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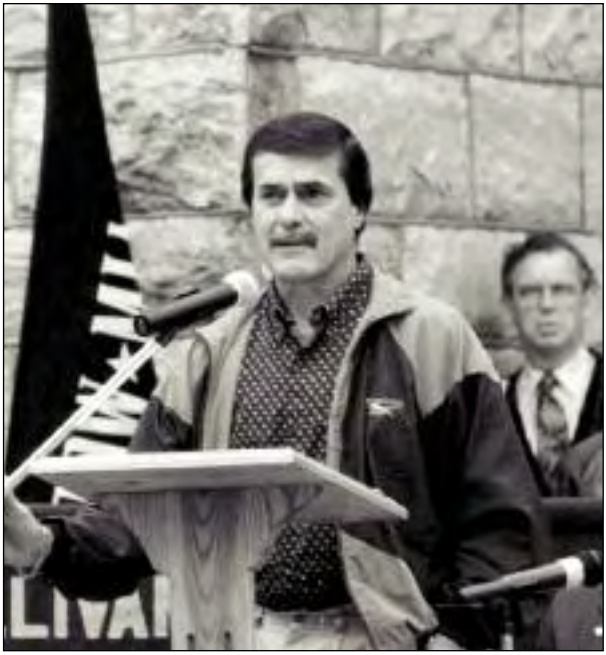
Dedication to Bruce "Butch" Marshall



In grateful recognition
for your dedicated service
to the
people and Town of Hinsdale
over the past four decades

WELCOME TO HINSDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Hinsdale is located in the Berkshire Hills, with most of its population located in a valley along the East Branch of the Housatonic River, whose origin is just south of the town line. Much of the land around the river south of the town center is part of the Hinsdale Flats Wildlife Management Reserve, and is generally a swampy area. There are four reservoirs within the town (Belmont, Plunkett, Cleveland Brook and a portion of the Windsor Reservoir), as well as part of Muddy Pond in the south and most of Ashmere Lake along the Peru town line. Ashmere Lake and Plunkett Reservoir are very popular water bodies for fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation. The town, which contains the peak of Tully Mountain along the western border, is traversed by a portion of the Appalachian Trail, which crosses the mountain.

Originally part of Northern Berkshire Township Number 2 and including all of Peru and parts of Middlefield and Dalton, the town was first settled in 1763 and officially incorporated as "Partridgefield" in 1771. Named for Oliver Partridge, one of the three purchasers of the town (along with Governor Francis Bernard), the Western Parish officially broke away from its eastern half and incorporated in 1804, renaming itself for the family of Rev. Theodore Hinsdale.

The estimated population in Hinsdale in 2014 was 2,161 residents, according to the American Community Survey. The 2000 census estimated that Hinsdale had 739 households and 509 families residing in the town. By population, the town ranks 13th of the 32 cities and towns in Berkshire County, and 290 of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts. The population density is roughly 95 people per square mile (21.7 square miles). Births and deaths in Hinsdale between 2000 and 2010 both average about 16 and 14 per year, respectively, but can fluctuate greatly from year to year.

The town had a roughly $5.7 million operating budget (inclusive of schools) in Fiscal Year 2017, and offers a wide range of municipal services, including police, fire, highway, and water and sewer departments. Hinsdale shares its post office with neighboring Peru. Hinsdale has its own transfer station as well as offering many of its residents public water and sewer. In 2016, the Spectrum (the company that formed from the merger of Charter and Time Warner) began upgrading its existing network to deliver residents HD cable, phone and high-speed internet service. In 2017, Spectrum's network will expand to reach in excess of 95% of households, which will help make Hinsdale an even more desirable place to live.

Hinsdale employs the open town meeting form of government and has a three-member Select Board. On the state level, Hinsdale is represented in the Massachusetts

House of Representatives as part of the Second Berkshire District, which covers central Berkshire County, and is represented by Paul Mark (D). In the Massachusetts Senate, the town is part of the Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin District, which includes all of Berkshire County, and is represented by Adam Hinds (D). On the federal level, Hinsdale is represented in the United States House of Representatives as part of Massachusetts's 1st Congressional District, by Richard Neal (D). Massachusetts is currently represented in the United States Senate by senior Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) and junior Senator Ed Markey (D).

Hinsdale is one of the seven towns in the Central Berkshire Regional School District, the largest district (by land area) in the Commonwealth. Students in Hinsdale attend the Kittredge Elementary School in the town for elementary school, along with students from Peru. All students in the district travel to Dalton to attend Nessacus Regional Middle School for grades 6-8 and Wahconah Regional High School for grades 9-12.

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TELEPHONE & EMAIL DIRECTORY

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Town Clerk	Dawn Frissell - Assist. Marylou Gallaher	Ext:301/clerk@hinsdalema.gov
Transfer Station	Barry O'Keefe	655-2305
Treasurer	Diane Sturtevant	Ext: 314/treasurer@hinsdalema.gov
Tree Warden	Barry O'Keefe	655-2304
Veteran's Agent	Jim Clark	499-9433 veterans@hinsdalema.gov org jclark@pittsfieldch.com
Zoning Board of Appeals	Colleen Marshall	655-2687/zba@hinsdalema.gov

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

SELECT BOARD: Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:00pm

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 8:00am - 3:00pm Wed 11:30am -8:00pm

ASSESSORS: Mon 8:30am-4:00pm, Tues, 9:00am-11:45am, Wed, 12:30pm-8:00pm, Thurs Closed, Fri 8:30am-4:00pm

BOARD OF HEALTH: Meets: 4th Tue of each month 7:00pm Open Wed 3:30pm-5:30pm & by appointment

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Wed 12:30pm - 2:30pm

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

COUNCIL ON AGING: Meets: 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30am@ Library

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meets: 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Meets Tuesday at 6:30pm @ Fire Station

HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mon 9:00am-1:00pm, Tues 2:00pm-6:00pm, Wed 4:00pm-8:00pm, Thurs 4:00pm-8:00pm, Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm, Sat 9:00am-1:00pm

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Meets as needed on a Monday at 3:00p.m.

PLANNING BOARD: Meets: 1st Tuesday of month at 6:30pm

POLICE DEPARTMENT: By appointment

WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT: By appointment

TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN COLLECTOR: Mon 9:00am-12:00pm, Tues - Thurs 8:00am - 1:00pm, 1st & 3rd Wed 5:30pm-7:00pm

TOWN ACCOUNTANT: Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:00pm

TOWN ACCOUNTANT - ASSISTANT: Mon & Thurs 10:00am-12:00pm, Tues & Wed 10:00am-1:00pm

TOWN CLERK: Mon 10:30am - 12:00pm, Wed 6:30pm-8:00pm

TRANSFER STATION: Tues 3:00pm-7:00pm, Thurs 2:00pm-6:00pm, Sat 9:00am-4:00pm, Sun 11:00am-3:00pm

TREASURER: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00am - 12:00pm

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD *(3-year term)*

Laurel Scialabba, Chair	Term Expires 2018
Bruce Marshall	Term Expires 2017
Harvey Drosehn	Term Expires 2019

ASSESSORS (3-year term)

Neil Baraccas	Term Expires 2017
Richard Roussin	Term Expires 2018
Peter Persoff	Term Expires 2019

CBRSD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES *(4-year term)*

Shaun Armacost	Term Expires 2018
Richard Peters	Term Expires 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE *(3-year term)*

Christine Pike	Term Expires 2017
Mary Rice	Term Expires 2017
Ray Bolduc	Term Expires 2017
Shawn Galliher (filled Harvey Drosehn position)	Term Expires 2018
Justin Gilardi	Term Expires 2018
John Smith	Term Expires 2018
Earl Peck	Term Expires 2019
Richard Scialabba	Term Expires 2019
Vivian Mason	Term Expires 2019

MODERATOR *(3-year term)*

James Sullivan	Term Expires 2018

PLANNING BOARD *(5-year term)*

Dan Brown – Member BRPC Delegate	Term Expires 2017
John Smith	Term Expires 2018
James Sullivan	Term Expires 2019
David Kokindo	Term Expires 2019
Richard Scialabba	Term Expires 2020

TOWN CLERK *(3-year term)*

Dawn Frissell	Term Expires 2017

TREE WARDEN *(3-year term)*

Barry O'Keefe	Term Expires 2019

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES

(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise indicated)

ACCOUNTANT
Charles Browne
Elaina Vranas, Assistant
Town Accountant

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Katherine Warden

ADA COORDINATOR
Paul Greene

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Kristin Burgess

ASSESSORS ASSISTANT
(Appointed by Assessors)
David Zagorski

AUCTIONEER
Vacant

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Theresa Becker
Linda Yarmey

BERKSHIRE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(Appointed by Board of Select Board)
Richard Roussin
William Goddard Jr. - Alternate

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DELEGATE
Dan Brown *(Planning Board appt.)*
John Kruitiak - *Alternate (SB appt.)*

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
Vacant

BOARD OF HEALTH
Ed Fahey-Health Agent
Ken Boudreau

BOARD OF REGISTRARS
Dawn Frissell
Holly Adams
Mary Lou Galliher
Erin Frissell-Filiault, Asst. Registrar
Michael Galliher, Asst. Registrar

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Paul Greene

CEMETERY COMMISSION
Select Board

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Cindy Conry
Wayne Poirier

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Laurel Scialabba, Chair
Cindy Conry
Albert (Rick) Koch
Martha Bodine
Duane Bruce

COUNCIL ON AGING
Cathy Spinney
James Manning
Rosanna Iacovelli
Cheryl Robins
Ward Tinney
John Genzabella
Elva Hughes
Judy Casey
Jean Andrews
Marion Tinney
Janet Verge

CROSSING GUARD
Carole Forward

CUSTODIAN
Barry O'Keefe

DALTON COMMUNICATIONS LIASON
Richard Scialabba

HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL
(Select Board appoints Hinsdale Residents only)
Genne LeVasseur, Chair
For Hinsdale:
Diane Eulin
Cathy Adams
Alysa Goddard
Cathy Turner
Christine Pike
Gail Bolduc
Corrine Martin
Laurel Scialabba
For Peru:
Coralie Pelkey

EARTH REMOVAL INSPECTOR
Ken Boudreau

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Raymond Bolduc, Director
Brian Miner, Deputy Director
Shaun Galliher, Public Affairs Officer
Judy Miner
Richard Scialabba
Dave Foley, Races

ELECTION WORKERS
Dawn Frissell
Mary Lou Galliher
Holly Adams
Erin Frissell-Filiault
Michael Galliher
Lorinda Smith
Michael Ciaburri
Dion Douglas
Barbara Lufkin
Cynthia DiPierro
Catherine Adams
Lois Murray
Jean Andrew
Sheryl Robins
Diane Ciaburri
Laura Galliher
Martha Freshler
Terry Douglas
James Manning
Richard Scialabba
Kathleen Fuller
Chris Pike

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF
Larry E. Turner

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT CHIEFS
(Appointed by Fire Chief)
Ralph Cormier, 1st Asst. Chief
Douglas Olds, 2nd Asst. Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF ENGINEERS
(Appointed by Fire Chief)
Mike Cornwell
Ray Huntoon
Dan Olds
Paul Trova
William Pike
Richard Scialabba
Jim Holland, Secretary

FOREST WARDEN
Larry Turner

GAS INSPECTOR
William Zeitler

HEALTH AGENT
(Appointed by the Board of Health)
Edward Fahey

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
Rene Senecal

HIGHWAY CREW
Dalton Noel
Bart Wappes
Christopher Perry
David Waldron

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Mary Rice, Chair
Judy Casey
Carole Forward

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
James Manning
Carol W. Rodman
Richard Scialabba
Don Madison
Tom Andrews
Albert (Rick) Koch Jr.
Nancy Smith
Jodi Ouimette

LIBRARIAN
Thomas Butler, Library Director

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS
Terry Dougla
Christine Doble
Lindsay Perrea
Grace Doble
Sue Shelsey
Katelynn Wray

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Arthur Rosen, Chair
Vivian Mason
Mary Rice
James D. Manning
Laura Galliher
Dawn Frissell, Sect.
Lois Murray
Russ Parks

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
Ray Bolduc

MEMORIAL DAY COORDINATOR
Gloria Greb

MISSION & VISION WORKING GROUP
Ryan Aylesworth
Laurel Scialabba
James Manning
Vivian Mason
Shaun Galliher
Scott Rodman

MUNICIPLE LIGHT PLANT
Richard Eastland
Russell Parks

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Barry O'Keefe

OLD TOWN HALL COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE (OTHCCC)
Judy Casey
Carole Forward
Tim Quinn
Richard Eastland
Bruce McCauley
Marion Tinney
Kathy Fuller
Mary Rice
Laura Galliher

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Jean Andrews
James Manning
Bill Pike
Richard Scialabba
Shaun Galliher

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
William Zeitler
Timothy Martin, Assistant
Lawrence Kinney, Assistant

PLUNKETT LAKE GATE KEEPER
Barry O'Keefe

POLICE CHIEF
Susan Rathbun

POLICE OFFICERS
Kristin Burgess

Travis Derby
Craig Jones
Wayne 'Rodney' Maloney
Tyler Miller
Kerri Striebel

SEWER AND WATER ADMINISTRATOR
Larry Turner

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
Select Board

SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE
Larry Turner
Laura Galliher
Mary Rice
Laurel Scialabba
Ryan Aylesworth

TENNESSEE PIPELINE REPRESENTATIVES
Ryan Aylesworth
Laurel Scialabba

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Ryan Aylesworth

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT
(Appointed by Town Clerk)
Mary Lou Galliher

TOWN COLLECTOR
Pauline Wheeler

TOWN COUNSEL
Joel Bard, KP Law

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Barry O'Keefe

TREASURER
Diane Sturtevant
Dawn Frissell, Assist.

TRENCH INSPECTOR
Larry Turner

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
James Clark

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Bill Basilere
Tom Butler
Richard Eastland
Wayne Walton
Ken Kirchner

WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR
Richard Eastland

WASTE WATER MAINTENANCE
Dalton Noel

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
Bernie St. Martin, Primary Operator
Nate Murphy, Secondary Operator

WIRING INSPECTOR
Dana Spring
John Broderick, Jr., Assistant

WIRED WEST REPRESENTATIVE
Richard Eastland
Russ Parks

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Mike McNeil
Jeffrey Viner
David Kokindo, Alternate
John Genzabella, Alternate
Colleen Marshall, Secretary

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2016 SELECT BOARD REPORT

The year 2016 was very busy with changes and improvements. In May, John Genzabella retired from the Select Board and Harvey Drosehn was elected to take his place. Laurel Scialabba was named the new Chair.

Along with the Town Administrator, the Select Board initiated several projects in order to catch up with current regulations and address challenges. Below are some of the many tasks completed.

The Mass Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) citation for violations problem was handed to a committee (Larry Turner, Laura Gallaher, Mary Rice, Russ Parks, Ryan Aylesworth and Laurel Scialabba) that corrected all of the problems identified, except one that will be completed in March 2017. DEP was very satisfied with the outcome of the work completed by this committee. New water meters were installed and meter readings began so that the Town can begin usage-based billing by July 2017 (the beginning of FY 2018). One of the results of the committee's work was that it identified that the Town needed better oversight on its water and sewer systems. To that end, Larry Turner was named the new Water and Sewer Superintendent. Larry has already made improvements to a wide range of processes and the systems, and upgrades will continue throughout 2017.

Charter Communications presented to the Town a proposal to replace Wired West and offered the Town upgraded TV, internet and telephone service. With the Town's approval, Charter was able to obtain a portion of the MBI funds set aside for system signal improvements/extension and with those funds upgraded the current customer services. Charter plans to provide the rest of the Town (95%) with access to their products by the end of 2017.

Upgrades were made to the Community Center (formerly known as "Old Town Hall") so that it can now be occupied by up to 100 people at any given time.

The Town signed a Compact Community Agreement with the State and that has assisted us in receiving a number of grants (see Town Administrator report).

Our Town Treasurer and Accountant were able to balance the Town's accounts earlier than in previous years allowing the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) to certify free cash with no unforeseen delays. The financial position of the Town is fiscally sound due to the hard work of the staff. The external auditor for the Town reported a 98% collection rate and they had no management comments for the first time in many years.

In the Police Department Chief Rathbun worked diligently on updating policies and procedures and keeping our Police Department running smoothly. Tyler Miller was appointed a fulltime officer and has completed his Academy training and Travis Derby

was appointed a fulltime officer and will complete his training early next year. We also welcomed Kristin Burgess as a part-time officer.

After considerable effort, much-needed reconstruction of Skyline Trail was finally assigned a project number and placed on the list for funding (proposed date of FY2021) under the Transportation Improvement Program administered by the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Town intends to push hard to get this project funded sooner if possible. These positive developments are primarily a result of the work of Rene Senecal as the Town's representative on the Transportation Advisory Committee and Laurel Scialabba as Metropolitan Planning Organization representative.

The Mission and Vision Working Group continued their task of facilitating long-range planning for the Town with a survey, interviews with stakeholders, and public listening sessions. The objective is to gather the information needed from the residents so the workgroup can present to the residents a Vision Plan that directs future actions the Town will take in many areas. The work should be completed by the summer of 2017.

Chapter 90 funds from the State were used to repair Robinson Road, Pittsfield Road, Old Windsor Road and an overlay of a significant portion of Middlefield Road. The Town also received money for road repair from a special State fund. (see DPW Superintendent report)

The Town prepared for the State Public Records Law by appointing Kathe Warden, Town Administrative Assistant, as the primary Records Access Officer.

Online bill payment became a reality for the Town as well and a program called "PermitEyes" is being implemented for residents to obtain Building, Electrical and Plumbing permits online.

The Town added a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HinsdaleMA) and a monthly newsletter as well ongoing updates to the website to try and provide more information to the residents about the Town's activities. All these efforts have been well-received.

As your Select Board Chair, I wish to thank all of the volunteers on the Boards and Commissions that keep the Town going and encourage any other residents to become active in the Town by volunteering. The Town staff has accomplished quite a lot in a short period of time and the direction will continue forward in the upcoming years as there is still work to do. The Board welcomes any comments or suggestions from the residents of Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Scialabba - Chair

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Calendar year 2016 was my first full year of service as Town Administrator, and I am very pleased with the progress that the town has made on a number of key fronts. Hinsdale is fortunate to have dedicated employees, elected and appointed officials, and volunteers. Our accomplishments truly have been a group effort. Simply put, municipal officials spanning all departments are committed to providing services as efficiently and effectively as possible to benefit all residents.

As everyone knows, providing high-quality public infrastructure and municipal services requires a commensurate commitment of financial resources, and local officials were able to help offset and/or supplement a great deal of local spending by obtaining over $530,000 in external grants from state and federal sources. These grants included a $30,000 grant for developing a "Complete Streets" project prioritization plan; a $400,000 "Complete Streets" construction grant (primarily to be used for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks in a portion of the downtown residential area); a $43,000 federal grant for life-saving extrication equipment; $52,000 worth of "Community Compact" grants intended to assist the town with long-range planning, budgeting and capital planning, and information technology upgrades; over $7,000 in grants to identify ways to reduce risk and liability exposure; and $6,000 to enable the acquisition of a new "swap" building at the transfer station to promote more environmentally responsible waste disposal practices.

Over the past year we have worked diligently to enhance the depth and timeliness of the information made available to our residents and visitors. These efforts have included ongoing improvements to our official website (www.hinsdalemass.com), the establishment of an official Facebook page for the town (www.facebook.com/HinsdaleMA) that is regularly updated with new content, and the production of an electronic newsletter that is distributed via email on a monthly basis (and if you would like to begin receiving the newsletter just let me know!). These communication enhancements appear to be greatly appreciated by residents based on the feedback I've received, and I am committed to continued improvements in the future to help ensure that the people of Hinsdale have convenient and timely access to information that is both accurate and valuable.

The value of engaging in proactive long-term planning is becoming increasingly embraced by communities across western Massachusetts. With the help of a Community Compact initiative grant, in 2016 the "Mission and Vision Working Group" (which was established in late-December 2015 under the leadership of former Select Board Chair John Genzabella) began developing a "Vision Plan" that better enables the town to identify and attain goals spanning broad topics such as municipal services, economic development, transportation and public infrastructure, housing, land use, natural and cultural resource conservation, and recreation and tourism. The

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) has been actively assisting with this effort since its inception. Public engagement is a critically important component of the plan development process, and in the interest of obtaining as much citizen feedback as possible the MVWG (with help from BRPC) administered a comprehensive survey that was available to all residents, conducted dozens of one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders and town elders, and convened a series of "listening sessions" that were open to the public. Information that was gathered from these efforts will be incorporated into the Vision Plan to guide policy, investment, and growth decisions for the town over the next decade. A draft Vision Plan will be made available for public review and comment in the spring/summer of 2017.

I am very pleased to report that Hinsdale residents now have the ability to securely pay their taxes (real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes), water/sewer bills, and other municipal fees online via the town's official website. This new payment method serves to accommodate those Hinsdale residents who want the convenience of paying their taxes and fees online, anytime day or night. It also benefits the town in that payments are processed automatically, allowing town employees faster balance reconciliation and more time to work on other town issues. Similarly, Hinsdale residents now have the ability to file applications for building, electrical, and gas/plumbing permits online. Online permitting will allow Hinsdale residents and contractors to submit permit requests at any time and avoid unnecessary trips to Town Hall to prepare or deliver a hard copy permit application.

As we are all aware, individuals and families now view high-speed internet service as a necessity rather than a luxury. Fortunately for our community, Charter/Spectrum has committed to a fiber optic cable "build out" in Hinsdale. Areas of town that were previously able to obtain cable TV service from Charter have already been upgraded to fiber internet and HD TV, and Spectrum has committed to completing a network expansion project in 2017 that will result in >95% of Hinsdale residents being eligible for service. This will help meet the growing broadband needs of existing residents and increase Hinsdale's appeal to people looking to relocate to the Berkshires.

