

# TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

*About the Cover:*  
*The new New Marlborough Fire Truck*  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
NEW MARLBOROUGH  
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

<b>First Settled</b>	<b>1739</b>
<b>Area</b>	<b>28,046 acres</b>
<b>Incorporated</b>	<b>June 15, 1759</b>
<b>Elevation</b>	<b>1,200 feet</b>
<b>Road mileage</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Residents (2014)</b>	<b>1,351</b>
<b>Registered Voters (2014)</b>	<b>1,029</b>

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## Federal and State Representatives

<b>Senators in Congress:</b>	<b>Edward J. Markey</b> <b>Elizabeth A. Warren</b>
<b>Representative in Congress:</b>	<b>Richard E. Neal</b>
<b>Governor:</b>	<b>Charlie Baker</b>
<b>Lieutenant Governor:</b>	<b>Karyn Polito</b>
<b>State Senator:</b>	<b>Benjamin Downing</b>
<b>Representative in General Court:</b>	<b>William Smitty Pignatelli</b>

## Town Services

### Emergency Calls Police, Fire and Medical Dial 911

<b>Services</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Meeting Dates</b>
Accounting Officer:	229-7784	Fridays 9:00 am – Noon
Board of Appeals:	229-8278	On Chairman's Call
Board of Assessors:	229-8926	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays 10:00 a.m.
Board of Health:	229-8469	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen:	229-8116	Mondays, 6:00 p.m.
Cemetery Commission:	229-2890	On Chairman's Call
Emergency Management:	229-8278	On Call
Conservation Commission:	229-8116	Last Saturday Month, 10:00 a.m.
Dog Officer:	232-7038	On Call
Finance Committee:	229-8278	On Chairman's Call
Highway Department:	229-8165	Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
Inspector of Buildings:	229-0277	Monday, 5:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Planning Board:	528-0616	1st & 3rd Wed. Month, 7:00 p.m.
Public Library:	229-6668	<b><u>November 1st – March 31st</u></b> Tues. & Thurs. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Sat. 10:00-5:30 p.m. Fridays, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. <b><u>April 1st – October 1st</u></b> Tuesdays & Fridays, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. Wed & Sat., 10:00 AM – 5:30 p.m. Mon. & Thurs. 1:30 - 5:30

Town Clerk:	229-8278	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tax Collector:	229-8963	Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Town Treasurer:	229-7784	TBD
Transfer Station:	229-2116	Sun. & Wed. – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sanitary Inspector:	229-8469	On call
Plumbing Inspector:	229-8019	On call
Wiring Inspector:	528-2823	On call
Gas Inspector:	229-8019	On call
Oil Burner Inspector:	229-8100	On call

## Elected Officers

Office	Officer(s)	Term Expires
Board of Selectmen	Michele Shalaby, Chair	2016
	Tara B. White	2018
	Nathaniel Yohalem	2017
Town Clerk	Katherine M. Chretien	2017
Moderator	Barry Shapiro	2016
Board of Assessors	Marsha Pshenishny, Chair	2016
	Frederick Friedman	2017
	Wendy Miller	2016
Planning Board	Holly Morse, Chairman	2017
	Charles Parton	2018
	Patricia Hardyman	2016
	Mark Carson	2020
	James Mullen	2019
Board of Health	Norman Hankey	2018
	John Bellinger	2016
	Lawrence H. Davis, III, Chair	2017
Cemetery Commission	Tammi Palmer	2016
	James Palmer	2019
	Robert Palmer	2018
Finance Committee	David Herrick, Chair	2016
	Mark Carson	2018
	John Pshenishny	2017
	Burt Imberman	2017

<b>Office</b>	<b>Officer(s)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
	Ira Yohalem	2018
	Prudence Spaulding	2016
Library Trustees	Brian Mikesell, Chair	2016
	Maureen Hosford	2017
	Claudette Callahan	2018
Tree Warden	William Ruane	2016
Constable	Edgar Zukauskas	2018
School Committee	Kristen Sparhawk	2016
	Fran Lartigue	2018

## **Appointed Officers**

Administrative Secretary	Sharon Fleck	2016
Board of Registrars	Katherine M. Chretien	2016
	Michelle Dawson	2016
	Bette Ann Stalker	2016
	Alicia Brazie	2016
Conservation Commission	Ned Wilson	2016
	Freddie Friedman	2016
	John Schreiber	2016
	Vacant	2016
	Vacant	2016
Board of Appeals	Myron Jaffee	2016
	John Bellinger	2016
	B. Daniel Litchfield	2016
	Helen Liveten	2016
	Sharon Fleck	2016
Interim Town Administrator	Joseph Kellogg	2016
Chief Procurement Officer	Joseph Kellogg	2016
Animal Control Officer	John Springstube	2016
Inspector of Animals	Prudence Spaulding	2016
Sanitary Inspector	Scott McFarland	2016
Board of Health Agent	Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2016
Accounting Officer	Tara B. White	2016
Interim Tax Collector	Anne Marie Enoch	2016
Assistant Tax Collector	Kathy Chretien	2016

Town Treasurer	Peter M. Gay	2016
Field Driver/Fence Viewer	Prudence Spaulding	2016
Moth Superintendent	Lawrence H. Davis, Jr.	2016
Burial/Soldier Grave Agent	Courtney K. Turner	2016
Town Counsel	Jeremia Pollard, Esq.	2016
Gas Inspector	Robert Krupski	2016
Assistant Gas Inspector	Donald Hopkins	2016
Pound Keeper	John Springstube	2016
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	2016
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Donald Hopkins	2016
Veterans Agent	Laurie Hils	2016
Police Chief	Graham Frank	2016
Fire Chief	Charles Loring, III	2016
Highway Superintendent	Charles Loring, III	2016
Building Inspector	Thomas Carmody	2016
Wiring Inspector	Richard Aliosi	2016
Alternate Wiring Inspector	Michael Leining	2016
Emergency Management Director	Edward Harvey	2016
Cultural Council	Michele Shalaby, Chair	2017
	Tom Weeks	2017
	Cam Adams	2017
	Trisha Killeen	2017
	Mary Richie Smith	2018
	Alan Lombardi	2017
	Edward MacDowell	2016
	Margie Shapiro	2017
	Nan Smith, Secretary	2018
	Anne Sommers	2016
	Louise Yohalem	2017
	Maureen Hosford, Co-Chair	2017
	Kathy Potoski	2017
Assistant Town Clerk	Sharon Fleck	2016
Historical Commission	David Hosford	2016

	Claudette Callahan	2016
	Helen Liveten	2016
Right to Know Officer	Board of Selectmen	
	Larry Burke, Asst.	2016
Regional Planning		
Commission Delegate	James Mullen	2016
Alternate Regional Planning		
Commission	Patricia Hardyman	2016
Lake Buel Restoration		
Preservation District	Christopher Hassett	2016
Representative		
Council on Aging	Prudence Spaulding, Chair	2016
	Marsha Harvey	2016
	Joan Hotaling	2016
	Merrie Abolafia	2016
	Bob Abolafia	2016
Director of Senior Services	Prudence Spaulding	2016
Umpachene Park Commission	Edgar Zukauskas	2016
	Tom Billard	2016
	Robert Twing	2016
	Vacant	2016
	Vacant	2016
Emergency Management Dir.	Ed Harvey	2016
Deputy Emergency Mgr. Dir.	Michael Britton	2016
Solid Waste Coordinator	Roger Levine	2016
Technology Committee	Tim Newman	2016
Alternate WiredWest Delegate	Joyce Hackett	2016

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015**

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Myron Jaffe, a member of the Board of Appeals, and Roger Levine, our Solid Waste Coordinator, who both left their positions in Town this year. The Board and the Town thank them for the many volunteer hours that each spent in their respective positions and wish them all the best in their new endeavors. We would also like to welcome some new town employees: Gina Campbell as Tax Collector, Laura Worth as secretary to the Highway Department, Peter Wilson, Highway Employee, and Anne Marie (Mari) Enoch as the new Town Administrator.

MBI/Broadband has continued to be a complex issue for the Board and the Town. At \$4.7 million, this is the single largest investment for the Town needs to decide. There were many questions that needed to be answered and the Board decided that some of these answers could be received by putting out a Request for Information. With the help of Richard Long and Tom Stalker who reviewed the information that came in from the RFI's, meetings with other Select Boards, engineers from MBI and other potential companies with interest in the project, we have better information about available options for the Town. Ideas and changes continue to happen with the State and other Towns on how this service can be best brought to the underserved Towns and at the most affordable cost. A grant of \$5,000 was received by the Town to be used for consulting, legal and bond counsel expenses.

In December, an error in the percentages that are used for the assessments to each of the five Towns in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District was discovered. This meant that New Marlborough's assessment would increase by \$39,000 above what was voted at our Annual Town Meeting in May 2015 for the school operating/capital budgets. As discussions began (and are still continuing) regarding this assessment issue, the School reduced some of its line item budgets in an attempt to help the Towns offset the increase. The complicated Department of Education's process to determine New Marlborough's percentage share of the operating and capital budget will result in a higher budget number for our Town in FY2017. Talks are continuing with the School on the budgeting process, including requesting them to develop a five year budget plan for operating and capital expenses.

Our roadways continue to be a challenge and with the help of and thanks to Sharon Fleck, Chuck Loring and Nat Yohalem, we applied for and received a \$1M grant from Mass Works for infrastructure repairs on the Clayton/Mill River Road. This award was presented to the Town at an award ceremony in October. The work on this project has already commenced and will be completed in 2017. The Clayton/Mill River Road Culvert is on schedule for repairs to be completed in 2016 and the work on the Hadsell Street Bridge by the State is scheduled for 2017. Discussions commenced with Monterey, Sandisfield, Tolland and Granville on a plan for repairs to Route 57. All agreed that the State should be asked to take over the responsibility of repairs and maintenance of the road. Letters were drafted and sent to the Senators and Representatives of the Districts involved requesting guidance in ways to move forward with this request.

In December, New Marlborough was one of 17 Towns and School Districts in Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli’s District that signed the Community Compact Agreement at a ceremony in Great Barrington. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Healey were also there for the presentation which was the first in the State showing a commitment to shared services between the Towns and School Districts.

Michele Shalaby, in an effort to project future capital purchases and revenues, has put a spreadsheet together which lists the capital expenses for equipment and buildings as well as the estimated revenues that the Town could potentially receive through 2025. This list will be valuable to access what can be afforded each year and the impact it will have on the taxpayers.

