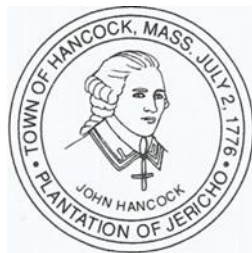


# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the TOWN OFFICERS of the*

## TOWN OF HANCOCK MASSACHUSETTS



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**For the Year Ending  
June 30, 2023**

**YOU CAME HERE FROM THERE  
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LIKE  
IT THERE, AND NOW YOU WANT  
TO CHANGE HERE TO BE LIKE THERE.**

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE,  
ONLY DON'T TRY TO MAKE HERE LIKE  
THERE. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE  
HERE LIKE THERE YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE LEFT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.**

## DEDICATION

We dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to the Community Christmas Committee for their years of service, counsel, and guidance to our Town. This is the Committee that is solely responsible for making our Community Christmas successful. They solicit, prepare and distribute through Santa Claus, gift bags for Christmas to all school age students.



**Amanda Lahey, Chair**



**Katie Hyde**



**Lynsey Kastrinakas**



**Ana Bradbury**



**Cahill LeBarron**

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## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **Board of Assessors**

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

### **Board of Health**

John Quimby, Chairman, 2024  
Melissa Leab, 2024  
Wendy Kipp, 2026  
Melanie Jackson, 2025  
Greg Canales, 2025

### **Board of Selectmen**

Sherman, L. Derby, Sr., Chairman, 2026  
Don Rancatti, 2024  
Dave Boyer, 2025

### **Cemetery Commission**

Donald Cassavaugh, Chairman, 2026  
Lydia Cassavaugh, 2025  
Tanya Rathbun, 2024

### **Constable**

Mark Gaskill, 2025

### **Finance Committee**

Linda Burdick, Chairman, 2025  
Sharon Hyde, 2026  
Tanya Rathbun, 2024

### **Library Trustees**

Connie Chase, 2024  
Lydia Cassavaugh, 2026  
Jane Roberts, 2025

### **Moderator**

Brian Fairbank, 2024

### **Planning Board**

Christie W. Derby, Chairman, 2024  
Sherman L. Derby, Sr., 2026  
Zach Hanson, 2025  
Leo Laviolette, 2025  
Barbara Markessenis, 2024

### **School Committee**

Alex Kastrinakas, Chairman, 2025  
James Rodda, 2026  
Bruce Weiner, 2025  
Elizabeth Kryskow, 2024  
Kayt Turner, 2024

### **Tax Collector**

Julie Williams, 2025

### **Town Clerk**

Linda Burdick, 2025

### **Treasurer**

Joan Burdick, 2025

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Agricultural Commission:** Laurie Boyer 2024, Jan Lillie 2024, Carolyn Sebring 2024  
**Animal Control Officer:** Donald Cassavaugh 2024  
**Auxiliary Police:** Donald Cassavaugh 2024, Eric Lillie 2024  
**Board of Registrars:** Lydia Cassavaugh 2024, Renee Hanson 2024, Vicki Fairbank, 2024  
**Board of Registrars Alternate:** Jan Lillie 2024  
**Board of Selectmen Chair:** Sherman L. Derby Sr. 2024  
**Building Inspector:** Rob Rosier 2024  
**Community Christmas Committee:** Ana Bradbury 2024, Katie Hyde 2024, Cahill LeBarron 2024, Amanda Lahey 2024, Lynsey Kastrinakis 2024  
**Conservation Commission:** Paul Hyde 2025, Eric Lillie 2026, Kevin Nichols 2024, Rick Ehle 2025, Robin Keeney 2024, Kristin Hickey 2024, Greg Holland 2024  
**Council on Aging:** Margaret Fenander, Chairman 2024, Joan Burdick 2024, Kathleen Gideon 2024, Marjorie Feathers 2024, Lydia Cassavaugh 2024  
**District Commissioner to Northern Berkshire Solid Waste:** John Quimby 2024  
**Emergency Management Director:** David Rash 2024  
**Fire Chief:** Michael Williams 2024  
**First Assistant Fire Chief:** Anthony Anderton 2024  
**Second Assistant Fire Chief:** Ross Jackson 2024  
**Fire Police:** David Rash 2024  
**Forest Warden:** Michael Williams 2024  
**Gas Pipe Inspector and Plumbing Inspector:** Thomas DiCicco 2024  
**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 2024  
**Highway Supervisor:** Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2024  
**Historical Commission:** Marjorie Feathers, Chairman 2024, Jan Lillie 2026, Hiram Greene 2025, Kathleen Gideon 2026, Cynthia Grauman 2025, Nan Derby 2026, Donald Leab 2025  
**Insurance Agent:** Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2024  
**911 Numbering Official:** Dave Boyer 2024  
**Northern Berkshire Cultural Council:** Cameron Hastie-Etchinson 2025  
**Police Chief:** David Boyer 2024  
**Procurement Officer:** Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2024  
**Assistant Procurement Officer:** Rebecca Phillips 2024  
**Special Police:** Eric Lillie 2024  
**Superintendent of Streets:** Don Rancatti 2024  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Jan Lillie 2025  
**Tree Warden:** Dave Boyer 2024  
**Trench Permitting Authority:** Dave Boyer 2024  
**Veteran's Agent and Veteran's Burial Agent:** Valerie Tallet 2024  
**Veteran's Memorial Committee:** Linda Burdick, 2024, Valerie Tallet 2024, Sherman L. Derby, Sr. 2024  
**Wiring Inspector:** Joseph Knysh 2024  
**Assistant Wiring Inspector:** Unfilled Appointment  
**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Donald Whitman 2024, Barbara Markessinis 2026, Robert A. Smith 2026, Scott Burdick 2025, Sherman Derby, Sr. 2025  
**Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate:** David Boyer 2025, Eric Lillie 2025

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all of the residents and taxpayers of Hancock for helping the Selectmen reach their goals this year.

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 – please only take away in 5 gallon pails.

The Selectmen completed the new safety bullet proof entrance and an adult bathroom at the School with a State ARPA grant and School Choice funds.

The Town joined Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), they offer transit services to the Hancock elderly or disabled for appointments, trips to the store, visits with friends, activities, etc. for a low cost. If interested, call BRTA at **413-499-2782**.

The Selectmen used Chapter 90 funds to resurface Corey Road at no expense to the taxpayers.