In 2016, for the first time in Hinsdale's history, the town received a clean external audit (due in large part to improvements we made to our procurement practices and the efficacy of our town Accountant and Treasurer). Our Standard & Poors bond rating holds steady at AA, and we have been able to grow the balances in our reserve accounts for much needed capital projects (including replacing the gate valve at Plunkett Reservoir) that loom on the horizon. That said, we will continue looking for ways to enhance revenues to minimize increases to the tax levy. One of the ways we anticipate enhancing revenues is via structured tax agreements with two commercial solar arrays that are in various stages of development.

Looking ahead, in 2017, I will be working closely with our Highway Superintendent to obtain additional funding from state and federal sources. We will continue engaging all appropriate state and federal officials to ensure that Skyline Trail/Middlefield Road obtains much needed funding via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for full-depth reclamation. This project is presently scheduled for funding in Fiscal Year 2021, but we continue strongly advocating that the project be funded sooner. Similarly, in 2017 we will again pursue external funding via the MassWorks Public Infrastructure Grant Program to completely reconstruct Old Dalton Road.

I feel honored to serve as your town administrator and am confident that the Town of Hinsdale will continue to realize more success and progress in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Administrator

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

I am still working hard on clearing the backlog of tax titles in Hinsdale. We had a land auction on our tax possessions and sold one property, which is now back on the tax books. I had what I believe was Hinsdale's first sale of tax titles (selling the liens, only–not the actual land). Through this process I sold one tax title (the town was paid in full for all the back taxes on this parcel). I also had two other tax titles paid in full and had a number of owners come forward and enter into payment plans with the town. We also accepted one more parcel in lieu of foreclosure and I have received affidavits from the Department of Revenue (DOR) allowing us to sell three more parcels as land of low value parcels. I am working with the DOR on affidavits for many of the other parcels that are currently in tax title. I am still hoping to acquire more parcels through the deed in lieu of foreclosure process as this is the quickest and cheapest way for the town to gain possession of land when an owner has walked away from it. Hinsdale will hopefully have a good selection of properties available at the next auction of Town Possessions.

Despite all of the above, please understand that my ultimate goal is not to take property away from people. I work very hard to help people retain their property if that is what they want but I cannot do that unless people are willing to work with me. If you find yourself falling behind on your taxes, please come and see me so that together we can come up with a plan that allows you to keep your property while still ensuring that the Town of Hinsdale receives all of the tax revenue to which it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sturtevant, Treasurer

TOWN OF HINSDALE

Combined Balance Sheet 07/01/2015-06/30/2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern. Grant Funds	Capital Project Funds	Sewer Fund	Sewer Betterments	Water Fund	Trust Fund	Agency Fund	Long Term Debt Grp.	Memo Only
ASSETS											
Cash	860,768.05	102,621.25	39,684.02	89,909.98	279,506.80	496,489.89	298,956.49	1,003,206.48	1,202.31	0.00	3,172,345.27
Due From Other Gov't	0.00	0.00	304,197.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	304,197.54
Property Taxes	100,907.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,907.10
Allowances for Abate/Exempt	-88,782.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-88,782.99
Tax Leins	231,079.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	231,079.42
Motor Vehicle Excise	96,926.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96,926.39
User Charges/Liens0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,865.77	17,915.24	29,010.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	58,791.33
Amts. Prov for Pay of Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,367,499.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,839,000.22	6,206,499.68
TOTAL ASSETS	**1,200,897.97**	**102,621.25**	**343,881.56**	**89,909.98**	**291,372.57**	**2,881,904.59**	**327,966.81**	**1,003,206.48**	**1,202.31**	**3,839,000.22**	**10,081,963.74**
LIABILITIES											
Other Liabilities	000	0.00	304,197.54	0.00	0.00	2,367,499.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,839,000.22	6,510,697.22
Def Rev Prop Tax	12,124.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,124.11
Def Rev Tax Liens	231,079.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	231,079.42
Def Rev MV Excise	96,926.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96,926.39
Def Rev User Charges/Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,865.77	17,915.24	29,010.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	58,791.33
Bonds Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**340,129.92**	**0.00**	**304,197.54**	**0.00**	**11,865.77**	**2,385,414.70**	**29,010.32**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3,839,000.22**	**6,909,618.47**
FUND BALANCES											
Reserved for Encumbrances	126,932.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	1,125.00	0.00	148,057.87
Reserved for Expenditures	102,804.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.00	0.00	102,835.89
Reserved for Appropriations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reserved for Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Designated	50.00	102,621.25	39,684.02	89,909.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.31	0.00	232,311.56
Undesignated	620,980.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	279,506.80	496,489.89	278,956.49	1,003,206.48	0.00	0.00	2,679,139.95
Reserve for Overlay Surplus	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	**860,768.05**	**102,621.25**	**39,684.02**	**89,909.98**	**279,506.80**	**496,489.89**	**298,956.49**	**1,003,206.48**	**1,202.31**	**0.00**	**3,172,345.27**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**1,200,897.97**	**102,621.25**	**343,881.56**	**89,909.98**	**291,372.57**	**2,881,904.59**	**327,966.81**	**1,003,206.48**	**1,202.31**	**3,839,000.22**	**10,081,963.74**

TOWN OF HINSDALE
TREASURY RECEIPTS SUMMARY REPORT

From 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

TR Code	Description	Amount
01-1333	INCOME STMT LIENS	500.00
01-1451	TAX TITLE PAYMENT	5,956.42
01-1452	TAX POSSESSION	26,528.17
01-1468	TAX TITLE INTEREST	41,963.40
01-1469	TAX TITLE REDEMPTION	150.00
01-2410	BUILDING PERMITS & COI	17,996.81
01-4141	BD OF ASSESSORS FEES	672.00
01-4145	MOBILE HOME PARK FEES	2,952.00
01-4173	INTEREST GEN FUND	2,963.74
01-4181	10% ADMIN POLICE DETAIL FEE	1,402.25
01-4182	25% POLICE GUN PERMITS DUE TOWN	725.00
01-4312	LOCAL RECEIPTS	689,885.41
01-4314	TOWN WASTE PERMITS	27,355.00
01-4404	TOWN WASTE ELECTRONICS	2,694.00
01-4405	TOWN WASTE CONSTRUCTION	685.00
01-4406	TOWN WASTE - OTHER	3,934.00
01-4410	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	1,105.00
01-4423	FINANCING SOURCES COURT F	150.00
01-4424	STATE REV MISC RECEIPTS	500.00
01-4425	STATE REVENUE RMV RECEIPT	1,710.00
01-4426	DOG LICENSE NET FEES	584.25
01-4427	TWN CLK MISC. PERMITS	40.00
01-4429	CONCOM LEGAL ADS	587.50
01-4551	BOH PERMITS	1,350.00
01-4620	STATE REV CHPTR 70 SCHOOL	104,683.00
01-4660	STATE ADDITIONAL GOVT	205,257.00
01-4661	STATE REVENUE VETERANS BENEFITS	19,171.00
01-4663	DOE VOC TRANS REIMB	40,690.00
146-4171	INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX	18,948.15
146-4172	INTEREST ON MYE TAXES	3,090.38
146-4174	WE FLAGGING FEES	1,880.00
18-210-4351	POLICE DEPT GIFT/DONATION	150.00
18-4429	COA-GIFTS & DONATIONS	2,782.00
20-4402	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	647.50
20-4403	FIRE DEPT PERMITS	1,585.00
20-4405	PLANNING BOARD PERMITS	375.00
20-4411	DOG OFFICER	99.75
20-4413	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	1,074.00

TR Code	Description	Amount
20-4414	GRAVE OPENINGS	4,215.00
20-4415	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	2,955.00
20-4417	ZBA PERMITS	1,250.00
210-4373	INSURANCE REPORTS	100.00
22-4180	CEMETERY LOT SALES	5,400.00
23-4680	CHAPTER 90	709,221.70
23-4681	WRRP/POTHOLE	23,504.00
24-4173	ARTS LOTTERY INTEREST	15.43
24-44161	STATE EXTENDED POLLING	183.00
24-44421	COUNCIL ON AGING	4,625.70
24-44422	LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL	8,800.00
24-44610	LIBRARY	2,663.11
30-1454	SEWER USAGE BILLING	48,275.00
30-1455	SEWER LIENS	5,100.00
30-1459	SEWER I LATE FEES	1,085.35
30-3173	INTEREST ON SEWER III SAVINGS	1,750.94
30-3454	SEWER III USAGE BILLING	78,905.70
30-3459	SEWER III AC LATE FEES	357.00
35-1457	SEWER BETTERMENT CONNECTION	800.00
35-1461	SEWER III TAX COL BETTERM	142,859.61
35-1465	SEWER III PPF BETTERMENT	9,515.30
40-1454	WATER USEAGE BILLING	198,138.00
40-1455	WATER LIENS	14,685.10
40-1459	WATER DEPT LATE FEES	1,057.00
40-4173	WATER INTEREST ON SAVINGS	1,487.34
4662	STATE-OWNED LAND	26,458.00
4665	ELDERLY PERSON	1,506.00
491-4173	CEMETARY INT ON SAVINGS	53.88
82-4315	STABILIZATION INT	3,136.37
82-4316	CAP STAB INT	65.53
89-42210	FEDERAL/STATE WITHHOLDING	99,843.62
89-42211	RETIREMENT WITHOLDINGS	63,914.60
89-42212	INSURANCE WITHOLDINGS	37,161.54
89-42213	MISC PAYROLL WITHOLDINGS	6,060.00
89-4352	TAX COLL FEES & DEMANDS	10,391.00
89-4353	TOWN CLERK FEES	596.00
89-4354	DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEES	4,883.00
89-4370	MISC REVOLVING	523.73
89-44420	POLICE PERMITS DUE COMM	2,775.00
89-45520	POLICE DETAIL	20,832.50
997-1450-1990	MV EXCISE TAX 1990	100.00
997-1450-2003	MV EXCISE TAX 2003	34.38
997-1450-2005	MV EXCISE TAX 2005	32.81

TR Code	Description	Amount
997-1450-2011	MV EXCISE TAX 2011	5.00
997-1450-2012	MVE 2012 EXCISE TAXES	742.08
997-1450-2013	MVE 2013	1,557.49
997-1450-2015	MVE 2015 REVENUE	64,013.43
997-1450-2016	MVE 2016 REVENUE	236,998.28
997-2014	MVE 2014 REVENUE	3,054.75
997-4110-2013	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX 2013	2,363.45
997-4110-2014	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX 2014	1,455.09
997-4110-2015	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX 2015	1,998.41
997-4110-2016	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX 2016	346,067.94
997-4120-2011	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2011	1,078.92
997-4120-2012	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2012	1,652.92
997-4120-2013	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2013	2,078.39
997-4120-2014	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2014	10,469.68
997-4120-2015	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2015	89,610.01
997-4120-2016	REAL ESTATE TAXES 2016	3,517,717.99
997-4180	IN LIEU OF TAXES	3,992.80
	REPORT TOTAL	**7,062,996.60**

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From 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

01 - GENERAL FUND Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
111-7103	LEGAL COUNSEL-GENERAL EXPENSES	1,847.00	20,000.00		21,854.97	16,932.75	4,922.22	77.47%
112-7103	AUDIT-GENERAL EXPENSES	14,000.00	18,500.00		18,500.00	18,000.00	500.00	97.29%
114-7103	MODERATOR-STIPEND		50.00		50.00	50.00		100.00%
122-5100-1100	SELECTMEN-SALARIES		5,600.00		5,600.00	5,600.00		100.00%
122-7103	SELECTMEN-GENERAL EXPENSES		3,200.00	500.00	3,700.00	3,431.00	269.00	92.72%
122-7158	SELECTMEN-TOWN REPORT		2,300.00		2,300.00	1,706.50	593.50	74.91%
122-7166	CSX PARK PROPERTY		900.00		900.00	780.87	119.13	86.76%
123-1100	ADMINISTRATOR-SALARIES		60,000.00	-11,600.00	48,400.00	35,267.54	13,132.46	72.86%
123-7001	TOWN ADMIN SEARCH COMM EXP			800.00	800.00	800.00		100.00%
123-7103	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL EXPENSE			5,100.00	5,100.00	4,197.46	902.54	82.30%
129-5100-1120	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST-ASST. SALARIES		20,000.00	6,000	26,000.00	25,018.57	981.43	96.22%
131-7103	FINANCE BOARD-GENERAL EXPENSES		300.00		300.00	129.00	171.00	43.00%
141-5100-1100	ASSESSORS-SALARIES		5,615.00		5,615.00	5,615.00		100.00%
141-5100-1120	ASSESSORS-ASST. SALARIES		44,470.86		44,470.86	44,367.79	103.07	99.76%
141-7101	ASSESSORS - ATB CONTINGENCY	1,640.67	5,000.00		6,640.67		6,640.67	0.00%
14-7103	ASSESSORS-GENERAL EXPENSES		8,500		8,500.00	6,636.13	1,863.87	78.07%
141-7105	ASSESSORS-REVALUATION	4,420.00			4,420.00	3,500.00	920.00	79.18%
143-5100-1100	TOWN ACCOUNTANT-SALARIES		15,388.00		15,388.00	15,388.00		100.00%
143-5100-1120	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT SALARY		5,355.00		5,355.00	4,742.18	612.82	88.55%
143-7103	TOWN ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL EXPENSES		1,300.00		1,300.00	695.91	604.09	53.53%
143-7150	FINANCIAL SOFTWAR.E-SUPPORT		15,964.00		15,964.00	14,461.82	1,502.52	90.58%
145-5100-1100	TREASURER-SALARIES		21,120.00		21,120.00	21,120.00		100.00%
145-7103	TREASURER-GENERAL EXPENSES		2,800.00	-200.00	2,600.00	1,382.09	1,217.00	53.15%
145-7106	TREASURER-TAX TITLE EXPENSES		8,000.00		8,000.00	872.82	7,127.18	10.91%
145-8019	TAX TITLE LEGAL/RESEARCH		25,000.00		25,000.00	11,211.94	13,788.06	44.84%
145-8052	TREAS CERT. NOTES INTEREST		500.00		500.00	225.00	275.00	45.00%
146-5100-1100	TAX COLLECTOR-SALARIES		16,231.26		16,231.26	16,231.26		100.00%
146-7103	TAX COLLECTOR-GENERAL EXPENSES		3,740.00		3,740.00	3,309.21	430.79	88.48%

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146-7104	TAX COLLECTORS-EXCISE BILLING		900.00		900.00	505.05	394.95	56.11%
146-7106	TAXCOLLECTOR TAX TITLE EXPENSE		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		100.00%
146-7107	TAX COLLECTOR-CAMA SYSTEM		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		100.00%
161-5100-1100	TOWN CLERK-SALARIES		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00		100.00%
161-7103	TOWN CLERK-GENERAL EXPENSES	107.32	800.00		907.32	906.88	0.44	99.95%
161-7108	TOWN CLERK RECORDS		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		100.00%
162-7103	ELECTIONS-POLL WORKERS & MISC.	429.43	4,895.00	183.00	5,507.43	1,782.41	3,725.02	32.36%
163-5100-1100	BOARD OF REGISTRARS-SALARIES		2,000.00		2,000.00	580.00	1,420.00	29.00%
171-7103	CONSERVATION COMMISSION-GENERAL EXP	93.90	3,253.00		3,346.90	1,617.68	1,729.22	48.33%
175-7103	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES		500.00		500.00		500.00	0.00%
192-5100-1126	TWN BLDGS-TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN		8,482.32		8,482.32	4,924.16	3,558.16	58.05%
192-1198	SECURITY CAMERAS TOWN HALL	3,415.00			3,415.00	1,350.00	2,065.00	39.53%
192-7103	TWNBLDGS-GENERAL EXPENSES		18,000.00	4,000.00	22,000.00	15,436.53	6,563.47	70.16%
192-7151	TWNBLDGS -HEATING -GARAGE, FIREH		20,000.00		20,000.00	9,996.97	10.003.03	49.98%
192-7154	TOWN BUILDINGS-TELEPHONE	539.41	7,000.00		7,539.41	6,757.54	781.87	89.62%
192-7155	TOWN BUILDINGS-OFFICE MACHINE MAINT		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,100.00	1,900.00	36.66%
192-8027	IT MAINT/HARDWARE	Å	14,000.00	5,000.00	19,000.00	18,0054.15	945.85	95.02%
205-7156	FUEL-GASOLINE & DIESEL		37,000.00		37,000.00	21,458.54	15,541.46	57.99%
205-8068	FUEL PUMP MAINTENANCE		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00%
210-5100-1100	POLICE DEPT-SALARIES		61,200.00	-3,300.00	57,900.00	57,900.00		100.00%
210-5100-1120	POLICE DEPT-ASST. SALARIES		118,840.00	-7,500.00	111,340.00	106,371.81	4,968.19	95.53%
210-5100-1160	POLICE DEPT-CROSSING GUARDS		2,641.80		2,641.80	2,591.82	49.98	98.10%
210-7002	CHIEF OF POLICE SEARCH COMM			1,000.00	1,000.00	375.00	625.00	37.50%
210-7103	POLICE DEPT-GENERAL EXPENSES	487.12	31,880.43	10,8000.00	43,167.55	36,720.38	6,447.17	85.06%
210-7132	POLICE DEPT-DALTONCOMMUNICATIONS	2,662.00	9,090.00		11,752.00	6,669.00	5,083.00	56.74%
210-7133	POLICE DEPT-COUNTY SHERRIFF'S COMMUN		1,160.63		1,160.63	1,160.63	0.20	99.98%
211-8077	MOBILE RADIO FOR NEW CRUISER		4,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00	0.00%
211-8078	BUILDING SECURITY		10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00%

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211-8079	UNMARKED CRUISER		7,604.00		7,604.00	7,585.12	18.88	99.75%
220-5100-1100	FIRE DEPT-SALARIES		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,500.00		100.00%
220-5100-1120	FIRE DEPT-ASST. SALARIES		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		100.00%
220-5100-1125	FIRE DEPT-2ND ASST. SALARIES		3,700.00		3,700.00	3,700.00		100.00%
220-1150	FIRE DEPT-STIPENDS		17,000.00		17,000.00	16,975.00	25.00	99.85%
220-7103	FIRE DEPT-GENERAL EXPENSES		37,500.00		37,500.00	37,487.57	12.43	99.96%
221-8080	FIRE DEPT PHYSICALS		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,905.00	95.00	98.41%
221-8081	JAWS OF LIFE		3,800.00		3,800.00		3,800.00	0.00%
221-8082	SCOTT BOTTLE REPLACEMENTS		8,500.00		8,500.00	8,440.52	59.48	99.30%
231-5700-7103	24-HR AMBULANCE SERVICE-GENERAL EXP		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100.00%
241-1100	BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARY		13,800.00		13,800.00	13,800.00		100.00%241-
5700-7103	BUILDING INSPECTOR COMPUTER		100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00%
249-5100-1100	ANIMAL INSPECTOR-SALARIES		200.00		. 200.00	200.00		100.00%
291-7103	EMER MGMT-GENERAL EXPENS		2,750.00		2,750.00	1,405.45	1,344.55	51.50
292-5100-1100	DOG OFFICER-SALARIES		2,080.00		2,080.00	2,080.00		100.00%
292-7103	DOG OFFICER-GENERAL EXPENSES		500.00		500.00		500.00	0.00%
294-5100-1100	TREE WARDEN-SALARIES		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100.00%
294-7103	TREE WARDEN-GENERAL EXPENSES	6,885.50	10,000.00		16,885.50	9,613.90	7,271.60	56.93%
295-5100-1100	GAS INSPECTOR-SALARIES		200.00		200.00	200.00		100.00%
300-7121	EDUCATION-CBRSD ASSESSMENT		2,478,811.00		2,478,811.00	2,478,811.00		100.00%
300-7122	EDUCATION-CBRSD CAPITAL		64,792.00		64,792.00	64,792.00		100.00%
300-7123	EDUCATION-VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION		58,860.00	6,848.50	65,708.50	64,347.25	1,361.25	97.92%
300-7124	EDUCATION-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TUIT		245,784.00	17,556.00	263,340.00	248,907.04	14,432.96	94.51%
421-5100-1100	HIGHWAY DEPT-WINTER RD WAGES		25,000.00		25,000	22,527.64	2,472.36	90.11%
421-5100-1170	HIGHWAY DEPT-SUMMER ROADS		162,200.00		162,200.00	160,809.44	1,390.56	99.14%
421-7103	HIGHWAY DEPT-GENERAL EXPENSES		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,742.84	257.16	94.85%
421-7114	HIGHWAY DEPT-SUMMER ROAD MAINTEN		80,000.00		80,000.00	79,655.75	344.25	99.56%
421-7115	HIGHWAY DEPT-TOWN GARAGE MAINTEN		15,000.00		15,000.00	14,652.49	347.51	97.68%

