

A black and white photograph of a playground. In the foreground, a child is sliding down a large slide. To the left, another child is sitting on a bench. In the background, there are more playground structures, including a swing set and a climbing net. The playground is surrounded by trees.

Town of Becket

Massachusetts

2017 Annual Town Report
of the Town Officials

IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of four individuals who enhanced the lives of those in our community. We dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

MICHAEL F. SAWYER

**Constable
Police Officer**
May 4, 2017



HUBERT “ISSY” S. SALVINI

**Board of Selectmen
Fire Chief
Member of the Fire Department
Becket Bicentennial Committee Chairperson
Town Celebration Committee National Bicentennial Chairperson**
July 2, 2017



ALBERT E. THERIAULT, JR.

Chief of Police
August 11, 2017



EDWARD V. VIVIER

Ambulance Department
December 23, 2017

♦ **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETIRED** ♦

This year the Ambulance Department saw the retirement of two people who have been the “faces” of the Becket Ambulance Department since 1999.



James “Jim” Kupernik

Jim retired March 17th of this year. Jim was hired by Becket Ambulance Department February 1, 1999, and was promoted to Ambulance Director in September of that year. Jim was instrumental in moving the department from a basic life support service, to the intermediate level, and then to the Advanced level. He also helped with initiatives such as making the Town of Becket a “Heart Safe Community”.



Joseph “Joe” Mechare

Joe retired March 31st of this year. Joe was hired on September 14th of 1999, and served the department as both an EMT and EMT-I as well as the Community Liaison, presenting the department and EMS in general at community events and to the various summer camps in town. Joe was also instrumental in helping James move the ambulance department in the forward direction to where it is today.

These two both leave large shoes to be filled, and Jim and Joe will be greatly missed by the Becket Ambulance Department, and the community. We wish them both the best in their retirement.

Town of Becket, Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Town Officials

♦ **2017** ♦



William H. Elovirta

Selectman

Nicole D. Ledoux

Selectman

Nicole D. Ledoux

Selectman

Edward J. Gibson

Town Administrator

For the year ending December 31, 2017

◆ *Town Officers* ◆

Elected Officials

Board of Selectmen

William H. Elovirta, <i>Chair</i>	2018
Nicole D. Ledoux, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2019
Michael S. Lavery, <i>Clerk</i>	2020

Board of Health

Laurel Burgwardt, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2018
Gale LaBelle, <i>Chair</i>	2019
Irving D. Krawet, <i>Clerk</i>	2020
Charlie Kaniecki, <i>Special Health Agent</i> <i>appointed by the Board of Selectmen</i>	2018

Cemetery Commissioners

William Cavanaugh, <i>North Becket Cemetery</i>	2019
Dean Williams, <i>Center Cemetery</i>	2020
Michelle Smith, <i>West Becket Cemetery</i>	2018

Constables

Marc Portieri	2018
Michael Sawyer	2018
Nicole Miller*	2018

**appointed by the Board of Selectmen
on 11/1/2017 until the next Town Election*

Finance Committee

Ronald DeFoe	2019
Dan Parnell, <i>Chair</i>	2019
Mark Karlberg, <i>Clerk</i>	2020
Ann Spadafora	2018
Maria Wallington, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2018

Planning Board

Charles Andrews	2019
Alvin Blake, <i>Clerk Pro Tem</i>	2022
Ann Krawet, <i>Clerk</i>	2018
Colleen O'Connor (resigned 1/17)	2021
Robert Ronzio, <i>Chair</i>	2020
James Levy	2021
Gale LaBelle, <i>Associate Member</i> - <i>appointed by the Board of Selectmen</i>	2018

Moderator

Ethan Klepetar	2020
Bruce Garlow, <i>Deputy Moderator</i> <i>appointed by the Moderator</i>	2018

School Committee

Barbara Craft-Reiss	2018
John Les	2020

Town Clerk

George Roberts	2020
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Board of Selectmen Appointments

Agricultural Commission

Kristopher Massini	2018
Neil Toomey	2018
Vacancy	

Arts Lottery Council

Mary Manning Cohen	2019
Linda Bacon	2019
Luz Bravo-Gleicher (resigned 9/23)	2019
Roberta Goldman	2020
Barbara Craft-Reiss (resigned 9/20)	2019
Ann Krawet (resigned 10/2)	2019
Sally Soluri	2019
Barbara Wacholder, <i>Treasurer</i>	2019
Tracy Wilson	2019
Yana DeLuca	2018
Ruth Glazerman, <i>Secretary</i> (resigned 9/30)	2018
Michelle Raymer (resigned 9/20)	2018
Catherine Savini (resigned 9/20)	2018

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

<i>appointed by the Planning Board</i>	
Robert Ronzio, <i>Delegate</i>	2018
Gale LaBelle, <i>Alternate Delegate*</i>	2018
<i>*appointed by the Board of Selectmen</i>	

Berkshire Public Health Alliance

<i>appointed by the Board of Health</i>	
Gale Labelle, <i>Voting Member</i>	
Laurel Burgwardt, <i>Alternate Representative</i>	

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board

William H. Elovirta, <i>Designee</i>	2018
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◆ Town Officers ◆

Board of Assessors

Elizabeth Will	2019
Geraldine Walter	2018
Vacancy	

Elizabeth Will retired from the Assessor's Office on 10/21/16 and remains as a part-time Assessor.

Board of Survey

William Cavanaugh
Beth VanNess

Bylaw Review Committee

Mark Karlberg, <i>Clerk</i> (resigned 8/24)	2019
Jeanne Pryor, <i>Chair</i>	2020
Ann Krawet, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2018
Maria Wallington (appointed 11/1)	2019
Town Clerk, <i>ex officio</i> , <i>non-voting member</i>	
Moderator, <i>ex officio</i> , <i>non-voting member</i>	

Chief Procurement Officer

Edward Gibson	2018
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Community Preservation Committee

Cindy Delpapa, <i>Conservation Com. Designee</i>	2018
Jan Elovirta, <i>At large member</i>	2020
Rita Furlong, <i>Parks & Recreation Designee</i>	2019
Gail Kusek, <i>Historical Com. Designee</i>	2018
James P. Levy, <i>Planning Board Designee</i>	2020
Robert Ronzio, <i>Planning Board Designee</i>	2017
Neil Toomey, <i>at Large member, Chair</i>	2019
Vacancy, <i>at large member</i>	

Conservation Commission

Barbara Brand	2019
Cindy Delpapa	2019
Alison Dixon, <i>Chairperson</i>	2020
Karen Karlberg	2019
Rebecca Perry	2017
Richard Pryor, <i>Vice-Chair</i> (resigned 11/1)	2018
Mary Stucklen (appointed 12/20)	2018
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

Council on Aging

Paula Bergeron	2019
Eva Bonney	2018
Lorraine Dean	2020
Celine Godbout	2019
Marie Grull	2019
Joan Moylan, <i>Director</i>	2019

Herbert "Sonny" Nelson	2020
Marc Portieri	2018
William Robinson	2019
Betty Shepard	2019

Dog Hearings Officer

George Roberts	2018
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Election Workers

Meredyth Babcock (D)	2018
Alvin Blake (U)	2018
Eva Bonney (D)	2018
Candace Cahalan (U)	2018
Charles Francis (D)	2018
Charles Garman (U)	2018
Patricia Clemons (D)	2018
Julia Kay Grace (D)	2018
Katherine Hoak (U)	2018
Ann Krawet (D)	2018
Gale LaBelle (R)	2018
Stephen LaBelle, Sr. (R)	2018
Dean Lagrotteria (D)	2018
Adele Levine (D)	2018
Priscilla McEwen (U)	2018
Adrienne Metcalf (U)	2018
Ruth Rosenthal (U)	2018
Jerome Schwartzbach (U)	2018
Beth VanNess (D)	2018
Barbara Winters (D)	2018
Martin Winters (D)	2018

Energy Committee

Alvin Blake	2019
Catherine DeFoe	2020
Robert Gross, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2019
Katherine Hoak, <i>Secretary</i>	2018
Garth Klimchuk, <i>Chair</i>	2018
Ex-Officio Members: Christopher Bouchard, Edward Gibson, William Girard, Dan Parnell	

Harbor Master

Steve Rosenthal	2018
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Historical Commission

Rita Furlong	2019
Katherine Hoak	2020
Sandra Jarvis, <i>Chair</i>	2018
Gail Kusek	2018
Vacancy	

◆ Town Officers ◆

Zoning Enforcement Officer

William Girard 2018

Jacobs Ladder Trail Advisory Committee

John Garvey 2018

WiredWest

Jeremy Dunn, *Delegate* 2018

Robert Gross, *Alternate Delegate* 2018

Municipal Light Plant Manager

Edward Gibson 2018

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tina LeVasseur, *Beach Coordinator* 2019

Madelaine Elovirta, *Clerk* 2020

Rita Furlong, *Chair* 2020

Vacancies (2)

Public Relations Liaison/Officer

William H. Elovirta

Records Access Officers (term effective 1/1/2017

per Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2016)

Town Clerk (for Town Clerk Records)

Town Secretary (for other than Town Clerk Records)

Registrar of Voters

Colleen Cox (D) 2018

Robin Greenspan (R) 2019

Michelle Smith (D) 2020

Town Clerk, George Roberts (U)

Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District Representative

Becket Representative Vacancy

Tax Collector

Kenneth Bilodeau 2020

Nina Weiler, *Assistant Collector* 2018

David Shorey, *Deputy Collector* 2018

The Assistant and Deputy Collectors are appointed by the Tax Collector with the Selectmen's approval.

Town Administrator

Edward Gibson 2019

Treasurer

Christine Bleau 2019

Kenneth Bilodeau, *Assistant Treasurer* 2020

The Assistant Treasurer is appointed by the Treasurer with Selectmen's approval

Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee

Mercedes Gallagher 2018

Karen Karlberg, *Alternate* 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals

Victoria Bleier, *Chair* 2018

Karen Karlberg, *Vice Chair* 2019

Joy Lennartz 2020

Jeff Wilkinson 2019

George Roberts, *Clerk* 2020

Alvin Blake, *Associate Member* * 2018

Associate Member Vacancy *

** appointed by the Board of Selectmen*

Town Administrator's Appointments

Accountant

Margaret McClellan 2018

Ambulance Director

Raymond Ferrin 2018

James Kupernik (retired 03/17/2017)

Animal Control Officer

Albert Goodermote 2018

Animal Inspector

Madelaine Elovirta 2018

Inspector of Buildings/Trench Inspector

William Girard 2018

Gary Danko, *Asst. Building Inspector* 2018

Emergency Management Director

Timothy Sullivan 2017

Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Mark Hanford 2018

Highway Superintendent/Pest Control/Tree Warden

Christopher Bouchard 2018

◆ *Town Officers and Town Employees* ◆

Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Mark Levernoch 2018
Brian Middleton, *Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector* 2018

Police Department

Kristopher McDonough, *Chief* 2018
Cameron Forest 2018
Chad Heath 2018
Craig Jones 2018
Michael Hunt 2018
Charlene Lamb 2018
Nicole Miller 2018
Stephen Parkington 2018
Kenneth Pettibone 2018
Michael Sawyer (died 5/4) 2018
Matthew Virginia, *Sergeant* 2018

Veterans' Agent

Doug Mann 2018

Veterans' Grave Officer

William Mulholland 2018

Wiring Inspector

Dana Spring 2018
Jim LaPier, *Assistant Wiring Inspector* 2018

Town Employees

Ambulance Department

Haylie Breault
Vincent Garofoli
Joseph Mechare (retired 3/31/2017)

Building and Grounds Technician

David Shorey

Clerk of Committees

Jessica Perotti

Conservation Commission Agent

Mallory Larcom (resigned 12/2)

Highway Department

Robert Cooper
Albert Goodermote
Nathan Morawiec
Donald Murray
Jeffery Waite

Town Secretary

Beverly Gilbert

Transfer Station

Siegfried Hoppe
Dean Williams
Mark White

Volunteer Fire Department

Mark Hanford, *Chief*
Paul Mikaniewicz, *Deputy Chief*
Madelaine Elovirta, *Asst. Chief*
Kristopher Massini, *Captain*
Robert Healey, Sr., *Lieutenant*
James Atwell
Aurele Bergeron
Richard Beringer
Shamus Daley
Dutch Davis
Jan Elovirta
Justin Elovirta
William Elovirta
Carly Falone
David Furlong, Jr.
Vincent Garofoli, EMT
Jessica Giarolo, EMT
Gene Gobel
Andrew Greenspan
Robert Healey, Jr.
Christopher Isner
Robert Johnson
Jason Maronde
Paul Mazut
Travis Miller
Tyler Miller
Michael Ozner
Cameron VanBuren

Probationary Firefighters:

Austin Houghtaling
Jordan Miller
Emellin Pineda

Jr. Firefighters:

Andrew Greenspan

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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◆ ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USE (updated 03/28/2017)*** ◆

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Annual Town Meeting

Second Saturday of May

Annual Town Election

Third Saturday of May

◆ **FACTS ABOUT BECKET** ◆

Incorporated	June 21, 1765
Location	Western Massachusetts
Population	1,928 (as of 12/31/2017)
Registered Voters	1,391 (as of 5/20/2017)
Form of Government	Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$10.87 Fiscal Year 2017
Public Schools	Central Berkshire Regional School District
Police	Full-Time Chief, Full-Time Sergeant, Two Full-Time Police Officers, and Six Part-Time Officers Non-Emergency Telephone: 413-623-6010
Fire	Fire Chief Non-Emergency Telephone: 413-627-0397 Burning Permits 413-627-0397 (January 15 – May 1 weather permitting) <i>To apply for a burn permit online please go to the following link:</i> http://www.bcburnpermits.com/
Ambulance Department	Fire Station #2 Non-Emergency Telephone: 413-623-5027
Public Library	Becket Athenaeum 3367 Main Street, Becket Telephone: 413-623-5483
Arts Center	Becket Arts Center 7 Brooker Hill Road, Becket Telephone: 413-623-6635
Post Office	Becket Post Office 623 Main Street, Becket Telephone: 413-623-8845
Elevation	1,200 Feet
Area	48.04 Square Miles
Website:	www.townofbecket.org

If you would like to receive public meeting agendas and/or public notices please subscribe on the town's website at the following link: <http://www.townofbecket.org/subscriber>. Thanks you.

◆ **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES** ◆

All Emergencies, Call 911

Local Public Safety (non-emergency)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	413-627-0397
AMBULANCE	413-623-5027
BECKET POLICE	413-623-6010
STATE POLICE	413-243-0600
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	413-623-8988

Becket Town Offices 413-623-8934

<u>Department</u>	<u>Extension for 413-623-8934</u>
Selectmen's Office/Secretary	#10
Town Clerk	#11
Treasurer	#12
Town Administrator	#13
Building Inspector	#14
Tax Collector	#15 & #16
Assessors	#17 & #19
Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals	#20
Board of Health	#22
Council on Aging	#27
Conservation Commission	#29
Harbor Master	#40
Animal Control Officer	#56

◆ *REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR* ◆

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Becket along with all the staff of the Town and the members of the Boards and Committees for their open, courteous and professional working relationship. Everyone has helped make these four plus years as Town Administrator pass by very quickly.

2017 saw a number of changes in positions here in Becket. James Kupernik and Joe Mechare retired from the Ambulance Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Jim and Joe for their years of service to the Town of Becket and wish them congratulations and the best of luck in their retirement.

The Bonny Rigg Hill Road culvert replacement construction, which began in December of 2016, was re-opened at the end of February and the final paving was completed in the spring. This project was paid through a grant which Chris Bouchard, Highway Superintendent, secured (almost \$400,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and funds we receive from our Massachusetts State Chapter 90 Aid. These improvements or upgrades were mandated by the Army Corps of Engineers after the 2011 Hurricane Sandy.

The Town was able to acquire the property at 21 Maple Street through a vote at the Annual Town meeting. This acquisition will be used to open up the area between the two town parks and provide better access to them along with a few additional parking places for the parks and the school during special events such as Town Meetings.

I would like to thank the Town of West Springfield Fire Department for donating a used Jaws of Life to the Town of Becket for use by our Volunteer Fire Department. This allows our Fire Department to have a set of Jaws of Life at both Fire Stations which will make response time in case of an accident where someone needs to be extricated from their vehicle quicker.

The Town applied to the State of Massachusetts for a Last Mile Broadband Grant and was approved in the amount of \$1.2 million. The Broadband Ad Hoc Group and the Board of Selectmen are working with Westfield Gas & Electric to design and build a town-owned Broadband (high speed internet) network here in Becket.

