

Cheshire TOWN of

MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Town of
CHESHIRE

MASSACHUSETTS



Annual Report
2019

Dedication

The Cheshire 2019 Annual Town Report is dedicated to



Carol Francesconi

Thirty years as Cheshire Selectmen

During her tenure just some of the projects and accomplishments.

- Bailey Bridge and new Bridge on Main Street
- Council on Aging Van for Cheshire residents
- War Memorial headed by Dorothy LeFebvre and Carol
- Ashuwillticook Bike Trail
- Appalachian Trail Community
- Memorial Day Parades
- Served on Rent Control Board
- Served on Conservation Commission
Now in retirement
- Founded Cheshire Food Pantry
with Carole Hilderbrand
- Council on Aging Committee Member
- Cheshire Conservation Commission

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting,
Carol received a plaque and a standing ovation
for her years of dedicated service to the Town of Cheshire.*

Thank you, Carol.

Town Elected Officials

		<i>Term Expires</i>			<i>Term Expires</i>
Selectmen	Robert Ciskowski	2021	Constables	Alison Warner	2022
	Mark Biagini	2022		Robert Copeland	2022
	Jason Levesque	2020		C.J. Garner	2022
Moderator	Donna DeFino	2022	Planning Board	Ronald DeAngelis	2020
				Donna Defino	2021
Board of Assessors	Everett L. Martin	2021		Francis Griswold	2022
	Nancy Delorey	2022		Nicholas Graham	2023
	Barbara Astorino	2020		Peter Traub	2024
Board of Health	Richard Salvi	2021	Hoosac Valley Regional School District		
	Jeffrey Warner	2020	<i>(Formerly Adams-Cheshire Regional School District)</i>		
	C.J. Garner	2022	School Committee Members		
			from Cheshire	Adam Emerson	2020
Water Commissioners	Donald Rueger	2020		Bethany DeMarco	2021
	Rick Gurney	2021		Peter Tatro	2022
	Ronald DeAngelis	2022	Hoosac Valley Regional School District		
Cemetery Commissioners	Anne Furey	2021	<i>(Formerly Adams-Cheshire Regional School District)</i>		
	Richard Francesconi	2022	School Committee Members		
	Stephen LaFogg	2020	from Adams	Regina Hill	2020
TaxCollector	Rebecca Herzog	2021		Michael Mucci Jr.	2021
				Jennifer Gagneant	2021
Town Clerk	Christine B. Emerson	2021		Martin Bush	2022
			Northern Berkshire Vocational		
			School Committee member		
			from Cheshire	William Craig	2022

Town Appointments

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

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Emergency Management Committee	Jason Levesque		Fire Chief	Thomas Francesconi	<i>Yearly</i>
	Mark Biagini				
	Robert Ciskowski		Police Chief	Timothy Garner	<i>Yearly</i>
	Richard Salvi				
	Ronald DeAngelis		Police Staff Sergeant	Michael Alibozek	
	Travis Delratez				
	Blair Crane		Police Officers	David Tarjick	
	Timothy Garner			Amalio Jusino	
	Thomas Francesconi			Cody Alvarez	
	Corey Swistak			Trisha Carlo	
School Crossing Guards	appointed by ACRSDistrict			Dylan Vandoloski	
Council on Aging	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>		Special Police Officers		
	Anna Farnam	2022		Peter Mazzaco	<i>Yearly</i>
	Peter Traub	2021		Paul Maloney	<i>Yearly</i>
	Elsie Zaleski (<i>Resigned</i>)	2018		Alison Warner	<i>Yearly</i>
	Harrison King (<i>Resigned</i>)	2019	Harbor Master	Paul Maloney	<i>Lifetime appointment</i>
	Margaret Gwozdz	2022			
	Helen Dargie	2021	Alternate Planning Board Member	Sandra Sloane	<i>Yearly</i>
	Donald Pulver	2020			
	Eugene Gebarowski	2021	Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas Zappula	<i>Yearly</i>
	Barbara Proper	2022		Gale Grimshaw	<i>Yearly</i>
	John Bianchi	2022		Stephen Marko	<i>Yearly</i>
	Lynda Bianchi	Alternate	Alternate Zoning Member	Robert Balawender	<i>Yearly</i>
Historical Commission	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>		Appointments by the Moderator		
	Diane Hitter	2022	<hr/> <hr/>		
	Elaine Daniels	2021	Advisory Board	Justin Kruszyna (<i>Resigned</i>)	2019
	Vern Emerson	2021		Kathleen Levesque	2021
	Robert Hitter	2022		Jeremy McLain (<i>Resigned</i>)	2019
	Dawn Daniels	2020		John Tremblay	2021
	Barry Emery	2020		Joseph Johnson	2020
	Gus Martin	2020		Denise Gregoire	2020
	George Reynolds	Alternate Member		Heather Emerson	2020
Board of Registrar of Voters	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>			Lenwood Vaspra	2022
	Gary Herzog	2022			
	Diane Hitter	2021			
	Elizabeth King	2020			
Election Official	Alison Warner	<i>Yearly</i>			
Asst. Election Official	Ronald Lancia	<i>Yearly</i>			

Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS RECORDED

Births	31
Deaths	30
Marriages	2
Registered Voters	2,384
Democrat	554
Republican	246
Libertarian	10
United Independent	12
Other	5
Unenrolled	1557

GASOLINE STORAGE PERMIT RENEWALS

Bedard Bros.	\$ 25
H.D. Reynolds	25
Hoosac Valley Middle & High School	25
MGE Realty	25
O'Connell Convenience	25
Republic Services	25
Whitney's Farm Market	25
	<u>\$175</u>

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

New	8
Renewals	<u>4</u>
\$20 for 4 year period	\$240

SALE OF DOG LICENSES

Males	43
Neutered Males	142
Females	20
Spayed Females	191
4 Dog Multi Unit	5
10 Dog Multi Unit	<u>4</u>

***Amount turned over to Treasurer
(includes Late Fees and Fines)*** **\$4,940**

Thank you to the Town Officials and Boards for their continued help and support. Special thanks to the Registrars, Poll Workers, Election Official and the Counting Crew for their ever faithful and diligent service.

To the residents of Cheshire, my gratitude for making this position a nice and rewarding place to work.

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

Christine B. Emerson

Board of Selectmen

2018-2019 Annual Report

Greetings to the Residents of Cheshire:

2018 - 2019 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 Accountant

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

I hereby submit to you my 17th Annual Town Accountant's report for Fiscal Year 2019.

I am happy to report that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified the Town of Cheshire's free cash balance as of July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$790,952. This is an increase of 133% from the prior year July 1, 2018 balance of \$339,776.

I am submitting the Schedule A Revenues and Expenditures which summarize the FY 2019 receipts and expenditures along with the General Fund Balance sheet as of June 30, 2019.

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, 2019 (Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types Enterprise	Internal Services	Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects					
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	1,187,083.41	26,679.06	7,627.00	370,236.35		841,398.78		2,433,024.60
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	3,783.25							3,783.25
Real estate taxes	166,529.51							166,529.51
Deferred taxes								0.00
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	-66,973.51							-66,973.51
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	128,125.59							128,125.59
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	41,561.65							41,561.65
Other excises								0.00
User fees				120,265.30				120,265.30
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Prepays								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				416,000.00			510,400.95	926,400.95
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	1,475,467.19	26,679.06	7,627.00	906,501.65	0.00	841,398.78	510,400.95	3,768,074.63
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable								0.00
Warrants payable								0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	4,873.04							4,873.04
Accrued claims payable								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Other liabilities	5,703.17							5,703.17
Agency Funds								0.00

	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			
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	103,339.35							103,339.35
Deferred taxes								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	128,125.59							128,125.59
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	41,561.65							41,561.65
Other excises								0.00
User fees				120,265.30				120,265.30
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Deposits receivable	1,846.14							1,846.14
Other receivables								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Bonds payable			534,250.00					534,250.00
Notes payable				416,000.00			510,400.95	926,400.95
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	300,806.23	0.00	534,250.00	536,265.30	0.00	0.00	510,400.95	1,881,722.48
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	114,015.59							114,015.59
Reserved for expenditures	157,800.00	26,679.06	-526,623.00			841,398.78		499,254.84
Reserved for continuing appropriations								0.00
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	902,845.37							902,845.37
Unreserved retained earnings				370,236.35				370,236.35
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	1,174,660.96	26,679.06	-526,623.00	370,236.35	0.00	841,398.78	0.00	1,886,352.15
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,475,467.19	26,679.06	7,627.00	906,501.65	0.00	841,398.78	510,400.95	3,768,074.63
Proof That Balance Sheet Is In Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Schedule A Part 1
General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01) Fiscal Year 2019

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	A. Taxes	
4110	Personal Property Taxes	\$ 98,272
4120	Real Estate Taxes	4,012,117
4150	Excise Taxes	581,603
4179	Penalties and Interest	34,797
4180	In Lieu of Taxes	
4191	Hotel/Motel Excise	
4192	Meals Excise	
4193	Cannabis Excise	
4194	Boat Excise	
4198	Urban Redevelopment Excises	
4199	Other Taxes	10,917
	A. TOTAL TAXES (NET OF REFUNDS)	4,737,706
	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	97,716
4248	Transit Charges	
4370	Other Department Revenue	80,017
	B. TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES/ OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES	177,733
	C. Licenses, Permits and Fees	
4322	Fees Retained from Tax Collection	13,730
4323	Cannabis Impact Fee	
4324	Short-term Rental Community Impact Fee	
4400	Licenses and Permits	46,627
	C. TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	\$ 60,357
	D. Federal Revenue	
4540	Unrestricted - Direct	
4580	Unrestricted - Through the State	
	D. TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	

Schedule A Part 1 (continued)
General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01) Fiscal Year 2019

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	E. Revenues From State	
4600	State Revenue	\$ 791,218
	E. TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE	791,218
	F. Revenues From Other Governments	
4695	Court Fines	150
4720	Received From the County for Services Performed	
4730	Received From Other Municipalities for Services Performed	
	F. TOTAL REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	150
	G. Special Assessments	
4750	Special Assessments	16,006
	G. TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	16,006
	H. Fines, and Forfeitures	
4770	Fines and Forfeitures	
	H. TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES	
	I. Miscellaneous Revenues	
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues	
4820	Earnings on Investments	6,956
	I. TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	6,956
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	5,790,126
	J. Other Financing Sources	
4990	Other Financing Sources	
	J. TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	5,790,126
	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	85,000
4977	Transfers from Agency Funds	
	K. TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	85,000
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, AND INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	\$ 5,875,126

Schedule A Part 2 Fiscal Year 2019

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT (100)												
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Executive	Accountant Auditor	Collector	Treasurer	Law Dept. Town/City Counsel	Public Building Properties Maintenance	Assessors	Operations Support	License & Registration	Conservation Commission	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	51,166	24,368	23,834	24,480		11,794	27,802		42,158		23,888
5700	Expenditures	11,997	2,820	9,676	6,415	2,775	221,229	28,261	25,993	6,512	630	
5800A	Construction											
5800B	Capital Outlay											
	TOTAL	63,163	27,188	33,510	30,895	2,775	233,023	56,063	25,993	48,670	630	23,888

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - PUBLIC SAFETY (200)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Police	Fire	Emergency Medical Services	Inspection	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	103,801	3,570		33,289	
5700	Expenditures	22,788	37,321	4,035	7,861	18,428
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
	TOTAL	126,589	40,891	4,035	41,150	18,428

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - 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	3,148,781				
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
	TOTAL	3,148,781				

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - 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		269,366	15,055					
5700	Expenditures	195,120	299,062	107,838			48,893	25,087	
5800A	Construction								
5800B	Capital Outlay		37,478						
TOTAL		195,120	605,906	122,893			48,893	25,087	

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - HUMAN SERVICES (500)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Health Services	Clinical Services	Special Program	Veterans Services	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	12,024		14,672	1,500	
5700	Expenditures	4,947		4,995	19,312	
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
TOTAL		16,971		19,667	20,812	

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - CULTURE AND RECREATION (600)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Library	Recreation	Parks	Historical Commission	Celebrations
5100	Salary and Wages	11,709				
5700	Expenditures	11,172	6,725		343	
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
TOTAL		22,881	6,725		343	

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - 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	215,724	27,062	9,500	1,050
TOTAL		215,724	27,062	9,500	1,050

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - 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			118,773			93,787	29,393	103,145	25,495
TOTAL				118,773			93,787	29,393	103,145	25,495

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - TRANSFERS/OTHER FINANCING USES (0001)		Amount
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	56,303
5990	Other Financing Uses	
TOTAL		56,303

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - TOTAL ALL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Total
Expenditures		
5100	Salary and Wages	694,476
5700	Expenditures	4,279,016
5800A	Construction	
5800B	Capital Outlay	37,478
5900	Debt Service	253,336
0001	Unclassified	370,593
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		5,634,899
Other Financing Uses		
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	56,303
5990	Other Financing Uses	
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER FINANCING USES		56,303
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		5,691,202
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES		

Town of Cheshire FY 2019 Budget to Actual Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 001 - 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
CODE: 002 - SELECTMEN				
01-5-002-001	Selectmen Salary Chair	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-002-002	Selectmen Clerk	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-002-003	Selectmen 3rd 4th 5th Member	3,570.00	-1,137.40	2,432.60
01-5-002-004	Selectmen Secretary	5,915.00	-5,915.00	0.00
01-5-002-005	Selectmen Expenses	3,400.00	-10,712.43	-7,312.43
01-5-002-009	Select Conserv Consult S.	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-5-002-010	Select Conserv Expenses	2,400.00	-629.75	1,770.25
01-5-002-011	Selectment Town Council	7,500.00	-2,775.00	4,725.00
01-5-002-012	Select Clean Lake Program	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
01-5-002-013	Selectmen Administrator	40,000.00	-33,238.47	6,761.53
01-5-002-014	Selectmen Admin Expenses	300.00	-524.51	-224.51
01-5-002-015	Selectmen Group Purchasing	600.00	-600.00	0.00
01-5-002-016	Town Audit	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
01-5-002-018	Town Administrator Assistant Salary	4,660.00	-3,685.51	974.49
	Total	103,485.00	-86,358.07	17,126.93
CODE: 003 - ACCOUNTANT				
01-5-003-001	Accountant Salary	24,368.00	-24,368.00	0.00
01-5-003-002	Accountant Expenses / Dues	1,700.00	-1,569.76	130.24
01-5-003-004	Accounting Software	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.00
	Total	27,318.00	-27,187.76	130.24
CODE: 004 - TREASURER				
01-5-004-001	Treasurer Salary	24,480.00	-24,480.00	0.00
01-5-004-002	Treasurer Expenses Postage	5,200.00	-4,915.77	284.23
01-5-004-003	Treasurer Mileage & Trips	300.00	-81.82	218.18
01-5-004-004	Treasurer Education	250.00	-95.00	155.00
01-5-004-005	Treasurer / Accountant Software	1,250.00	-1,247.00	3.00
01-5-004-006	Treasurer / Tax Title Fees	2,000.00	-75.00	1,925.00
	Total	33,480.00	-30,894.59	2,585.41
CODE: 005 - TAX COLLECTOR				
01-5-005-001	Tax Collector Salary	23,834.00	-23,834.00	0.00
01-5-005-002	Tax Collector Postage	4,000.00	-3,962.68	37.32
01-5-005-003	Tax Collector Office Expense	3,000.00	-2,973.09	26.91
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	-1,740.00	260.00
	Total	33,834.00	-33,509.77	324.23