The Town couldn’t accomplish what it does without the volunteers, board and committee members who spend countless hours of their time attending meetings. It may not be said often, but the Board appreciates your contributions and continued service. Some vacancies exist on these boards and committees so if you have time to give to the Town we would like to hear from you.

Thank you as well to all of our Town employees for your hard work and dedication to your jobs and the Town for making each day run smoothly.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Tara B. White

# TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT MAY 4, 2015

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on Monday, the 4th day of May, 2015 in the Town Hall in Mill River Village by Town Clerk, Katherine Chretien. One hundred thirteen (113) voters were present. Ms. Chretien welcomed everyone and stated that the first order of business is to nominate a Moderator for the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and so voted Mr. Barry Shapiro as Moderator. Pledge of allegiance was done. Mr. Shapiro reminded voters to check in and that the yellow voter's cards will be used for each article. Mr. Shapiro welcomed Mr. Jordan Chretien, a member of the Robotic team and son of our Town Clerk up to come and address the meeting. Mr. Chretien gave a brief talk about the Robotic team trip to St. Louis for the World Championship. After the greetings were done a motion was made, seconded and so voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

**Article 1:** A motion was made and seconded to hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any committee of the Town. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 2:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as agents of the Town in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 2 of the General Laws for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Selectmen shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 3:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Chapter 168A of the General Laws, to appoint any member or members thereof to other office(s) or position(s) for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for a term not to exceed one year and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 4:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to seek and accept any grants. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 5:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Health to appoint an agent for the Board of Health who may be a member of the Board of Health, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 6:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize any Town Board to appoint any member thereof to another office or position, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for the term not to exceed one year, and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 7:** A motion was made and seconded to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Transportation and Massachusetts Highway Department, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, said sums to be used for the purpose of repairing roads. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 8:** A motion was made and seconded to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs and appropriate said amounts, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to the Veterans Benefits Trust Fund for the purpose of paying veteran benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 9:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator as provided by Chapter 41, Section 23A of the General Laws. Discussion ensued. Mr. Joseph Kellogg, Interim Administrative Assistant, stated that this is essentially a title change and better defines the existing position of Administrative Assistant. The motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 10:** A motion was made and seconded to affix the salaries of various elected Town Officers as follows:

Board of Selectmen (each, 3 members)	\$ 2,850.00
Town Moderator	\$ 145.00
Town Clerk	\$30,172.00
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 2,000.00
Board of Health (chairman)	\$ 450.00
Board of Health (each, 2 members)	\$ 400.00
Cemetery Commissioners (chairman)	\$ 150.00
Cemetery Commissioners (each, 2 members)	\$ 125.00
Constable	\$ 475.00
Tree Warden	\$ 1,000.00
Library Trustees (chairman)	\$ 120.00
Library Trustees (each, 2 members)	\$ 100.00

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 11:** A motion was made and seconded to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the requirements of section 5 of chapter 81 of the General Laws as they relate to public notice and a hearing of the parties, or any other general or special laws to the contrary, that portion of route 57 in the town of New Marlborough between the boundary with the town of Monterey and the town of Sandisfield shall be considered a state highway and shall be taken charge of and maintained as a state highway by the division of highways within the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in accor-

dance with chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Provided, however, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. The motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 12:** A motion was made and seconded to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of New Marlborough may refund, by the issue of other notes, a temporary loan issued pursuant to the first sentence of said section 17 of said chapter 44; provided, however, that the period from the date of issue of the original loan to the date of maturity of the refunding loan shall not exceed 2 years unless the temporary loan is paid in part from revenue funds of the town of New Marlborough as hereinafter provided for, in which case the period from the date of issue of the original loan to the date of maturity of the refunding loan shall not exceed the maximum period during which the original notes refunded are required to be paid pursuant to law. Each payment from revenue funds shall be at least equal to the minimum annual payment which would have been required if the temporary loan had been converted to a serial loan prior to its first refunding that required a payment from revenue funds and the authorized amount of the serial loan shall be reduced by the aggregate amount of all such payments.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, provided, however, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. The motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 13:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,642.00 for the General Government purposes as detailed below:

1.	Moderator	\$145.00
2.	Selectmen Salaries	\$8,550.00
3.	Selectmen Expenses	\$4,000.00
4.	Contingency	\$3,000.00
5.	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$2,000.00
6.	Town Counsel	\$10,000.00
7.	Town Administrator Salary	\$38,000.00
8.	Administrative Secretary Salary	\$28,000.00
9.	Website	\$2,425.00
10.	Finance Committee Expenses	\$500.00
11.	Audit	\$15,000.00
12.	Accounting Officer Salary	\$17,366.00
13.	Accounting Officer Expenses	\$4,306.00

14.	Grant Writer Salary	-
15.	Grant Writer Expenses	\$750.00
16.	Assessors Salaries	\$6,000.00
17.	Assessors General Expenses	\$2,900.00
18.	Assessors Tax Map Update	\$2,900.00
19.	Assessors Clerk Salary	\$17,695.00
20.	Assessors Computer Contingency	\$4,804.00
21.	Assessors Revaluation Account	\$16,000.00
22.	Assessors Cyclical Review	\$10,000.00
23.	Tax Collector Computer Service	\$6,500.00
24.	Tax Collector Salary	\$25,686.00
25.	Tax Collector Expenses	\$5,500.00
26.	Treasurer Salary	\$17,045.00
27.	Assistant Treasurer Salary	\$5,200.00
28.	Treasurer Expenses	\$3,300.00
29.	Treasurer Software	\$3,450.00
30.	Tax Title (Collector)	\$3,000.00
31.	Tax Title (Treasurer)	\$6,000.00
32.	Town Clerk Salary	\$30,172.00
33.	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,200.00
34.	Town Records Preservation	\$5,000.00
35.	Election Expenses	\$2,225.00
36.	Street Listing	\$1,000.00
37.	Planning Board Expenses	\$873.00
38.	Planning Board Clerical	\$1,300.00
39.	Board of Appeals	\$600.00
40.	Clerical	\$8,300.00
41.	Town Officers Expenses	\$1,000.00
42.	Town Hall Expenses	\$39,000.00
43.	Town Officers Bonds	\$1,250.00
44.	Printing	\$2,700.00
		<b>\$365,642.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 14:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the FY2015 Assessors Consultant Account to the FY2016 Assessors Consultant Account for the purpose of paying consulting fees. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 15:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Perpetual Care Interest Account and appropriate said amount to the Cemetery Expense Account for the purpose of maintaining the Town Cemeteries. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 16:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$952,024.00 for the Highway and Public Works purposes as detailed below:

1.	Roads and Bridges Salaries (PT Sec. Inc.)	\$ 274,061.00
2.	Roads and Bridges Expenses	\$ 195,000.00
3.	Highway Training Expenses	\$ 2,300.00
4.	Electric	\$ 4,500.00
5.	Propane	\$ 18,000.00
6.	Diesel Fuel	\$ 59,000.00
7.	Highway Uniforms and Gear	\$ 3,500.00
8.	Winter Roads	\$ 266,334.00
9.	Street Lights	\$ 5,000.00
10.	Highway Garage Maintenance	\$ 12,500.00
11.	Machinery Expense	\$ 76,046.00
12.	Cemetery Officers Salaries	\$ 400.00
13.	Cemetery Salaries	\$ 35,383.00
		<b>\$ 952,024.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 17:** A motion was made and seconded to advise the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Committee to close the Monterey School as the expenses are needed for the education of all the District's children. By a show of cards, the main motion failed by a tie vote of 49 yea's to 49 nay's.

**Article 18:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of providing vocational education to town students as required by State law. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 19:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for School Committee Expenses. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 20:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,587,082.00 for the Town's share of the assessment from the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for Operating, Transportation and Capital Expenses as detailed below.

1.	SBRSD Operating and Transportation	\$ 2,504,250.00
2.	SBRSD Capital Account	\$ 82,832.00
		<b>\$ 2,587,082.00</b>

By a show of cards, the main motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,587,082.00 for the Town's share of the assessment from the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for Operating, Transportation and Capital Expenses was approved by a vote of 55 yea's and 37 nay's.

**Article 21:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,918.00 for the Culture and Recreation purposes as detailed below:

1.	Library Expenses	\$ 43,700.00
2.	Library Salaries	\$ 53,518.00
3.	Library Trustees Salaries	\$ 320.00
4.	Umpachene Falls Park	\$ 4,000.00
5.	Care of Village Green	\$ 4,480.00
6.	Cultural Council Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00
7.	Memorial Day	\$ 900.00
		<b>\$ 107,918.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 22:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$305,706.00 for the Protection of Persons and Property purposes as detailed below:

1.	Police Department Salaries	\$ 93,517.00
2.	Police Department Expenses	\$ 22,700.00
3.	Police Department Rental	\$ 6,000.00
4.	Constable Salary	\$ 475.00
5.	Constable Expenses	\$ 95.00
6.	Fire Protection	\$ 60,900.00
7.	Fire Fighters Stipends	\$ 36,500.00
8.	Fire Department Dues	\$ 200.00
9.	Fire Department Clerical	\$ 1,700.00
10.	NM Rescue Salary Account	\$ 6,300.00
11.	NM Rescue Stipends	\$ 10,000.00
12.	Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,617.00
13.	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 19,589.00
14.	Building Inspector Software	\$ 2,700.00
15.	Emergency Management Salary	\$ 4,330.00
16.	Emergency Management Expenses	\$ 2,250.00
17.	Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,100.00
18.	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$ 3,411.00
19.	Animal Expense	\$ 1,660.00
20.	Tree Warden Salary	\$ 1,000.00
21.	Tree Work	\$ 15,000.00
22.	911 Coordinator Expenses	\$ 500.00
23.	Emergency Notification System	\$ 2,750.00
24.	Berkshire County Communications	\$ 9,412.00
		<b>\$ 305,706.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 23:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$46,350.00 from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account and to appropriate said amount to the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Expense Account for the pur-

pose of the operation of the ambulance. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 24:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,398.00 for the Health and Human Services purposes as detailed below:

1.	Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 1,336.00
2.	Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
3.	Board of Health Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
4.	Board of Health Clerical	\$ 5,000.00
5.	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 63,000.00
6.	Transfer Station Salaries	\$ 18,168.00
7.	Community Health Program	\$ 1,000.00
8.	Visiting Nurse Association	\$ 2,447.00
9.	Mental Health	\$ 200.00
10.	Berkshire Regional Purchasing	\$ 600.00
11.	Council on Aging Transportation	\$ 5,497.00
12.	Council on Aging Expenses	\$ 300.00
13.	Senior Tax Workoff Expenses	\$ 100.00
		<b>\$ 101,398.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 25:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,054.00 for the Debt and Interest purposes as detailed below:

1.	2012 Town Hall Loan	-
2.	Ambulance Loan	\$ 27,494.00
3.	2013 Town Hall Loan	\$ 14,073.00
4.	2013 Highway Truck	\$ 40,832.00
5.	2014 Highway Truck	\$ 25,680.00
6.	2014 Loader	\$ 18,715.00
7.	2015 Highway Truck	\$ 49,060.00
8.	Interest Expense	\$ 5,000.00
9.	Banking Services	\$ 200.00
		<b>\$ 181,054.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 26:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,548.00 for Unclassified Expenses purposes as detailed below:

1.	Stabilization Fund	\$ 10,000.00
2.	Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 112,635.00
3.	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 23,000.00
4.	General Insurance	\$ 78,000.00
5.	Group Insurance	\$ 150,000.00
6.	Medicare	\$ 11,700.00

7.	Veterans District	\$ 6,123.00
8.	Veterans Benefits Trust Chapter 115	\$ 8,000.00
9.	Berkshire Regional Planning	\$ 1,090.00
10.	Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00
		<b>\$ 450,548.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 27:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$190,000.00 from Free Cash and appropriate said amount to the Stabilization Account for the purpose of funding future capital expenses. Motion was approved unanimously by a show of cards.

