

ANNUAL REPORT

of the TOWN OFFICERS *of the*

TOWN OF HANCOCK MASSACHUSETTS



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For the Year Ending
June 30, 2022

DEDICATION

We dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to Wendy Kipp, Trina Goodrich, Eugenie Daniels, and Barbara Markessinis for their years of service, counsel, and guidance to our Town.



Wendy Kipp
Library
Board of Health



Trina Goodrich
Conservation
Commission



Eugenie Daniels
Library
Assessors
Board of Registrars
Town Secretary



Barbara Markessinis
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Assessors

Kristin Hickey, Chairman, 2025
Therese Rodda, 2023
Felicity Cassavaugh, 2024

Board of Health

John Quimby, Chairman, 2024
Melissa Leab, 2024
Wendy Kipp, 2023
Melanie Jackson, 2025
Greg Canales, 2025

Board of Selectmen

Sherman, L. Derby, Sr., Chairman, 2023
Don Rancatti, 2024
Dave Boyer, 2025

Cemetery Commission

Donald Cassavaugh, Chairman, 2023
Lydia Cassavaugh, 2025
Tanya Rathbun, 2024

Constable

Mark Gaskill, 2025

Finance Committee

Linda Burdick, Chairman, 2025
Sharon Hyde, 2023
Tanya Rathbun, 2024

Library Trustees

Connie Chase, 2024
Joan Burdick, 2023
Jane Roberts, 2025

Moderator

Brian Fairbank, 2023

Planning Board

Christie W. Moran, Chairman, 2024
Sherman L. Derby, Sr., 2023
Zach Hanson, 2025
Leo Laviolette, 2025
Barbara Markessenis, 2024

School Committee

Alex Kastrinakas, Chairman, 2025
Melissa Turner, 2023
Bruce Weiner, 2025
Elizabeth Kryskow, 2024
Katherine Turner, 2023

Tax Collector

Julie Williams, 2025

Town Clerk

Linda Burdick, 2025

Treasurer

Joan Burdick, 2025

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Agricultural Commission: Laurie Boyer 2024, Jan Lillie 2023, Carolyn Sebring 2023
Animal Control Officer: Donald Cassavaugh 2023
Auxiliary Police: Donald Cassavaugh 2023, Sherman L. Derby Sr. 2023
Board of Registrars: Lydia Cassavaugh 2023, Renee Hanson 2023, Vicki Fairbank, 2023
Building Inspector: Rob Rosier 2023
Conservation Commission: Paul Hyde 2025, Robert Leab 2023, Kevin Nichols 2024, Rick Ehle 2025, Robin Keeney 2024, Kristin Hickey 2024, Greg Holland 2024
Council on Aging: Margaret Fenander, Chairman 2023, Joan Burdick 2023, Kathleen Gideon 2023, Marjorie Feathers 2023, Lydia Cassavaugh 2023
District Commissioner to Northern Berkshire Solid Waste: John Quimby 2024
Emergency Management Director: David Rash 2023
Fire Chief: Michael Williams 2023
First Assistant Fire Chief: Anthony Anderton 2023
Second Assistant Fire Chief: Ross Jackson 2023
Fire Police: David Rash 2023
Forest Warden: Michael Williams 2023
Gas Pipe Inspector and Plumbing Inspector: Thomas DiCicco 2023
Assistant Plumbing Inspector: Unfilled appointment
Hazard Mitigation and MVP Planning Committee: David Boyer 2024, David Rash 2024, Steve Traver 2024, Michael Williams 2024
Health Inspector: Scott Krzanik 2023
Highway Supervisor: Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2023
Historical Commission: Marjorie Feathers, Chairman 2024, Elna Rodda 2023, Hiram Greene 2025, Kathleen Gideon 2023, Cynthia Grauman 2025, Nan Derby 2023, Donald Leab 2025
Insurance Agent: Dave Boyer 2023
911 Numbering Official: Dave Boyer 2023
Northern Berkshire Cultural Council: Cameron Hastie-Etchinson 2025
Police Chief: David Boyer 2023
Procurement Officer: Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2023
Assistant Procurement Officer: Rebecca Phillips 2023
Special Police: Eric Lillie 2023
Superintendent of Streets: Don Rancatti 2023
Tree Warden: Dave Boyer 2023
Trench Permitting Authority: Dave Boyer 2023
Veteran's Agent and Veteran's Burial Agent: Valerie Tallet 2023
Veteran's Memorial Committee: Linda Burdick, 2023, Valerie Tallet 2023, Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2023
Wiring Inspector: Joseph Knysh 2023
Assistant Wiring Inspector: Christopher Durkee 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals: Donald Whitman 2024, Barbara Markessinis 2023, Robert A. Smith 2023, Scott Burdick 2025, Sherman Derby, Sr. 2025
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate: David Boyer 2025, Eric Lillie 2025

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen are happy we are now getting back to normal. We would like to thank our Town officials and residents for all of their help during the Covid-19 crisis.

Snowplowing on Route 43 and Route 20 is done by the MA Highway Department whose telephone number is 413-637-5700. The contract for all other Town roads is held by Darcy Construction who can be reached at 518-441-8332 (Joe) or 518-791-8476 (Pete). Please call them with any snow road situations that need emergency attention. If the problem is not resolved, please call the Town Office at 413-738-5225. There is a pile of a mixture of sand and salt at the Town Hall and one at the Route 20 #2 Firehouse for use by Town residents – only to be taken away in 5 gallon pails.

Brodie Mt. Road was resurfaced using a WRAP grant and Chapter 90 grant funds.

Goodrich Hollow was resurfaced and the guardrails were replaced using a Strap Grant.

The Selectmen are in the process of building a secure bulletproof entrance to the school and a much needed handicapped bathroom within the School. This is being done at a cost of over \$200,000 using ARPA funds. Any additional costs not covered by the funding will be paid for through the School choice funds.

The new flashing/lights and crosswalk were completed using ARPA funds as well.

We are presently negotiating with BRTA to obtain a grant for a handicapped vehicle to use for Senior Transportation.

We are applying for grants to replace culverts on Whitman and Richmond Roads.

An audit was completed for FY2022 by Adelson & Company PC, of the complete Town books everything was found to be in line. The Auditor turned in their final report on February 9, 2023.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in restoring the cemeteries at the Johnson and Summit Farms. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Historical Commission.

We would like to remind the people of Hancock that a pass for free entrance to State parks can be signed out at the Town Hall by contacting Town Secretary. There are two pieces of property in town to be used by residents for hiking and camping. One is 90 acres adjacent to the salt shed and the other is 278 acres called the Jones Farm just south of Hancock School on Route 43. If you want further information to locate it, Assessors map 7, lot 19 will help you. Also, if you bring ID that you are a Hancock resident, you can visit the Hancock Shaker Village at no charge.

Respectfully Submitted: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sherman L. Derby, Sr., Chairman, Don Rancatti, and David Boyer

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

BERKSHIRE, SS;

TO: Constable of the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts in the County of Berkshire

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Hancock School, Route 43 in Hancock on **MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2023** at 7:00 P.M. to act on Article 1 through 27 as applicable to Fiscal Year 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

And furthermore to meet at the Hancock School, Route 43 in Hancock, on **MONDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, 2023** then and there to act on Article 1 calling for the election of the necessary Town Officers. The polls will open at 12:00 NOON and close at 6:00 P.M.

FIRST - To Choose the Following Town Officers:

One Assessor for one years (currently Therese Rodda)
One Board of Health member for three years (currently Wendy Kipp)
One Cemetery Commission member for three years (currently Donald Cassavaugh)
One Finance Committee member for three years (currently Sharon Hyde)
One Library Trustee for three years (currently Joan Burdick) retiring
One Moderator for one year (currently Brian Fairbank)
One Planning Board members for three years (currently Sherman L. Derby, Sr.)
One School Committee members for three years (currently Melissa Turner)
One School Committee members for one year (currently Katherine Turner)
One Selectman for three years (currently Sherman L. Derby, Sr.)

SECOND – Town Reports

To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers as printed in the Town Report and to act thereon.

THIRD - Transfer from Free Cash

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$300,000.00 or any other amount to reduce the tax rate, or take any other action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

FOURTH – Elected and Appointed Town Officials Salaries

To see if the Town will vote to set the compensation of elected officials as shown below (indicated by a *) and to raise and appropriate the sum of **SIXTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE (\$62,331.00) DOLLARS** as compensation for both elected and appointed Town Officials, as shown below or take any other action thereon.