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 006 - ASSESSORS				
01-5-006-001	Assessors Salary Chairman	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-006-002	Assessors Clerk	3,060.00	-2,805.00	255.00
01-5-006-003	Assessors Third Member	3,060.00	-3,060.00	0.00
01-5-006-004	Assessors Admin. Assessor	18,367.00	-18,367.00	0.00
01-5-006-005	Assessors Supplies	1,500.00	-1,288.69	211.31
01-5-006-007	Assessors Computer	1,700.00	-1,187.50	512.50
01-5-006-008	Assessors Education	500.00	-500.00	0.00
01-5-006-011	Assessors Contracted Svcs	29,900.00	-25,284.44	4,615.56
	Total	61,657.00	-56,062.63	5,594.37
CODE: 007 - ADVISORY BOARD				
01-5-007-001	Advisory Board Expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00
01-5-007-002	Advisory Board Dues	155.00	-160.00	-5.00
01-5-007-003	Advisory Board Meetings Mileage	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Total	2,205.00	-160.00	2,045.00
CODE: 008 - TOWN CLERK				
01-5-008-001	Town Clerk Salary	23,834.00	-23,834.00	0.00
01-5-008-002	Town Clerk Expenses	2,950.00	-2,463.90	486.10
01-5-008-003	Town Clerk Dog License Exp	500.00	-260.55	239.45
01-5-008-004	Town Clerk Education	1,200.00	-654.37	545.63
01-5-008-005	Town Clerk Book Repair	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
01-5-008-006	Town Clerk Copy Machine	1,000.00	-162.77	837.23
01-5-008-007	Town Clerk Service Contract	1,100.00	-1,097.85	2.15
01-5-008-008	Town Clerk Census / Lists	4,100.00	-3,071.16	1,028.84
	Total	38,684.00	-31,544.60	7,139.40
CODE: 009 - BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
01-5-009-001	Board of Registrars Registrars	13,000.00	-6,185.60	6,814.40
	Total	13,000.00	-6,185.60	6,814.40
CODE: 010 - ELECTIONS				
01-5-010-000	Elections	15,700.00	-12,137.94	3,562.06
	Total	15,700.00	-12,137.94	3,562.06
CODE: 011 - VITAL STATISTICS				
01-5-011-000	Vital Statistics	100.00	-62.00	38.00
	Total	100.00	-62.00	38.00
CODE: 012 - TOWN REPORTS				
01-5-012-000	Town Reports Printing	3,000.00	-2,274.50	725.50
	Total	3,000.00	-2,274.50	725.50
CODE: 013 - PLANNING BOARD				
01-5-013-001	Planning Board Expenses	2,515.00	-800.79	1,714.21
01-5-013-002	Planning Board Berkshire Reg. Plan. Comm.	2,515.00	-2,514.68	0.32
01-5-013-003	Planning Board Contracted Serv	2,000.00	-1,637.78	362.22
	Total	7,030.00	-4,953.25	2,076.75

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 014 - ZONING BD OF APPEALS				
01-5-014-000	Zoning Board of Appeals	600.00	-295.20	304.80
01-5-014-001	Zoning Board - Contract Svcs	800.00	-176.50	623.50
	Total	1,400.00	-471.70	928.30
CODE: 015 - BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT				
01-5-015-000	Berkshire Co. Retirement Syst	103,145.00	-103,145.00	0.00
01-5-015-005	FY 2019 Art 15: OPEB Liability	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00
	Total	105,145.00	-105,145.00	0.00
CODE: 016 - HEALTH INSURANCE				
01-5-016-000	BC / BS	160,000.00	-118,772.50	41,227.50
	Total	160,000.00	-118,772.50	41,227.50
CODE: 017 - MEDICARE ER SHARE				
01-5-017-000	MEDC Employer Share (SS Tax)	8,300.00	-8,300.00	0.00
	Total	8,300.00	-8,300.00	0.00
CODE: 018 - TOWN BUILDINGS				
01-5-018-001	Town Building Town Hall	21,000.00	-33,092.21	-12,092.21
01-5-018-002	Town Building Fire Dept	11,500.00	-14,483.50	-2,983.50
01-5-018-003	Town Building Town Shed	4,400.00	-15,562.96	-11,162.96
01-5-018-004	Town Building Senior Center	4,200.00	-5,076.20	-876.20
01-5-018-005	Town Building Telephone System	11,400.00	-17,031.10	-5,631.10
01-5-018-006	Town Building Janitor	18,000.00	-11,794.20	6,205.80
01-5-018-009	FY 2018 Article 15 - CES Maintenance and Safekeeping	14,350.88	-14,097.50	253.38
01-5-018-010	Cheshire Elementary School Maintenance	70,000.00	-30,803.31	39,196.69
01-5-018-011	Town (Internal Charge) for Water Usage	0.00	-14,303.26	-14,303.26
01-5-018-012	FY 2019 STM Article 1 - Emergency Repair to Fire Station roof	85,000.00	-85,000.00	0.00
	Total	239,850.88	-241,244.24	-1,393.36
CODE: 019 - SPECIAL REPAIRS				
01-5-019-000	Special Repairs Town Building	20,572.00	-23,112.61	-2,540.61
01-5-019-002	Art 6 ATM FY 2014 Repairs to Cheshire Fire Station and Other Municipal Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-019-004	FY 2018 Article 8 - Grant Housing Rehab	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
	Total	80,572.00	-23,112.61	57,459.39
CODE: 020 - INSURANCE				
01-5-020-000	Insurance	86,500.00	-78,828.00	7,672.00
	Total	86,500.00	-78,828.00	7,672.00
CODE: 022 - POLICE DEPT.				
01-5-022-001	Police Dept Chief Salary	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-022-002	Police Dept Officers Salaries	100,649.00	-100,230.87	418.13
01-5-022-003	Police Dept General Expenses	4,000.00	-3,595.00	405.00
01-5-022-004	Police Dept Auto Expenses	14,754.00	-14,698.04	55.96
01-5-022-005	Police Dept Equipment	4,500.00	-4,494.97	5.03
	Total	127,473.00	-126,588.88	884.12

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 023 - ANIMAL CONTROL				
01-5-023-001	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,060.00	-3,060.00	0.00
01-5-023-002	Animal Control Expenses	1,581.00	-972.15	608.85
01-5-023-003	Animal Control Trans / Disposal	550.00	-74.92	475.08
01-5-023-005	Animal Control Train / Meetings	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-023-006	Animal Control Cell Phone	480.00	-445.34	34.66
	Total	5,971.00	-4,552.41	1,418.59
CODE: 024 - FIRE DEPT				
01-5-024-001	Fire Dept Chief Salary	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-024-002	Fire Dept Expenses	37,486.00	-37,321.22	164.78
01-5-024-004	Fire Dept EMS Supplies	4,000.00	-4,034.63	-34.63
01-5-024-006	FY 2018 Article 5 - Emergency Generator for Fire House	3,888.00	0.00	3,888.00
01-5-024-008	Fire Dept Rescue Veh Loan	9,817.00	-9,817.00	0.00
	Total	58,761.00	-54,742.85	4,018.15
CODE: 025 - POLICE/FIRE INSURANCE				
01-5-025-000	Police / Fire Dept Accident Ins.	8,334.00	-8,334.00	0.00
01-5-025-002	Police / Fire Disability Ins.	6,625.00	-6,625.00	0.00
	Total	14,959.00	-14,959.00	0.00
CODE: 026 - COMMUNICATIONS CTR				
01-5-026-000	Communication Center	18,223.00	-18,222.01	0.99
	Total	18,223.00	-18,222.01	0.99
CODE: 027 - BUILDING INSPECTOR				
01-5-027-001	Building Inspector Salary	12,546.00	-12,546.00	0.00
01-5-027-002	Building Inspector Exp / Mileage	1,000.00	-1,074.13	-74.13
01-5-027-003	Building Inspect Meetings / Train	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-5-027-004	Building Inspector Assistant	4,182.00	-4,182.00	0.00
01-5-027-005	FY 19 ART 5 E Permitting System	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00
	Total	23,228.00	-22,302.13	925.87
CODE: 028 - GAS PIPING				
01-5-028-001	Gas Piping Inspector Salary	3,264.00	-3,264.00	0.00
01-5-028-002	Gas Piping Inspector Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-028-003	Gas Piping Inspect Travel Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-028-004	Gas Piping Inspector Assistant	515.00	-515.00	0.00
	Total	4,179.00	-3,779.00	400.00
CODE: 029 - WIRE INSPECTOR				
01-5-029-001	Wire Inspector Salary	6,120.00	-6,120.00	0.00
01-5-029-002	Wire Inspector Expenses	400.00	-156.25	243.75
01-5-029-004	Wire Inspector Assistant Salary	510.00	-510.00	0.00
	Total	7,030.00	-6,786.25	243.75
CODE: 030 - TREE WARDEN				
01-5-030-003	Tree Warden Tree / Stump Removal	15,000.00	-12,543.23	2,456.77
01-5-030-004	Tree Warden Tree Replacement	1,000.00	-673.93	326.07
	Total	16,000.00	-13,217.16	2,782.84

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 031 - CIVIL DEFENSE				
01-5-031-001	Civil Defense Expenses	500.00	-206.10	293.90
01-5-031-002	Civil Defense Supplies	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total		1,000.00	-206.10	793.90
CODE: 032 - BOARD OF HEALTH				
01-5-032-001	Board of Health Chairman Salary	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-032-002	Board of Health 2nd Member	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-032-003	Board of Health 3rd Member	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-032-004	Board of Health Expenses	3,500.00	-623.32	2,876.68
01-5-032-006	Board of Health Equipment	500.00	-221.99	278.01
01-5-032-007	Board of Health Secretary	3,225.00	-1,314.46	1,910.54
01-5-032-008	BOH Maven Reporting	4,102.00	-4,102.00	0.00
Total		22,037.00	-16,971.77	5,065.23
CODE: 033 - ANIMAL INSPECTOR				
01-5-033-001	Animal Inspector Salary	510.00	-510.00	0.00
01-5-033-002	Animal Inspector Expenses	840.00	-639.48	200.52
01-5-033-003	Animal Inspect Rabies Testing	600.00	0.00	600.00
Total		1,950.00	-1,149.48	800.52
CODE: 034 - PLUMBING INSPECTOR				
01-5-034-001	Plumbing Inspector Salary	2,040.00	-2,040.00	0.00
01-5-034-002	Plumbing Inspector Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-034-003	Plumbing Inspector Travel Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-034-004	Plumbing Inspector Assistant	542.00	-542.00	0.00
Total		2,982.00	-2,582.00	400.00
CODE: 035 - TOWN COMPACTOR				
01-5-035-001	Town Compactor Caretaker Salary	15,000.00	-14,695.35	304.65
01-5-035-002	Town Compact Board of Hth Collecto	1,000.00	-360.00	640.00
01-5-035-003	Town Compactor Oper Exp	85,000.00	-73,906.73	11,093.27
01-5-035-004	Town Compact.Site Maint	2,600.00	-246.82	2,353.18
01-5-035-005	Town Compact.Bags / Stickers	9,000.00	-485.00	8,515.00
01-5-035-006	Town Compact. Training / Edu	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total		112,750.00	-89,693.90	23,056.10
CODE: 036 - RECYCLING				
01-5-036-000	Recycling Account	33,500.00	-33,199.05	300.95
Total		33,500.00	-33,199.05	300.95
CODE: 037 - STREET LIGHTS				
01-5-037-000	Street Lights	47,000.00	-48,892.86	-1,892.86
Total		47,000.00	-48,892.86	-1,892.86
CODE: 039 - HIGHWAY ADMIN				
01-5-039-001	Highway Salaries	253,932.00	-237,400.39	16,531.61
01-5-039-002	Highway Vacation & Fringe Bene	29,110.00	-31,966.20	-2,856.20
01-5-039-003	Highway Dues & Meetings	550.00	-761.01	-211.01
Total		283,592.00	-270,127.60	13,464.40

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 040 - HIGHWAY TOOLS / GAS / OIL				
01-5-040-000	Road Machinery / Tool / Gas / Oil	133,490.12	-122,696.49	10,793.63
	Total	133,490.12	-122,696.49	10,793.63
CODE: 041 - SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
01-5-041-000	Snow & Ice Removal	195,119.95	-195,119.95	0.00
	Total	195,119.95	-195,119.95	0.00
CODE: 042 - HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
01-5-042-001	Highway Dept Repair Town Roads	35,000.00	-32,276.38	2,723.62
01-5-042-002	Highway Dept Town Roads / Bridges	36,561.87	-20,621.75	15,940.12
01-5-042-003	Highway Dept Street Repair	35,000.00	-39,751.37	-4,751.37
01-5-042-004	Highway Dept Curbing & Culverts	5,000.00	-4,927.58	72.42
01-5-042-005	Highway Dept Guard Rails	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
01-5-042-006	Highway Dept Blacktop	70,798.18	-48,339.79	22,458.39
01-5-042-007	Highway Dept Engineering Serv	7,500.00	-8,075.00	-575.00
01-5-042-008	Highway Dept Stream Cleaning	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
01-5-042-013	FY 2019 Article 6 - 2018 Chevy Silverado 2500	40,000.00	-37,478.05	2,521.95
01-5-042-025	Heavy Equipment Rental	10,000.00	-8,396.00	1,604.00
	Total	257,860.05	-199,865.92	57,994.13
CODE: 043 - RECREATION				
01-5-043-000	General Recreation Expense	6,920.00	-6,325.00	595.00
	Total	6,920.00	-6,325.00	595.00
CODE: 044 - MEMORIAL DAY				
01-5-044-000	Memorial Day	1,000.00	-400.00	600.00
	Total	1,000.00	-400.00	600.00
CODE: 045 - LIBRARY				
01-5-045-001	Library Salary	13,627.00	-11,708.50	1,918.50
01-5-045-002	Library New Books Magazines	10,499.90	-6,112.66	4,387.24
01-5-045-003	Library Insurance	950.00	-725.00	225.00
01-5-045-004	Library Exp Supplies Misc.	1,990.00	-1,964.49	25.51
01-5-045-007	Library ILL Loan Replacemts	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-045-008	Library Education	200.00	-62.13	137.87
01-5-045-009	Library Programs	900.00	-639.21	260.79
01-5-045-010	CWMARS Annual Fee	2,000.00	-1,669.00	331.00
	Total	30,266.90	-22,880.99	7,385.91
CODE: 046 - VETERANS				
01-5-046-001	Veterans Agents Salary	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00
01-5-046-003	Veterans Benefits	20,000.00	-18,980.40	1,019.60
01-5-046-005	Veterans Cemetery Flags	800.00	-332.15	467.85
	Total	22,300.00	-20,812.55	1,487.45
CODE: 047 - CEMETERY				
01-5-047-001	Cemetery Chairman Salary	816.00	-816.00	0.00
01-5-047-002	Cemetery 2nd Member Salary	816.00	-816.00	0.00
01-5-047-003	Cemetery 3rd Member Salary	816.00	-816.00	0.00
01-5-047-004	Cemetery Labor	26,090.00	-21,439.93	4,650.07
01-5-047-006	Equip Mowers Loam Tools	6,461.00	-3,438.29	3,022.71
01-5-047-007	Cemetery Admin & Supplies	2,614.00	-1,649.35	964.65
	Total	37,613.00	-28,975.57	8,637.43

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET ALLOCATED	ENDING EXPENDED	BALANCE
CODE: 048 - RESERVE FUND				
01-5-048-000	Reserve Fund	25,200.00	-17,195.00	8,005.00
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	65,200.00	-57,195.00	8,005.00
CODE: 050 - COUNCIL ON AGING				
01-5-050-001	Council on Aging Gen Exp	500.00	-635.48	-135.48
01-5-050-002	Council on Aging Van Exp	5,900.00	-3,951.85	1,948.15
01-5-050-003	Council on Aging Van Oper Sal	13,303.00	-14,671.86	-1,368.86
01-5-050-004	Council on Aging Contracted Services	3,200.00	-408.00	2,792.00
01-5-050-005	FY 2019 Article 7 - Ride Sharing Pilot Program	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Total	24,403.00	-19,667.19	4,735.81
CODE: 051 - HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
01-5-051-000	Historical Commission	500.00	-342.53	157.47
01-5-051-001	Cheshire Agricultural Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Total	1,000.00	-342.53	657.47
CODE: 052 - 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 Land Bond Payment	110,219.00	-110,218.76	0.24
01-5-052-003	Fire Truck (FY 2016)	41,059.00	-41,059.00	0.00
01-5-052-005	Highway Truck Loan (FY 2018)	58,134.00	-58,134.04	-0.04
01-5-052-006	FY 2018 Highway Truck Loan (Interest)	33,057.00	-33,057.00	0.00
	Total	247,469.00	-243,518.80	3,950.20
CODE: 058 - ACRSD				
01-5-058-001	ACRSD Foundation Budget	2,380,847.00	-2,255,955.00	124,892.00
01-5-058-002	ACRSD Transportation	158,448.00	-158,448.00	0.00
01-5-058-003	ACRSD Over-Foundation	5,505.00	-5,505.00	0.00
01-5-058-011	ACRSD Building Project Interest Only	250,088.00	-250,088.00	0.00
	Total	2,794,888.00	-2,669,996.00	124,892.00
CODE: 061 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL				
01-5-061-000	Vocational School	481,594.00	-478,784.71	2,809.29
	Total	481,594.00	-478,784.71	2,809.29
CODE: 100 - UNNAMED				
01-5-100-001	State Assess - Air Pollution	0.00	-857.00	-857.00
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	-25,936.00	-25,936.00
	Total	0.00	-29,393.00	-29,393.00
	GRAND TOTALS	6,101,094.90	-5,691,200.91	409,893.99