The Parks and Recreation Committee was able to use Community Preservation funds to install new playground equipment at Center Park next to the Town hall. Since the installation of the new equipment, there has been a noticeable increase in the use of the facility by children and families.

Having the Building and Grounds Technician has been a great asset to me and to the town in keeping up and planning for needed repairs and identifying maintenance needs at town owned buildings and facilities. During 2017, Mr. Shorey has been able to spruce up the town facilities including, with the help of the Highway Department, installing a new scoreboard at the baseball field next to Town Hall. He has also helped me oversee the roof and gutter replacement at Town Hall along with the new window and door replacement at Fire Station #1 and the ADA improvements and attic insulation at Town Hall. He was able to replace the fire escapes at both ends of the Town Hall. David has also done multiple repairs to improve both Fire Stations, the Ambulance Garage, the Highway Garage and the Transfer Station.

It has been an exciting and busy year for me. It was also my last year here in Becket after four and a half years. It has been a pleasure serving as your Town Administrator during this time. I will be moving on to another chapter in my career. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for the confidence and faith they have bestowed upon me. Also a big thank you to Beverly Gilbert, Town Secretary, for being so helpful and a valuable source of information and her help as being my right hand when researching topics and developing reports. It has been an honor and privilege working with everyone on the various boards and committees and all our town employees. I will miss all of my co-workers. They are a group of very diligent and talented professionals who made it a great team to work with here in Becket.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Gibson
Town Administrator



◆ *REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN* ◆

The Board of Selectmen experienced another busy year with many issues facing the town; and with many projects completed, in the works and in the planning stages. The town is fortunate to have so many experienced and dedicated department heads and employees to work on these projects. Thank you.

One of the biggest concerns in Becket is high speed internet. We report that the Broadband Ad Hoc Group is working tirelessly with Whip City Fiber, a division of Westfield Gas & Electric, to provide FTTP (Fiber to the Premise) high speed broadband internet access to every house in Becket. As of this writing, the first phase (surveying poles) is near completion.

In early February, Bonny Rigg Hill Rd. reopened after the installation of a new arch culvert. This was necessitated due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene in 2011. This project was mandated by the Army Corps of Engineers and funded through a FEMA grant, Chapter 90 and the town.

The Town Hall roof replacement and drainage work was completed in the spring. Handicap access ramps to the front and rear of town hall along with handicap access doors were installed.

In the spring, through a Community Preservation Grant for \$75,000, written by Maddy Elovirta of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and approved at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) in 2016, the new play-scape and swings were installed to replace the old deteriorating wooden setup at the Center Town Park. In addition, through a Community Preservation Grant for \$30,000, written by the Town Administrator and approved at the 2016 ATM, the repairs to broken and fallen head stones in the West Becket, North Becket and Becket Center Cemeteries were completed.

Fire Station #1, constructed in 1958, had its old single pane windows replaced with new insulated windows. The entry doors were also replaced with insulated doors. In keeping with our Green Communities designation we should see a significant savings in the heating costs.

In December, a contract was signed with the low bidder of the second round of bidding to supply the town with a new rescue/mini-pumper to replace our Rescue #4 at Fire Station #1. The appropriation for this was passed at the 2016 ATM but the first bidding round in the fall of 2016 only produced one bid. This bid was \$32,000 over the \$225,000 budgeted amount. The truck committee then went back to the drawing board and revised the specifications to attract more bidders for a second bid that came within the appropriated amount. Delivery should be late in 2018.

The upgrading of the Town Hall heating system with planned inclusion of air conditioning is again on hold. In December three bids were opened that were nearly 40% above the engineer's estimate. It will be back to the drawing board on this project.

As always, during budget season (January thru April), the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee diligently work to prepare the operating and capital expense budgets to present at the Annual Town Meeting in May. The Town Administrator compiles department requests, investigates the projected needs against budget limitations and submits the proposed budgets to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen for their input and approval. Before the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator finalize the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the Finance Committee and Selectmen meet jointly to formulate the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and make recommendations.

This is only a partial report of the many agenda items that come before the Board of Selectmen. Board members also attend many other meetings of town and school district boards/committees and travel to seminars offered by state agencies, and municipal associations. All agendas and minutes of meetings of the Board of Selectmen are available on the Town website.

In March, Raymond Ferrin was appointed as Ambulance Director to replace retiring Director James Kupernik. Ray, a resident of Dalton, is an advanced EMT, worked as a supervisor for County Ambulance and volunteers with the Dalton Fire Dept. Also in March, Joe Mechare, a longtime full-time EMT with Becket, retired.

Jeanne Pryor, a two term member of the Board of Selectmen, decided not to seek re-election because she and her husband plan to spend winters in Florida. In May at the annual election of officers, Michael Lavery, in a two way race was elected to succeed Jeanne. The Board of Selectmen reorganized after the election, as is customary, and elected William "Bill" Elovirta, Chairman; Nicole LeDoux, Vice-Chairman and Michael Lavery, Clerk. We are happy to say that the board has a very good working relationship which is important for a three member board.

In May, the Board of Selectmen were saddened to learn that Michael Sawyer, a veteran part-time police officer and long term Constable had succumbed to a massive heart attack on May 4th, at the age of 54. Mike was well liked and a friend to everyone. Mike will be sadly missed. May you rest in peace Mike.

◆ **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN** ◆
(Continued)

In July, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified the Board of Selectmen that seven out of twelve monthly samples extracted and tested from the Route 20 spring near the Chester town line showed positive results for coliform. The DEP ordered that the town must either close the spring or install a disinfecting system. Even though the town has been testing the water that comes out of the pipe at the end of the spring, the town does not own it nor does anyone know where the actual source of the spring is located. Due to that the town derives no revenue from the spring and coupled with the cost involved to engineer and install a disinfecting system, the Board voted to close the spring and remove it from service as a public water supply. In late fall the Board entered into an agreement with DEP on the final plan of closure and that will happen when the weather allows in the spring of 2018. Spring closed signs have been illegally removed as fast as they have been posted.

During the summer the Town of West Springfield Fire Department donated a used set of "Jaws of Life" to the Becket Fire Department. These were placed on Rescue #4 in Fire Station #1. We now have a set at each station. The "Jaws" are a rescue tool used primarily to extricate victims from motor vehicle accidents.

In October, the board approved a Chapter 90 Contract for \$345,450 to reconstruct Bancroft Rd. from the intersection of Wade Inn Rd. to Hopkins Lane, a distance of 6,300 feet. The Highway Department completed drainage work in the fall and the full-depth reclamation and paving will be done in the spring of 2018.

In the fall after receiving the necessary approvals and permits, the 4.95MW Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. project began construction on a property off Tanglewood Circle. The town is in the negotiating stages of a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T.) program host agreement because, by law, this solar project category is tax exempt. Town Meeting will have to approve any final P.I.L.O.T. program negotiated. The proposed agreement will give the town guaranteed income for the next twenty years. The building permit fee for the project was over \$100,000.

At the December 6th Board of Selectmen's meeting, Edward Gibson submitted his resignation as our Town Administrator. Ed advised that he accepted the Town Administrator's position in the Town of Southampton. Ed said his last day in Becket would be January 5th. The Board of Selectmen subsequently voted to find an interim town administrator, establish a Town Administrator Search Committee and advertise for a new town administrator. Hopefully we may recruit an interim administrator to begin in

early January and hire a permanent town administrator to begin in time for our next fiscal year. We wish Ed luck in his new position.

All cities and towns in the Commonwealth are faced with implementing new town and city by-laws to deal with the passage of medical and recreational marijuana laws. Becket is no exception. The State Cannabis Control Commission is expected to have regulations in place by March 2018 and the Planning Board anticipates presenting by-laws in the ATM Warrant or at a Special Town Meeting in the summer.

To ensure that Ambulance, Fire and Police Department personnel can locate your home in an emergency, we ask for your assistance in assuring that your home is in compliance with Article 17, Section 17 of the Town's Betterment Bylaws: "Numerals indicating the official number for each principal building of each front entrance to such building shall be placed immediately above, on, or at the side of the main entrance of each building so that the number can be seen plainly from the street line. Whenever any building is situated more than fifty (50) feet from the street line, or is not visible from the street, the number should be placed to the right of the driveway or common entrance to such building, or upon a gate post, fence, tree, post or other appropriate place so as to be clearly discernible from the street curb line in both directions of travel." Numerals shall be at least 4" in height.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town Secretary, Beverly Gilbert, for her dedication and help. She is always a helpful and pleasant presence at the front office.

It is our pleasure to serve you, the taxpayer. Please feel free to contact the town office, the administrator or any Board of Selectmen member with questions. Thank you.

Becket Board of Selectmen
William H. Elovirta, *Chair*
Nicole D. Ledoux, *Vice Chair*
Michael S. Lavery, *Clerk*

◆ *REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT* ◆

In 2017 the Becket Fire Department responded to 125 calls, broken down into the following categories: Structure Fires – 6, Chimney Fires – 5, Motor Vehicle Accidents - 22, Brush/Forest Fires – 16, Smoke/CO2 Alarms - 32, Service Calls – 14, Mutual Aid - 5, Medical/Lift Assists – 20, Motor Vehicle Fires – 1, Other – 4.

The department, at this time, consists of 5 officers and 26 Firefighters. The officers and members train every Tuesday night. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let us know. I would like to take a moment to thank the officers and firefighters who volunteer their time and energy to help make our town a safe place. The alarm goes off at any hour: day or night, and our members do their best to respond. With all that is going on in the world today, everyone has busy lives but our firefighters still find time to volunteer by responding to fire calls, ranging from structure fires to flooded cellars. We are fortunate to have on the roster quite a few younger firefighters. Some firefighters are still in high school, some are college students, some are young business owners, some are shift workers, some have growing children, and some are retirees. We have fathers and sons, husbands and wives, single parents, employed and retired members, young, not so young and every ethnic background. Our door is open to all who wish to make a difference.

The department is fortunate to have finally placed an order for a new rescue pumper. It was placed with Dependable Fire Apparatus and delivery will occur later in 2018. The new rescue will be called Rescue #6 and the plan is to house it in Station #1 - North Becket. Rescue #6 will replace the current Rescue #4, a 1990s vintage vehicle which was given to the Town by the Firefighters' Association. We would like to thank the citizens of Becket for their support in the purchase of this rescue pumper. Fire Station #1 houses: Engine #1 (a 1990 International), Engine #2 (a 2013 Kenworth/Pierce) and Rescue #4 (a 1991 Ford with utility body). Station #2 houses: Engine #4 (a 1996 International/Darley), Tanker #1 (a 2008 Kenworth/Rosenbauer purchased by a grant from Home Land Security), Rescue #5 (a 2005 Ford/Rosenbauer), a rescue mini pumper, and two surplus military pickups of which one is used as a brush fire truck and the other is used as a utility vehicle that tows the 6x6 Polaris ATV Rescue Vehicle.

The equipment at this time is in good shape (aging but serviceable). Our Engine #4 was sent for a major refurbishment under the direction of Firefighter Jan Elovirta, who brought his knowledge and experience from his career in

truck fleet management to ensure that the town obtained a quality job at a reasonable price. Engine #1 was also repaired to eliminate possible structural issues. The work done on these two vehicles ensures firefighter safety and reliable operation.

As in past years, the Becket Volunteer Firefighters' Association has donated considerable time and money to add needed equipment to our department from chainsaws to pagers for all fire fighters. The association this year voted to donate over \$6,000 to add optional equipment to the new rescue vehicle. These options would not have been possible with the amount of money that was appropriated at Annual Town Meeting in 2016.

I would also like to thank my Deputy Paul Mikaniewicz, Assistant Chief Maddy Elovirta, Captain Kris Massini and Lt. Bob Healy Sr. for the times they fill in for me when I am called away for work. My Assistant Chief Maddy Elovirta has once again secured additional funding through grants, to purchase forest firefighting equipment for the members. In addition to grant writing, Maddy tracks all department expenses, purchasing and payments. As you can see, the Becket Volunteer Fire Department is a collection of many people with many talents who come together to make this department function.

The Becket Volunteer Fire Department covers one of the largest areas of any volunteer fire department in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Towns of Becket and Washington cover 83.16 square miles, which encompasses many acres of State Forest and the Appalachian Trail. No small task.

The members and I wish to thank the Ambulance, Highway, and Police departments for being part of our team. When we need them, they come to help. I thank all of our officers and firefighters for their time and effort. I could not do this job without their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanford,
Fire Chief

◆ **REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** ◆
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Officers:

Mark Hanford, *Chief*
Paul Mikaniewicz, *Deputy Chief*
Madeline Elovirta, *Asst. Chief*
Kristopher Massini, *Captain*
Robert Healey, Sr., *Lieutenant*

Firefighters:

James Atwell	Carly Falone	Robert Johnson
Aurele Bergeron	David Furlong, Jr.	Jason Maronde
Richard Beringer	Vincent Garofoli, EMT	Paul Mazut
Shamus Daley	Jessica Giarolo, EMT	Travis Miller
Dutch Davis	Gene Gobel	Tyler Miller
Jan Elovirta	Andrew Greenspan	Micahel Ozner
Justin Elovirta	Robert Healey, Jr.	Cameron Van Buren
William Elovirta	Christopher Isner	

Probationary Firefighters:

Austin Houghtaling

Jr. Firefighter:

Jordan Miller
Emellin Pineda



◆ **REPORT OF THE BECKET AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT** ◆

This year has seen quite a few changes for the Ambulance Department. Most notably has been in staffing. Long time EMTs Jim Kupernik (Director), and Joe Mechare both retired in March after 18 years of dedicated service to the Ambulance department. Effective March, 28th, 2017, I took the reigns as the new director, and in July, the second vacancy was filled by Haylie Breault who will complete her Paramedic certification by late January of 2018. Also, Vincent Garofoli was officially named as “Training Officer” for the department, and will oversee the training of new EMT’s to the department, as well as ongoing training for current EMTs to ensure the best quality of care to our residents. In addition, we have hired 9 additional per-diem EMTs to ensure continuous coverage of the ambulance 24/7.

The second most notable change took effect April 1, 2017 which was the transition of our level of care from

“Intermediate” to “Advanced”. This transition now allows our department to provide an increased array of medications and interventions before the Pittsfield Paramedic level ambulance arrives on the scene.

Other changes over the last year include an update of our department logo (Above), updated uniforms, and a changeover in our reporting software which allows for more accurate reporting and billing, better record retrieval, and increased quality assurance of the care provided.

At the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved the purchase of a new ambulance. This should hopefully arrive, and be placed in service by the end of the summer. I know this may seem like a while to some. However, a great deal of time was put into viewing several models of available ambulances, meeting with dealers, and writing specifications that would

◆ REPORT OF THE BECKET AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT ◆
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provide an ambulance to the town that is reliable, safe, and built to meet the needs of our patients and crew. I would like to offer special thanks to the Highway Superintendent, Chris Bouchard, for his help with writing the specifications.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my staff for their support to help me settle into the department as the new director, as well as for their continued dedication to provide the town with the best emergency care possible. I extend that thank you to our partners, the Fire Department, Highway Department, Police Department, and Buildings and Grounds Technician, whose effort and time help make our work safer and more effective. I also would like to thank the town as a whole. Everyone here has been nothing short of welcoming. My door is always open, and coffee is always on for anyone wishing to stop and chat, offer suggestions, or learn more about the department. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-1pm.

Town	# of Runs	Town	# of Runs
Becket	175	Otis	38
Blandford	1	Peru	1
Chester	3	Sandisfield	1
Granville	1	Tolland	1
Lee	14	Tyringham	2
Lenox	1	Washington	12
Middlefield	2		

<u>Dispatch Reason</u>	<u># of calls</u>
Abdominal	6
Allergies	2
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	5
Breathing Problem	22
Burns	2
Cardiac Arrest	3
Chest	15
Choking	1
Convulsions/Seizure	2
Diabetic	3
Eye Problem	1
Fall Victim	43
Heart Problems	2
Heat/Cold Exposure	1
Hemorrhage/Laceration	2
Industrial Accident/Inaccessible Incident/Other	
Entrapments (Non-Vehicle)	2
Ingestion/Poisoning	4
MCI (Multiple Casualty Incident)	3
Not Known	16
Pregnancy/Childbirth	1
Psychiatric Problems	11
Sick Person	30
Stroke/CVA	6
Traffic/Transportation Accident	27
Transfer/Inter-facility/Palliative Care	8
Traumatic Injury	8
Unconscious/Fainting	9
Unknown Problem/Man Down	17

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Ferrin, *Ambulance Director*



◆ **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** ◆

The 2017 yearly breakdown shows the Police Department responded to 2,789 calls. The statistics are gathered from our computer records management system, Precinct Connection. Every call that the department receives is placed into this database and the department can print out the statistics monthly.

