodging type activities.

Children in the first through third grade levels learn the skills of many traditional and non-traditional sports including soccer, football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and cup stacking. While actively engaged in sport students also learn how to better communicate and resolve conflicts with classmates.

All grade levels participate in our "kidnastics" unit, which is an age-appropriate version of gymnastics, the New York Road-runner's Rising Runner program and our sixth annual Kids Heart

Challenge (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart) fundraiser event through the American Heart Association. Students are engaged in cross-curricular activities that include mathematics, history, health, and ELA. Adaptive students have been actively engaged in the physical education program where they receive attention and accommodation focusing on their specific needs through the use of modified equipment and lesson plans. The physical education department is constantly seeking to increase the amount of time afforded to one-on-one opportunities for students with adaptive needs.

Students are making progress in understanding the value of teamwork, cooperation, effort, and sportsmanship. Please continue to follow the happenings in physical education by reading the quarterly newsletters and visiting the Bloomz physical education website.

Technology

The current District Technology Plan continues to guide decisions in this vital area of educational practice. This year the District was able to increase internet-accessibility throughout the building by adding additional cloud based access points for better coverage. These access points allowed for the creation of a public network for guests of the building to access the Internet, while providing valuable data to monitor and control internet traffic. In addition to improved coverage, we increased our bandwidth from 100mbps to 250mbps for improved internet speeds.

We continue to update content and improve communication between school/community/families through our district and individual school webpages. There is more work to be done on individual teacher pages; hopefully we will see greater utilization in the coming months. We see this as an opportunity to give families direct access to homework assignments, classroom calendars, information and upcoming events, classroom policies and procedures.

Our on-line software offerings to students both in and out of school continue to expand. We are excited to be continuing with implementing coding through the use of an online website code.org. Students in grades 1-3 have begun using this website to understand the basics of block coding.

We are proud to announce the addition of a new on-line software offering for our students in the area of Math, Symphony Math. This new student-use program aligns with the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) and helps students connect the BIG IDEAS in mathematics. Mastery of new math skills is achieved through Conceptual Understanding, Fluency, and Adaptive Branching. It provides all students the opportunity to progress at their own rate of learning while responding to their individual needs as they work through the 26 stages of the program. This program currently covers skills at the K through Grade 5 levels and next year will include Grade 6 skills. Lexia CORE 5 is utilized in grades Pre-K to 5; which is based on the 5 components of reading and is compliant with the CCSS. As with Symphony it meets each student at their own level of learning and allows students to ability to acquire skills above their current grade level. Moby Max continues to be used for practice in all areas of curriculum, (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies).

Classroom teachers can access the data from these programs to guide instruction for individual students. These programs can be accessed at home directly from our school website and used on the Chromebooks, iPad, desktop, or android, within your web

browser. We continue to review our offerings and explore new additions to our technology hardware/software to assist our staff in meeting the educational needs of all learners.

Community Connections

We continue to maintain excellent working relationships with a number of agencies throughout our neighboring communities as well as those in the town of Adams. We also work closely with the following organizations:

- The Berkshire Humane Society (pet care/classroom lessons)
- Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG Plays! for grade 3)
- The Pittsfield Red Cross Unit (classroom lessons)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Social Services (family support)
- McCann Technical High School (hygienists for classroom visits)
- Hillcrest Dental (hygienists for classroom visits)
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society (classroom lessons)
- Adams Police Department (school resource officers, practice safety drills)
- Mass MoCA (Grant funded program for all students K-5 to attend performances/tour spaces)
- The Berkshire Museum
- The Family Place (Backpacked for Success Program)
- Adams Library, Fire Department, and local banks (educational programs)
- Hoosac Valley High School (Leo Club)
- Specialty Minerals, INC – (field trips)
- Berkshire Community College (nursing interns)
- Adams Youth Center (Volunteers and after school child care)
- Adams Visitor Center-Joe Novak (Presentations and visits)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (practicum students and administrative interns)
- The Police Athletic League who use our gymnasium for basketball games
- REACH Foundation
- The South Adams Savings Bank provides our school with a generous donation of one thousand dollars each year.
- The Golden Varsity volunteers continue working in the library, office and classrooms in our school on a regular basis.
- Parent volunteers regularly work in classrooms, library and chaperone field trips.

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”

~ Dalai Lama

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is a dynamic, child-centered school where our students’ safety, social/emotional wellness, and academic achievements are our top priorities. We are so thankful for all of the continued support we receive from our parents, families, volunteers and community friends. The hard work we do each day could not be possible without you as our partner in the education of our children!

Submitted by,

Michelle Colvin,
Principal,
Hoosac Valley Elementary School

Hoosac Valley High School Athletics

The 2017-2018 Athletic Program celebrates another year of successes! Between championships, to Western Massachusetts appearances, to growing programs, The Hoosac Valley Athletic Program continues to be a source of pride in the community.

In general, the Athletic Program includes over 300 participants and 27 varsity and sub-varsity programs. Teams participate in the Berkshire County District G leagues as well as several PVIAC leagues. In addition, we offer several cooperative teams – as the host and guest; these cooperative teams offer more flexibility to increase participation. We also offer Middle School participation in the sports of: Boys' Soccer, Cross Country, Baseball, Softball and Girls' Lacrosse. In addition, under the direction of new Athletic Director Molly Meczywor, the program increased its participation in community service projects through the newly formed Athletic Leadership Council. The group raked leaves, organized a community bonfire, collected hats and mittens for children and worked with younger students to develop positive relationships. Finally, the Athletic Department began its consolidation of banners into Add-A-Year Banners.