A group of volunteers are building a Civil War replica cannon for the Veterans Memorial, look for it in its debut at the Annual Memorial Day parade! Following the parade the cannon will be placed at the Veterans Memorial next to Town Hall.

Community Christmas was a big hit this year, it was the largest turnout that the Town can remember. Community Christmas is a wonderful Hancock tradition that we hope continues for many years to come.

The Selectmen were able to negotiate a three year snowplowing contract for an additional 3 years from 2025-2028.

The Selectmen are waiting for the aggregate with Colonial Power to be completed by the State. Once complete, residents will be able to join for a discount on their electricity bill. It is anticipated to be completed in 6-12 months.

Residents may now conveniently pay online for many services such as Transfer Station stickers, tax payments, LTC fees, dog licenses, etc. – look for the green “Town Payments” button on the Town website: **[town.hancock.ma.us](http://town.hancock.ma.us)** to utilize this service.

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 Taylor Memorial Library. 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 MA.

**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 SIXTH DAY OF MAY, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. to act on **Article 1** through **19** as applicable to Fiscal Year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

And furthermore to meet at the Hancock School, Route 43 in Hancock, on **MONDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2024** 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:**

Two Assessors for three years (currently Therese Rodda and Felicity Cassavaugh)  
Two Board of Health members for three years (currently John Quimby and Melissa Leab)  
One Board of Selectmen member for three years (currently Don Rancatti)  
One Cemetery Commission member for three years  
One Finance Committee member for three years  
One Library Trustee for three years (currently Connie Chase)  
One Moderator for one year (currently Brian Fairbank)  
Two Planning Board members for three years (currently Christie Derby and Barbara Markessenis)  
Two School Committee members for three years (currently Elizabeth Kryskow and Katherine Turner)

**SECOND – Town Reports**

To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers as printed in this 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 **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00)** 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 compensation for elected and appointed officials, the sum of **SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$65,457.00)** as listed or take any other action thereon. (Elected \*)

Accountant	\$17,636.00	* Finance Committee	\$172.00
Animal Control Officer	\$840.00	* Moderator	89.00
Animal Inspector	\$220.00	Plumbing Inspector ¾ fees collected	
* Assessors (3)	6,669.00	Police Chief	1,519.00
Board of Registrars	172.00	* School Committee (5)	1,618.00
* Board of Health (5)	3640.00	* Tax Collector	7,556.00
* Board of Selectmen (3)	5,960.00	* Town Clerk	6,717.00
Building Inspector 3/4 fees collected		* Treasurer	8,310.00
* Constable	296.00	Veteran’s Agent	337.00
Fire chief salary	\$1484.00	Wire inspector Keeps ¾ fee collected	
& keeps smoke detector insp. fees		911 Numbering Official	155.00
Assistant fire Chief salary	\$889.00	Emergency Manger	<u>289.00</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assis. Fire Chief salary	\$889.00		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,457.00</b>

**FIFTH –Personnel Hourly Rates**

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	\$16.14	Police Work	16.14
Cemetery Burial	16.14	Road Superintendent	16.22
Equipment Operators	16.14	Road Supervisor	16.22
Laborers	16.22	Secretary	18.30
Fire Chief	16.22	Transfer Site Operator	16.22
Assistant Fire Chief	16.22	Veteran’s Administrator	16.14
Fire Fighters	16.14		

**SIXTH –Budgets**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$328,152.00)** as listed below or any other sums, or take any other action thereon.

Burial Expenses	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance and Upkeep	5,700.00
Secondary Cemeteries Maintenance	<u>500.00</u>
<b>CEMETERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>
Transfer Site Operation	\$85,000.00
Water Resource Expenses	<u>50.00</u>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,050.00</b>

Library		<u>\$23,852.00</u>
	<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,852.00</b>
Highway Maintenance		\$40,000.00
Street Lights		3,900.00
Winter Roads		<u>73,400.00</u>
	<b>HIGHWAY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,300.00</b>
Council on Aging		<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
Fire Department Maint. & Exp.		\$53,000.00
Forest Fires & Equipment		750.00
Purchase of a Fire Truck to be Added to the Stabilization Fund		30,000.00
Fire Fighters Equipment Grant		<u>7,500.00</u>
	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 91,250.00</b>
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$328,152.00</b>

**SEVENTH – Expenses**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE (\$129,469.00) DOLLARS** to be expended as follows or take any other action thereon:

Accountant Expenses	\$2,900.00	Police Work & supplies	700.00
Animal Control Exp.	750.00	Secretary, Town	13,595.00
Assessors Expenses	30,550.00	Tax Collector Clerk	1,000.00
Board of Health Exp.	16,500.00	Tax Collector Expenses	9,084.00
Board of Registrars Exp.	30.00	Town Clerk Expenses	1,800.00
Building Inspector Exp.	500.00	Town Clerk Assistant	500.00
Computer Backup Exp.	1,400.00	Town Hall Maintenance,	
Conservation Comm. Exp.	600.00	Operation and Repair	7,000.00
Election and Census	2,300.00	Town Hall Paint & Repair	1,500.00
Emergency Manager Exp.	860.00	Town operating Expense	8,500.00
Finance committee Exp.	100.00	Tree Warden &	
Gas Pipe Inspection Exp.	50.00	Public Nuisance Exp.	1,000.00
Historical Commission Exp.	650.00	Voting Machine Maintenance	
Payment to town of Richmond Fire Dept.		& Programming	1,000.00
for responding to Accidents, fires,		Wire Inspector Exp.	500.00
and medical calls on Rt. 20 and		Zoning Bd. Of Appeals	<u>500.00</u>
adjacent streets.	1,200.00		
Planning Board Expenses	700.00		
Plumbing Inspector Exp.	700.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,469.00</b>

**EIGHTH – 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 2025 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	\$ 600.00

**NINTH – Fire Alarm Account**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Fire Alarm Account the sum of **SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00)**, which is the amount collected by that revolving fund during the 2022-2023 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.