Accountant	\$16,796.00	* Finance Committee	\$164.00
Animal Control Officer	800.00	* Moderator	85.00
Animal Inspector	200.00	Plumbing Inspector	Keeps ¾ fees
* Assessors (3)	6,351.00	Police Chief	1,447.00
Board of Registrars	164.00	* School Committee (5)	1,541.00
* Board of Health (5)	3,467.00	* Tax Collector	7,196.00
* Board of Selectmen (3)	5,676.00	* Town Clerk	6,397.00
Building Inspector/Keeps ¾ adjusted fees		* Treasurer	7,914.00
* Constable	282.00	Veteran's Agent	321.00
Fire Chief	1,413.00	Wire Inspector	Keeps ¾ fees
& keeps smoke detector insp. fees		911 Numbering Official	148.00
Assistant Fire Chief	847.00	Emergency Manager	<u>275.00</u>
2nd Assistant Fire Chief	847.00		
		TOTAL	\$62,331.00

FIFTH – Town Personnel

To see if the Town will vote to pay Town Personnel at the following hourly rates, or any other amounts. The hourly rates may be changed at any time either upward or downward as needed to fill positions, provided such change is approved by a majority of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Assessors	\$15.37	Police Work	15.37
Cemetery Burial	15.37	Road Superintendent	15.45
Equipment Operators	15.37	Road Supervisor	15.45
Laborers	15.37	Secretary	17.43
Fire Chief	15.45	Transfer Site Operator	15.45
Assistant Fire Chief	15.45	Veteran's Administrator	15.37
Fire Fighters	15.37		

SIXTH – Cemeteries; Health and Sanitation; Highways; Operating Budgets

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums as listed below or any other sums, or take any other action thereon.

- (1.) **CEMETERIES - SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$6,500.00) DOLLARS** to be expended as follows:

Burial Expenses	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance and Upkeep	5,000.00
Secondary Cemeteries Maintenance	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,500.00

- (2.) **HEALTH AND SANITATION – EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY (\$85,050.00) DOLLARS** to be expended as follows:

Transfer Site Operation	\$85,000.00
Water Resource Expenses	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$85,050.00

(3.) **HIGHWAYS – ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$116,900.00) DOLLARS** to be expended as follows:

Highway Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Street Lights	3,900.00
Winter Roads	<u>73,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$116,900.00

(4.) **OPERATING BUDGETS – ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (\$128,847.00) DOLLARS** to be expended as follows:

Accountant Expenses	\$2,500.00	Planning Board Expenses	700.00
Computer Backup Exp.	1,400.00	Secretary, Town	14,991.00
Animal Control Exp.	750.00	Tax Collector Expenses	9,084.00
Assessors Expenses	30,550.00	Tax Collector Clerk	1,000.00
Board of Health Exp.	16,500.00	Town Clerk Expenses	1,800.00
Board of Registrars Exp.	30.00	Town Clerk Assistant	500.00
Conservation Comm. Exp.	600.00	Town Hall Maintenance,	
Election and Census	1,800.00	Operation and Repair	7,000.00
Voting Machine Maintenance		Town Hall Paint & Repair	1,500.00
& Programming	1,000.00	Town Operating Expense	8,000.00
Finance Committee Exp.	140.00	Treasurer Expenses	4,000.00
Historical Commission Exp.	650.00	Zoning Board of Appeal	
Library	23,852.00	Expense	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL		TOTAL	\$128,847.00

SEVENTH – Revolving Funds Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote by a 2/3 vote to enact a bylaw to maintain separate Revolving Funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the following fees. Fees received by Town Officials shall be credited to the respective revolving fund and expended for payment only by the authorization of the Town Treasurer. Respective expenditures from said Revolving Funds shall not exceed the amounts shown below for fiscal year 2022 without prior approval from the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon. Said bylaw shall read as follows:

Section I: There are hereby established in the Town of Hancock pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, 53E ½, the following Revolving Funds:

Building Inspection	Fees & Charges for Building Inspections
Plumbing/Gas	Fees & Charges for Plumbing/Gas Inspections
Wiring Inspector	Fees & Charges for Wiring Inspections
Fire Department False Alarm	Fees & Charges for False Alarm Fines

Section II Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 44, 53E½.

Building Inspector receipts from permit fees	\$14,200.00
Plumbing Inspector receipts from permit fees	\$10,000.00
Wiring Inspector receipts from permit fees	\$10,000.00
Fire Department False Alarm fines	\$ 200.00

EIGHTH – Fire Alarm Account

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Fire Alarm Account the sum of **TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS**, which is the amount collected by that revolving fund during the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be expended for wages to be paid to the fire fighters of the Hancock Fire Department or take any other action thereon.

NINTH – Public Safety; Unclassified Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums listed below or any other sums, or take any other action thereon.

(1.) PUBLIC SAFETY – SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TEN (\$74,110.00) DOLLARS to be expended as follows:

Building Insp. Expense	500.00	Forest Fires & Equip.	750.00
Wire Insp. Expense	500.00	Housing Authority Exp.	50.00
Plumbing Insp. Expense	700.00	Police Work and Supplies	700.00
Fire Dept. Maint. & Exp.	53,000.00	Gas Pipe Inspection Exp.	50.00
Firemen's Wages	16,000.00	Emergency Manager Expense	<u>860.00</u>
Tree Warden and			
Public Nuisance Expense	1,000.00	TOTAL	\$74,110.00

(2.) UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES – ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (\$102,153.00) DOLLARS to be expended as follows:

Attorneys' Fees	7,000.00
Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, Assessment	644.00
Berkshire County Retirement Expenses	17,709.00
Berkshire Regional Purchasing Program	800.00
Community Christmas	500.00
Insurance-Group Life and Health	10,000.00
Insurance-Property, Bldgs. & Liability for School Board, Town Officers & Police	15,000.00
Interest on Loans	5,000.00
Medicare Employee Tax	14,000.00
Reserve Fund	24,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	3,500.00
Veterans' Fund	<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$102,153.00

TENTH – Board, Commission, and Committee Appointments

To see if the Town will vote to allow members of

- A. The Board of Assessors to be employed by the Town for services over and above their usual salaried duties pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 268A and Chapter 41, Section 4A.
- B. The members of the Board of Health to be employed in the supervision of percolation testing, ground water level determination under Title V of the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code and all other inspections required by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Health of the State of Massachusetts and to work at the transfer station.
- C. The Board of Selectmen to:
Appoint one or more of its members as Superintendent of Streets, Chief of Police and Special Police; be employed where necessary to meet pressing needs; provide material and services to the Town, or to take any other action thereon.
- D. The members of the Cemetery Commission and Library Trustees to be employed in the Cemetery and Library respectively, or take any other action thereon.

ELEVENTH – Animal Control Officer

To see if the Town will permit the Board of Health to appoint the Animal Control Officer, whose duties shall also encompass the duties of the Animal Inspector and the Dog Officer or to take any other action thereon.

TWELFTH - Land Purchase Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) DOLLARS** for the Land Purchase Stabilization Fund, which also includes the purchase of Chapter 61 lands under MGL Chapter 40 Section 5b or take any other action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

THIRTEENTH – Vote By Mail

To see if the Town will vote to opt out of VOTE BY MAIL, for the Municipal Town Election only, starting with the FY 2024 Election. RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN CLERK AND SELECTMEN.

FOURTEENTH – Hancock Historical Book Printing

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN (9,127.00) DOLLARS** from the Historical Stabilization fund to the Historical Committee for the reprinting of the Hancock Historical Book. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

FIFTEENTH – Hancock Historical Book Printing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **SIX THOUSAND (\$6000.00) DOLLARS** for the printing of the Historical Book or take any action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

SIXTEENTH – Join BRTA

To see if the Town will vote to join Berkshire Regional Transit Authority to enable residents of the Town of Hancock to use their Cabulance Service or any other action in relation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

SEVENTEENTH – Join Colonial Power

To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §134 and, further, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through the restructuring of the electricity market; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Hancock have a substantial economic and social interest in terms of greater customer choice and opportunities for savings in this restructured market; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hancock hereby finds that it may be in the interest of its citizens who are electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to develop and secure such approvals and enter into appropriate agreements with consultants, experts and attorneys in connection with the establishment and operation of an electricity aggregation plan.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Hancock hereby:

Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business electric customers and to reestablish such plan if its operation is suspended; and

To negotiate and enter into such contracts for power supply pursuant to the plan or services for such plan, with the understanding that if a power supply contract is executed, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate in the aggregation plan and, instead, to choose any electricity alternatives they desire and, further, to take such other action relative hereto as may be appropriate and necessary.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

EIGHTEENTH – Emergency Equipment Grant

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **EIGHT THOUSAND (\$8,000.00) DOLLARS** to be used to pay for MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) grants. These grants will be 100% reimbursed by MEMA to the Town of Hancock's General Fund. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

NINETEENTH – Emergency Management

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED (\$1400.00) DOLLARS** or any other sum for emergency generator maintenance and repairs. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTIETH – Fire Fighter Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$7,500.00) DOLLARS** for the Town's portion of a grant match. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-FIRST – FEMA Grant match for Fire Tanker Truck

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **TWENTY TWO THOUSAND (\$22,000.00) DOLLARS** from the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund for the Town's portion of a new FEMA Grant awarded fire tanker. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-SECOND – Fire Truck for Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS** for the purchase of a fire truck to be put in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action thereon. Per contract with the Fire Department and Selectmen.

TWENTY-THIRD – Payment for Richmond Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$1,200.00) DOLLARS** or any other amount for paying Richmond Fire Department for responding to all accidents, fires, and medical calls on Route 20 and adjacent streets in the Town of Hancock or take any other action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-FOURTH – Council on Aging

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS** to be used for the operating expenses of the Council on Aging, or take any other action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-FIFTH – Library Bathroom Addition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000.00) DOLLARS** to be used for the Library bathroom addition or take any other action thereon. RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-SIXTH – FY24 Hancock Educational Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **TWO MILLION, TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (\$2,024,165.45) DOLLARS AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS** or any other sum for school operating expenses or take any other action thereon. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.