In addition to the activity breakdown, officers also issued citations for 125 civil motor vehicle violations, 30 criminal motor vehicle violations, and 134 written warnings, for a total of 289 citations.

Officers made 15 arrests, including 5 for domestic assault & battery, 2 for operating under the influence of alcohol, 1 for operating with a suspended license, 2 on a warrant, 2 for trespassing, 2 for unlawful possession of a firearm, and 1 for disorderly conduct. Additionally, 27 individuals were summoned to Southern Berkshire District Court on criminal charges.

All of the officers in the department continue to be proactive and reactive while serving the Town. Each individual officer carries unique skills and qualities that help the department provide the highest level of service to the Town.

In May the department suffered a tragic loss when Officer Michael Sawyer passed away suddenly. Officer Sawyer served the Town of Becket as a Police Officer beginning in 1997. He will always be remembered by the department and me as an excellent officer and friend.

On May 5th Officer Michael Hunt graduated from the 55th recruit academy training course for full-time officers held at the Western Massachusetts Police Academy. Officer Hunt did an outstanding job while attending the academy. After his graduation, he resumed patrol to continue serving the town. I wish him a long and fulfilling career here with the Becket Police Department.

On September 23rd the Becket Police Association held its second annual car show, "Cops & Rodders." This car show was created and headed by Officer Nicole Miller to raise money to provide a holiday party for the children of Becket and Washington. I cannot begin to tell you the amount of work Officer Miller undertook to make this event a success. I would first like to thank the Town of Washington for letting the association use the Washington Town Park. It is estimated that throughout the day roughly 400 people attended the car show to

view the 100 show cars that appeared for the event. I would also like to thank my entire department and their family members for volunteering their time on that day. Officers spent most of their time parking cars, selling raffle tickets, and maintaining the safety of spectators and of course the show cars. The Becket Police Association uses the money raised for the children's Holiday Party.

In December the Becket Police Association held its second annual Christmas party for the children of Washington and Becket. The YMCA Becket Chimney Corners Outdoor Center was kind enough to offer their dining hall for use and also provide lunch and snacks for the kids. Santa Claus made his arrival in a fire truck escorted by the police and ambulance and handed out roughly 103 presents to the children. Many people who attended the function kept telling me what a great event it was and what a great job we did. Once again, I would like to thank Officer Nicole Miller and all the officers of the department who volunteered their time to make this event successful.

As stated in prior Annual Reports, I want to reiterate that I have an open door policy for anyone wishing to speak to me in regards to any issue. This year license to carry or firearms identification card renewals or applicants can stop in the station at any time to begin the process of renewing/applying for their LTC/FID. If an Officer is not at the station please call our business line that is on the Police Department's door and the officer on duty will meet you at the station to assist you.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers for their continued dedication in providing quality policing to the residents of Becket while maintaining the highest level of professionalism and integrity. I would like to thank the Becket Fire Department, Becket Ambulance Department, Becket Highway Department, and the Becket Buildings and Grounds Technician for their dedication and partnership in working together with the Police Department. Furthermore, I would like to thank the residents of Becket for their continued support of the Police Department. It is only through a strong partnership between the general public and the Police Department that a safe community can be established.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristopher G. McDonough
Chief of Police

Becket Police Department Calls 2017

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Total
Abandoned Vehicles	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	19
Abuse													
Alarm	16	10	14	12	12	10	12	11	12	15	14	16	154
Ambulance/Medical	11	9	7	3	14	13	5	9	9	7	6	6	99
Animal	7	10	4	4	11	11	12	13	8	2	3	1	86
Assault	1				1		1						3
Assault & Battery				1									1
Assist other Department	10	5	2	5	3	6		4	6	3	8	6	58
Attempted Burglary				1									1
Attempt to locate													
Attempted Suicide													
Attempted Theft							1						1
ATV Complaint				1	2			1		2			6
Bad Checks													
BOLO	11	7	9	12	13	6	6	9	5	7	10	5	100
Breaking & Entering		1	2	2	1		4		2				12
Burglary							1		1				2
Call Return	17	16	26	24	10	9	9	10	14	5	8	16	164
Criminal Mischief													0
Car Off Roadway	1	1		1	2	2					1	6	14
Calls for Service	3	1	3	6	8	6	25	9	6	5	5	7	84
Check							1	1	1	2	1		6
Child Custody	1												1
Civil	4	2	2	5	4	3	3	2	3	1		1	30
Court	2	4		3	2	6	2	1	6	1	1	3	31
Credit Card Fraud													
Destruction of Property		1			1					1			3
Disorderly Conduct								2					2
DOA Dead on Arrival													
Detail	10	8	11	18	13	21	13	9	2		2	2	109
Disturbance	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	2			17
Drugs													
Disabled Motor Vehicle	10	5	6	5	3	2	4	4	6	1	2	9	57
Escort				1	1		1	1					4
Explosives													
Firearms	4	1		2	1		1	1	2		1		13
Fire	2	3	1	3		1	3	4	2	1	1	4	25
Follow Up Invest	3	1	3	5		1	1	4	4	2	3	1	28
Found Property					1		2	1	2				6
209A Order Service							1		1				2
Fraud						1							1
Gun Shots	1			1	3	1	2			1	1	2	12
Harassment		1	4	3			2	1		1			12
House Watch/Check	2			1	1	2	1	2		2		1	12
Indecent Exposure													
Illegal Burn													
Illegal Dumping	2					1	1	1	2				7
Information Request	17	8	18	23	15	19	20	17	9	6	12	12	176
Juvenile Calls	5		1			1			1		1		9
Larceny Under 250						1			2		1		4
Larceny Over 250		1				1	2			1	1		6
Littering													
Lock Out			1	1		1	3		1	1		1	9
Lost									1		1		2
Mail Complaint													
Mental Health Sec 12	1	4	3	1	3	3	2	3	5	1	4	2	32
Missing Persons		2	1			1		1					5
Motor Vehicle Accident	3	7	5	4	4	2	5	5	3	4	6	7	55
Motor Vehicle Accident (OUI)						1	1	1				1	4

Becket Police Department Calls 2017 (continued)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Total
Motor Vehicle Violation	1	4	4	4	3	11	7	11	10	3	2	7	67
Nuisance					1	2	1	2	1	1	2		10
Odor													
Open Burn													
Operating under the Influence (OUI)							1					1	
Paper Work	14	3	5	4	5	4	3	15	9	5	3	8	78
Parade													
Permits LTC, FID, Vendor	7	6	7	4	8	4	6	4		2	2	2	52
Parking Complaint	16	1				4	10	10					41
Patrol	16	28	32	39	41	47	56	33	37	45	29	30	433
Phone 911 Hang Up	5	6	1	3	4	6	4	7	1	3	6	7	53
Possible Scam				1									1
Property Damage	1	2	2	2		1	1						9
Property Return	1		3		2	1	1					2	10
Protect from abuse										3			3
Prowler Complaint													
Rape													
Radar	20	16	14	6	5	6	3	13	33	18	9	2	145
Reckless Driving	1	2	4	3	2	7	7	1	1	4	2	3	37
Records Request	2	2	5			2	2					3	16
Refer to other Dept.				1		1	1						3
Ride Along						2	1						3
Road Complaints	7	7	7	5	2	6	4	6	3	6	6	5	64
Runaway					1						1		2
Scam Complaints	1	2	3		2					1			9
Sensitive Call R				1	1	2		1	7	1	2	4	19
Sex Offender Registry												1	1
Snow Mobile Complaint													
Speeding Complaints		1				1	1	1				1	5
Stolen Motor Vehicle							2					1	3
Stolen Property					1	1	1						3
Suicide								1					1
Summons Service	8	2			2	8		2		4		2	28
Suspicious Activity	3		7	5	5	1	4	8	4	2	1	4	44
Suspicious Persons			1	1	3	2	2	3	2		1	1	16
Suspicious Vehicle	6	1			6	3	9	4	10	5	7	2	53
Transport	1												1
Trespass		2	1		2	3	5	7	4		3	3	30
Tow													
Theft													
Unattended death													
Unsecure Property			1					1					2
Underage Drinking													
Unwanted Party							1						1
Vehicle Stop													
Vehicles Towed													
Warrant	1		2			1		1			1	1	7
Weather Advisory				1								1	2
Welfare Checks	1	4	4		4	2	2	4		4	2	2	29
Wires Down			2		2	3	1	1	2	4	7	1	23
Total Calls Monthly 2017	261	199	230	231	233	267	287	269	242	186	180	204	2789
Total Criminal Charges 2017	2	5	2	1	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	27
Total Arrests 2017	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	15

◆ *REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD* ◆

The Planning Board consists of five elected members with five-year terms and one associate member who is appointed annually by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main St. Additional meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

First, the Planning Board would like to acknowledge Mr. Alvin Blake and Mr. James P. Levy for their election to the Board in May of 2017 and Ms. Jessica Perotti, the Board's newly appointed, highly qualified Administrative Assistant. Mr. Blake has served the Town of Becket in many different capacities as an appointed public official especially on the Zoning Board of Appeals. His experience, insight and knowledge have certainly been very welcome. Mr. Levy has been interested in town affairs since he moved into town. Although he has not previously served as an elected official, his contributions to the Board, having been appointed to fulfill a vacated position, have been exemplary. Moreover, he volunteered to be the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Perotti has been able, in a relatively short time, to become familiar with the myriad rules and regulations, the permitting application process and nuisances of governmental interdepartmental work. She is a great asset to the team.

Secondly, I personally would like to recognize Ms. Colleen O'Connor, who served on the Planning Board until her premature departure when she relocated to Chester, Massachusetts where she was appointed to their Planning Board. Ms. O'Connor also served as the Board's Clerk Pro Tem, a position that requires additional time and energy. The Board will miss Colleen and we wish her and her family well.

Additionally, Ms. Gale LaBelle was reappointed as the Board's Associate Member. The Associate Member attends all Board meetings and in the absence of a regular member, assumes the duties of the absent individual as needed.

The remaining members of the Board are Ms. Ann Krawet, as Clerk and Mr. Charles Andrews. Mr. Ronzio was unanimously elected to serve as the Board's representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Mr. Blake was likewise unanimously elected as the alternate.

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of land divisions, either via the approval of a subdivision or, where sufficient frontage exists, through the submission of an Approval Not Required (ANR) plan under the Subdivision Control Law statute. The Board also undertakes long-range planning activities including the development of proposed

amendments to the Zoning By-laws and other land-use regulations.

In 2017, the Becket Planning Board convened for twelve scheduled meetings and two additional public hearings.

Several ANR plans were received and endorsed by the Board for filing at the Registry of Deeds, as these applications did not constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the Subdivision Control Law. One ANR enabled the applicants to redraw an existing boundary line by swapping equivalent parcels of property, which did not effect the frontage or acreage requirements.

Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. presented a plan, which would modify the Tanglewood Circle subdivision by creating an easement to replace an existing road. This modification discontinued the original private roadway, replaced it with a permanent easement that allowed subdivision proprietors the same rights of access while it allowed for the combination of parcels adjacent to the existing roadway in order to satisfy statutes regarding the project. The Board unanimously approved the modification.

Several special permit applications were presented for review and approved. A number of residents attended the regular meeting to informally discuss special permit requirements for projects they were considering but formal applications were never submitted.

One special permit was approved contingent upon approval from the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission. The approval enabled the applicant to operate a retail establishment on a non-conforming parcel, as it was determined that the change did not negatively impact the character of the neighborhood.

The Board found that another special permit request to enable the applicant to construct a deck within the front setback area on a non-conforming lot was not needed due to the fact that his plan showed the proposed deck to be outside the actual front line setback.

A third special permit approval enabled the applicant for the Becket General Store to relocate and open the business on a new site along Route 8. The Board determined that the special permit would have a positive impact for the town, serving the social, economic and community needs while preserving the characteristics of the neighborhood. Additionally, the applicant also addressed safety, traffic, and the environmental impact satisfactorily.

◆ **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD** ◆

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Additional Actions:

The Board reviewed and discussed Ipswich Pharmaceuticals Associates Inc.'s (IPA) request to operate a non-profit Registered Marijuana Dispensary, specifically a medical marijuana cultivation facility to be located at a site on Johnson Road. The Board determined the site met the by right exempt agricultural use requirements and therefore was suitable for a non-profit medical marijuana cultivation only facility. Based on its findings, the Board strongly recommended that the Becket Board of Selectmen accept and ratify a Community Host Agreement with Ipswich Pharmaceuticals.

The Board, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, held public hearings for two moratoriums: one for medical marijuana and a second for recreational marijuana. Additionally, the Board began to draft a Licensed Medical Marijuana By-law based on preliminary guidance from the Cannabis Control Commission.

The Board discussed the status of the Zoning Bylaw regarding Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations given the ambiguity of language regarding and whether the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals had jurisdictional authority. Although the Planning Board authorized the original by-law, it never definitively stated that applications were to be made to the Planning Board. As a result, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. had to go before both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. The Planning Board subsequently initiated a complete solar by-law review due to changes in the state statutes and plans to have a public hearing on the matter before the next Annual Town Meeting.

Lastly, the Board also reviewed the existing Zoning By-Laws regarding driveways. It determined that this matter was solely addressed as it pertained to common driveways. The Board determined that it should develop a single set of standards for all driveways as it affects public safety. Through an oversight, the by-law article, which had been prepared for the voters at the 2017 Annual Town meeting, was withdrawn. The Board has reviewed the proposed Driveway proposal and is ready to present it at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Informal discussions were again held regarding the zoning implication and impact Air BNBs might have on neighborhoods within the community.

The Board reviewed its procedural rules regarding attendance at informational events and meetings based on the relevance of the topics being presented or discussed.

The Board appreciates and encourages public attendance at its meetings and encourages citizens to offer their constructive comments. Planning Board meetings are posted in Town Hall, and also for information, on the town website, www.townofbecket.org.

Finally, the Board wishes to thank those town officials and members of the various boards, commissions and departments who provided technical assistance and expertise throughout the year for their cooperation. Please feel free to call the Planning Board Office at 413-623-8934 ext. 20, send correspondence via USPS or email at planning@townofbecket.org with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Ronzio
Chair

◆ **REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR** ◆

As of January 2nd, 2018 we will work solely with the 9th Edition of the Mass. State Building Code. Since mid-2017, the 9th Edition has been available for use but no one has. That will change when it is fully in force as of the 2nd. Contractors will need to obtain the new books because they are supposed to have them on the job site or at least available to make decisions about their building projects referenced in the building code. These books are written by the International Code Council with amendments from the State that are specific to Massachusetts. The amendments are in a separate book and those should be in the contractor's possession as well. They can be purchased through the State Book Store. The Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR can also be found at the Office of Professional Licensure website at the following link. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ninth-edition-of-the-ma-state-building-code#/>

Another significant program for my office is the Abandoned House Bylaw Becket adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2017 - Warrant Article # 27 (General).

The by-law requires owners of "vacant properties" to register the properties with the Building Inspector and maintain the properties consistent with the requirements of the sanitary, building and fire codes and in a manner to prevent blight. How many house meet that criteria is anyone's guess but there are many. This does not include seasonal homes that are in use.

There were a few significant building projects started or completed in 2017 including:

Jacob's Pillow finished the new dance studio, along with 3 new dorm buildings which have replaced old bunk house cabins with upgraded sprinklers, alarms and exit signage. The YMCA Camp Becket's new Dining Hall is a major investment, Camp Greylock replaced the damaged Seniors Hall, Camp Lenox has a new Commissary and Camp Watitoh put in a new septic system. Lastly, Borrego Solar has begun a 23 acre solar array which will generate almost 7 KW of electricity. All of these projects bode well for the future of each of these businesses and their commitment to the Town of Becket.

Here are the statistics for the year 2017:

Type of Activity	# of Activity	Est. Value	Cost of Permit
Certificate of Inspection	63		\$ 3,150.00
Certificate of Occupancy	9		\$ 600.00
Commercial Building Permit	28	\$ 13,618,829.00	\$ 119,585.00
Residential Building Permit	146	\$ 6,683,924.05	\$ 27,413.60
Sheet Metal Permit	6	\$ 552,555.00	\$ 4,395.00
Sign Permit	1	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 288.00
Solid Fuel Appliance Permit	21	\$ 31,400.00	\$ 939.00
Tent Permit	9	\$ 31,620.00	\$ 450.00
Trench Permit	0		\$ 0.00
Building Permit Total	286	\$ 9,517,820.00	\$ 41,181.00
Electrical Permit	95		\$ 8,970.00
Gas Permit	55		\$ 3,450.00
Plumbing Permit	39		\$ 3,800.00

I would like to thank the Assistant Building Inspector Gary Danko, Plumbing Inspectors Mark Levernoch and Brian Middleton and Wiring Inspectors Dana Spring and James LaPier for their dedicated service. Also many thanks to Jessica Perotti who has taken over as the administrative assistant to the Planning, Zoning and Health Boards. She is rapidly coming up to speed and is already a big help with zoning enforcement.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Girard
Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer

◆ **REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS TECHNICIAN** ◆

In addition to the daily and routine (and sometimes surprise) maintenance of town facilities and grounds, below is a listing of projects accomplished during 2017. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in an advisory capacity to Town Administrator Ed Gibson in order to take a proactive approach to keeping up with and scheduling repairs to town buildings and grounds.