Town of Cheshire Water Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2019

Account Number	Item Description	Water	Total
Revenues			
4100	Taxes and Excises		
4200	Charges for Services	287,013	287,013
4500	Federal Revenue		
4600	State Revenue		
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues		
4820	Earnings on Investments	1,238	1,238
TOTAL REVENUES		288,251	288,251
Other Financing Sources			
4910	Bond Proceeds		
4970	Transfers From Other Funds	14,303	14,303
4990	Other Financing Sources		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		14,303	14,303
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		302,554	302,554
Expenditures			
5100	Salary and Wages	85,342	85,342
5700	Expenditures	114,839	114,839
5800A	Construction		
5800B	Capital Outlay		
5900	Debt Service	22,653	22,653
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		222,834	222,834
Other Financing Uses			
5960	Transfers to Other Funds		
5990	Other Financing Uses		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USE		222,834	222,834
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)		79,720	79,720
0002	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	290,515	290,515
0003	Adjustments		
0004	Fund Balance End of Year	370,235	370,235

Treasurer's Report

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire:

The Annual Report of the Town Treasurer for FY 2019 is hereby submitted:

Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts	Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts
Board of Assessors	43.00	43.00	Dept of Interior		
Board of Health			PILT - Federally Owned Land	927.00	927.00
Bags & Stickers	97,715.50		Fire Dept.		
Transfer Station - Demo	7,867.10		Permits	3,200.00	3,200.00
Permits	2,780.00		Interest		
Perc Tests	3,672.50	112,035.10	General Fund	6,955.64	
Board of Selectmen			Trust Funds	6,219.50	13,175.14
Licenses/Fees	17,446.85		Planning Board	2,141.51	2,141.51
Rental Income (CES)	14,800.00		Plumbing Inspector		
CH71 Reimb Voc Transport	2,809.29		Permits	3,295.00	3,295.00
Insurance Recovery	19,279.00	54,335.14	Police Dept.		
Building Inspector			Details	24,886.25	
Permits	11,172.25	11,172.25	Permits	20,410.00	
Cemetery			Fees/Fines	2,185.25	47,481.50
Grave Openings	4,600.00		Refunds	2,282.67	2,282.67
Misc Work/Weekend	200.00		Tax Collector		
Equipment Use	225.00		Taxes/Interest/Fees	4,795,932.58	4,795,932.58
Sale of Lots	670.00	5,695.00	Town Clerk		
Commonwealth of MA			Dog Licenses	5,085.00	
CMVI - RMV Infractions	8,443.60		Fines/Late fees	278.00	
General Government			Rental Town Buildings	650.00	
(Lottery)	605,778.00		Miscellaneous	315.00	6,328.00
State owned land	109,999.00		Treasurer		
Elderly/Blind Exemption			Health Insurance Premiums	23,176.81	
Reimbursements	2,008.00		MIIA W/C Reimbursement	2,813.14	
N. Berkshire District			Health Insurance		
Court Reports	150.00		Disbursement (BCIG)	22,900.19	
EMPG Grant	2,460.00		Tax Titles	12,260.76	61,150.90
Other State Revenue	154.80		Water Department		
Elder Affairs Grant	9,455.90		Rents	285,844.54	
Elder Affairs Incentive Grant	1,640.30		Work Permits	970.00	
MArtap Grant	660.00		Interest/fees	0.00	
Library Grant	4,160.67		District Interest Earned	1,436.21	288,250.75
Community Development			Wire Inspector		
Block Grant	140,232.49		Permits	12,547.78	12,547.78
Board of Health			Zoning Board	1,287.50	1,287.50
Recycling Program	3,150.00		TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Police Equipment Grant	12,026.00		FY 2019:	6,886,389.26	6,886,389.26
Veteran Services	33,425.00				
Extended Polling	1,090.00				
Chapter 90	527,182.68	1,462,016.44			
Conservation Commission					
Fees/Permits	2,460.00	2,460.00			
Council on Aging					
Van Receipts	632.00	632.00			

SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS:

OPEB Trust Fund	\$	2,000.25	
Stabilization		446,861.55	
Capital Equipment Stabilization		73,009.42	
Cemetery Dept. - Perpetual Care		173,918.39	
Cemetery Dept. - Sale of Lots		19,745.78	
Cemetery Dept. - Whipple and Harkness		32,772.62	
Cemetery Dept. - Dumont		6,193.66	
Cemetery Dept. - Benjamin & Phyllis Bissell		1,468.67	
Cemetery Dept. - John L. Brown		1,613.37	
Cemetery Dept. - Lorraine N. Braund		52,944.32	
Philip Burns Public Library		6,777.96	
Philip Burns Public School		19,979.14	
Westminster Chime		1,485.08	
Veteran's Memorial		2,628.57	
Balance June 30, 2019		\$ 841,398.78	

LOANS

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE –
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Easthampton Savings Bank			
Loan Amount (Renewal)	\$	534,250.00	
Highway Truck I:	\$	56,500.00	
Fire Truck:		384,000.00	
Highway Truck II:		93,750.00	
Issue Date – February 1, 2019			
Due Date – January 31, 2020			
Interest Rate – 2.60%			
Balance July 1, 2018		534,250.00	
Annual Payment Amount		0.00	
Interest Expense	0.00		
Balance June 30, 2019		534,250.00	

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE –
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Easthampton Savings Bank			
Loan Amount		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, 2018		657,000.00	
Paydown on Highway Truck 1:		56,500.00	
Paydown on Fire Truck:		35,000.00	
Paydown on Highway Truck 2:		31,250.00	
BAN renewal amount:		534,250.00	
Interest Expense	9,500.04		
Balance June 30, 2019		0.00	

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND ISSUE

USDA RUS Loan: \$455,000

USDA RUS Grant: \$150,440

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, 2018		429,000.00
Annual Payment Amount		13,000.00
Interest Expense	\$ 9,652.50	
Balance June 30, 2019		416,000.00

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 – 3.125%		
Balance July 1, 2018		560,000.00
Annual Payment Amount		85,000.00
Interest Expense	25,218.76	
Balance June 30, 2019		475,000.00

**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, 2018		43,374.53
Annual Payment Amount		7,973.58
Interest Expense	1,843.42	
Balance June 30, 2019		\$ 35,400.95

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 2019 is hereby submitted:

Outstanding Taxes as of July 1, 2018:

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

Abatements/Exemptions:

Real Estate	\$ 30,245.13
Personal Property	33.83
Motor Vehicle	20,084.75
TOTAL	50,363.71

Committed to collect:

Real Estate	4,042,710.82
Personal Property	98,306.09
Motor Vehicle	596,948.90
TOTAL	4,737,965.81

Refunds:

Real Estate	8,677.33
Motor Vehicle	12,962.97
TOTAL	21,640.30

Turned over to the Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes	4,021,680.61
Personal Property Taxes	98,272.26
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	591,947.45
Tax Title	73,605.32
Mobile Home Excise	16,006.00
Interest	36,210.16
Registry Marking Fees	3,260.00
Municipal Lien Fees	2,025.00
Tax Collector Fees	13,735.00
Deputy Collector Fees	11,844.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,868,585.80

Outstanding Taxes as of June 30, 2019:

Real Estate	166,536.17
Personal Property	3,784.38
Motor Vehicle	41,561.75
TOTAL	211,882.30

Hoosac Lake District

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2018:	3,839.90
Committed to collect:	9,533.20
Turned over to Treasurer:	11,064.96
Outstanding Taxes June 30, 2019:	\$ 2,308.14

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Herzog

Board of Assessors

The annual report of the Board of Assessors for Fiscal Year 2019 is hereby submitted.

Fiscal year 2019 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were committed to the Tax Collector on October 9, 2018.

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 five 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.

FY2019 was an interim adjustment year. Sales were analyzed and minor changes were made by way of market adjustment.

The tax rate increased from \$13.06 to \$13.10

The Hoosac Lake District tax rate changed from \$0.96 to \$0.37

Real Estate & Personal Property Commitments and Abatements

Commitments

Type	No. of Bills	Tax	Valuation
Real Estate	1,603	\$ 4,042,710.82	\$ 308,603,881
Personal Prop	27	98,306.09	7,504,280
Hoosac Lake Dist	106	9,533.20	25,765,200
Chapter 61 Rollback	1	2,618.15	
Total	1,736	\$4,153,168.26	\$341,873,361

Abatements & Exemptions

Abatements RE	6	\$ 3,592.03
Abatements PP	1	33.83
Abatements LD	0	0.00
Elderly Exempt	19	4,950.00
Veteran Exempt	28	21,265.60
Blind Exempt	1	437.50
Clause 18 Exempt	0	0.00
Total	49	\$ 30,278.96

Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments & Abatements

Commitments

Year	No. of Bills	Tax
2018	610	\$ 66,762.69
2019	3,957	530,186.21
Total	4,567	\$ 596,948.90

Abatements

Year	No. of Abatements	Tax Abated
2016	1	\$ 125.42
2017	2	148.34
2018	68	6,408.24
2019	111	13,402.75
Total	182	\$ 20,084.75

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Astorino
Everett Martin
Nancy Delorey

Board of Health

To the residents of the Town of Cheshire, the Board of Health hereby submits the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019.

This year the Board of Health welcomed new member, Christopher Garner.

The Board of Health has been busy staying up to date with new codes and regulations set forth by the state, conducting inspections of homes, septic systems, businesses, retail locations, restaurants, and more.

Again, we were able to stay within our projected budget for the Fiscal Year. However, with changes in the trash and recycling industry, we do plan on having to make adjustments to our budget moving forward.

We look forward to serving the town of Cheshire in the new year!

Respectfully submitted,
The Cheshire Board of Health,
Jeff Warner
Rick Salvi
Cj Garner

Cemetery Commission

Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

The fiscal year began with two new cemetery commissioners, Richard Francesconi (three-year term) and Stephen LaFogg (one-year term).

Anne Marie Furey is chairman.

During the year there were 21 burials.

Full Burials	12
Cremation Burials	9
Burial Plots Sold	2

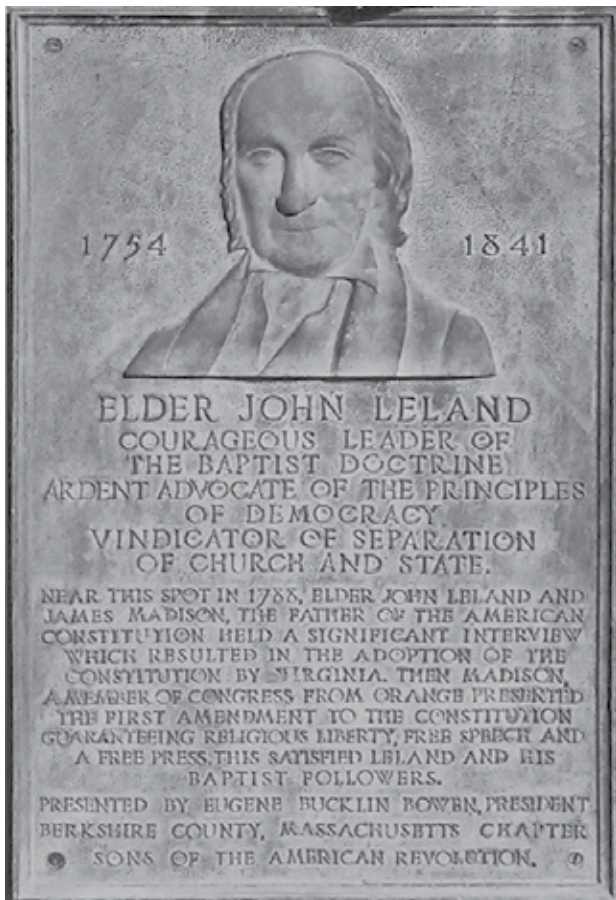
The Cemetery grounds crew was led by Dave Lazarczyk and joined by Ted Dzbenski, Roger Lanski and Wyatt Furey.

The grounds crew maintain the West Mountain Cemeteries in addition to seven other cemeteries in Cheshire. They do an outstanding job.

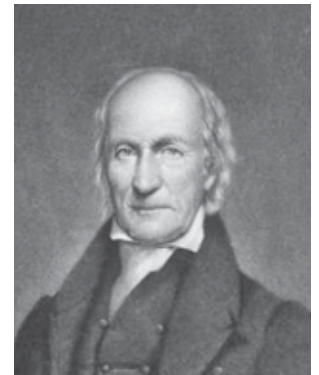
Many thanks also to the Cheshire Highway Department for their service of opening graves.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marie Furey
Richard Francesconi
Stephen LaFogg

Cheshire Historical Citizen



Elder Leland, more than the Mammoth Cheesemaker



Cheshire minister, Elder John Leland, is famous for the cheese sent to President Thomas Jefferson. The plaque, to the left, was placed in a park near Montpelier, the home of James Madison by Cheshire native, Eugene Bucklin Bowen. It memorializes their work to establish the our First Amendment freedoms.

Bowen was also instrumental in erecting the Stafford Hill monument and supported the replica of the Cheese Press at the corner of School and Church Streets.

Read this account of one man's discovery of Elder Leland's accomplishments.
<https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/john-leland-how-a-baptist-preacher-helped-ensure-religious-liberty/>



Council on Aging

FY 2019 Annual Report

The following services were provided by the Cheshire Council on Aging (COA) between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019:

- * The COA van traveled 10,289 miles providing 1225 trips for medical, shopping, social, lunch and other needs.
- * The Senior/Community Center has provided a place to serve over 1,750 hot lunches on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Senior Aide, Michelle Dargie, oversees this service with the assistance of six volunteers. A sincere thank you to the many COA lunch time volunteers.
- * Over 800 person/hours of exercise classes.
- * Over 28 “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.
- * Activities sponsored by The Friends of the Cheshire Council on Aging:
 - A 90th Birthday Party was attended by 38 persons.
 - A presentation by Barry Emery from the Historic Commission was given at Bass Water Grill.
 - COA has provided a pizza party for 40 persons, an Irish Party for 25 persons, an apple picking trip, a to the Norman Rockwell Museum, a Flu Clinic, a presentation on Nutrition, and a play at Barrington Stage (the Northern Cultural Council granted the COA \$750 to provide 25 tickets for the performance of *West Side Story*).
 - Kevin O’Hara Dinner presentation: “Enjoy Ireland with Kevin O’Hara.”
- * Farmer Market coupons were distributed
- * Christmas cookies were provided to Cheshire’s shut-ins.
- * The “Cheshire Chatter” was published bimonthly.
- * Presentation by Steve Roy, Cheshire’s Veteran’s Agent.

- * Presentation by State Representative John Barrett III.
- * **VIM** Volunteers in Medicine offered information on free/low cost medical and dental care.
- * Age Friendly Program.
- * Adams Community Bank presented on Fraud and Scams.
- * Pilates on Tuesday and Wednesday as well as Friday nights.
- * Van offers transportation to the Wednesday Lunch Program at the center.
- * Eleanor Roosevelt Play underwritten by the Friends of Adams and Cheshire COA’s.
- * Managed the Rabies Clinic at the Cheshire Police garage.
- * Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance.
- * SHINE insurance assistance by Judy Hyde of Elder Services.
- * Walking Club for 26 weeks.
- * Senior Tech Day.
- * “A Walking Tour of Cheshire” with Barry Emery.
- * Outreach Worker, Kerry Lahey, was shared by the town of Savoy and Lanesborough by means of a grant from Elder Affairs.

The Members of the Cheshire Council on Aging during 2019:

Anna Farnam, Chairman
Helen Dargie
Gene Gebarowski
Mal Gwozdz
Butch King
Don Pulver
Peter Traub
Lynda Bianchi
John Bianchi
Barbara Proper

Cheshire Library Association

Our small library has been busy this last year.

The patron count is 803. Total holdings are books 7,951 (adult, young adult and children), periodicals 467, audio books 118, videos (DVD and Blu-ray) 1,250 and serial subscriptions 23.