TWENTY-SEVENTH - To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting at least (5) five attested copies thereof in public places in Town at least (14) days before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

CONSTABLE: Mark A. Gaskill
Mark A. Gaskill

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sherman L. Derby, Sr.
Sherman L. Derby, Sr., Chairman

Donald E. Rancatti
Donald E. Rancatti

David J. Boyer
David J. Boyer

A True Copy Attest

Linda C. Burdick
Linda Burdick, TOWN CLERK

Date: 3/24/23

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECORDED MARRIAGES (8)

	D.O.M.
Shane R Snell & Allison M Craig	05/28/2022
Andrew J Drawec & Megan E Granger	07/31/2022
Trevor J Barth & Jessica C Herrick	10/1/2022
Justin R Vanasse & Julie N Euler	10/1/2022
Roberto Ruiz & Cristina C Calderin	09/24/2022
Brian K Callahan & Katelynn McGuire	10/8/2022
Kevin E Blanco & Tessa R Vandeusen	10/31/2022
Michael E Bushey & Melissa A Rennie	12/31/2022

RECORDED BIRTHS (2)

RECORDED DEATHS (6)

	D.O.D	DISPOSITION
Kimberlee M Francoeur	01/04/2022	Cremation
Florence R Roberts Dalmaso	04/15/2022	Burial Hancock Cemetery
Charmaine D LaPier	05/28/2022	Burial Hancock Cemetery
Patricia J Rash	09/01/2022	Cremation
Linda M Beach	09/13/2022	Cremation
Edwin J Slavinski	11/05/2022	Cremation

DOG LICENSE FEES

DOGS

Male	\$10.00	16
Neutered	\$ 5.00	64
Female	\$10.00	12
Spayed	\$ 5.00	69

KENNELS

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4 Dogs or less	\$20.00	
10 Dogs or less	\$40.00	1
Over 10 Dogs	\$100.00	0

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2023

The below By-Law was passed at the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2001 and approved by the Attorney General on August 30, 2001.

C. If the owner/keeper fails to license animals pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 140 and this By-Law, the owner/keeper shall be subject to a fine of **TEN DOLLARD (\$10.00)**. If the animal is not licensed within 10 days notification of this violation, owner/keeper shall be subject to a fine of **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Town Clerk's Hours at Town Hall: Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the clerk's office will be open on the second Saturday of the month same hours.

Other Hours By Appointment ONLY Website town.hancock.ma.us (for forms)

Town Clerks Telephone 413-738-5225 ext 2 FAX 413-738-5310

Notary Service for Town Residents is no longer available.

Clerk's e-mail: HANTCLB1@aol.com

Respectfully Submitted: Linda C Burdick, Town Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The Board of Health welcomed Greg Canales and Melanie Jackson for another three year term, and Melissa Leab for a two year term. Greg Canales, Melanie Jackson and Wendy Kipp will perform all food service and lodging inspections for the Board of Health. Greg Canales will work on the Town's Emergency Plan as needed. Melissa Leab remains the Board's RN, dealing with health issues. John Quimby is the Chairman of the Board and deals with the everyday workings of the Board, septic responsibilities, transfer station operations, and is the town's representative to the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Board.

The Board of Health has joined the Berkshire Health Alliance and its Public Health Nursing program. The public health nurse helps with any reportable infectious disease reporting, case investigation and follow-up. This year we also experienced RSV, seasonal flu, and the continuing Covid-19 monitoring. We will be sharing programs and opportunities that the Health Alliance team can offer our community.

ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION

To enter the landfill, you need a current dump sticker. It must be on your vehicle or on you. If you don't have a current sticker you will be asked to leave or buy a new one. You also have to sign a form that you will enter the landfill at your own risk (insurance request). Residents are entering at their own risk.

Residents should not enter the premises until the attendant has deemed it safe, and is at the transfer station itself, not still at the top by the gate. Residents will take responsibility for their actions on the transfer station property and understand that all weather conditions cannot be controlled and that they will proceed with caution.

Scott Krzanik is the Board's Health Agent.

The Board of Health oversaw the events at Bloom Meadows and Hancock Shaker Village. We went as needed to meet with the caterers, inspect and give them their permits.

There is a clothing and shoe box at the dump. Please put all clothes in there – not in the trash. **New State mandate requires NO mattresses or textiles allowed in the trash. Textiles go in the clothing box and mattresses and box springs need to go to the Dalton Transfer Station for a \$32 fee for a clean mattress and \$75 if it is dirty.**

All restaurant, lodging, pool, and hot tub inspections were completed twice before December 1, 2022, as required.

Routine Board of Health Activities

The Board of Health meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at Hancock School, but will convene at other times as circumstances require and following appropriate public notice. The primary responsibility of the BOH is disease prevention and control, and community well-being. Duties include: enforcement of State Public Health regulations, development and enforcement of

local regulations, reviewing and inspecting proposed developments and projects, public hearings on variances and new regulations, inspecting restaurants, food service facilities, and waste haulers. Other duties include oversight of the State's septic regulations under the Title V program. It oversees and supports the Animal Control Office, Transfer Station Operator, and Certified Sanitarian, Scott Krzanik, who at the BOH's request, assists with inspections of pools and hot tubs and septic issues.

<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Number of Inspections Done</u>
Food services	Twice/year	17
Motels	Twice/year	9
Percolation Tests	April 1-Nov. 15	As requested
New/repaired Septic Systems (Title V)	As requested	8
Complaint Investigation	As necessary	1
Pools	Twice/year	9
Hot tubs	Twice/year	9
Tobacco Sales	Intermittently	0

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

John Quimby, Operator

Telephone 597-9882

Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Holidays

Certified Trash Haulers: Casella Waste Systems (trash/wood), TAM (recyclables) and Sayers (metal).

Transfer Station Services: trash disposal, recycling area, metal and wood disposal, electronics recycling including computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, televisions, telephones, stereos, speakers, printers, VCR's, radios, etc. are collected in the red dumpster.

<u>Tires</u>	<u>Recycling Charge (Please obtain a permit online)</u>
Automobile	\$6.00 each
Truck (rimless)	\$10.00 each

PLEASE NOTE

1. Off-road vehicle tires are not accepted (4-wheel recreational vehicle tires and tractor tires).
2. Recyclables will not be accepted as general waste. Please put these into their respective containers.
3. Sites and dates for hazardous waste collection will be posted at the Transfer Station. Copies of these waste bans may be obtained from John Quimby.
4. Propane tanks and air-conditioners should not be put in the metal dumpster but must be left on the ground. Used hearing aid batteries may be given to the Transfer Station attendant for disposal.
5. All residents must purchase stickers **ONLINE** by July 1, 2023 in order to use the Transfer Station. The cost is \$15.00/year for one vehicle. Homes with more than one vehicle may purchase stickers for \$5.00 for each additional car.

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF RECYCLING RULES

Acceptable Items In Paper Box

White Envelopes
 Computer, Fax and Copy Paper
 Kraft Paper (brown grocery bags)
 Magazines and Catalogs
 Chipboard/Box Board and Gift Boxes
 White and Colored Ledger Paper
 Newspaper
 Notebook Paper and Wrapping Paper
 Paper Egg Cartons
 Construction Paper
 Telephone and Paperback Books – Covers can be left on
 Junk Mail (including envelopes and coupons)

Acceptable Items In Bottle & Can Box

Plastic Containers (marked with numbers 1-7)
 Aluminum Cans
 Glass Bottles (green, clear, brown)
 Tin and Bi-Metallic Containers
 Aseptic Milk/Juice Cartons
 Aluminum Foil (pie plates, eg.)
 Rigid Plastics with Recycling Symbol

Unacceptable Items

Styrofoam
 Plastic Bags
 Caps or Lids
 Pizza Boxes

Report of Municipal Solid Waste Removal:

	<u>Solid Waste Cost/Ton</u>	<u>Tons Collected</u>	<u>Total Cost to Town</u>	
'20	Trash (20 hauls) \$ 97/ton-365/haul	233.00	\$29,901.00	
'21	Trash (20 hauls) \$ 97/ton-365/haul	241.91	\$30,765.27	
'22	Trash (21 hauls) \$102.24/ton-368/haul	219.92	\$30,212.62	
	<u>Recyclables</u>	<u>Cost per ton/haul</u>	<u>Tons Collected</u>	<u>Total Cost to Town</u>
'20	Wood (10 hauls)	\$97/ton-\$365/haul	49.00	\$7,403.00
'21	Wood (5 hauls)	\$97/ton-\$365/haul	35.13	\$5,232.61
'22	Wood (8 hauls)	\$102.24/ton-368/haul	42.18	\$7,256.48
'20	Metal (8 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	31.58	\$ 1,736.90 received
'21	Metal (6 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	28.63	\$ 1,574.65 received
'22	Metal (6 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	26.76	\$ 3,471.80 received
'20	Paper (19 hauls)	\$365.00	30.00	\$6,935.00
'21	Paper (21 hauls)	\$365.00	27.97	\$7,665.00
'22	Paper (14 hauls)	\$60/ton – 368 haul	27.03	\$6,773.80
	<u>Plastic, glass, cans</u>			
'20	15 hauls	\$163/ton-\$365/haul	18.00	\$8,409.00
'21	8 hauls	\$168/ton-\$365/haul	18.77	\$6,073.36
'22	9 hauls	\$170.66/ton-\$368/haul	17.76	\$6,342.92
'20	Electronics (3 hauls)	\$1,250.00	9.01	\$3,825.00
'21	Electronics (4 hauls)	\$1,252.00	12.02	\$5,000.00
'22	Electronics (2 hauls)	\$1252.00	6.80	\$2,504.00