- Replaced the scoreboard in the ballfield in the Becket Center Park near the Town Hall.
- Removed and rebuilt the North and South fire escapes at the Town Hall.
- Oversaw the replacement of the windows and doors at Fire Station #1. The new windows and doors will decrease our energy costs.
- Built a new shed at the Highway Department. The shed will house a liquid calcium tank for road deicing and dust control.

- Installed new projector screens in the Town Hall Berkshire and Community Rooms.
- Managed the installation of lighting in the playground at the Becket Center Park located near the Town Hall.
- Secured free cabinets from SABIC Innovative Plastics for the Ambulance Dept., Highway Dept. and Town Hall.
- Oversaw the ADA improvements at the Town Hall (handicap ramp and rails and new front and rear entry double doors).

It is always gratifying to partake in projects which result in visible improvements to town-owned properties. I would like to thank the department heads and employees for all their help during the 2017 year. I look forward to serving the Town of Becket in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

David O. Shorey,
Buildings & Grounds Technician

◆ **REPORT OF THE BECKET LAND TRUST** ◆

Last year we sent a letter to all property owners in Becket to provide information about the on-going work of the Becket Land Trust. The response was impressive. We received donations from many families and our membership increased by a multiple of four.

For a second summer season we implemented our parking pass policy at the Historic Quarry and Forest property on Quarry Road. Members who donate \$50 or more will receive a free parking pass for the summer. Other visitors are asked to pay \$10 per car per day. The monies raised from members and parking passes allow us to hire an attendant and someone to perform light trail maintenance and cleanup. Having a public presence has proven to be tremendously helpful towards keeping the area clean.

Our Historic Quarry and Forest property is enormously popular. We attract over 6,000 visitors each summer. People come to enjoy the quarry view, hike on our seven-mile woodland trails, and visit the New England Cottontail Habitat Management Area and our demonstration Forest Management Area.

For those of you who are new to the Becket Land Trust and want to learn more, please visit our website at BecketLandTrust.org.

We encourage you to “Like” us on Facebook or send us an email to be placed on our email list so you can stay current with our activities.

Becket Land Trust, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Your support is crucial to us so we can continue to provide benefits to the town and its citizens. Please consider making a donation online at becketlandtrust.org or by mail at PO Box 44, Becket, MA 01223.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Smith
President

◆ **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS** ◆

Staffing: Fiscal 2017 brought Elizabeth Will from retirement to serve on the Board of Assessors and work in the office two days weekly. As the office is currently staffed on a part-time basis, please call ahead to be sure the office is open.

Valuation: The Department of Revenue's Bureau of Local Assessment mandated a full field review of all properties in Town. A Field Review consists of an exterior-only review of the physical characteristics of a dwelling. Approximately 50% of the review was completed in Spring of 2016, with the remainder was completed in Spring of 2017. The Board of Assessors began a new 10-year cyclical reinspection program, to be completed in FY2027.

Tax Relief: In Massachusetts, there are several exemptions available to residents. Becket offers the following: Elderly 70+, Veterans, and Blind (with Massachusetts certificate) taxpayers. The Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement program is available for persons 60+. Contact our office to see if you are eligible.

Tax Bill Reminders: Motor Vehicle Excise bills are generated by the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Boston, so it is important to contact the Registry with any address changes: online at www.mass.gov/rmv or by phone outside Massachusetts and area codes 339/617/781/857 at 857-368-8000, other area codes at 800-858-3926.

Another web site you may find helpful is www.masslandrecords.com. A number of our forms and maps can be found at www.townofbecket.org.

Please remember to submit changes of your mailing address to the Assessor's Office so that tax bills will be forwarded appropriately.

Total Appropriations and Charges\$ 5,285,140.36

Total Receipts\$ 1,408,655.00

Total Amount to be Raised\$ 6,693,795.36

CLASS	LEVY %	VALUATION	PARCEL COUNT
Residential	90.3370	452,982,639	3,704
Commercial	3.8673	19,392,176	72
Industrial	0.2718	1,362,800	4
Personal Property	5.5239	27,698,851	946
Totals	100%	501,436,466	4,726

The Board of Assessors processed:

Elderly and Veteran Exemptions.....	43
Blind Exemption.....	1
Hardship.....	1
Senior Work-off Abatements.....	4
Personal Property /Real Estate abatements.....	30
Motor Vehicle Abatements.....	91

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Will
Geraldine L. Walter

◆ *REPORT OF THE BECKET AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION* ◆

The Becket Agricultural Commission (BAC) is a standing committee of town government, created through a vote at town meeting and appointed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen. BAC represents the farming community, encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agricultural economic development, protects farmlands and farm operations and preserves, revitalizes and sustains agricultural businesses and land.

The intent of BAC is simple: protect agricultural lands, preserve rural character, provide a voice for farmers, and encourage agricultural based enterprises.

Anyone who is a resident of Becket is eligible to serve on a town board or commission. However, the bylaw created and passed by the town determines the number of members and composition of the commission. Anyone interested in serving on the BAC should review the appropriate bylaws and contact the BAC.

Towns provide support for all committees. Each town should decide what an appropriate budget is for the BAC. Existing budgets range from \$0-\$1000.

Unlike other town committees, AG Coms do not operate under any regulatory authority from the Commonwealth. While town conservation committees implement the state

wetlands protection act and planning boards enforce the local zoning codes, AG Coms are created at town meeting to represent farming interests in the town, but do not have any legal mandate or enforcement authority.

In Massachusetts AG Coms are adopting local “right to farm” bylaws (Becket has one), raising money for farmland protection and economic development, starting local farmers markets, providing mediation and conflict resolution on farm related disputes within town, collaborating with other town boards on development proposals, educating town residents about the value of agriculture in the community, holding educational workshops on intergenerational transfer of property, Chapter 61 lands, farm viability, and agricultural preservation restrictions, obtaining technical assistance on nonpoint source pollution, conservation farm planning, manure management, and environmental stewardship.

Anyone seeking out information and educational resources relevant to farming in Becket should contact the BAC for help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil F. Toomey,
Chairman

Becket Agricultural Commission



◆ **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH** ◆

The Becket Board of Health has had a busy year. Jessica Perotti was appointed as our Administrative Assistant this spring. She works for the Board twenty hours a week and is a great asset. Charlie Kaniecki, a Berkshire Health Alliance agent, has worked with the BOH on housing assistance, soil evaluations and septic inspections.

One home in Becket was accepted by a receivership from the Attorney General's Office. This state program accepted a contractor's bid to buy the property. The contractor will remodel the home under a federal grant. The home may be sold or kept by the owner.

A computerized grant, by the Food and Drug Administration, was implemented in June 2017. The computerized system includes applying, issuing and tracking permits for Title 5, septic construction, campgrounds and wells. The next phase of this grant slated for completion during the summer of 2018 will include establishing on-line payments for those applying for permits.

The Berkshire Health Alliance educated the BOH on the new standards of food and restaurant inspections.

The Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association has been a great resource again this year. Tick education and many other programs have been presented.

Title 5 Witness	51
Septic Installer Permits	10
New Septic Inspections	35
Percolation Tests	15
Swimming Pools	1
Well Permits	8
Camp Permits	5
Beaver Permits	7
Kitchen/Food Inspections	10

Our meeting schedule has changed. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 PM the first Wednesday of the month, September through May
- 10:00 AM the first Wednesday of the month, June through August

Respectfully Submitted,

Gale LaBelle
Laurel Burgwardt
David Krawet
Jessica Perotti



◆ *REPORT OF THE PORCHLIGHT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION* ◆

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Becket during the 2017 calendar year:

HOME VISITS	1st Quarter 1/1/16 - 3/31/16	2nd Quarter 4/1/16 - 6/30/16	3rd Quarter 7/1/16 - 9/30/16	4th Quarter 10/1/16 - 12/31/16	Total
Skilled Nursing	66	37	9	17	129
Physical Therapy	55	35	20	32	142
Occupational Therapy	35	27	13	12	87
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Social Work	3	0	1	3	5
Maternal Child Health	1	3	0	0	3
Nutrition Services	0	0	0	0	0
Home Health Aide	6	4	12	11	33
Totals	163	106	55	75	399
NON-BILLABLE	0	0	0	0	0
Nurse-Practitioner Visits	0	0	0	0	0

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	1st Quarter 1/1/17 - 3/31/17	2nd Quarter 4/1/17 - 6/30/17	3rd Quarter 7/1/17 - 9/30/17	4th Quarter 10/1/17 - 12/31/17	Total
Confirmed	9	2	2	1	14
Probable	2	0	1	1	4
Suspected	1	4	3	3	11
Revoked	1	0	0	0	1

CLINICS	# of Clinics Held / Attendance				
Flu	0	0	0	1/22	1/22
Blood Pressure	2/22	3/33	3/34	2/17	10/106
Presentations	2/12	3/33	3/34	2/17	9/96

Telehealth Monitoring	3	1	1	4	9
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Porchlight VNA/Home Care offers a full continuum of care to the residents of Berkshire, Hampden and Hampshire Counties. We service to the Vermont, Connecticut and New York borders all the way to the outskirts of Worcester. We have offices in Lee, Pittsfield and Chicopee Massachusetts. We have agreements with all major insurance companies, Medicare, Mass Medicaid, Long Term Care Insurance companies, Veterans Administration, Elder Services and other federally funded grants. Porchlight offers community clinics including but not limited to Falls Prevention, influenza vaccinations, blood pressure and cholesterol and diabetes screenings. Porchlight Home Care has the only home visiting nurse practitioner program implemented by a home care agency in Massachusetts. Porchlight VNA is proud to be recognized by CMS as a 5 STAR agency and once again as "Home Care Elite 2015" Top 500 agencies in the nation. Porchlight Home Care is an accredited agency by the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Ann Chaffee, RN, BSN, MSN
President, CEO

◆ *REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE* ◆

Becket has a new and colorful look in the center of Becket. A play scape was installed at the Becket Center Town Park this last spring with funds from the Becket Community Preservation Fund. Madelaine Elovirta oversaw the planning and completion of this great project. Children from town and visitors alike are enthralled with this delightful play set.

We would like to heartily thank Ed Rossini and his sons for installing and removing the float and lines at the Becket beach every year. They are summer residents from the Boston area who have voluntarily done this for us for the last several years. This allows us to carry on a terrific beach program for swimmers of all ages and for those who come to swim and relax at this beautiful beach.

Becket life guard Michaela De Foe, a Girl Scout Gold Star recipient, helped to improve conditions at the beach last spring by removing the bulk of stones and fabric that created a risky situation. Her crew included many Becket and Washington folks plus the Wahconah Girls Volleyball team. She worked with the Town Administrator, the Conservation Commission, the Parks & Recreation Committee, and the Highway Department to accomplish this project. Further berm work will be done this coming spring. She and two other lifeguards, Zachary Greenspan and Emellin Pineda, taught swimming and supervised the beach all summer.

A new position was created to control the number of visitors coming to the beach. A guard was situated at the entrance of Mecum Way. Becket residents, Ariana Shannon, Emellin Pineda, and Amber Smith were hired for this job. They experienced several uncomfortable times when visitors were uncooperative and it was necessary for the Becket Police to come to their aid. However; all in all, the presence of the guard greatly improved the conditions at the beach by reducing the number of visitors allowed. A successful Learn to Swim Program assisted many persons to improve their water skills.

The Summer Parks Program, with Zachary Greenspan and Amber Smith, presided over this well attended activity at the Becket Center Park for nine weeks. They generally went to the beach on Thursdays for activities there. The children played sports, games, crafts, and had a read aloud period each day. Attendance averaged 20-24 children.

We are proud that our community employed high school and college students from Becket for our summertime positions. They did a wonderful job. Thank you all and we wish you success with your education.

Note: New beach permits must be purchased by all residents and property owners for the 2018 beach season. The fees will help sustain the gate guard and lifeguard positions and regulate the visitors to the beach.

Town Buildings and Grounds Technician Dave Shorey always set-up the Town Hall downstairs room for the Wednesday Yoga group. All are welcome to participate in the Hafta Yoga class for the gentle to moderate exercise for \$2.00 a week. Average attendance was 15-20 participants.

We are looking forward to the improvements intended for the North Becket Village Park off Maple Street this coming summer. A new fitness equipment set is proposed using Community Preservation Funding at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

The town gardens continue to be maintained by members of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Please feel free to help with weeding. Winston "Skip" Saville and his wife Kathy yearly provide plantings at the Ballou Memorial Park in time for the Memorial Day Parade and program. Aaron and Jennifer Beatty, former Historical Commission members, provide flowers at the BECKET sign in Ballou Park.

The pickle ball lines were permanently painted by Rita Furlong and volunteer Maria Wallington.

Respectfully submitted,

Parks and Recreation Committee Members:

Rita Furlong
Madelaine Elovirta
Tina Lavasseur

◆ *REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION* ◆

Becket has a wealth of wetlands, streams, lakes and ponds. All of these water resources provide important habitat for wildlife and serve as recreational and scenic assets. The headwaters of three major New England rivers lie within Becket's borders: the Westfield (a nationally designated Wild and Scenic river), the Farmington (also nationally designated Wild and Scenic in Connecticut), and the Housatonic. Becket's many wetlands also help keep our rivers, lakes, ponds and groundwater supplies clean and protect against flooding.

Since Colonial times, almost one third of Massachusetts' wetlands have been destroyed. Today, these resources are protected by state and federal laws. The Becket Conservation Commission works hand-in-hand with state agencies to make sure that our water resources remain intact for the future generations.

The Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board. By the end of 2017, we had just 4 members on the Commission as two resigned in 2017. We thank Richard Pryor for his many years served on the Commission. We also thank Rebecca Perry whose time was short but her input extremely valuable. All of our Commissioners are Becket residents who volunteer their time to review permit applications and participate in site visits as part of the administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Our Commissioners further their knowledge by attending Webinars and Conferences, primarily organized by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC).

The passing of Mercedes Gallagher in January 2018 is a great loss to our Becket community. She dedicated herself to removing the invasive Eurasian milfoil on Center Pond. She was a dedicated Commissioner for many years as well as a representative on the Westfield Wild and Scenic Committee. Her tireless energy, her passion and her presence will be greatly missed. While her passing falls in 2018, the Commission wanted to acknowledge her dedication now in this report. A more encompassing remembrance will be included in next year's report.

We currently have two vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. Please call the Conservation Commission office to start the process or attend a meeting. We welcome residents to attend

meetings and learn more about the commission and its responsibilities.

To support the Conservation Commission, Becket has a part-time Conservation Agent who arranges site visits, posts legal and meeting notices and follows up on inquiries and violations. With the resignation of the Conservation Agent, Mallory Larcom, in November 2017, the search for a new agent was in process at the time of this report.

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are now the third Tuesday of each month. All meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Becket Town Hall. Special meetings are held when necessary. Check out the Town's website for more information about the Conservation Commission and to review our agendas and meeting minutes.

The number of permits being reviewed by the Commission has increased over the last couple of years keeping our dedicated Commissioners busy volunteering 10-15 hours most months of the year as they serve to preserve and protect our wetlands and waterways. Our Agent has consistently worked between 15 and 19 hours each week and still found it challenging to meet all of the needs of the Conservation Commission.

To contact the commission, call the office at Town Hall at 413-623-8934 Ext 29 or send an email to conservation@townofbecket.org.

Commissioners:

Alison Dixon, *Chairperson* (2020); Richard Pryor, *Vice-Chairperson* (resigned effective 11/1/2017); Barbara Brand (2019); Cindy Delpapa, *Secretary* (2019); Karen Karlberg, *Vice-Chairperson as of November 2017* (2019); Rebecca Perry (2017 – through 6/30/2017); and Mary Stucklen (2018 – appointed 12/20/2017). (At the conclusion of 2017, there were two vacancies.)