As of June 2019 the usage was: ebooks 824, adult book 1,780, serials 159, audios 196, videos 1,974; young adult books 109, audio 13 and video 53; children books 1,399, audio 19 and videos 518. Total circulation: books 3,278, serials 164, audio 228 and videos 2,545. Interlibrary loans: received 1,215 and provided 341 to other libraries. Programs for the year: adult programs 10 - attendance 87; young adult programs 2 - attendance 22, and children programs 45 - attendance 302. The library was open 768 hours with patron attendance 4,563.

Passes for Berkshire Museum, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Hancock Shaker Village, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens and MoCA are available for Cheshire residents.

The Cheshire Library Little Book House was well visited until the snows came when the house was closed up for the winter. Reopening will be in the spring.

The library continues the service project of "Boxes of Love" for the military. A suggested donations list is available in the library as is the drop box for donations.

Story Hour ran from September through early June. The hour consisted of stories read, a craft and a snack.

The Summer Reading Program began in June and ran for 8 weeks. The theme for the year was "Universe of Stories." The end of the program was celebrated with an Ice Cream Social, where the young readers receive their reading certificate, their raffle prize and a goodie bag. Three special bags were awarded to the V.I.P. readers in the adult, young adult and children categories for reading the most books. A puzzle mosaic was part of the competition for the summer reading. The mosaic was an astronaut in space.

The Cabin Fever Program was again offered to adult, young adult and children. Forty participants read books to get a raffle ticket and also pieces of a puzzle mosaic. There was also a contest to guess what the mosaic would be. It was a sunflower.

The Story Hour partnered again with the Family Center for events such as "Let's Build It" (a STEM program), and Thankful Storytime.

Our Northern Berkshire Cultural Council grant programs included Paint and Slurpee, Halloween Make It and Take It (98 trick or treaters came through the door), Ugly Christmas Sweater Cookie Decorating (always a favorite - both these events were presented by Library Director Amy Emerson-Inhelder), Amanda Raymond presented Yoga and Meditation, Michelle Smith gave another jewelry making program, Library Director Amy hosted "Night Sky with Lights" painting program, History Program with Barry Emery, Card Making with Lorraine Faucher and the Boston Museum of Science Traveling Museum Program "Rockets: There and Back." Also sponsored through the grant were three "Guess Jars" - guess how many twizzlers or candy hearts, or guess the weight of the candy corn.

The library continues our Face Book presence which provides a way to find out what activities or programs may be happening.

Our Library Director, Amy Emerson-Inhelder, provided the Story Hours each week, the Summer Reading Program and was the facilitator for three of the grant programs.

A new addition to our library was STEAM SPACE. An area has been set-up that features STEAM themed activities. This addition was made possible through a generous grant from General Dynamics.

The CWMARS website allows interlibrary loans for books, DVDs, CDs, audios and magazines. This site is available with your library card.

The Library welcomes new patrons!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Building Inspector

Fiscal Year: 07/01/18 – 6/30/19
 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 98 permits were issued

Job Code

1	New Residential Homes	2
1A	Foundation only.....	2
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	18
3	Accessory Buildings.....	1
4	Pools.....	1
5	Demolition.....	7
6	Other.....	41
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial.....	1
8	Garage Residential.....	3
9	Signs.....	0
10	Stoves.....	10
11	Fences	0
12	Commercial / New.....	0
13	Solar.....	12
Total Job Values		\$ 1,876,917.61
Permit Fees Collected.....		\$ 11,202.00

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 1, 2019 to July 1, 2019.

- 1 Modular Home
- 1 Kitchen Remodel
- 1 Addition
- 3 Heating Systems
- 1 Service Upgrade
- 3 Replace Services
- 1 Underground Services
- 2 Relocate Service
- 1 Sub - Meter
- 2 Bathrooms
- 3 Adams Wells Wiring
- 1 Adams Wells Chemical Building
- 1 Emergency Furnace Switch
- 1 Cash Register Checkpoint Device
- 1 AC Unit & Power to Shed
- 3 Remodels
- 1 Power to Smoke/CO Detectors
- 1 In Ground Pool
- 1 Above Ground Pool
- 1 Fire Alarm System
- 1 Well
- 1 Mini Split, Furnace & Sump Pump
- 7 Solar Electric Photovoltaic (PV) System
- 1 Institutional Electrical Permit

Number of Permits.....	40
Number of Inspections	66
Total Fees Collected	\$ 7,624.53

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 2019.

This year was somewhat quiet than in previous years as far as staffing goes. We did not lose any officers through retirement or other opportunities and in fact hired a new part-time Officer, Cody Alvarez, to help to bring our staff back up to where it was before losing three Officers last year. We currently have one full-time Sergeant and five other part-time officers as well as myself, which is also a part-time Chief position. Sergeant Alibozek continues to be our liaison person for the school district and responds to their needs when requested.

Currently we, as a department, are working on a new program to be instituted in Town called R.U.O.K. or, are you o.k. This is a computer-assisted program that when set up with an individual's information and at their's or a family member's request, can have a generated call to their house at a time convenient for them on a daily basis to check on their well being. If an answer is not received, we are notified by an alarm on our computer and we will respond and do a well-being check on that individual. This program was brought to our attention by the C.O.A. and we did some research into it and believe that once it is up and running it will be a valuable asset to the town's people.

Just a reminder that we do have our own department facebook page and encourage all to like our page for any updated closings, safety concerns, storm updates, Town happenings and so much more.

As always, I would ask residents who see anything suspicious to please call the cruiser cell phone at 413-446-3920. If it's a vehicle, please just attempt to get a plate number for us first then any other description if time permits. We will follow up on any call regardless of its outcome.

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

All of our members continue to take both mandatory and other training to better themselves as Officers. We strive to do the best for our town and its residents.

I would like to thank my Officers who continue to help and assist, mostly by volunteering for the many functions in town such as various events, Memorial Day and Halloween parades, our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Cruz Nite and other happenings throughout the year. My Thanks.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Cheshire Police Department for their 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 Volunteer Fire Department and EMS for your outstanding hard work and dedication to the town. It is a pleasure working side by side with you all. My thanks also to the Mass. State Police and surrounding Police agencies for your assistance when needed. And as always, last but certainly not least, my thanks to the people 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

SERGEANT
MIKE ALIBOZEK 197



OFFICER
DAVE TARJICK 375

OFFICER
DYLAN VANDOLOSKI 215

OFFICER
TRISH CARLO 201

OFFICER
CODY ALVAREZ 393

OFFICER
AMALIO (AL) JUSINO 575

HARBORMASTER
BLAIR CRANE 209

TOTAL CALLS FOR FY 2019

Calls on Police Line.....	68	Unattended Deaths	0
Miscellaneous Calls	58	Hit And Run.....	2
Assist Other Police Depts.....	41	Motor Vehicle Accidents	36
B & E Complaints	7	A.T.V. Accidents	0
Disturbances	22	Snowmobile Accident	0
Assault and Battery.....	2	Stolen Motor Vehicle	1
A & B / Dangerous Weapon.....	0	D.M.V.....	7
Domestic Disturbances	15	Harassing Phone Calls.....	3
Drunk Persons.....	0	Harassment	3
Missing Persons.....	0	Abuse Complaints	0
Prowler Complaints	1	Alarm Calls.....	38
Shooting Complaints.....	2	911 Calls	11
Repo Motor Vehicle	3	Abandoned 911 Calls.....	21
Larceny Under	3	Fire Calls.....	8
Larceny Over	0	M.V. Lockouts.....	7
Vandalism	3	Arrest Without Warrant.....	13
Animal Complaints	45	Arrest by Warrant.....	6
Medical Calls	135	Illegal Dumping	0
		Credit Card Fraud.....	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2019

Returned Fines to the Town of Cheshire

District Court Fines	\$ 3,482.75
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Infractions	\$ 8,443.60

Fees Returned to the Town of Cheshire

Pistol Permits	\$ 3,172.50
Report Fees.....	\$ 250.00
Parking Ticket Fines	\$ 260.00

Cruiser Mileage Logged

3130 - Crown Victoria Sedan	10,980
3131 - Ford Interceptor SUV.....	21,993

Total Returned Fines and Fees to the Town	
Generated by the Police Department.....	\$ 15,608.85

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 2019.

In 2019 the Cheshire Fire Department responded to 374 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 105 burning permits, 5 certificates of compliance, 11 oil burner installation permits, 34 propane tank installation permits, 1 underground oil tank removal permit, 3 new oil tank installation permits, 2 gasoline mobile tank storage permits, 1 firework display permit and 77 smoke and carbon monoxide compliance permits.

This year, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts became an "OSHA State" for the fire service, adopting the Occupational Safety and Health Administrations rules and regulations regarding safety and security in the workplace. Prior to 2019, OSHA regulations were only a recommendation for the fire service to follow. Now, we are subject to all the rules and regulations that OSHA has and enforces. This now subjects the department to surprise inspections of the fire station, apparatus, signage, administrative log checks and so on. This has led to many changes and some unplanned expenses to get the station and some of our equipment "up to speed" to stay in compliance with these new regulations. These new regulations have been challenging for us financially as well as has tasked some of our members with even more administrative tasks in their already busy schedules. I am very proud to say our members are tackling this challenge and are dedicated to successfully navigating these new regulations to keep our department in compliance. These new regulations took effect January 1, 2019 so we are still in the early stages of this new ruleset, but I can assure you I will be working with the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to get the department through these inspections and changes the best way we can.

Our fire station continues to be a challenge for us. The roof repairs I spoke of in last year's annual report have been completed, with the last repairs being completed in the winter of 2019. The newest challenge we are facing is the heating system in the station with a furnace that needs replacement. The current furnace was purchased used from the State Police Barracks when the fire station was built in the late 1980's so it was already used before it came to us. We are now having issues with the parts being no longer produced and the technology just so outdated that we are having difficulty finding service technicians that can work on this furnace. The furnace issue will need to be addressed at some point before the next heating season is upon us. The other factor that needs to be considered is now that we are subject to OSHA standards and regulations, I cannot say with any certainty what kinds of ordered repairs or changes we will have to make to the station after the OSHA inspection is completed.

We were once again successful in being awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that was offered by the Federal Government. This year we collaborated with other north county fire departments to purchase new turnout gear

for our firefighters. I am happy to report that we were able to secure funding to replace 14 complete sets of turnout gear with brand new, code compliant gear. Our gear that will be replaced is well over 15 years old and it will be nice to issue out the new gear to our members. I once again need to recognize and thank Amalio Jusino of Emergency Response Consulting who is the grant writer for the fire department. Amalio has secured well over a million dollars in grant funding just for the fire department alone over the last 8 years. Without his help we would never be able to afford the necessary equipment we have been awarded that keeps our firefighters and EMT's safe while doing their jobs. Thank you AJ for your dedication and service to the Cheshire Fire Department and the town of Cheshire!!!!

Recruitment continues to be a challenge for all volunteer fire departments across the Country and is also challenging for the Town of Cheshire. Changing times, work schedules, home schedules, all continue to make volunteering very difficult for people. We are always trying to come up with new and innovative ways to attract people to our department but we can always use more firefighters and EMT's. We currently have 27 members on our roles but have space for 50. We are utilizing social media as well as any method we can think of to attract new members but again, this is not a Cheshire specific problem, it is a National issue that we cannot seem to get a solution for outside of transitioning to a paid department. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member please stop down to the station during any drill night and take an application. Remember, what if volunteers didn't volunteer?

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 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator or AEDs. Cheshire also belongs to 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, personnel shortages 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
Craig Comstock
CJ Garner
Tim Garner
Fran Gwozdz

Andy Kachel
Del Krzeminski
Brent Lancia
Brian Lancia
William Lewis
Erin Paris

William Rech
Gary Russell
Chris Smith
Mike Sebato
Quinn Whitney

NATIONALLY REGISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Fred Balawender

Tom Francesconi

Sandra Martin

APPRENTICES

Bryant Martin

RETIRED RESERVES

Mark Biagini

Mike Biagini, Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Michael Biagini
Ed Gwozdz

Bob Lamb, Jr.
George Sweet (Retired Chief)

HOOSAC HOSE COMPANY OFFICERS

Tim Garner - Secretary
Erin Paris - Treasurer

AUXILLARY MEMBERS

Barry Emery
Lindsay Chittendon

Ali Lancia
Michelle Rech

Pat Rech
Joe Wilk

Historical Commission

Annual Report 2019

This year, the Berkshire Daughters of the American Revolution requested town permission to visit Stafford Monument as a group.

The request, referred to the Historical Commission, was followed by our invitation to the DAR to tour ALL of Cheshire's historical areas. Eighteen members joined us in a car caravan led by Commission chair with member Bob Hitter on a stop-by-stop guided tour of our town's rich heritage.

Starting with the town trough (donated and dedicated by a DAR member) the tour included the Town Hall Complex, Route 8 Cemetery, Cheese Press replica and John Leland remembrance. In east Cheshire (the original New Providence) stops included the Jenks Road Pre-Revolution era Cemetery, the oldest settlement homes and the former New Providence Inn and coach stop.

After a full tour of the monument itself, the group gathered for a private luncheon, followed by a culminating talk with question and answer period. The Commission has been asked to host more such tours.

Member Gus Martin's book on Cheshire farms will soon be ready for publication. This interesting project is sponsored by the Historical Commission and will be available for purchase.

Thanks to the Cheshire Post Office for allowing continued use of their display cases for Historical Commission presentations.

The Commission remains hopeful of a permanent office with a display area for our significant objects of Cheshire history. Meanwhile, we are most grateful for temporary space in the window of Reynolds Store, a town treasure itself.

Watch the window!

Respectfully submitted,

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

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, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

The Board of Water commissioners are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 2019.

The Board of Water commissioners meets at the Town Hall every Tuesday at 3:00 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 2018/2019.

- 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.
- Moved meters from some residents on West Mountain Road to meter pit.
- Installed mixer in tank to improve water quality and prevent freezing.
- Completed engineering for main replacement on Depot Street.
- GIS mapping of the water system.
- Town wide leak detection.
- Calibrated Master Meter.
- Rehab West Mt. Pit.
- Updated our Operation and Maintenance Plan and Master Plan.
- Painted Fire hydrants.
- Replaced booster pump on Rt. 8.
- Work with D.E.P. to remain in compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Cheshire Water Department
Board of Water Commissioners
Ronald DeAngelis, Commissioner
Rick Gurney, Commissioner
Donald F. Rueger, Commissioner

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

www.nbswmd.com

The Town of Cheshire CY18 Annual Report

For Calendar Year 2019 - 834.99 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled District-Wide. The Town of Cheshire recycled 60.21 tons of paper and 39.31 tons of glass, cans and plastic, increase in Fiber recycling from CY18. Textile Recovery, One World Center Clothes Collection Box - 7,420 pounds collected. Congratulations - one of the top collectors of the District Towns! Thank You for keeping Textiles from the Waste Stream and donating.

Your town's Scrap Metal Recycling Program collected 41.58 tons - \$2,286.90 revenue generated for the Transfer station, increase from CY18. Electronic Recycling Program collected 12,620 pounds. Congratulations - top E-waste recycling within the District. The success of your Transfer Station is hard work and the dedication of residents and Andy and town officials and NBSWMD and contracted haulers, as a team we work together to make it happen!

MassDEP Green Team partners, Youth Center Inc., was recognized this year for their Holiday Project, "Recycling." https://www.iberkshires.com/story/61425/Youth-Center-Green-Team-Make-Recycling-Ornaments-.html?source=most_read

The District contracted with PSC/Stericycle for a One-Day Hazardous Waste Collection that was held on September 28, 2019, 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, 154 households and 4 Town Departments in all, took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of hazardous chemicals in a safe way. The cost for this one-day event was \$9,101.50. Peace of Mind for Residents - "Priceless!" Thank you to Town of Adams Commissioner and Selectman James Bush, Commissioner of Clarksburg, Carl McKinney and Commonwealth Community Service program and Adams Police Department for your help at our much-needed collection.

The District has changed the paint collection program to mainstream the collection and maximize our dollars. Oil-Based paint is collected at the Comprehensive Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Latex Paint is no longer accepted as it's not a hazardous material. We continue to educate our residents on drying latex and proper disposal or donating if the product is usable.