**Article 28:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash and appropriate said amount to the Highway Department Roadside Mower Account for the purpose of jointly purchasing a Roadside Mower with the Town of Sheffield (each Town contributing 50% of the cost). After discussion, the motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 29:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash and appropriate said amount to the Highway Garage Emergency Generator Account for the purpose of purchasing an Emergency Generator for the Highway Garage. Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 30:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$2,100.00 from Frcc Cash and appropriate said amount to the Assessors Online Property Records Account for the purpose of making the Assessors Property Records available online. Discussion ensued. . After discussion, the motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 31:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$3,400,000 for the Town's share of the costs of construction and installation of a high-speed broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$3,400,000 under Chapter 44, Section 8(8) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect unless and until the voters of the Town agree by vote to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2 ) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. The motion was seconded and after lengthy discussion. The motion to postpone indefinitely was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 32:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the following revolving fund accounts pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to authorize the receiving of

inspection fees to be expended during FY 2016 without further appropriation for the following purposes:

1.	Gas Inspector	\$ 5,000.00
2.	Electrical Inspector	\$ 7,500.00
3.	Plumbing Inspector	\$ 7,500.00
4.	Health Agent	\$ 17,000.00
	<b>Total Revolving Funds</b>	<b>\$ 37,000.00</b>

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 33:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the Protective By-laws as follows: Revise Section 3.3.1.2. Accessory Dwelling, subject to the following conditions: by deleting Paragraph E of said Section in its entirety and replacing therewith the following new language: *The maximum gross floor area (GFA) shall not exceed 1,200 square feet.*

1. Add the following new section to Section 3.3.1 Single Family Dwelling:  
Section 3.3.1.3. Accessory Apartment

*A. Purpose.*

1. *Add moderately priced rental units to the housing stock of the Town.*
2. *Provide homeowner(s) with a means of obtaining rental income, accommodation for caregiver(s), companionship, security and or services, thereby enabling him/her to stay more comfortably in their homes.*
3. *Protect properly values and the single-family residential character of neighborhoods by ensuring that accessory apartments are permitted by right only on owner occupied premises.*

*B. Accessory Apartments.*

*An accessory apartment may be permitted by right, as an accessory use where the principal use of the lot is an owner occupied single-family dwelling.*

*C. Accessory Apartment, shall be subject to the following conditions:*

1. *An accessory apartment shall only be constructed within an existing principal building or structure, an existing attached accessory building or structure, or an existing detached accessory building or structure.*
2. *Only one (1) accessory apartment shall be permitted on a lot.*
3. *The maximum gross floor area of an accessory apartment constructed within a principal building or structure shall not exceed forty percent (40% of the maximum gross floor area of the principal building or structure. The maximum gross floor area of an accessory apartment shall not be less than 300 square feet. The principal dwelling unit shall not be reduced to less than 300 square feet.*
4. *To qualify as an accessory apartment, the owner of the lot must occupy either the accessory apartment or the principal dwelling unit.*
5. *The principal or accessory structure or building that will contain an accessory apartment shall not be enlarged or extended in connection*

*with the construction or modification of an accessory apartment, except to comply with building, safety or health codes as outlined in Section 3.3.1.2A of these By-laws.*

- 6. All parking for the occupant(s) of an accessory apartment shall be off-street in accordance with Section 7.3.1.4 of these By-laws.*
- 7. An accessory apartment shall meet all applicable standards of the State Building Code (780 CMR) and the State Environmental Code, Title V(310 CMR 15.00) and subsequent revisions thereof.*

2. *Add the following new definition to SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS in the appropriate alphabetical order and renumber the remaining Definitions accordingly:*

*MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA): The sum of all enclosed or covered areas capable of being used or finished for habitable space of each floor of the building, measured to the exterior faces of the enclosing walls, columns, or posts. A space shall be considered "capable of being used or finished for habitable space" if it meets Massachusetts Building Code occupiable ceiling height requirements.*

Ms. Patricia Hardyman, Chair of the Planning Board made a report stating that the Board held a public hearing on the proposal and expressed the Board's positive recommendation. She then made a motion to amend the main motion as follows: Delete in its entirety condition 1 of Paragraph C. Accessory Apartment, shall be subject to the following conditions: and replace therewith the following new condition 1: *An accessory apartment shall only be constructed within an existing principal building or structure or an existing attached accessory building or structure.* The motion was seconded and approved by a show of cards. The main motion to amend the Protective By-laws was then approved unanimously by a show of cards.

**Article 34:** A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 8 Finance Committee of the Town Bylaws by deleting Section 8.1 in its entirety and replacing therewith the following language:

8.1 That there be a Finance Committee consisting of seven (7) elected members, two to be elected annually for a term of three (3) years, two to be elected annually for a term of three (3) years and three to be elected annually for a term of three (3) years with terms to be staggered such that no more than three (3) members shall be elected in any year.

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

**Article 35:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the Town Bylaws by inserting as Section 14 the following Dog Control Bylaw:

Section 14 Dog Control

- 14.1 No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog- , whether licensed or unlicensed, to run-at-large within the town. No person shall permit such dog beyond the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless such dog is on a leash and under physical control of said owner or keeper.

This bylaw shall not apply to private property for which the owner or keeper of a dog has permission to have such dog off-leash, provided the dog is under the direct supervision of a person who has the ability to properly control the dog's actions.

A dog that is working, hunting or at such events as field trials or training is exempt from this bylaw for the period of time the dog is engaged in the work, hunting or event, provided the dog is under the direct supervision of a person who has the ability to properly control the dog's actions.

This bylaw shall not apply to property owned and/or controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where a separate set of rules and regulations apply.

14.2 The Animal Control Officer shall enforce the provisions of this bylaw. Violators of the bylaw shall be fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) for the first offense and Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35) for the second and each subsequent offense.

Motion was approved by a show of cards.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to dissolve the meeting at 9:10 PM.

*Attest A True Copy:* Katherine M. Chretien, Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk's office is the official record keeper for the Town of New Marlborough. Some of the services that this office covers are vital statistics; births, marriages, deaths, posting of meeting notices for all municipal boards and committees, voter registration, town political calendar, annual street listing, business certificates (DBA), notarization of documents, Town Meeting warrants and minutes, and payments of non-criminal violations.

This past year, I continued to attend conferences and classes offered by the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association. These conferences and class offerings have become a vital part of this position as laws and regulations are changing at rapid pace. I appreciate and thank the Town for supporting my continued education.

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2015 calendar year.

- One (1) Annual Town Meeting (May 4th).
- One (1) Annual Town Election (May 1 lth ).
- One (1) Town Caucus (March 31st).
- One (1) Special Town Election (March 18th).
- One (1) Special Town Meeting (March 16th).

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2015 calendar year.

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**Dog Licensing**

Dog licensing is required annually each spring. Licenses expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> and dog owners have from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> to renew; if you do not renew your license a \$25.00 late fee (per dog) will be implemented in addition to your license fee. If you have a dog that is six months of age or older licensing is required.

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Number of Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Male	\$15.00	21	\$ 315.00
Neutered Male	\$ 7.00	130	\$ 910.00
Female	\$15.00	11	\$ 165.00
Spayed Female	\$7.00	104	\$ 728.00
Kennel	\$30.00	2	\$ 60.00
Kennel	\$50.00	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>302</b>	<b>\$ 2328.00</b>
<b>Fees retained</b>			<b>\$ 271.00</b>
<b>Paid to Town</b>			<b>\$ 2,057.00</b>

**Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**

The Town Clerks' office no longer sells Hunting/Sporting and Fishing/Trapping licenses, as well as, Primitive Arms, Waterfowl and Archery stamps. Hunters should be aware that annual written permission is required to hunt on private or town property.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Katherine M. Chretien  
Town Clerk

# ACCOUNTING OFFICER REPORT 2016

## EXPENDITURES July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
<b>MODERATOR</b>	145.00		<b>145.00</b>	0.00
<b>WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT</b>	2,425.00		<b>2,425.00</b>	0.00
Selectmen's Salaries	8,550.00	237.50	8,787.50	0.00
Berk Reg Group Purchasing	600.00			600.00
Selectmen's Expenses	4,000.00		2,846.38	1,153.62
Contingent	3,000.00	2,500.00	895.00	4,605
<b>TOTAL SELECTMEN</b>			<b>12,528.88</b>	
Administrative Assistant	37,547.00	4,000.00	38,760.14	2,786.86
Administrative Secretary	26,500.00		25,993.10	506.90
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			<b>64,753.24</b>	
<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>	10,000.00	<b>0.08</b>	<b>10,000.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	500.00		<b>187.49</b>	<b>312.51</b>
<b>AUDIT</b>	8,000.00	14,000.00	<b>14,000.00</b>	22,000.00
Town Accountant	17,025.00		17,045.40	-20.40
Town Accountant Expenses	4,150.00		3,509.02	595.98
<b>TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			<b>20,554.42</b>	
Grant Writer Salary	5,000.00			5,000.00
Grant Writer Expenses	500.00		0.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT WRITER</b>				
Assessor's Salaries	6,000.00	1.32	6,001.32	0.00
Assessor's Clerk	17,348.00		17,348.16	-0.16
Assessor's Tax Map Update	2,900.00		0.00	
Assessor's Consultant		5,000.00	0.00	
Assessor's Revaluation	16,000.00	3,890.00	16,000.00	3,890.00
Cyclical Reinspection	10,000.00			10,000.00
Property Cards On-Line	2,100.00		725.00	1,375.00
Assessor's General Expense	2,900.00		1,821.62	1,078.38
Assessor's Computer Cont	4,235.00	3,702.67	4,341.00	3,686.67
<b>TOTAL ASSESSORS</b>			<b>51,787.10</b>	