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District 2022 Hancock

The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD) was established in 1988 through legislation passed by the Massachusetts General Court. By forming the solid waste district, the small municipalities in Northern Berkshire County have been able to pool resources and obtain professional waste management services to conduct recycling and outreach education programs, hazardous and special recycling collections. We have a vision to seek regional solutions to attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The 13 member -towns that comprise NBSWMD include Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Windsor, and Williamstown. Each town appoints a representative to serve on the NBSWMD Board. Board Officers for 2022 included: Joseph Szczepaniak Jr., Chair (Lanesborough), Edward Driscoll, Vice Chair (Adams); and, Terry Haig, Treasurer. In 2022, NBSWMD services included:

- Working with third party inspector from MassDEP conducting annual transfer station Inspections pursuant to 310 CMR 19.018, all of which have been highly rated.
- Serving as Bid Administrator for 5 years hauling and processing of waste, recyclables with Casella Waste Systems Inc.
- Working with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling, superior Court hearing won! Prevailing Wage was reversed to the local town's DPW rate.
- Coordinating special collections that are open to all 13 member towns, including annual. Bulky and electronics recycling, household hazardous waste collections and community Paper shredding events with pro-shred and Community Compost distribution day.
- Management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, textiles, scrap metal, books, swap shops (household good) 3 in place towns of Hinsdale, Savoy, and Windsor. New programing in 2022; CMRK textile recycling program, Towns of Adams, Florida, Savoy and Windsor. Discover book recycling Town of Lanesborough and Williamstown. Organics composting Town of Williamstown with Casella Waste Systems INC and community outreach with Second Chance Composting.
- Outreach with local youth groups introducing MassDEP "Green Team" Program.
- Established Mattress Recycling "HUB" effective November 1, 2022, in partnership with the Town of Dalton.
- Submittal of member-town MassDEP annual recycling and solid waste surveys, grants through Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) and all reporting.

The district 2022 held its annual household hazardous waste collections April 2022, held in the Town of Adams for all 13 member Town's residents. 150 Households participated in this event. This year our Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023, to kick off Earth Day. This allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, oil-based paints, oil, pesticides, and other products that are deemed hazardous.

Also, the district held 3 bulky waste and electronics collections in 2022. Two Community paper shredding events were held to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents, over 51 totes containing a total 3,250 pounds of paper were shredded on site by Pro-Shred. The district continues to offer all member Towns' residents subsidized home composting units for \$25, allowing food waste, leaves, and brush to be composted at home.

The day -to-day program operations of the NBSWMD are managed by Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik, only employee, who also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, The Solid Waste Advisory Committee, The Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and state officials, and New appointed to Mass Recycle Board.

The NBSWMD has an annual operations assessment that is approved by the district's Board of Commissioners, which is based on the current census 2020. The combined assessments for all Thirteen towns were \$97,930.41. The Assessments are for operating costs, special collections, such as Household Hazardous waste collection contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental, Community paper shredding events, subsidized home composting units, six universal waste collections sites with Next Level Recycling.

In 2022, all NBSWMD member-towns were eligible for and received grants under the MassDEP. Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). In total, the NBSWMD Towns received \$43,675.00 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programming. Funding is a result of a town's successful waste management and recycling infrastructure.

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively 777 tons of recyclable materials to Casella Waste Systems INC, Vermont MRF; 100 Earth Machines were subsidized and distributed to all 13 member towns, for composting household brush, leaves, food.

District wide diverted over 123,979 pounds of textiles from the waste stream. Electronics recycling with East Coast Electronics, over 40,567 pounds.

Thank you to all the district volunteers, town's DPW, officials, and the residents of all the member towns. Your continued support in recycling and waste reduction keeps our communities a beautiful place to call home.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Cernik

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

We had several loose dogs again this year. The Town of Hancock has a leash law – that means that you are required to have the dog on a leash held in your hand or attached to a secure point, or in a fenced-in area where they cannot leave your property. Dogs are required to be licensed at the Town Clerk's office every year. All vaccines are required to be up-to-date before you can purchase your license.

There are a total of 16 farms in Hancock. They include the following:

2 – Alpacas **4** – Rabbits **265** – Poultry **83** – Equine **84** - Cattle **13** – Goats **6** - Pigs

Respectfully submitted,

Animal Control Officer/Inspector, Donald L. Cassavaugh

The Board of Health would like to thank John Quimby for keeping the Transfer Station working so smoothly, Shawn Derby, Sr. for packing our wood and metal dumpsters, Melanie Jackson for all her help at the Transfer Station, all Boards, Committees, Departments, and Town Secretary, Jan Lillie, for their help throughout the year. We also want to thank Jeff and Greg for helping at the transfer station.

Respectfully submitted: BOARD OF HEALTH

John Quimby, Chair; Melanie Jackson, Melissa Leab,
Greg Canales and Wendy Kipp

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The mowing and trimming were kept up regularly. Also we straightened up a few more headstones in the Ely Cemetery, Goodrich Hollow Cemetery and the Main Cemetery. Please remove the gravestone decorations at the end of every season. Thank you.

Contact the Cemetery Commission before you put in cornerstones or monuments. There are restrictions and State by-laws that the Town of Hancock has to follow. We wouldn't want you to have to dig up what you have paid for. We will be putting these rules and by-laws on the Town website soon. Remember that November 15th the cemetery closes for the winter and reopens April 1st – weather permitting. If the chains are up, don't take them down to drive in. Please park on the side of the road and walk in or park at the Town Hall and walk over.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commission

Donald Cassavaugh, Chair, Lydia Cassavaugh and Tanya Rathbun

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission continues its state-mandated review of projects affecting the wetland areas protected by the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40. The act prohibits any filling, excavation, or other alteration of land surface, water levels or vegetation in wetlands regardless of ownership without permit from the local Conservation Commission. All projects within 200' of a river or stream or within 100' of a wetlands area must be brought before the Commission.

Our mission is to protect our natural resources while considering the rights of residents to legally use their land as they see fit.

During the 2022 calendar year the Commission reviewed applications and held hearings on activities including wetland delineation and construction on Hancock Road, extension of Order of Conditions for Kittle Road property, new Notice of Intent (NOI) for Kittle Road property with revisions, compliance issues for property on Whitman Road and later submitted NOI for same property and other RDA & NOI applications and site visits for compliance.

Due to Covid virus restrictions some of the meetings during the year were conducted by Skype or Zoom meetings. Conservation Commission meetings are held monthly, on the 3rd non-holiday Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and are open to the public. Public Hearings are held to review projects filed with the Commission, as the need arises. All such Hearings are posted as required by Massachusetts General Law, the Department of Environmental Protection, and Town of Hancock bylaws. We welcome all inquiries and participation by any and all town residents.

We are seeking one or more individuals who have the time to commit to this important mission and are interested in the nature of the work engaged in by the Commission. Volunteers should contact the Town Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted: Conservation Commission

Kevin Nichols, Robin Keeney, Rick Ehle, Greg Holland, Kristin Hickey & Paul Hyde

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Veterans Memorial Committee continues to work on keeping the grounds clean and mowed with a huge thank you to our Cemetery Commission, also to Cynthia Grauman Nan Derby, Valerie Tallet and husband Greg for their continued weeding, mulching, and planting of flowers. With the continuation of COVID, Flu and other illnesses, we have moved forward at a slower pace. We are still in the planning process for bringing the two monuments from the Library to the grounds of the veteran's memorial and will be adding additional pavers this summer. If you are interested in purchasing a paver or sending a donation for upkeep and maintenance it can be sent to PO Box 1097 Hancock, MA 01237. Thank you to those that have sent in contributions as your continued support is much appreciated. With the winds whipping through the Jericho Valley we have had to replace the flag several times. We are very proud of our Memorial.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Burdick, Chairman, Valerie Dean Tallet, Sherman L. Derby, Sr.

HANCOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

100 - Fire, other	1
111 - Building fire	3
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	45
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	6
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	9
340 - Search for lost person, other	2
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
443 - Breakdown of light ballast	1
444 - Power line down	3
500 - Service Call, other	1
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	2
730 - System malfunction, other	1
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	37
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6

Total Incidents

133

The following permits were issued:

Fire Works	0
Oil Burner Installation	0
Propane Tank Installation	9

The Fire Department responded to large number of incidents this year. Due to the ongoing pandemic we were unable to host our annual Ski Sale at Jiminy again this year. We were able to host our Car Show with a great turn out. Thank you to Ioka Valley Farm for their help with that. The dedication and support of the Department Members and their families cannot be overstated.

All fire department permits (excluding open burning permits) are \$20.00. This includes Oil Burner inspections, Oil tank installations, Oil tank removals, LP Tank installations, Fire Works Permits, and Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector Inspections.