In the Fall of 2017, our teams saw success in the regular season as well as with post-season play. The Hoosac Valley Football team finished out their season with a trip to Gillette Stadium! The team earned a decisive Suburban North title, Western Mass title and Central/Western Title. Seniors Vance Eugene, Adam Bush and Matt Hall played crucial roles on both offense and defense. This season saw the community come together to support both players and coaches. Coach Dayne Poirot continues to play a role in the youth leagues as well as co-direct the Strength and Conditioning Room which sees up to 300 students per year.

Our Girls' Soccer team, under the direction of Kathy Budaj, qualified for the Western Massachusetts tournament for the second year in a row, suffering a heart-breaking, overtime, penalty kick loss to a tough Hampshire. Our Boys' Soccer team continued to rebuild and grow both the JV and Varsity programs under the direction of returning Coach Blair Mahar. They earned victories over Taconic and a tie with Mt. Everett. Cross Country was led by Nick Curelop and saw several runners qualify for Western Mass. Coach Curelop continues to build the Cross Country program and strives to develop a love of running in his athletes. He is growing the boys' side numbers, in both the Middle School and High School, in an effort to form a full Boys' team. Last, our Golf team earned a Northern Berkshire Championship going 14-1 with no Seniors. The team brings back all of its players and hopes to earn another Championship.

In the Winter of 2017-2018, our Girls' Basketball team once again had a successful season under the coaching of Ron Wojcik. They earned another Northern Berkshire Division Championship under leadership of Skylar Case and Kayla Garabedian. They lost a heartbreaking Quarterfinal game to Wahconah, but return standouts Alie Mendel and Lexi Mercier for the 2018-2019 season.

The Boys' program continued under second year coach Mike Larabee. While they did not qualify for the Western Massachusetts Tournament, they remained a competitive program, playing well against a strong Drury and Taconic team. Last, Coach Alicia Gwozdz continued to build the Nordic Ski team with a wide range of training opportunities. Skiers Corben Craig and Mia Gale continue to be standouts on the team. Coach Gwozdz's expert knowledge sees positive impacts throughout the season. Hoosac Valley sends student-athletes to Wahconah for swimming and Mt. Greylock for wrestling. On the swim end, student Ellie Field qualified for States, earning a victory as the champion in Western/Central 50 Yard Freestyle.

In the Spring of 2017, our teams included: Baseball, Softball, Track, Boys' Lacrosse and Girls' Lacrosse. For Baseball, new Coach Trevor Swistak, longtime assistant, took the reins and worked diligently to rebuild numbers and depth. Coach Mike Ameen continued on as the Softball Coach. The team improved to go 15-3 in the 2018 regular season, winning the Berkshire County Southern Division championship and made the semi-finals of the Division II Western Mass tournament going all the way to play at UMass. They return a good number of players for the 2019 season.

Track and Field shifted its make up by hiring a Boys' and Girls' Head Coaches, Scott Farley and Dayne Poirot, respectively. The 2017-2018 Track and Field season reflected the special qualities that our community offers: grit, determination, perseverance, diversity, inclusivity and student-athlete growth. This growth was measured metrically in the times and distances our athletes captured from the beginning to end of season. A component that was molded throughout the season was to enhance a sense of team spirit and pride as well as community engagement. The team also hosted a 7th-8th grade meet, and had the opportunity to go to the state 7th-8th grade meet. Our younger athletes had great role models with the high school group, and gave our older athletes a sense of responsibility.

In Girls' Lacrosse, Coach Molly Meczywor returned and the team qualified for the Western Massachusetts tournament, beating Nipmuc in an exciting first round game and then losing to Mt. Greylock in the semi-finals. Captains Skylar Case, Bri Lancia, Angelica Tanguay and Claudia Bresett helped in building a cohesive team. The team grew in numbers as well and offered a full junior varsity schedule. Last, first year coach Mark Harrington - who has many connections to Hoosac Valley Athletics - led the Boys' Lacrosse team to another Western Mass playoff spot. Highlights of the season include two victories over Mt. Greylock as well as Wahconah.

In conclusion, Hoosac Valley continues to be a strong presence in both Berkshire County and Western Massachusetts.



Junior Derek Alibozek takes a swing:

Director of Food Services

In 2017-2018, the Adams Cheshire Regional School District continues to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, the Summer Food Service Program and a USDA Program called Department of Defense (DOD) Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program (FFAVORS).

The Adams Cheshire Regional School District Food Service Department is part of a Purchasing Program called Collaborative for Educational Services to purchase groceries for the Food Service Program and also a member of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative that puts out bids for bread, dairy and paper products, yearly, on a county-wide basis.

The closing of Cheshire Elementary School and adding 4th & 5th grades at HVMHS made for some staff changes in the kitchens. The High School increased by about 200 students. A 4-hour worker was hired at HVMHS. A Grab N Go breakfast for the Middle School was successfully implemented in the cafeteria.