The District has six Universal Waste Product Sheds for District Member Towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by Mass DEP. The cost of recycling is allocated from the District's yearly budget. This program has increased with collections. Location of sheds: Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor and Williamstown Transfer Station. NLR, Next Level for Recycling Inc., is the designated facility for the District's recycling of Universal Waste products. To stay in compliance with Mass DEP, all sheds must be cleaned and packed for shipping on a yearly basis. A Waste Manifest is generated for each Town, filed in the District office. Thank you again to all who make this program a success. This program is also maintained by your Town's Transfer/Recycling Center attendants, Thank you.

The District recycled - 1,329 various size of Fluorescent lamps, 230 Alkaline batteries, 165 N-ICAD batteries, 180 Lithium batteries - cost \$2,483.11. We continue with Outreach and Education in assisting our communities in converting their household's and businesses to LED lighting.

The District, with town volunteers, held Annual Bulky and Electronic waste collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. The Special Collection events are open to all residents of the 13 Member Towns. Total material collected at Adams - 8,500 pounds of electronics, 3.02 tons of scrap metal, and 4.43 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Lanesborough: 2,200 pounds of electronics, 1.99 tons of scrap metal, and 2.87 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Clarksburg: 3,600 pounds of electronics, 2.87 tons of scrap metal and 1.53 tons of furniture, etc. Thanks to our volunteers, Joe Szczepaniak, Selectman Sayers, Paul Howcroft, Selectman Bush, Scott and Daniel Cernik and Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough DPW. The District had 3 very successful Bulky Waste Collection events. The schedule for 2020 will be listed on our website and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized. To Be Announced - the District CHARM Center, more information to follow.

The District partners yearly with All Saints Church, North Adams, and sponsors a community paper shredding event; last year the collection was September 28, 2019. It was a record breaking Community Shredding event - between 11,000 to 13,000 pounds according to ProShred. The Collection promotes recycling as well as helping combat identify theft.

Please view our web site for events and information/resources on recycling programs.

Kick off to Earth Day/Month Community paper shredding day, Saturday, April 11, 2020 Town of Lanesborough, open to all. Saturday, August 22, 2020 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held in Adams. The District has been in discussion with the City of North Adams in rejoining the District. Williams College Environmental Studies conducted a comprehensive review on the pros and cons of the partnership, the conclusion was in favor of the City rejoining. The study was presented to the City Council for consideration and a final decision is expected in February of 2020.

This year NBSWMD Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" of \$500.00 to 5 towns in the District and \$1,500.00 to NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants as a shared purchase of 700 14-Gallon Blue Recycling Bins, various outreach materials, community and schools and special collection events, Community Paper Shredding days and HHW. The approved shared purchase will be a benefit to all the Member Towns and residents. There were 8 towns in the District that received Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, with a NBSWMD contribution of \$1,500.00 for the shared purchase.

The Towns of Adams, **Cheshire**, Hinsdale, 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, Town of Hancock and Florida. This program awards points for achievement. Awards for the District Member Town's: Adams - \$4,200, **Cheshire - \$4,200**, Florida - \$2,800, Hancock - \$2,450, Hinsdale - \$4,900, Savoy - \$3,500, Williamstown - \$5,250 and Windsor - \$4,200. Towns of Clarksburg, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford and Peru were awarded Small Scales Awards of \$500 and NBSWMD \$1,500. **Total grants dollars awarded to NBSWMD - \$35,500.** This is an increase of \$11,600 from last year's grant Awards. Congratulations - we did it as a team, Thank you! The funds are reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects. All the towns increased their RDP grant Awards 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, expanding locations, Compost Distribution Program, creation of new CHARM Center, waste reduction, negotiations for hauling, keeping cost down, Kick off to Earth Day/Month Community paper shredding event April 11, 2020 and Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled August 22, 2020 to be held in Adams, expanding our "Green Team" collaboration with our District's local schools, Outreach and Education.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Shawn Wright and Amy Broderick and Connor Doherty, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court, Office of Community Corrections. **Over 172 Hours of Volunteer time** were given to the Member Towns in the District. Your help with the HHW event, packing our Universal Waste Sheds, helping with Special Events, packing the boxes for pick-up, organizing the Town of Hinsdale's Swap Shop, monthly cleaning and organizing the Town of Williamstown's Book Shed - so many benefit from the Sheds at the Transfer Stations, many treasures can be found. Thank You for a great Year and Partnership. Look forward to working with you in 2020!

To the residents of the Member Towns, Thank you for your continued support in recycling and waste reduction, your dedication is what makes the Northern Berkshire Community a beautiful place to call home!

Thank you all for a Great Year - Board of Commissioners, town officials, volunteers, contracted haulers and most of all the Transfer Station/Recycling Attendants, Andy, that make it all happen.

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

Linda Cernik
NBSWMD
Program Coordinator

Richard Salvi
NBSWMD
Commissioner for
the Town of Cheshire



Zoning Board of Appeals

2019 Annual Report

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, the Cheshire Zoning Board of Appeals submits this Annual Report for calendar year 2019.

This past year the Zoning Board of Appeals acted on (2) two requests for variance to the Cheshire Zoning By-Law, that were requested by town property owners.

The Zoning Board of Appeals which is a (3) three-member board with up to (3) three alternate members, is staffed by the (3) three members and currently (2) two alternates, all assigned by the Select Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for additional alternates.

In an effort to improve the process of requesting a variance, the Zoning Board in conjunction with the Building Inspector have developed a new "Request for Variance" form to be used by town residents when requesting a variance to the Zoning By-Law. This new form is available on the Town of Cheshire web-site or from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Marko, Chairman

Board Members:

Thomas Zappula, Member
Dale Grimshaw, Member
Robert Balawender, Alternate
Sean Conley, Alternate

Annual Election Warrant - May 6, 2019

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 6th, 2019 Cheshire Annual Election
Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

To elect the following:

- One Moderator for a term of three years
- One Selectman for a term of three years
- One Selectman for a term of one year
- One Assessors for a term of three years
- One Board of Health Member for a term of three years
- One Water Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of one year
- One Planning Board Member for a term of five years
- One Adams Cheshire Regional School District School Committee Member from Cheshire for a term of three years
- Two Adams Cheshire Regional School District School Committee Members from Adams for terms of three years each
- One Northern Berkshire Vocational School District School Committee Member from Cheshire for a term of three years
- Three Constables for terms of three years each

Question One:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2018, entitled “An Act relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Cheshire, be accepted?”

Summary:

This ballot question is the final step in the process of approving the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. An expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five member cannot take place without majority acceptance of this Special Legislation enacted by our General Court. By voting in the affirmative to accept this act of the Legislature, you approve the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. A negative vote means that you do not approve the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members.

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at 5 places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding of said election.

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and made due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the election, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Carol A. Francesconi _____

Robert S. Ciskowski _____

A true copy. ATTEST

Constable _____

Cheshire Annual Election Results - May 6, 2019

OFFICE	NAME	Number of Votes	OFFICE	NAME	Number of Votes
Moderator	Donna DeFino	367	Planning Board	Peter Traub	366
	write-ins	2		write-in	1
	Blanks	143		Blanks	144
	Total	512		Total	512
Selectmen: 3 year term	Mark Biagini	270	Constables	Robert Copeland	316
	Donna DeFino	212		"C.J." Garner	326
	write-in	1		Jason Hoellerich	260
	Blanks	29		Alison Warner	323
	Total	513		Blanks	311
Selectmen: 1 year term	Jason Levesque	353		Total	1536
	E. Richard Scholz	145	Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee Member from Cheshire	write-ins	60
	write-in	1		Peter Tatro	9
	Blanks	13		Brian Astorino	5
	Total	512		Carol Francesconi	5
Assessor	Nancy Delorey	416		all other write-ins	36
	Blanks	96		Blanks	457
	Total	512		Total	512
Board of Health Member	"Mickey" Biagini	215	Adams- Cheshire Regional School Committee Members from Adams - elect two	Jennifer Gageant	325
	"C.J." Garner	288		write-ins	9
	Blanks	9		Blanks	690
	Total	512		Total	1024
Water Commissioner	Ronald DeAngelis	384	Northern Berkshire Vocational School Committee Member from Cheshire	William Craig	383
	write-ins	3		write-in	1
	Blanks	125		Blanks	128
	Total	512		Total	512
Cemetery Commissioner: 3 year term	Julie Ciskowski	167	Question 1:		
	Richard Francesconi	313	Select Board 3 to 5 Members	Yes	266
	write-in	1		No	209
	Blanks	31		Blanks	37
	Total	512		Total	512
Cemetery Commission; 1 year term	Stephen LaFogg	367	ATTEST: True Copy		
	write-ins	2	Christine B. Emerson		
	Blanks	143	Cheshire Town Clerk		
	Total	512	May 7, 2019		

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

Annual Town Meeting - June 10, 2019

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 10, 2019
7:00 pm
Voter check-in to begin at 6:30 pm.
CHESHIRE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Moderator DeFino called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm,
previously had announced that the meeting would be delayed to allow further voter check-in.

Voters present: 131

Non-voters: 12

The Moderator began with saying good evening and welcome.
Moderator began the reading of the head of the warrant.

Motion to waive the reading of the balance of
the warrant and the return of service made by Mr.
Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Biagini.

Discussion: None

Vote called.

Unanimous.

Selectmen Chair Robert Ciskowski addressed the meeting.

Introduced the two newly elected Selectmen, Mark Biagini and
Jason Levesque and new Moderator, Donna DeFino, Town Ad-
ministrator Edmund St. John IV, Town Clerk Christine Emerson,
Finance Committee Members John Tremblay, Kathleen Levesque,
Joseph Johnson, Denise Gregoire, and Heather Emerson.

August 13th will be the Special Election for two additional
Selectmen.

This year marked the retirement of Mark Webber, Town Admin-
istrator, Stanley Tracy, thirty years on the Cheshire Highway and
thirty year Selectmen, Carol Francesconi. Carol was especially
thanked for all she had accomplished through the years and for
her knowledge useful to many in Town Hall, as well as her cour-
age, compassion and respect for the law. Citations were presented
to Stanley and then Carol who received a standing ovation.

The budget has some changes in the following areas; Town Ad-
ministrator has a much higher expense account for technology
as the Town cannot ignore the ever changing technical aspects
to Town Government, but good old common sense is useful;
internet speed for the Town has been increased and a new Town
Website is being launched.

This year infrastructure, Maple Drive off Route 116, still seek-
ing funding for Depot Street and repairs to Route 116 are being
investigated.

Through Berkshire Regional Planning Cheshire shares in Block
Grant with Monterey for residents who need financial help with
house repairs, septic issues, etc..

An article will deal with the heating at the Elementary School.
School has tenants Adams-Cheshire Regional School District
offices and now Berkshire Body Exercise and coming in Youth
Center which is a non-profit organization. A good step for the
Town to take for the children in the area.

The Selectmen have moved their meeting place, now meeting
at the Senior/Community Center. Come on over, it is a better
experience now with more room.

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

Motion to accept the FY 2018 Annual Report
made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Levesque.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote called.

Unanimous.

Moderator explained that Article 2 is the Town Budget, the
totals for each office or department will be read. Anyone wishing
to discuss a line item is to state "set-aside." The balance of the
budget will be voted and then each "set-aside" will be discussed
and voted individually.

Moderator began to read the budget. Rebecca Herzog called for
each salary in each department or office to be "set-aside." Ask-
ing also for a job description for the new COA position. Mr. St.
John replied with the description. Questioned the new position
of 19 hours at \$23 an hour per week. Further stating that this
new position's salary was almost equal to the majority of current
town officials and department staff. Also, stating that there has
been a request for a salary survey study for years. At this point
the discussion went to the line item for this new position.

Mrs. Herzog made a motion to reduce the salary for this position to \$15 an hour, \$14,820 a year and seconded.

Each of the COA Board spoke and gave an opinion as why this position should be funded at this amount.

Moderator called for a vote on the amended salary.

Voice vote. **Failed.**

Motion to vote the balance of the budget less the "set-asides" on salaries made by Mr. Craig; seconded by Mrs. Astorino.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

"Set-asides"

Selectmen Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Accountant Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Accountant Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Treasurer Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Tax Collector Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Assessors Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Town Clerk Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Town Buildings Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote **Unanimous.**

Police Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Fire Jason Mendonca asked why the Fire Chief's salary did not have 2% increase?

Motion to increase Fire Chief salary to 3,641 made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Dick Scholz.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Plumbing Inspector Mr. Mendonca again asked why no 2% increase.

Motion to increase Plumbing Inspector's salary to 2,081 made Mr. Ciskowski; seconded Mr. Biagini.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Town Compactor

Discussion: Question asked why was the compactor operator salary missing?

Mr. St. John answered the salary is now under the Town custodian.

Mr. Biagini stated that this was not the budget that he had submitted.

Mr. Warner stated the budget that is presented tonight stands.

Amendment made to reduce recycling account by \$10,000 made by Mr. Biagini; seconded.

Voice vote called on the amendment.

Moderator determined too close to call.

Card vote called. Yes 47 No 51 **Amendment failed.**

Motion for Compactor budget \$147,750 made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Tremblay.

Voice vote. **Unanimous.**

Highway budget

Mr. Mendonca questioned a 4% raise for the Highway Superintendent when the other officials and departments were 2%.

Answer was contracted.

Mrs. Herzog stated that the superintendent's salary was broken out this year for easier calculating.

Discussion: Several residents complained about the shape of the roads in town.

Question was asked what was the superintendent's actual pay this year?

Motion for the Highway budget made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Library

Mr. Mendonca questioned no 2% raise in the salary, when Amy does such a phenomenal job?

Discussion as to who set the salary, Town or Library Trustees. Trustees set the salary and the 2% raise last year was not passed on to the Library Director per Trustees. Mrs. Herzog pointed out that the Library Director had not had a raise since 2016.

Motion and seconded to increase the salary by 2% (\$273) increased the budget to \$32,540 made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Biagini.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Cemetery

Motion to lower the budget \$3,840 and increase the Highway by \$3,840. This amount was added to the budget for seasonal/part-time labor.

Mrs. Herzog explained seasonal labor to the meeting.

Peter LeFebvre asked why seasonal was put under the Cemetery and not under the appropriate budget?

Mrs. Francesconi recommended that seasonal help figure be totally removed.

Mr. St. John stated that it needed to be in place for spring in next year's budget.

Motion made by Mr. Ciskowski to amend the cemetery labor line to \$30,625, total Cemetery budget \$40,696; seconded by Mr. Biagini.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Motion to reopen Highway budget labor line item \$199,860 made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Tremblay. Total Highway budget \$888,202.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Adams-Cheshire Regional School and Vocational Budget

Mr. Trudeau requested that this budget be voted down.

No further discussion.

Motion to accept the education budget made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Graham.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

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.*

After two hours of discussion on the budget, with additions, the Town budget was voted and passed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$140,000 (one hundred forty thousand dollars) to reduce the tax rate, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

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

Discussion: None

Voice vote called. **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.*

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

Discussion: None

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$17,800 (seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars) for the purpose of funding the Board of Assessors to conduct a reclassification, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Mr. Kuniholm asked for the correction of the word reclassification be made to certification.

Motion to accept the article as corrected made by Mr. Kuniholm; seconded by Mr. Ciskowski.

Discussion: None

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Stabilization Fund the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of providing heating maintenance to the former Cheshire Elementary School Building, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval]

Town Administrator explained the necessity of the heating upgrade at the school.

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

Discussion: None.

Card vote called. **Yes 98 No 3 Article passed.**

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to adopt proposed zoning amendments to the Town of Cheshire Protective and Planning Zoning Bylaw for the purpose of allowing certain accessory agricultural uses. The purpose of this article is to allow certain accessory agricultural uses to provide additional economic opportunities for farmers, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

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

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval]

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

Discussion:

Berkshire Regional Planning Representative explained the article.

Card vote called. **Yes 74 No 18 Article passed.**

Voted to adopt proposed bylaw according to the text for Article 7 as provided in the ATM handout.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to adopt a proposed zoning amendment to the Town of Cheshire Protective and Planning Zoning Bylaw for the purpose of creating a light industrial district. This new light industrial district would be used for the manufacturer or assembly of a product including processing, blending, fabrication, assembly, treatment and packaging and qualifies the Town of Cheshire to enter the Green Communities program, while being sensitive to adjacent properties, with an effective date of July 1, 2019, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The full text of this proposed change shall be made available at this meeting.]

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Biagini; seconded by Mr. Levesque.