**TENTH – Unclassified Expenses**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$108,763.00)**, or any other sum, to be expended as follows:

Attorneys' Fees	7,000.00
Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, Assessment	661.00
Berkshire County Retirement Expenses	18,602.00
Community Christmas	500.00
Insurance-Group Life and Health	10,000.00
Insurance-Property, Bldgs. & Liability for School Board, Town Officers & Police	17,000.00
Interest on Loans	5,000.00
Medicare Employee Tax	17,000.00
Reserve Fund	24,000.00

Unemployment Compensation	2,500.00
Veterans' Fund	4,000.00
Land purchase stabilization fund includes CH 61 Sec 5b	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$108,763.00</b>

**ELEVENTH – Employment of Boards and Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to allow members of the boards and commissions listed to be employed where needed to carry out any and all of the functions related to their office or take any other action thereon.

- Board of Assessors
- Board of Health
- Board of Selectman
- Cemetery Commission
- Library Trustees

**TWELTH – Permission to Appoint or take any other action thereon**

- (A) To see if the Town will permit the Board of Selectmen to appoint one or more of its members as Superintendent of Streets, Chief of Police, and Special police and be employed in those positions and provide equipment material and services.
- (B) 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.

**THIRTEENTH – Emergency Equipment Grant**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,000.00)**, or any other sum 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.**

**FOURTEENTH – Emergency Management**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)**, or any other sum for emergency generator maintenance and repairs. **RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.**

**FIFTEENTH – FEMA Grant Match for Fire Tanker Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **TWENTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00)**, from the FEMA Grant Match that was drawn from the stabilization fund to purchase a fire truck in 2023 incorrectly. We would like this money placed back into the fire truck stabilization fund. **RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.**

**SIXTEENTH – 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.

**SEVENTEENTH – FY 25 Hancock Educational expenses**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum OF **TWO MILLION, TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-THREE CENTS (\$2,026,659.53)**, or any other sum for school operating expenses or take any other action thereon. **RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN.**

**EIGHTEENTH – School Choice**

To see if the Town will vote to petition the legislature to enact the following special legislation to apply to the Town of Hancock,

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, subsection (k) of section 12B of Chapter 76 of the General Laws, shall not apply to public schools in the town of Hancock.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall prevent public schools in the town of Hancock to continue to participate in the school choice program under section 12B of chapter 76 of the General Laws after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Or take any other action relative thereto,.

**NINETEENTH – To transact any other business that legally comes 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 doing 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

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### RECORDED MARRIAGES (2)

	D.O.M.
Edward James Derby, Jr. & Christie Wanda Morin	10/14/23
William Timothy Newton & Courtney Christine Evans	11/11/23

### RECORDED BIRTHS (2)

### RECORDED DEATHS (7)

	D.O.D	DISPOSITION
John Ernest Wright	01/25/2023	Cremation
Jeremiah M. Higgins	02/14/2023	Burial St. Joseph's Cemetery
Norman R. Rathbun	04/15/2023	Burial Hancock Cemetery
Phillip J. Henault	09/09/2023	Cremation
Shelley Anne Kueppers	10/09/2023	Cremation
Joseph Anthony Cook	11/22/2023	Cremation
Julie L. (Burdick) Snow	12/23/2023	Cremation

DOG LICENSE FEES	# DOGS	KENNELS	# KENNELS
Male \$10.00	10	4 Dogs or less \$20.00	
Neutered \$ 5.00	65	10 Dogs or less \$40.00	1
Female \$10.00	9	Over 10 Dogs \$100.00	0
Spayed \$ 5.00	70		

### DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2024

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](http://town.hancock.ma.us) (for forms and Unipay)**

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: [clerk@town.hancock.ma.us](mailto:clerk@town.hancock.ma.us)

**Respectfully Submitted:** Linda C Burdick, Town Clerk

## **BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT**

The Board of Health welcomed Wendy Kipp for another three 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, Jiminy Peak 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, 2023, as required.

#### **Routine Board of Health Activities**

The Board of Health meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	5
Complaint Investigation	As necessary	2
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</u> (Please pay Mr. Quimby at drop-off)
Automobile	\$6.00 each
Tractor-trailer (rimless)	\$10.00 each
Refrigerators	\$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 by July 1, 2024 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>
'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
'23	Trash (17 hauls) \$120.32/ton-397.07/haul	203.00	\$31,175.15
	<u>Recyclables</u>	<u>Cost per ton/haul</u>	<u>Tons Collected</u>
'21	Wood (5 hauls)	\$97/ton-\$365/haul	35.13
'22	Wood (8 hauls)	\$102.24/ton-368/haul	42.18
'23	Wood (7 hauls)	\$110.32/ton-397.07/haul	41.00
'21	Metal (6 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	28.63
'22	Metal (6 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	26.76
'23	Metal (5 hauls)	Receive \$55.00	26.80
'21	Paper (21 hauls)	\$365.00	27.97
'22	Paper (14 hauls)	\$60/ton – 368 haul	27.03
'23	Paper (20 hauls)	\$-10/ton – 397.07 haul	24.79
	<u>Plastic, glass, cans</u>		
'21	8 hauls	\$168/ton-\$365/haul	18.77
'22	9 hauls	\$170.66/ton-\$368/haul	17.76
'23	8 hauls	\$176.00/ton-\$397.07 haul	15.51
'21	Electronics (4 hauls)	\$1,252.00	12.02
'22	Electronics (2 hauls)	\$1252.00	6.80
'23	Electronics (3 hauls)	\$1375.00	8.00

## Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District 2023 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 14 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 2023 included: Joseph Szczepaniak Jr., Chair (Lanesborough), Douglas McNally, Vice Chair (Windsor); and, Barbara Belisle, Treasurer. NBSWMD services included:

- Serving as Bid Administrator for 5 years hauling and processing 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 14 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 2023; 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.

District 2023 held its annual household hazardous waste collections April 2023, held in the Town of Adams for all 14 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 2023. One Community paper shredding events were held to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents, over 52 totes containing a total 3,750 pounds of paper were shredded on site by Pro-Shred offering residents a safe way to recycle secure documents. 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 Director Linda Cernik, 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. Linda Recently has been certified as a third-party inspector for the Transfer station maintenance and operations.

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 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 2023, all NBSWMD member-towns were eligible for and received grants under the MassDEP. Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). In total, the NBSWMD Towns received. \$54,833.00 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programming. With Hancock receiving \$3,500. Funding is a result of a town's successful waste management and recycling infrastructure.

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively 723 tons of recyclable materials to Casella Waste Systems INC, Vermont MRF; 100 Earth Machines were subsidized and distributed to all 14 member towns, for composting household brush, leaves, food.