There were 2 retirements and 1 other vacancy at Plunkett Elementary School at the end of SY 2017. Kim Briggs retired with over 30 years of dedicated service as the Manager of the Plunkett kitchen. Also, Fran Jamros retired with many years' service as a Cook's Helper at Plunkett kitchen. There also was a Cook's position open at Plunkett. The staff from Cheshire School were able to fill these positions with Cindy Gajda as Manager, Denise Moncecchi as Cook and Marianne Mirke as a Kitchen helper.

HVES continues to do the Breakfast in the Classroom Program (BIC) again this year. Participation continues to be between 80 & 90% for breakfast. HVES was awarded a \$500 Healthy Start Award for having at least three consecutive months of breakfast with over 80% participation.

HVES was also awarded a grant to participate in the Fruit & Veggie Program again for SY 2017-2018. The grant supported a 4-hour worker who delivers daily samples of a fruit & vegetable to each student in each class to help teach students about choosing healthy snacks.

Food Service worked closely with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be able to make the entire school district a CEP (Community Eligibility Program) district. This means that all Adams Cheshire Regional School District students in grades K-12, have a free breakfast and a free lunch every day.

In August 2017, the compressor for the small freezer at HVES stopped working and needed to be replaced. The existing compressor was on the roof over the boiler room. A new compressor had to be purchased and placed inside a back storage room off the kitchen. Expenses were \$9,174.

For the 2017-2018 school year the Food Service Department had a profit of \$4,117 on revenues of \$663,941. Government subsidies represented 89.9% of total revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$41,219 were received in 2018.

Participation in the reimbursable School Lunch Program for SY 17-18 was 67%, an increase of 10% from the previous year. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 17-18 was 54%, an increase of 17% from the previous year.

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of June 2018 was 53%, a decrease of 2% from the previous year.

We operated two kitchens in 2017-2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz
Food Service Director



Junior Alie Mendel looks to take a shot.



Senior Nick Waterman looks to take a shot.

ACRSD Special Services

2018 Annual Report

The ACRSD Special Services Department continues to provide student support and develop educational programs to meet the unique needs of our district. It is the mission of the Adams-Cheshire Special Services Department to provide a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive setting. We aim to maximize academic achievement, independence, and participation in the classroom and community. The Special Services Department works collaboratively with general education colleagues, administration, community agencies and other educational entities to develop and enhance in-district supports that allow students to access the curriculum successfully. In that regard, we continually explore creative program development and evaluate existing programs to ensure their effectiveness. These intentional efforts are in keeping with the Beliefs and Values of the Adams Cheshire Regional District; specifically, that all of our students develop into educated, responsible, and productive citizens. This year continues our multi-year journey to increase inclusion and universal design for learning in our education system.

The ACRSD Special Services Department offers a full continuum of programs and services. There is a variety of options available for prescribing services for each child. Academic support programs that offer small group, direct, systematic instruction and remediation in content areas including reading and math balance with accommodations provided in the regular classroom setting to promote individual student success. Other services for students are provided by Speech and Language Pathologists, Speech Assistants, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Sign-Language Interpreter, School Psychologist and an ESL instructor allowing us to provide services on site, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to the academic day for students. We continue to contract the services of a local Physical Therapist, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, a Teacher of the Deaf from the Willie Ross School for the Deaf as well as Perkins School for the Blind, to provide services on site for students who have the need. We also continue to receive specialized consultation services through United Cerebral Palsy, Communicare, and the Hampshire Collaborative for Educational Services to name a few.

Child Find is an important component of the Special Services Department. We work cooperatively with community agencies, families, educators, and health care providers to help identify students in need of services from an early age to graduation. The Special Services Department conducts preschool and kindergarten screenings annually using a team of early childhood specialists. The results of these screenings inform parents of their child's developmental strengths and weaknesses. If a child indicates the need for further evaluation, our team will refer the child for testing, and if found eligible, a plan will be developed to provide services. In this way, district children are offered early intervention in order to prevent future school failure. One of the initiatives this year has been to review our assessment process with an eye to improving identification of need that will then allow us to target the right supports and services for those students that may require specialized instruction.

When an older student is referred for special education by a caregiver or teacher, parent consent is sought and an evaluation is conducted. The district has a full time school psychologist, as well as contracted providers who may qualify for special services and provide recommendations for the teachers working with them. This year, we have expanded training to our special education liaisons to transition to a true multi-disciplinary assessment process.

The Preschool staff welcomes families and provides preschoolers a half-day of developmentally appropriate activities. The primary purpose of the program is to integrate three and four year old children with special needs in a preschool setting with typically developing (non-special needs) children serving as role models. Students receive therapies and specialized instruction according to their individual plans as developed by a multidisciplinary team which include the parents. The Preschool teachers provide English and Language Arts as well as Math instruction in a centers approach, using the Scott-Foresman OWLS curriculum. Early Childhood staff also serves on various committees for curriculum, community and family outreach, and maintaining high quality programming.