Discussion: Ms. Winiarski asked where the area was?

Berkshire Regional Planning explained that an enlarged map was hanging in the hall. The area is Route 8 corridor.

Justin Kruszyna asked if marijuana cultivation could be in this district?

BRPC answered no.

Mr. Tremblay stated that this district will be heading the Town to being Green Compliant for the Green Communities program.

Card vote called. **Yes 89 No 4 Article passed.**

Voted to adopt the proposed by-law according to the text of Article 8 as provided in the ATM handout.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to enact the following General Bylaw, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of July 1, 2019, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, *or take any other action relative thereto.*

(Suggest a card vote be taken since this is a Town By-law)

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

Discussion:

Mr. LeFebvre asked will this tell what can be built on your property?

Mr. Garner, Building Inspector, This brings the code and Town bylaw together.

Will make no difference.

Mr. St. John stated that this by-law is another prong in the Green Community.

Card vote called. **Yes 92 No 2 Article passed.**

Voted to adopt "Stretch Energy Code" pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Adams Cheshire Regional School District Regional Amendment as unanimously approved by the School Committee on December 10, 2018 and submitted to the Selectmen of each member town as the agreement of the "Hoosac Valley Regional School District," *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The full text of this proposed agreement is attached to this document.]

Mr. St. John explained that a Committee was formed to create this document a year ago. The Regional Agreement had not been updated since 1993 and prior 1985.

Discussion: None

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

Voice vote called.

Unanimous.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, per MGL Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of \$95,000 (ninety-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a used road grader and dispose of a 1986 Dresser Road Grader 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: 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 read made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mr. Tremblay.

Discussion: Lengthy, pro and con.

Card vote called. **Yes 21 No 73 Article Failed.**

Mr. St. John stated that the Town would continue to lease a grader and a study would be made on renting, leasing or purchasing a new or used grader.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to enact the following General By-law: "An Ordinance Relative to Marijuana Cultivation" for the purpose of reducing the conditions that reate public nuisances through enacting regulations including without limitation, restrictions to cultivation, and to prohibit, to the maximum extent allowed under state law, with limited exceptions, the commercial, medical, and recreational cultivation, manufacture, testing, distribution, transportation, and storage of cannabis in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Cheshire, with an effective date of July 1, 2019, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, *or take any other action relative thereto.*

[NOTE: This article appears by way of a citizen's petition.]

Motion to accept the article as read made by Mr. Levesque; seconded by Mr. Tremblay.

Town Counsel, Mr. St. John III addressed the article. Before debate on this article begins, there is procedural issues. Last year the Town passed a Zoning By-Law that set the rules for marijuana. Since this proposed by-law did not follow the necessary procedures, it is probable that the Attorney General would not approve.

There is a two-thirds vote required.

Process is Selectmen give proposed by-law to Planning Board, Planning Board reviews, returns the proposal to the Selectmen. Planning Board then schedules hearings on the proposed zoning by-law then the proposal is put on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to vote. If the proposal passes, then sent to the Attorney General for approval. Cited the court case of Charlton.

Suggest the correct process be followed. Thank you for listening.

Discussion: A lengthy discussion took place, at times emotional.

Mr. Tremblay stated that last year's by-law is not complete, outdoor facilities should be redone.

Card Vote called. Yes 42 No 41

Moderator asked Town Counsel if she could cast the deciding vote, answer was yes.

Yes 42 No 42 **Article Failed.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the transfer from the Water Department Surplus Account the sum of \$10,280 for the purpose to pay bills owed from FY2018, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

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

Mr. St. John stated that this article takes a 4/5 vote.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote called. **Yes Unanimous** No zero (0)

Article 14: To do and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Police Chief Garner addressed the meeting, asking to consider bringing the Memorial Day Ceremonies to the Town Hall instead of the Cheshire Cemetery.

Parade route would follow the same route, change would be that the parade would come back down Church Street instead of turning up West Mountain Road.

Church Street would be blocked off just like for Block Parties.

Mrs. Francesconi made a motion that a non-binding referendum question be added to the August 13th ballot for the Special Election; seconded by Mr. Tremblay.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Motion to dissolve this meeting made by Mr. Levesque; seconded by Mr. Biagini.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Meeting dissolved at 10:40 pm.

**ATTEST: True Copy
Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk**

Special Town Meeting - October 22, 2019

Cheshire Community/Senior Center
119 School Street
October 22nd, 2019
7:00 PM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Voters: 63

Non-voters: 3

Moderator DeFino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Meeting was paused to allow further voter check-in.

Meeting called to order again at 7:05. Moderator read the warrant heading.

Motion to waive the reading of the balance of warrant and the return of service made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None
Voted called.

Unanimous.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Stabilization Fund the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of providing necessary funds for tuition and transportation to an out of town vocational school, as required by M.G.L. c 74 secs. 7C and 8A or take any other action in relation thereto.
Requires a 2/3 vote for approval.

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

Discussion:

Town Administrator St. John explained that this expenditure is necessary because the vocational budget had already been voted at the Annual Town Meeting. The request for this expenditure did not come in until the second week in August. The expense can not be taken from Free Cash since the Town's has not been certified yet. The expense is borne by the resident town not the school district.

Card Vote called. YES 58 NO 0

Article passed.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, per MGL Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of \$195,000 (one hundred ninety-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a used road grader and to dispose of a 1986 Dresser Road Grader 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.
Two-thirds vote required and a subsequent Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion to be held at a future election.

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

Discussion:

Mr. St. John had a slide presentation to give, however, he yielded part of his time to the Highway Superintendent, Robert Niven.

Mr. Niven explained that on the actual benefit of a in-house owned grader versus renting one. Also explained that a grader may be used for other functions not just road grading. Ended by stating the same plea as he had when met with the Finance Committee, please, please, please.

Mr. St. John began the slide presentation. Stating that at the Annual Town Meeting the grader purchase was voted down and the Selectmen were asked to look for and compare options. Mr. Ciskowski, Mr. De Angelis, Mr. Niven and he worked on the comparisons presented here. Costs renting versus purchasing over several year options. Scenarios run were for a 5 year note, 10 year note and out to 20 year note. A 5 year note seems to be the best. Cost of a 5 year loan \$209,000 and cost of a 7 year loan \$215,000. Impact on the tax rate using \$195,000 as the base 5 year would be 13 cents and a 7 year would be 10 cents.

Mr. DeAngelis stated that if the Town does not pass this we lose a year, if this has to be re-voted.

Mr. Tremblay, Finance Committee Chair, the Committee was hesitant to approve the grader until we met with the new Highway Superintendent. After this meeting, he said all the missing pieces fell into place not just the numbers Committee recommends this article.

Question was asked why the figure of \$195,000? Mr. Levesque answered it is similar to pre-approval on a mortgage. The Town will be diligent in finding a grader of good price and that this figure is the cap on spending.

Mrs. Francesconi stated that the number one complaint she has received since taking office are the roads. The Town infrastructure must be a priority and that the Town needs to be prudent with money.

Discussion on the fact that opinion was that Truck #10 was no longer a viable vehicle, but with some care and mechanical skill #10 is back in service. That brought the question if #10 could be repaired, could the Dresser Grader also be repaired. The overall opinion is that the Dresser is not worth the money that would be needed.

Card Vote called. YES 51 NO 5

Article passed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Stabilization Fund the sum of \$3,572.08 (three thousand five hundred seventy-two and 08/100 dollars) for the purpose to pay bills owed from FY2018 and FY2019 or take any other action in relation thereto.
Article required a 4/5th vote.

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

Discussion:
Questions - what department and why weren't they paid prior to this.

Answers - the bills are for the Highway and that we don't know why they were not submitted on time.

Card Vote called. YES 58 NO 0
Article passed.

Article 4: 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 the meeting made by Mr. Ciskowski; seconded by Mrs. Francesconi.

Discussion: None.
Vote called.

Unanimous.

Meeting dissolved at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST: True Copy

Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
HOOSAC VALLEY
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESHIRE, MA 01225



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Report of the Chairman Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Adam Emerson, Chairman	(Cheshire, elected 05/17)
Michael Mucci, Vice-Chairman	(Adams, elected 05/18)
Regina Hill	(Adams, appointed 09/10, elected 05/11, re-elected 05/14, 05/17)
Peter Tatro	(Cheshire, elected 05/16, re-elected 05/19, resigned 1/20 - seat vacant)
Jenifer Gageant	(Adams, elected 05/16, re-elected 05/19, resigned 1/20 - seat vacant)
Bethany DeMarco	(Cheshire, elected 05/18)
Martin Bush	(Adams, appointed 8/19)

It has been a year of tremendous change for the District. At times, the changes were chaotic. However, from chaos comes opportunity. The District continues to develop and strives to meet the educational needs of the children from our towns. But, beyond the educational needs the District continues to expand its necessary role in serving the social/emotional needs for its students.

One of the larger changes was the changing of the School District's name to the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. This change was done as part of the new regional agreement. The name change took effect on October 1st. The regional agreement was approved at both Towns' Annual Meetings. The regional agreement overhaul began several years ago and went through many changes. The last agreement between the Towns was done in 1992. The new agreement brought the District into compliance with many regulation changes. The new agreement also ensures that it will be reviewed on a more regular basis which will only benefit the community.

In June, Dr. John Vosburgh formally announced his resignation as Superintendent. The School Committee began a two-staged approach to filling the position. The first stage was to hire an interim Superintendent to serve as the educational leader until a permanent Superintendent was hired. The School Committee was fortunate to have former Superintendent Alfred Skrocki accept the position. His knowledge of the schools, many of the personnel and the towns was an asset that served the District well.

The second stage of the approach was to begin an immediate search for a permanent Superintendent. A search committee worked quickly and diligently to bring the School Committee two finalists. After a rigorous interview process, Aaron Dean was selected to be the new Superintendent. Aaron came to the District as the Principal of Crosby Elementary School. Aaron does have a familiarity with the District being an Adams native and current resident, but he also taught for the District for many years. This familiarity has served him well as he has guided the District through the first several months of his tenure.

I would like to publicly thank Al Skrocki for not only stepping up and filling a void the District had, but mentoring Aaron during his accelerated transition at the beginning of the school year. I was fortunate enough to hear Al give opening remarks to the Administrators, Teachers and Staff just before the school year started. His words were inspiring, challenging and engaging and set a great tone for the upcoming school year.

Special Education Director, Carla Chioda and Hoosac Valley Elementary Principal, Michelle Colvin both announced they were leaving the District. The District was fortunate that they were able to quickly fill the positions with Dr. Jodi Drury becoming the Special Education Director and Rebecca Sawyer becoming the Principal at Hoosac Valley Elementary.

Under Superintendent Dean the District has adopted an updated and comprehensive District Improvement Plan, available on the District's web site: www.hoosacvalley.org. The three school Principals submitted their School Improvement Plans and these were approved by the School Committee. These plans are an integral part of the District's Improvement Plan and they were all drafted with a single vision, providing the best education for our children. I would encourage all that are concerned about our children's education to review these plans.

This year the District was able to expand and enhance the security at both the Elementary and High/Middle schools. This was achieved by successfully obtaining a Safer Schools grant. This grant allowed for an upgrade to video surveillance, monitored and controlled entrances and hardware and software upgrades. The new security will allow the District greater control of access to the buildings greatly increasing student, faculty and staff safety.

In closing, I would like to recognize that for the first time in 19 years, Paul Butler's name is not included in this report after he decided to not seek re-election. Paul was a hard-working member of the School Committee. His dedication, leadership and passion are what all public servants should strive for. Thank you Paul for your years of serving the children of our Towns.

In Paul's last Chairman's report he encouraged the Towns-people get involved with the Schools. I am going to ask the same. Go see a sporting event. Take in a band or theatrical performance. Stop into an art show. Come to a School Committee meeting. It is through this involvement that the quality of schools will grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Emerson
Chairman
Hoosac Valley Regional School District
School Committee

Report of the Superintendent

I am honored to be preparing my first town report as Superintendent of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. As I re-enter the District, I do so knowing that there has been a great deal of transition. My goals as a community member and leader of this organization are to bring Hoosac Valley Regional the stability and consistency it deserves.

Year 1 has been very much an information gathering year. My work this year has included meeting with parents, students, and staff and assembling “count, see and hear” data. Despite the interruption caused by the pandemic, I will be presenting an entry plan with long term goals to the school committee that will address various needs based on the result of the findings. In the meantime, this report will give some insight as to what I’ve been looking at, what our goals this year were, and some ways we are going to work to address our challenges as a District moving forward.

Looking at our accountability data, there are several bright spots which give reason for optimism. Hoosac Valley Elementary School met 97% of its targets and has a designation of Meeting or Exceeding Targets. Hoosac Valley Middle School met 44% of its targets and has a designation of Moderate Progress toward targets. Hoosac Valley High School met 48% of its targets and also has a designation of Moderate Progress toward targets. None of our schools are designated as in need of assistance by the state.

One area of concern that we will look to address in the next few years includes our enrollment numbers, which have declined from 1,371 in 2017 to 1,161 in 2019. In addition, we currently have 141 students choosing to other school districts. These numbers are not a recipe for sustainability as the largest factor for Chapter 70 Aid is student enrollment. Knowing that a major factor behind these enrollment numbers was the restructuring that took place in 2017, it is my hope that over the next several years we can work to build trust and collaboration with our two communities to make this the successful and vibrant school system it is supposed to be.

While the transition and growing pains of the restructure have been challenging, there have been positive steps taken to improve programming. The elementary school has worked to expand programming for students on the advanced track to provide them with the added challenge they deserve. The middle school has instituted intervention blocks geared to deliver specialized instruction to all students in the areas of Math and ELA. Moreover, the high school has continued with work on professional development and programming geared towards promoting a positive climate through the creation of the “Links” program for incoming 8th graders, World of Difference Training for mentors provided by the Anti-Defamation League, and other programming framing the mantra of “Relationships before Results.”

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. Moreover, we are working to further develop our pathways at this high school with the development of our Career Center. This will provide more opportunities for students to perform internships and explore career paths, helping better prepare them for both college and the workforce.

In addition to the above, we are working to develop consistency of programming at all levels as a district. We have implemented student support centers at all levels to provide support to our students struggling with behaviors. Through consultation with professionals such as Polly Bath, we continue to implement research based practices in these spaces and in the classroom to support our students’ social emotional development. All staff in the middle and high school have also participated in a course on trauma informed practices. As we head into next year, we will continue to build on this work in order to provide a safe physical and emotional learning environment for all our students.

Structurally, the District has also developed Instructional Leadership Teams at all levels, whose work is to analyze student data in order to make informed decisions about instruction. Staff have begun the process of analyzing teacher practice via walk-throughs at all levels and are continually looking at student work and progress via the Fastbridge system that was implemented last year. One of our major goals over the next several years is to build on this foundation to effectively provide early intervention to students and further build our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. We are currently creating a 5-year plan to make this happen.

Lastly, you will notice that our name is now “officially” the Hoosac Valley Regional School District. Symbolically, I see this as an opportunity for a fresh start. Over the past several years there has been a great deal of change, which is especially difficult in a community steeped in tradition. While we have lots of work to do, there have been successes of which we should be proud. As a proud alumni of the school system, it is my hope to provide steady and transparent leadership, so all of our students are afforded the opportunity of receiving an excellent education. Thank you for your support of the school system.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Dean
Superintendent
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Hoosac Valley High School

Hoosac Valley High School's 2019-2020 focus is promoting the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives. Our goal is to establish high expectations, while creating a safe and effective classroom environment. We also know that the growth of our students relies on effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Our efforts are reflected in Hoosac P.R.I.D.E. Our 8-12 grade student body reflects on Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence (P.R.I.D.E.) daily. We are collecting and reviewing data from climate and culture surveys to help guide our plan. We have continued to celebrate students weekly during our Talk about Them Tuesday "rewards," and we can often see students strolling down Hurricane Highway on their way to classes. The cafeteria is also home to the NEW Art Club Mural entitled "We all have a voice." In order for students to fully understand Hoosac P.R.I.D.E., we are focusing on each component monthly by reading daily quotes, showing videos during morning announcements, and embedding the tenets within the daily curriculum. In addition, we are hosting three P.R.I.D.E. rallies in which we celebrate nominated students, staff, and community members for their embodiment of these principles.