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421-5700-7116	HIGHWAY DEPT-ROAD MACHIN MAINT	308.22	34,500.00		34,808.22	30,222.80	4,585.42	86.82%
421-7118	HIGHWAY DEPT-UNIFORMS		4,500.00	-200.00	4,300.00	3,927.28	372.72	91.33%
421-7119	HWY WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE		62,300.00	23,614.16	85,914.16	88,336.52	-2,422.36	102.81%
421-7162	HIGHWAY DEPT-TOWN WIDE MOW	3,080.00	15,805.00		18,885.00	18,885.00		100.00%
421-8014	BLDG HEATING REPAIRS		7,000.00		7,000.00		7,000.00	0.00%
421-8015	HWY BLDG ROOF EXTENSIONS		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00%
421-8016	HWY BLDG PANELS & PAINT		4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00%
421-8033	HWY REPAIRS T0 2001 MACK TRUCK		6,500.00		6,500.00	2,923.92	3,576.08	44.98%
421-8034	HWY DEPT TRUCK		56,250.00		56,250.00	55,329.49	920.51	98.36%
421-8035	HWY ONE TON PICK UP		26,250.00		26,250.00	21,719.77	4,530.23	82.74%
421-8061	CULVERT REPLACE OLD DALTON RD	10,000.00			10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00%
424-7103	STREET LIGHTS-GENERAL EXPENSES		18,500.00	2,500.00	21,000.00	18,967.15	2,032.85	90.31%
424-7168	STREET SIGNS		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,041.77	458.23	81.67%
431-5100-1100	TOWN WASTE-SALARIES		10,400.00		10,400.00	10,034.58	365.42	96.48%
431-1200	LANDFILL MONITORING WELLS		15,000.00		15.000.00	14,059.03	940.97	93.72%
431-7103	TOWN WASTE-GENERAL EXPENSES	6,358.79	64,000.00	238.21	70,597.00	69,156.08	1,440.92	97.95%
431-7142	TOWN WASTE-NORTHERN BERKSHIRE WASTE		5,162.00		5,162.00	5,161.28	0.72	99.98%
491-1195	ENTRY REPAIRS-MAPLE ST CEMETERY	11,600.00			11,600.00	1,894.88	9,705.12	16.33%
491-7103	CEMETERY DEPT-GENERAL EXPENSES		2,500.00		2,500.00	666.18	1,833.82	26.64%
500-5100-1100	BOARD OF HEALTH-SALARIES		8,320.00		8,320.00	8,320.00		100.00%
500-7103	BOARD OF HEALTH-GENERAL EXPENSES		1,600.00		1,600.00		1,600.00	0.00%
500-7117	BOARD OF HEALTH-BEAVER CONTROL		800.00		800.00		800.00	0.00%
501-1196	PLUNKETT/BELMONT DAM INSPECTIONS	10,400.00			10,400.00	75.00	10,325.00	0.72%
501-1199	PLUNKETT DAM RENOVATION	4,986.53			4,986.53	4,986.53		100.00%
501-1201	PLUNKETT DAM VALVE REPAIR	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,360.97	139.03	96.91%
501-7135	LAKE MANAGEMENT-ASHMERE LAKE MANAGE		8,500.00		8,500.00	8,500.00		100.00%
501-7136	LAKE MANAGEMENT-LAKE MANAGEMENT COM		700.00		700.00	447.17	252.83	63.88%
501-7137	LAKE MANAGEMENT-PLUNKETT LAKE MANAG		4,900.00		4,900.00	4,900.00		100.00%

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50-8017	PLUNKETT LAKE IMPROVEMENTS	7,534.00	5,500.00		13,034.00		13,034.00	0.00%
501-8056	ASHMERE LAKE PHRAGMITES	2,968.00	4,900.00	-	7,868.00		7,868.00	0.00%
501-8067	ASHMERE-LYCOTT HERBICIDE		3,750.00		3,750.00	3,750.00		100.00%
501-8076	BCRP PIPELINE		7,500.00		7,500.00		7,500.00	0.00%
522-7144	VISITING NURSES-VISITING NURSES ASS	393.61	2,361.41		2,755.00	2,560.56	194.46	92.94%
541-7103	COUNCIL ON AGING-GENERAL EXPENSES		4,500.00		4,500.00	3,852.59	647.41	85.61%
543-5100-1100	VETERAN'S SERVICES-SALARIES		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		100.00%
543-7103	VETERAN'S SERVICES-GENERAL EXPENSES		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,058.52	541.48	66.15%
543-7126	VETERAN'S SERVICES-VETERANS AID		44,000.00		44,000.00	17,152.42	26,847.58	38.98%
543-7128	VETERAN'S SERVICES-GRAVE FLAG HOLDE		300.00		300.00	262.76	37.24	87.58%
543-7129	VETERAN'S SERVICES-MEMORIAL DAY OBS		300.00		300.00	229.73	70.27	76.57%
610-5100-1100	LIBRARY-SALARIES		17,000.00		17,000.00	17,000.00		100.00%
610-5100-1120	LIBRARY-ASST. SALARIES		19,300.00		19,300.00	18,814.52	485.48	97.48%
610-7103	LIBRARY-GENERAL EXPENS		30,500.00		30,500.00	29,730.99	769.01	97.47%
630-7159	REC. ASSOC. - SPORTS/RECRE		500.00		500.00	362.07	137.93	72.41%
630-7103	REC. ASSOC. - UTILITIES,HEATING		15,600.00		15,600.00	5,819.66	9,780.34	37.30%
630-8057	OTHCC-MAINTENANCE		1,000.00	-	1,000.00	732.21	267.79	73.22%
630-1203	FY16 OLD TOWN HALL REPAIRS	20,000.00	20,000.00		40,000.00	27,753.00	12,247.00	69.38%
691-5700-7103	HISTORICAL COMMISSION-GENERAL EXPEN		400.00		400.00		400.00	0.00%
692-7127	BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE		1,000.00		1,000.00	902.29	97.71	90.22%
710-7145	DEBT SERVICE-TOWN HALL LOAN		6,260.00		6,260.00	6,260.00		100.00%
710-7147	DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST LONG TERM DEB		11,916.00,		11,916.00	11,916.00		100.00%
710-7148	DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST SHORT TERM DE			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		100.00%
781-7103	RESERVE FUND-GENERAL EXPENSES		20,000.00	-18,300.00	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00%
TOTAL		**104,664.47**	**4,539,733.05**	**44,539.87**	**4,688,937.39**	**4,356,641.92**	**322.295.47**	

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01-8000	RMV NON-REMOVAL		1,960.00		1,960.00	1,960.00		100.00%
01-8001	STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL		11,764.00		11,764.00	11,764.00		100.00%
01-8002	STATE AIR POLLUTION		651.00		651.00	651.00		100.00%
01-8003	STATE REGIONAL TRANSIT		6,810.00		6,810.00	6,810.00		100.00%
Total	**INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES**		**21,185.00**		**21,185.00**	**21,185.00**		
690-7103	BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLAN.-GENERAL EX		1,467.00		1,467.00	1,466.76	0.24	99.98%
911-7103	COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESS-GENERAL EX		68,702.00		68,702.00	68,702.00		100.00%
914-7103	HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE-GENERAL EXPEN		114,067.00		114,067.00	90,500.89	23,566.11	79.34%
915-8042	UNEMPLOYMENT		22,500.00		22,500.00	21,385.72	1,114.28	95.04%
916-5100-1100	MEDICARE		10,200.00	200.00	10,400.00	10,301.52	98.48	99.05%
919-7152	INSURANCE & BONDS-TOWN INSURANCE		63,000.00	4,500.00	67,500.00	66,443.00	1,057.00	98.43%
990-5960	TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION		.	176,253.74	176,253.74	176,253.74		100.00%
TOTAL			**279,936.00**	**180,953.74**	**460,889.74**	**435,053.63**	**25,836.11**	
TOTAL FUND 01		**104,664.47**	**4,840,854.05**	**225,493.61**	**5,171,012.13**	**4,812,880.55**	**358,131.58**	

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18 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
18-54349	CEMETARY DEPT CEMETERY MEMORIAL					400.00	-400.00	100.00 %
18-54429	COUNCIL ON AGING GIFTS & DONATIONS					86.00	-86.00	100.00 %
Total Fund 18						**486.00**	**- 486.00**	

20 - REVOLVING FUND Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
20-54405	PLANNING BOARD PLANNING BOARD					563.38	-563.38	100.00%
20-176-5100-4417	ZONING BOARD-ZONING BOARD					350.00	-350.00	100.00%
20-176-5700-4417	ZONING BOARD ZONING BOARD					643.90	-643.90	100.00%
20-220-5100-4403	FIRE DEPT-FIRE DEPT					1,585.00	-1,585.00	100.00%
20-242-5100-4413	PLUMBING INSPECTOR-PLUMBING INSPECT					1,074.00	-1,074.00	100.00%
20-243-5100-4415	ELECTRICAL INSPEC-ELECTRICAL INSPEC					2,955.00	-2,955.00	100.00%
20-292-5100-4411	DOG OFFICER-DOG OFFICER					99.75	-99.75	100.00%
20-491-5100-4414	CEMETARY DEPT-GRAVE OPENINGS					4,305.00	-4,305.00	100.00%
20-54418	LIBRARY LIBRARY					42.95	-42.95	100.00%
20-54402	CONS. COMM.-CONSERVATION COMMISSION					974.00	-974.00	100.00%
Total Fund 20						**12,592.98**	**- 12,592.98**	

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23 - CHAPTER 90 HWY Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
23-57110	CHAPTER 90 HWYCH90 291B					695,669.45	-695,669.45	100.00%
Total Fund 23						**695,669.45**	**-695,669.45**	

24 - GRANT ACCOUNTS Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
24-8084	POLICE DEPT. BULLETPROOF VESTS							100.00%
24-58084	POLICE DEPT. BULLETPROOF VESTS					-2,070.00	2,070.00	100.00%
24-58022	EMER. MGMT. HURRICANE IRENE					76,157.07	-76,157.07	100.00%
24-58024	EMER. MGMT. FY12 FEMA SNOW STORM					1,264.80	-1,264.80	100.00%
24-58073	HWY DEPARTMENT EMPG GRANT					2,371.50	-2,371.50	100.00%
24-53635	BOARD OF HEALTH BOH MINI GRANT EDS					582.20	-582.20	100.00%
24-54422	LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL LOCAL CULTURAL					6,958.73	-6,958.73	100.00%
24-54421	COUNCIL ON AGING - STATE COUNCIL ON AGING-STATE					5,713.01	-5,713.01	100.00%
Total Fund 24						**90,977.31**	**-90,977.31**	

25 - CAPITAL PROJECTS Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
25-8087	WATER DEPARTMENT-SALARIES & WAGES WATER					2,175.00	-2,175.00	100.00%
25-8087	WATER DEPARTMENT-EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS					109,339.12	-109,339.12	100.00%
Total Fund 25						**111,514.12**	**-111,514.12**	

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30 - SEWER FUND Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
30-604-5100-1100	SEWER DEPARTMENT-SALARIES		1,750.00		1,750.00	1,421.97	328.03	81.25%
30-604-1135	SEWER ACCOUNTING WAGES		290.00		290.00	290.00		100.00%
30-604-5100-1140	SEWER DEPARTMENT-FULL TIME WAGES		9,680.00		9,680.00	290.50	9,389.50	3.00%
30-604-5100-1146	WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT			2,200.00	2,200.00	1333.35	866.65	60.60%
30-604-7103	SEWER DEPARTMENT-GENERAL EXPENSES		45,000.00		45,000.00	43,862.25	1,137.75	97.47%
30-604-7163	SEWER DEPARTMENT-SEWER MAINTENANCE		2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,642.73	1,357.27	66.06%
30-605-1100	SEWER III SEWER ADMIN SALARY		2,000.00	-343.97	1,656.03	1,656.03		100.00%
30-605-1140	SEWER III-FULL TIME WAGES		19,800.00	-1,600.00	18,200.00	17,903.39	296.61	98.37%
30-605-1145	SEWER III ACCTG. WAGES		330.00		330.00	330.00		100.00%
30-605-1146	WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT			2,700.00	2,700.00	2,666.66	33.34	98.76%
30-605-1197	SEWER III BETTERMENT RECONCILIATION	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00		100.00%
30-605-111-7103	SEWER IIILEGAL EXPENSE ACCT		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,292.50	707.50	76.41%
30-605-7103	SEWER III-GENERAL EXPENSES		42,000.00	20,000.00	62,000.00	61,931.53	68.42	99.88%
30-605-7163	SEWER IH MAINTENANCE		28,000.00	4,090.97	32,090.97	31,719.05	371.92	98.84%
30-605-8047	CAMP TACONIC ENGINEERING	13,947.00.		-13,947.00				100.00%
30-605-8085	CAMP TACONIC LEGAL EXPENSE ACCT			13,400.00	13,400.00	13,007.50	392.50	97.07%
Total Fund 30		**16,447.00**	**153,850.00**	**28,500.00**	**198,797.00**	**183,847.46**	**14,949.54**	

35 - SEWER III BETTERMENTS Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
35-7165	SEWER LOAN-ASHMERE		101,710.76		101,710.76	101,710.76		100.00%
35-7180	SEWER LOAN-PLUNKETT		45,709.00		45,709.00	45,709.00		100.00%
Total Fund 35			**147,419.76**		**147,419.76**	**147,419.76**		

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40 - WATER DEPT. Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
40-614-5100-1100	WATER-ADM SALARY		2,250.00		2,250.00	1,854.00	396.00	82.40%
40-614-5100-1140	WATER DEPARTMENT-FULLTIME WAGES		59,360.00		59,360.00	53,108.28	6,251.72	89.46%
40-614-5100-1146	WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT			4,300.00	4,300.00	2,666.66	1.633.34	62.01%
40-1155	WATER ACCTG WAGES		380.00		380.00	380.00		100.00%
40-7103	WATER DEPARTMENT GENERAL EXPENSES		45,000.00	15,750.00	60,750.00	39,875.70	20,874.30	65.63%
40-7164	WATER DEPARTMENT WATER REFINANCE-CORBY	70,000.00		70,000.00	70,000.00		100.00%	
40-7169	WATER DEPARTMENT WATER ADMIN EXPENSE		1,800.00		1,800.00	561.91	1,238.09	31.21%
40-7191	WATER DEPARTMENT 91-09WATER LINE		5,611.00		5,611.00	5,610.54		99.99%
40-7192	WATER DEPARTMENT 91-11 COST OVERRUN WATER		10,870.00		10,870.00	10,870.00		100.00%
40-7193	WATER DEPARTMENT 91-07 WATER REHAB USDA	31,964.00		31,964.00	31,964.00		100.00%	
40-8070	WTR DEPT WTR PLANT HEATING SYS	12,5000.00			12,500.00		12,500.00	0.00%
40-8071	WTR DEPT WTR PLANT ROOF	5,000.00			5,000.00	1,750.00	3,250.00	35.00%
40-8086	WATER DEPARTMENT WATER METERS							100.00%
Total Fund 40		**17,500.00**	**227,235.00**	**20,050.00**	**264,785.00**	**218,641.09**	**46,143.91**	

89 - PAYROLL WITHOLDINGS FUND Account	Description	Previous Year's Bal	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% EXP.
89-54352	TAX COLLECTOR-SALARIES & WAGES TAX COLL FEES					10,420.00	-10,420.00	100.00%
89-54354	DEPUTY COLLECTOR-SALARIES & WAGES DEPUTY				4,716.00	-4,716.00	100.00%	
89-54353	TOWN CLERK-SALARIES & WAGES TOWN CLERK FEES					596.00	-596.00	100.00%
89-5520.00	POLICE DETAIL-SALARIES & WAGES POLICE DETAIL					20,832.50	-20,832.50	100.00%
89-54420	POLICE DEPT-EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS POLICE				2,625.00	-2,625.00	100.00%	
89-52210	UNCLASSIFIED-TAXES WITHOLDING UNCLASSIFIED					99,843.62	-99,843.62	100.00%
89-52211	UNCLASSIFIED-RETIREMENT WITHOLDING					63,914.60	-63,914.60	100.00%
89-52212	UNCLASSIFIED-INSURANCE WITHOLDING					37,161.54	-37,161.54	100.00%
89-52213	UNCLASSIFIED-OTHER WITHOLDINGS UNCLASSIFIED					6,099.00	-6,099.00	100.00%
89-54326	UNCLASSIFIED-MISC MISC EXPENSE					438.42	-438.42	100.00%
Total Fund 89						**246,646.68**	**-246,646.68**	
	Grand Total	**138,611.47**	**5,369,358.81**	**274,043.61**	**5,782,013.89**	**6,520,657.40**	**-738,661.51**	

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TRIAL BALANCE
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FUND	-01 GENERAL FUND	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1000	**CASH-TAX COLLECTOR PETTY CASH**			
1020 - CASH-TAX COLLECTOR PETTY CASH		50.00	0.00	50.00
1040 - CASH-UNRESTRICTED		6,401,002.22	5,540,284.17	860,718.05
CASH Total		**6,401,052.22**	**5,540,284.17**	**860,768.05**
100-1210	**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**			
2004 - 2004		36.09	0.00	36.09
2005 - 2005		53.13	0.00	53.13
2007 - 2007		3.26	0.00	3.26
2013 - 2013		3,033.11	2,363.45	669.66
2014 - 2014		1,855.65	1,455.09	400.56
2015 - 2015		2,229.19	2,080.98	148.21
2016 - 2016		350,134.59	349,007.55	1,127.04
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX Total		**357,345.02**	**354,907.07**	**2,437.95**
	LIENS Total	**4,750.00**	**4,750.00**	**0.00**
100-1220	**REAL ESTATE TAX**			
1999 - 1999 BACK		3,486.03	0.00	3,486.03
2000 - 2000		10.86	0.00	10.86
2001 - 2001		15.21	0.00	15.21
2002 - 2002		1,223.48	0.00	1,223.48
2003 - 2003		642.53	0.00	642.53
2004 - 2004		570.16	0.00	570.16
2005 - 2005		400.00	0.00	400.00
2006 - 2006		563.88	4.44	559.44
2007 - 2007		584.30	10.86	573.44
2008 - 2008		472.52	22.12	450.40
2009 - 2009		558.57	33.42	525.15
2010 - 2010		455.22	141.99	313.23
2011 - 2011		1,613.82	1,587.82	26.00
2012 - 2012		2,182.32	1,717.35	464.97
2013 - 2013		4,076.88	2,186.15	1,890.73
2014 - 2014		18,869.89	15,294.12	3,575.77
2014 - 2014		112,276.78	99,921.12	12,355.66
2014 - 2014		3,610,583.03	3,539,196.94	71,386.09
REAL ESTATE TAX Total		**3,758,585.48**	**3,660,116.33**	**98,469.15**

100-1238	**PROV FOR ABATE/EXEMPTS**		
2001 - 2001	0.00	10.14	-10.14
2005 - 2005	0.00	2.96	-2.96
2006 - 2006	4.44	218.31	-213.87
2007 - 2007	10.86	219.91	-209.05
2008 - 2008	22.12	159.96	-137.84
2009 - 2009	33.42	193.84	-160.42
2010 - 2010	33.40	256.00	-222.60
2011 - 2011	44.54	1,890.38	-1,845.84
2012 - 2012	1,564.43	3,667.25	-2,102.82
2013 - 2013	3,607.76	21,507.11	-17,899.35
2014 - 2014	6,269.50	27,137.88	-20,868.38
2015 - 2015	4,948.77	20,745.18	-15,796.41
2016 - 2016	12,038.33	41,351.64	-29,313.31
PROV FOR ABATES/EXEMPTS Total	**28,577.57**	**117,360.56**	**-88,782.99**
100-1239	**RECEIVABLES**		
1330 - TAX LIENS	229,405.43	27,917.40	201,488.03
1452 - TAX POSSESSIONS90,982.67	61,391.28	29,591.39	
RECEIVABLES Total	**320,388.10**	**89,308.68**	**231,079.42**
100-1260	**MVE**		
1986 - 1986	22.89	22.89	0.00
1990 - 1990	3,048.44	3,048.44	0.00
1991 - 1991	3,747.11	3,747.11	0.00
1992 - 1992	2,421.88	2,421.88	0.00
1993 - 1993	1,791.30	1,791.30	0.00
1994 - 1994	1,975.21	1,975.21	0.00
1995 - 1995	2,372.64	2,372.64	0.00
1996 - 1996	2,480.00	2,480.00	0.00
1997 - 1997	2,271.04	2,271.04	0.00
1998 - 1998	2,098.01	2,098.01	0.00
1999 - 1999	5,097.79	0.00	5,097.79
2000 - 2000	2,270.02	0.00	2,270.02
2001 - 2001	2,667.00	0.00	2,667.00
2002 - 2002	2,393.06	0.00	2,393.06
2003 - 2003	3,344.02	34.38	3,309.64
2004 - 2004	911.79	0.00	911.79
2005 - 2005	2,654.19	32.81	2,621.38
2006 - 2006	9,945.08	0.00	9,945.08
2007 - 2007	3,353.93	0.00	3,353.93
2008 - 2008	7,664.90	0.00	7,664.90
2009 - 2009	1,090.73	0.00	1,090.73
2010 - 2010	2,826.59	0.00	2,826.59
2011 - 2011	4,083.54	5.00	4,078.54
2012 - 2012	2,670.86	742.08	1,928.78
2013 - 2013	4,180.62	1,557.49	2,623.13
2014 - 2014	6,894.57	3,291.64	3,602.93
2015 - 2015	72,782.87	66,812.30	5,970.57
2016 - 2016	282,792.36	248,221.83	34,570.53
MVE Total	**439,852.44**	**342,926.05**	**96,926.39**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Balance	**11,305,800.83**	**10,104,902.86**	**1,200,926.39**

200-2000	**DEFERRED REVENUE**		
2610 - PROPERTY TAX	4,037,224.79	4,049,348.90	-12,124.11
2620 - TAX TITLE DEF REV	89,308.68	320,388.10	-231,079.42
2630 - MVE	342,903.16	439,829.55	-96,926.39
DEFERRED REVENUE Total	**4,469,436.63**	**4,809,566.55**	**-340,129.92**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**4,469,436.63**	**4,809,566.55**	**-340,129.92**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**		
2702 - RESERVED FOR PETTY CASH	0.00	50.00	-50.00
3212 - RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCE	104,664.47	231,597.34	-126,932.87
3213 - RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURE	242,904.00	345,708.89	102,804.89
FUND BALANCE Total	**347,568.47**	**577,356.23**	**-229,787.76**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**		
3313 - RESERVED FOR OVERLAY SURPLUS	13,271.07	23,271.07	-10,000.00
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	5,053,099.30	5,674,079.59	-620,980.29
3598 - APPROPRIATION DEFICITS	480.00	480.99	0.00
3910 - REVENUE	5,554,139.85	5,554,139.85	0.00
3922 - OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	15,705.63	15,705.63	0.00
3930 - EXPENDITURES	4,655,152.72	4,655,152.72	0.00
3970 - OTHER FINANCING USES	176,253.74	176,253.74	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**15,468,103.30**	**16,099,083.59**	**-630,980.29**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**15,815,671.77**	**16,676,439.82**	**-860,768.05**
Fund 01 GENERAL FUND Ending Bal	**31,590,909.23**	**31,590,909.23**	**0.00**