The Elementary Level of Special Services provides experienced special education teachers and support staff to students with special needs in Hoosac Valley Elementary School. This year we have continued to provide each grade level with a dedicated liaison to scheduling and planning opportunities with the regular education staff. Special Education teachers review students' individualized plans with teachers each year, and work with the principals to set up programming to best meet our student needs. Instruction is designed by specially trained staff and consultants in order to provide access to the grade level curricula as well as demonstrate progress toward individual student goals. Currently, reading and math remediation services can occur in the classroom as well as in a smaller setting. Paraprofessionals also support students in inclusive classrooms as well as in unstructured settings.

The number of students with significant special needs continues to increase. Two programs have been designed to assist them — Bridges and Cornerstone. The district BCBA continues to work closely with the director of special services and special education teachers to continually improve Bridges and Cornerstones classrooms to provide a therapeutic setting for students requiring a higher level of support and intensive therapies. A special educator also facilitates a substantially separate program, Cornerstone, at Hoosac Valley Elementary School for students with extensive social-emotional and behavioral needs. The special education elementary staff work closely with regular education staff to ensure students are successful academically and supported in all areas of elementary school. The District Elementary Special Education Coordinator is an invaluable resource for families and staff alike.

At Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, the addition of our School Psychologist and the continued support of the Special Services Coordinator has allowed a point person for staff

to consult with and provide ongoing support to our programs. Our middle and high school students' needs are met through a variety of programs available. Inclusive classrooms provide the opportunity for co-teaching with special and regular education staff and/or paraprofessional support to the classrooms. Other students' individualized plans require remedial reading and math instruction and/or content support. These services occur in a smaller, more structured setting with a special educator and may include paraprofessionals who are trained and supervised by the teachers. For students with a higher level of need, other substantially separate models like Bridges and Cornerstone, continue in this building.

The Cornerstone program is a safe, structured and predictable environment that provides multiple supports, rigorous social skill training and specific focus on preparing students to successfully transition to post graduation life including the working world. Therapeutic and behavioral supports augment a case management model that provides significant outreach to home, family and community ensuring a holistic model for educating these youth. The goal of transitioning students to less restrictive settings through a system of scaffolding supports remains constant in the Cornerstone program. Clinical consultation is provided for ongoing program improvement and to problem solve individual student needs.

The Bridges program at Hoosac Valley High School provides a comprehensive offering for students to develop more independence and functional life skills in a structured, caring setting. The program is dedicated to educating students with developmental disabilities. Vital components of the curriculum include adaptive daily living skills, social skills, health and wellness, cooking, functional academics, pre-vocational instruction and leisure training. The Bridges Program aims to integrate students into the community to their maximum potential and is actively involved in volunteering at several community sites including the Adams Community Center, Food Pantry, Youth Center Inc., Free Public Library and Town Hall. Most students in the program are engaged and participate in the Special Olympics as well as many of Hoosac Valley's extracurricular functions. The Bridges Program is also completely responsible for operating the school store. Students in the program manage and staff the store. This program has become an integral part of the culture of HVHS.

At the middle and high school levels, special education teachers offer academic support programming. The teachers consult with classroom teachers on a regular basis in order to facilitate success in the most inclusive setting. Additional services are provided as needed for remediation of reading and math skills.

Extended year programs continue to be available during the summer months to assist students who have shown documented substantial regression of their educational progress both academically and socially following vacations and or long illnesses. A program for our younger students balances academic growth with "camp like" experiential projects to foster social emotional and language development. The summer program for older students combines academic support and pre-vocational skill development with community and recreational outings. Tutoring is also provided on an individual or small group basis to maintain academics. These programs provide diverse offerings for students in Pre-K through age 22.

Our efforts to develop and sustain programs which support students within their communities have had a dramatic impact on reducing the cost of out-of-district residential placements. Nevertheless, we periodically have the need to place a student with intensive needs in an out of district therapeutic setting, where they are monitored by the special services department. The district also offers services to St. Stanislaus Kostka School for those students identified with a disability. The district also offers services for students receiving home schooling that may also require specialized instruction and/or related services in order to access the curriculum.

The district welcomes parents to join our joint Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The purpose of the SEPAC is twofold: to help guide the district in making programmatic decisions and to serve as a resource for parents of children with special needs. This year the district has sought an alternative method of providing information to parents and seeking guidance from parents through the waiver process. The district anticipates offering a series of workshops that will provide parents with information about special services offered within the district as well as opening a dialogue to hear parent concerns and allow for a general advisory process.

The Special Services Department includes support and monitoring of students who are in transitional housing or have been identified as English Learners (ELs). An (ESL) English as a Second Language teacher, provides instruction and support to English Language Learners in all district buildings. The ESL teacher also works with the Director of Special Services to maintain compliance and consults with staff to support ELs in the classroom. Our English Language Learner (EL) students participate in "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment is given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students work diligently on this assessment and the data obtained helps the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated. The ESL teacher also has been trained by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be an SEI endorsed instructor and provides professional development to our teachers. In the past year we have seen significant growth in our EL population and will be seeking additional support of a .5 ESL teacher to meet the increasing need of this population.

The Special Services Department is small but hardworking. The Administrative Assistant to the Director is an invaluable asset to the district to maximize the department's efficiency and compliance standards. All of the ACRSD Special Services staff and paraprofessionals strive to maximize potential and lead students to successful transitions to be college and career ready.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla M. Chioda MA, JD
Director of Special Services

Director of Business

Overview Of Fiscal Year 2018

Fiscal year 2018 was a turning point for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. As costs continue to rise while enrollment and population trends continue to decline, our School Committee, Administration and Towns were forced to combat this reality with the closing of a school building.