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
Treasurer Salary	17,045.00		15,820.14	1,224.86
Assistant Treasurer	5,200.00		2,766.76	2,433.24
Treasurer's Expense	3,300.00		2,850.79	449.21
Tax Title (Treasurer)	5,000.00	24,187.35	29,187.35	
Treasurer Software/Support	3,200.00		3,190.07	9.93
<b>TOTAL TREASURER</b>			<b>53,815.11</b>	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTOR</b>			<b>37026.81</b>	
Tax Collector Cert Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector Expense	5,500.00		5,299.87	200.13
Tax Collector Computer Serv	6,500.00		6,275.00	225
Tax Title (Collector)	3,000.00			1,850.47
<b>TOTAL COLLECTOR</b>				<b>37,905.21</b>
Town Clerk Salary	29,580.00		29,639.60	-59.60
Election Expense	2,225.00		1,761.69	463.31
Street Listing	1,000.00		568.40	431.60
Town Clerk Expense	2,200.00	413.30	2,083.27	116.73
Town Records Preservation	5,000.00	6,610.06	10,975.15	634.94
<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK</b>			<b>45,028.11</b>	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	2,000.00		<b>2,050.00</b>	-50.00
Planning Board Clerical	1,300.00		1,265.94	34.06
Planning Board Expenses	873.00		200.43	672.57
<b>TOTAL PLANNING BOARD</b>			<b>1,466.37</b>	
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	600.00		<b>159.85</b>	440.15
Town Hall Clerical	8,137.00		8,137.47	-.47
Town Hall Expenses	38,000.00	2,117.92	39,021.75	1,096.17
WiredWest Dues	1,000.00		1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL</b>			<b>48,159.22</b>	
Town Officer's Expenses	1,000.00		581.52	418.48
Town Officer's Bond	1,250.00		1,179.00	71.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN OFFICERS</b>			<b>1760.52</b>	

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
Town Hall Renovations		45,000.00	3,141.50	41,858.50
Town Hall Improvements	10,000.00	21,703.38	627.42	28,958.04
<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS</b>			<b>3,768.92</b>	
<b>PRINTING</b>	2,700.00		<b>1,652.00</b>	<b>1048.00</b>
<b>911 CO-ORDINATOR</b>	500.00		<b>0.00</b>	500.00
<b>TOWN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>	3,100.00		<b>3,100.00</b>	0.00
Interest Expense	5,000.00		<b>0.00</b>	5,000.00
Banking Services	200.00		0.00	200.00
Ambulance 2010	28,165.00		28,164.15	0.85
Town Hall Renovations	29,042.00		28,956.33	85.67
Town Hall Renovations 2013	14,430.00		14,430.00	0.00
Highway Truck 2013	41,870.00		41,869.20	
2014 Highway Truck	26,170.00		26,484.30	0.62
2014 Loader	18,951.00		18,636.08	314.92
2015 Highway Truck	228,000.00	-5,000.00	218,149.90	4,850.10
2015 Highway Truck (sm)	93,000.00	488.80	93,488.80	0.00
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>			<b>470,178.76</b>	
<b>Insurance Trust Account</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>		<b>1,099.00</b>	<b>2,401.00</b>
<b>Workman's Compensation Ins</b>	<b>18,550.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>22,827.00</b>	<b>723.00</b>
RMV--Non-Renewal Surcharges	880.00		880.00	
Air Pollution Control	763.00		763.00	
Regional Planning Commission	1,063.00		1062.68	0.32
District Dept Veteran's Services	5,813.00		5812.29	0.71
<b>TOTAL STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>			<b>8,517.97</b>	
Berkshire County Retirement	100,953.00	74.39	101,027.39	0.00
Insurance Expense	66,000.00	3,403.00	69,403.00	0.00
Group Insurance	137,000.00	20,000.00	116,600.46	40,399.54
Medicare	11,425.00		12,663.69	-1,238.69
Veteran's Benefits Chpt 115	6,000.00	1,687.20	7,687.20	

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS/WITHHOLDINGS</b>			<b>307,381.74</b>	
Reserve Fund	50,000.00		32,954.18	17,045.82
Stabilization Fund	50,000.00		50,000.00	
<b>TOTAL FINANCING USES</b>			<b>82,954.18</b>	
<b>BERKSHIRE CTY COMMUNICATIONS</b>	9,137.00		<b>9,136.69</b>	0.31
Police Salaries	87,256.00	448.00	84,198.51	2,609.49
Police Dept Expenses	21,500.00	3,476.00	20,866.14	4,109.86
Police Rental	12,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			<b>111,064.65</b>	
Constable Salary	475.00		475.00	
Constable Expense	95.00		0.00	95.00
<b>TOTAL CONSTABLE</b>			<b>475.00</b>	
Fire Dept Clerical	1,700.00		1,558.37	141.63
Firefighter's Stipend	36,500.00		36,232.00	268.00
Dues	200.00		0.00	200.00
Fire Protection	60,900.00	3,000.00	42,187.01	21,712.99
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			<b>79,977.38</b>	
NM Rescue Salary	6,300.00		6,300.00	
NM Rescue Expenses	56,350.00		42,266.76	12,083.21
<b>TOTAL RESCUE EXPENSES</b>			<b>50,566.79</b>	
Emergency Mgmt Salary	4,330.00		4,330.00	
Emergency Mgmt Expenses	1,825.00	540.00	1,742.15	82.25
Emergency Mgmt Notification System	3,313.00		1,616.00	1,697.00
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			<b>7,688.15</b>	
Building Inspector Salary	19,204.00		19,281.38	-77.38
Building Inspector Expenses	2,617.00	650.00	1,554.47	1,062.53
Building Inspector Software	7,400.00		7,435.54	-35.54
<b>TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>			<b>28,271.39</b>	
SBRSD Operation	2,422,293.00		2,422,293.00	

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
SBRSD Capital	83,703.00	1	83,704.00	
School Committee Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL</b>			2,508,997.00	
Roads & Bridges Salaries	260,547.00	-3,657.02	254,781.20	2,108.78
Highway Training Expenses	1,500.00		1,480.00	20.00
Highway Electricity	4,500.00		4,026.54	473.46
Garage Maintenance	11,500.00	2,649.01	14,149.01	
Highway Uniforms/Gear	3,000.00		2,622.62	377.38
Machinery Expense	71,046.00	1,641.68	69,565.88	3,121.80
Propane	18,000.00		10,113.26	7,886.74
Diesel	59,000.00	-4000	44,117.56	10,882.44
Roads & Bridges	10,882.44	33,300.44	221,603.63	1,696.81
Roadside Mower	60,000.00		0.00	60,000.00
Highway Generator	10,000.00		0.00	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL ROADS &amp; BRIDGES</b>			<b>623,298.26</b>	
<b>WINTER ROADS</b>	<b>256,334.00</b>	<b>2,116.08</b>	<b>235,209.70</b>	<b>23,240.38</b>
Clayton/Mill River Bridge	180,000.00		8,565.25	171,434.75
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY OTHER</b>			<b>8,565.25</b>	
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>	4,500.00		<b>3,793.17</b>	
Cemetery Salaries	34,689.00	552.62	35,241.62	0.00
Cemetery Officers Salary	400.00		400.00	
NM Village Cemetery Preservation		5,000.00	0.00	
Cemetery Expenses	2,700.00	463.14	2,498.57	664.57
<b>TOTAL CEMETERARY</b>			<b>38,140.19</b>	
Tree Warden Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tree Work	15,000.00		13,585.00	1,415.00
<b>TOTAL TREE WARDEN</b>			<b>14,585.00</b>	
Board of Health Salaries	5,000.00	0.04	5,000.04	
Board of Health Expenses	2,500.00		1,186.00	1,314.00

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	CARRY FORWARD	EXPENDED	YR END BAL
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			<b>7,436.04</b>	
Animal Control Officer	2,100.00		2,100.00	
Animal Expense	1,660.00		971.47	688.53
Animal Control Officer Expenses	3,411.00		3,411.00	
<b>TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL</b>			<b>6,482.47</b>	
Transfer Station Salaries	17,811.00		17,202.00	609.00
Transfer Station	61,000.00		61,000.00	0
Household Hazardous Waste	1,279.00	57.30	1,336.30	
Transfer Station Renovations 2014	10,000.00	20,198.62	30,198.62	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH</b>			<b>109,736.92</b>	
Children's Health Program (CHP)	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00
Visiting Nurse Association	2,447.00		2,242.68	204.32
Mental Health	200.00		0	200.00
Senior Tax Workoff Program	100.00		74.19	25.81
<b>TOTAL HEALTH/WELFARE</b>			<b>2,316.87</b>	
Council on Aging Transportation	<b>5,497.00</b>	<b>3,878.39</b>	<b>4,518.06</b>	<b>4,857.33</b>
Council on Aging Expenses	200.00		0	200
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			<b>4,518.06</b>	
<b>CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	0
Library Salaries	52,468.00		49,741.91	2,726.09
Library Trustees	320.00		320.00	
Library Expenses	40,651.00		40,466.22	184.78
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>			<b>90,528.13</b>	
<b>UMPACHENE FALLS PARK</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,849.70</b>	<b>2,469.89</b>	<b>6,379.89</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>900.00</b>		<b>515.14</b>	<b>384.86</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,549,204.00</b>	<b>234,181.97</b>	<b>5,211,179.91</b>	