District wide diverted over 124,230 pounds of textiles from the waste stream. Electronics recycling with East Coast Electronics, over 47,234 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 calls of loose dogs again this year. Remember to have your dog license tags on your dog when you let them out. You are required by law to have your dog licensed at the Town Clerk's Office every year. All vaccines are required to be up-to-date before you can purchase your license. We also had a few calls of cattle getting out.

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

2	Alpacas	300	Poultry
75	Equine	42	Cattle
1	Pig	3	Goats

**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, all Boards, Committees, Departments, and Town Secretary Jan Lillie, for their help throughout the years. 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 in the main cemetery. We cleaned up from the wind storm in the Goodrich and Gardner Cemeteries.

Contact the Cemetery Commission before you schedule to have cornerstones, foundations or monuments put in. There are restrictions and State by-laws that the Town of Hancock has to follow.

Remember that the cemetery closes for the winter on November 15<sup>th</sup> and reopens April 1<sup>st</sup> – depending on the weather. If the chains are up, don't take them down. Please park on the side of the road and walk in or park at the Town Hall and walk over into the cemetery.

If you see any suspicious activity in any of the cemeteries please contact the Town Hall.

**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 2023 calendar year the Commission reviewed applications and held hearings on an RDA for Bluebird Corp on Brodie Mountain RD, we issued two emergency work orders, one for Moresi & Associates, the other was for the Town of Hancock and Moresi & Associates, both located on Whitman RD. We also issued two Certificates of Compliances to Eversource in regards to the power lines. Two members of the Conservation Commission attended the Hancock Hazard mitigation meeting held at Jiminy peak.

Conservation Commission meetings are held monthly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Paul Hyde, Kevin Nichols, Kris Hickey, Greg Holland, Robin Keeney, and Rick Ehle

## **VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Veterans Memorial Committee continues to work on keeping the grounds clean and mowed with thanks to the Cemetery Committee and, also to Cynthia Grauman, Nan Derby, and Valerie Tallet for their continued weeding, mulching, and planting of flowers. After the winter storms, the poppies rebloomed and were beautiful for the Memorial Day Celebration. During the summer Linda Burdick and Valerie Tallet made a trip to Feeding Hills to drop off 6 pavers for engraving and Linda made a return trip to pick them up and with Valerie's expertise placed them in the walkway before the frost set in. We received donations during the year from The Johnson family and a very generous contribution from Virginia Bookstein. The committee approved the building of a replica of a Revolutionary War Cannon which Sherman Derby had already stated working on. The cannon will be shown during the Annual Memorial Day Parade in May of 2024 and then placed on the grounds of the Memorial Site. The committee also spent time writing policy for veteran names that need to be placed on the Memorial Stone and requirements needed to meet the criteria. Anyone who wishes to donate to the memorial upkeep or projects in the future such as the parking area, signage, pole flags or banners which we have tabled for the time being but is still on the bucket list, your contributions are greatly appreciated. We have replaced all flags due to high winds and continued rain. Comments from visitors have been highly favorable.

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

## **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. There were no Form A Applications submitted in 2023. In October the Board listened to a presentation by Courtney Morehouse of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in regard to grant money available for Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Christie Derby - Chair, Sherman Derby, Sr., Barbara Markessinis, Zach Hanson and Leo Laviolette.

## HANCOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
111 - Building fire	3
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	80
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	7
442 - Overheated motor	1
444 - Power line down	3
500 - Service Call, other	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	3
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	48
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	5
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>168</b>

The following permits were issued:

Fire Works:	0
Oil Burner Installation:	0
Propane Tank Installation:	12

Thank you to the Town Residents for voting to approve the Purchase of our new Ladder 1. The Fire Department responded to a record number of incidents this year. We were able to host two Car Shows with great turn outs. 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](http://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

## **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](mailto: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, 2022, until June 30, 2023, the Building Commissioner issued 79 permits. These consisted of 8 new homes, 9 accessory structures, 15 renewable energies, 14 roof replacements, 4 wood/pellet stoves, and 29 renovations.

15 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](http://town.hancock.ma.us) under “Forms”.

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

**Respectfully 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](http://town.hancock.ma.us) under “Forms”.

The Wiring Inspector issued (59) electrical permits: (1) Generators, (3) Commercial, (14) HVAC / Mini Splits, (7) New Houses, (11) Solar Residential, (12) Renovations, (2) Garages, (6) Service Updates, (1) Barn, (1) Pool, & (1) Car Charger.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Wiring Inspector  
Joe Knysh



## COUNCIL ON AGING

As COVID continues to raise its ugly contagious head, Council on Aging has cut back considerably on the number and types of activities held. Again this year, we had meetings only five months instead of twelve, and had a take-out catered Christmas dinner. But, since it was an outdoor event, we felt it was safe to again schedule one special trip out of town as a group. Several of us met at The Mount, Edith Wharton's former home, to stroll through the beautiful grounds while enjoying and discussing the twenty-seven large-sale sculptures displayed there this year.

Balance class continues to be directed twice weekly by Therese Rodda, and just keeps growing bigger. They are able to adapt to everyone's needs, and everyone is welcome. Class meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:30 at Town Hall and costs three dollars per session,

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 nearby towns. Just bring a cup of coffee, gather around the table and visit for an hour or so on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

"*The Silver Source*," the Council on Aging newsletter sent out to notify of meetings, also included balance class and coffee hour times, free tax filing information, a Tufts University list of some of the most healthful foods, listings of nearby free summer-time events, current scams, and other information important to 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 2024 were completed with the first half tax bills going out in early January with a tax rate of \$2.79 up from \$2.68 in FY 2023. The second half semi-annual billing will be mailed April 1, 2024 with a May 1, 2024 due date. The contract with Patriot Properties, Inc., will continue through the Recertification Valuation of FY 2025 and includes Certification with the State.

As 2025 is a Certification Year, it will be a busy year for the Board of Assessors, Felicity Cassavaugh, Therese Rodda and Kristin Hickey as they continue to work on updating and maintaining the data base to insure that all residents are assessed at fair market value and to ensure that the Valuation Work plan deadlines are met. Patriot will be conducting valuations in mid-2024. Once the valuation is completed and the Preliminary Certification is given, the Public Disclosure Program will provide taxpayers with information about their new assessment. 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](http://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 [assessor@town.hancock.ma.us](mailto:assessor@town.hancock.ma.us)

**Respectfully submitted:** Board of Assessors

Chairman, Kristin Hickey, Therese Rodda, Felicity Cassavaugh

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Following many years of delay in working on the addition to and reprinting of *Hancock Through the Years*, due to a copyright issue and other commitments, members decided in January to ask at Town Meeting that the \$9127 saved in the Historical Commission Stabilization fund be released and that the town vote to appropriate \$6000 more for printing one thousand new books. Both articles were approved.