After many, many versions of budget proposals came and went, it was voted on April 10, 2017 to adopt a budget that would close Cheshire Elementary School and reconfigure the district to operate within two buildings. The savings that were realized due to the building closure made way for the addition of several positions that were so badly needed to aid in removing our district from level 3 status. The FY18 budget included the addition of Elementary & Middle School Reading & Math Interventionists as well as the addition of Elementary and Middle School Special Education Coordinators. Our schools now operate as PreK-3 Elementary, 4-7 Middle and 8-12 High School. The reconfiguration not only reduced building maintenance costs, but also promised a larger return in Transportation Reimbursement from the state as more students would travel over a mile and a half to their school therefore increasing the amount of eligible costs to be reimbursed.

The FY18 Budget of \$19,275,538 represented an increase of 1.47% or \$279,776 over the prior year's budget. The building closure helped to offset increased general administration costs and health insurance rates being held with no increase was also a factor in keeping the overall budget increase low. The District continues to see large assessments from the state for students in our towns attending the Charter School and public schools outside of our District.

In FY2018, The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District continued funding its work with the the Bay State Reading Institute in our Elementary & Middle Schools and also launched Project Lead the Way in the Middle and High Schools. Building closure savings helped to fund these ongoing supports and initiatives that were all put into place to achieve two main goals of retaining / gaining back students in the district and making our way out of Level 3 status.

The 2018 fiscal year ended on a positive note with a surplus of \$512,248 which was then closed out to Excess & Deficiency. The Department of Revenue certified the ACRSD's E & D, as of July 1, 2018 at \$863,064. This amount was 4.3% of the total FY2019 budget, which was adopted on March 12, 2018 to be \$19,750,146. A regional school district is allowed to retain up to 5% of the succeeding year's budget as their certified E & D. That being said, the ACRSD has consistently used a significant portion of their available E & D to reduce the town assessments each year. With E & D trending on the higher end, the District has been able to look into increasing the amount used to offset assessments for FY19 and FY20 budgets.

In closing, FY2018 was a year of change. With change, came growth, collaboration, and a fresh start for everyone within ACRSD. We have already seen great gains from the added positions, outside supports, and continued excellence of our teaching staff. Financially, this change has brought stability and opportunity in a time where it would otherwise not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder
Director of Business
January 31, 2019

**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2018**

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,978,567	\$ 777,156	\$ 3,755,723
Intergovernmental receivables	-	33,051	33,051
Inventory	-	31,251	31,251
Other assets	8,000	-	8,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,986,567	\$ 841,458	\$ 3,828,025
LIABILITIES			
Warrants payable	94,479	76,367	170,846
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,176,238	36,080	1,212,318
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,270,717	\$ 112,447	\$ 1,383,164
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	31,251	31,251
Restricted	-	697,760	697,760
Assigned	848,170	-	848,170
Unassigned	867,680	-	867,680
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,715,850	729,011	2,444,861
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,986,567	\$ 841,458	\$ 3,828,025

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,313,978	\$ -	\$ 8,313,978
Charges for services	-	545,021	545,021
Intergovernmental	12,283,273	2,049,706	14,332,979
Investment income	21,968	-	21,968
Miscellaneous	221,334	16,294	237,628
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 20,840,553	\$ 2,611,021	\$ 23,451,574
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Administration	684,264	2,885	687,149
Instruction	6,895,089	1,036,336	7,931,425
Other school services	1,220,698	1,209,049	2,429,747
Operation and maintenance	1,135,808	-	1,135,808
Fixed charges	122,807	-	122,807
Intergovernmental	1,854,965	-	1,854,965
Debt service	935,700	-	935,700
Special education	1,957,614	601,967	2,559,581
Capital outlay	84,142	-	84,142
Employee benefits	5,843,124	-	5,843,124
Total Expenditures	20,734,211	2,850,237	23,584,448
Change in fund balance	106,342	(239,216)	(132,874)
FUND BALANCE, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,609,508	968,227	2,577,735
FUND BALANCE, AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,715,850	\$ 729,011	\$ 2,444,861

**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District
Assessments to Member Towns
June 30, 2018**

Town	Minimum Contribution	Contribution Outside Net School Spending	Transportation & Capital Assessments	Total Assessments
Adams	\$ 4,405,822	\$ 683,696	\$ 504,194	\$ 5,593,712
Cheshire	2,297,333	239,639	183,294	2,720,266
Total	\$ 6,703,155	\$ 923,335	\$ 687,488	\$ 8,313,978

**Adams-Cheshire Regional School District
June 30, 2018
Future Debt Service**

Governmental	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 590,000	\$ 343,450	\$ 933,450
2020	605,000	325,750	930,750
2021	620,000	307,600	927,600
2022	640,000	289,000	929,000
2023	655,000	269,800	924,800
2024 - 2028	3,385,000	1,038,500	4,423,500
2029 - 2033	4,030,000	422,100	4,452,100
Total	\$ 10,525,000	\$ 2,996,200	\$ 13,521,200

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District



The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in fiscal year 2018 and this report highlights some of these accomplishments.