Conservation Agent:

Mallory Larcom (*resigned and left the position in early December 2017*)

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Dixon

Conservation Commission Chair

Permits Issued:

Order of Conditions – 14

Determination of Applicability – 28

Certificate of Compliance – 5

Enforcement Orders – 5

Emergency Certifications – 5

Permit Extensions – 6

Reissue Order of Conditions – 1

Reissue Extension Order of Conditions – 1

Amended Order of Conditions – 1

◆ *REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT* ◆

It has been a busy year performing normal road maintenance including sweeping, drop inlet cleaning, grading and ditching, brush cutting / tree work, asphalt patching, crack sealing, shoulder work, drainage work, line painting and snow and ice control.

We were lucky with mud season this year as it was short and the impact to our roads was not too severe due in part to the weather, coupled with preventative maintenance and us of our special equipment.

In late May, we completed the construction for replacement of culverts on Bonny Rigg Hill Road. We wish to thank the residents for their patience with the detour during the construction of the new culvert. The construction cost for this project was \$572,051.00 of which a grant paid \$400,000.00, the Town funded \$86,000.00 from the Highway Department budget and we used Chapter 90 funding in the amount of \$87,000.00.

In late September, we awarded the bid for the Bancroft Rd. project to have full-depth reclamation with asphalt injection (base stabilizer), paved and shouldered. This project will be funded from Chapter 90 money (\$346,000.00). We replaced 11 culverts and have prepared the shoulders for this job. We anticipate this project to commence in May of 2018. During September, we began to widen a section of Plumb Rd.

Winter Weather Statistics

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Amount of Snow Accumulations</u>
Jan. 2017 through Apr. 2017	63.75" snowfall (above average)
Oct. 2016 through Apr. 2017	112.00" snowfall (above average)
Nov. 2017 and Dec. 2017	21.25" snowfall (above average) and numerous snow & freezing rain events.

I would like to thank Bert, Bob, Don, Jeff, and Nate for their hard work and dedication to the Highway Department.

I would also like to thank the Town Administrator, Buildings and Grounds Technician, Selectmen; and our Ambulance, Fire, and Police Departments for their support and dedication.

Residents with questions or concerns are welcome to call the Highway Department office Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 413-623-8988.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Bouchard
Highway Superintendent



◆ **REPORT OF THE BECKET ARTS CENTER OF THE HILLTOWNS** ◆

The 2017 season welcomed more than 2,500 patrons and marked great strides forward for the Becket Arts Center.

- Our historic building at 7 Brooker Hill Road was repainted, new doors were installed, and damaged woodwork was repaired.
- The long-awaited chair lift, which will carry patrons who can't make the stairs up to the second floor art gallery, is on its way to completion, making the Center handicap accessible for the first time. The lift itself, to become operational in spring 2018, was made possible by a years-long fund-raising campaign that engaged many generous individuals and foundations as well as the Town of Becket and its officials.
- We formed a partnership with Becket Outdoor Center which expands and enhances the experience of children enrolled in BAC's summer arts day camp. Full-time Becket Washington residents were able to enjoy special scholarships.

The season began with the annual art exhibition by the children of Becket Washington School. What a pleasure it was to see the kids proudly posing with their work as parents and grandparents snapped pictures! Thereafter, the summer of 2017 offered ever-changing exhibits of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and designer crafts. Included were works by Amalia FourHawks, Wendy Jensen, Ivor Parry, Carolyn Wells, Margie Skaggs, Iva Kalikow, Li Tirone, Frank Tencza, Ben Porway, Nathan Hanford, Ilene Spiewak, and Roz Sommer.

The Marty Lasker Series presented six free lectures centered on the theme of activism and the arts. State Senator Adam Hinds spoke about arts, tourism and public policy; Barbara Rundback of the Norman Rockwell Museum profiled the political cartoonist Thomas Nast; quilter Robin Berson, poet Marcelene Mosca and artist Freya Segal presented a multi-media program about immigration; Wayne Klockner of the Nature Conservancy spoke about global warming; Kevin Moran, Editor of the Berkshire Eagle, explored the future of the arts in our area; and David Bartley's Blue Jazz Quartet entertained with music in the tradition of Mose Allison.

The musical program at the Arts Center was sparked by three free "No Fault" Singalongs", led by keyboardist Cathy Schane-Lydon. Singalong attendees need no particular talent; just enthusiasm for getting together with friends and neighbors and singing the popular music we all love.

The season ended with a jam-packed concert by Becket's own singer/song writer Bobby Sweet and his band at Papa Bob's on Chester Road.

Diverse programs on and off the Arts Center campus filled the season with fun. In partnership with Jacob's Pillow, BAC offered "Families Dance" where kids could bring their grown-ups and share the joys of music and movement. At our Hilltown Shop, patrons could shop for a wide range of unique art and craft objects. Rima Sala led her popular weekly yoga class. Workshops in Painting and Drawing as well as Autobiographical Writing drew many students.

BAC ran two successful off-season programs in 2017. At the Becket Washington School, Mary Beth Eldridge taught after-school crafts. In early December, floral arranger Edie King offered wreath-making classes which made local homes sparkle for the holidays. Both projects were funded in part by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

To the Town of Becket and its officials, to the generous foundations and hundreds of members who have provided funds, volunteer labor and unbounded energy to bring our community the fun and fire of the arts, we extend our deepest thanks.

2017 Board of Directors

Ted Greenwood, ***Treasurer***
Adrea Seligsohn, ***Vice President***
Lucy Sandler, ***Secretary***
Linda B. Colvin
Ruth Rosenthal
Paul Costelloe
Susan Gerstle
Sara Reedy
Steve Hamill
Joan Davidson
Administrative Coordinator: Jodi Pow

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dworkin,
President

◆ **REPORT OF THE MULLEN HOUSE EDUCATION CENTER** ◆

The saved and renovated Mullen House continues to bring small businesses to Becket village. There are five active tenants there including a massage therapist, a lawyer, a writer, a construction company, and the Becket Land Trust. The gallery had a photography display by Becket residents Barbara Winters and Karen Karlberg. The Becket Land Trust Quarry Museum drew many visitors as did the Becket Ballou Basket Industry display. We hired Leslea Stanton as docent during the summer months. The downstairs was open to the public on Saturdays from 12-4.

The rental income was used to install a new furnace. Dave Wiley, a neighbor, removed snow from the walkways all winter. The Fairy Garden delighted many children during the summer, especially on the Brouhaha Day in July. After a newspaper article recognized the Will and Michelle Beemer's contribution of the Fairy Garden archway, others came to visit and create homes for the woodland creatures which were donated by the Mullen House Board members and others.

The practical re-use of this building has truly been a success story for Becket and its Community Preservation Act funding. A hearty thank you to all of Becket's voters for their contribution to the CPA Fund so that many wonderful projects could take place here in Becket.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, ***Chairman***
Board of Directors



◆ **REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE** ◆

For 2017, the Becket Energy Committee consisted of the following members:

Name	Title	Term
Garth Klimchuk	Member	2018
Robert Gross	Vice Chair	2019
Cathy DeFoe	Secretary	2020
Alvin Blake	Chair	2019
Katherine Hoak	Member	2018
Chris Bouchard	Ex-Officio	
Ed Gibson	Ex-Officio	
Bill Girard	Ex-Officio	
Dan Parnell	Ex-Officio	
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Mission

The committee's charge is to advise the Becket Board of Selectmen and make recommendations about energy efficiency in town buildings and operations, ensure compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Green Communities Program, investigate and recommend renewable and alternate energy opportunities for Becket's municipal government, advise and assist the town and community to identify and apply for energy and conservation related grants and funding opportunities, educate residents about ways that they can save energy and reduce energy payments, advise residents on energy-related issues and recommend specific initiatives.

The BEC met on or about every third Thursday of each month throughout 2017. Meeting minutes and agenda were posted on the Town of Becket website.

Notable Accomplishments

- Undertook our third annual information session in which town residents were presented with specific solar, energy efficiency and loan financing program information by both BEC members and representatives of the MA DOER and private entities. Also presented specific information regarding opportunities to purchase solar energy through community solar projects being constructed in the Eversource service territory.

- With the assistance of third party consultants, continued assessment of town properties and rooftops for possible solar arrays in order to reduce the Town's energy bill and carbon footprint.
- Initiated review of the Town's involvement as an anchor participant in possible community solar projects.
- Assisted Town Administrator in achieving Green Community goal of 20% electricity reduction.
- Initiated discussions with other towns adjacent to Becket regarding possible collaboration on community solar and energy aggregation programs.

Current Priorities

Short Term

1. Continue to explore construction of solar array on the Town Hall property.
2. Continue to explore anchor participant role in community solar array.
3. Continue to identify community solar and other renewable energy projects for the Town and Town residents.
4. Explore potential of solar/heat pump participation program for residents.
5. Organize Fourth annual BEC Information Session to be held sometime in 2018.
6. Continue to assist town administrator with ongoing Green Community opportunities.

Long Term

Continue to determine viability of creating Town of Becket municipal power company/microgrid to control costs, implement Town sustainability and renewable energy objectives and reduce dependency on Eversource.

Respectfully Submitted,
Energy Committee





Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it hereby known to all that
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts congratulates the

Town of Becket

For its outstanding leadership as a designated Green Community, having fulfilled the goal of Green Community Designation Criterion Three by reducing its municipal energy consumption by at least 20 percent after five years of implementing its Energy Reduction Plan in accordance with the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program, established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter Twenty-five A, Section Ten.

September 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Baker".

Charles D. Baker
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karyn E. Polito".

Karyn E. Polito
Lieutenant Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Beaton".

Matthew A. Beaton
Secretary
Energy and Environmental Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith F. Judson".

Judith F. Judson
Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources



◆ REPORT OF THE BECKET CULTURAL COUNCIL ◆

The Becket Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, whose allocations are made to all of Massachusetts cities and towns to support community and cultural activities.

The Becket Cultural Council gives priority to projects and programs that directly benefit local organizations and local citizens of all ages. These priorities include applications that support local youth and senior programs. New applicants or projects in Becket, projects that emphasize cultural diversity and projects that will take place in a local venue and can show local support.

BCC members for 2017 are Linda Bacon – Chair, Yana DeLuca, Mary Manning, Sally Soluri, Roberta Goldman and Barbara Wacholder. The Council welcomes inquiries for membership especially from Becket residents with children attending the Becket Washington School. These are the projects for which the Cultural Council will fund for the upcoming year.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Becket Athenaeum	Museum Passes	3091	2017	Standard	\$850
Becket Washington School	Plymouth Plantation and The Plymouth Grist Mill	2485	2017	Standard	\$825
Sarah Reedy	Becket Washington PTO Carnival	2566	2017	Standard	\$370
Margaret Kelleher	Field Trip to Hancock Shaker Village	4953	2017	Standard	\$190
Becket Arts Center	Activism in the Arts	5300	2017	Standard	\$400
Amelia Chandler	Story Pirates Greatest Hits Show	6429	2017	Standard	\$296
Amelia Chandler	Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!	6488	2017	Standard	\$344
Berkshire Music School, Inc.	Music Enrichment Programs at Becket Washington School	6591	2017	Standard	\$401
Becket Arts Center	Becket Washington Community Partners	6608	2017	Standard	\$500
Shannon Griffin	Berkshire Museum Field Trip	6680	2017	Standard	\$160
Kristopher Massini	Entertainment for the Hilltown Brouhaha	2016-P	2017	Standard	\$250

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bacon, **BCC member**



◆ **REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER** ◆

The Veterans' Services office serves the needs of the Veterans of Becket and their families. Chapter 115 benefits are needs based, and include temporary financial assistance, medical reimbursement, and assistance in applying for aid from other state and federal agencies.

This year the caseload of Veterans' Services once again increased. The need for assistance varies. The greatest need continues to be for senior veterans and their spouses, or widows, who have very little income and are unable to work. All veterans and their families who meet the requirements, received the benefits for which they were entitled.

The Town of Becket was able to assist veterans this year with benefits totaling \$33,817.60, an increase of almost \$4,000 over last year. Of this amount, 75%, or \$25,363.20, will be reimbursed by the state for an actual cost to the Town of \$8,454.40. This included regular benefits, heating assistance, and medical reimbursements.

For those who received Chapter 115 benefits, there was additional help with heating costs during the winter. Recipients must first apply for and use funds from the Low Income Heating Assistance Program. Once that was used up, limited funds were made available.

One of the most underused programs available to veterans, is a program that allows a Veteran to receive Medical Only benefits, even if their income is too high for regular benefits. Since it is a needs based program, the asset limits of \$5,000 for singles, or \$9,800 for married applicants still applies. This program reimburses co-pays, other medical costs, and can even reimburse the cost of Medicare Part B and some supplemental insurances. Veteran Services does not pay the bills, but reimburses medical bills paid for by the veteran. Becket Veterans' Services has several veterans, or their widows, on this Medical Only program.

The Veterans' Service Officer is available by telephone or in his office on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office is located in the Airolidi Building, 45 Railroad Street (P.O. Box 199), Lee, MA 01238. Sometimes, the part-time hours is a hardship for some veterans or their families, and if necessary, an appointment can be made for another day and time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Mann
Becket Veterans' Service Officer (Veterans' Agent)



◆ **REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER** ◆

The 2017 Becket boating season was another good year. Activity continues to grow. With more boats and more rafts on our lakes it is important to remember to observe safe boating procedures at all times. Massachusetts law states that you are responsible for your wake. Be aware of the effect of your wake on swimmers, boaters, rafts, and the shoreline. I have copies of the Massachusetts Environmental Police "Boat Massachusetts" booklet for anyone who is interested or go to: Boat-ed.com and follow the link for an on line copy.

Annual raft permitting will begin in the spring. Docks are

not required to be permitted, but must be registered with the Commonwealth. If you have any questions about the permitting process or any boating matter feel free to contact me via the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rosenthal
Harbor Master

◆ *REPORT OF THE BECKET ATHENAEUM* ◆

At the Becket Athenaeum, our commitment to serving the communities of Becket and Washington remains strong. During 2017, we continued to provide outstanding library services and high-quality after school programming as a result of appropriations received from the towns of Becket and Washington toward both operating and capital expenses, as well as the New York Community Trust and the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, which continue to support our after school programs. Our local LCCs (Local Cultural Council) from both Becket and Washington have also provided support for the museum passes to local attractions we provide to our patrons all year long.

In 2017, our after-school programming continued to offer academic support to elementary and middle school students. The new ACE (Academic, Collaboration, and Enrichment) program serves the needs of students from the local elementary and middle school with nutritious snacks, help with homework, and access to the internet. This program replaced the former Homework Helpers program and is filled by applicants with a demonstrated academic need and teacher recommendations. Jennifer Beatty and Michelle Raymer re-structured this academic support program to serve up to 10 students on a single day with the help of a mix of 5 adult volunteers, 7 staff, and interns. We request that the families of our program participants help support our program by donating time or making a donation to our annual appeal. We also offer grant-funded paid internships for high school students to work in either the after school program or in the library, helping with various tasks.

The Athenaeum continued to receive many requests from families in our community for after school care for their school-age children in 2017. We searched for a way to offer a program with more space and the opportunity for outdoor play than the Athenaeum can accommodate. The Athenaeum ultimately partnered with the Dalton CRA as well as the Becket Washington School in 2017 to help establish an affordable afterschool program to help working families in our community with after school care. This is the third State-accredited Kids' Club program managed by the Dalton CRA. This program offers affordable childcare five days per week during the school year. This program is held at the Becket Washington School.

Our Friday Enrichment program continued with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) under the direction of Dr. Sarah Reedy. We continued to work with the YMCA Berkshire Outdoor Center as part of the Friday Enrichment program as well as our summer camp scholarship offering to local school children. We would again like to acknowledge the YMCA Berkshire Outdoor Center for their continued support and partnership in 2017.

Our Story Craft program for the pre-school age group transitioned to a STEAM exploration program. This program meets for an hour and a half on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays each month and is managed by Wendy Provencher, the Family and Community Engagement Coordinator for the Central Berkshire Regional School District. Wendy's position is funded through a grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

In the fall of 2015, the Athenaeum, along with the Arts Center, Becket Washington School PTO, Federated Church, Fire Department, and members of the Washington Community formed the BWCP (Becket Washington Community Partnership). This organization worked together to make the town fairs (renamed the Hilltown Brouhaha) on both July 9, 2016 and on July 8, 2017 a community event with something for everyone! We received a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation Central Berkshire Fund in December 2017 to support this event again in 2018. The Hilltown Brouhaha for 2018 will be held at the Washington Town Park on Saturday, July 14.

We have a dynamic book club group that meets on the first Tuesday of each month. This group is open to all interested in discussing literature new and old with the hot or cold beverage of your choice. We are open to suggestions for group activities of interest to our patrons.