Since that time, a great deal of effort has been spent trying to gather more recent information to add to and update articles for the addition that had been written in the late 1990s and early 2000s, because changes have happened since then. Also, we are identifying places mentioned by author Nellie Cameron using street listing numbers that didn't exist at the time of her writing, and adding a bit of history since mid-twentieth century that at the 1976 printing was not yet known. All of this is taking time.

We expect to be adding pictures to this new copy of the book, so if anyone has some they think would be appropriate, please let any of the below-listed commission members know.

For several years, a member of the commission has been creating notebooks from clippings about Hancock -- its buildings, people, schools, businesses, obituaries, etc. Currently, the notebooks entitled "People of Hancock" and "Obituaries" are on loan to Taylor Memorial Library for perusal there. We always welcome any clippings about Hancock that could be added to our notebooks.

Jan Lillie was appointed to replace Elna Rodda, who had been an active member for many years.

**Respectfully submitted:** Chairman Marjorie Feathers, Hiram Greene, Kathy Gideon,  
Cynthia Grauman, Nancy Derby, Donald Leab, Jan Lillie

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
FISCAL 2022**

	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle</u>
Committed	\$873,494.52	\$41,821.11	\$99,418.01
Collected	\$855,063.79	\$41,088.23	\$82,897.42
Abated	\$4,160.47	\$117.87	\$2127.64
Refunded	\$12,900.69	\$89.58	\$305.32
Outstanding	\$27,170.95	\$704.59	\$14,698.27

Pilot Payments:

\$158,100.00 Wind Turbines First Phase  
\$53,040.00 Wind Turbines Second Phase

**Report Submitted by:** Julie Williams, Tax Collector

Telephone: 413-738-5225 Ext 3      Fax: 413-738-5310      Email:  
taxcollectorhancockma@gmail.com

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.

**Online payments are available through the Town Website on current bills only.  
Late bills still need to be paid by check or money order mailed or delivered in person.**

**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 DIRECTORS REPORT**

The Emergency Management Director continues to ensure the town is 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 a mass casualty

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. The Select Board appointed a board to complete this process and we have been meeting monthly to work on updating our program. There has been a public meeting and an all day workshop to gain public input on the needs and concerns of the town.

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

**Respectfully submitted:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
David Rash

## TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our library collection has over 5,047 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 543 in attendance, with 74 on Halloween. For circulation, we received 103 items from other libraries for our patrons, we provided 658 items to other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. There were 816 items taken out directly for a total of 1,474 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. Museum passes are Norman Rockwell, Mass MoCA, The Clark, USS Slater, Arrow Head, and Berkshire Botanical Garden.

We had an open house/ice cream social with Operation Copsicle truck from Pittsfield in May 2023.

We continue to pursue building an addition for a bathroom and handicap accessibility. The American Library Association: Libraries Transforming Communities awarded us a \$10,000 grant for this purpose and we have received donations for this purpose as well.

We thank the town and community for their continuing support.

**Respectfully submitted:** Lydia Cassavaugh, Connie Chase, and Jane Roberts

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Hancock School District has approximately 69 students enrolled at the elementary level and 49 students at the secondary level. These numbers include students attending the Hancock Central School, students enrolled at neighboring districts through tuition agreements, and students who are members of the Technical School. Currently, Hancock has tuition agreements for our secondary students with Mt. Greylock Regional School District and the New Lebanon School District.

The Hancock Central School is grateful for the support of the town in completing three critical renovations projects. 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 accessible bathroom have all had a positive impact on the overall school community.

The Central school was in its third year of implementing the Collaborative Classroom Literacy program and the second year of the Engage NY Math program. Targeted benchmark data continued to be collected to help guide teaching and learning both within the classroom and through tiered intervention support. Engaging in data analysis, identifying individual and class gaps, and developing intervention plans was a focus of professional development activities this year.

As in previous years, the school accessed many local resources, including the talent of a multitude of community members, to complement and enrich the educational experiences of our students. We are fortunate to have access to an abundance of historical and cultural events in the area. Taking advantage of these activities helped our students strengthen their appreciation of, and connection to the community.

I would like to thank the staff for their unwavering commitment to our students, parents and families for trusting us with their children, the community for their continued support, and the Hancock Organization of Parents and Educators for the incredible work they do to support all aspects of the school. The success of the Hancock Central School would not be possible without all of you. I look forward to our continued work together.

**Respectfully,**

Dr. Rebecca Phillips  
Superintendent of Schools

## **HANCOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **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**

In 2022-2023 school year we welcomed Samantha Lincoln as our 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Breanna Saloio as the Speech and Language Pathologist, Aubrey Thurston as the Physical Education and Technology teacher and Cahill Labarron as a classroom paraprofessional.

### **Committee changes**

Katherine Tuner was elected to a one-year term and James Rodda was elected for a three-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](http://www.hancockschool.org) for information about our school, teachers, specialists, school calendar and more.

### **Respectfully submitted,**

Alex Kastrinakis, Chair

Bruce Weiner, Elisabeth Kryskow, Kayt Turner and James Rodda



## HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I extend a hearty thank you to each and every one of you for supporting the education of Hancock's students. As the proud principal of Hancock School, I am thrilled to be part of a community dedicated to fostering the love of learning and nurturing the unique talents within each child.

John Dewey, a renowned philosopher and educator, once said, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." This sentiment encapsulates our approach to learning. We believe in creating an environment where curiosity is sparked, creativity is celebrated, and every child is empowered to embrace the journey of education as a lifelong adventure.

We recognize the importance of a strong community that works collaboratively to support our young learners. Dewey's words guide us: "We do not learn from experience...we learn from reflecting on experience." We encourage students to engage actively in their education, reflecting on their experiences, and using them as stepping stones for personal and academic growth.

Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing a stimulating and inclusive learning environment. Through innovative teaching methods, hands-on activities, and a curriculum that inspires critical thinking, we aim to equip our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Parents, guardians and community members, you are integral partners in this journey. Dewey's words resonate with our belief in the importance of community involvement: "Education is not a preparation for a future life; it is the most important factor in shaping the future." Your active participation and support contribute significantly to the success of our school community.

Let us embrace the spirit of collaboration, curiosity, and continuous learning. Together, we continue to create an environment where each child can flourish and discover the joy of learning.

Thank you for your support!

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

**School Committee**

Alex Kastrinakis, Chair	413-464-1700
Elisa Kryskow	970-531-2499
Katherine Turner	413-329-4823
Jim Rodda	301-801-3534
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	Aldonna Girouard
Occupational Therapist	Devin Lamke
Physical Education	Gretta Facchetti
School Nurse	Carol Stein-Payne
School Adjustment Counselor	Jane Shiyah
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, 2024 (59)**

**Miss Cummings, Mrs. Williams, Cricket Cove (11)**

8 residents

3 nonresident (New Lebanon (2), Williamstown)

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

7 residents

3 school choice (North Adams (2), Lanesborough)

**Ms. Lincoln, Mrs. Lahey, Ruby Room (10)**

8 residents

2 school choice (Pittsfield, North Adams)

**Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Buell, Diamond Room (16)**

13 residents

3 school choice (Lanesborough 2), North Adams)

**Mrs. Mills Mrs. LeBarron, Emerald Room (12)**

6 residents

6 school choice (Cheshire (3), Lanesborough, Williamstown, Pittsfield)

**HANCOCK TUITION/CHOICE STUDENTS**

2023-2024 as of 3/7/2024

**\*RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

Grade PK: 1(t)

Grade 1: 1 (t)

Grade 2: 1 (t)

Grade 3: 2 (t)

Grade 5: 1 (t)

Grade 6: 1 (t)

Grade 8: 1(t)

**\*MT GREYLOCK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 7: 5 (t)

Grade 8: 9 (t)

Grade 9: 8 (t)

Grade 11: 5 (t)

Grade 12: 6 (t)

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

Grade 9: 1 (t)

Grade 10: 4 (t)

Grade 11: 2 (t)

Grade 12: 2 (t)

**\*TACONIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 9: 1

Grade 11: 1 (t)

**\*NEW LEBANON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grade 4: 2(t)

Grade 12: 1 (t)

**FY25 HANCOCK EDUCATION BUDGET**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY24 to FY 25 Change</b>	
<b>Account Name</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>UNION EXPENSES</b>				
Union Advertising	\$253.85	\$270.49	\$16.64	6.56%
MARS Dues	\$782.69	\$834.02	\$51.33	6.56%
MASS Membership	\$846.15	\$901.64	\$55.49	6.56%
Union Telephone	\$296.15	\$315.57	\$19.42	6.56%
Union Printing & Copying	\$550.00	\$586.07	\$36.07	6.56%
Union Postage	\$338.46	\$360.66	\$22.20	6.56%
Union Expenses	\$296.15	\$315.57	\$19.42	6.56%
Software Support	\$846.15	\$901.64	\$55.49	6.56%
Hardware Support	\$846.15	\$901.64	\$55.49	6.56%
Super. Admin. Assist. Salary	\$9,191.77	\$10,186.72	\$994.95	10.82%
Prof. Services & Fees - Shared Super.	\$21,023.54	\$29,076.07	\$8,052.53	38.30%
Supt. Prof. Development	\$1,189.00	\$1,150.82	-\$38.18	-3.21%
Admin Asst Pro Dev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Sped Director Salary	\$18,224.46	\$20,001.97	\$1,777.51	6.56%
SPED Dir Prof Dev	\$126.92	\$135.25	\$8.33	6.56%
Student Services Expenses	\$84.62	\$90.16		6.56%
Superintendent Expenses	\$1,015.38	\$1,081.97	\$5.54	6.56%
			\$66.59	
<b>UNION Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$55,911.44</b>	<b>\$67,110.25</b>	<b>\$11,198.81</b>	<b>20.03%</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>				
SC Legal Counsel	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
School Committee Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MASC Dues	\$100.00	\$100.00		0.00%
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
			<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>				
Special Ed. Para Salaries	\$44,333.00	\$38,493.00	-\$5,840.00	-13.17%
Special Ed. Para Subs	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Special Ed. Teacher Salaries	\$57,497.00	\$63,276.00	\$5,779.00	10.05%
Sped Prof. Services & Fees	\$90,700.00	\$93,984.00	\$3,284.00	3.62%
Counselor	\$30,499.00	\$32,026.00	\$1,527.00	5.01%
Principals Salary	\$82,400.00	\$86,520.00	\$4,120.00	5.00%
School Secretary Salary	\$8,736.00	\$9,151.00	\$415.00	4.75%
Principal Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Postage	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Principal Office Printing & Copying	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Pupil Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Special Ed. Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Textbooks	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	*
Teachers Salaries	\$362,217.00	\$385,126.00	\$22,909.00	6.32%
General Ed. Para Salaries	\$65,880.00	\$73,170.00	\$7,290.00	11.07%
Substitute Salaries	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Prof. Development	\$6,270.00	\$6,270.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Teacher Course Reimbursement	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Technology Services	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Software	\$2,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$1,000.00	37.04%
Technology Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Technology Acquisition/Replacement	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Nurses Salary	\$55,981.00	\$61,439.00	\$5,458.00	9.75%
Nurse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
General Ed. Transportation	\$97,055.00	\$100,161.00	\$3,106.00	3.20%
Special Arrangement Transportation	\$21,168.00	\$25,345.00	\$4,177.00	19.73%
SPED Transportation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Field Trip Transportation	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00		60.00%
Food Service	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
			\$0.00	
<b>SCHOOL Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,006,436.00</b>	<b>\$1,064,161.00</b>	<b>\$57,725.00</b>	<b>5.74%</b>
<b>TUITION</b>				
Mt Greylock Tuition	\$420,463.00	\$482,521.00	\$62,058.00	14.76%
New Lebanon Tuition	\$16,888.00	\$24,000.00	\$7,112.00	42.11%
Monument Mt Tuition	\$48,410.00	\$48,410.00	\$0.00	0.00%
McCann Tuition	\$282,800.00	\$212,100.00	-\$70,700.00	-25.00%
Richmond Tuition	\$97,700.00	\$83,809.28	-\$13,890.72	-14.22%
Taconic Tuition	\$19,522.00	\$21,210.00	\$1,688.00	8.65%
New England Center for Children	\$440,047.00	\$457,649.00	\$17,602.00	4.00%
<b>TUITION Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,325,830.00</b>	<b>\$1,329,699.28</b>	<b>\$3,869.28</b>	<b>0.29%</b>
<b>CUSTODIAL, UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE</b>				
Custodial Salary	\$10,546.00	\$10,968.00	\$422.00	4.00%
Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Internet Service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Heating	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$500.00	6.67%
Telephone	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Water	\$2,000.00	\$2,160.00	\$160.00	8.00%
Maintenance Of Grounds	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Maintenance of Building	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Custodial Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>CUSTODIAL/UTIL./MAINT. Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$44,246.00</b>	<b>\$45,328.00</b>	<b>\$1,082.00</b>	<b>2.45%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,443,423.44</b>	<b>\$2,517,298.53</b>	<b>\$73,875.09</b>	<b>3.02%</b>
	<b>-\$25,000.00</b>	<b>-\$25,000.00</b>	<b>Special Education Grants</b>	
	<b>-\$273,000.00</b>	<b>-\$305,736.00</b>	<b>Anticipated Circuit Breaker</b>	
	<b>-\$60,998.00</b>	<b>-\$64,052.00</b>	<b>PK Revolving Account</b>	
	<b>-\$30,000.00</b>	<b>-\$20,000.00</b>	<b>REAP</b>	
	<b>-\$30,260.00</b>	<b>-\$75,851.00</b>	<b>School Choice Funds</b>	
	<b>\$2,024,165.44</b>	<b>\$2,026,659.53</b>	<b>\$2,494.09</b>	<b>0.12%</b>