Our mission is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our mission and educational philosophy are implemented by adhering to the following core values:

Communication strengthens partnership development and teamwork.

Achievement is attained through a strong work ethic.

Respect from all guarantees a safe learning environment.

Ethics ensure a dedication to honesty and integrity.

During the last twenty-four years we have witnessed a dramatic transformation in vocational technical education especially in our application of technology and STEM subjects. We are very proud of the academic and technical achievement of our students and as each succeeding class raises the bar of accomplishment, the next class seeks to surpass it. The integration of our technical and academic curriculum has prepared our graduates well for their future and we appreciate you, our member communities, for your support in making it happen.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the McCann culture of learning:

The Class of 2018 became the fifteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.

Twenty-seven members of the Class of 2018 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for their academic record and MCAS achievement.

Our 107 2018 graduates saw 55% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 42% enter the workforce and 3% proudly enter into military service.

The results of the spring 2018 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty.

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Advanced	17%	25.7%	24.7%	28.4%	31.7%
Proficient	77%	68.9%	72.6%	69.8%	59.0%
Needs Improvement	6%	4.5%	2.6%	1.7%	8.5%
Failing	1%	.7%	0.0%	0.0%	.8%

GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS

Performance Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Advanced	44%	32.35%	34.5%	32.5%	30.2%
Proficient	29%	46.25%	45.7%	46.5%	45.0%
Needs Improvement	24%	19.2%	17.2%	18.4%	19.4%
Failing	3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.6%	5.4%

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

Performance Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Advanced	19%	11.3%	24.5%	26.1%	13.7%
Proficient	52%	63.7%	61.8%	51.3%	53.3%
Needs Improvement	27%	23.4%	10.9%	20.1%	30.6%
Failing	2%	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%	2.4%

The McCann Athletics program continues to enjoy success in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Our programs enjoy healthy participation numbers and our student athletes continue to represent our school admirably. League championships were won by our girls' basketball and softball, and boys' baseball programs. The lacrosse program continues to grow with the team qualifying for the state vocational tournament for the first time.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to renovate several of our original student bathrooms, realign all of our equipment in advanced manufacturing, and renovate and realign equipment within our carpentry and electrical departments. We installed new heating and air handling units in several classrooms and, in conjunction with National Grid, completed phase I of a two-phase LED lighting fixture replacement project. This project will, in addition to saving energy costs, provide an excellent learning opportunity for our electrical students.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We received a Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant for \$196,315.00 which allowed us to purchase program-mable logic controllers, PLC's, and new trainers for our electrical department and new fiber-optic training equipment for our information technology department. We also utilized the Perkins grant funds to purchase a new large plotter for our computer-aided design, CAD, department, a new table saw for carpentry, and computer components and equipment upgrades consistent with the national A+ certification program for our information technology students.

Community service projects continue to provide our students with excellent opportunities to display their technical skills while exhibiting the passion and commitment to support their community. Our school council held a soda can tab drive and donated approximately 400,000 tabs, 225 pounds, to Shriners Hospital. Our BPA students collected items for the homeless veteran's shelter, placed flags on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day, participated in the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Tree Showcase and assisted with the set-up of the Relay for Life event. Our Skills USA students' community service included the "Buddy Walk of the Berkshires," placing flags on veterans' graves, the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Showcase, Relay for Life, a series of Louison House fundraisers including food drives and Christmas gifts for the children.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 300,000 members working to ensure America has a skilled work force. McCann is a 100% member of SkillsUSA which has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. At the 2018 SkillsUSA state competition, McCann students earned gold medals in 3-D visualization and animation, and sheet metal at the high school level and cosmetology, dental assisting, medical assisting and job interview at the postsecondary level. A silver medal was awarded in architectural drafting, automated manufacturing technology, career choice commentary, customer service and technical computer applications at the high school level and cosmetology and dental assisting at the postsecondary level. A bronze medal was also earned in information technology at the high school level. All gold medal winners had the opportunity to attend the national competition in Louisville, KY where more than 15,000 people – including students, teachers and business partners – are expected to participate in the weeklong event. Competitions include 96 different hands-on trades, technical and leadership fields. At the national competitions this year McCann Tech took home two national bronze medals. We are incredibly proud of our winners, Amanda Rosier who won bronze in dental assisting, and Caitlyn Cross who won bronze in medical assisting.

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the leading career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. The organization's activities complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. BPA is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship,

academic, and technological skills. At the 2018 BPA State Leadership Conference held in Framingham, MA, McCann students received a total of twenty-three awards in Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design, and Management, Marketing and Communications, bringing home seven 1st place, seven 2nd place, and eight 3rd place awards. In May 2018, ten McCann students travelled to Dallas, TX to join over 5,000 other conference attendees from across the nation to participate in business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and intern assignments. The team earned impressive achievements at the national competition including a first place award in Advanced Spreadsheet Applications and top ten awards in Administrative Support Team.

Project Lead the Way is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education programs in schools across the United States. Students enrolled in the program take as many as four courses above and beyond their graduation requirements. Since its inception in 2005, over 60% of participating students - over one hundred - have become eligible for college credits through Rochester Institute of Technology or New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. In last year's PLTW cohort, 6 students achieved this eligibility. Currently, 14 of our students are enrolled in Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles. Since its inaugural year in 2016, 59% of students enrolled in Advanced Computer Science Principles have achieved a qualifying score for college credit.