Burning permits for burning brush are available on line at bcburnpermits.com daily January 15 thru May 1 from 8:30AM to 1 PM. If permits are available for that day, click on submit application and fill in the blanks then print your permit. Paper permits can also be obtained from Bob's Camper and RV's from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Monday thru Saturday or by contacting the Chief.

The Hancock Fire Department continues to sponsor the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony. Please join us in remembering and honoring our past and present veterans.

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES.

Don't forget to change the batteries in your detectors at least once a year and to test them regularly.

DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES.

**Respectfully submitted: Fire Chief
Michael Williams**

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 5pm, excluding July and August. Anyone requesting to be on the Agenda must do so 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Four Form A Applications were submitted to the Board and approved. Further details are documented in the Planning Board meeting minutes.

The proposed bylaw concerning road frontage was included in the Town Warrant for a vote at the annual Town Meeting. The proposed bylaw was voted down again as in years past.

Respectively Submitted - Christie Moran - Chair, Sherman Derby, Sr., Barbara Markessinis, Zach Hanson and Leo Laviolette.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Department has no fixed hours. Appointments may be made by calling Rob Rosier at (518) 653-4565 or email at Hancockbuildinginspector@gmail.com. Permit applications may be obtained at the Town Hall during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

During the period from July 1, 2021, until June 30, 2022, the Building Commissioner issued 80 permits. These consisted of 2 new homes, 6 accessory structures, 25 renewable energies, 15 roof replacements, 7 wood/pellet stoves, and 25 renovations.

16 annual inspections were performed on commercial structures to ensure continuing compliance with life safety requirements. State Building Code requires such annual inspections on all restaurants, places of assembly, and transient lodging facilities.

Respectfully submitted: Building Commissioner, Rob Rosier

GAS PIPE INSPECTOR & PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Gas Pipe / Plumbing Inspector has no fixed hours. Appointments may be made by calling Thomas DiCicco at 413-738-5750. Permit applications may be obtained at the Town Hall during regular hours, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, or on the website: town.hancock.ma.us under “Forms”.

The Gas Pipe / Plumbing Inspector issued 34 permits consisting of 20 gas permits and 14 plumbing permits.

Respectively Submitted: Gas Pipe / Plumbing Inspector
Thomas DiCicco

WIRING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Wiring Inspector has no fixed hours. Appointments may be made by calling Joe Knysh at 413-822-9391. Permit applications may be obtained at the Town Hall during regular hours, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, or on the website: town.hancock.ma.us under “Forms”.

The Wiring Inspector issued (57) electrical permits: (1) Hancock School renovations, (3) Generators, (6) Commercial, (8) HVAC / Mini Splits, (4) New Houses, (10) Solar Residential, (3) Additions, (6) Remodel, (2) Garages, & (14) Misc. Electrical Work.

Respectively Submitted: Wiring Inspector
Joe Knysh

COUNCIL ON AGING

Again this year, no meetings were held until June, when COVID surges had subsided and we could meet outside at the pavilion for a brown bag picnic. In August we had hot dogs at the pavilion, and in September it was a meal of barbecued chicken thighs. All were furnished free, using money collected from balance and yoga classes. In October, during open enrollment time, we invited Shauna Post, SHINE Director at Elder Services, to our meeting to give updates about changes in prices and in companies in Berkshire County that offer drug coverage, medigap insurance, and differing Medicare policies.

Since our long-time balance and yoga class leader, Jane Jezuit, moved from the area this year, there is no longer a yoga class. However, Therese Rodda, newcomer to Hancock who was looking for a way to get involved in the community, has taken Jane's place as balance leader, and the class is continuing to grow under her very able guidance. Classes were held in the pavilion during the summer, but for winter they moved to Bloom Meadows on Tuesdays at 11:30 and Town Hall on Fridays at 11:30. The cost of each class is three dollars.

Donald Whitman continues to host the weekly coffee hour at his former Green Valley Equipment building. This, too, is a popular gathering, attracting not only current townspeople, but those who formerly lived here and others from Stephentown, New Lebanon and elsewhere. Just bring a cup of coffee, gather around the table and visit for an hour or so on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

The Council on Aging newsletter, "*the Silver Source*," was sent out to notify of meetings. Also included, besides balance class and coffee hour times, were sources for heat assistance, listings of nearby summer-time free events, current scams, and other information that might be useful for seniors.

Respectfully submitted: Council on Aging

Margaret Fenander, Director

Kathy Gideon, Chairman

Marjorie Feathers, Publisher of *The Silver Source*

Joan Burdick

Lydia Cassavaugh

ASSESSORS REPORT

The Interim adjustments for tax year 2023 were completed with the first half tax bills going out in December with a tax rate of \$2.68 down from \$3.00 in FY 2022. The second half semi-annual billing will be mailed April 1, 2023 with a May 1, 2023 due date. The contract with Patriot Properties, Inc., for all Interim Year and Recertification Year Valuation Adjustments and Certification with the State, was renewed for three years. With the departure of Christy Moran and Renee Hanson, there were two vacant positions. Kristine Hickey was elected in May 2022 and Therese Rodda was appointed in September 2022 to fill the vacancies. The Board of Assessors continues to work on updating and maintaining the data base to insure that all residents are assessed at fair market value. The Assessors would also like to inform town residents that we will be taking photographs of your residence and updating Property Record Cards during the warmer months.

Informational brochures and forms are located outside of the Assessors' office and are available Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon or can be found on the Town website at town.hancock.ma.us under the Assessor tab.

If you are filing for an abatement on your motor vehicle excise tax bill and you transferred your plates to a new vehicle or returned your plate to RMV, please provide the Assessors with a copy of your new registration, bill of sale, or disposition of vehicle and plate return receipt so that we can grant your abatement in a timely manner. You may leave the information in our mailbox at Town Hall or mail to P.O. Box 1006, Hancock MA 01237.

The Assessors hours are Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. Our phone number is 413-738-5225 ext. 4 and the fax number is 413-738-5310. You may also e-mail BOATOWNOFHANCOCK@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted: Board of Assessors

Chairman, Kristine Hickey, Therese Rodda, Felicity Cassavaugh

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Insurance paid for the repair of stones and the gate at Ely Cemetery, necessitated by an automobile accident, but the gate was placed in a different location. Pictures taken of the cemetery for Historical Commission purposes were used to show the original placement, so the correction was made.

Shawn and Sherman Derby Jr. took on the project of getting and setting the post for the new sign that designates the location near where the original Hancock Baptist Church was located. The new sign was then mounted. Committee members searched through the cellar hole at the corner of Brodie Mt. Road and Route 43, but were unable to find the sign that had identified the long-gone building there as a cheese factory.

With no Gathering held since 2019 because of the COVID pandemic and data showing a decrease in cases this spring, it was thought that maybe we could reinstate this annual November tradition. We chose the topic "Tidbits of Hancock History," figuring it would be simple to cancel the Gathering if we needed to. By October, cases were surging again in Berkshire County and nearby New York and Vermont, so for the third year, no Gathering was held.

Donald Leab was appointed as a member of the committee to replace our loss of Jennifer Fenander.

We changed our meeting time to second Wednesday of the month at 7.

Respectfully submitted: Chairman Marjorie Feathers, Elna Rodda, Hiram Greene,
Kathy Gideon, Cynthia Grauman, Nancy Derby, Donald Leab

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FISCAL 2022

	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle</u>
Committed	\$938,283.47	\$34,934.37	\$110,983.84
Collected	\$904,866.99	\$30,345.34	\$72,546.93
Abated	\$4,508.74	\$222.75	\$1,467.78
Refunded	\$6,354.77	\$103.32	\$19.56
Outstanding	\$35,262.51	\$4,469.60	\$36,988.69

Pilot Payments:

\$155,000.00 Wind Turbines First Phase

\$52,000.00 Wind Turbines Second Phase

Report Submitted by Julie Williams, Tax Collector

Telephone 413-738-5225 X-3 Fax 413-738-5310

Tax Collector's Office Hours: Tuesday Mornings: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoons: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATION REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

When registering or re-registering a motor vehicle please make sure that **HANCOCK** is listed as your place of residence at both the Registry of Motor Vehicles and your insurance company. There is a line designated for those of us who have a different mailing address from our residential address.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Emergency Management Director continues to ensure the Town in 100% NIMS compliant.

There were no Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) mobilization incidents in the Town this year.

The Emergency Management Department did receive a \$2500.00 grant from MEMA and was used to purchase Shelter Supplies and Classroom Emergency Response Kits.

We currently are members in The Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee that meets every month. I will continue to attend these meetings as well as the quarterly MEMA meetings.

Continuing to review the Emergency Sheltering Plans and the Emergence Dispensing Sites (EDS) with the Board of Health and the Selectmen.

The Town of Hancock has been awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant in the amount of \$27,000.00 to complete a Community Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation Planning process that will examine the community's vulnerabilities and strengths and identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes. We are working with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to complete this process.

Still working to update the COOP (Continuity of Operation Plan) with Town leaders.

Respectively Submitted: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
David Rash

TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Our library collection has over 4,600 items to offer the community as well as computers to use, copier available to the public, and can print items for patrons. We were open 681 hours. The library had a total of 597 in attendance, with 69 on Halloween and 52 for Community Christmas. For circulation, we received 103 items from other libraries for our patrons, we provided 623 items to other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. There were 878 items taken out directly for a total of 1,604 items circulated this year.