FUND	**18 GIFTS AND DONATIONS**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		46,492.43	18,268.97	28,223.46
CASH Total		**46,492.43**	**18,268.97**	**28,223.46**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**46,492.43**	**18,268.97**	**28,223.46**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**			
3624 - DEPOT PARK GIFTS		0.00	800.50	-800.50
3625 - FB POLICE DEPT GIFTS		0.00	1,795.75	-1,795.75
3626 - WEBSITE GIFTS		0.00	98.40	-98.40
3627 - HISTORICAL GIFTS		0.00	76.50	-76.50
3628 - LIBRARY GIFTS		0.00	278.82	-278.82
3629 - CEMETERY MEMORIAL		400.00	16,469.39	-16,069.39
3630 - FIRE DEPT GIFTS		0.00	15.00	-15.00
3634 - COUNCIL ON AGING		17,868.97	24,969.97	-7,101.00

300-3000 FUND BALANCE			
3636 - SKATE PARK RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	0.00	500.00	-500.00
7000 - OLD TOWN HALL CC RESTORATIONS	0.00	1,488.10	-1,488.10
FUND BALANCE Total	**18,268.97**	**46,492.43**	**-28,223.46**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**18,268.97**	**46,492.43**	**-28,223.46**
Fund 18 GIFTS AND DONATIONS Ending Bal	**64,761.40**	**64,761.40**	**0.00**

FUND 20 REVOLVING FUND	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000 CASH			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED	46,605.83	14,705.04	31,900.79
CASH Total	**46,605.83**	**14,705.04**	**31,900.79**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**46,605.83**	**14,705.04**	**31,900.79**
300-3000 FUND BALANCE			
3300 - PLUMBING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	1,074.00	2,092.81	-1,018.81
3301 - GRAVE OPENINGS REVOLVING	4,305.00	4,565.00	-260.00
3302 - FIRE DEPT. REVOLVING	1,585.00	1,585.00	0.00
3303 - ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REVOLVING	2,955.00	3,660.00	-705.00
3305 - PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING	580.44	2,359.34	-1,778.90
3306 - ZONING BOARD REVOLVING	993.90	4,913.25	-3,919.35
3307 - BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	2,095.00	2,095.00	0.00
3308 - LIBRARY REVOLVING	42.95	200.97	-158.02
3309 - DOG OFFICER REVOLVING	99.75	318.50	-218.75
3310 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVOLVING	974.00	24,815.96	-23,841.96
Total	**14,705.04**	**46,605.83**	**-31,900.79**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**14,705.04**	**46,605.83**	**-31,900.79**
Fund 20 REVOLVING FUND Ending Bal	**61,310.87**	**61,310.87**	**0.00**

FUND 22 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000 CASH-UNRESTRICTED			
1040 - CASH UNRESTRICTED	42,497.00	0.00	42,497.00
CASH Total	**42,497.00**	**0.00**	**42,497.00**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**42,497.00**	**0.00**	**42,497.00**
300-3000 FUND BALANCE			
3590 - DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	0.00	42,497.00	-42,497.00
3910 - REVENUE	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**5,400.00**	**47,897.00**	**-42,497.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**5,400.00**	**47,897.00**	**-42,497.00**
Fund 22 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS Ending Bal	**47,897.00**	**47,897.00**	**0.00**

FUND	23 CHAPTER 90 HWY	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		1,732,725.71	1,732,725.71	0.00
CASH Total		**1,732,725.71**	**1,732,725.71**	**0.00**
100-1239	**RECEIVABLES**			
1603 - DUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH		865,986.12	561,788.58	304,197.54
RECEIVABLES Total		**865,986.12**	**561,788.58**	**304,197.54**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**2,598,711.83**	**2,294,514.29**	**304,197.54**
200-2000	**DEFERRED REVENUE**			
2619 - CHAPTER 90 DEFERRED REVENUE		561,788.58	865,986.12	-304,197.54
DEFERRED REVENUE Total		**561,788.58**	**865,986.12**	**-304,197.54**
200-2050	**LOAN**			
2710 - CH 90 RAN		500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
LOAN Total		**500,000.00**	**500,000.00**	**0.00**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**1,061,788.58**	**1,365,986.12**	**-304,197.54**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**			
3590 - DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE		37,056.25	37,056.25	0.00
3910 - REVENUE		732,725.70	732,725.70	0.00
3930 - EXPENDITURES		1,195,669.46	1,195,669.46	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total		**1,965,451.41**	**1,965,451.41**	**0.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**1,965,451.41**	**1,965,451.41**	**0.00**
Fund 23 CHAPTER 90 HWY Ending Bal		**5,625,951.82**	**5,625,951.82**	**0.00**

FUND	24 GRANT ACCOUNTS	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		149,940.36	110,256.34	39,684.02
CASH Total		**149,940.36**	**110,256.34**	**39,684.02**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**686,295.18**	**572,245.71**	**114,049.47**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**			
3631 - YOUTH CENTER GRANT-TACONIC		0.00	165.53	-165.53
3635 - BOH MINI GRANT EDS		1,182.20	1,537.12	-354.92
3637 - SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS RECOVERY		0.00	238.21	-238.21
8022 - HURRICANE IRENE		76,158.52	76,158.52	0.00
8024 - FEMA SNOW STORM		1,264.80	1,659.00	-394.20
8061 - EMPG CONTRACT		2,371.50	0.10	2,371.40
FUND BALANCE Total		**80,977.02**	**79,758.48**	**1218.54**

300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**		
3610 - AID TO LIBRARIES	0.00	7,580.19	-7,580.19
3613 - STATE AID-COUNCIL ON AGING	18,169.01	27,592.16	-9,423.15
3615 - ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	6,963.31	20,072.92	-13,109.61
3619 - SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR GRANT	0.00	295.36	-295.36
3621 - STATE - ELECTIONS	0.00	1,757.00	-1,757.00
3622 - SEWER RATE RELIEF GRANT	0.00	8,644.00	-8,644.00
4426 - YELLOW SCHOOL BUS GRANT	0.00	93.25	-93.25
8084 - BULLETPROOF VESTS	4,147.00	4,147.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**29,279.32**	**70,181.88**	**-40,902.56**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**110,256.34**	**149,940.36**	**-39,684.02**
Fund 24 GRANT ACCOUNTS Ending Bat	**260,196.70**	**260,196.70**	**0.00**

FUND	**25 CAPITAL PROJECTS**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CA**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		201,424.10	111,514.12	89,909.98
CASH Total		**201,424.10**	**111,514.12**	**89,909.98**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**201,424.10**	**111,514.12**	**89,909.98**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**			
3590 - DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE		111,514.12	201,424.10	-89,909.98
FUND BALANCE Total		**111,514.12**	**201,424.10**	**-89,909.98**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**			
3910 - REVENUE		175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total		**175,000.00**	**175,000.00**	**0.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**286,514.12**	**376,424.10**	**-89,909.98**
Fund 25 CAPITAL PROJECTS Ending Bal		**487,938.22**	**487,938.22**	**0.00**

FUND	**30 SEWER FUND**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		246,709.90	53,456.80	193,253.10
1045 - SEWER III CASH		222,521.30	136,267.60	86,253.70
CASH Total		**469,231.20**	**189,724.40**	**279,506.80**
100-1239	**RECEIVABLES**			
1331 - SEWER I LIENS		16,552.00	5,310.00	11,242.00
1332 - SEWER I USER CHARGES REC		50,250.00	50,250.00	0.00
1335 - SEWER I BETTERMENTS REC		623.77	0.00	623.77
RECEIVABLES Total		**67,425.77**	**55,560.00**	**11,865.77**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**536,656.97**	**245,284.40**	**291,372.57**

300-1239	**RECEIVABLES**		
1336 - SEWER III USER CHARGES REC	81,990.70	81,990.70	0.00
RECEIVABLES Total	**81,990.70**	**81,990.70**	**0.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**81,990.70**	**81,990.70**	**0.00**
200-2000	**DEFERRED REVENUE**		
2621 - SEWER III USER CHARGES DEF REV	81,990.70	81,990.70	0.00
2622 - SEWER I USER CHARGES DEF REV	50,250.00	50,250.00	0.00
2623 - SEWER I LIENS DEF REV	5,310.00	16,552.00	-11,242.00
2624 - SEWER I BETTER FUNDS BALANCE	0.00	623.77	-623.77
DEFERRED REVENUE Total	**137,550.70**	**149,416.47**	**-11,865.77**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**137,550.70**	**149,416.47**	**-11,865.77**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**		
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	49,840.80	243,093.90	-193,253.10
FUND BALANCE Total	**49,840.80**	**243,093.90**	**-193,253.10**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**		
3314 - RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION	13,947.00	13,947.00	0.00
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	138,214.44	224,468.14	-86,253.70
3910 - REVENUE	54,684.35	54,684.35	0.00
3911 - SEWER III REVENUE	81,013.64	81.013.64	0.00
3930 - EXPENDITURES	53,396.80	53,396.80	0.00
3931 - SEWER III EXPENDITURES	134,286.66	134,286.66	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**475,542.89**	**561,796.59**	**-86,253.70**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**525,383.69**	**804,890.49**	**-279,506.80**
Fund 30 SEWER FUND Ending Bat	**1,281,582.00**	**1,281,582.00**	**0.00**
FUND	**31 CAPITAL PROJECTS**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CASH**		
1040 - UNRESTRICTED	176,425.00	176,425.00	0.00
CASH Total	**176,425.00**	**176,425.00**	**0.00**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**176,425.00**	**176,425.00**	**0.00**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**		
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	176,425.00	176,425.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**176,425.00**	**176,425.00**	**0.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**176,425.00**	**176,425.00**	**0.00**
Fund 31 CAPITAL PROJECTS Ending Bal	**352,850.00**	**352,850.00**	**0.00**

FUND	35 SEWER III BETTERMENTS	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1000	**CASH**			
1050 - BETTERMENT		644,119.65	147,629.76	496,489.89
CASH Total		**644,119.65**	**147,629.76**	**496,489.89**
100-1239	**RECEIVABLES**			
1310 - LONG TERM BETTERMENT NYD		2,697,802.99	330,303.53	2,367,499.00
1334 - BETTERMENT LIENS RECEIVABLES		164,241.33	146,326.09	17,915.24
1361 - PERMANENT PRIVILEDGE		9,515.30	9,515.30	0.00
RECEIVABLES Total		**2,871,559.62**	**486,144.92**	**2,385,414.70**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**3,515,679.27**	**633,774.68**	**2,881,904.59**
200-2000	**DEFERRED REVENUE**			
1310 - LONG TERM BETTERMENTS NYD		330,303.53	2,697,802.99	-2,367,499.46
2612 - PERM PRIV DEF REV		9,515.30	9,515.30	0.00
2625 - BETTERMENTS DEF REV		146,326.09	164,241.33	-17,915.24
DEFERRED REVENUE Total		**486,144.92**	**2,871,559.62**	**-2,385,414.70**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**486,144.92**	**2,871,559.62**	**-2,385,414.70**
300-3000	**FUND BALANCE**			
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE		147,419.76	643,909.65	-496,489.89
3910 - REVENUE		152,374.91	152,374.91	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total		**299,794.67**	**796,284.56**	**-496,489.89**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**			
3314 - RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
3910 - REVENUE		800.00	800.00	0.00
3930 - EXPENDITURES		147,419.76	147,419.76	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total		**150,719.76**	**150,719.76**	**0.00**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**450,514.43**	**947,004.32**	**-496,489.89**
Fund 35 SEWER III BETTERMENTS Ending Bal		**4,452,338.62**	**4,452,338.62**	**0.00**

FUND	40 WATER FUND	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		700,404.46	401,447.97	298,956.49
CASH Total		**700,404.46**	**401,447.97**	**298,956.49**
100-1239	**RECEIVABLES**			
1340 - WATER LIENS REC		49,473.48	20,463.16	-29,010.32
1341 - WATER USER CHARGES REC		213,378.00	213,378.00	0.00
RECEIVABLES Total		**262,851.48**	**233,841.16**	**29,010.32**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**963,255.94**	**635,289.13**	**327,966.81**

200-2000	**DEFERRED REVENUE**		
2640 - WATER LIENS DEF REV	20,463.16	49,473.48	-29,010.32
2641 - WATER USER CHARGES DEF REV	213,378.00	213,378.00	0.00
DEFERRED REVENUE Total	**233,841.16**	**262,851.48**	**-29,010.32**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**233,841.16**	**262,851.48**	**-29,010.32**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**		
3591 - UNDESIGNATED FUND WATER	245,358.43	524,314.92	-278,956.49
3314 - RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION	17,500.00	37,500.00	-20.000.00
3910 - REVENUE	390,388.44	390,388.44	0.00
3930 - EXPENDITURES	219,332.63	219,332.63	0.00
FUND BALANCE Total	**872,579.50**	**1,171,535.99**	**-298,956.49**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**872,579.50**	**1,171,535.99**	**-298,956.49**
Fund 40 WATER DEPT Ending Bal	**2,069,676.60**	**2,069,676.60**	**0.00**

FUND	**82 TRUST FUND**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		1,003,206.48	0.00	1,003,206.48
CASH Total		**1,003,206.48**	**0.00**	**1,003,206.48**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**1,003,206.48**	**0.00**	**1,003,206.48**
300-3001	**FUND BALANCE**			
3920 - STABILIZATION		0.00	933,148.61	-933,148.61
3921 - CAPITAL STABILIZATION		0.00	70,057.87	-70,057.87
FUND BALANCE Total		**0.00**	**1,003,206.48**	**-1,003,206.48**
Subfund 300 FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**0.00**	**1,003,206.48**	**-1,003,206.48**
Fund 82 TRUST FUND Ending Bal		**1,003,206.48**	**-1,003,206.48**	**0.00**

FUND	**89 PAYROLL WITHOLDINGS FUND**	**DEBITS**	**CREDITS**	**BALANCE**
100-1000	**CASH**			
1040 - UNRESTRICTED		259,700.04	258,497.73	1,202.31
CASH Total		**259,700.04**	**258,497.73**	**1,202.31**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**259,700.04**	**258,497.73**	**1,202.31**

200-2210	OTHER LIABILITIES		
2210 - TAXES WITHOLDING	99,843.62	99,843.62	0.00
2211 - RETIREMENT WITHOLDINGS	64,128.02	64,128.02	0.00
2212 - INSURANCE WITHOLDINGS	37,206.54	37,206.54	0.00
2213 - OTHER WITHOLDINGS	6,099.00	6,099.00	0.00
2214 - OUTSIDE DETAILS	25,130.52	25,130.52	0.00
2215 - TAX COLLECTOR FEES	10,846.80	10,946.80	-100.00
2216 - TOWN CLERK FEES	1,041.50	1,176.50	-135.00
2217 - DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEES	5,325.91	5,121.91	204.00
2218 - POLICE PERMITS DUE TO COMM	10,268.00	11,393.00	-1,125.00
4424 - MISC	477.42	523.73	-46.31
OTHER LIABILITIES Total	**260,367.33**	**261,569.64**	**-1,202.31**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**260,367.33**	**261,569.64**	**-1,202.31**
Fund 89 PAYROLL WITHOLDINGS FUND Ending Bal	**520,067.37**	**520,067.37**	**0.00**

FUND	90 LONG TERM DEBT	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
100-1994	**AMTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR LOANS**			
1080 - AMTS PROV. FOR PAYMENT OF LOAN		3,839,000.22	0.00	3,839,000.22
AMTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR LOANS/ Total		**3,839,000.22**	**0.00**	**3,839,000.22**
Subfund 100 ASSET ACCOUNTS Ending Bal		**3,839,000.22**	**0.00**	**3,839,000.22**

200-2210	OTHER LIABILITIES		
9715 - SEWER BETTERMENT LOANS	105,913.33	2,422,126.02	-2,316,212.69
9717 - USDA TOWN HALL LOAN	6,260.00	250,863.08	-244,603.08
9718 - WATER LOANS	0.00	1,080,022.83	-1,080,022.83
9722 - VEHICLE LEASES	0.00	198,161.62	-198,161.62
OTHER LIABILITIES Total	**112,173.33**	**3,951,173.55**	**-3,839,000.22**
Subfund 200 LIABILITY ACCOUNTS Ending Bal	**112,173.33**	**3,951,173.55**	**-3,839,000.22**
Fund 90 LONG TERM DEBT Ending Bal	**3,951,173.55**	**3,951,173.55**	**0.00**
Report Total	**51,769,859.92**	**51,769,859.92**	**0.00**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors' office continues in its efforts to obtain accurate and fair assessments of all taxable property located in town. FY2016 the tax rate was $13.40 and the town's total valuation decreased to $295,023,940.00. In FY2017 the tax rate was $14.09 and the town's total valuation rose slightly to $296,214,615.00. Property maps and assessment data for Hinsdale can be found by accessing the new town-wide geographic information system (GIS): https://www.axisgis.com/hinsdalema/

The Board of Assessors hopes that the following information will shed some light on what they do and the various assessing-related procedures.

The Assessors are required to value all property in their community annually at market value as of January first of each year. This is done by reviewing the sale prices of land and residences and comparing them against the existing assessed values. Our goal is to value real estate at 100% of the market value to ensure that all taxpayers are assessed fairly and pay their fair share of the property tax burden.

We are obligated to view all property in town every 9 years in order to maintain accurate property inventory data. During the normal course of work the assessing office performs routine inspections. While there is no statutory requirement that you allow the assessors inside, if you choose to not allow an interior inspection it may result in inaccurate data concerning your property and it may prevent you from appealing your assessment.

After receiving the first actual bill for the fiscal year, you may seek an abatement by filing with our office. The abatement applications are located outside of the Assessors' office and you must file by the deadline date indicated on your tax bill. The Assessors are prohibited by law and therefore have no authority to act on untimely applications so please do not expect that we can waive those requirements. If you are dissatisfied with the Assessors' decision on your abatement you may appeal to the Massachusetts State Appellate Tax Board (ATB). More information on how to do this is provided on the abatement form.

Certain elderly and veterans may qualify for a reduction in their real estate taxes if they meet specific age, income and residency criteria set by law. The qualifications are complex and varied and we suggest that you speak with a member of the assessing staff to determine if you may qualify. Please be prepared to provide personal information such as income tax returns, bank statements, and birth certificates, as all are needed to determine qualification. This information is also kept strictly confidential.

The Assessors are also responsible for valuing certain non-real estate property called "Personal Property" in assessing parlance. While full-time residents are generally exempt from this tax, certain items are taxable. If you own a tractor (not a lawn mower),

machinery, golf carts or other such equipment you are required to inform the Assessors annually of such property by filing a document known as a "Form of List" with our office. These forms are also available outside the Assessors' office. If you own a business or have a residence in Hinsdale that is not your primary residence, you most likely have taxable personal property and should file a Form of List with our office. Again, you have the opportunity to appeal the value established for any of your personal property through abatement procedures.

Should you trade-in, sell, junk or total your automobile and cancel/transfer your registration, you may be entitled to have a portion of the excise tax on that vehicle credited to you. No excise tax less than $5.00 can be abated; if you divest yourself of your vehicle, we suggest you file an Excise Abatement form (again available outside of the Assessors office) along with the required documentation and the assessing staff will process your request as soon as possible.

There are state programs covering forest, farm and recreational land that value the affected land at a specified amount or percentage set by the state. There are many restrictions, obligations and potential penalties associated with these programs and they vary depending on the use of the land. More information concerning these programs can be found on the following websites: www.masswoods.net and www.extension.umass.edu/nrec/.

Please feel free to talk to us if you have any questions about any of your tax issues. The Board generally holds a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and an evening meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. As a reminder, because we are often out of the office viewing properties, attending education seminars and processing other obligations, a call to make an appointment would be helpful and save a trip to the office if we are out of the office.

Thanks for reading.

Peter Persoff, Chairman
Neil Barrocas, Board Member
Richard Roussin, Board Member
David Zagorski, M.A.A. Assistant Assessor

Below is a summary of figures taken from the FY 2015, FY2016, and FY2017 Tax Recapitulation Sheets:

FISCAL YEAR	**FY2015**	**FY2016**	**FY2017**
Appropriations from Town Meetings	5,137,501.34	5,688,154.29	5,961,661.81
Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,813.00	2,736.00	2,578.00

Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	19,828.00	21,185.00	21,597.00
Overlay Allowance:	27,381.61	41,338.82	32,851.75
TOTAL AMT. TO BE RAISED:	**5,187,523.95**	**5,753,895.10**	**6,018,688.56**
Total Estimated Receipts:	334,500.00	319,500.00	985,801.63
Cherry Sheet Receipts:	353,404.00	356,414.00	364,570.00
Free Cash:	398,078.11	339,884.48	328,115.50
Other available funds:	544,996.18	784,775.83	166,537.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	**1,630,978.29**	**1,124,660.31**	**1,845,024.63**
TAX LEVY:			
Town Valuations By Class:			
Residential	250,024,409.00	242,121,816.00	242,372,451.00
Open Space	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	22,886,477.00	23,284,002.00	23,518,346.00
Industrial	3,506,200.00	3,499,000.00	3,463,400.00
Personal Property	24,475,102.00	26,119,122.00	26,860,418.00
Exempt Property	31,810,800	31,623,400	31,682,600
New Growth	3,659,855.00	3,135,294.00	1,999,850.75
Tax Rate *(per thousand)*	11.82	13.40	14.09

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Total amount of taxes committed to the Tax Collector for fiscal year 2016.