The Instructional Leadership Team continues to work diligently on the standards of the School Improvement Plan, which include classroom walkthroughs and observations, opportunities for collaborative time with colleagues, building in family and community outreach, offering English and math interventions for students (who might be struggling with the curriculum), strengthening our inclusive practices and support services by offering co-teaching opportunities among inclusion teachers and regular education teachers, scheduling faculty meeting time with the Director of Special Services, and becoming more inclusive with our professional development. Our teachers meet 4-times per month to create curricula, revise assessments and rubrics, and assess multi-tiered systems of support for our students.

WHAT'S NEW at HVHS:

LINK Crew:

During the summer of 2019, Hoosac Valley initiated the LINK Crew program; it's a high-school transition program that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Our 2018-2019 data showed that members of our grade 8 class struggled in forming positive peer-to-peer and peer-to-staff relationships. In addition, and in relation to our overall state report, the school noticed declining attendance trends in a cohort of students. To this end, HVHS paired each 8th grader with a junior or senior, who was trained at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. During the first

few days of school, LINK Crew developed and implemented the Grade 8 Orientation, which included strategies for success, experiential learning, hands-on projects, and positive reinforcement. Throughout this school year, the LINK Crew will organize and hold activities involving Grade 8 students and their families to further build the relationships needed for a successful first year.

World of Difference:

In an effort to continue to promote positive school climate and address issues of diversity, offensive language, and negative peer-to-peer relationships, Hoosac Valley High School paired with the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, former Superintendent William Ballen, and the Berkshire United Way to bring the World of Difference back to HVHS. Ultimately the World of Difference "recognizes that attitudes and beliefs affect actions and that each member of society can have an impact on others and ultimately on the world in which we live." Students applied and will be trained, and they will deliver lessons to the Grade 9 student body throughout the course of the 2019-2020 school year.

Restorative Circles:

In an effort to continue to build skills around empathy, understanding, and positive relationships, Hoosac Valley High School Dean of Students, Molly Meczywor, and School Adjustment Counselor, Loriann Moro, created the restorative circle group to build the skills students need to support one another and collectively address the challenges they face. The circle group meets weekly and has explored values like empathy, patience, kindness, and courage in determining best ways of working together (with other students and staff). Students will apply their learning to help their peers navigate challenges and stressors.

WHAT'S CONTINUING at HVHS:

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 '19-'20 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
 - Disney World in Orlando this February
as part of Disney's Magic Music Days
- Concert Band:
 - All Band Performance in January (with MS Bands)
 - Disney World in Orlando this February
as part of Disney's Magic Music Days
 - Annual Showcase Concert in May
 - Graduation in June

- Jazz Ensemble:
 - Holiday Performance in December
 - Art Hathaway Holiday Dinner
 - Jazz Night Performance in March
 - Class Night
- Chorus:
 - Holiday Performance in December
 - Annual Christmas Tree lighting 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 “Oklahoma” 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.

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
- 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

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 15 new members this year, bringing our total membership to 71 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.

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, 15 students were inducted into this national society, and so far this year they have organized a drive for the Berkshire Humane Society, and plan another fundraiser/drive to benefit residents of Adams, Cheshire, and Savoy in 2020.

Tutoring Center:

The tutoring center has been up and running for several years and continues to support students in their academic growth. A licensed math teacher supervises the room, while students from the National Honor Society work one-on-one with their peers in ELA, math, science, history, and Spanish.

Talk About Them Tuesdays:

We also continue to acknowledge students and staff for the positive contributions they make at Hoosac Valley High School on a daily basis. Awards are distributed every Tuesday at the end of the day and focus on things like holding the door for each other, persevering through an academic challenge, being kind to others, showing school spirit, and committing to their own, personal growth.

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

2019-2020 Town Report

Every Student. Every Day.

Hoosac Valley Middle School reinforces its commitment to refine instructional practices in order to improve outcomes for students. We are in the second year of the Inclusive Practice Academy and have recently joined the district in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support initiative.

This year saw the addition of Scott Balawender as our School Adjustment Counselor, Ted Burdick as a Special Education teacher, Allan Livermore as our Music teacher, and Mike Matera as our part-time Health teacher.

Our students have been able to attend a Leadership Conference, start a student council, start a kindness club for students in grades 6 & 7 that teams up with the HS, create and perform plays, participate in meditation and mindfulness, and paint inspirational sayings in the cafeteria - to name just a few! Our PBIS committee is hosting monthly Golden Apple awards where students work on a theme, such as respect, and are nominated for displaying that characteristic.

In conjunction with the HS, we have utilized the Start with Hello Sandy Hook Promise campaign which kicked off with a presenter to make students aware of how just saying hello to someone can have a huge impact. This year we also had Attorney Kinzer present on the topic of bullying and social media to students, staff, and families.

Again this year we are fortunate, to have been able to add a Chromebook cart to our cadre bringing us closer to our vision of a one-to-one initiative so that every classroom will have the technology necessary to help support students.

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. The student's performance on last year's MCAS enabled us to move up a category so we are no longer designated as requiring assistance or intervention!

We are grateful that the PTG continues to support MS students by sponsoring fund raisers, dances, and the ever popular Spirit Sticks.

On behalf of the staff we thank you for the privilege of partnering with families and the community as we help educate the children entrusted to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Sposato
Principal
Hoosac Valley Middle School

Hoosac Valley Elementary School

The Mission of the HVRSD 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 77-90 students in each. 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.

Enrollment Comparisons

Grade	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Pre-K				56	70	68
K	87	68	65	83	75	90
1	83	78	68	80	77	85
2	79	80	81	78	76	77
3	73	84	80	104	77	80
4	74	71	80			
5	85	72	68			
Totals	481	453	442	401	375	400

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, 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: Rebecca Sawyer
Dean of Students: Delinda Dykes
Literacy Coach: Nicole Dunham

Special Education

Coordinator: Cathy Salvini
District Specialist: Kim Biagini
Special Education: Nicole Crane, Dawn Daniels, Sara Malloy, Christine Harrington
Bridges Program: Caitlin Larabee
Cornerstone Program: Travis Poirot
Art: Wendy Lamberton
Music: Jonathan Rowe
Physical Education: Michael Matera, Dan Wehle
Title I: Lorry Delmolino
School Adjustment Counselor: Jennifer Renzi
Speech/Lang: Diane Arduini, Karen Levesque, Brianna Shepard, 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 Steuer
Library: Laurie Gavazzi
Nurse: Samantha Ghitman
Cafeteria: Cindy Gajda, Denise Moncecchi, Marianne Mirke, Gena Simoneau, Dawn Archambeau, Shirley Deneault, Pat Gancarz, Karen Lebeau
Daycare: Jennifer Mach, Amoreena Gazaille
Custodians: David Richards, Marc McCarthy, Dennis Pinnsonneault
Paraprofessionals: Jacob Anderson-Hall, Shannon Badorini, Nicole Benson, Angela Bleau, Susan Burzimati, Deb Ciempa, Tanelle Ciempa, Lila Fetter, Heather Forrest, Kim Galli, Judy Gaylord, Karen Isbell, Suzanne Lamb, Beth Larabee, Julie Lech, Heather Levy, Kathy Malloy, Emily Martinelli, Sue McLear, Paula Meczywor, Donna Mullany, Tyra Nurmi, Megan Pytko, Kayla Racine, Susan Randall, Stacy Sebastino, Emily Thurston, Lisa Waltermire, Clara Wilusz, Heather Witek, Becki Zaleski, Olivia Zaleski

**HVRS D Partners with Momenta, (Formerly BSRI)
for work in ELA and Mathematics:**

English/Language Arts:

Teachers continue to use our Literacy Closet to help students with comprehension and fluency practice, as well as to encourage student discourse. 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:

We are in our second year of our Eureka Math program. The EngageNY 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 achievement 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.

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 and Winter Wonderland. 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 7, 2020 from 5:30-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this spectacular showcase.

Physical Education:

The 2019-2020 school year welcomes change to our physical education department with the addition of Mr. Matera who is working with our 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 pre-school 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 Roadrunner's Rising Runner program and our seventh 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.

STEAM Lab

HVES has been working hard to raise the bar and increase rigor in our new STEAM lab this year. Various grants such as the Olmstead Grant and Big Y Education grant allowed us to purchase STEAM materials such as microscopes, a mobile iPad lab, robots, and content specific resources. All of the student body from Pre-K to 3rd grade have hands on based learning in the lab one time a week. The Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Curriculum are what we follow to guide our science, technology and engineering lessons. To enhance the curriculum two online programs are being used in the classroom; Generation Genius and Mystery Science.

I have worked hard to collaborate with classroom teachers and go along with what they are teaching in class. As an added bonus, I have been working closely with the Technology Specialist Geoff Kondel, to help introduce the students to basic computer skills, computational thinking (coding), and robotics. We often follow the "I do, We do, you do" model approach so the students have a solid foundation of what they are learning. We hope that these skills will carry over into other parts of their education as well.

With each lesson it is my hope that we touch and many aspects of STEAM. The lesson topics range from our solar system, weathering and erosion, hibernation and habitats, rocks and

minerals, life cycles, etc. Each topic is geared to be child centered, developmentally appropriate and meeting the individual needs of each student.

Technology

The current District Technology Plan continues to guide decisions in this vital area of educational practice. We continue to update content and improve communication between school/community/families through our district and individual school webpages. We see this as an opportunity to give families direct access to calendars, information and upcoming events, policies and procedures.

The 2019-2020 school year has brought the adoption of two new platforms for HVRSD. PowerSchool is the online grading program that has replaced MMS and our new benchmarking program, FastBridge, allows us to benchmark test and progress monitor in the areas of ELA and math. This program has taken the place of the DIBELS program that was used in prior years and allows teachers to access more comprehensive reports in real time which allows for more tailored interventions for students.

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 continuing to work with an on-line software offering for our students in the area of Math, Symphony Math. This 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. Lexia CORE 5 is utilized in grades Pre-K to 3; 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 the ability to acquire skills above their current grade level. 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 chrome books, 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:

- Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG Plays! for grade 3)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Social Services (family support)
- 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)
- Adams Youth Center (Volunteers and after school child care)
- Adams Visitor Center-Joe Nowak (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 Adams Community Bank provides our school with a generous donation each year.
- Parent volunteers regularly work in classrooms, the 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,

Rebecca Sawyer
Principal

Hoosac Valley High School Athletics

The 2019-2020 athletic program celebrates another year of successes! Hoosac Valley Athletics continues to be a source of pride in the community.

The athletic program includes over 250 participants and 27 Varsity and Sub-Varsity programs. Teams compete in Berkshire County District Leagues, and several PVIAC leagues. We also offer several cooperative teams, as both the host and guest. These cooperative teams offer athletes access to sports that they may not otherwise have, as well as increase participation. We also offer middle school participation for 7th graders in the sports of Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Baseball, Softball, and Girls' Lacrosse. In addition to competitive opportunities, students have the option of participating in the Athletic Leadership Council. The group organized the community bonfire, collected hats and mittens for children, and worked with younger students to develop positive relationships.

The 2019 Fall season was an exciting period for our teams. The girls' soccer team, helmed by Kathy Budaj, earned a home match in the first round of the postseason. Sydni Jamross scored the winning goal in golden-goal overtime at MCLA's Shewcraft Field to advance to the next round, at which point our girls' season ended with a hard-fought game against the eventual state champions. Our boys' soccer team, led by Patrick Mahoney, missed out on the postseason, but continued to develop and were highly competitive throughout the season. The boys' highlight of the season was a last second 2-1 win against McCann under the lights at Renfrew, courtesy of a Dan Pompei goal with under 30 seconds remaining. Our Golf team continued their success under Jason Snizek's leadership, winning another Western Mass Championship and competing well at the state tournament. Our golf team also won an invitational tournament at Mt. Anthony, and Junior Corben Craig finished first at the Berkshire County Individual Tournament. The Cross Country team, led by coach Nick Curelop, had a successful season. Participation levels were high, and runner Justin Levesque impressed throughout the season. Our Football team, led by Mark Harrington, had a fantastic

regular season, entering the postseason at 8-0. Senior Nolan Roberts had a standout season as a leader for the Hurricanes. Included in that eight-win run was a signature 12-7 win over Lee. The football team ended the season with a hotly-contested game at local rivals Wahconah, which saw the communities come together to support the Toys-for-Tots initiative.

The Winter season of 2019-2020 saw a Western Mass title return to Hoosac Valley. Our Girls' Basketball team, coached by Ron Wojcik, won two close games in the quarterfinal and semi-final rounds. In the Western Mass championship against top-seeded Wahconah at Curry Hicks Cage at UMass Amherst, the girls clamped down on defense and earned their sixth regional title in seven years. Seniors Riley Robinson, Shaleigh Levesque, and Sarah Field set the tone throughout the season with hustle and hard-nosed play. Our Boys' Basketball team and coach Ben Raimer earned a postseason spot following a huge rivalry win over Drury. Senior Izaha Stubbs scored his 1,000th career point in a win over Phoenix Charter on January 10th, and finished his career with 1,311 points. With a lot of talent returning, our boys will be looking to become postseason fixtures going forward. Nordic Ski, led by Alicia Gwozdz, enjoyed a highly competitive season. The boys team finished 7th in the state, paced by Justin Levesque, and the girls finished 9th in the state, with young Vienna Mahar pacing the team.

During the Spring 2020 season, our student-athletes were greeted by many familiar faces in new coaching roles. Hoosac alum Jake Hall took control of the Boys' Lacrosse team, with an eye towards replenishing numbers while remaining competitive. Boys' Lacrosse graduated significant talent in 2019, but the younger returning players stepped up and remained competitive. Girls Lacrosse, with Molly Meczywor returning as their leader, also graduated serious talent. After an exceptional 2019 season, their goal was to retain their Berkshire County league title in 2020. Coach Meczywor's fostering of team cohesion and unity led them to a successful 2020 season as well. Trevor Swistak returned as the Baseball Coach, and they looked to build off of their postseason appearance in 2019. Our Baseball team looked to coalesce around solid pitching and contact hitting to continue their success this season. Softball, with Mike Ameen continuing in his role as head coach, expanded their numbers and used great starting pitching and commitment to the team to a strong finish during the 2020 season. Boys' and Girls' track saw Hoosac alum Trevor Ciempa take the reins of the program. With several highly dedicated runners, jumpers, and throwers, and with each athlete clearly striving to be at their best, the Track team remained competitive during 2020.



Western Mass Champions - The Hoosac Valley Golf Team

In conclusion, Hoosac Valley Athletics continues to positively represent the district throughout Berkshire County and Western Mass. Our student-athletes enjoy meaningful growth through their participation in athletics, and we are optimistic about athletics going forward.

Report of the Director of Food Services

In 2018-2019, the Hoosac Valley Regional School District continues to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, Summer Food Service Program and a USDA Program called DOD-FFAVORS (Department of Defense Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program).

The HVRSD Food Service Department is part of a Purchasing Program called Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) through which we purchase groceries for the Food Service Program. We also are members of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative that puts out bids for bread, dairy and paper products, yearly, on a county wide basis.

We are in our second year of being a CEP district. This Community Eligibility Program makes our entire district eligible for free breakfast and free lunch for each student daily.

Our Berkshire County Headstart Program that was run out of Howland Ave School, has moved to North Adams. We no longer satellite meals for this program.

There was 1 retirement at Hoosac Valley Middle & High School at the end of SY 2018. Darlene Harrington retired with many years of dedicated service as a Cook's Helper at HVMHS. A replacement for Darlene was hired for the new school year.

HVES is in its third year of the Breakfast in the Classroom Program (BIC). Participation for breakfast continues to be between 80% & 90% for the school year. HVES was awarded a \$500.00 Healthy Start Award for having at least three consecutive months of breakfast with over 80% participation during SY 2018-19.

HVES was also awarded a grant to participate in the Fruit & Veggie Program again for SY 2018-2019. The grant supported a 4 hour worker who delivered daily samples of a fresh fruit & a fresh veggie to each student in each class to help teach students about choosing healthy snacks.

In June 2018, the compressor for the walk-in cooler at HVMHS stopped working and needed to be replaced. The existing compressor was in a crawl space over the walk-in cooler and hard to access. In August 2018, a new compressor was purchased and placed inside the back storage room. Expenses were \$7000.00.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Food Service Department had a profit of \$5,883.00 on revenues of \$658,042.00. Government subsidies represented 90.7% of total revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$39075.00 were received in 2019.