## HANCOCK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

The Hancock Community Christmas Committee prepared One hundred twelve (112) 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 everyone who donated.

This year the committee included Amanda Lahey, Katie Hyde, Lynsey Kastrinakis, Ana Bradbury 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

2023	
Balance Forward	\$15,811.48
Donation Received	\$ 4,880.00
Money Expended	\$ 3,977.85
Current Bankbook Balance	\$16,713.63
Bags and Supplies	\$59.48
Books	\$417.84
Fruit, Candy, Food	\$632.06
Gift Cards	\$85.00
Postcards	\$136.23
Supplies	\$27.95
Toys	\$2,619.29

**Respectfully submitted:** Amanda Lahey,  
Chair 2023 Community Christmas Committee

## TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASS

ARPA #2	36,424.66
ARRPA Recovery	67,594.92
ARP Broadband	4,785.00
Chapter 90	127,076.45
Chapter 70	283,916.00
Council On Aging Grant	6,000.00
Department of Public Utilities	5.10
Department of Education Yr 2	13,441.00
Early Voting	126.84
Extra Polling Hours	414.96
Elderly Abatements	1,843.00
Equal Employer	3,500.00
ESSRR	76,198.00
Local Aid	1,742.00
Mask Reimbursement	1,000.00
Reap Grant	23,980.00
MVP Planning Grant	27,000.00
Emergency Management	2,423.91
Registry of Motor Vehicles	5,660.15
Room Tax	323,935.74
Rural Aid	11,916.31
School Choice	133,831.00
SPED Idea	267,278.00
State Owned Land	67,398.00
Teacher Quality	92.00
Tower Mt Road	169,000.00
Unrestricted Govt. Aid	65,402.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,723,007.04</b>

### DEPARTMENTS

Board of Health	6,097.05
Building	20,198.32
Cemetery	500.00
Conservation Comm	775.00
Council on Aging	1,318.75
Electric	10,993.62
Fire	1030.00
Hancock School	37,970.68
Misc.	25.00
Opioid Settlement	3,541.08
Planning Board Fees	125.00
Plumbing	2715.00
Police	2,275.00
Secretary	142.00
Town Clerk	1,375.00
Town Licenses	11,760.00
Refund Opioid Settlement	1,795.52
Town of Richmond Prof. Dev.	241.99
Trench Permit	10.00
Taylor Library Gift	50.00
Taylor Library Grant	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112,939.01</b>

### TAX COLLECTOR

Charges & Fees	1,765.00
Interest	4,094.11
Motor Vehicle	135,243.07
Personal Property	45,114.17
Real Estate	860,405.79
Wind Turbine	103,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,150,122.14</b>

### TREASURER

Berkshire County Retirement	6,628.55
Federal Withholding	76,321.50
Group Insurance	17,924.00
Mass Teachers Retirement	56,012.94
Medicare	13,594.80
OBRA	16,145.76
State Withholding	44,632.24
Interest	9,741.88
Refunds	1365.23

TOTAL 242,366.90

**GRAND TOTAL** **3,228,435.09**

**Town of Hancock  
All Department Revenue Report  
And Stabilization Balance  
07-01-2022 - 06-30-2023**

<b>General Property Taxes</b>	
Personal Property Tax	\$ 45,084.70
Real Estate Tax	\$ 878,145.54
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 207,000.00
Tax Title	\$ 8,080.61
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 133,144.45
Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$ 6,389.61
<b>Sub-Total General Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 1,269,764.30</b>

<b>Permits for Services</b>	
Fire Permits	\$ 105.00
Highway Permits	\$ 10.00
Board of Health Permits/Fees	\$ 6,127.05
<b>Sub-Total Permits for Services</b>	<b>\$ 6,242.05</b>

<b>Other Charges &amp; Miscellaneous</b>	
Earnings on Investments	\$ 9,741.88
Town Clerk	\$ 720.00
Zoning Board	\$ 100.00
Planning Board	\$ 25.00
Fire Dept	\$ 325.00
Miscellaneous Rev	\$ 2,773.50
Other Dept Rev	\$ 6,013.08
Liquor License	\$ 10,490.00
<b>Sub-Total Other Charges &amp; Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 30,188.46</b>

<b>Revenue From State (Cherry Sheet)</b>	
Chapter 70	\$ 294,341.00
General Govt. State Aid	\$ 67,144.00
Abate Elderly State Aid	\$ 1,843.00
<b>Sub-Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 363,328.00</b>

<b>Revenue from other Governments</b>	
Fines-RMV	\$ 5,560.15
State Aid - Pilot	\$ 5,732.00
Local Room Tax	\$ 385,601.74
Fines – District Court	\$ 100.00
<b>Sub-Total other Governments</b>	<b>\$ 396,993.89</b>