Committed 2016		**Outstanding**
Real Estate	$3,603,338.48	$21,548.32
Personal Property	$349,996.25	$399.89
Water Liens	$19,100.00	$1,440.00
Sewer Liens	$7,150.00	$600.00
Sewer Betterments	$144,532.10	$12,177.84
MVE 2016 (7 commitments)	$306,078.49	$4,143.92
Totals	$4,430,195.32	$40,309.97

Just a reminder as the times are getting harder to make ends meet, payment plans are available in the Tax Collector's office to help. These payment plans do work and I send a sincere thank you to all those taxpayers who used these plans and worked so diligently to stick with and complete this task. There is still some work to be done in this area, but the outstanding figures are starting to still decrease each year.

2016 also brought with it a new convenient service in the form of online bill pay. Residents can now pay their property taxes, motor vehicle excise taxes, water and sewer fees online, and we hope that more and more residents will take advantage of this service.

My good wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2017!

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline B. Wheeler
Town Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL RECORDS:

Births	16
Marriages	3
Deaths	11

DOG LICENSES:

Female	4 @	$10.00
Spayed Female	56 @	$4.00
Males	7 @	$10.00
Neutered Males	64 @	$4.00

TOWN LICENSES:

Selling Used Cars Class I & II	8
Mulch &Wood	1
Auto Restoration	1
All Alcohol Restaraunt	3
Wine and Malt	1
All Alcohol Package	1
Amusement	1

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Frissell
Town Clerk

HINSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to start by saying Thank You! I have a year plus as the Chief of Police for the town and I have to once again, start by thanking everyone that helps this department.

Thank you to Chief Larry Turner and ALL the fire personnel who give of their time and service to make our jobs as police officers smoother at all the scenes they work with us. Thank you to Highway Superintendent Rene Senecal and his crew for making our job safer with their diligent maintenance and care of the roads. A big thank you goes to Emergency Management Director Ray Bolduc for his time, guidance and knowledge in all aspects of Emergency Management for our town. Thank you to the Select Board and all the others at the Town Hall, for their continued support. We are at a time when being a police officer is a very hard job; without the support of all these people the job we do would be impossible, so thank you all.

Officer Tyler Miller graduated in September 2016 from the SPAM #6 the (Municipal) State Police Academy held at the State Police Academy in New Braintree, Massachusetts. Officer Travis Derby is presently at the SPAM #7 the (Municipal) State Police Academy held at the State Police Academy in New Braintree, Massachusetts and will be graduating in June 2017. At that time the department will have two full-time officers, plus myself to serve and protect all the citizens of Hinsdale. I am proud to have both these young men serving with me.

Officer Kristen Burgess came to the department last June. Over the course of this past year, Officer Burgess has become the Animal Control Officer and will be attending a 12-week, 104-hour certificate program at the Boylston Police Academy in the next months.

Over the past year we have had 3336 calls for service from January to December 2016. The total number of calls for service, either dispatched or self-initiated was 2413 for January to December 2015. Police work is an ever-changing line of work. We as police officers need be ready for anything that comes up during our shift. Here is a list of some of the calls that the department responded to from January 2016-December 2016:

ABANDONED 911	13
ANIMAL CONTROL	143
ASSIST CITIZEN	123
BURGLARY	20
MOTOR VEHCILE (accidents)	48
BUILDING CHECKS	39
COMPLAINT	169
DISTURBANCE	19
DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLES	25
LARCENY/FORGERY/FRAUD	10
MEDICAL EMEGENCY	151

MOTOR VEHCILE STOPS	713
SUSPICOUS ACTIVITY	55
WELL-BEING CHECKS	36
WIRES DOWN	26

I have continued to work with Trooper Andy Canata and the CBRSD Emergency Planning Council, as well as with surrounding police departments, on plans for all the CBRSD schools. During the school year we go to each of the schools and practice many emergency situations and drills with the students, teachers, and staff.

The department has received our TASERS and we will be doing the training and education of this electronic control weapon in the spring. Once the training has been done our officers will be equipped with and carrying the TASER X2.

All of the officers continue to do a great job with their training and community service. Along with EMD Ray Bolduc, I continue to attend the Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee meeting on a monthly basis.

I attend the monthly TRIAD meetings with Mary Lou Galliher at the Dalton Senior Center. Thanks, Mary Lou.

This department has moved towards improved professionalism, service, and community-oriented policing over this past year. This is due to the dedicated officers of the department that serve and protect, and I have them to thank for all the improvements the department has achieved.

I would once again thank the Town of Hinsdale for this opportunity to serve and protect this wonderful community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Susan Rathbun

HINSDALE VOL. FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

In 2016 the Hinsdale Fire Department received and responded to 94 emergency calls representing a total of 1103 man-hours.
The number and type of calls are as follows;

FIRES IN STRUCTURES	1
BRUSH & OUTSIDE FIRES	11
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	21
SERIVCE CALLS	3
ALARMS	24
TREES-WIRES DOWN	10
MUTUAL AID	24
TOTAL	**94**

MUTUAL AID BY TOWNS

DALTON	5	HANCOCK	1
BECKET	4	CANAAN NY	1
MIDDLEFIELD	1	SAVOY	1
PITTSFIELD	4	TOLLAND	1
PERU	3	GT. BARRINGTON	1
WORTHINGTON	2		

This past year proved to be a very fire-safe year for our town. Although the call volume was again up, with alarm calls and motor vehicle accidents topping the list (as usual), only one small electrical fire in a dwelling was reported. With the very dry spring and summer which resulted in a drought condition being declared by the state, we were very fortunate not to have any major brush or forest fires. Our rehab unit has been busy responding to mutual aid requests throughout Berkshire County and surrounding counties to assist in the rehab of firefighters at a fire scene. It is comforting to see that the fire service, including our local Fire Chiefs, has recognized the long-term negative health problems experienced by firefighters by not performing rehabilitation and medical monitoring during and after performing their duties as a firefighter.

Our persistence and patience has paid off with the federal government finally awarding us a grant for the purchase of a new set of Jaws of Life. The $43,000 grant allowed us to purchase the Hurst tools, and additional funding supported by voters at the May 2016 Town Meeting enabled the Department to purchase the remainder of the needed extrication equipment. The Hurst tools have arrived and have already been put into service.

Our fleet of vehicles and the fire station remain in good condition with no major problems anticipated in the near future.

We did receive a $2,400 grant from FEMA for the renovation of one of the restrooms in the station to convert it to being handicapped accessible. This project is very near completion at this time.

Our membership is still in very good shape, but we can always use more EMTs, especially during daytime hours.

We would again like to thank the residents of Hinsdale for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry E. Turner, Fire Chief

HINSDALE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This past year the Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency submitted a $250,000 grant request under the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program to help offset the cost of replacing the existing gate valve at Plunkett Reservoir. Simply put, the gate, which is over 100 years old, has exceeded its life expectancy and is worn out to the point where it can no longer be repaired/overhauled. The gate controls the level of the water in Plunkett Reservoir, which is really important from the standpoint of preventing property damage and maintaining water levels to support aquatic life and outdoor recreation. Unfortunately, the grant request was declined. We submitted an appeal and that, too, was declined. Currently, there is an engineering review in progress to determine the best course of action – both from a financial standpoint and mechanical standpoint – to replace the gate. This is why there were requests for funds at the last Annual Town Meeting and recent Special Town Meeting. From a safety prospective, the gate can be opened for a necessary water level adjustment; gate closure is the more challenging aspect.

Hinsdale Emergency Management recently received $2,450 in funding under the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program administered by FEMA. The grant will be used to procure additional radio equipment for the Police Department, a replacement 4 gas meter for the Fire Department, a replacement weather station at the Fire Station and a new laptop for Emergency Management. None of these items fit into the respective department's current budgets.

As always, the team of Hinsdale Emergency Management stands ready to help the citizens of Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond R. Bolduc, Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Once again, the Highway Department appreciates help and information forwarded to us by many residents throughout the year. Please continue to do so!

When I think back over the last 2½ years, a great deal of progress had been made. Outside of the normal funding (Chapter 90), we have been able to secure an additional $934,000 in external funding. This came in the form of $534,000 in storm relief funding (which was ultimately applied toward the reconstruction of Pittsfield and Robinson Roads) and a $400,000 grant through the Complete Streets Program that will enable us to make much-needed upgrades to sidewalks in densely settled residential areas. Additionally, Skyline Trail/Middlefield Road (Mass State project #606406) has officially been programmed for funding through the TIP program at an estimated cost of $6.3 million. Other projects such as Robinson Road and Pittsfield Road, including all new drainage were completed. Drainage on Church Street is done and Old Windsor Road is being completed. An overlay was done on upper Skyline/Middlefield Road and the prep work was started on East Washington Road. Many more small projects are either completed or in the process.

The Highway Department and town have obtained more equipment both new and used, such as a 9-ton trailer, single drum roller, asphalt hot box-reclaimer, and mini excavator. These purchases were made using state funds. The town also recently purchased a F350 pickup truck and a new 2016 Mack truck, which replaced a 1988 Mack that was due for a well-earned retirement.

A number of road projects are being planned for the 2017 construction season, several of which will be combined with other projects to maximize cost savings and other efficiencies. Unfortunately, every street cannot be done first, but we are making great progress!

I would like to thank all the departments here in Hinsdale for their assistance. Many thanks to the professional staff at the District 1 office of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, for the many important projects they have helped us undertake on behalf of the Town. Most importantly, thank you to all the residents of Hinsdale. It is a pleasure to work for all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Senecal
Hinsdale Highway Superintendent

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

2016 proved to be a very challenging year for our department. Our first task was to address and comply with all of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandates put before us, and I am happy to report that all of this work has been accomplished. The most significant project undertaken was the replacement of all of the water meters in our municipal system. With this completed, we are in the process of compiling data so we can change our billing system from a flat rate to an actual usage-based type of billing. A usage-based approach is more equitable and ensures that residents consuming lesser quantities of water are not being billed at the same rate as residents consuming large quantities of water. We intend to begin implementing this new approach to billing in July 2017 to coincide with the start of the new fiscal year. With the new meters in place we can easily determine actual water consumption by our water customers. This also allows us to pinpoint possible leaks in our system and promote water conservation, which is being heavily emphasized by the DEP. During calendar year 2016 (and continuing on into 2017) we also worked closely with a professional engineering firm to preparing a master plan and operations and maintenance plans for our water system. These plans will help guide the operations and capital planning for our water system for many years to come.

We have developed a routine maintenance plan for the water and sewer systems to keep them operating in good working order. With the state mandated water restrictions put in place this summer and fall we had to postpone the fall flushing of the water system. We hope that Mother Nature cooperates this winter so we can get back on our normal flushing schedule.

We have found a supplier for parts for our grinder pumps that are used around both of our lakes. This gives us the ability to rebuild broken pumps instead of replacing them with expensive new units. We are in the process of purchasing a vacuum tank unit to install on the chassis of a retired Highway Department Mack truck. This unit will allow us to service the 300+ pump chambers in our system instead of renting an outside company for this purpose, which is less cost-effective in the long-run.

With all of this in place we are well on our way to having an efficient department to keep our water & sewer systems running smoothly and with minimal costly repairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry E. Turner
Superintendent

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Commissioners issued 80 permits in 2016. The amount of revenue that was collected $14,475.21. The total value of work performed was $1,875,200.00.

Types of permits issued:

New Homes:	3
Renovations:	48
Accessory Buildings	8
Commercial Work	2
Solar Work	12
Wood Stoves	8

Hinsdale residents now have the ability to file applications for building, electrical, and gas/plumbing permits online via the town's official website - www.hinsdalemass.com. Online permitting will allow Hinsdale residents to submit permit requests at any time and avoid unnecessary trips to Town Hall to prepare or deliver a hard copy permit application.

Applicants who register (this takes less than 5 minutes) will have the ability to do the following:

- Have some of the information auto-fill on the permit application
- View the status of their permits
- Edit the application before the permit is issued
- Add attachments (plans, pictures, specs, etc.) to the application
- Print the permit as soon as it has been issued
- View the inspection results

Permit applicants are able to pay for their permit online with an e-check or Master Card, Visa Card, or Discover Card.

Looking ahead to 2017, we anticipate that the fee schedule for building permits will change to a more cost base approach as opposed to a square footage based approach. Depending on types of permits that are issued, the total fees collected in 2017 may increase as a result of these changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Greene
Building Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Hinsdale Board of Health consists of two appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 6PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Town Hall. Current members of the Board are Chairman Kenneth Boudreau and Edward Fahey.

HEALTH AGENT

The Town employs a part-time Health Agent to act on behalf of the Board of Health who is responsible for enforcing all state and local Health regulations. Edward Fahey, a registered sanitarian, performs rental housing, pool and restaurant inspections as well as reviews designs and issues permits for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Health Agent office hours are Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 and by appointment.

2016 HEALTH PERMITS ISSUED

Recreational Camps……5
Food Establishment……6
Tobacco Sales……3
Private Wells……4
Title 5 Inspections……5
Septic Repair / Construction……..……..7
Trash Hauling……..……..……3
Trapping Permits……..1
Public Pool……...1

If you have a need to contact the Hinsdale Board of Health please call 655-2311.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Fahey, RS
Health Agent

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

www.nbswmd.com

For Calendar Year 2016, the amount of paper, glass, cans and plastic was slightly down with 854.53 tons recycled District-wide. The Town of Hinsdale recycled 31.17 tons of paper and 21.09 tons of glass, cans and plastic.

Six paint collections were held from April until the end of June. We shipped out 770 gallons of latex paint, 324 gallons of oil-based stains, varnishes and paint, and 3~ 55-gallon drums of spray paint at a cost of $6801.34. Bulk packing the latex and box packing the oil-based paints is a messy job. Special thanks to Toni Alizio, Mickey Biagini, and Rick Salvi for their volunteer efforts and hard work. Thanks also to the Cheshire, Hinsdale and Williamstown DPW crews who provide us with assistance and storage space for our machine and supplies.

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

This year NBSWMD filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" to every town in the District. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants and purchase a Roll-Of-Container. This container will rotate among the towns and every town will benefit.

Williamstown, Windsor and Savoy were again recognized and awarded additional funds under the Mass. DEP Recycling Dividends Program. This program awards points for achievements. Williamstown was awarded $1600.00, Windsor $1,800, and Savoy $1,400. The funds have to be reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects.

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, clothing and household linens, and keeping them out of the trash.

Earth machine compost bins are available from the District at cost, $50 each. Call the District Office at 413-743-8208 to have one delivered to you.

A special Thank You to Sandy Totter for her years of service and Leadership for the District. Sandy retired in December 2016, we wish her all the Best.

As new program coordinator since January 30, 2017, I look forward to working with all of the districts. I hope to expand outreach and funding resources. Welcoming questions & suggestions as I move forward in my new role. Please feel free to contact me at www.nbswmd.com

New project for the upcoming year, Bag Share Program~ bagshare.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cernik, NBSWMD Program Coordinator
Barry O'Keefe, NBSWMD Commissioner for the Town of Hinsdale

Remember - Waste not, want not

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Select Board to uphold the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (GL. 131, section 40). This law prohibits the filling, excavation, or other alteration of land surface, water levels, or vegetation in wetlands, flood plains or riverfront areas, regardless of ownership, without a permit from the local Conservation Commission. The law originated in 1972 when two earlier statutes were combined. Regulations under the Act are issued and enforced by the Department of Environmental Protection. The purpose of the Hinsdale Conservation Commission is to protect the town's abundant natural and water resources.

The Conservation Commission meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Town Hall and encourages all residents to attend. We strongly urge anyone located near a water resource to contact us, prior to disturbing any soil or vegetation or starting any building project, to determine how the Wetlands Protection Act may apply to the particular project that they have in mind.

The Commission would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have concerning wetlands and other water resources. A brochure explaining the Act is available in the rack at Town Hall. You may also contact us by calling the office at 413- 655-2300, ext.312.

During the past calendar year the Commission acted on 9 Requests for Determination of Applicability and 5 Notices of Intent. We accordingly issued 9 Determinations and 4 Orders of Condition as well as 1 Orders of Condition extension. Additionally, we issued 3 Enforcement Orders and closed 1 Enforcement Order. We also issued 4 Certificates of Compliance and 1 NOI extension and we issued 5 Emergency Permits. We conducted numerous site visits on various properties as well as a great many consultations with applicants and property owners. During 2016 a major activity of the Commission was participating in work concerning the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and the Eversource project for improved access roads along high-tension wires. Also work was started on the Cleveland Reservoir project.

Looking ahead, contingent on funding support provided at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, beginning in the summer of 2017 (the start of FY18) the Commission will be looking to hire a part-time Conservation Agent. The individual hired, who will have a professional background in natural resource conservation and application of the Wetlands Protection Act more specifically, will also support the work of the Lake Management Committee and generally help ensure that the Commission is thorough and proactive in its review of proposed/ongoing projects.

The Commission consists of 5 members. Current members are: Martha Bodine, Duane Bruce, Cindy Conry, Albert (Rick) Koch and Laurel Scialabba. We encourage anyone interested in the Commission to contact us and attend one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Scialabba, Chair

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The mission of the Lake Management Committee (LMC) is to improve the water quality, environmental and recreational aspects of our two major lakes, Ashmere Lake & Plunkett Reservoir and to protect these important water resources for the Town and the residents surrounding the lakes.

This past year has been challenging, with the lower and warmer water temperatures. Ashmere Lake experienced significant aquatic vegetation growth of the clasping-leaf pondweed in areas of the north basin. This growth, not experienced in recent years, was due in part that the annual treatment was performed early in June, and the warmer water temperatures. The Orders of Condition (OOC) issued by the Conservation Commission did not allow for treatment of this growth after mid-June, when the growth developed. However, the OOC's have been amended to allow, starting in 2017, for annual treatment to be performed later in June and possible mid-summer spot-treatment of select areas, if required.

At Plunkett Reservoir the annual treatment program has been effective, but warmer and lower water levels this summer did encourage growth of aquatic vegetation. The gate valve and the spillway at Plunkett Reservoir are in need of repair or replacement. The immediate need is to replace the gate valve and this will be a major capital expense. The Town Administrator, in coordination with the LMC and other pertinent departments, is arranging for an experienced engineering firm to facilitate the permitting and preparation of design plans needed to ensure construction is completed in 2017.

The concern continues with the flow of silt from storm water runoff from surrounding dirt roadways and LMC continues to work with the Town and Plunkett Lake Association for solutions to reduce this run-off.

Our Town lakes continues to enjoy some of the finest quality of recreational waters in Berkshire County.

Current members of the committee are:

Thomas Andrews
Albert Koch Jr.
Don Madison
James Manning
Jodi Ouimette
Carol Rodman
Richard Scialabba
Nancy Smith
Greg Tremblay
Larry Turner

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Manning, Chair

TREE WARDEN

In 2016, a total of 17 dead, dying, or otherwise hazardous trees (most of which were maple, cherry or other hardwood species) as well as several hangers were removed to promote public safety on land owned or maintained (i.e., public rights-of-way) by the Town. We wish to thank all the timely and thorough work that Jeff's Tree Service did for us this past year.

With financial assistance from a grant administered by the Town's insurance provider, in 2017 we will be retaining the services of a certified arborist to have a detailed Tree Risk Assessment completed throughout town. This assessment will help us identify and prioritize trees for removal on town-owned property and rights-of-way in the coming year(s).

Respectfully submitted,

Barry O'Keefe
Tree Warden

CEMETERY COMMISSION

In 2016, there were three new burials in the Maple Street Cemetery. The Maple Street Cemetery continues to be an important asset to the Town of Hinsdale with a very rich history. We wish to extend a big "thank you" to Gary Daniels for the great work he did in 2016 both with respect to excavation of new gravesites as well as regular mowing of the cemetery.

Looking ahead to 2017, with the help of the Town Administrator and a local engineering firm, we will be retaining the services of a professional contractor to undertake much needed capital improvements to the cemetery. This will include structural reinforcement and repointing of the masonry on both the gateway arch and the mausoleum. Additionally, we will be developing a new set of written policies and procedures for the cemetery to ensure that we are making most efficient use of that portion of the property which still has capacity to take new grave sites. Finally, we are planning to procure software that enables us to digitize existing grave records to promote both efficiency and accuracy.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Conry
Cemetery Commissioner

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is the official fiscal watchdog for the Town of Hinsdale. Its primary function is to conduct a thorough review of all financial matters and questions on behalf of the citizens.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Advising and making recommendations to Town Meeting on budgetary and other financial matters.
- Making transfers from the town's reserve fund to departmental budgets for extraordinary and unforeseen occurrences/expenses.
- Working with Select Board to approve budget transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and first fifteen days of the next year in conjunction with the closeout of the town's financial records.
- Assisting in financial planning via development of long-range revenue/expense forecasts, scheduling of large capital purchases and identifying major changes in the operating budget.
- Participating in the annual budget development process by working with the

Select Board/Town Administrator in budget review through working meetings with department heads and other budget collaborators.

During 2016 the Committee focused on warrant review for both the annual and special town meetings, development of a long-range capital plan and improvements to the budget review process in cooperation with the new Town Administrator.

Additionally, the Finance Committee Chairman has represented the committee in a long-term project to completely overhaul the town's revenue forecasting and expenditure budget development process. Working with the Town Administrator, the Select Board and The Collins Center for Public Management (an affiliate of UMass Boston) the state grant-funded program will lead to an overall improved and more specifically linked budget completion schedule and information-oriented municipal budget.

The Finance Committee would also like to commend the Select Board, Town Administrator, Treasurer, Accountant, and other departments for helping the Town of Hinsdale achieve its first ever clean external audit in FY2016. Let's keep up the good work!

Members of the Hinsdale Finance Committee:

Ray Bolduc, Vice Chairman	Earl Peck
Harvey Drosehn (part year)	Chris Pike
Shaun Galliher (part year)	Mary Rice, Secretary
Justin Gilardi	Richard Scialabba, Chairman
Vivian Mason	John Smith

PLANNING BOARD

The Town of Hinsdale Planning Board consists of five elected members and is a crucial part of the town's government. The Board is responsible for developing and implementing the Town's Zoning Bylaws, which are approved and/or amended at Town Meeting.

Three new Zoning Bylaws were approved by the voters during the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting. These bylaws pertained to the installation of solar photovoltaic arrays, the establishment of floodplain, and watershed protection.