## SPECIAL REVENUE

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

<b>GOVERNMENT /STATE GRANTS:</b>	
Firefighting Grant	1,402.31
Rural Fire Assistance Grant	959.75
Council on Aging	1,000.00
State Elections	1,389.42
State Aid to Libraries	11,823.90
Cultural Council Grant	21,183.35
Cemetery Preservation Grant	2,305.02
Planning Board Grant	300.00
Strap Grant	18,210.99
Board of Health Grant	1,423.28
Status of Roads Grant	1,000.00
Transfer Station Grant	7,440.00
Emergency Management Grant	3,528.83
BOH Emerg. Preparedness Grant	168.12
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT/STATE GRANTS</b>	<b>\$72,134.97</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:</b>	
Library Gifts & Memorials	5,476.87
250th Anniversary	234.65
Wetland Conservation	94.64
Machinery Earnings	1,848.40
Insurance Proceeds	(4,696.96)
Ambulance Surplus Account	223,719.80
Sale of Cemetery Lots	28,210.18
Revolving Accounts	(14,765.36)
<b>TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$321,651.11</b>

**TRUST FUNDS**

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Stabilization Fund	600,914.74
Conservation Fund	11,183.69
Marcus Rogers Fund	6,581.04
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	75,956.43
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	8,563.94
Unemployment Fund	39,449.78
New Marlborough Library	18,759.53
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$761,409.15</b>

**LONG TERM DEBT INSIDE DEBT LIMIT**

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/15</b>
Loader	69,960.00
Ambulance	26,823.00
Highway Truck (2013)	113,160.00
Town Hall Renovations	39,000.00
Highway Truck (2014)	96,000.00
Highway Truck (2015)	228,000.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>\$572,943.00</b>

## ALL DEPARTMENT REVENUES

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Personal Property Taxes	46,250.58
Real Estate Taxes	4,400,535.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	232,654.12
Farm Animal Excise Tax	365.50
Tax Title Principal & Interest	38,341.24
Penalties & Interest	38,094.14
Revenue from State	103,356.00
In Lieu of Taxes	350.00
Gain on Town Owned Land	311,245.21
Sale of Town Property	32,369.19
Transfer Station	52,453.65
Licenses, Permits, Fees	29,400.47
Bond Proceeds	223,000.00
Highway Fund	652.20
Fines & Forfeits	11,885.00
Investment Income	3,334.14
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,857.89
Veteran's Benefits	5,980.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,536,052.33</b>

## AGENCY FUND

July 2, 2014 - June 30, 2015

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE
Town Clerk Agency	697.00	737.00	(40.00)
Tax Collector Agency	11,097.60	7,802.00	3,295.60
Police FID	9,622.50	1,500.00	8,122.50
Tailings	12,496.15		12,496.15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$33,913.25</b>	<b>\$10,039.00</b>	<b>\$23,874.25</b>

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT 2015

2015 was a busy year for the assessors. Several projects were completed to comply with the state audit requests. We are also getting ready for the fiscal year 2017 revaluation.

As always, the board is willing to help with any problems the taxpayers may have. Please feel free to call the office at 413-229-8926.

### Fiscal Year 2016 Valuations

Residential	458,504,285.00
Personal Property	4,699,340.00
Commercial	19,507,045.00
Industrial	2,553,950.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$485,264,620.00</b>
Exempt	\$22,292,800.00

### Estimated Local Receipts Fiscal Year 2016

	Actual Receipts 2015	Estimated Receipts 2016
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$232,654.00	\$225,000.00
Other Excise	\$336.00	\$360.00
Penalties and Interest on		
Taxes and Excises	\$38,094.00	\$35,000.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$350.00	\$350.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$48,853.00	0.00
Other Charges for Services	\$10.00	0.00
Fees	\$4,170.00	\$4,000.00
Departmental Revenues	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits	\$22,132.00	\$20,000.00
Fines and Forfeits	\$11,885.00	\$10,000.00
Investment Income	\$3,334.00	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Recurring	\$1,226.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous non- Recurring	\$4,622.19	0.00

### Appropriations - Fiscal Year 2016

Town Meeting Date	Total Appropriations Each Meeting	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	Revolving Funds	Borrowing
05/04/15	\$5,377,522.00	\$5,061,372.00	\$262,100.00	\$54,050.00	\$37,000.00	0

## Tax Rate Recapitulation - Fiscal Year 2016

	Actual Receipts 2015	Estimated Receipts 2016
<b><u>Amounts to be raised</u></b>		
Appropriations		\$5,377,522.00
Total Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$2,624.00	
Other	\$13,735.63	
Overlay deficits	0.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$16,479.80</b>
 <b><u>Estimated Receipts &amp; Other Revenue</u></b>		
State Cherry Sheet Charges		\$1,678.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions		\$36,328.55
Total to be Raised		\$5,432,005.35
State Cherry Sheet Revenue	\$115,605.00	
<b>Local Estimated</b>	<b>\$341,710.00</b>	
 <b><u>Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes</u></b>		
Free Cash	\$262,100.00	
Other Available Funds	\$54,050.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$316,150.00</b>	
 <b><u>Summary of Total Amounts to be Raised &amp; Total Receipts</u></b>		
Total amount to be raised		\$5,432,005.35
Total estimated receipts & other revenue sources	\$773,465.00	
Total real and personal property tax levy	\$4,658,540.35	
<b>Total receipts from all sources</b>		<b>\$5,432,055.35</b>

*Respectfully submitted,*

Marsha A. Pshenishny, chair  
Wendy Miller  
Freddy Friedman  
Board of Assessors

**TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR ANNUAL REPORT PERIOD**  
**7/1/14 - 6/30/15**

	<b>Balance 7/1/2014</b>	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Abatements Exemptions</b>	<b>Refunds Issued</b>	<b>Credit Adjustments</b>	<b>Tax Title Adjustments</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2015</b>
<b><u>Real Estate</u></b>								
2000	(874.33)				432.98	441.35		-
2001	-							-
2002	(980.53)					980.53		-
2003	(1,391.82)					1,391.82		
2004	618.68							692.30
2005	714.06				73.62			714.06
2006	745.65							735.40
2007	719.66		88.97				10.25	613.44
2008	116.93		116.93				17.25	-
2009	146.28		146.28					-
2010	173.34		173.34					-
2011	258.64		178.72					79.92
2012	10,236.19		9,585.25				489.57	161.37
2013	29,111.31		21,273.56				1,292.83	6,544.92
2014	172,105.37		113,713.57		219.34		32,621.24	25,989.90
2015		4,454,646.05	4,255,258.38	35,376.92	20,799.82		19,399.53	165,391.04
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>211,699.43</b>	<b>4,454,646.05</b>	<b>4,400,535.00</b>	<b>35,376.92</b>	<b>21,505.76</b>	<b>2,813.70</b>	<b>53,830.67</b>	<b>200,922.35</b>
<b><u>PP Farm</u></b>								
2004	(36.10)					36.10		-
2013	20.25			20.25				-
2014	81.00			81.00				-

	Balance 7/1/2014	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2015
2015		365.50	365.50					-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>65.15</b>	<b>365.50</b>	<b>365.50</b>	<b>101.25</b>	-	<b>36.10</b>	-	-
<b>Personal Property</b>								
2000	(62.53)				62.53			-
2001	-							-
2002	(9.00)				9.00			-
2003	171.44			173.45		2.01		-
2004	33.89			336.21		5.32		-
2005	335.32			446.02	90.70			-
2006	1,262.68			1,262.68				-
2007	153.70			211.07	57.37			-
2008	209.05			209.05				-
2009	122.60			125.84		3.24		-
2010	102.62			102.62				-
2011	(296.53)			80.54	297.42	79.65		-
2012	(378.20)				309.59	68.61		-
2013	63.76			176.51	112.75			-
2014	25,570.00		466.06		517.70			307.34
2015		46,801.44	45,784.52		191.77			1,208.69
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>69,416.80</b>	<b>46,801.44</b>	<b>46,250.58</b>	<b>3,123.99</b>	<b>1,648.83</b>	<b>158.83</b>	-	<b>43,701.03</b>

	Balance 7/1/2014	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2015
<b><u>Motor Vehicle</u></b>								
2000	2,678.82		80.00	281.90		0.96		2,317.88
2001	3,002.19			815.83				2,186.36
2002	2,228.18			1,318.27	120.33	171.01		1,201.25
2003	1,169.61			92.61	371.92	53.89		1,502.81
2004	8,946.23			8,903.58		3.60		46.25
2005	2,444.98		5.00	703.31				1,736.67
2006	1,591.01			467.46	58.25	39.03		1,220.83
2007	1,973.69		33.13	1,159.14	155.98	12.50		949.90
2008	1,863.67		28.34	1,205.74		72.91		702.50
2009	40.01				363.54	83.33		486.88
2010	1,915.30		197.50	892.84		0.25		825.21
2011	693.59			35.10		1.41		659.90
2012	931.77		86.35					845.42
2013	3,575.12		2,953.44		20.00			973.76
2014	16,386.72	25,028.28	38,971.93	2,014.70	1,915.60			2,343.97
2015		205,288.48	190,298.43	4,416.25	1,971.58			12,517.10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49,440.89</b>	<b>230,288.48</b>	<b>232,654.12</b>	<b>22,306.73</b>	<b>4,977.20</b>	<b>438.89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,516.69</b>
<b>GRAND</b>								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>330,622.27</b>	<b>4,732,101.47</b>	<b>4,679,805.20</b>	<b>60,908.89</b>	<b>28,131.79</b>	<b>633.82</b>	<b>53,830.67</b>	<b>275,140.07</b>

Respectfully submitted by: Gina Campbell

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER  
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

**Cash Report by Fund**

**Trust Funds**

Conservation Commission	\$11,184.37	
Perpetual Care Interest	\$8,411.87	
Perpetual Care Bequests	\$76,108.50	
Marcus Rogers Trust	\$6,581.04	
NM Library	\$23,250.70	
Stabilization Fund	\$410,914.74	
Unemployment Security	\$39,483.73	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$575,934.95</b>

**Agency Funds**

Cultural Council	\$24,624.99	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,624.99</b>

**General Funds** **\$1,788,981.75**

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS** **\$2,389,541.69**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Katherine M. Chretien  
Asst. Treasurer

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD) applied for and received a grant from the Massachusetts Building Authority in to repair/replace the failing roof and boiler systems at the Mt. Everett/Undermountain Main Campus building. In joining the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Program, SBRSD would have the opportunity to acquire significant funding to offset the cost of doing the project. SBRSD was granted a reimbursement rate of 39.21%, this as well as a \$360,000 Department of Energy Resources grant giving SBRSD \$3.1 million dollars of grants towards the estimated \$7.7 million cost of the project.

The project scope included the following: The entire roof on the main campus would be replaced (4.2 acres of roofing). The new roof would meet the MA Stretch Energy Code and the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code. The roof membrane would improve from 42 mils to 72 mils, which comes with a 25-year warranty. The scope of the project included replacing the membrane, insulation, flashing, skylights, and other needed materials.