In 2017, we continued to improve the energy efficiency and overall appearance of our building. We replaced the two non- functioning exterior lamps on either side of our front door with energy efficient LED lamps. We are working with Eversource to replace our dated six interior halogen lamps. This work will be completed in early 2018 and is funded in part by a grant from Eversource. We upgraded our bleach delivery system in early 2017 to improve the reliability of our

REPORT OF THE BECKET ATHENAEUM

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PWS (Public Water Supply). We also replaced the small windows in the kitchen, bathroom, and basement so these windows are now operable and more energy efficient. These projects were all completed with Capital Repair funds from the towns of Becket and Washington. We also completed the floor refinishing project with a combination of CPG (Community Preservation Grant) and capital repair funds allocated by the Town of Becket. We are also evaluating much needed maintenance to our shallow well long term as well as more immediate service to our septic system in 2018.

The Athenaeum partnered with the Becket Arts Center as grant recipients from the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for a series of eight workshops that were held at the Athenaeum on several evenings during the winter of 2017. These workshops were led by local experts in horticulture, medicine, financial planning, and art. The workshops were well attended and provided a wide range of interesting topics for our community. We received an additional grant to continue these programs in 2018 and look forward to seeing more of our friends and neighbors at these sessions throughout the months ahead.

The Athenaeum also received input from patrons in 2017 concerning our public Wi-Fi service outside the building. Our public Wi-Fi service benefits the Becket Arts Center staff and Mullen House tenants as well as the general public. We have completed work with the Massachusetts Library Service (MLS) and CWMARs to improve the bandwidth we offer from 5 mbps to 10 mbps. This is especially important to those patrons that use Skype, Facetime, or streaming video.

As an independent non-profit organization, we rely on and so appreciate the many supportive groups that help us deliver the services and programs our community deserves from its library.

Our patrons, volunteers, donors, grantors, and the towns of Becket and Washington all come together as our partners to make the organization a success and we sincerely thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Athenaeum!

Staff

Cathy DeFoe, ***Director***

Nancy Wilson, ***Librarian***

Dawn Greene, ***Assistant Librarian***

Jerry Greene, ***Assistant Librarian***

Ellen Manley, ***Assistant Librarian***

Katelyn Hamling, ***After School Program Coordinator***

Jennifer Beatty, ***Assistant After School Coordinator***

Becket Athenaeum Board of Trustees

Purr McEwen, ***Chair***

Aaron Beatty, ***Vice-Chair***

Robert Gross, ***Treasurer***

Maria Wallington, ***Secretary***

Lee Glazerman

Jan Nelson

Elizabeth Oakes

Allison Mikaniewicz



◆ *REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE* ◆

The 2017 Calendar Year has been productive and interesting. There was a continued excellent working relationship between the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen in developing the FY 2018 town budget with the guidance and support of the Town Administrator Ed Gibson. Total tax appropriations at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) were \$6.2 M, a 4.2% increase over the previous year. The property tax levy was \$5.5 M which resulted in a tax rate increase of \$0.33 or \$10.87/\$1000 evaluation. The tax levy represents 89% of our total FY 2018 appropriations and the Becket tax rate is the 44th lowest in the state out of 351 communities. The average single family residential property in Becket is assessed at \$234,511 with a related tax bill of \$2,549. Education expenses remain the largest item in the operating budget at 42%. The voters at the ATM supported a feasibility study for renovation or replacement of the Wahconah Regional High School per recommendation of the Seven Town Advisory Committee. The cost for this study is \$850 Thousand (K) with Becket's share being \$20.8 K for each year of a five year bond anticipation note. (The impact of this would be .04% on the tax rate). Actual construction costs would have a higher impact on the tax rate.

The bids for the purchase of the Fire Rescue Pumper approved at the ATM came in just under budget. Additional needed equipment was also purchased for \$11.2 K of which \$6.2 K was covered by the Volunteer Firefighters and \$5K was transferred from the Finance Reserve.

Free Cash was certified at \$146,523. A portion of this should be transferred to the Stabilization Fund which has a current balance of \$914,621. At this level of funding, a portion of the Stabilization Fund could be used to offset capital purchases (or the debt service) if so needed.

Other major financial developments during 2017 include the 21 Maple Street house purchase which will be razed to open the way to the Town Park in the rear of the property. This will be a terrific asset for future town events. The purchase of a new ambulance was approved, which will be completed as soon as final bids are in. As a side note, the winter roads budget was in deficit by \$48 K due to snow and ice for the winter of 2016/2017, a common event that our Berkshire winters deliver.

There was much discussion about permitting a medical marijuana facility in Becket and several locales have been considered by the developer. Those discussions are currently on hold as well as a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana growing.

A solar energy "farm" in south Becket was approved by the Planning Board and is currently under construction. This has led to a significant increase in permitting fees and a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) contract with the town is under discussion.

Broadband continues to be a subject of great interest: the Westfield Gas and Electric Company has agreed to be the construction manager for Becket and a project to study and measure poles throughout the town as part of the design phase is underway. Becket has received \$860 K for design and engineering services as part of a \$2.1 M grant from the state for the overall project.

The members of the Finance Committee are very sorry that our Town Administrator, Ed Gibson, has accepted a position with Southampton and left us on January 5th. His tenure with Becket has been successful and innovative and it has been a pleasure to work with him over the past years. We wish him much happiness and success in his new venture.

Maria Wallington will not seek re-election to the Finance Committee in May 2018 and we thank her deeply for her input over the past six years. She is involved with other town committees and our Becket Athenaeum and is an enthusiastic contributor to those committees and boards.

Becket's financial future seems stable and we hope our efforts to keep the tax rate under control remain successful. The tax rate has only increased 4.1% since 2014, a tribute to our town officials and employees who work so hard for our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Parnell, *Chair*
Maria Wallington, *Vice Chair*
Ron Defoe, *Secretary*
Mark Karlberg
Ann Spadafora

◆ **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK - 2017** ◆

Elections and Town Meetings

VOTER ATTENDANCE			
<u>Election</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Percent Voting</u>
School Dist. Election — April 8, 2017	1435	146	9.55%
Annual Town Caucus — April 8, 2017	1435	137	9.55%
Annual Town Election — May 20, 2017	1391	245	18.00%

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Voters/ Non-voter</u>	<u>% of Voters Attending</u>
Annual Town Meeting — May 13, 2017	1392	100/20	7.18%

**SPECIAL TOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION APRIL 8, 2017**

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Special Town Regional School District Election was held in the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, on April 8, 2017. The polling hours were 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prior to the polls opening, the Ballot Box was publicly opened, examined and found to be empty; the register was set at zero. A total of 146 voters cast ballots for the question:

“Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District on January 26, 2017, to authorize the borrowing of \$850,000 to pay costs of the Wahconah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wahconah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd. Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental and related thereto, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

BE IT VOTED: That the Central Berkshire Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$850,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the Wahconah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wahconah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd. Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental

and related thereto (the “Study”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Wahconah Project School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(n), and the District Agreement, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA’s”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.”

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SPECIAL TOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION APRIL 8, 2017
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The results of the election are as follows:

Ballot Question	Registered voters:	1435
Yes 108 73.97%	Ballots cast:	146
No 38 26.03%	Percent Voting	9.55%

Total Votes Cast 146

ANNUAL TOWN CAUCUS, APRIL 8, 2017

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Town Caucus was held in the Becket Town Hall on April 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:00 by Town Clerk George E. Roberts and the following Caucus Officers were elected: Gale LaBelle, Chair (Presiding Officer); Patricia Clemons, Secretary. 137 voters of the town participated and cast ballots for the nomination of candidates. The results were as follows; the names of the candidates nominated appear in **bold**:

For Member, Board of Selectmen (3-year term) Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
Frank W. Avalle, Jr.	58	42.34%
Michael S. Lavery	57	41.61%
Robert T. Ronzio	15	10.95%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0.73%
Blanks	6	4.38%
Total Votes Cast	137	

For Member, Board of Health (3-year term) Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
Irving David Krawet	109	79.56%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0.73%
Blanks	27	19.71%
Total Votes Cast	137	

For Cemetery Commissioner (3-year term) Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
Dean Williams	109	79.56%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0.73%
Blanks	27	19.71%
Total Votes Cast	137	

For Member, Finance Committee (3-year term) Vote for Two	<u>Votes</u>	%
Mark L. Karlberg	105	76.64%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0.73%
Blanks	31	22.63%
Total Votes Cast	137	

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For Member, Planning Board (5-year term)	Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
	Alvin Blake (write-in)	23	16.79%
	All Others (write-ins)	5	3.65%
	Blanks	109	79.56%
	Total Votes Cast	137	

For Member, Planning Board (4-year term)	Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
	James P. Levy	103	75.18%
	All Others (write-ins)	2	1.46%
	Blanks	32	23.36%
	Total Votes Cast	137	

For Moderator (3-year term)	Vote for One		
	Ethan Klepetar (write-in)	57	41.61%
	All Others (write-ins)	3	2.19%
	Blanks	77	56.20%
	Total Votes Cast	137	

For Town Clerk (3-year term)	Vote for One		
	George Roberts	110	80.29%
	All Others (write-ins)	2	1.46%
	Blanks	25	18.25%
	Total Votes Cast	137	

Registered voters:	1435
Ballots cast:	137
Percent Voting	9.55%

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS, MAY 20, 2017

For Member, Board of Selectmen (3-year term)	Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
	Frank W. Avalle, Jr.	91	37%
	Michael S. Lavery	152	62%
	All Others (write-ins)	0	0%
	Blanks	2	1%
	Total Votes Cast	245	

For Member, Board of Health (3-year term)	Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
	Irving David Krawet	170	69%
	William DeLoma	43	
	All Others (write-ins)	0	0%
	Blanks	32	13%
	Total Votes Cast	245	

For Cemetery Commissioner (3-year term)	Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
	Dean Williams (write in)	206	84%
	All Others (write-ins)	2	1%
	Blanks	37	15%
	Total Votes Cast	245	

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For Member, Finance Committee (3-year term) Vote for Two	<u>Votes</u>	%
Mark L. Karlberg	196	80%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0%
Blanks	48	20%
Total Votes Cast	245	

For Member, Planning Board (5-year term) Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
Alvin Blake	201	82%
All Others (write-ins)	1	0%
Blanks	43	18%
Total Votes Cast	245	

For Member, Planning Board (4-year term) Vote for One	<u>Votes</u>	%
James P. Levy	192	78%
All Others (write-ins)	0	0%
Blanks	53	22%
Total Votes Cast	245	

For Moderator (3-year term) Vote for One		
Ethan Klepetar	203	83%
All Others (write-ins)	0	0%
Blanks	42	17%
Total Votes Cast	245	

For Town Clerk (3-year term) Vote for One		
George E. Roberts	207	84%
All Others (write-ins)	6	2%
Blanks	32	13%
Total Votes Cast	245	

Registered voters:	1391
Ballots cast:	245
Percent Voting	18%

Board of Registrars: Coleen Cox, George Roberts (Town Clerk), Michelle Smith, and Robin Greenspan.

Voter Registration Sessions	2
Candidate Voter Lists prepared	2
Sherwood Forest Road District Voter Lists prepared	1

Census Results

Residents over age 16	1,738
All Residents	1,928

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Vital Records

Vitals recorded in Becket:

Births	10	
Deaths	17	
Marriages	7	
Marriage Intentions filed:	8	Fees \$ 200.00
Certified copies prepared:		
12 birth certificates		\$ 60.00
79 death certificates		\$ 395.00
12 marriage certificates		\$ 60.00
Burial Permits issued:	6	\$ 0.00
Cemetery Deeds Recorded:	3	\$ 3.00
Genealogy requests:	0	\$ 0.00
Total Vitals Fees Collected		\$ 718.00

Other Licenses, Permits, Recordings

<u>Issued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fees</u>
243	Dog Licenses (neutered & non-neutered)	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 182.25
2	Kennel licenses	\$ 62.00	\$ 1.50
17	Dog License Late Fees	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
1	Raffle Permits (1 renewal)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
0	Physician Registration	\$ 0	\$ 0
0	Utility Pole Recording	\$ 0	\$ 0
6	Business Certificate applications:	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Total Other Fees Collected			\$ 343.75

Business Certificates recorded:

Kattail Farm
Red horse Realty
Ward Pond Property Services
Tuchi
O'Toole's Services
Brett Bessey Electrician

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 13, 2017

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Annual Town Meeting was called on May 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Becket Washington School, 12 Maple Street, Becket, MA 01223. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Moderator. There were 100 registered voters present (7.18% of 1,392 registered voters) and a total of 120 people attended the meeting. Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; Ethan Klepetar, Deputy Moderator, Jeanne Pryor, Bill Elovirta, and Nicole Ledoux, Selectmen; Ann Spadafora, Maria Wallington, Dan Parnell, Ronald Defoe, and Mark Karlberg; Finance Committee Members; George E. Roberts, Town Clerk; Edward Gibson, Town Administrator; Joel Bard, Esq., Town Counsel.

The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. He welcomed all non-voters and noted that while they could address the meeting, they could not vote. The Moderator noted measures he would take to speed up the meeting, including paraphrasing each article (as the articles are available in written form). The Moderator reviewed the warrant and declared it to have been duly posted as evidenced by the attestation of the posting constable.

William Elovirta offered a brief statement in remembrance of Police Officer Michael Sawyer, who passed unexpectedly on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 after suffering a massive heart attack. The meeting then observed a moment of silence for Michael Sawyer. Jeanne Pryor spoke on behalf of the Board of Selectmen honoring Bruce Garlow for his 21 years of service as Town Moderator. Dan Parnell gave a brief statement regarding the challenges in this year's budget. Bruce Garlow, as his swan-song, recited his poem "Town Meeting Farewell" celebrating the Town Meeting form of government and passing his gavel to his Deputy Moderator.

Town Meeting Farewell

*Our tradition of town meeting is healthy and alive
Becket's first was held here in 1765
The state was just a colony, this was just a colonial town
Under the thumb of a governor appointed by the Crown.*

*But we ran our local government mostly on our own
Free from interference from the governor or the throne
Free men debating and deciding the issues of the day
Too bad it took so long to let the ladies have their say*

*It's a legislative body, like in Boston or D.C.
But we finish up in just one night, that's our history
Budgets, bylaws and taxes, the topics they dealt with back then
Are revisited year after year and over and over again.*

*But all of it's important, it's how we govern our town
The purest form of democracy anywhere around
Everyone's a legislator, equal in every way
Except your kindly moderator who stands above the fray.*

*After twenty years at the podium, it's time to step aside.
I do so with humility and a bunch of Becket pride
It's been my honor and privilege to serve every one of you
But after I'm done here tonight my town meeting time is through.*

*I'll pass this battered gavel to a smarter, younger man
If anyone can do this job I think that Ethan can.
He'll serve in a position that's two hundred and fifty years strong
I know his service will be distinguished, superior and long.*

Thank you.

Bruce Garlow, May 13, 2017

Report of the Town Clerk

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The following articles were voted on:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$165.00 to fund the following bills from previous fiscal years:

<u>Vendor/Reimbursement</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carr Hardware (Equipment Rental Bldg. & Grounds)	4/6/2016	\$ 165.00

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray the expense of the Town for the 2018 Fiscal Year as set forth in the following line items:

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends

Board of Selectmen: **Recommends 4/5 Vote Required**
Finance Committee: **Recommends**

Article 1 Was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken by a count of hands.

Article 1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 41, section 108 of the General Laws, to fix the compensation of the Board of Selectmen at \$2,040 each and pursuant to Chapter 41, section 4A of the General Laws, to allow the following boards to employ their members at the listed hourly rates.

- 1.) Board of Health at the rate of \$14.85 per hour for the performance of their duties as Board of Health members that is in excess of their meeting time.
- 2.) Cemetery Commission at the rate of \$14.85 per hour for the performance of their duties as Cemetery Commission members in maintaining the cemeteries that is in excess of their meeting time.