A central aspect of the Planning Board's responsibility is review and approval of proposed subdivisions. In some cases, single lots can be carved out of a larger lot that does not require a full subdivision plan because the lots will meet the dimensional requirements of the current zoning as it applies to frontage requirements. In such cases, an applicant submits what is referred to as an "Approval Not Required" (or simply ANR) form. When an ANR is filed the Planning Board reviews the plan to insure that the plan meets three standards:

- The lots shown on the plan must front on one of three types of ways as specified in MGL Chapter 41, Section 81L;
- The lots shown on the plan must meet the minimum frontage requirements as specified in MGL Chapter 41, Section 81L; and
- The Planning Board's determination that the vital access to the lots as contemplated by MGL Chapter 41, Section 81L, otherwise exist.

This year the Board overviewed several ANRs, as well as the creation of a large-scale solar project.

The Board meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kokindo, Planning Board Chair

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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* Date Term Expires

THE HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Calendar year 2016 marks the 150th anniversary of the building of the Hinsdale Library. While the cornerstone was laid in July of 1866, the structure was completed in December 1866 and opened for public use on June 1, 1867.

As one of the iconic structures in Hinsdale (along with the Old Town Hall and the Congregational Church), it has been a center of activity in town for many generations as a bed of knowledge and pleasure with all its resources.

Kicking off the summer reading program was a storytelling "hour" held at Kittredge School featuring Rona Leventhal. The children certainly enjoyed this time and participated in the stories. This carried over into the summer program as stories were told weekly on Monday mornings culminating in an ice cream social in August with door prizes awarded featuring a pizza party at Hinsdale Trading Company going to one of the winners. Thanks to Hinsdale Trading Company for participating in this event.

We had two other events during the summer, one of which involved identifying birds through their calls and a ukulele workshop where adults and children gave a go at playing the ukulele. Two young ladies were the highlight of the night and brought the house down. The two events were sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council.

Mrs. Frissell's fifth grade class is doing a research project on the history of Hinsdale in conjunction with the library. This will culminate this spring with written, oral, and video histories that will become part of the archives of the library. We hope to continue this project with each fifth grade class moving forward.

I would like to say a word about our pass program. We offer passes on loan from a wide range of museums, Hancock Shaker Village, MASS MoCA, Berkshire Museum, Norman Rockwell Museum, and the Clark. These are truly enjoyable and educational experiences for the whole family and make the visits an affordable event. Check our Facebook page for a list of all passes. Keep in mind Baby Animal Month at Shaker Village beginning in April.

The Book Club meets monthly with a solid core of members and book choices vary widely. Come and enjoy a book discussion at any month.

While the town generously supports the library's operating budget, the upkeep and maintenance of the building is generated mainly through donations. We are having a sale of book bags celebrating 150 years of the Hinsdale Public Library with proceeds going to the support of the building.

I would like to thank the staff, the board, Dick, Bruce, Joe and Mary K for the “little” things they do. A shout out to Malcolm and Dion! Also Marylou and Michael, Keith and Dana for putting on the rabies clinic and Wayne Walton for all the things he does. Also, my wife Nancy D, who is always there when called on for anything. Last for the people who support the library either through donations, books, money, food and moral support. It takes a village!

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Butler - Director

HINSDALE-PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL

Hinsdale and Peru residents are offered a wide array of activities to promote, educate and involve our communities in arts, humanities, and sciences. Through participation in the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, the state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to oversee the program and determine annual funding amounts to LCCs for the coming fiscal year.

Cultural Council members are appointed by a Select Board in either Hinsdale or Peru.

Members who participated in the FY17 awards were from Hinsdale: Diane Eulian, Chair, Gail Bolduc, Cathy Adams, Genne LeVasseur (ex officio) and Christine Pike (ex officio); from Peru: Ruth Calaycay and Coralie Pelkey (ex officio).

Except for the Berkshire Pulse grant, all projects reported in the 2016 Annual Report have been completed and reimbursements sent. The Berkshire Pulse grant has been moved into FY17 and will schedule the program for spring 2017.

The FY17 voting meetings were held in October, 2016 to review all applications received. All current council members were in attendance and concurred with funding awards based on LCC guidelines and those proposals deemed most beneficial to our communities. For fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) the council awarded 20 of 27 applicants grants and all applicants were notified in in the following months. The total amount requested was 15,598 and the total amount awarded was 8,360. The projects expected to occur in FY17 are:

Project Title	Applicant	Granted
Ty Alan Jackson - 5 Reasons to Read	Kathy J. Buckley	1,200
Mountain Market-Annual Craft Event	First Congregational Church of Peru	200
Peru Annual Summer Fun Fest	First Congregational Church of Peru	450
Sugar Hill Folk Festival	Bernice Lewis	600
Indian People of the Berkshires Past & Present	Jennifer Lee	450
Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping	Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping	500
Concerts and Educational Programs	Berkshire Lyric Theatre, Inc.	1,000
Ukulele Edu-Concert (Ukulele Workshop)	Maloof, David	300
Berkshire Family Fun	Hilltown Families	300
Eagle's Swing Band	Hinsdale Dayz Org.	500
Fun day at the Beach Party	Hinsdale Dayz Org.	650
Activism in the Arts	Becket Arts Center	200

Project Title	Applicant	Granted
Music Enrichment Programs at Kittredge Elementary	Berkshire Music School	500
Hinsdale Honors Our Veterans	Hinsdale Dayz	350
BTG PLAYS! School Residency Program	Berkshire Theatre Group	650
Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight	Rita Parisi	450
Literacy Unbound!	Rona Leventhal	2,025
Explore Peru: plant and tree ID hike at Dorothy Rice	Aimee Gelinas/Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Ctr.	500
CRA Summer Concert Series	Dalton CRA	150
Celebrating New England Songs and Stories (2 perf.)	Hinsdale and Peru Public Libraries	1,085

The Council will be receiving schedule information for each of these projects and will be posted as received throughout Hinsdale and Peru, both electronically and in printed schedules. Watch for them so that you don't miss the free public events that you'd like to attend.

If you would like to consider joining this volunteer oversight group, there are many ways learn more by:

- logging into the MCC site: http://masscultural council.org/
- visiting the Hinsdale -Peru LCC page at https://www.mass-culture.org/Hinsdale-Peru
- contacting Diane Eulian via email deulian@outlook.com or phone 413-446-0235
- or contacting any of the current members listed above

COMMUNITY CENTER

We have made good progress toward our goal of putting the Community Center (formerly known as either the "Youth Center" or "Old Town Hall") in tip-top shape. The interior structural issues have been addressed as well as problems with several windows. The furnaces were cleaned and serviced. The basement ductwork was taken apart and given a thorough cleaning.

The last major project is the columns on the front of the building. Hill Engineering has been engaged to evaluate the structural needs of the columns and to draw prints to repair them. This work must be done as they are showing wear after all these years.

Several groups in town have expressed interest in using the building for their activities, and the Mission & Vision Working Group that leading the development of a Vision Plan for the Town has also been actively seeking public input on how this valuable asset would be best used in the future to convey benefits to the community. At present, Monday morning yoga and the Wednesday afternoon knitting group are there on a regular basis. If anyone has ideas on more uses of the building either contact the Select Board, Town Administrator or a member of the Community Center Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce McCauley & Dick Eastland
Co-Chairs Community Center Committee

HINSDALE COUNCIL ON AGING

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The primary focus of the Hinsdale Council on Aging is to provide Outreach Services to the senior population. Meetings are held on the first or second Monday of the month, at least seven times a year at the Hinsdale Town Hall.

SHINE PROGRAM
Cathy Spinney is available to answer any insurance questions and provide information concerning Medicare A, B, C & D at the Hinsdale COA office located in Town Hall. To make an appointment, please contact Cathy at 655-2929.

BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING
The Hinsdale Health Promotion clinic is held the 3rd Monday of the month 9:45 to 11:15 on the first floor of Old Town Hall. The schedule is posted outside the COA office on the ground floor of the town offices.

FOOT CARE CLINIC
The Foot Care Clinic is held every other month at Town Hall. The $30 fee is not covered by Medicare–check or cash is accepted for payment. The Foot Clinic begins at 9:00 a.m. with appointments scheduled every half hour. To make an appointment, please contact Lois Murray at 655-8367.

MEALS ON WHEELS
Elder Services provides the Meals on Wheels program, which provides homebound elders with a nutritious, hot meal at the noon hour. There are no income guidelines; there are, however, frailty guidelines.

YOGA
Yoga classes are offered every Monday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 at the Old Town Hall. Classes are $10.00 for five weeks. For more information, please call Judy Casey at 655-8856.

NEWSLETTER
The COA newsletter is a publication that gives information of services available, upcoming events, contact numbers and helpful articles for healthy living.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP
Meets every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Old Town Hall. For more information, please contact Marion Tinney at 655-2292.

QUILTING GROUP
Meets every Monday from 10:00 to 12:00 at Town Hall. Please contact Cathy Spinney at 655-2929 for more information.

ART LESSONS
Art Lessons are held each Monday at 1:00 p.m. at the Dalton Senior Center.

BUS TRIPS
The COA sponsors three or four trips a year and is usually partially subsidized for Hinsdale residents.

YEARLY EVENTS

May: Super Senior Celebration for seniors 90+

October: Health Fair

December: Christmas Event with lunch and entertainment provided by the Kittredge School students

December: Co-host Festival of Trees

OTHER PROGRAMS

The COA would like to reinstate the Luncheon program. However, at least 6 residents must sign up in order to provide this service.

Other programs, events or bus trips are held throughout the year and posted.

COA Members

Jean Andrews
Judy Casey
John Genzabella
Elva Hughes
James Manning
Cheryl Robins
Cathy Spinney
Ward Tinney
Marion Tinney
Janet Verge

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

This report covers from January 2016 to November 2016. During this time, five veterans were referred to the VA Medical System. All veterans should be signed up for their VA medical benefits. Even if you don't need this coverage now, you may someday. Civilian health plans can be cancelled due to businesses being bankrupted, changes in state and federal laws, etc. To enroll, take your DD214 and go to the VA Center, 73 Eagle Street, Pittsfield. The entrance is off the parking lot on the north side of the street.

Thank you to Mr. Bruce Stetson and Mr. Philip Daignault for putting up and taking down the American flags from the utility poles.

Thank you to Ms. Gloria Greb for the Memorial Day program.

Four DD214s were requested for veterans seeking aid in 2016. It is important that all veterans have a copy of this document, which are the official discharge papers for a veteran. It should be stored with other important papers, such as life insurance policies, bills of sale, etc. If you are a veteran in danger of losing your home due to mortgage problems contact the VA Regional Office in the JFK Federal Building in Boston. The number is 800-827-1000.

If any veteran is without health insurance, or a prescription drug plan; he/she can go to the Veteran Outpatient Clinic, 73 Eagle St, Pittsfield and enroll in the VA Medical Program. Bring a copy of your discharge paper (DD214) with you. It is best to make an appointment first by calling 499-2672.0You will get the VAMC in Northampton, and they will connect you with Pittsfield. Currently, prescriptions cost $8.00 per month's supply per drug if you have to co-pay.

Information pamphlets regarding veterans services are located at Town Hall, second level, by the main door on the left.

The Hinsdale Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is now Mr. James Clark. He is the VSO for the City of Pittsfield, and the Town of Hinsdale has entered into an agreement for his services. Jim's regular office hours at Town Hall in Hinsdale will be the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 PM. Veterans can also meet with Jim at his office in Pittsfield City Hall (second floor). His hours at City Hall are 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The phone number is 499-9433. Jim's email is jclark@pittsfieldch.com. James had a distinguished military career and has several years of experience administering veterans aid at the local level.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Collins
Veterans Service Officer (retired)

ANIMAL CONTROL

From July 1, 2016 through February 2017, 104 animal control calls have been recorded, an average of 13 calls a month. We have worked hard to make sure all canines are licensed through the town. This has been an ongoing team effort with the department as a whole, at the direction of ACO Burgess and Chief Rathbun.

We have updated the by-laws concerning fines, and have actively made our presence available to the townspeople in the following manner: answering phone calls with concerns of barking, and loose dogs; networking with the various shelters in the area, to ensure proper care of each animal of concern; educating the public on new Massachusetts General Laws.

We have had investigations regarding animal abuse, and have followed through in a timely and appropriate manner.

In an ongoing effort to provide proper attention to welfare of the town's animals, ACO Burgess has made herself available at all hours of the day and night.

We are looking into various trainings in the area. For example, BART (Basic animal rescue training) is a Department of Homeland Security-approved course that empowers emergency personnel with training, knowledge, and equipment necessary to address needs in emergency situations. Who should attend? First Responders (Police, Fire, EMT/ambulance service, animal control officers). If you meet the requirements and are interested, please contact ACO Burgess at Kburgess@hinsdalema.gov or call 413-655-0201.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Kristin Burgess
Patrol Officer/ACO

BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

As part of the Berkshire Health System network, Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary health care to individuals and families in the community. Community public health services are Disease Surveillance and Investigation, Active TB Disease Management, Disease Screening and Immunizations, and Health Promotion. A description of services follows:

Disease surveillance and investigation of reportable and communicable diseases involves the receipt and processing of reports for specific diseases and implementation of appropriate follow-up measures. This is accomplished with the use of MAVEN. The Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network known as MAVEN is part of the Electronic Disease Surveillance System. There were 26 diseases investigated. The diseases were Hep C,-3, Hep B,-2, Influenza,-11, Mumps,-1 and 10 tick-borne illness investigations.

Active TB disease management is following all cases of active disease in accordance with MDPH requirements and MA regulations. This includes contact investigation, skin testing, multiple months of case management and direct observation therapy. There were no cases of active TB in Hinsdale.

Disease screening and immunizations for individual and community disease prevention are provided as necessary. An established distribution station is maintained in accordance with MDPH requirements for the management of state-supplied vaccine. A town clinic for seasonal influenza and pneumococcal vaccine is offered to persons meeting the criteria. Opportunity for those who are unable to come to the town clinic is made available at subsequent health promotion clinics. A total of 55 seasonal influenza shots were given. This year 4 hepatitis vaccines were given to Department of Public Works employees.

Health promotion provides accessible monitoring of health risks to the community. Also provided are health education, health promotion and screening in accordance with acceptable standards of care. A health promotion clinic is held regularly at the town offices. There were 108 visits made to this clinic. Blood sugar testing is offered regularly to those with diabetes and annually for all clinic participants. BVNA participated in the COA-sponsored health fair in October. Information on influenza, seasonal flu shots, and pneumococcal vaccine were offered to all participants. Monthly health education is offered to participants of the health promotion clinics. A listing of topics follows: tick bite reduction education, healthy eating habits and flu information, heart health, stress management, signs and symptoms of stroke, heat illness awareness, and pre-diabetes education. Printed material for each topic is offered for future reference. The Get Cuffed program information was offered to promotion clinic participants with diagnoses of hypertension. This program provides free blood pressure monitors along with an education piece to educate recipients on the disease and the use and care of the monitor.

The Board of Health Coordinator, Nancy Slattery, RN, collaborates with the Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to other health care professionals are readily made.

Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank the Select Board and the Board of Health for the opportunity to serve your residents. Please feel free to call BVNA for information at 447- 2862. We look forward to our continued relationship in maintaining and promoting good health in Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Slattery, RN
Board of Health Coordinator–Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association

TOWN OF HINSDALE
- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING -

MINUTES FOR January 13, 2016 - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: Elected moderator was present with 75 registered voters attending.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer $13,400.00 from Camp Taconic Engineering Account for settlement of a lawsuit between the Town of Hinsdale and Shadow Lake Associates aka Camp Taconic to a Camp Taconic Legal Expense Account or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Motion was made and seconded to table the article until further information was available
Vote on the table – Hand count / Yes -22 No -48* Motion was defeated
Vote on the original article – unanimous declared by Moderator

- "Note" Upon review of notes taken by the Town Clerk and the Registrars during the vote on this motion, it is clear that the number of "no votes was 48 not 68. Let the record reflect this correction.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to transfer $6,000.00 from Town Administrator Salary to Town Administrative Assistant Salary to increase hours for Town Administrative Assistant to 30 hours per week or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer $5,000.00 from Town Administrator Salaries to Town Administrator Expenses or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer the sum of $15,750.00 from Available Funds, Water Surplus, to the Water Department General Expenses account or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from Sewer I Surplus to the Sewer Department General Expenses account or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written

Motion made and seconded to amend article to read " to the Sewer Department Maintenance Account"
Vote on the amendment – passed unanimously
Voice vote on the amended article– passed unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Voted to transfer the sum of $10,800.00 from Available Funds for the Water/Sewer Superintendent Wages, $4,300.00 to be transferred from Sewer I Surplus, $4,300.00 to be transferred from Sewer III Surplus and $2,200.00 to be transferred from Water Surplus or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written

Motion made and seconded to amend the article to read:
$4300 from Water Surplus
$2200 from Sewer Phase I
$4300 from Sewer III Surplus
Vote on the amendment – passed unanimously
Voice vote on the amended article– passed unanimously

ARTICLE 8: Appropriated the sum of $175,000.00 for the purpose of financing the purchase and installation of new water meters, and any other monitoring equipment. And to meet this appropriation, authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board and Water & Sewer Commissioners, to borrow $175,000.00 pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 9: Voted to transfer the sum of $7,500.00 from the Police Officer Salaries to Police Dept. General Expense, of sending a police officer to the Police Academy, or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed nearly unanimous 1 abstention

***ARTICLE 10*:** Voted to pay the Town Treasurer $6,187.50 from the Tax Title Research account for Tax Title Research in FY 2015, that she wasn't paid for, or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written

Motion made and seconded to table this article
Voice vote on tabling nearly unanimous **not to table**
Voice vote on the article– passed unanimously – declared by moderator – 2 abstentions

ARTICLE 11: Voted to transfer the sum of $176,253.74 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $2,848.50 for Vocational Transportation and the sum of $17,556.00 for Vocational Education or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 13: Voted to transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from Free Cash to the Internet Maintenance/Hardware Account, or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Voted to transfer the sum of $3,300.00 from the Police Chief Salary to the Police Department General Expense or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 15: Voted to transfer the sum of $238.21 from Free Cash to the Town Waste General expense Acct to cover two L.P. Adams invoices from the prior year or take any action thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written
Voice vote – passed unanimously

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

There was no other business.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Frissell
Town Clerk

NOTES:

(Article 1) Warrant opening was read.

(Article 2) Attorney Lawless from insurance company explained need for passing the article:
Town has historically maintained sewer infrastructure at Taconic
Resolution allows Taconic recoup some money spent in maintenance in the past and go ahead to redesign the system
Resolution will result in camp taking over most of the maintenance in the future
Preserves the town's right to install flow meters
Town will pay more if they lose in court and may not get as much if they win and retain ownership.
Some residents wanted to vote to table the article until some kind of impact study could be done but that was defeated in voting.

(Article 8) It was requested to amend by adding to be paid back by water and sewer fees, however Town Counsel said that getting that specific might jeopardize the bond process.

(Article 15) Some discussion on whether or not she did this work as directed or took it upon herself to do it on her own time. Eventually the article passed as written.Town Council also explained that old bills are not necessarily 9/10 vote if the money was in the account at the time and the bill was just late. (Crossing over into new fiscal year.)
Just before the last two articles, two more registered voters entered the room.

TOWN OF HINSDALE
- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS -
Minutes: May 18, 2016 - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: Elected moderator was present. Meeting was opened a 7:00PM with 108 registered voters in attendance.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the sum of $156,233.00, and any other funding that may become available, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and appropriate funds as needed, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges; or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3A: Voted to adopt a "Watershed Protection District" Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that regulates activities in areas located on or near Belmont Reservoir and its associated water source bodies to protect public and environmental health. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)
(For articles 3A-3C, a report was given by the Planning Board)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3B: Voted to adopt a "Floodplain District" Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that creates district floodplain boundaries based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Base Elevation and Floodway data as required under the National Flood Insurance Program for the Town to qualify for flood insurance programs and certain grant funding, and for the purpose of promoting public safety, reducing flood damage, and preventing emergencies resulting from floods and flood damage. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3C: Voted to adopt a "Solar Photovoltaic Installations" Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that provides for the construction and operation of solar photovoltaic installations and to establish standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and/or repair and removal of solar photovoltaic installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the Town,

and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Hand count: 74 Yes - 19 No Article passes by 2/3

ARTICLE 4: Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 57, and to amend the Town Bylaws to add a new Chapter/Section 55 that enables the Town to deny permits to landowners who are delinquent in local taxes, fees, and assessments, in the form set forth below, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed with majority – declared by Moderator

Chapter/Section 55: Grant or Renewal of License/Permit for Non-Payment of Taxes/Fees

The Town may, as authorized under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57 and this By-Law, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

(a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission, or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to

any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and to the tax collector, as required by the applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as of the date of the issuance of said certificate.

(c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license or permit shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

(d) The Select Board may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of their immediate family, as defined in MGL Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property

This By-Law shall not apply to the following licenses: open burning (c.48 s.13); bicycle permits (c.85 s.11A); sales or articles for charitable purposes (c.101 s.33); children's work permits (c.149 s.69); clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (c.140 s.21E); dog licenses (c.140s.137); fishing, hunting, or trapping (c.131 s.12); marriage licenses (c.207 s.28); and theatrical events, public exhibitions (c.140 s.181).