The McCann Robotics Club is an extracurricular club that meets weekly after school. All students are welcome to join and become involved in the design, build, and programming of a robot to enter into regional competitions. The 2018 team attended the FIRST Tech Challenge State Robotics Competition where they competed in a qualifier at Andover High School in January 2018 and came in 2nd place. They then advanced to the State Competition in March 2018 at Natick High School.

Once again our advanced manufacturing sophomores and juniors received high accolades in the Manufacturing Advanced Center Workforce Innovative Collaborative, MACWIC, certification testing with 11 sophomores achieving Level I certification, four of whom received a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the five categories, while 6 juniors and 1 senior achieved Level II certification with two receiving a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the four categories. Our information technology students also achieved success in the CompTIA certification examination with 1 senior receiving Network+ certification and 9 sophomores receiving IT Fundamentals+ certification. Our business technology students achieved success in the Microsoft Office Specialists, MOS, certification examinations with 12 sophomores passing the Word exam and 8 passing the Excel exam, 9 freshman passed the Powerpoint exam, 7 juniors passed the Access exam and 1 senior passed the Outlook exam. We also had 2 students pass the Computing Fundamentals, 11 pass the Key Applications and 3 pass the Living Online exam, all part of the Internet and Computing Core Certification, IC3.

The success of our student body continues to be measured by our 100% competency determination, high career placement, high college matriculation rate and technical expertise in national skills competitions.

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$29,142.00 of unused transportation monies to our communities. The district continues to search out grants to support our educational funding to improve instructional services and vocational equipment.

We honored two departing members of our school committee, Tom Mahar of Williamstown for his 21 years of dedicated service including 5 years as committee chairman, and Rebecca O’Hearn of Florida for her 5 years of dedicated service including serving as district assistant treasurer. We welcomed Tim Rickert of Williamstown and Melanie Medon of Florida.

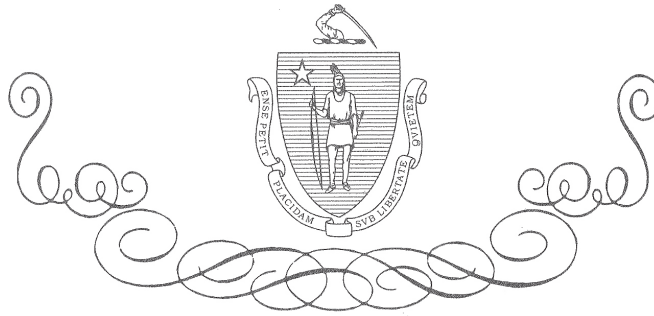
FY18 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
City & Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 2,825,783.00	\$ 2,825,783.00
Capital	38,120.00	38,120.00
Transportation	164,854.00	164,854.00
Municipal Assessment	676,620.00	676,620.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	255,000.00	284,142.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	4,679,876.00	4,679,876.00
Tuitions	693,416.00	693,416.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,490.00	11,650.88
State Bonus Aid		600.00
Total Revenue Received	9,340,159.00	9,375,061.88
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(29,142.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D		(5,760.88)
	\$ 9,340,159.00	\$ 9,340,159.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Federal Entitlement)		
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$ 117,098.00
Fed	Title I	95,081.00
Fed	Title II A	16,360.00
Fed	Title IV	2,569.00
Fed	Perkins	61,406.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins	3,825.00
(Federal Grants Other)		
	REAP	36,254.00
(State Grants)		
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	196,315.00
(Competitive/Private)		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	BCREB: Connecting Activities	1,000.00
Private	BCREB Advanced Manufacturing	19,971.00
Private	BCREB Welding	17,482.00
Private	City of Chicopee Nurse Grant	2,850.00
Private	MASS MoCA	500.00
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 577,711.00

Appalachian Trail Community Citation

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The House of Representatives



Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
offers its sincerest congratulations to:

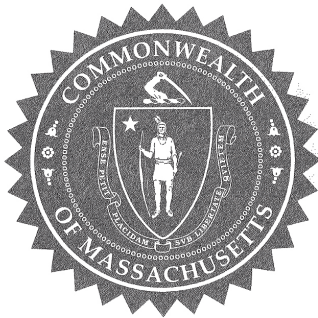
The Town of Cheshire
in recognition of

Being Named an Appalachian Trail Community.

The entire membership extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 29th day of June, 2018

At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts



by:

Handwritten signature of Robert A. DeLeo.

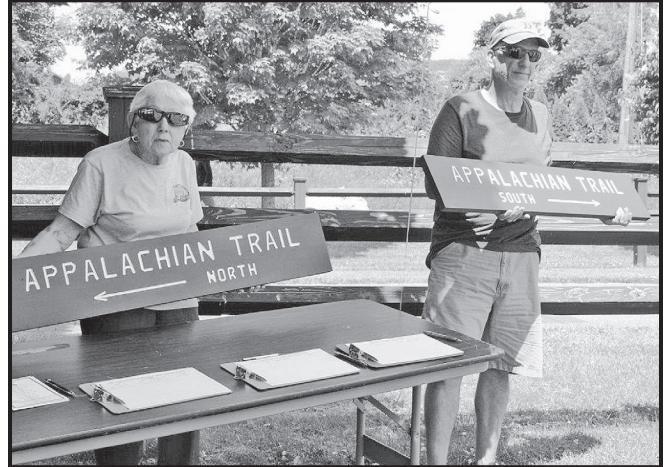
Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House

Offered by:

Handwritten signature of John Barrett III.