The new boiler system would be a hybrid energy system comprising of two modern high efficiency, pellet fired boilers and a modern oil fired boiler. There would be a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 85%, and an opportunity to earn \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year by selling Alternative Energy Credits to utility markets based on our usage of the pellet boilers during the heating season. Additionally, new and efficient variable run circulating pumps would be installed, producing a more uniformly heated environment and reducing electrical consumption and costs. There would also be a smaller propane water heater installed to meet domestic hot water needs during the warmer months.

Due to Massachusetts' law, the Town of New Marlborough was asked to approve the entire \$7.7 million dollar debt despite having grants in place to pay for 40% of the project. The district's portion was estimated to be (\$4.6) million (\$4,637,856.00). The assumption of a 20 year bond @ 4% interest and the town's current 2014 assessment rate (20.8%) were used to determine the impact on individual taxpayers. New Marlborough's maximum estimated contribution for this project was calculated to be \$957,000 plus interest. The first bond payment is due in fiscal year 2017. New Marlborough's portion for the 1st year payment was projected to be approximately \$90,670.00. These payments will decrease every subsequent year. A 2 1/2% override for a capital debt exclusion needed to be voted on to allow New Marlborough to levy the additional amount of taxes necessary to pay for this project.

On March 16, 2015, the Town of New Marlborough gathered for a Special Town Meeting with the sole purpose to approve the debt for SBRSD's Roof and Boiler Project. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving the debt and thus doing the project. The 2 1/2% override ballot vote occurred March 18, 2015 and 137 voted to approve the override while 34 voted no.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Fran Lartigue

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR FOR FY2015**

This has been another busy year for both the Animal Inspector as well as the Animal Control Officer. Again we have had three incidents of farm animals wandering out of their pastures into the public roads.

We received a call about an animal trapped in a drain pipe, and have had questions about dealing with wild animals.

Two cats were put in six month quarantine because they had been bitten by an unknown animal and were not protected against rabies. Three dogs were put in quarantine, two because they had bitten someone, and one because it had been bitten by a rabid raccoon. The Animal Inspector is concerned about pets accompanying their owners from out of state to spend time in our town. Legally the owner of a dog brought into our state should have the rabies certificate with him/her. It would be helpful if we had some knowledge of "visiting" pets so that should they get lost we would know where they belong!

In summary all cats and dogs must be protected against rabies, and farm animals need to remain within their pastures.

Each year the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that the Animal Inspector submit a census report of resident farm animals. Each owner is required to provide shelter, food and water for his/her animals. There were fifty homes of farm animals in the Town of New Marlborough and the census shows the greatest increase of chickens from 491 chickens to 857! The following figures reflect the number of farm animals in our town when the census was taken.

Dairy cows 4, Dairy steers 3, Beef cows 60, Young beef cows 17, Beef steers 12, Beer bulls 4.

Goats 75, Sheep 13, Llamas 7, Pigs 6.

Horses 45, Ponies 5, Donkeys 31.

Chicken 857, Turkeys 20, Ducks 27, Peacocks 7, Guinea Hens 7, Pigeons 20, Geese 10 and Rabbits 9.

In closing I urge the owners of farm animal to confine their stock, and I urge the owners of cats as well as dogs to have them protected against rabies.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Prudence Spaulding,  
Animal Inspector

# ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

I would like to express my appreciation to the townspeople, police, fire, and highway department as well as to all the town officials that help make animal control successful.

Many domestic calls involved dogs miming loose, barking dogs, loose livestock in roadways, and wildlife. Wildlife calls involved bears, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, and porcupines in or around residences as well as near livestock. In all cases Mass. Wildlife Fish & Game were notified. The following is a summary of animal control calls in New Marlborough.

Dog Complaints	26
Wildlife Complaints	17
Lost Dogs	8
Lost Cats	3
Dogs Found	8
Cats Found	1
Animals Dispatched	3
Citations for Unlicensed Dogs	26
Other	14

Reminder all dogs must be licensed, restrained, and up to date on rabies vaccination as required by Massachusetts state law.

*Respectively Submitted,*

John W. Springstube  
Animal Control Officer  
Home: 413-232-7038  
Cell: 413-347-0715

## BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 2015

In 2015 the Board of Health membership remained the same, with Larry Davis III as Chairman, John Bellinger and Norman Hankey as members, Scott McFarland as Agent and Pia Bellinger as Secretary. Please note that Board of Health meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM for 2016, unless otherwise posted.

New Marlborough continued its participation in the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. The Alliance provides New Marlborough an opportunity to effectively apply for public health related grants with other interested nearby towns. One of the grants received by the Alliance in 2015 will allow the BOH to go to On-line permitting and licensing, similar to the system that the Building Department is using. The BOH looks forward to implementing this system during 2016 and expediting the permitting and licensing process and accompanying paperwork. Scott McFarland and John Bellinger remain as New Marlborough's representatives to the Alliance governing board.

The Board of Health continues to coordinate with the Building Inspector in conjunction with issuance of permits for new construction, renovations and additions to ensure adequate septic system capacity for the facility being served. Also the Board reminds those seeking building permits that garbage disposals are not allowed on septic systems unless the system is designed with 50% more capacity, and that water softeners are not to discharge into the septic system. Please also keep in mind that when selling a property with a dwelling on it, a Title 5 Septic Inspection is required by State law in conjunction with that property transfer, regardless of the financing method. For instance, even when buying a property with cash, a Title 5 inspection is still required to be done. There are a few exemptions from the Title 5 inspection requirement for specific intrafamily transactions. Please contact the Board of Health and your real estate lawyer if you have questions on Title 5 or possible exemptions.

With an increase in real estate activity, 2015, like 2014, was one of the busier years recently. Numbers of inspections and permits issued by the Board of Health in 2015 were as follows:

5	New system designs were permitted
15	Repairs/upgrades to existing systems were permitted
16	Perc and dccp hole tests performed
30	Title 5 Inspections witnessed
9	Septic System Installer permits issued
5	Septic Pumper permits were issued
12	Well site inspections and permits issued
11	Food Permits
1	Recreational Camp License
1	Public Beach permit
0	Housing Inspection
1	Water Bottling permit
5	Beaver permit

The Board is very grateful to the Visiting Nurses Association of the Berkshires for their invaluable help and care to the citizens of New Marlborough. The Board of Health is here to help protect your health and to work with you on those issues that require Board of Health input or permitting, and we ask for your cooperation and support in this endeavor.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Board of Health  
Larry Davis, III, Chairman  
Norman E. Hankey, Member  
John Bellinger, Member  
Pia Bellinger, Secretary  
Scott McFarland, Agent

# BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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

**Disease surveillance and investigation** of reportable and communicable diseases involves the receipt and processing of reports for specific diseases and implementation of appropriate follow-up measures. This is accomplished with the use of MAVEN. The Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network known as MAVEN is part of the Electronic Disease Surveillance System. There were 20 diseases investigated. The diseases were babesiosis, varicella, human granulocytic anaplasmosis, Lyme disease and salmonellosis.

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

**Disease screening and immunizations** for individual and community disease prevention are provided as necessary. An established distribution station is maintained in accordance with MDPH requirements for the management of state supplied vaccine. A town clinic for seasonal influenza and pneumococcal vaccine is offered to persons meeting the criteria. Opportunity for those who are unable to come to the town clinic is made available at subsequent health promotion clinics. A total of 12 seasonal influenza shots were administered

**Health promotion** provides accessible monitoring of health risks to the community. Also provided are health education, health promotion and screening in accordance with acceptable standards of care. A health promotion clinic is held regularly at the town offices in Mill River. There were 51 visits made to this clinic. Blood sugar testing is offered regularly to those with diabetes and annually for all clinic participants. Health education presentations this year included influenza information, heart health, stress management, falls prevention. Signs and symptoms of stroke, heat illness awareness, sun skin screening pre diabetes awareness and healthy eating habits are some of the topics. Several summer health topics were provided and printed resource material was offered to participants for future reference on each subject.

The Board of Health Coordinator, Nancy Slattery, RN, collaborates with the Council on

Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to other health care professionals are readily made.

Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank the Select Board and the Board of Health for the opportunity to serve your residents. Please feel free to call BVNA for information at 800- 788- 2862. We look forward to our continued relationship in maintaining and promoting good health in New Marlborough.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Nancy Slattery, KN  
Board of Health Coordinator  
Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association

## HEALTH PROMOTION

	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June
<b>Unduplicated</b>						
Male						
Female	3	2				
Total	3	2				
<b>Number of visits</b>	3	3		4	4	4
<b>Number of clinics</b>	1	1	*tba			2
<b>flu/pneumovax</b>						
<b>Number of clinic hrs</b>	1	1		1	1	1.5
<b>Number RN's</b>	1	1		1	1	1
<b>Travel/Set-up</b>	1	1		1	1	1
Blood pressure >140/90						
Stage I 140-159/90-99						
Stage II >160/100			* will reschedule			
Blood Sugar screened 2hrs after eating >140 random > 200 FBS >100			* double clinic			
<b>Instruction</b>						
Medication		3			2	
Diet						1
Disease					2	
Life Style						
<b>Referral</b>						
Primary Care Physician						
Tobacco Treatment						
Nutritionist						
Fasting Blood Work						
Diabetes Specialist						
Early Intervention Cardiac Care						
Skilled nursing						
Mammogram						
Colonoscopy						
Bone density						
Blood Pressure Recheck						
Sun screening clinic						4
<b>Immunizations</b>						
Seasonal influenza						
Pneumonia						
<b>Other</b>						
letter to PCP re:BP						
referral from PCP						
referral from other						
heart health		3				
Get Cuffed						



## SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (SBDDVS)

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers.

During FY 2015 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 41 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2015 Submitted 7/1/14-6/30/15	Pmt Due in FY 2016 - FY 2015 - 75%
New Marlborough	\$8,017.64	\$6,013.23

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	42
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	71
DD 214s	50
Request for Grave Markers	20
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	12
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	55
Assisted with Dr. appointments	49
Home and Office Visits	471
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1521

For FY 2015 District budget has been reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place.

New Marlborough's apportionment towards the FY 2015 DVS budget was \$5,812.29 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Laurie J. Hills  
District Director

# CULTURAL COUNCIL REPORT

The New Marlborough Cultural Council is a local extension of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, annually funded by the State Legislature, and the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting community based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences annually.