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends

Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on Article 2

Article 2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Report of the Town Clerk
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TOWN OF BECKET	BUDGET	DEPARTMENT	FIN COMM	Percent
FY2018	APPROVED	REQUESTED	SELECTMEN	(INCREASE)
	FY2017	FY2018	RECOMMENDED	(DECREASE)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNSEL	\$18,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$18,000.00	0.00%
TOWN MEETING EXPENSES	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
SELECTMEN'S SALARIES	\$6,000.00	\$6,120.00	\$6,120.00	2.00%
SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	-10.00%
ADVERTISING	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	28.57%
TOWN SECRETARY	\$39,108.24	\$42,785.60	\$42,785.60	9.40%
TOWN ADMIN. SALARY	\$64,639.26	\$64,639.26	\$68,500.00	5.97%
TOWN ADMIN. EXPENSE	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,400.00	-17.65%
FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	0.00%
ASSESSORS SALARIES	\$73,825.68	\$73,178.37	\$72,178.37	-2.23%
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	\$62,090.00	\$63,610.00	\$63,610.00	2.45%
TOWN TREASURER SALARY	\$43,363.84	\$44,229.12	\$44,229.12	2.00%
TOWN TREASURER EXP.	\$5,530.00	\$5,530.00	\$5,530.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	\$54,308.88	\$55,390.40	\$55,390.40	1.99%
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	\$7,580.00	\$7,580.00	\$7,580.00	0.00%
ASSIST. TAX COLLECTOR	\$45,205.20	\$46,108.40	\$46,108.40	2.00%
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$27,516.84	\$28,055.04	\$28,055.04	1.96%
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$2,145.00	\$2,145.00	\$2,145.00	0.00%
ELECTION-REGISTRATION	\$14,274.15	\$11,102.00	\$11,102.00	-22.22%
CLERK OF COMMITTEES		\$32,756.87	\$32,756.87	#DIV/0!
CONSERVATION COMM.	\$14,310.00	\$22,150.00	\$19,894.00	39.02%
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	\$7,202.65	\$7,202.65	\$2,224.81	-69.11%
REGIONAL PLAN COM.	\$1,316.24	\$1,349.15	\$1,349.15	2.50%
BOARD of APPEALS	\$3,510.00	\$3,510.00	\$1,500.00	-57.26%
RESERVE FUND	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	-12.50%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	\$541,275.98	\$590,591.86	\$575,908.76	6.40%
HIGHWAY				
SUMMER LABOR	\$215,720.10	\$222,319.59	\$222,319.59	3.06%
TRANSFER STATION LABOR	\$28,489.76	\$30,017.76	\$30,017.76	5.36%
LABOR SUBTOTAL	\$244,209.86	\$252,337.35	\$252,337.35	3.33%
WINTER ROAD SALARIES	\$146,879.30	\$149,543.13	\$149,543.13	1.81%
Sand	\$8,200.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	2.44%
Stone Chips	\$13,350.00	\$13,650.00	\$13,650.00	2.25%

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Salt	\$46,800.00	\$47,900.00	\$47,900.00	2.35%
Plow Blades	\$4,250.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	1.18%
Cold Patch	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
Parts	\$3,150.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	1.59%
Sander Chains	\$4,200.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	2.38%
Bagged Deicer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WINTER ROADS (TOTAL)	\$81,150.00	\$82,950.00	\$82,950.00	2.22%
WINTER ROADS SUBTOTAL	\$228,029.30	\$232,493.13	\$232,493.13	1.96%
Inspections	\$912.00	\$912.00	\$912.00	0.00%
Tires	\$8,800.00	\$8,900.00	\$8,900.00	1.14%
Oil/Lubricants	\$3,400.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	1.47%
Repairs/Equipment	\$31,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	-38.71%
Parts/Supplies	\$18,540.00	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	48.33%
Welding Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
Radios	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Tools/Safety	\$1,550.00	\$825.00	\$825.00	-46.77%
Scanner Updates		\$825.00	\$825.00	#DIV/0!
Fleet Software Maintenance and Updates		\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	#DIV/0!
Tools/Safety	\$825.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	263.64%
Purchase Vehicle Scan Equipment (Updates)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
MACHINERY ACCOUNT (TOTAL)	\$69,477.00	\$68,787.00	\$68,787.00	-0.99%
Fuel	\$87,750.00	\$87,750.00	\$87,750.00	0.00%
Operator Contract	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	0.00%
Maintenance/Repair	\$2,575.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	12.62%
DEF Fluid	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	#DIV/0!
FUEL ACCOUNT (TOTAL)	\$92,175.00	\$94,500.00	\$94,500.00	2.52%
Mowing	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-40.00%
Line Painting	\$10,180.00	\$10,430.00	\$10,430.00	2.46%
Gravel/Stone	\$38,500.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	16.88%
Hot Mix Patch	\$15,200.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	2.63%
Rental Equipment	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	0.00%
Signs	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	0.00%
Culverts	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	0.00%
Beaver Maintenance	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	0.00%
Guardrail	\$1,600.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	3.13%
Crack Seal	\$15,000.00	\$15,350.00	\$15,350.00	2.33%
Catch Basin Cleaning	\$4,600.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	2.17%
Sweeping	\$7,300.00	\$7,480.00	\$7,480.00	2.47%

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Hand Tools	\$730.00	\$730.00	\$730.00	0.00%
Misc.	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00%
Road Improvement (Formerly Recon Gravel)	\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	0.00%
GENERAL MAINT MAT. & EQUIP. (TOTAL)	\$158,960.00	\$165,790.00	\$165,790.00	4.30%
Legal Ads	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	0.00%
Drug Testing	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
License Reimbursement	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00%
Repairs/Supplies	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	0.00%
Berkshire County Purchasing Group	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$420.00	\$640.00	\$640.00	0.00%
Education & Training	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00%
Meeting/Dues Expenses	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00%
Safety Gear	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	0.00%
HIGHWAY GARAGE (TOTAL)	\$10,990.00	\$10,990.00	\$10,990.00	0.00%
Rental Compactor	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	20.00%
Rental Open Container (2)	\$1,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	50.00%
Trucking Compactor	\$6,300.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	11.11%
Trucking Open Container	\$5,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	11.11%
Trucking Cans & Bottles	\$4,200.00	\$4,620.00	\$4,620.00	10.00%
Trucking Scrap Metal	\$2,520.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	11.11%
Trucking Paper Cardboard	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	10.00%
Trucking Fuel Surcharge	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	0.00%
Trucking Rigid Plastics		\$2,640.00	\$2,640.00	#DIV/0!
Disposal Solid Waste	\$24,000.00	\$24,300.00	\$24,300.00	1.25%
Disposal Bulky Waste	\$15,200.00	\$15,390.00	\$15,390.00	1.25%
Disposal Haz Mat	\$3,200.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	1.56%
Chemicals	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%
Permits	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	0.00%
MRF education	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
TRANSFER STATION COSTS (TOTAL)	\$73,770.00	\$80,750.00	\$80,750.00	9.46%
MATERIALS AND SERVICES SUBTOTAL	\$405,372.00	\$420,817.00	\$420,817.00	3.81%
HIGHWAY TOTAL	\$877,611.16	\$905,647.48	\$905,647.48	3.19%
CENTER CEMETERY	\$4,604.52	\$4,696.62	\$4,696.62	2.00%
NORTH CEMETERY	\$11,289.64	\$11,515.44	\$11,515.44	2.00%
WEST CEMETERY	\$1,273.46	\$1,298.94	\$1,298.94	2.00%
CEMETERIES TOTAL	\$17,167.62	\$17,511.00	\$17,511.00	#REF!

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TREE ACCOUNT	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	50.00%
FORESTRY TOTAL	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	50.00%
EDUCATION				
CBRSD OPERATING ASSESSMENT	\$1,897,741.00	\$2,041,390.00	\$2,041,390.00	7.57%
VOCATIONAL TUITION	\$193,116.00	\$221,013.00	\$221,013.00	14.45%
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORT.	\$56,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	-19.64%
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$2,146,857.00	\$2,312,403.00	\$2,307,403.00	7.48%
PROTECT. PERSON & PROP				
POLICE DEPT. SALARIES	\$290,914.96	\$319,810.64	\$319,810.64	9.93%
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSE	\$17,950.00	\$21,276.00	\$15,876.00	-11.55%
HARBOR MASTER	\$1,414.00	\$1,426.00	\$1,426.00	0.85%
OUTREACH	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%
FIRE CHIEF STIPEND	\$4,083.54	\$4,165.24	\$4,165.00	1.99%
FIRE DEPT. EXPENSES	\$30,000.00	\$30,600.00	\$30,600.00	2.00%
FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$15,400.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	-9.09%
FORESTRY FIRE DEPT. TOOLS & EQUIP.	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
BUILDING INSP. SALARY	\$51,356.24	\$52,595.84	\$52,595.84	2.41%
BUILDING & CODE INSP. EXP	\$3,272.00	\$2,215.00	\$2,215.00	-32.30%
DEMOLITION FUND	\$18,000.00	\$19,800.00	\$19,800.00	10.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	\$8,041.26	\$8,041.26	\$8,041.26	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSES	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
PERSON & PROP. TOTAL	\$447,232.00	\$447,232.00	10.54%	6.28%
HEALTH & SANITATION				
E911 COMMUNICATION	\$11,606.62	\$11,954.82	\$11,954.82	3.00%
INSPECTOR of ANIMALS	\$324.74	\$331.23	\$331.23	2.00%
SOUTH BERK. SOLID WASTE	\$8,000.00	\$8,328.15	\$8,328.15	4.10%
BOARD of HEALTH SALARIES	\$17,850.00	\$25,500.00	\$9,180.00	-48.57%
BOARD of HEALTH EXPENSES	\$18,500.00	\$23,160.00	\$25,160.00	36.00%
NURSING SERVICES	\$4,962.00	\$4,962.00	\$4,962.00	0.00%
VETERANS AGENT SALARY	\$2,056.64	\$2,097.84	\$2,097.84	2.00%
VETERANS AGENT EXPENSE	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
VETERANS BENEFITS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$28,000.00	-6.67%
HEALTH & SANITATION TOTAL	\$93,400.00	\$106,434.04	\$90,114.04	-3.52%

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UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES				
OUTSIDE PAYROLL SERVICES	\$4,830.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	3.52%
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	\$23,416.92	\$23,885.26	\$23,885.26	2.00%
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$114,200.00	\$116,484.00	\$116,484.00	2.00%
STAFF COVERAGE	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,200.00	-50.77%
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS LABOR	\$46,290.96	\$47,216.78	\$47,216.78	2.00%
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS EXPENSES	\$58,515.00	\$58,515.00	\$54,975.00	-6.05%
MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS	\$11,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00	-17.39%
SOFTWARE MAINT. AGREEMENT	\$23,096.31	\$24,167.33	\$24,167.33	4.64%
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	\$69,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$61,000.00	-11.59%
STREET LIGHTS	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,500.00	-5.56%
WIRED WEST	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
TOWN REPORTS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
POSTAGE	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.00%
COUNCIL on AGING	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$20,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$30,000.00	50.00%
WEED CENTER POND	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$1,662.00	\$2,157.00	\$2,157.00	29.78%
INTEREST on SHORT-TERM DEBT	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$203,669.00	\$201,455.00	\$201,455.00	-1.09%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$409,000.00	\$425,360.00	\$425,360.00	4.00%
PAYROLL TAX ACCOUNT	\$24,150.00	\$26,082.00	\$26,082.00	8.00%
LIBRARY	\$46,700.00	\$47,868.00	\$47,868.00	2.50%
MEMORIAL DAY	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
CHILDRENS HOLIDAY PARTY		\$500.00	\$500.00	#DIV/0!
UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE	\$8,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-41.18%
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,106,130.19	\$1,134,790.37	\$1,118,450.37	1.11%
OPERATING TOTAL	\$5,239,673.95	\$5,563,107.73	\$5,505,364.39	5.07%

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Article 3 Was moved and seconded from the floor. After a brief explanation of Line Items 26, 153, and 176 by Town Administrator Edward Gibson, A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 3 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$347,123.00 to fund the bond payments due in fiscal year 2018 for the following previously approved debt items:

Becket Washington School	\$ 103,171.00	EFP 2025
Nessacus Regional Middle School	\$ 2,415.00	EFP 2018
Wahconah Regional High School	\$ 7,947.00	EFP 2029
Wahconah Regional High School Sidewalks	\$ 905.00	EFP 2022
Kittredge School MSBA Windows	\$ 321.00	EFP 2022
District Security	\$ 955.00	EFP 2025
Dump Truck (Highway Department)	\$ 52,608.00	EFP 2021
Loader (Highway Department)	\$ 60,200.00	EFP 2020
Grader (Highway Department)	\$ 117,740.00	EFP 2018
Wahconah Regional High School Feasibility Study	\$ 861.00	

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 4 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 4 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$208,671.00 to fund the Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 2018.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 5 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 5 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept any monies appropriated by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for Chapter 90 use. These funds to be used for maintenance and reconstruction of town roads and to fund the appropriation by transferring said amounts from available funds with any unspent funds to carry over from year to year until spent by the Town. These sums will be reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 6 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Gale Labelle asked if Chapter 90 monies could be carried over year after year. Town Administrator stated that it was his belief that the State allowed Chapter 90 funds to be carried over year to year, but frowned on accumulating 2 or three years of Chapter 90 monies. Highway Superintendent Christopher Bouchard concurred with the Administrator. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 6 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$385,574.00, for the salaries (\$338,444.00) and expenses (\$47,130.00) of the Ambulance Enterprise Fund and to fund said appropriation:

To raise and appropriate \$270,574.00 and to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2018 Ambulance Receipts \$115,000.00.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 7 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 7 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500.00 for an audit of the FY2017 financial records.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 8 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 8 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$48,145.00 to reduce the amount of the FY2017 Snow and Ice deficit

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 9 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 9 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for legal, advertising and related costs to process tax delinquent accounts

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 10 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 10 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for capital repairs and improvements at the Becket Athenaeum in order for Library Services to be provided to town residents.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 11 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Gabriel Greenspan questioned what repairs would be made with these funds. Cathy Defoe stated that 2 of 6 halogen lamps would be replaced with LED lamps; three basement windows that don't close would be replaced, and a study of the existing septic system would be conducted. Jeremy Dunn questioned whether it was legal to raise and appropriate funds for repair of a building not owned by the Town. The Moderator stated that it was his belief that the Article was appropriately included in the Warrant and referred the question to Town Administrator Edward Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated that this issued had been specifically addressed by Town Counsel, Joel Bard, in connection with previous town meetings, and that Town Counsel had opined that such an activity was for the public good, and thus was a legitimate use of tax monies. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 11 PASSED.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,350.00 for the upgrade and improvement of replacing the front door, foundation repair and refurbish the stairs at the Becket Arts Center.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 12 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 12 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$38,000.00 to purchase, replace and install the two furnaces at Fire Station #1.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 13 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Alvin Blake questioned what would happen to these monies if they were not spent, or if the amount raised and appropriated was not sufficient to affect the needed repairs. Town Administrator, Edward Gibson stated that if the monies were not spent, they would revert to free cash, and if the monies were not sufficient to affect the needed repairs, the project could be revisited in later years. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 13 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$48,000.00 for the purchase of a new truck for Buildings and Grounds.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 14 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Jeremy Dunn asked if this purchase couldn't be deferred. Town Administrator Edward Gibson agreed that it could be deferred to another year, but noted that the current vehicle has recently spent more time being repaired than in service, and that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee deemed a functioning Building and Grounds truck represents a high enough priority to be placed on this year's Warrant. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 14 PASSED.**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Overlay Surplus Fund the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of the demolition of the house at 21 Maple Street and decommissioning the well and septic system along with filling, grading and seeding the hole from the cellar foundation.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 15 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 15 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$39,911.00 for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2018 tax rate

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 16 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 16 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,900.00 to improve the erosion control and add a drainage swale and sand at the Town Beach

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 17 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 17 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,200 for the purchase and installation of a replacement telephone system and telephones at Town Hall.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 18 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 18 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase a new replacement mower and grass catcher for the North Becket Cemetery.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 19 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 19 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to index, print and bind the Town By Laws.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 20 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 20 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 to purchase a new Ambulance for the Ambulance Department, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$250,000.00 for said appropriation under applicable sections of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell or otherwise dispose of the 2011 Ford F450 Ambulance.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends 2/3 Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Article 21 Was moved and seconded from the floor. John Kovich asked what the expected trade in value of the old ambulance would be. Town Administrator Ed Gibson opined that the trade in value of the old ambulance might be 10 or 15 thousand dollars. Mr. Gibson also noted that the debt would likely be spread over at least 3 years. Mr. Gibson related that the Town of Washington appropriated \$8,000 for their contribution to the Becket Ambulance Department for ambulance service in Washington. A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 21 PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Plumbing Inspector:	\$10,000.00
Gas Inspector:	\$10,000.00
Wiring Inspector:	\$15,000.00

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends**

Report of the Town Clerk

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Article 22 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 22 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2018, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues to Committee Administrative Expenses	\$500.00
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Reserves:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues to Historical Resources Reserve	\$ 4,859.00
From FY 2018 estimated revenues to Community Housing Reserve	\$ 4,859.00
From FY 2018 estimated revenues to Open Space Reserve	\$ 4,859.00
From FY 2018 estimated revenues to Undesignated Reserve	\$34,011.00

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
CPA Committee: Recommends
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 23 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 23 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer \$5,000.00 from the Historical Preservation Reserve Account and \$30,000.00 from the Undesignated Reserve Account of the Becket Community Preservation Fund for the carpentry repairs and exterior repainting of the Becket Arts Center (a Town owned building) said funds to be expended under the direction of the Becket Community Preservation Committee and the Board of Directors of the Becket Arts Center.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
CPA Committee: Recommends
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 24 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 24 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer \$3,500.00 from the Historical Resources Reserve Account of the Becket Community Preservation Fund for the purchase of two historic antique paintings of the Deweys (Abel & Lydia Birchard Dewey) said funds to be expended under the direction of the Becket Community Preservation Committee and the Becket Historical Commission.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
CPA Committee: Recommends
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 25 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 25 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer \$29,000.00 from the Community Housing Reserve Account of the Becket Community Preservation Fund for matching funds to be used for a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation said funds to be expended under the direction of the Becket Community Preservation Committee and the Becket Board of Selectmen.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
CPA Committee: Recommends
Finance Committee: Recommends

Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 26 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Becket By-Laws, Article 17 -- Town Betterment By-Law by adding a new Section 22-VACANT PROPERTIES as shown on a document on file with the Town Clerk and on the Town Website:

See Handout. Section 22 - Vacant Properties

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen & the By-Law Review Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends Majority Vote Required
Finance Committee: Recommends

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ARTICLE 27 Was moved and seconded from the floor. A motion was made by Selectman Jeanne Pryor, upon advise of Town Counsel, to amend the language of proposed new section 22 of the Town Betterment By-Law, specifically Section 2.D. thereof by changing it from:

Once the property is no longer vacant or is sold, the owner shall provide the Commissioner with written notice of legal occupancy of proof of sale, as the case may be.