State Representative
John Barrett III

Appalachian Trail Community Ceremony



In 2018, the Town of Cheshire was named an “Appalachian Trail Community.”

Clockwise From Top Left:

Official Appalachian Trail Community Designation Citation and signs presented by State Representative John Barrett III.

Lois and Matt with new Appalachian Trail directional signs.

The Group Hike pauses to enjoy a break along the Trail.

Celebrating the day - the Group Hike.



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CHESHIRE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, May 7th Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Cheshire Community/Senior Center, 119 School Street.

DOG LICENSES

2018-2019 Cheshire Dog Licenses are available. Licenses are due **April 1st**. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be shown. Male/Female \$20
Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$10.
Fine of \$25 is added to the Late Fee \$15 (effective June 1st) and the cost of the dog license. (The license runs from April 1st to March 31st each year.)

CHESHIRE TOWN BY-LAW

"No person shall shovel, plow, push or throw snow out into a public way." Subject to a \$50 fine for the first offense, \$100 for each subsequent fine.

COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM

The Town of Cheshire is pleased to announce that Public Power has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program ("Program"). Public Power will provide electric power supply for all consumers participating in Cheshire's Program. [PDF]

CHESHIRE WILL BE 225 IN 2018!

Cheshire will be celebrating 225 years in 2018. A committee is being formed for this celebration. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Cheshire Board of Selectmen...read more

OUR TOWN

CHESHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS

Cheshire is one of several smaller Berkshire County communities in Western Massachusetts that is seeing its population grow! Come and visit and you will see why! Walk the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail; take a boat out on our beautiful lake and hike the Appalachian Trail which crosses through the center of our town! These and so much more are what makes the town of Cheshire so special!

THE ASHUWILLTICOOK RAIL TRAIL

The Ashuwillticook Rail Trail is a former railroad corridor converted into a 10-foot (3.0 m) wide paved universally accessible scenic rail trail path. The Ashuwillticook (ash-oo-will-ti-cook) Rail Trail runs parallel to Route 8 through the towns of Cheshire, Lanesborough and Adams, Massachusetts and has become a popular resource for biking, walking, rollerblading, and jogging. The trail is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) ... more

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Cheshire Information

Telephone Numbers for Town of Cheshire Services

Cheshire Board of Selectmen	743-1690 ext 11
Town Administrator	743-1690 ext 18
Town Clerk	743-1690 ext 22
Accountant	743-1690 ext 14
Treasurer	743-1690 ext 15
Water Department	743-1690 ext 16
Board of Health	743-1690 ext 17
Building Inspector	743-1690 ext 19
Tax Collector	743-2826
Board of Assessors	743-3929
Cheshire Highway Garage	743-3376

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Cheshire Police (non-emergency)	743-1501
Cheshire Fire Department (non-emergency)	743-3387

Cheshire Library	743-4746
Cheshire Community/Senior Center	743-9719
Cheshire Elementary School	743-2298
Hoosac Valley High School	743-5200
Cheshire Post Office	743-3184

Cheshire Town Website: www.cheshire-ma.net

Voice Mail is available for all of the above.

REMINDER: The Cheshire Town Hall and Annex are NOT open on Fridays.

**Weekly Hours of the Cheshire Town Offices
are posted at the 80 Church Street entrance of the Town Hall**

Assessors
Town Clerk

Tax Collector
Water Department

Tuesday Evening Hours

Board of Selectmen/ Conservation Commission	6:30 to 8:30 (Adjournment when business is concluded)
Board of Health, Water Department, Tax Collector and Town Clerk	6:30 to 8:30
Building Inspector at Annex	6:00 to 8:30
Cheshire Police at Police Department	6:30 to 8:30

Cheshire Library:

Phone: 413 743 - 4746
Visit us on: Facebook
Web: cheshirepubliclibrary.wordpress.com
Town Website: www.Cheshire-ma.net
**Look for notices
on the Fire Dept. digital sign**

(HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Town of Cheshire - Dogs, Taxes and Trash Info

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL APRIL of EACH YEAR.

Cheshire Town By-laws state that **all dogs must be licensed by June 1st** or a late fee of \$15 goes into effect; if the dog is not licensed by **August 1st** a fine of \$25 is added to the \$15 totaling \$40 plus the license tag fee.

Cheshire Town By-laws state that **all dogs must be restrained at all times.**

A **pooper-scooper** By-law is also in effect.

A **barking dog** (outdoors) for more than 15 minutes is subject to a fine.

Real Estate Taxes are semi-annual due May and November.
Tax Collector's hours are printed on bills.

Water Bills are quarterly
Water Collector's hours are printed on bills.

Town Compactor Site:
Mon., Fri. & Sat. 8:00 to 5:00
Wednesdays Noon to 5:00

CHESHIRE COMPACTOR STICKERS
are renewable **JULY 1st**.
Stickers are only available through the Board of Health.