Participation in the reimbursable School Lunch Program for SY 18-19 was 68%, an increase of 1% from the previous year. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 18-19 was 62%, an 8% increase from the previous year.

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of June 2019 was 52%, a 1% decrease from the previous year.

We operated two kitchens in SY 2018-2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz
Food Service Director

HVRSD Special Services

2019 Annual Report

The HVRSD Special Services Department continues to provide supports and programs to meet the unique needs of our students. It is the mission of the Hoosac Valley Special Services Department to provide a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive setting. We aim to maximize academic achievement, social/emotional wellness, independence, and regular participation in inclusive classrooms and our larger 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 Hoosac Valley Regional District; specifically, that all of our students develop into educated, healthy, responsible, and productive citizens. This year we continue to increase inclusion and universal design for learning in our education system. Nationally, 18% of students have a disability and this increase is largely due to increases in the number of students living in impoverished situations.

The HVRSD Special Services Department offers a full continuum of programs and services. There is a variety of options available 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, Behavior Specialist, School Psychologists 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, and a consultant from the Perkins School for the Blind, to provide services on site for students who have these needs.

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. We are currently doing an inventory of our assessment tools and practices to ensure we are most current, effective, and comprehensive in our approach.

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 students for special services and provide recommendations for the teachers working with them.

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 includes 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 serve 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. Special Education teachers review students' individualized plans with teachers each year, and work with the principals to set up programming to best meet our students' 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 at each school. The district BCBA and Teacher of Department, continue to work closely with the director of special services and special education teachers at each school to continually improve Bridges and Cornerstones classrooms to provide therapeutic supports for students requiring a higher level of need.

A special educator 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.

At Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, 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. 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. 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, our substantially separate models like Bridges and Cornerstone, are available. Our Cornerstone Middle School and High School programs are safe, structured and predictable environments that are working to provide more systematic supports, rigorous social skill training, data tracking, 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 is currently being strengthened and will be a constant in the Cornerstone program.

Our Bridges programs at Hoosac Valley Middle and High School provide 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.

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. Students are provided direct academic supports during the summer. 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 private school and 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. Next year, 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.

The Special Services Department is small but hardworking. All of the HVRSD Special Services staff and paraprofessionals strive to maximize potential and lead students to successful transitions to be college and career ready.

As the Director, I have worked hard this year to build positive and professional relationships with staff, students, and families. My approach is to be present, accessible, and available to support all staff and families. I send a weekly email to all staff with celebrations, reminders, resources, and current research in the field. I am in every school multiple days each week. I attend as many meetings as needed. I meet regularly with staff and families who need help and I respond to all of my emails each day. I have received very positive feedback from staff and families and I am seeing significant improvements in how staff facilitate IEP meetings, write IEPs, and work collaboratively together. I am excited about what we will accomplish this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jodi Drury
Director of Special Services

Special Services - Special Education
Population as of Oct 1, 2019

Grade	HV Elementary	HV Middle	HV High	Out of District
PK	18			
K	11			
1	22			
2	19			
3	18			2
4		34		
5		33		1
6		25		
7		19		
8			21	
9			26	1
10			16	2
11			13	
12			13	
12+ (to age 22)			5	
Total School	88	111	94	6

HVRSD SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF

STAFFING	POSITION	STAFFING	POSITION
Dr. Jodi Drury	Director of Special Services McKinney-Vento Coordinator Foster Care Point of Contact English Language Learner Coordinator Early Childhood Coordinator	Caitlin Larabee	Special Education Teacher HVE <i>Bridges Program</i>
Lisa Fortin	Administrative Assistant	Laura Crane	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District
Cathy Salvini	Hoosac Valley Elementary Coordinator PreK - 5	Joann Kingsbury	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Jamie Lamour	Hoosac Valley MHS Coordinator Grades 6 - 12+	Mark Jagiello	Cornerstone Program HVMS
Kim Biagini	Board Certified Behavior Analyst / District Specialist	Lisa Delmolino	Special Education Teacher <i>Bridges Program</i> HVMS
Diane Arduini	Speech Language Pathologist	Ted Burdick	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Brianna Bresett	Speech Language Pathologist	Rebecca Cohen	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Ashley Varuzzo	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Michelle Boire	Special Education Teacher HVMS
Darian Kradin	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Seth Jenkins	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Karen Levesque	Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Brandon Noyes	Cornerstone Program HVHS
Sara Malloy	Special Education Teacher HVE	Cathy Abbott	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Suzanne Harnick	Occupational Therapist	Ryan Mulcahy	Cornerstone Program HVHS
Deb Silveira	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	Seth Jenkins	<i>Bridges Program</i> HVHS
Jamie Bannon	Physical Therapist	Amanda Brooks-Clemeno	Special Education Teacher HVHS
Karissa Kingsley	Physical Therapist/Assistant	Jon Berman	Teacher of Department HVMS and HVHS
Nicole Crane	Special Education Teacher HVE	Other Related Services:	
Dawn Daniels	Special Education Teacher HVE	Dr. Courtney Bopp	School Psychologist
Christine Harrington	Special Education Teacher HVE	TBD	Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Kelly Riechers	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District	Amy O'Brien	Teacher of the Visually Impaired - Perkins School for the Blind
Heather Emerson	Preschool/ Special Education Teacher District	Greg Delisle	Willie Ross School for the Deaf - Director of Education
Travis Poirot	Cornerstone Program HVE	Debra Scanlon	Willie Ross School for the Deaf - Educational Audiologist
		Josh Kellogg	ESL Program teacher

Director of Business

Overview of Fiscal Year 2019

Fiscal year 2019 embarked on year 2 of a new District configuration. As students and staff continued to acclimate themselves to the new District structure, Administration continued to find ways to enhance the education of our students with minimal increases to resources. With Chapter 70 funds increasing by the minimum \$20 per student, and other state resources remaining flat, The ACRSD Administration was once again challenged to enhance the education of the students without adding funds to the bottom line.

The School Committee and Administration collectively worked to find savings within the current budget that would not impede on educational programming. It was decided that employer contributions to retiree health insurance would be reduced to generate these savings. Retirees on Medex would now migrate over 3 years from a 75/25 split to a 51/49 split. The savings generated from this change allowed the district to fund a STEM teacher at the High School without adding any additional cost to the budget. This decision illustrated the School Committee's commitment to put more dollars in the classroom where the students would benefit first hand.

With an increased population of students needing social/emotional services, the School Committee and Administration also elected to repurpose grant funds to allow for the addition of a School Psychologist. This was a much needed addition to the District and children at all levels have benefitted from it.

In FY 2019, The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District's Budget of \$19,750,146 also continued to fund the work being done with the Bay State Reading Institute in our Elementary and Middle Schools and continue Project Lead the Way in the Middle and High Schools. This budget maintained the Intervention positions added in FY18 and continued to improve the work being done in the Special Education department with the continued support of 2 Special Education Coordinator positions.

The 2019 fiscal year began with a fund balance of \$863,064 as certified by the Department of Revenue. The District ended the year with E&D certified at \$378,138. This balance represents the amount remaining after revenues and expenditures are netted against the beginning balance, and the amount appropriated to reduce assessments to the towns in FY20 (\$646,942) is deducted. With consolidated buildings and creative repurposing of existing funds, the District has been able to increase the amount used to offset assessments for FY19 and FY20 budgets.

In closing, FY 2019 brought increased staffing and District resources through the repurposing of funds and changes made to retiree insurance costs. The current trends in population decline and minimal funding are all challenges that present themselves each year. The District's School Committee, Administration and Staff continue to make great gains in educating our children while facing the reality of the financial constraints around us.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder
Director of Business
February 4, 2020

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2019

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,158,373	\$ 406,789	\$ 2,565,162
Receivables:			
Intergovernmental	299,072	387,550	686,622
Other	53,517	-	53,517
Inventory	-	25,830	25,830
Other assets	13,817	-	13,817
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,524,779	\$ 820,169	\$ 3,344,948
LIABILITIES			
Warrants payable	46,339	53,127	99,466
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,177,417	42,369	1,219,786
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,223,756	\$ 95,496	\$ 1,319,252
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	724,673	724,673
Assigned	917,068	-	917,068
Unassigned	383,955	-	383,955
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,301,023	\$ 724,673	\$ 2,025,696
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,524,779	\$ 820,169	\$ 3,344,948

Hoosac Valley Regional School District
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,341,445	\$ -	\$ 8,341,445
Charges for services	-	337,481	337,481
Intergovernmental	12,272,204	2,008,304	14,280,508
Investment income	36,378	-	36,378
Miscellaneous	9,660	-	9,660
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 20,659,687	\$ 2,345,785	\$ 23,005,472
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Administration	718,667	3,011	721,678
Instruction	6,802,565	904,597	7,707,162
Other school services	1,308,091	922,756	2,230,847
Operation and maintenance	1,116,085	1,189	1,117,274
Fixed charges	150,298	-	150,298
Intergovernmental	1,913,227	-	1,913,227
Debt service	933,450	-	933,450
Special education	2,588,841	518,570	3,107,411
Acquisition	43,898	-	43,898
Employee benefits	5,499,392	-	5,499,392
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,074,514	2,350,123	23,424,637
Change in fund balance	(414,827)	(4,338)	(419,165)
FUND BALANCE, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,715,850	\$ 729,011	\$ 2,444,861
FUND BALANCE, AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,301,023	\$ 724,673	\$ 2,025,696

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District
Assessments to Member Towns
June 30, 2019**

Town	Minimum Contribution	Contribution Outside Net School Spending	Transportation & Capital Assessments	Total Assessments
Adams	\$ 4,431,051	\$ 710,999	\$ 475,882	\$ 5,617,932
Cheshire	2,386,352	250,088	158,448	2,794,888
TOTAL	\$ 6,817,403	\$ 961,087	\$ 634,330	\$ 8,412,820

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District
June 30, 2019
Future Debt Service**

Governmental	Principal	Interest	Total
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	635,000	250,150	885,150
2025 - 2029	3,500,000	925,850	4,425,850
2030 - 2033	3,280,000	284,600	3,564,600
TOTAL	\$ 9,935,000	\$ 2,652,750	\$ 12,587,750

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 2019 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:

Respect for self, others, and the learning environment promotes a positive learning experience for all students.

Effort - is demonstrated through an applied work ethic that includes punctuality, improvement, and a determination to succeed.

Accountability - develops personal responsibility for both behavior and learning.

Communication facilitates collaboration, promotes self-advocacy, and develops positive relationships.

Honor - requires students to act with integrity, honesty, positivity, and empathy for others.

During the last twenty-five 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 2019 became the sixteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.

Twenty-eight members of the Class of 2019 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 108 2019 graduates saw 46% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 52% enter the workforce and 2% proudly enter into military service.

The results of the spring 2019 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty. The 2019 year saw the implementation of the next-generation MCAS exams which are now a computer-based test. This next generation of tests also included a new assessment system for mathematics and English resetting performance measures, indicators, and future benchmarks.

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	
Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	2%
Passing	96%
Not Meeting Expectations	2%

GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	
Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	0%
Passing	94%
Not Meeting Expectations	6%

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG					
Performance Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advanced	11.3%	24.5%	26.1%	13.7%	16.0%
Proficient	63.7%	61.8%	51.3%	53.3%	56.0%
Needs Improvement	23.4%	10.9%	20.1%	30.6%	25.0%
Failing	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%	2.4%	3.0%

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 golf and baseball teams. The softball team had an excellent season advancing to the Western Mass. Championship game at UMASS where they were defeated by the perennial powerhouse Turners Falls. They also claimed a state-vocational championship for the school in their tremendous playoff performance. In the spring of 2019 a girls' lacrosse program was started and generated a lot of interest with the student body as 19 girls played on the inaugural team.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to renovate several of our original student bathrooms, our nurse's office, and upgrade equipment in our metal fabrication and carpentry departments. We installed additional new replacement air handling units in various locations and in conjunction with National Grid, completed Phase II of our LED lighting fixture replacement project.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We used our Perkins Grant to upgrade technical software in our CAD and advanced manufacturing technology departments, upgraded laptop computers in several areas and replaced equipment in our metal fabrication department.

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 collected approximately 79,000 tabs (70 pounds) for 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, assistance with the weekend Meals on Wheels, a Christmas "giving tree" for young residents of the Louison House, and several fundraisers for PopCares.

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 2019 SkillsUSA state competition McCann students earned gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Carpentry, Sheet Metal and Freshman Sticker Design at the high school level and Dental Assisting and Job Interview at the postsecondary level. A silver medal was awarded in Customer Service at the high school level and Dental Assisting at the postsecondary level. Bronze medals were also earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, CNC Turning Specialist, Industrial Motor Control, and Technical Computer Applications at the high school level. Two students received the Jannine Baker Legacy Award for their community service efforts. 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. We are incredibly proud of our competitors!

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 2019

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 one 1st place, five 2nd place, and eight 3rd place awards. In May 2019, nine McCann students traveled to Anaheim, CA to join over 5,000 other conference attendees from across the nation to participate in business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and intern assignments. One of our business technology juniors, Keaton West, qualified to advance to the Microsoft Office Systems National Competition in Orlando, Florida. He qualified as a result of winning the Massachusetts Championship in Microsoft PowerPoint certification examinations.

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, 4 students achieved this eligibility.

A Drone Club was developed at McCann during the 2018-2019 academic year. Two faculty members are pursuing their drone pilot license and will act as advisors for this extra-curricular activity. A small fleet of 10 drones has been procured through the generosity of IEEE who provided a grant for the development of this club. The club is currently establishing its membership, learning principles of flight and operation, and developing its objectives which will likely include competitions, community service, and film and photography applications.

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 and 1 junior 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. We were one of only two schools in Massachusetts to achieve 100% on Level I testing and were the highest in the state for Level II testing at 82%. Our information technology students also achieved success with seven sophomores passing the CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification exam. Our business technology students achieved success in the Microsoft Office Specialists, MOS, certification examinations with 12 sophomores passing the Word exam and 11 passing the Excel exam, 16 freshmen passed the PowerPoint exam, 13 juniors passed the Access exam and 6 senior passed the Outlook exam. We also had 1 students pass the Computing Fundamentals, 15 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 \$56,288.00 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.

Our Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians 8 module (600 hour) Journeyman Electrical program continues to expand with over 32 graduates passing their journeyman licensure examination in the last several years. We also offer the approved Master Electrician program (150 hours) every other year.

FY19 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
City & Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 3,021,749.00	\$ 3,021,749.00
Capital	38,460.00	38,460.00
Transportation	163,852.00	163,852.00
Municipal Assessment	489,745.00	489,745.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	265,000.00	321,288.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	4,688,716.00	4,647,244.00
Tuitions	670,576.00	670,576.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,860.00	23,879.29
State Bonus Aid	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue Received	9,343,958.00	9,418,264.29
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(56,288.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D		(18,018.29)
	\$ 9,343,958.00	\$ 9,343,958.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Federal Entitlement)		
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$ 122,016.00
Fed	Title I	93,699.00
Fed	Title II A	16,041.00
Fed	Title IV	6,875.00
Fed	Perkins	64,670.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins	2,538.00
(Federal Grants Other)		
	REAP	35,732.00
(State Grants)		
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	195,873.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Connecting Activities	1,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Advanced Manufacturing	20,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Welding	20,000.00
	Mass Market Partnership: Manufacturing Assembly	16,962.00
(Competitive/Private)		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	Mass Cultural Council: Big Yellow Bus	250.00
Private	City of Chicopee Nurse Grant	2,850.00
Private	MASS MoCA	750.00
Private	Gene Haas Foundation	15,000.00
Private	General Dynamics: Robotics	3,000.00
Private	IEEE	3,949.00
TOTAL GRANTS		628,205.00



Town Buildings closed to the public effective March 17, 2020 [Read more »](#)

Town Calendar

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 9, 2020 - 6:30pm

Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 16, 2020 - 6:30pm

Planning Board Meeting
June 22, 2020 - 6:00pm

Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 23, 2020 - 6:30pm

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The Town of Cheshire will accept quotations for finish mowing for approximately 10.75+/- acres of land in the Town of...

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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

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Cheshire Police (non-emergency)	743-1501
Cheshire Fire Department (non-emergency)	743-3387
Cheshire Library	743-4746
Cheshire Community/Senior Center	743-9719
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.....	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

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:

WednesdaysNoon to 5:00
Friday & Saturday 8:00 to 5:00

CHESHIRE COMPACTOR STICKERS

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