Our hours continue to be:
Monday 2pm-6pm and 6:30pm to 8pm (Craft Night)
Thursday 9:30am to 11:30am and 2pm-6pm
Saturday from 10am to noon

Other items available for circulation are; metal detector, handheld GPS unit, telescope, snowshoes, and KILL A WATT units to measure electrical use.

The Friends of the Library sponsored an event with David Bates, a storyteller, attended by 34 participants. We also had an open house.

We continue to pursue building an addition for a bathroom and handicap accessibility.

White Wolf Septic continues to provide an ADA compliant portable restroom and seasonal handwashing station at no cost.

We thank the town and community for their continuing support.

Respectfully, Joan Burdick, Connie Chase, and Jane Roberts

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Hancock Central School continues to work diligently to provide excellent academic and social experiences to our students in support of growing lifelong learners. A focus and emphasizing on core values that contribute to the growth of character in tandem with our commitment to continually improve and refine our academic programs has been a primary focus over the past year. Success in these areas was only possible through the collaborative efforts of the adults who work in the school building, support from families and the community, and the eagerness of our students to learn.

The school was in its second year of implementing the Collaborative Classroom Literacy program and the first year of the Engage NY Math program. Benchmark data collection continued and provided school staff with information to support and guide teaching and learning. The ability to look at class and individual data over multiple years allowed for collaborative conversations focused on targeted instruction.

With the easement of pandemic restrictions, the school implemented weekly whole school team building activities, reintroduced 6th grade students working with our preschool class, reinstated community lunch, cross grade recess, field trips, whole school gatherings, and after school activities.

After school homework club was offered to provide students with a structured and supportive environment to complete their work while having access to a teacher. Another robust extended summer program was offered which focused on addressing achievement gaps through theme based literacy and math activities. Students worked on projects and participated in lessons designed to focus on problem solving, executive functioning, and cooperative play skills to set the foundation for weekly interactive field trips.

The Hancock Organization of Parents and Educators (HOPE) continued to be a positive and supportive group within the school community. We are fortunate to have such an active and dedicated group working to support both the students and staff at the school.

Thanks to the town and many family and community volunteers, a new outdoor fenced play area was built, a new cross walk and sidewalks were installed, and bark mulch was provided for the playground and new sand for the sandboxes. Two major renovation projects have begun at the school. The addition of an enclosed and secure entryway at the front of the building, the renovation and refurbishment of the student bathrooms, and the addition of a new handicap/adult bathroom are underway.

The continued success of the Hancock School District could not have happened without the endless support of the community, families, and staff members who always champion our district as a place people want to come to teach, work, and learn. It is a privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully,

Dr. Rebecca Phillips
Superintendent of Schools

HANCOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Community

As part of School Union #70, Shaker Mountain School District we continue to be connected to the New Ashford School Committee. We continue our collaboration with Lanesborough Elementary in terms of curriculum coordination and sharing activities.

We continue to strive to strengthen the lines of communication at both Mount Greylock and New Lebanon. Sixth graders are given an opportunity to visit both schools. We invite representatives from both schools to meet with parents to discuss curriculum, sports and musical opportunities.

Staff

We welcome Emily Rudd as the 2/3 grade teacher. We thank Ward Johnson for his years of service as the school psychologist and wish him well in retirement. We thank Jan Derby for her many years of dedicated service and wish her well in retirement. Jan was an important part of our school community for 34 years.

Committee changes

Bruce Weiner and Alex Kastrinakis were re-elected for another 3-year term.

Programs

We maintained our unofficial Level 1 standing on the MCAS testing done last spring, which is a great reflection on the combined strengths of the leadership, faculty and staff, and families all working towards the mission statement of Hancock School (To create a positive, safe and rigorous educational setting that fosters a student-centered learning environment based on mutual respect). To prepare our students for an ever-changing world, we believe education is the shared responsibility of the student, home, school, and community.

The public is invited to attend School Committee Meetings. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month (except for July) at 6:00 P.M. at the school. Please visit our website: www.hancockschool.org for information about our school, teachers, specialists, school calendar and more.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Kastrinakis, Chair

Melissa Turner, Bruce Weiner, Elisabeth Kryskow and Kayt Turner

Hancock Elementary School Principal's Report

Hancock started the year with some new faces. Ms. Lincoln is doing an incredible job in the Ruby Room. Our new paraprofessionals, Mrs. Lahey and Mrs. LeBarron, are doing a superb job helping out in the classrooms and throughout the school. After 10 years at Hancock, Mr. Keller accepted a full-time position in another district. We were excited to hire Mrs. Thurston to fill his position; she has done a wonderful job integrating herself into our community and building upon the technology and physical education programs that the students and community find so fun and meaningful.

Again this year our enrollment has increased, due largely to more Hancock residents, especially in the PreK program. Our enrollment recently hit 60. While we are not expecting it to continue to grow at the rate it has in past years, we are ready and have space should more families opt to move to Hancock and enroll in our wonderful school. Hancock residents who are interested in enrolling children at our school should get in touch with me so I can include them on our roster.

Hosting Community Thanksgiving after too many years of missing this special event was heartwarming. We are looking forward to bringing back more events for the school and larger communities. Additionally, we have been going on field trips including apple picking, performances at Mt. Greylock, the Pittsfield Boy's and Girl's Club and local museums. Keeping common sense health and wellness protocols in place allows us to bring back more and more of what makes Hancock School special.

While continuing to focus attention on our new literacy program adopted last year, we have implemented a new math curriculum that places much greater emphasis on developing a strong number sense rather than rote memorization. It's great to see and hear students talking through challenging problems and offering multiple solutions. We are excited to chart the continued growth of the Hancock students!

In a wonderful collaboration between the town and the school, the school's aged bathrooms are in the process of being renovated and a new adult/handicap bathroom is being added. While the construction has been inconvenient at times as we have had to make due with one less bathroom than we are accustomed to, the makeover will be well worth it. We are looking forward to the creation of a new entryway that will provide more security, make it easier for people to drop things off at the school and help to minimize heat loss. Finally, I am sure everyone has noticed the new cross walk, sidewalks, and school zone/speed signs that were installed. Not only do they provide more safety as vehicles are traveling slower, it is nice to see residents out walking and using the crosswalk to safely get from one sidewalk to another.

Hancock School is a unique, special school. In addition to a strong academic program, students learn what it means to be part of a community. Our mission ends with the sentence "To prepare our students for an ever-changing world, we believe education is the shared responsibility of the student, home, school, and community." Our students are blessed to have such a wonderful school and the support of the Hancock community. On behalf of the Hancock School, thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Merselis III (Jay), Principal
413-738-5676
jmerselis@hancockschool.org

School Committee

Alex Kastrinakos, Chair	413-464-1700
Elisa Kryskow	970-531-2499
Katherine Turner	413-329-4823
Melisa Turner	413-738-5099
Bruce Weiner	413-738-5488

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Rebecca Phillips	413-738-5676
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Special Education Director

Dr. Rebecca Phillips	413-738-5676
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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent and Special Education Director

Amy Scott	413-698-4001
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Principal

John G. Merselis III	413-738-5676 or 413-441-0081 (cell)
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Hancock Central School Staff and Specialists

Secretary	Mary Talbot
Art Teacher	Lori Signer
Custodian	John Quimby
Music Teacher	Allen Livermore
Occupational Therapist	Rachel Burgess
Phys. Ed, Technology, Science	Aubrey Thurston
School Nurse	Carol Stein-Payne
School Adjustment Counselor	Jane Shiyah
Speech, Language Pathologist	Breanna Saloio
Special Ed Teacher	Donna Beguin
Paraprofessionals	Lisa Buell
	Alecia Williams
	Amanda Lahey
	Cahill LeBarron

School Entrance Regulations

A child must have reached the age of five on or before September 1 in order to be eligible to enter Kindergarten. Students who are potty trained and 2 years nine months as of September 1 may enroll in PreK. Students who join us at two years nine months will need to meet the kindergarten age when the time comes; they will be in PreK for three years. Any and all Hancock residents who meet the age requirements are welcome at the Hancock School. No child may begin school until she/he presents a birth certificate.