ARTICLE 5: Voted, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts for the specific purposes outlined below for Fiscal Year beginning July

1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, or take any other action thereon:

A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and stone settings and to expend payments to gravediggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed **$10,000.00** during Fiscal Year 2017.
B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures from this account not to exceed $3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2017.
C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures from this account not to exceed **$3,000.00** during Fiscal Year 2017.
D. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed **$2,000.00** during the Fiscal Year 2017.
E. A Planning Board Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Planning Board for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed **$3,000.00** during the Fiscal Year 2017.
F. A Zoning Board of Appeals Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed **$6,000.00** during the Fiscal Year 2017.
G. A Library revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from overdue books to be used for book replacement; with expenditures from this account not to exceed **$500.00** during the Fiscal Year 2017.
H. A Fire Department revolving account; This account to be credited with fees from Fire Department permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Fire Chief for inspection services, as approved by the Town Accountant; from this account not to exceed **$3,000.00** during the Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 6: Voted to **set** the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY	FY2016	Proposed FY 2017	Select Board Action	Finance Action
Assessor Chairman Salary	2,285.00	2,285.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Assessor Member Salary	1,665.00	1,665.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Moderator Salary	50.00	50.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Select Board Chairman Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Select Board Member Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Town Clerk's Salary	6,500.00	6,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Tree Warden Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*

ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of **$1,931,498.18** for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows, or any other sum; or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed nearly unanimous/ declared by Moderator

DEPARTMENT/ ACCOUNT	FY2016	Proposed FY 2017	Select Board Action	Finance Action
Legal Counsel	20,000.00	20,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Moderator	50.00	50.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Office of the Select Board	96,000.00	111,456.50	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Board of Assessors	63,286.00	64,075.28	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Treasurer	56,920.00	52,800.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Tax Collector	27,374.05	24,698.20	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Town Clerk & Elections	16,195.00	16,250.50	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Accounting & Auditing	56,507.34	57,207.86	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Finance Committee	300.00	300.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Planning Board	500.00	500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Conservation Commission	3,253.00	3,381.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Town Insurances	63,000.00	70,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Health & Dental Insurance	114,067.00	155,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
County Retirement	68,702.00	73,742.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Medicare	10,200.00	10,200.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Gas/Diesel (Town Vehicles)	37,000.00	25,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Unemployment	22,500.00	22,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Town Buildings- General Operations	76,482.32	70,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*

General Government Subtotal	752,336.71	797,161.34	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Highway Department	391,000.00	475,429.49	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Cemeteries	2,500.00	2,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Street Lights	18,500.00	17,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Town-wide Mowing	15,805.00	15,805.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Public Works Subtotal	427,805.00	510,734.49	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Police Department	239,312.86	250,453.28	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Fire Department	84,200.00	80,700.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Emergency Management	2,700.00	3,900.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Building Inspector	13,900.00	16,473.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Gas Inspector	200.00	200.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Tree Warden	11,500.00	11,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Public Safety Subtotal	351,712.86	363,226.28	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Board of Health	10,720.00	10,720.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Veterans Services	44,100.00	34,050.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Lake Management	28,250.00	17,650.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Animal Inspector/Dog Officer	2,780.00	2,780.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Transfer Station/Waste Disposal	86,159.00	100,808.64	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Landfill Monitoring	15,000.00	5,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Council on Aging	4,500.00	4,500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Visiting Nurse Association	2,361.41	2,364.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Health, Sanitation, & Human Services Subtotal	193,870.41	177,872.64	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Public Library	66,800.00	67,700.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Beautification Committee	1,000.00	1,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
CSX Land Rental	900.00	800.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,467.00	1,503.43	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Sports/Recreation Comm.	500.00	500.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
OTHCC (Youth Center)	16,600.00	11,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Historical Commission	400.00	0.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Cultural & Recreational Subtotal	87,667.00	82,503.43	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL	1,813,391.98	1,931,498.18	*Recommended*	*Recommended*

ARTICLE 8: Voted for the town to appropriate and/or borrow the sum of $250,000.00 for the purpose of financing the purchase and installation of a new gate valve and associated construction and improvements on the Plunkett Reservoir dam, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to **$250,000.00** pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(25) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes in connection therewith, or take any other action thereon. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously(Hand Count)

ARTICLE 9 (By Citizen Petition): To see if the Town of Hinsdale will raise and appropriate $150,000.00 for the repair and reconstruction of East Washington and Fassel Roads, and to accept any and all funds and donations towards this account.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Motion defeated/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 10: Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, and raise and appropriate the amount of $2,448,230.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Nearly unanimous/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 11: Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and raise and appropriate the amount of $48,508.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $379,295.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**
Vocational Education Tuition	263,340.00	306,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Vocational Transportation	61,708.50	73,295.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL VOCATIONAL	**325,048.50**	**379,295.00**		

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,176.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

DEBT & INTEREST	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**
Town Hall Loan, Principal	6,260.00	6,557.35	*Recommended*	*Recommended*

Interest-Long Term Debt	61,708.50	11,618.65	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Interest-Short Term Debt	2,000.00	2,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	**20,176.00**	**20,176.00**		

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **$55,282.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer I Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Sewer I users, or take any other action thereon.

Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**
Sewer I Salaries	13,920.00	9,322.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Sewer I Expenses	44,100.00	45,960.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL	**60,920.00**	**55,282.00**		

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 15: Voted to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation" (Sewer III Surplus), to establish a new Sewer II (Beechwood) Surplus, and subsequently appropriate $7,840.00 from this newly established surplus as follows for the Sewer II (Beechwood) Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

Hinsdale Sewer II Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**
Sewer II Expenses	0.00	7,840.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL	**0.00**	**7,840.00**		

ARTICLE 16A: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $137,359.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Sewer III users, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**

Sewer III Salaries	26,430.00	21,394.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Sewer III Expenses	73,000.00	87,965.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Flow Meter	0.00	5,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Truck-Mounted Vacuum Unit	0.00	23,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL	**99,430.00**	**137,359.00**		

ARTICLE 16B: Voted to transfer from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", the sum of **$20,000** to the Sewer III – General Expenses account for the purpose of paying the Fiscal Year 2015 sewer bill received from the Town of Dalton in Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion made and seconded to accept as written
Passed by hand count/ Yes 67 No 12

ARTICLE 17: Voted to transfer from available funds Sewer Betterment Reserved, the sum of **$148,937.51** for Sewer Phase III Loan payments; or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $289,883.12 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Water users, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**	**Select Board Action**	**Finance Action**
Water Department Salaries	65,910.00	63,800.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Water Department Expenses	73,000.00	56,040.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Water Bond Payments	118,445.00	160,043.08	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
Raw Water Pumps	0.00	10,000.00	*Recommended*	*Recommended*
TOTAL	**231,686.70**	**289,883.12**		

ARTICLE 19A: Voted to transfer the sum of **$25,000.00** from Free Cash for Town Hall upgrades, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 19B: Voted to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for

Town Hall upgrades, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 20: Voted to transfer the sum of $16,000.00 from Free Cash for Long-term/Master Planning and Economic Development Consulting Services, or other purposes, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 21: Voted to transfer the sum of $4,000.00 from Free Cash for the Transfer Station to procure a storage unit, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 22: Voted to transfer the sum of $21,719.77 from Free Cash for the Town to make lease payments on a One Ton pickup truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 23: Voted to transfer the sum of $7,585.12 from Free Cash for the Town to make lease payments on a cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 24: Voted to transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from Free Cash for the Police Department to procure Tasers and obtain related training, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 25: Voted to transfer the sum of $3,500.00 from Free Cash for the Maple Street Cemetery repairs, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 26: Voted to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Free Cash for ongoing repairs at Old Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 27: Voted to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Free Cash for Landfil Monitoring, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 28: Voted to transfer the sum of $43,600.00 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase of Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department, or take any other action thereon. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 29: Voted to transfer the sum of $23,000.00 from Capital Stabilization for the Town to make lease payments on a Mack Truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon. (two-thirds majority vote required to pass)

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed by hand count/ Yes 70 No 4

ARTICLE 30: Voted to transfer $23,414.16 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2016 Winter Road Maintenance Account, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator
1 abstention

ARTICLE 31: Voted to authorize the Select Board to acquire the fee simple by deed in lieu of foreclosure from Graziosi Family Trust of the property situated on 0 East Washington Road, identified as Lot 11 on the Assessors Map 409, which is subject to an instrument of taking by the Collector recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 4146, Page 334 for unpaid Fiscal Year 2006, 2007 and 2008 real estate taxes, as provided under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, said parcel to be acquired for general municipal purposes and to be held in the care,

custody, control and management of the Select Board, and further to authorize the Select Board to record the deed, provided the Select Board determines that at the time of recording, the property is subject to no liens or encumbrances other than the liens of the town, or take any other action thereon.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 32: To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

(1) Assessor	for a 3-year term
(3) Finance Committee members	for a 3-year term
(1) Select Board member	for a 3-year term
(1) Planning Board member	for a 5-year term
(1) Tree Warden	for a 1-year term

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale, qualified by law to vote in the Elections, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street on Saturday, May 21, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per **Article 32** and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written
Passed/ declared by Moderator

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Frissell
Town Clerk

TOWN OF HINSDALE
WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS

Prepared by the Town Administrator

SUMMARY:

- Aggregate spending (including the school budget) as proposed by the Select Board and Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2017 would be approximately $5.7 million. This represents a roughly 3.44% increase over the approximately $5.51 million budgeted for in Fiscal Year 2016.
- The projected tax rate in Fiscal Year 2017 is approximately $14.15 per $1,000 in assessed value, which is a $0.75 increase above the $13.40 in Fiscal Year 2016. This translates into a roughly $176 tax increase for a Hinsdale home of "average" value (average home value in 2016 is $234,700).
- It is estimated that the total tax levy in Fiscal Year 2017 will be approximately $4.17 million ($1.53 million of the $5.7 million overall budget will be funded from a combination of state aid, local receipts, Free Cash, Stabilization, and Overlay Surplus), which keeps the town roughly $260,000 below its estimated $4.43 million levy limit. Put another way, we have a roughly 6% "cushion" between projected actual levy and the levy limit. This difference is known as "excess levy capacity" or "soft reserve." The tax levy in most Berkshire communities (and most communities across the Commonwealth for that matter) is often within 1%-2% of its levy limit. Proposition 2 ½ prohibits a municipality from taxing above its levy limit unless it obtains authorization at Town Meeting to enter into a debt exclusion or an override.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of $156,233.00, and any other funding that may become available, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and appropriate funds as needed, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges; or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: This article will allow the Town of Hinsdale, acting through its Select Board and Highway Department, to accept the Chapter 90 funds ($156,233.00) that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is expected to award the town in Fiscal Year 2017 for qualifying projects. The article will also permit the town to appropriate available funds from its existing Chapter 90 account (which includes funds that have not yet been spent from apportionments made in past years) for the purpose of completing qualifying projects.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 3A: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a "Watershed Protection District"

Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that regulates activities in areas located on or near Belmont Reservoir and its associated water source bodies to protect public and environmental health.

Explanation: See complete Watershed Protection District Zoning Bylaw for detailed explanation of intended purpose.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Planning Board? ***YES***

ARTICLE 3B: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a "Floodplain District" Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that creates district floodplain boundaries based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Base Elevation and Floodway data as required under the National Flood Insurance Program for the Town to qualify for flood insurance programs and certain grant funding, and for the purpose of promoting public safety, reducing flood damage, and preventing emergencies resulting from floods and flood damage.

Explanation: See complete Floodplain District Zoning Bylaw for detailed explanation of intended purpose.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Planning Board? ***YES***

ARTICLE 3C: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a "Solar Photovoltaic Installations" Zoning Bylaw, as provided, that provides for the construction and operation of solar photovoltaic installations and to establish standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and/or repair and removal of solar photovoltaic installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the Town, and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning.

Explanation: See complete Solar Photovoltaic Installations Zoning Bylaw for detailed explanation of intended purpose.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Planning Board? ***YES***

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 57, and to amend the Town Bylaws to add a new Chapter/Section 55 that enables the Town to deny permits to landowners who are delinquent in local taxes, fees, and assessments, in the form set forth below, or take any other action thereon.

Chapter/Section 55: Grant or Renewal of License/Permit for Non-Payment of Taxes/Fees

The Town may, as authorized under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57 and this By-Law, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department

for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission, or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and to the tax collector, as required by the applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as of the date of the issuance of said certificate.

Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license or permit shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; pro-

vided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

The Select Board may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of their immediate family, as defined in MGL Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property

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This By-Law shall not apply to the following licenses: open burning (c.48 s.13); bicycle permits (c.85 s.11A); sales or articles for charitable purposes (c.101 s.33); children's work permits (c.149 s.69); clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (c.140 s.21E); dog licenses (c.140s.137); fishing, hunting, or trapping (c.131 s.12); marriage licenses (c.207 s.28); and theatrical events, public exhibitions (c.140 s.181).

Explanation: This amendment is being advanced by the Select Board and Finance Committee to decrease the incidence of tax and user fee delinquency by ensuring that various town-issued permits/licenses pertaining to real estate are not awarded to parties that have neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for a period of 12 months or more.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts for the specific purposes outlined below for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, or take any other action thereon:

A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and stone settings and to expend payments to gravediggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed $10,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2017.
B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures from this account not to exceed $3,000.00 dur ing Fiscal Year 2017.
C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures from this account not to exceed $3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2017.
D. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pock

et expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed $2,000.00 during the Fiscal Year 2017.

E. A Planning Board Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Planning Board for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed $3,000.00 during the Fiscal Year 2017.

F. A Zoning Board of Appeals Fees revolving account, this account to be cred ited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Accountant; with expenditures not to exceed $6,000.00 during the Fiscal Year 2017.

G. A Library revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from over due books to be used for book replacement; with expenditures from this account not to exceed $500.00 during the Fiscal Year 2017.

H. A Fire Department revolving account; This account to be credited with fees from Fire Department permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Fire Chief for inspection services, as approved by the Town Accountant; from this account not to exceed $3,000.00 during the Fiscal Year 2017.

Explanation: Per the Massachusetts General Laws, these revolving accounts and their stated purposes have to be reauthorized each year. The expenditure levels listed for each of revolving accounts are the same as they were in Fiscal Year 2016.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: There are no proposed changes to elected official salaries in Fiscal Year 2017.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,931,498.18 for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows, or any other sum; or take any other action thereon.

The anticipated allocations of funds for each municipal department, committee, and activity area are as follows:

Explanation: Per the Massachusetts General Laws, these revolving accounts and their stated purposes have to be reauthorized each year. The expenditure levels listed for

each of revolving accounts are the same as they were in Fiscal Year 2016.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: There are no proposed changes to elected official salaries in Fiscal Year 2017.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,931,498.18 for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows, or any other sum; or take any other action thereon.

The anticipated allocations of funds for each municipal department, committee, and activity area are as follows:

Department/Committee		**FY2016 Budgeted**	**FY2017 Budgeted**	**% Change**
Moderator		$50.00	$50.00	0.00%
	Salaries	$50.00	$50.00	0.00%
	Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	
Town Administrator		$65,000.00	$66,200.00	1.85%
	Salaries	$60,000.00	$61,800.00	3.00%
	Expenses	$5,000.00	$4,400.00	-12.00%
Select Board & Admin. Assistant				
		$31,000.00	$45,256.50	45.99%
	Salaries	$25,600.00	$37,806.50	47.68%
	Expenses	$5,400.00	$7,450.00	37.96%

NOTES: The salaries and expense lines for the Select Board/Administrative Assistant budget are increasing primarily as a result of increasing the Administrative Assistant's hours from 19 to 30 hours/week and increasing the budget for Select Board members to attend pertinent regional and state-level conferences/trainings.

Board of Assessors	$63,286.00	$64,075.28	1.25%
Salaries	$50,086.00	$50,975.28	1.78%
Expenses	$13,200.00	$13,100.00	-0.76%

Department/Committee	FY2016 Budgeted	FY2017 Budgeted	% Change
Treasurer	$56,920.00	$52,800.00	-7.24%
Salaries	$21,120.00	$25,500.00	20.74%
Expenses	$35,800.00	$27,300.00	-23.74%

NOTES: The salary of the Treasurer is increasing primarily as a result of adding an additional four hours to her weekly work schedule.

Town Collector	$27,374.05	$24,698.20	-9.78%
Salaries	$16,390.39	$16,718.20	2.00%
Expenses	$10,983.66	$7,980.00	-27.35%
Town Clerk	$16,195.00	$16,250.50	0.34%
Salaries	$13,395.00	$10,900.50	-18.62%
Expenses	$2,800.00	$5,350.00	91.07%
Town Accountant	$38,007.34	$38,457.86	1.19%
Salaries	$20,743.00	$21,157.86	2.00%
Expenses	$17,264.34	$17,300.00	0.21%
Finance Committee	$300.00	$300.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	$300.00	$300.00	0.00%
Planning Board	$500.00	$500.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	$500.00	$500.00	0.00%
Conservation Commission	$3,253.00	$3,381.00	3.93%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	
Expenses	$3,253.00	$3,381.00	3.93%
Town Hall Custodian	$8,482.32	$8,000.00	-5.69%
Salaries	$8,482.32	$8,000.00	-5.69%
Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	
Highway-DPW	$391,000.00	$475,429.49	21.59%
Salaries (including Winter Wages)	$187,200.00	$220,500.00	17.79%
Summer Road Maintenance	$80,000.00	$85,000.00	6.25%
Winter Road Maintenance	$62,300.00	$80,000.00	28.41%
General Expenses	$61,500.00	$57,600.00	-6.34%
Vehicle Payments	$0.00	$32,329.49	NA

NOTES: The salary component of the Highway Department budget is increasing primarily as a result of adding a third full-time laborer (not including the Superintendent) at a projected cost of roughly $37,000. The Summer Road Maintenance budget is increasing by $5,000 to allow for police details while appropriate road projects are being completed. The Winter Road Maintenance budget, which can lawfully be overspent in a given year (with the permission of the Select Board and Finance Committee), is being increased to more accurately reflect the true cost of treating/maintaining roads during the winter season.

Cemeteries	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	0.00%
Police Department	$239,312.86	$250,453.28	4.66%
Salaries	$182,681.80	$200,407.82	9.70%
Expenses	$56,631.06	$50,045.46	-11.63%

NOTES: The salary component of the Police Department budget is increasing as a result of providing all officers a 2% increase in their base pay, adding a second full-time officer, and allotting for additional shifts that will need to be covered by part-time officers during the 20-week period that a second full-time officer completes training at an MPTC-approved academy.

Fire Department	$84,200.00	$80,700.00	-4.16%
Salaries	$32,200.00	$32,200.00	0.00%
Expenses	$52,000.00	$48,500.00	-6.73%
Emergency Management	$2,700.00	$3,900.00	44.44%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	$2,700.00	$3,900.00	44.44%

NOTES: The Emergency Management budget is increasing $1,200 to cover the annual cost of the CodeRED emergency notification system, which was covered by a one-time grant in Fiscal Year 2016.

Building Inspector	$13,900.00	$16,473.00	18.51%
Salaries	$13,800.00	$13,333.00	-3.38%
Expenses	$100.00	$3,140.00	3040.00%

NOTES: The Building Inspector's Expense budget is increasing by over $3,000 in Fiscal Year 2017 to cover costs associated with implementation and training for the online permitting software "PermitEyes," and the first year of the software license agreement.

Department/Committee	FY2016 Budgeted	FY2017 Budgeted	% Change
Gas Inspector	$200.00	$200.00	0.00%
Salaries	$200.00	$200.00	0.00%
Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	
Tree Warden	$11,500.00	$11,500.00	0.00%
Salaries	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	0.00%
Expenses	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	0.00%
Board of Health	$10,720.00	$10,720.00	0.00%
Salaries	$8,320.00	$8,320.00	0.00%
Expenses	$2,400.00	$2,400.00	0.00%
Transfer Station	$86,159.00	$100,808.64	17.00%
Salaries	$10,400.00	$12,480.00	20.00%
Expenses	$75,759.00	$88,328.64	16.59%

NOTES: The Transfer Station Attendant Salary is reflective of an increase in wage rate from $10.00/hr (began FY16 at $9.00/hr) to $12.00/hr. It should be noted that, as of January 1, 2017, the state minimum wage will be $11.00/hr. Transfer Station Expenses are increasing primarily as a result of the rising costs of solid waste disposal/hauling (per the existing contract with Republic Services) stemming from greater amounts of non-recyclable waste being disposed, and an estimated $2,000 needed to replace the dilapidated main entrance gate.