Thanks to a \$4300 allocation from the MCC, but most especially to the generosity of the local donors to our annual appeal, and funding from the town of New Marlborough to cover the costs of the appeal, the NMCC awarded \$14,000 to 26 local artists and organizations in FY 2015. These funds were granted to support diverse programs benefitting multiple facets of the New Marlborough and southern Berkshire communities.

We supported scholarship programs for local children at Flying Cloud and The Berkshire Children's Chorus. Our funds paid for a program on picture book making at the Library. Cultural Council dollars supported a reading program at New Marlborough Central School as well as transportation for a field trip to Plimoth Plantation for 3rd graders. Grants to the New Marlborough Village Association aided in programming for the Music and More series and artist shows in the Gallery at the Meeting House. Both the Mt. Everett FFA and the Sheffield Whinnies 4H were awarded grants to support their programs. These are just a few of the successful grant recipients this year.

The Council was also host to several community events. In April, the Council held another pot luck supper and exhibit of photography by New Marlborough residents. And in August, the Cultural Council was once again the proud sponsor of Elihu Burritt Day, our annual community fair. The day was filled with a wide array of entertainment for all, including a vintage car show, a 5k run and walk, magicians, jugglers, hay rides, the Library book and bake sale, the White Elephant sale and many other fun activities.

For further details on our grant awards and process, please visit our web site [www.mass-culture.org/New Marlborough](http://www.mass-culture.org/New%20Marlborough) or contact one of us directly. To keep up with news, photos and events of the Council, "like" us on Facebook.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Maureen Hosford, Co-Chair

Louise Yohalem, Co- Chair

Nan Smith, Secretary

Tom Weeks, Treasurer

Members: Cam Adams, Trisha Killeen, Alan Lombardi, Ned MacDowell, Kathy Potoski, Mary Richie Smith, Michele Shalaby, Marjorie Shapiro, Anne Sommers

## TOWN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

This has been a remarkable year for our library, as we continue to expand access to books and information for all our patrons. Two developments are particularly noteworthy. One is the creation of the Commonwealth Catalog, in which our library participates. This allows you to broaden your search beyond our library to search millions of items at libraries throughout the state and quickly and easily request an item that will be delivered to our library for quick pick up. The second is our library's participation in Commonwealth eBooks, which broadens our access to electronic books by more than 150,000 titles. Stop in the library to ask for more details about both of these exciting opportunities.

Our library continues to be a vibrant, active part of the life of the town, with more than 700 borrowers and more than 11,000 visits by our patrons. 24,000 items circulated last year! With the addition of the Commonwealth eBooks, the library's collection now stands at over 199,000 items, including both print and electronic formats. We supplemented the collection with 3100 interlibrary loan items borrowed from other libraries, while also lending 4972 items to patrons at our partner libraries across the Commonwealth.

The library, though, is about much more than the size of the collection. The library sponsored more than 130 programs this year, with more than 1900 people attending. Children's programs range from the wildly popular Halloween Celebration, Spring Egg Hunt, Scarecrow Making, Lego Club (with the New Marlborough Central PTA) and Summer Reading Club to monthly trips to the library from New Marlborough Central School (special thanks to Ormsbee Bus and Alicia Brazie for transportation), family movie/game/pizza nights, and Play Group/Story Hour (in conjunction with the Community Health Program). Adults also enjoy library programs such as the book group, knitting group, and game nights. Community groups use the library for their meetings - Project Bee, the Council on Aging, the Boy Scouts, and the Cultural Council. These are just examples of the multitude of activities at the library that bring it alive with the infectious energy of people of all ages reading, learning and having fun.

We must not forget to recognize the library's director, Debora O'Brien, for the energy, creativity, and zeal she brings to her work at the library in service to the townspeople. Our keen part-time staff member Mary Margaret Wrinkle and dynamic volunteer Teena Parton not only help the library run smoothly, but also make the library a welcoming place for all. We must also extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the New Marlborough Friends of the Library, who organize and run events such as the book and bake sale at Burritt Day, the pie sale at Thanksgiving, the chocolate sale for Valentine's Day, and the bake sale at Memorial Day. The Friends' hard work and the generosity of our townspeople enable the library to provide many of the programs and services we all enjoy at the library.

Visit the library online at <http://www.newmarlboroughlibrary.org/> in person to find out about our programs and events, new books, and more. Even better, come in for a visit!

*Respectfully submitted by the Library Trustees,*

Brian Mikesell, Chair  
Claudette Callahan  
Maureen Hosford  
Deb O'Brien - Library Director

## **UMPACHENE FALLS PARK COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

Last year we sadly lost a member of the Commission. Thomas Billard was a truly valued member for over twenty years and will be greatly missed. We now have only two members of the Commission. We are in dire need of new members. If you would like to serve your Community by being a member of the Parks Commission please contact the Board of Selectmen at 413 229-81 16 -PO Box 99 - Mill River, MA 01244.

The park is open from May through October for the enjoyment of the residents of New Marlborough and their guests. The Commission would like to thank Robert Twing Jr. who again kept the park clean and free of litter throughout the season. The Parks Commission would appreciate the support of the people who use the park by reporting to the police or to one of the Park Commissioners any infraction of the rules and by "taking nothing but pictures and leaving behind nothing but footprints".

**The Commission reminds everyone that there are no open fires allowed at the Park.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Edgar Zukauskas, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The New Marlborough Conservation Commission works to protect the wetland resources of New Marlborough through thoughtful application of the Wetlands Protection Act. During the calendar year 2015, the Conservation Commission held Eleven (11) meetings.

The commission received nineteen (19) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filings, two (2) Notice of Intents filing, three (3) emergency orders, two (2) Certificate of Compliance, completed one (1) enforcement order and two (2) amended order of conditions. The commission also reviewed seven (7) forest cutting plans.

Conservation members regularly met on the last Saturday of the month for regular scheduled meetings; prior to the scheduled meetings the commission meets for site visits. The public is encouraged to attend the commissions meetings.

The commission currently has three (3) vacant opens on the board, if anyone is interested in serving on the commission please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Ned Wilson, Chair  
Freddy Friedman  
Dr. John Schreiber

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the New Marlborough Police Department I am proud to share with you OUT Annual Report for fiscal year 2015. This report is based on data and services provided from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

This year we have continued to provide the town with police services including traffic enforcement, investigations, and services to people in need. We have also continued to build trust and positive relations with not only citizens, but with businesses and were involved with events at the New Marlborough Central School. This year we have maintained 70 hours a week patrol coverage, with additional on-call coverage.

The Police Department and the Town have been working with the New Marlborough Fire Company as we anticipate moving the Police Department into the old Fire House building, following renovations. This will greatly benefit the department and allow more adequate space for police operations.

The Police Department has also fully incorporated the use of IMC, a computer aided dispatch system implementing the use of mobile data, records management and field-based reporting. This has greatly enhanced public safety by allowing the officer to have direct communication with dispatch and immediate access to records on the road and in the office.

The Police Department stayed busy with calls as well. From January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 we logged a total of 649 calls for service. We had 11 arrests, issued 210 citations (warnings and civil fines), were involved in 14 investigations and responded to accidents.

The New Marlborough Police Department is proud to serve all community members and will maintain strong working conditions not only with its citizens, but also with other Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire and Rescue Services and the Highway Department to help provide a safe community within the Town of New Marlborough.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Graham Frank, Chief of Police

Part-time Officers:

Edwin Deming

Kyle Kemp

John Mullen

Daniel Harnill

# REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The winter of FY 2015 was a very challenging one for the Highway Department. We experienced a record number of snow storms and extremely cold temperatures. Although the storms were considered small, and snow accumulation was not substantial, it seemed like the roads had to be maintained constantly. The cold temperatures also brought frost heaves and potholes. Governor Baker released a little over \$50,000 to help with repairs. These funds, along with Town funds, were used on Mill River Great Barrington Road to reclaim and pave 2,400 feet of the road. In the spring of FY 2015, we were cutting some shoulders and widening parts of East Hill and New Marlborough Hill. Along with these projects, the Highway Department continues to maintain dirt roads by grading them as needed, add and clean culverts, weed whack along the roads, patch potholes, and do whatever else necessary to keep the residents of New Marlborough safe on Town roads.

I would like to thank the voters at the Town Meeting for approving the purchase of a 2015 Kubota tractor with an over the rail mower. New Marlborough is splitting the cost of the tractor with Sheffield. This our first attempt at shared services with another town. Also, two new highway trucks were delivered late in the winter, and therefore did not see much use.

And last, but by no means least, I'd like to extend my thanks to the Highway crew. Thank you to Paul Krom, Dave Colucci, Bill Ruane, Bob Palmer, Peter Wilson, Larry Davis, Jr. and Laura Worth. Additionally, thank you to the Town Hall Staff, the Fire Department and the Police Department. Without their help and dedication, my job would have been impossible. And finally, thank you to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support to the New Marlborough Highway Department.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Charles M. Loring, III  
Highway Superintendent

## **FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT**

### **JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

For the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to a total of 174 calls:

Structure fires	1
Other fires in town	4
Chimney fires	1
Mutual aid structure fires & other fires	7
Motor vehicle accidents	13
Brush fires	7
Fire alarms	36
Carbon monoxide alarms	9
Trees dowidwires down	8
Medical calls in town	77
Mutual aid medical calls	8
Service & other calls	3
Total Calls	174

The fiscal year 2014-15 (July 2014 to June 2015) saw New Marlborough Fire and Rescue respond to 174 calls. This compares to 196 calls during FY 2013-14 (July 2013 to June 2014). The department continues to average about 175 annual calls, including medical calls, and, in several cases, there were multiple calls in the same day. On average, members responded to a call every two days and dedicated additional time during the year for training and certification. Thank you to the members for their service.

As in previous years, medical calls in town and to surrounding communities accounted for a significant percentage of the Department's overall calls. The town is fortunate to have the services of a skilled and dedicated corps of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), supported by First Responders. However, the need for EMTs has reached a critical point, and new members are always welcome.

Fire alarms continue to account for a significant number of calls. Fortunately, the majority of these alarms prove to be false, however, they do require the resources of time and equipment until verified false. Homeowners are reminded to register alarms and provide the name of a keyholder who can respond in the case of emergency. We will again take this opportunity to remind residents to clearly post their 911 numbers, which prove invaluable time-savers in locating an emergency.

Calls during the year also included an April 2015 structure fire in the village of Southfield. This fire was brought to a successful conclusion by a quick response from NMF&R and with assistance from mutual aid companies. The Department is fortunate to have strong working relationships with all of our neighboring fire and rescue companies.