Total Number of Students as of January 1, 2023 (60)

Miss Cummings, Mrs. Williams, Cricket Cove (13)

10 residents

3 nonresident (Williamstown, Lanesborough (2))

Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Buell, Sapphire Room (10)

8 residents

2 school choice (North Adams, Pittsfield)

Ms. Lincoln, Mrs. Lahey, Ruby Room (17)

12 residents

5 school choice (Lanesborough (3), Pittsfield, North Adams)

Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. LeBarron, Diamond Room (13)

6 residents

7 school choice (Cheshire (3), Williamstown (2), Lanesborough, Pittsfield)

Mrs. Mills Emerald Room (7)

4 residents

3 school choice (Cheshire, Lanesborough, Williamstown)

HANCOCK TUITION/CHOICE STUDENTS

2022-2023 as of 2/7/23

***RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

Grade PK: 1 (t)
Grade 1: 2 (t)
Grade 2: 2 (t)
Grade 3: 1 (t)
Grade 4: 1 (t)
Grade 5: 1 (t)
Grade 7: 1 (t)
Grade 8: 1 (t)

***MT GREYLOCK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 7: 6 (t)
Grade 8: 8 (t)
Grade 10: 3 (t)
Grade 11: 5 (t)
Grade 12: 5 (t)

***C.H. McCANN TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Grade 9: 4 (t)
Grade 10: 2 (t)
Grade 11: 2 (t)
Grade 12: 4 (t)

***TACONIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 11: 1 (t)

***NEW LEBANON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 11: 1 (t)
Grade 12: 1 (t)

FY2022 HANCOCK EDUCATION BUDGET

<u>FY22</u>		<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY22</u>		<u>FY22</u>
<u>Account Name</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>Final Actual</u>
UNION EXPENSES			SCHOOL EXPENSES continued		
Union Advertising	\$263.00	\$0.00	Reg Ed Para Salaries	\$46,377.00	\$56,256.49
MARS Dues	\$811.00	\$0.00	Substitute Salaries	\$3,500.00	\$12,756.98
MASS Membership	\$877.00	\$896.41	Prof. Development	\$6,270.00	\$329.00
Union Telephone	\$307.00	\$181.15	Teacher Course Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Union Printing & Copying	\$570.00	\$358.25	Technology Services	\$1,500.00	\$611.67
Union Postage	\$175.00	\$631.73	Software*	\$2,700.00	\$4,663.67
Union Expenses	\$307.00	\$0.00	Technology Supplies	\$500.00	\$347.64
Software Support	\$877.00	\$1,166.80	Technology Acquisition/Replacement	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Hardware Support	\$877.00	\$0.00	Nurses Salary	\$47,253.00	\$52,927.80
Super. Admin. Assist. Salary	\$6,908.00	\$6,907.94	Nurse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$1,291.14
Prof. Services & Fees - Shared Super.	\$18,854.00	\$18,853.98	Reg Ed Transportation	\$87,283.23	\$101,914.40
Supt. Prof. Development	\$1,138.00	\$1,466.27	Special Arrangement Transportation	\$18,000.00	\$5,444.13
Admin Asst Pro Dev	\$0.00	\$0.00	SPED Transportation	\$25,000.00	\$226.22
Sped Director Salary	\$17,977.00	\$17,976.98	Field Trip Transportation	\$1,500.00	\$2,574.85
SPED Dir Prof Dev	\$132.00	\$0.00	SCHOOL Sub-Total	\$910,551.23	\$719,129.36
Student Services Expenses	\$88.00	\$0.00			
Superintendent Expenses	\$421.00	\$285.37			
UNION Sub-Total	\$50,582.00	\$48,724.88	TUITION		
			Mt Greylock Tuition	\$505,790.00	\$415,174.36
SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXPENSES			New Lebanon Tuition	\$26,091.00	\$16,395.67
SC Legal Counsel	\$7,400.00	\$7,200.00	Monument Mt Tuition	\$48,410.00	\$0.00
School Committee Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	McCann Tuition	\$150,559.00	\$149,432.00
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$954.50	Richmond Tuition	\$57,946.00	\$77,089.50
MASC Dues	\$100.00	\$100.00	Pittsfield Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE Sub-Total	\$11,000.00	\$8,254.50	Taconic Tuition	\$20,013.00	\$18,679.00
			New England Center for Children	\$374,763.00	\$371,908.00
			TUITION Sub-Total	\$1,183,582.00	\$1,048,678.53
SCHOOL EXPENSES					
SPED Para Salaries	\$32,148.00	\$6,086.82	CUSTODIAL, UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE		
SPED Para Subs	\$1500.00	\$0.00			
Sped Teacher Salaries	\$101,259.00	\$63,150.15	Custodial Salary	\$9221.00	\$9,387.32
Sped Prof. Services & Fees	\$36,700.00	\$45,497.60	Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$7,944.20
Principals Salary	\$82,400.00	\$79,999.92	Internet Service	\$3,000.00	\$2,523.10
School Secretary Salary	\$7,563.00	\$5,501.09	Heating	\$5,400.00	\$8,797.15
Principal Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$2,565.13	Telephone	\$1,500.00	\$1,835.80
Principal Office Printing & Copying	\$4,000.00	\$3,181.29	Water	\$0.00	\$3,550.00
Pupil Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$10,526.50	Maintenance Of Grounds	\$2,200.00	\$3,019.00
Sped Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$2,397.97	Maintenance of Building	\$9,500.00	\$11,594.69
Textbooks	\$4,500.00	\$913.92	Custodial Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$2,292.07
Teachers Salaries	\$377,598.00	\$259,964.98	Contingency - Salary**	\$0.00	\$0.00
			CUSTODIAL/UTIL./MAINT. Sub-Total	\$38,221.00	\$50,943.33
			TOTALS	\$2,193,926.23	\$1,875,730.60
**For salaries that weren't settled at budget time. Funds moved to salary accounts once FY22 compensation finalized.				\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)
				\$2,163,926.23	\$1,845,730.60

Hancock Community Christmas Committee Report 2022

The Hancock Community Christmas Committee prepared One hundred ten (110) gifts bags for the children of Hancock, filled with an age-appropriate gift, book, gift card, candy, and a variety of fresh fruit.

We sent postcards to all residents of Hancock and posted details, letting everyone know about the Community Christmas event. Our program depends on donations and even in tough economic times, the Hancock community came through for our children. We appreciate and thank the folks who donated and were able to deliver bags to children who could not attend.

This year the committee included Amanda Lahey, Katie Hyde, Lynsey Kastrinakis, Ana Bradbury, Brittany Derby and Cahill Lebaron. We thank all those who donated time and/or money to make this year's event successful.

Treasurer's Report Hancock Community Christmas

2022	
Balance Forward	\$14,432.91
Donation Received	\$ 5,480.00
Money Expended	\$4,116.42
Current Bankbook Balance	\$15,811.48
Bags and Supplies	\$144.70
Books	\$391.90
Fruit, Candy, Food	\$1,029.67
Gift Cards	\$295.00
Postcards	\$136.32
Supplies	\$62.54
Toys	\$2,056.29

Respectfully submitted: Amanda Lahey, Chair
2022 Community Christmas Committee

TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASS

ARPA Rescue Plan	104,019.58
ARRPA July Storm	17,014.00
ARP Idea	1,268.00
Chapter 90	109,627.54
Chapter 70	212,302.00
Council On Aging Grant	6,000.00
Department of Public Utilities	2.30
Early Childhood Grant	1,951.00
Elderly Abatements	1,843.00
Employer Grant	5,852.94
ESSR	96,232.00
Fire Dept. Grant	7,900.00
Forest Products	5,419.65
Reap Grant	10,111.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles	1,865.00
Room Tax	294,376.19
Rural Aid	8,246.85
School Choice	132,000.00
SPED	25,214.00
SPED Extraordinary Relief	219,200.00
State Owned Land	48,155.00
Teacher Quality	1,202.00
Public Library Aid	2,736.21
Title 4	9,000.00
Unrestricted Govt. Aid	58,006.07
TOTAL	<u>1,379,544.33</u>

DEPARTMENTS

Board of Health	4,691.30
Building	18,962.84
Cemetery	1,575.00
Conservation Comm	1,162.50
Council on Aging	692.00
COVID Sick Leave	430.92
Electric	8,063.00
Fire	Fire 165.00 False Alarm 200.00 365.00
Hancock School	Pre K 31579.74 After Sch 8572.11 Misc 768.08 40,919.93
Highway Curb Cut	20.00
Planning Board Fees	100.00
Plumbing	1,540.00
Police	2,500.00
Secretary	70.00
Town Clerk	1,380.00
Town Licenses	11,767.00
TOTAL	<u>94,239.49</u>

TAX COLLECTOR

Charges & Fees	2,755.00
Interest	1,791.25
Motor Vehicle	108,278.79
Personal Property	30,586.49
Real Estate	921,325.63
Wind Turbine	207,000.00
TOTAL	<u>1,271,737.16</u>

TREASURER

Berkshire County Retirement	7,491.85
Federal Withholding	75,753.33
Group Insurance	14,097.00
Mass Teachers Retirement	60,543.16
Medicare	14,145.51
OBRA	15,156.29
State Withholding	49,266.01
Interest	3,838.35
Refunds	13,774.00
Back Taxes	11,530.96
TOTAL	<u>265,596.46</u>

GRAND TOTAL

3,011,117.44

**Town of Hancock
All Department Revenue Report
And Stabilization Balance
07-01-2021 - 06-30-2022**

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	\$ 30,533.04
Real Estate Tax	\$ 914,839.89
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 207,000.00
Tax Title	\$ 8,080.61
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 107,675.72
Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$ 1,791.25
Sub-Total General Taxes	\$ 1,269,920.51

Permits for Services

Fire Permits	\$ 185.00
Highway Permits	\$ 20.00
Board of Health Permits/Fees	\$ 4,691.30
Sub-Total Permits for Services	\$ 4,896.30

Other Charges & Miscellaneous

Earnings on Investments	\$ 3,838.35
Town Clerk	\$ 722.50
Zoning Board	\$ -
Planning Board	\$ 100.00
Fire Dept	\$ -
Miscellaneous Rev	\$ 18,423.35
Other Dept Rev	\$ 2,765.50
Liquor License	\$ 10,335.00
Sub-Total Other Charges & Miscellaneous	\$ 36,184.70