Veterans Services	$44,100.00	$34,050.00	-22.79%
Salaries	$1,300.00	$1,300.00	0.00%
Expenses	$42,800.00	$32,750.00	-23.48%
Lake Management	$28,250.00	$17,650.00	-37.52%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	
Expenses	$28,250.00	$17,650.00	-37.52%
Animal Inspector	$200.00	$200.00	0.00%
Salaries	$200.00	$200.00	0.00%
Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	
Dog Officer	$2,580.00	$2,580.00	0.00%
Salaries	$2,080.00	$2,080.00	0.00%
Expenses	$500.00	$500.00	0.00%
Council on Aging	$4,500.00	$4,500.00	0.00%
Salaries	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	0.00%
Expenses	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	0.00%

Department/Committee	FY2016 Budgeted	FY2017 Budgeted	% Change
Public Library	$66,800.00	$67,700.00	1.35%
Salaries	$36,300.00	$37,000.00	1.93%
Expenses	$30,500.00	$30,700.00	0.66%
Old Town Hall CC	$16,600.00	$11,000.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	$16,600.00	$11,000.00	-33.73%
Beautification Committee	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	
Expenses	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Sports & Rec. Committee	$500.00	$500.00	0.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	
Expenses	$500.00	$500.00	0.00%
Historical Commission	$400.00	$0.00	-100.00%
Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	
Expenses	$400.00	$0.00	-100.00%

Other Items	FY2016 Budgeted	FY2017 Budgeted	% Change
County Retirement	$68,702.00	$73,742.00	7.34%
Health & Dental Insurance	$114,067.00	$155,000.00	35.89%
Medicare	$10,200.00	$10,200.00	0.00%
Unemployment	$22,500.00	$22,500.00	0.00%
Town Insurances	$63,000.00	$70,000.00	11.11%
Reserve Fund	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	0.00%
Street Lights	$18,500.00	$17,000.00	-8.11%
Audit	$18,500.00	$18,750.00	1.35%
Legal Services	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	0.00%
Landfill Monitoring	$15,000.00	$5,000.00	-66.67%
Berkshire Regional Planning	$1,467.00	$1,503.43	2.48%
Pipeline Working Group	$7,500.00	$0.00	-100.00%
CSX Property Lease	$900.00	$800.00	-11.11%
Visiting Nurse Association	$2,361.41	$2,364.00	0.11%
Town-wide Mowing	$15,805.00	$15,805.00	0.00%
Gas/Diesel (PD, FD, DPW)	$37,000.00	$25,000.00	-32.43%
Heating (Garage, Fire Station)	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	0.00%
Town Hall General Expense	$18,000.00	$16,000.00	-11.11%
IT Service/Maintenance	$19,000.00	$15,000.00	-21.05%
Fuel-Pump Maintenance	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Centrex/Telephone Service	$7,000.00	$7,000.00	0.00%
Office Machine Maintenance	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	0.00%

Plunkett/Belmont Dam Insp.	$10,400.00	$0.00	-100.00%
Plunkett Dam Valve Repair	$4,500.00	$0.00	-100.00%
Plunkett Dam Renovation	$4,986.53	$0.00	-100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	**$1,840,878.51**	**$1,931,498.18**	**4.92%**

Explanation: See anticipated budget allocations detailed in the above table.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 8: Too see if the Town will appropriate and/or borrow the sum of $250,000.00 for the purpose of financing the purchase and installation of a new gate valve and associated construction and improvements on the Plunkett Reservoir dam, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to $250,000.00 pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes in connection therewith, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The existing gate valve at Plunkett Reservoir is over 100 years old and is no longer functioning properly. A fully-functional gate valve is essential in order to ensure that water levels can be manually adjusted as needed (i.e., in anticipation of spring runoff and during significant rain events) to prevent undue stress from being placed on the batter boards on the dam's spillway. In the spring of 2016, the roughly 40-foot shaft extending from the top of the dam to the gate valve was drained so that the condition of the valve and the dam itself could be assessed and a plan could be developed for replacing the valve as needed. During this inspection it was discovered that the existing gate valve was installed in a way that effectively prohibits its extraction. As such, it will be necessary to develop an alternative option for providing flow control. A grant application has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for design and construction funds to install a new valve. The article as prepared assumes that no FEMA/MEMA funding will be awarded. However, if the town is successful in obtaining these grant funds, then the actual amount needed for borrowing would be substantially less.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 9: (By Citizen Petition): To see if the Town of Hinsdale will raise and appropriate $150,000.00 for the repair and reconstruction of East Washington and Fassel Roads, and to accept any and all funds and donations towards this account.

Explanation: This article had been placed on the warrant by citizen petition. The residents requesting the article will have an opportunity to speak to the matter at Town

Meeting. If Article 9 were approved, it is estimated that the tax rate would rise to $14.64 per $1,000 in assessed value.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***NO***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***NO***

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, and raise and appropriate the amount of $2,448,230.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The amount of Hinsdale's assessment toward the CBRSD Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 decreased by 1.23% from Fiscal Year 2016. Ms. Laurie Casna, Superintendent of CBRSD, will be attending the Annual Town Meeting to speak to this funding article in detail.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and raise and appropriate the amount of $48,508.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The amount of Hinsdale's assessment toward the CBRSD Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 decreased by 25.13% from Fiscal Year 2016. Ms. Laurie Casna, Superintendent of CBRSD, will be attending the Annual Town Meeting to speak to this funding article in detail.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $379,295.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY 2017**
Vocational Education Tuition	263,340.00	306,000.00
Vocational Transportation	61,708.50	73,295.00
TOTAL VOCATIONAL	**325,048.50**	**379,295.00**

Explanation: It is anticipated that a total of 18 high-school age students in Hinsdale will be enrolled in a vocational education program during the 2016-2017 school year. This represents an increase of three students when compared to the number of students (15) that were anticipated for the current school year (2015-2016). Although the per pupil annual tuition rate decreased roughly $1,000 from Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2017 ($17,556 vs. $16,464), the larger head count means that the town will be responsible for a substantially larger sum of tuition and transportation payments in Fiscal Year 2017. Hinsdale does not as a town set restrictions on which vocational schools a student may

attend, and they have the option of attending PHS/Taconic High School (Pittsfield), McCann Technical School (North Adams) or Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (Northampton). When a student applies to a vocational school, Central Berkshire Regional School District informs the town. Chapter 74 tuition forms are submitted directly to the Superintendent's Office. These forms must be signed by the Superintendent by April 1 for the student to be able to apply for the upcoming year. After acceptance tuition and transportation are direct costs to the town. It should also be noted that the town will be responsible for additional vocational education tuition and transportation costs on a prorated basis if additional high school age students in Hinsdale elect to transfer into a vocational education program during the year.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,176.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

DEBT & INTEREST	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY2017**
Town Hall Loan, Principal	6,260.00	6,557.35
Interest-Long Term Debt	11,916.00	11,618.65
Interest-Short Term Debt	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	**20,176.00**	**20,176.00**

Explanation: These amounts reflect principal and interest payments (debt service) that will be made toward the outstanding balance of the Town Hall loan. Payments made in Fiscal Year 2017 represent the 18th year of payments on a 39-year loan.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $55,282.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer I Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Sewer I users, or take any other action thereon.

Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY2017**
Sewer I Salaries	13,920.00	9,322.00
Sewer I Expenses	44,100.00	45,960.00
TOTAL	**60,920.00**	**55,282.00**

Explanation: Salary payments from Sewer I are expected to decrease substantially as a result of 18 weeks' worth of a part-time laborer's (Dalton Noel) salary now being appropriately billed to the Highway Department during the winter months. Sewer I expenses are expected to increase only slightly. Although the Town is confronting higher fees being imposed by the Town of Dalton due to increases in the sewer flows they

are receiving from Hinsdale, the Town will no longer be billing the "Beechwood" component of the bill to Sewer I. Instead, this bill will be charged to a new "Sewer II" account/surplus (see Article 15).

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation" (Sewer III Surplus), to establish a new Sewer II (Beechwood) Surplus, and subsequently appropriate $7,840.00 from this newly established surplus as follows for the Sewer II (Beechwood) Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

Hinsdale Sewer II (Beechwood) Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY2017**
Sewer II Expenses	0.00	7,840.00
TOTAL	**0.00**	**7,840.00**

Explanation: Although the Town of Hinsdale has no maintenance responsibilities for the private sewer system associated with "Beechwood Estates," the Town does pay a bill to the Town of Dalton for sewer flows that are discharged into Dalton's system (the fees charged by Dalton are recovered from fees that Hinsdale charges the residents of Beechwood Estates). Historically, the Beechwood portion of the Dalton sewer bill was paid for out of Sewer I surplus whereas the revenues collected by the Town from Beechwood users were credited to Sewer III. By establishing a new "stand alone" account/surplus for Sewer II using Sewer III surplus the Town will be able to partially correct historical accounting errors that resulted from charging Beechwood's bills to Sewer I while crediting Sewer III with the revenue.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 16A: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $137,359.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Sewer III users, or take any other action thereon.

Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY2017**
Sewer III Salaries	26,430.00	21,394.00
Sewer III Expenses	73,000.00	87,965.00
Flow Meter	0.00	5,000.00
Truck-Mounted Vacuum Unit	0.00	23,000.00
TOTAL	**99,430.00**	**137,359.00**

Explanation: Anticipated salary payments from Sewer III is expected to decrease substantially as a result of 18 weeks' worth of a part-time laborer's (Dalton Noel) salary now being appropriately billed to the Highway Department during the winter months. Sewer III expenses are expected to increase substantially as well as a result of higher

fees being imposed by the Town of Dalton due to increases in the sewer flows they are receiving from Hinsdale. The Water & Sewer Department is also in need of a truck-mounted vacuum unit to perform maintenance at pump stations and household grinder pumps. Acquisition of this unit will enable sewer workers to perform maintenance at more frequent intervals (which will help prevent a wide range of issues from arising in the first place) and also help the Town save money in the long-run by not having to pay independent contractors to perform chamber cleaning. Finally, a new flow meter will need to be procured and installed where the force main leading to the private sewer system associated with Camp Taconic ties into the Town's sewer system at George Schnopps Road.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 16B: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", the sum of $20,000 to the Sewer III – General Expenses account for the purpose of paying the Fiscal Year 2015 sewer bill received from the Town of Dalton in Fiscal Year 2016.

Explanation: Each fiscal year (usually in the late-fall or early-winter) the Town of Hinsdale receives a sewer bill from the Town of Dalton for the prior fiscal year. In Fiscal Year 2016, Hinsdale's aggregate sewer bill with Dalton was $73,278. This represents a 44.8% increase from the Fiscal Year 2014 sewer bill ($50,612). As the rate charged by the Town of Dalton actually decreased slightly, Hinsdale's bill with Dalton increased substantially due to an unexpectedly large increase in the aggregate sewerage discharge into Dalton's system (as metered at the Dalton-Hinsdale town line along Route 8). Because the magnitude of this increase was not foreseen when the Sewer I and Sewer III operating budgets were set for Fiscal Year 2016, it is now necessary to transfer an additional $20,000 from Sewer III surplus into Sewer III's General Expense Account in order to pay the full amount of Sewer III's portion of the Fiscal Year 2015 sewer bill assessed by Dalton.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds Sewer Betterment Reserved, the sum of $148,937.51 for Sewer Phase III Loan payments; or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: These amounts reflect principal and interest payments (debt service) that will be made toward the outstanding balance of Sewer Phase III Loan payments. Payments made in Fiscal Year 2017 represent the 12th year of payments on a 25-year loan for the Ashmere Lake component and the 17th year of payments on a 39-year loan for the Plunkett Reservoir component of Sewer III.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $289,883.12 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Water users, or take any other action thereon.

Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses	**FY2016**	**Proposed FY2017**
Water Department Salaries	65,910.00	63,800.00
Water Department Expenses	47,331.70	56,040.04
Water Bond Payments	118,445.00	160,043.08
Raw Water Pumps	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL	**231,686.70**	**289,883.12**

Explanation: Anticipated expenses for the Water Department in Fiscal Year 2017 include $12,500 (which will be combined with a carry forward balance of roughly $12,500 from FY16 for a total of $25,000) for the purpose of having a Master Plan and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the water treatment facility professionally produced by a qualified engineering firm. The Master Plan and O&M Plan are being mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA-DEP). Additionally, the total amount of Water Department bond payments increased primarily as a result of needing to budget $39,375 for the first year of debt service on the 5-year $175,000 loan that was taken out for the water meter upgrade project (which was authorized by Hinsdale voters at the January 2016 Special Town Meeting).

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES

Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 19A: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $25,000.00 from Free Cash for Town Hall upgrades, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: A number of significant upgrades are needed at Hinsdale Town Hall with respect to the building's computer/IT and phone systems. Our computer/IT systems have been evaluated by three independent IT firms that work with municipalities throughout Berkshire County, and each of these firms have confirmed that a number of relatively time-sensitive upgrades need to be performed in order to avoid potential loss of critical data, disruptions in services, or other potential problems. One of the documented issues is that the physical server (estimated to be about 10 years old) that currently supports the Town Hall and Police Department networks is exhibiting signs of decreasing performance and reliability. Upgrading this server and associated hardware/software will cost approximately $12,000-$14,000. Additionally, the IT wiring at Town Hall will also need to be significantly upgraded throughout the entire building, and this cost will be approximately $9,000. It is also expected that at least two staff computers will need to be replaced at a cost of $2,000-$2,500. Finally, it would be highly beneficial to configure a centralized phone system so that incoming calls could be more easily routed to the appropriate department and also so that the number of active phone lines could be substantially reduced (which would provide for consider-

able operating cost savings in the long-run). The one-time cost of upgrading to a centralized phone system is estimated to be about $5,000. It is important to note that the Town has applied for a $22,000 IT grant through the Baker Administration's "Community Compact" initiative, and, if Hinsdale is ultimately awarded the grant, a substantial amount of those funds would be used to offset the monies otherwise used from Free Cash.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 19b: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for Town Hall upgrades, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: As described in the above written explanation for Article 19a, a number of significant upgrades and repairs are needed at Town Hall. In addition to those described above, the concrete entrance ramps on both sides of the building's second floor have settled so significantly that neither entrance can meet the criteria for handicap accessibility. A licensed professional contractor has estimated that the cost of removing the existing concrete, supplementing and reforming the existing gravel base, and pouring/finishing replacement concrete would be approximately $5,000. Additionally, the vinyl flooring on both the first and second floors of Town Hall (which is the original flooring installed when the building was constructed in 1998) has become heavily worn and in need of refurbishing or replacement. It has been estimated that the cost of having a professional contractor strip the vinyl flooring throughout the entire building, complete a deep clean, and wax the stripped/cleaned surface would cost $3,000-$5,000. With respect to the source of the funding, the "Overlay" is comprised of funds that are budgeted (and subsequently raised and appropriated) for property tax abatements in a given fiscal year. If the total amount of actual property tax abatements is less than the amount budgeted/appropriated, there is a surplus. Funding $10,000 worth of Town Hall improvements from existing Overlay Surplus will have no impact on the tax rate itself.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***NO***

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $16,000.00 from Free Cash for Long-term/Master Planning and Economic Development Consulting Services, or other purposes, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: Beginning at the start of 2016, the Town of Hinsdale assembled a seven-member committee known as the "Mission and Vision Working Group" to help guide what will ultimately be an intensive long-range/master planning process with ongoing public engagement. The Town of Hinsdale recently also received official designation as a "Compact Community." The Community Compact is a voluntary, mutual agreement entered into between the Baker-Polito Administration and individual cities and towns of the Commonwealth. In a Community Compact, a community agrees to implement

at least one best practice that they select from across a variety of areas. The community's chosen best practices are reviewed between the Commonwealth and the municipality to ensure that the best practices chosen are unique to the municipality and reflect needed areas of improvement. The Compact also articulates the commitments the Commonwealth will make on behalf of the signatory community. The Commonwealth offers incentives to communities for entering into a Community Compact, including prioritizing Commonwealth technical assistance resources to help reach chosen best practices. Extra points on certain grants, and a grant program specifically for Compact communities are also incentives included for participation in the program. The Town of Hinsdale has identified "Master Planning" as one of its best practice areas, and as such we have received a $10,000 grant to help with related activities. We believe that a successful master planning process will need at least a $20,000 project budget, and that is why we are requesting an additional $10,000 from Free Cash to "pair" with the state grant. Finally, several communities in the region (including Lanesborough, Adams and Williamstown) have been discussing the possibility of pooling resources to establish a shared "regional economic development specialist" position. If Hinsdale participates in this program, the cost would be $6,000 for the year and we would receive approximately 8-10 hours of direct support from the hired professional each month. Consulting services would focus on how the town can better help support existing business operations, attract new businesses to town, promote outdoor-based tourism, and improve the community's overall attractiveness to prospective residents and business owners.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $4,000.00 from Free Cash for the Transfer Station to procure a storage unit, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The Transfer Station is in need of a new structure to store returnables. The current storage unit for returnables is no longer structurally sound and has the potential to present a public safety risk if it is not replaced in the near future.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $21,719.77 from Free Cash for the Town to make lease payments on a One Ton pickup truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: In Fiscal Year 2016, the Town entered into a two-year lease agreement for a One Ton pickup truck for the Highway Department. The total cost of the lease is approximately $43,440 for the two-year period. The amount being requested from Free Cash in Fiscal Year 2017 represents the second (and final) payment on the current lease.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $7,585.12 from Free Cash for the Town to make lease payments on a cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: In Fiscal Year 2016, the Town entered into a four-year lease agreement for an unmarked cruiser for the Police Department. The total cost of the lease is approximately $30,340.48 for the four-year period. The amount being requested from Free Cash in Fiscal Year 2017 represents the second of four annual payments on the current lease.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from Free Cash for the Police Department to procure Tasers and obtain related training, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: At present, the Hinsdale Police Department is not outfitted with Tasers. A Taser is a hand-held, electro-muscular disruption device that is capable of incapacitating a person and causing pain through the application of an electrical current. For example, Tasers could be used by police to temporarily incapacitate a violent or combative person during arrest. Tasers are not intended to replace firearms but are an additional use of force option for police officers. Tasers are a 'less than lethal' use of force option that may assist officers when dealing with combative, violent or aggressive people. Using Tasers could reduce risk of injury to police officers, offenders, and members of the public. Tasers can be deployed at a safe distance. Immobilization and pain effects cease as soon as Tasers are turned off. The Police Department would like to procure a Taser for each of its full-time and part-time officers. In order to safely and appropriately use Tasers, police officers are required by law to receive associated training.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $3,500.00 from Free Cash for the Maple Street Cemetery repairs, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: Voters at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting approved a $11,600 Free Cash transfer for repairs to the cemetery gate and mausoleum. In the fall of 2015, Hill Engineers conducted a thorough site inspection of the Maple Street Cemetery and issued a detailed report identifying a wide range of needed and/or recommended structural repairs. The total cost of these repairs (including the preparation of engineering plans, etc.) was estimated to be in excess of $50,000. After carefully reviewing the Hill Engineers report, it was determined that many of the proposed repairs could be responsibly postponed for one to two years while still addressing issues that presented more time-sensitive public safety concerns. At present, approximately $9,700 of the original $11,600 appropriation from Fiscal Year 2015 remains unspent. Unspent funds from Fiscal Year 2015 were carried forward to Fiscal Year 2016 and the same will be done

in Fiscal Year 2017. If these carried forward funds are combined with another $3,500 (total of $13,200), the town should be able to have the main gate capstone repointed and reset, complete general repointing of the gate archway as well as joint installation. These funds will also be used to help stabilize the mausoleum's foundation through temporary shoring, excavation, and installation of a poured concrete footing.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Free Cash for ongoing repairs at Old Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: Voters at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting approved a $20,000 Free Cash transfer for repairs of Old Town Hall that were previously identified in a 2011 Hill Engineers report. Repairs completed in Fiscal Year 2016 included: installing vinyl siding for the building's gable ends (front and rear), addressing structural deficiencies in the basement, and installing a tile floor in the sewing/knitting room. Radon, lead, and asbestos testing was also completed. An additional $10,000 (which will be combined with uncommitted funds for Old Town Hall repairs that are carried forward from Fiscal Year 2016) is being requested for other needed repairs, such as repairing drafty windows, repairing front columns, and painting the front of the building. Potential future uses and programs for Old Town Hall will be thoroughly examined as part of the long-term/master planning process.
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from Free Cash for Landfill Monitoring, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: State law requires municipalities to conduct annual monitoring of closed landfills and produce a detailed report of the findings. Each year the Town of Hinsdale contracts with an environmental engineering firm to perform these services, as well as test for lead levels in the private well of an abutting landowner who could potentially be negatively impacted by the landfill's proximity. These professional services cost approximately $15,000 on an annual basis. In Fiscal Year 2017, these costs will be split between the "raise and appropriate" ($5,000) and Free Cash ($10,000).
Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***
ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $43,600.00 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase of Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The current Jaws of Life equipment that the Hinsdale Fire Department owns is outdated (23+ years old) and not capable of effectively extracting a person due to changes in the materials used to manufacture modern vehicles. It is necessary for the

Fire Department to acquire a new Jaws of Life to help alleviate the potential for tragedy that could otherwise be avoided. The town has applied for a federal grant to purchase a new Jaws of Life, which costs approximately $43,600. If the Town is ultimately awarded this grant, then a portion of the funds requested from Capital Stabilization will be used to purchase an additional roughly $33,000 in accessory equipment and the remaining balance will be returned to Free Cash.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $23,000.00 from Capital Stabilization for the Town to make lease payments on a Mack Truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: In Fiscal Year 2016, the Town entered into a four-year lease agreement for a Mack Truck for the Highway Department. The total cost of the lease is approximately $221,318 for the four-year period. The Fiscal Year 2017 payment represents the second of four annual payments on the current lease. Although the total annual payment for the Mack Truck is $55,329.49, $32,329.49 will be paid for out of the Highway Department's Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget and the remaining $23,000 will be paid for out of Capital Stabilization.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will transfer $23,414.16 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2016 Winter Road Maintenance Account, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: Historically, the Town of Hinsdale has appropriated funds for Winter Road Maintenance (as well we Winter Wages, which are earmarked specifically for overtime wages during the winter season) that were well below the funding levels that would likely be needed to perform road maintenance during the winter. This was done because state law permits municipalities to overspend their winter maintenance/wage accounts, and by "under-budgeting" at the beginning of the Fiscal Year it was thought this would ensure that the town did not budget more for winter road maintenance/wages than was necessary. Although the winter of 2015-2016 was particularly mild, the town still overran the Winter Road Maintenance budget ($62,300 as set by the 2015 Town Meeting) by $23,414.16. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2017, the town's approach to budgeting for winter maintenance and winter overtime wages is changing. More specifically, we are attempting to budget closer to the funding we actually believe will be needed in order to reduce the amount of Free Cash required to cover an operating deficit after the winter season has concluded.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? ***YES***
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? ***YES***

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire the fee simple by deed in lieu of foreclosure from Graziosi Family Trust of the property situated on 0 East Washington Road, identified as Lot 11 on the Assessors Map 409, which is subject to an instrument of taking by the Collector recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 4146, Page 334 for unpaid Fiscal Year 2006, 2007 and 2008 real estate taxes, as provided under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, said parcel to be acquired for general municipal purposes and to be held in the care, custody, control and management of the Select Board, and further to authorize the Select Board to record the deed, provided the Select Board determines that at the time of recording, the property is subject to no liens or encumbrances other than the liens of the town, or take any other action thereon.

Explanation: The Graziosi property is a relatively small parcel of land in the corner of Hinsdale, abutting both Peru and Washington. The town is looking to accept the property deed from the current owner to avoid having to foreclose on the property (which is presently in tax title), which is far more time-consuming and costly.

Was this Article Recommended by the Select Board? YES
Was this Article Recommended by the Finance Committee? YES

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