<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,066,516.70</b>
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<b>Stabilization Fund Balance As of 6/30/23</b>	
Stabilization	\$ 10,728.08
Land Purchase	\$ 39,834.73
Book Reprinting	\$ 9,230.84
Rescue Truck/Fire Dept	\$ 68,316.81
<b>Stabilization Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 128,110.46</b>



**TOWN OF HANCOCK  
ALL DEPARTMENTS EXPENDITURE REPORT  
FROM 07/01/2022-06/30/2023**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Moderator Salary	\$0.00	\$83.00	\$0.00	\$83.00	\$0.00
Selectmen Salaries	\$0.00	\$5,538.00	\$0.00	\$5,538.00	\$0.00
Town Secretary	\$0.00	\$14,625.00	\$0.00	\$13,370.50	\$1,254.50
Community Christmas	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Audit of Books	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Street Lights	\$0.00	\$3,900.00	\$0.00	\$3,065.26	\$834.74
Computer Backup	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Prior Year Invoice	\$0.00	\$855.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.44
Finance Committee	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
Finance Committee Exp	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	(\$7,913.01)	\$0.00	\$16,086.99
Accountant Salary	\$0.00	\$16,386.00	\$0.00	\$16,386.00	\$0.00
Accountant Expense	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$417.17	\$2,667.17	\$0.00
Assessor's Salary	\$0.00	\$6,196.00	\$0.00	\$5,511.84	\$684.16
Assessor's Expense	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,894.85	(\$394.85)
Treasurer Salary	\$0.00	\$7,721.00	\$0.00	\$7,721.04	(\$0.04)
Treasurer Expense	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,047.40	\$7,247.36	\$0.04
Tax Collector Clerk	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Tax Collector Salary	\$0.00	\$7,020.00	\$0.00	\$8,539.90	(\$1,519.90)
Tax Collector Expense	\$0.00	\$9,084.00	\$0.00	\$5,210.26	\$3,873.74
Town Counsel	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$0.00	\$6,241.00	\$0.00	\$6,240.96	\$0.04
Town Clerk Expense	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,297.32	\$502.68
Election & Census	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,061.79	(\$261.79)
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	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
Board of Registrars Exp	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Con Com Expenses	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Planning Board	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Zoning Expense	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Town Hall Maint	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,400.44	\$599.56
Town Hall Paint & Repair	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Town Hall Operating	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$156.34	\$8,156.34	\$0.00
Town Hall Encumbrance	\$47.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.32	\$0.00
Medicare - Town Share	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,612.49	\$13,612.49	\$0.00
Council on Aging	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$880.00	\$2,620.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47.32</b>	<b>\$200,889.44</b>	<b>(\$1,679.61)</b>	<b>\$165,151.84</b>	<b>\$34,105.31</b>

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Emergency Management	\$0.00	\$268.00	\$0.00	\$268.00	\$0.00
Emergency Management exp	\$0.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$829.42	\$10.58
Emergency Generator	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$183.79	\$216.21
911 Numbering Official	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$0.00
Police Chief Salary	\$0.00	\$1,412.00	\$0.00	\$1,412.00	\$0.00
Police Work & Supplies	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$245.55	\$454.45
Constable Salaries	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00
Asst. Fire Chief	\$0.00	\$826.00	\$0.00	\$826.00	\$0.00
2nd Asst Fire Chief	\$0.00	\$826.00	\$0.00	\$826.00	\$0.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$0.00	\$1,379.00	\$0.00	\$1,379.00	\$0.00
Firefighters Salary	\$0.00	\$16,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,614.03	\$11,985.97
Fire Dept Maint & Exp	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$46,888.22	\$5,111.78

Fire Fighter Equip	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Forest Fires & Equip	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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
Building 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	\$370.36	\$329.64
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00
Animal Inspector	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00
Animal Control Exp	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$17.28	\$732.72
Tree Warden	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$67.32	\$932.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$89,345.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$60,520.97</b>	<b>\$28,824.03</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
School Committee	\$0.00	\$1,503.00	\$0.00	\$1,503.00	\$0.00
School Department	\$294,806.25	\$1,879,202.00	\$0.00	\$1,986,117.17	\$187,891.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$294,806.25</b>	<b>\$1,880,705.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,987,620.17</b>	<b>\$187,891.08</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
Highway Maintenance	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,522.82	\$22,477.18
Winter Roads	\$0.00	\$73,000.00	\$385.61	\$73,385.61	\$0.00
Cemetery Maint & Upkeep	\$0.00	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	\$2,621.30	\$1,928.70
Secondary Cemetery Maint	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$157.08	\$342.92
Burial Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$336.60	\$663.40
Transfer Station	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,216.15	\$14,783.85
Water Resource Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$194,100.00</b>	<b>\$385.61</b>	<b>\$154,239.56</b>	<b>\$40,246.05</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Board of Health Salaries	\$0.00	\$3,382.00	\$0.00	\$3,382.00	\$0.00
Board of Health Expenses	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,352.55	\$8,147.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,734.55</b>	<b>\$8,147.45</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Housing Authority Exp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Veterans Agent Salary	\$0.00	\$313.00	\$0.00	\$313.00	\$0.00
Veterans Aid	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Library	\$11,281.09	\$23,852.00	\$0.00	\$15,797.61	\$19,335.48
Historical Commission	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$649.95	\$0.05
Interest on Loans	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Berkshire County Reg Planning	\$0.00	\$629.00	\$0.00	\$628.74	\$0.26
Berkshire County Retirement	\$0.00	\$16,247.00	\$0.00	\$16,247.00	\$0.00
Unemployment Reserve	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$790.24	\$2,709.76
Group Insurance	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,383.98	\$1,616.02
Berk Regional Purchasing Program	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,294.00	\$16,294.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,281.09</b>	<b>\$79,841.00</b>	<b>\$1,294.00</b>	<b>\$59,104.52</b>	<b>\$33,311.57</b>
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>CARRY FWD</b>	<b>ORIG BUD</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Emergency Equip Grant	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,423.91	\$5,576.09
Fire Truck Tank Match	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,423.91</b>	<b>\$27,576.09</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$306,134.66</b>	<b>\$2,494,762.44</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,440,795.52</b>	<b>\$360,101.58</b>