Revenue From State (Cherry Sheet)

Chapter 70	\$ 247,481.00
General Govt. State Aid	\$ 63,626.00
Abate Elderly State Aid	\$ 2,010.00
Sub-Total State Revenue	\$ 313,117.00

Revenue from other Governments

Fines-RMV	\$ 1,660.15
State Aid - Pilot	\$ 21,885.00
Local Room Tax	\$ 393,955.02
Misc State Revenue	\$ 1,125.00
Sub-Total other Governments	\$ 418,625.17

Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 2,042,743.68
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**TOWN OF HANCOCK
ALL DEPARTMENTS EXPENDITURE REPORT
FROM 07/01/2021-06/30/2022**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
Moderator Salary	\$0.00	\$79.00	\$0.00	\$79.00	\$0.00
Selectmen Salaries	\$0.00	\$5,274.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.00	\$0.00
Town Secretary	\$0.00	\$13,929.00	\$0.00	\$13,134.01	\$794.99
Community Christmans	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Street Lights	\$45.60	\$1,500.00	\$903.58	\$3,244.17	(\$794.99)
Computer Backup	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Finance Committee	\$0.00	\$152.00	\$0.00	\$152.00	\$0.00
Finance Committee Exp	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	(\$14,307.49)	\$0.00	\$9,692.51
Accountant Salary	\$0.00	\$15,606.00	\$0.00	\$15,606.00	\$0.00
Accountant Expense	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$838.27	\$2,338.27	\$0.00
Assessor's Salary	\$0.00	\$5,901.00	\$0.00	\$5,901.00	\$0.00
Assessor's Expense	\$503.73	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$23,099.50	\$3,904.23
Treasurer Salary	\$0.00	\$7,353.00	\$0.00	\$7,353.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Expense	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,404.21	\$5,604.21	\$0.00
Treasurer Tax Title Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.70	\$38.70	\$0.00
Tax Collector Clerk	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Tax Collector Salary	\$0.00	\$6,686.00	\$0.00	\$6,686.00	\$0.00
Tax Collector Expense	\$0.00	\$9,084.00	\$0.00	\$7,131.67	\$1,952.33
Town Counsel	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,656.15	\$2,343.85
Town Clerk Salary	\$0.00	\$5,944.00	\$0.00	\$5,944.00	\$0.00
Town Clerk Expense	\$11.70	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.61	\$631.09
Election & Census	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$278.44	\$1,521.56
Town Clerk Assistant	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Voting Machine Maint	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Board of Registrars	\$0.00	\$152.00	\$0.00	\$152.00	\$0.00
Board of Registrars Exp	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Con Con Expenses	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Planning Board	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$87.53	\$787.53	\$0.00
Zoning Expense	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Town Hall Maint	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,786.65	\$4,213.35
Town Hall Paint & Repair	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Town Hall Operating	\$399.25	\$8,000.00	\$294.92	\$8,646.85	\$47.32
Medicare - Town Share	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,681.57	\$14,681.57	\$0.00
Council on Aging	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,215.43	\$2,284.57
TOTAL	\$960.28	\$175,830.00	(\$7,058.71)	\$138,170.76	\$31,560.81
PUBLIC SAFETY	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
Emergency Management	\$0.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$255.00	\$0.00
Emergency Management exp	\$0.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$432.72	\$407.28
Emergency Generator	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
911 Numbering Official	\$0.00	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$137.00	\$0.00
Police Chief Salary	\$0.00	\$1,345.00	\$0.00	\$1,345.00	\$0.00
Police Work & Supplies	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$32.24	\$732.24	\$0.00
Constable Salaries	\$0.00	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$262.00	\$0.00
Asst. Fire Chief	\$0.00	\$787.00	\$0.00	\$787.00	\$0.00
2nd Asst Fire Chief	\$0.00	\$787.00	\$0.00	\$787.00	\$0.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$0.00	\$1,313.00	\$0.00	\$1,313.00	\$0.00
Firefighters Salary	\$0.00	\$16,800.00	\$0.00	\$13,322.83	\$3,477.17
Fire Dept Maint & Exp	\$368.86	\$51,000.00	\$6,669.47	\$61,844.60	(\$3,806.27)
Forest Fires & Equip	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$220.90	\$279.10

Gas Pipe Insp Exp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Richmond Fire Dept	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Bulding Insp Exp	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Wire Insp Exp	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Plumbing Insp Exp	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$470.28	\$229.72
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$0.00	\$743.00	\$0.00	\$743.00	\$0.00
Animal Inspector	\$0.00	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$186.00	\$0.00
Animal Control Exp	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Tree Warden	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$368.86	\$80,755.00	\$6,701.71	\$84,038.57	\$3,787.00
EDUCATION	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
School Committee	\$0.00	\$1,431.00	\$0.00	\$1,431.00	\$0.00
School Department	\$35,655.32	\$1,879,202.23	\$0.00	\$1,459,954.43	\$454,903.12
TOTAL	\$35,655.32	\$1,880,633.23	\$0.00	\$1,461,385.43	\$454,903.12
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highway Maintenance	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,091.63	\$16,908.37
Winter Roads	\$0.00	\$72,334.00	\$0.00	\$70,833.33	\$1,500.67
Cemetery Maint & Upkeep	\$0.00	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	\$3,345.42	\$1,204.58
Secondary Cemetery Maint	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$364.91	\$135.09
Burial Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$351.15	\$648.85
Transfer Station	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,515.00	\$9,485.00
Water Resource Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$193,434.00	\$0.00	\$163,501.44	\$29,932.56
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
Board of Health Salaries	\$0.00	\$3,221.00	\$0.00	\$3,221.00	\$0.00
Board of Health Expenses	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,229.03	\$14,270.97
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$19,721.00	\$0.00	\$5,450.03	\$14,270.97
OTHER	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
Housing Authority Exp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Veterans Agent Salary	\$0.00	\$298.00	\$0.00	\$298.00	\$0.00
Veterans Aid	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Library	\$2,484.64	\$22,502.00	\$0.00	\$13,705.55	\$11,281.09
Historical Commission	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$15.28	\$634.72
Interest on Loans	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Berkshire County Reg Planning	\$0.00	\$572.00	\$0.00	\$571.27	\$0.73
Berkshire County Retirement	\$0.00	\$16,212.00	\$0.00	\$16,212.00	\$0.00
Unemployment Reserve	\$312.56	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$548.03	\$3,264.53
Group Insurance	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,844.24	\$7,155.76
Workmens Comp Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Berk Regional Purchasing Program	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$357.00	\$15,357.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,797.20	\$78,384.00	\$357.00	\$49,551.37	\$31,986.83
SPECIAL ARTICLES	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	AVAILABLE
Emergency Equip Grant	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,352.94	\$5,647.06
Fire Safety Equipment	\$0.00	\$15,400.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$23,400.00	\$0.00	\$10,252.94	\$13,147.06
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$39,781.66	\$2,452,157.23	\$0.00	\$1,912,350.54	\$579,588.35

Town of Hancock

Unaudited Combined Balance Sheet

Year=2022 and Date Range from 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Project Funds	Sewer Fund	Trust Fund	Agency Fund	Long Term Debt Group	Memo Only
ASSETS									
Cash	1,372,266.05	711,878.69	179,241.02	0.00	0.00	137,383.75	21,289.70	0.00	2,422,059.21
Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	-95,868.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-95,868.41
Property Taxes	91,767.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91,767.52
Allowance for Abate &	-208,520.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-208,520.80
Tax Liens	28,243.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,243.08
Motor Vehicle Excise	134,519.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134,519.84
TOTAL ASSETS	1,418,275.69	711,878.69	179,241.02	-95,868.41	0.00	137,383.75	21,289.70	0.00	2,372,200.44
LIABILITIES									
Other Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	-95,868.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-95,868.41
Payroll Withholdings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,214.23	0.00	14,214.23
Def Rev Prop Tax	-116,753.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-116,753.34
Def Rev Tax Liens	28,243.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,243.06
Def Rev MV Excise	134,519.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134,519.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES	46,009.64	0.00	0.00	-95,868.41	0.00	0.00	14,214.23	0.00	-35,644.54
FUND BALANCES									
Reserved for	306,134.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306,134.66
Reserved for Expenditures	450,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450,000.00
Designated	0.00	711,878.69	179,241.02	0.00	0.00	137,383.75	7,075.47	0.00	1,035,578.93
Undesignated	616,131.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	616,131.39
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,372,266.05	711,878.69	179,241.02	0.00	0.00	137,383.75	7,075.47	0.00	2,407,844.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	1,418,275.69	711,878.69	179,241.02	-95,868.41	0.00	137,383.75	21,289.70	0.00	2,372,200.44

John Wright

The Town has many valuable volunteers - We have lost one of our greatest in Town – John Wright who passed away on January 25, 2023. John volunteered and helped out in many ways over the years. One of his most recognizable projects that we see daily is the current Town Hall sign. John was very active with the Council on Aging, attending all of the meetings and events, making coffee before the meetings began, designing a board that made it easier to use the coffee maker, making chili for the February chili/soup luncheon, building a railing for the church basement stairs to help the elderly feel more secure, mowing the lawn at the pavilion, and much more. He will be greatly missed.