We maintain a dedicated group of volunteers – 31, including firefighters, EMTs, and first responders – but as time commitments continue to grow and the number of volunteers proves challenging to maintain, mutual aid is an important resource. New Marlborough Fire and Rescue is always looking for new members. Any New Marlborough community member interested in serving the town and joining the Department should stop by the fire station in Southfield at 7 p.m. on any Tuesday night or speak with a current member for more information. Your interest would be most welcome.

Additionally, the new fire engine approved by voters in 2013 was delivered to the town in February 2016. The Department again thanks the taxpayers and residents in New Marlborough for investing in this engine, which will serve as the primary engine on a large percentage of our calls.

The Department also thanks the Emergency Services Fund, Highway Department, Police Department, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Finance for their continued support. Most importantly, the year again proved to be a safe one for all of our members. We look forward to maintaining professional and timely service.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Charles M. Loring, Chief  
New Marlborough Fire and Rescue

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

What is emergency management?

Emergency Management is a systematic means to prevent/mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies; particularly disasters. New Marlborough is fortunate that in our history such disasters are rare, yet they do occur and the man-made or natural hazards are many. Acknowledging these hazards allows the community to attempt to prevent and prepare for these disasters. Furthermore process of emergency management allows for resources to be identified should a rapid response be required. This is done in coordination with local, state, regional and federal agencies with a focus on the following priorities: Life Safety, Incident Stabilization and Property Conservation. The next step being recovery is mostly a behind the scene function of emergency management that allows those affected by the event to get back to normal as soon as possible. This is where quite often state and federal funds can be applied for reimbursements or even loans to rebuild after a major loss.

Throughout a disaster or even a minor emergency communications and information management can be the key piece of an often complex puzzle. New Marlborough has many communications tracks we can use and the infrastructure continues to improve. The Blackboard Connect Notification System continues to be a large part of this. The system is regularly used for routine communications among various town departments and to notify the town at large of significant events or hazards. There is a great deal of information about this system on the town's website.

Emergency Management continues to be active with a wide variety of projects, including updating plans and training. Emergency Management was on standby for several weather related emergencies throughout the past year.

New Marlborough was awarded a grant for emergency planning this grant will be used to purchase computer tablets for the fire apparatus and the ambulance.

Anyone interested volunteering with the Emergency Management should contact Director Harvey at nmarl911sys@gmail.com. There is a need for persons who can assist with communications, staffing shelters, maintain documentation and conduct preliminary damage reports.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Edward Harvey, Emergency Management Director

## **PLANNING BOARD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

Following Town elections, Mark Carson was elected to the Planning Board and the Board reorganized: Holly Morse assumed the role of Chair; Charlie Parton, the role of Vice-Chair.

Amendments to the Protective Bylaws regarding accessory dwellings and accessory apartments were approved at 2015 Annual Town Meeting. These included:

- Amendment of Section 3.3.1 Single Family Dwelling: 3.3.1.2 Accessory Dwelling to clarify the allowable maximum square footage.
- Addition of a by-right provision permitting subdivision of a dwelling to establish an Accessory Apartment.

The amended Protective Bylaws are available at the Town Hall and via the Planning Board webpage of the Town website:  
<http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMABcomm/Planning/index>

Review of ANR Form A Plans continued with a total of \$1,200 collected in fees during FY2015.

In May, New Marlborough received a grant of funds under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program that provided assistance through December 31,2015. These were used to review the defeated comprehensive Bylaw Revision of 2013 and draft a new targeted proposal for 2016 Annual Town Meeting to:

- Relax the frontage and setback requirements in the villages to provide owners with greater flexibility and to require a maximum setback for lots in the village to help continue the historic village development pattern.
- Create two zoning districts: Village District and Rural District.
- Adopt the revised zoning map to establish the zoning boundaries of the districts.

The Planning Board collected input from residents at the transfer station, the library, and from Town leaders regarding their reactions to the defeated 2013 Bylaw Revision and the new proposed amendment to the Protective Bylaws. In July, Planning Board members met with the Fire Department. A second meeting there and proposed informal meetings with New Marlborough business owners, the Parent Teachers Association, the Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission were planned for early 2016, prior to formal Public Hearings.

The Planning Board concluded the year by submitting two grants for 2016 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. If funded, the first will provide support for an update of New Marlborough's Open Space and Recreational Plan (OSRP) and the second will provide guidance on a Housing Assessment. At the request of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, these applications were prioritized with the update of the OSRP taking precedent.

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

For the fiscal year ending June 3, 2015

The Building Department received and processed Forty Four applications for building permits for the period January 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2015.

Permits issued:

Residential:	35
Commercial:	2
Other:	7

Total fees collected by the Building Department for this period amount to Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four and 00/100 dollars, (\$11,774.00) with an estimated construction value of 1.4 million dollars.

I thank The Board of Selectmen and The Town of New Marlborough residence for the opportunity to serve the community once again this year.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Building Department office hours are Mondays 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Wednesdays 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Telephone: 413-229-0277

Fax: 413-229-6674

E-mail: [tcarmody@newmarlboroughrna.gov](mailto:tcarmody@newmarlboroughrna.gov)

*Respectfully submitted,*

Thomas M Carmody CBO  
Building Commissioner

## **REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION**

On behalf of everyone working at the Transfer Station, I am pleased to share with you our Annual Report for fiscal year 2015.

In keeping with the principles of recycling, the Town invested in a compactor that eliminates the need for residents to separate paper, glass and plastics, making it much easier and less time consuming for recycling. After evaluating many different vendors, the Town decided to purchase the compactor from Maguire Equipment at a total cost of \$25,683.00. The Town then applied for a grant from MassDEP and was awarded \$7,500.00.

With your continued support, the Town of New Marlborough is committed to recycling by not contaminating waste streams or landfills, thereby keeping our environment healthy for generations to come.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Freddy Friedman

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR TAX WORKOFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM 2015**

This past year thirteen senior worked nine hundred and thirteen hours for the Town of New Marlborough. They stuffed town real estate tax bills, worked on the voting booths, cleaned the highway garage, worked in the library and served as secretaries for other programs.

Three of the seniors worked a total of two hundred and twelve hours for which they could not receive compensation.

On January 2015 the minimum wage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts rose from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per hour and thus the seniors were compensated \$9.00 for hours spent from January 2015 onwards. On January 2016, the minimum wage has risen to \$10.00 and so the seniors working from this January onwards will be compensated appropriately during the time they work.

We have been in the process of working with Representative Pignatelli to effect a change in the law and have a House bill Number 2655 in the Committee of Revenue hoping that it will proceed to become a law. This would allow seniors to receive compensation for 125 hours at whatever the minimum wage is during the year. Many of our seniors wrote letter to the two chairmen of that committee and we still have hopes that the bill will become law.

In closing it is a great privilege for the seniors to be able to offer their support to the town and receive compensation in the form of real estate tax abatements.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Prudence Spaulding MSW  
Director of Senior Services.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING 2015

This has been a busy year for the members of the New Marlborough Council on Aging. A COA member serves on the board of the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation, and writes articles for the Five Village News (the town's monthly newspaper). The Council provides informative luncheons; writes newsletters; takes part in 'OUTREACH' services; helps those to reach the monthly CHP food distributions (by the Massachusetts Food Bank); encourages seniors to attend the Kilpatrick Wellness Swim Program (supported by the state incentive grant); has helped seniors with applications for Fuel Assistance (Low Income Energy fuel Assistance program); distributed Farmer Market booklets; distributed food (eggs and hams donated by a local farmer), and collected used clothing and linens to be given to the St. Peter's Church program which provides a by- monthly distribution for the community needy.

Seniors were invited and attended the Annual Fall Music Festival and luncheon at Monument Mountain Regional High School (10 attended); the Christmas luncheon and program for seniors at the Southern Berkshires Regional High School (8 attended) and the Spring Musical and dessert at Monument Mountain Regional High School (14 attended).

Three senior luncheons were held at the Southfield Church Hall. The speakers were Mr. Edward Harvey, Emergency Management Director (providing excellent handouts and information 40 attended); Mrs. Carol Dupre providing information about how to apply for food stamps and Mrs. Stacy Cote from Berkshire Community Action Corporation discussing the Fuel Assistance Program.

In November the New Marlborough COA together with the Emergency Management Director sponsored the Senior Wellbeing Resource Conference. Twenty agencies that provide services to the seniors in the town presented their programs allowing sharing of information and networking. Our Director also attended the Age Friendly Vision for 2020 Summit to learn and contribute towards making Berkshire County Senior Friendly. By 2020 seniors will make-up over 56% of the population. Berkshire County is the second most rural county in Massachusetts with the second largest senior population. It has limited public transportation and small towns like New Marlborough have no public transportation whatsoever.

Our "OUTREACH" services have been focused on providing whatever care we can, helping seniors to get food from the food bank, and arranging for transportation of a needy kidney dialysis patient and again helping seniors apply for fuel assistance. Seniors are encouraged to attend our three luncheons (held in the warm months of the year) where programs available to them are discussed.

Because some of our seniors work for the town under our town's Senior Tax Work-off Abatement Program, our town has obtained help from Representative Smitty Pignatelli who has drafted legislation that will raise the amount available to seniors working for their towns (H2655) and our seniors and seniors from other neighboring towns have been

encouraged to write to the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Revenue to urge them to support this bill and have it enacted into law!

Our COA is becoming known as a resource for helping seniors! Though we have only five members their dedication is outstanding!

*Respectfully submitted,*

Prudence Spaulding MSW  
Director of Senior Services

## **PLUMBING INSPECTION REPORT**

During the period of January 15, 2015 through June 15, 2015 this department issued 8 plumbing permits and conducted 14 site inspections. A total of \$780.00 in fees was collected.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Robert Krupski  
Gas Inspector

## **GAS INSPECTION REPORT**

During the period of January 15,2015 through June 15, 2015 this department issued 8 gas permits and conducted 10 site inspections. A total of \$600.00 in fees was collected.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Robert Krupski  
Gas Inspector

## **WIRE INSPECTION REPORT**

In the last fiscal year, 2015, I did one hundred electrical inspections in the Town. Approximately 90 per cent of the inspections were residential and 10 per cent were commercial.

There were twelve residential solar systems installed in the Town, which is something new.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Richard Aloisi  
Wire Inspector

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Zoning Board of Appeals held one hearing during 2015. The Zoning Board of Appeals requires one more member to be complete.

*Respectfully submitted,*

John Bellinger  
Sharon Fleck  
Helen Liveten  
B. Daniel Litchfield III