To:

Once the property is no longer vacant or has been sold, the owner shall provide the Commissioner with written notice of legal occupancy of proof of sale, as the case may be.

The above referenced motion to amend was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to amend passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Selectman Jeanne Pryor, upon the advice of Town Counsel, to amend the language of proposed new section 22 of the Town Betterment By-Law, specifically Section 3.A. (1) thereof by changing it from:

Maintain vacant properties subject to this section in accordance with the relevant sanitary, building and fire codes.

To:

Maintain vacant properties subject to this section in accordance with the relevant sanitary, building and fire codes and in a manner to prevent blight.

The above referenced motion to amend was seconded. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to amend passed. A vote was taken and the motion on
Article 27, As Amended, PASSED.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Becket By-Laws, Article 20 – Dog Control By-Law as shown on a document on file with the Town Clerk:

See Handout amended Dog Control By-Law.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen & the Bylaw Review Committee

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends
Majority Vote Required**

Article 28 Was moved and seconded from the floor. A motion was made by Selectman Jeanne Pryor to refer this article back

to committee. The motion to amend was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to refer Article 28 back to committee passed unanimously.

Article 28 Was Referred Back to Committee.

ARTICLE 29: Withdrawn

ARTICLE 30: ZONING ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Becket Zoning By-Laws by adding the following subsection 4.2.11 Driveways to the existing Dimensional Requirements section codifying existing practices, as summarized below and as on file in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town website at www.townofbecket.org.

The proposed change intended to reduce ambiguity in the application of driveway regulations throughout the community given the many different state, town, and district agencies and associations involved in the permitting process.

Formative changes that are codified and contextual are as follows:

Driveways: Driveway access to public and private ways is permitted by right with concurrence of the State's, Town's or District's Highway/Superintendent and in case where this is not possible applicants may apply for a Special Permit from the Planning Board.

Access/Location/Site Distances: All driveways shall be constructed in a manner ensuring reasonable and safe access from the road servicing to within or less than one hundred (100) feet from the building or residential structure. Driveways shall maintain clear site line distance especially at intersections for the safety of vehicles and pedestrians and shall not be located within eighteen (18) feet of a sideline.

Road-Line Angle/Grade/Distance: The intersection with the road line shall not be less than 90 degrees for a distance of twenty (20) feet into the lot and the grade shall not exceed three (3%) in this area.

Width/Surface/Drainage: Driveways shall have minimum cleared width of (twelve) 12 feet at the entrance to the road for the first twenty (20) feet, be construct of approved graded material. Water from the driveway shall not drain on the road or abutter property.

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Environmental/Maintenance/Numbering: Any adjacent disturbed areas during construction of a driveway shall be stabilized and planted with ground cover prior to completion. Residential address numbers shall be clearly displayed at the intersection of the driveway entrance with the road. Maintenance of the driveway curb cut shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the approving authority.

And by amending the Becket Zoning Bylaws **Table of Contents SECTION 4.0, DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, by adding a new subsection 4.2.11 Driveway Permits.**

See Driveway Permits Handout

**Sponsored by the Planning Board
2/3 Vote Required**

**Planning Board: Recommends
Board of Selectmen: Does Not Recommend**

Article 30 Was moved and seconded from the floor. A motion was made by Planning Board Member Ann Krawet to refer this article back to committee (Planning Board). The motion to refer back to committee was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to refer Article 30 back to committee passed unanimously.

Article 30 Was Referred Back to Committee.

ARTICLE 31: Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned citizens of Becket, Massachusetts:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Declaration:

Be it known that the Town of Becket is a compassionate community whose residents respect the rights, dignity, and integrity of its citizens and visitors. As a welcoming community, we celebrate diversity, honor privacy and safety, and affirm and promote equality for all.

And furthermore, to instruct the Board of Selectmen to send a copy of this Declaration to our Senators and Representatives in Congress and in the Massachusetts Legislature; the Governor of the Commonwealth; and to be posted at Town buildings and on the Town website.

Lead Petitioner: W. Katherine Hoak

**Board of Selectmen: Recommends
Majority Vote Required**

Article 31 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Katherine Hoak gave an impassioned explanation of her motivation to sponsor this declaration. Tommie Hutto-Blake described several local incidents that she believed necessitated such a declaration. Town Attorney Joel Bard, in response to questions from the floor, opined that he didn't believe that this declaration would likely subject the Town to any legal liability, unlike the so called "Sanctuary Cities" that had directed their police forces not to cooperate with ICE immigration enforcement efforts.

A vote was taken and the motion on

Article 31 PASSED.

ARTICLE 32: Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned citizens of Becket, Massachusetts:

To see if the Town will Vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact amendments to the special act numbered as Chapter 380 of the Acts of 1982 and entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE Sherwood FOREST ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BECKET."; a copy of which has been provided to the Board of Selectmen, is on file with the Town Clerk, and is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made part of this Warrant; provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any action relative thereto.

Lead Petitioner: Steven Rosenthal

See Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District "Exhibit A" Special Legislation Amendment handout.

Majority Vote Required

Article 32 Was moved and seconded from the floor. Steven Rosenthal gave an introduction as to the purpose of this Article. Jeanne Pryor moved to amend the Article to by changing Section 12 lines 9 through 14 by deleting the words:

In the event that no member of the prudential committee shall remain in office due to resignation or otherwise, the selectmen of the town of Becket are empowered to issue a warrant for a special meeting of the district to occur within said thirty day period and shall, in the interim, exercise the powers and duties of the prudential committee until the successors shall be elected at such special meeting.

and replacing them with

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In the event that no member of the prudential committee shall remain in office due to resignation or otherwise, the treasurer and clerk of the district shall issue a warrant for a special meeting of the district to elect new members of the prudential committee and shall, in the interim, appoint others to act on behalf of the prudential committee until the successors shall be elected at such special meeting.

The motion to amend was moved and seconded. A vote was taken and the **amendment passed**. Jeanne Pryor then moved to further amend the Article by changing Section 2.D. lines 1 through 2 by deleting the words:

To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs in the conduct of its business, which by-laws shall be consistent with the powers conferred by this act and replacing them with

To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs in the conduct of its business, which by-laws shall be consistent with the powers conferred by this act and shall be submitted to the Attorney General for approval per MGL Chapter 40 section 32.

The motion to amend was moved and seconded. After discussion, a vote was taken and the **amendment passed**.

Following the above referenced amendments to the article, and after lengthy comments by Steven Rosenthal, Julia Kay-Grace, Robert Grace and others both for and against the Article, a motion was made by Michael Lavery to refer this article back to committee (Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District). The motion to refer this Article back to committee was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to refer Article 32 back to committee passed.

Article 32 Was Referred Back to Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn to the Annual Town Election which will be held one week from today on May 20, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The checkers were Election Workers Julia Kay-Grace, Beth Van Ness, Patricia Clemons and Priscilla McEwen.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Roberts
Town Clerk



◆ *REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE* ◆

The Community Preservation Act is a state law that allows cities and towns to create a dedicated fund for open space, historic preservation, senior housing and recreation. The decision to adopt the CPA is made by each community in the Commonwealth. Any town can enact a surcharge of 1.5%-3% on property tax bills to create the Community Preservation Fund. The money raised locally is matched by the state and the combined fund is spent in three core areas: open space preservation, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each of these areas must receive a minimum of 10% of the total fund each year, but the remaining 70% can be spent or reserved for future spending in any of the three core areas as well as an additional area of public recreation.

In 2008, the voters of Becket passed the CPA proposal for 1.5% of the annual real estate levy against real property, and the town voted to accept the following exemptions to the CPA: property owned as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing, or low and moderate income senior housing, class 3 commercial and class 4 industrial, and \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

The CPA provides a dedicated funding source for desirable and innovative projects that the community wants but can otherwise not afford. The CPA also brings state matching funds to local projects. The state funds are raised through fee surcharges at the registry of deeds in every county in the Commonwealth. The CPA brings these much needed

funds back into the community. The CPA is a very flexible funding mechanism. The types of projects it can be used for are very broad, and can include many projects that are hard to fund through other means. CPA funds can be used to purchase open space or conservation restrictions, to broaden housing opportunities for residents, to help senior citizens repair their homes, to build playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, or restore historic buildings and landscapes. The CPA funds can also be used as local leverage for state and federal grants, and communities can issue bonds in anticipation of future CPA proceeds. Each community also has control over how the money is spent, since each disbursement of CPA funds needs to be approved by town meeting.

Anyone interested in funding a project through the CPA should contact the committee through the town website, and follow up by attending a CPC meeting, where they will receive information regarding funding criteria and procedures. This information is also on the town website.

I would like to thank the townspeople and the administrative staff at the town hall for their support of the CPA and look forward to future project proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil F. Toomey, ***Chairman***
Community Preservation Committee



◆ **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT** ◆

FY 2017 REPORT

FY 2017 Appropriated by Category	Community Housing	Historical	Open Space	Recreation	Budget Reserves	Committee Admin Expenses	Total Appropriation
Project:							
Committee Administrative Expenses Article 23						\$500.00	
Purchase and Installation of Playscape Article 24					\$75,000.00		
Refinishing and restoration of the wood floors in historic Becket Athenaeum Article 25		\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00		
Repair of and restoration of historic headstones Article 26		\$2,000.00			\$30,000.00		
Total Appropriated for Projects for FY 2017	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108,000.00	\$500.00	\$111,500.00
FY 2017 Expenses against approved Projects:							
Committee Administrative Expenses						\$300.00	
Purchase and Installation of Playscape Article 24					\$74,783.95		
Repair of and restoration of historic headstones Article 26		\$2,000.00			\$14,348.00		
Total Expended during FY 2017	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$89,131.95	\$300.00	\$91,431.95
FY 2017 Est. Revenues Appropriated to Reserves	Community Housing Reserves	Historical Reserves	Open Space Reserves	Recreation Reserves	Budget Reserves	Committee Admin Expenses	Total Appropriation Reserves
Estimated Revenues to Reserves	\$4,956.00	\$4,956.00	\$4,956.00	\$0.00	\$34,191.00		\$49,059.00
	Estimated	Actual	Actual vs. Budget				
FY 2017 Local Revenue CPA 1.5%	\$40,292.41	\$41,989.35	\$1,696.94				
FY 2017 State Percentage Match of Local Revenue	\$8,542.00	\$8,542.00	\$0.00				
Totals	\$48,834.41	\$50,531.35	\$1,696.94				

◆ **REPORT OF THE BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE** ◆

At the May 13, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the town voted to amend the Town of Becket By-Laws, Article 17 -- Town Betterment By- Law by adding a new Section 22- VACANT PROPERTIES. This amendment was approved by the Attorney General's Office on 10/4/2017 and took effect 10/5/2017 upon posting by the Town Clerk.

Also at the May 13, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the town voted to refer back to the Bylaw Review Committee Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Becket By-Laws, Article 20 – Dog Control By-Law. On 9/19/17 the Committee's final revisions to the Dog Control Bylaw for inclusion on the next town meeting warrant were sent to the Town Administrator. The revised Dog Control Bylaw reflects the Committee's response to Town Counsel's comments and the Committee's intention to keep in the Town's bylaw those changes to the state law, such as definitions, that are new and that will provide the Animal Control Officer and residents with enough information so that the need to refer to the MGL is lessened.

In June, the Committee was asked to shepherd through the amendment process proposed Amendments to Article 17 Town Betterment Bylaws SECTION 21 that the Selectmen have approved. In August, the Committee's proposed changes to Article 17, Section 21 were forwarded to the Town Administrator for review by the Selectmen.

On 08/10/2017, the Bylaw Review Committee held a public hearing regarding a proposed addition to Article 17-Town

Betterment Bylaw, Section 23 - Outdoor Lighting. Although there were no members of the public present at the hearing, the Committee received comments from the public at their regular meetings and the draft Bylaw was reviewed by the Building Inspector. The Committee addressed concerns received about street lights and recreational lighting and is working to finalize this Bylaw for submission to the Selectmen for inclusion on an upcoming Town Meeting warrant.

The Committee is reviewing the General Bylaws to ensure that it is accurate and that formatting is consistent and will work with a vendor to index, print and bind the Town Bylaws.

The email address bylaw@townofbecket.org has been added to the Bylaw Review Committee's webpage so that members of the public can contact the Committee.

Committee Members:

Jeanne W. Pryor, ***Chair***

Ann Krawet, ***Vice Chair***

Mark Karlberg (resigned 8/24/2017)

Maria Wallington (appointed 11/1/17)

Bruce Garlow, ***Moderator, ex-officio***

George Roberts, ***Town Clerk, ex-officio***

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor, ***Chair***



◆ REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ◆

It is a pleasure to serve the town by investigating and responding to your calls. This is a reminder that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, all dogs housed within the Town of Becket must be licensed through the Town Clerk's Office.

Seeing the dog tag (license) on the collar aids with identifying and reuniting owners with their furry friends.

I attended a course for the Massachusetts Animal Fund Spay/Neuter Voucher Program.

The Massachusetts Animal Fund dedicates a significant portion of its funds to help low-income residents who receive assistance through state or federal programs (TAFDC, SSI, VS, SNAP, WIC, etc.) obtain spay/neuter surgery for companion animals free of charge through the Spay/Neuter Voucher Program. Those wishing to participate must submit proof of eligibility.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Goodermote,
Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Calls for 2017 were as follows:

Dogs	29
Dogs (barking)	3
Dog (dead)	1
Llamas	4

◆ REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ◆

In 2017, the Zoning Board of Appeals received five new applications and was asked to review one previously approved application. Of the new applications, one requested a dimensional special permit and the others were for site plan approval. All applications were allowed.

Jessica Perotti, Clerk of Committees, began working with the Board in May 2017. Her dedication, work ethic, and attention to detail has made her a welcomed addition.

The Public is invited to review the Becket Zoning By-Laws, guidelines, applications, agendas, and meeting minutes at the Town of Becket website, www.townofbecket.org. Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals should be submitted to the Town Clerk. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Bleier, *Chairman*

Board Members:

Victoria Bleier, *Chairperson*

Karen Karlberg, *Vice Chairperson*

George Roberts

Jeffrey Wilkinson

Joy Lennartz

Alvin Blake, *Associate Member*

◆ *REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING* ◆

Hello from the Becket Seniors!

The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) obtained a grant for a two-week exercise program for our seniors. This program was very well received by all. This grant gives the seniors the opportunity to carry this program over into the year of 2018. We all are looking forward to it.

The VNA is regularly scheduled to appear on the third Tuesday of the month for blood pressure testing and a presentation on general health issues.

The seniors participated in several traditional events. Once again we accepted an invitation from the Otis Veterans for a Valentine's Day dinner, and an invitation from the Russell VFW for an April dinner. We all look forward to these fun events. The seniors send our own Rev. Kevin Smail and his wonderful group a huge thank you for inviting us to the great lunch they provide for us during the summer. Our annual Christmas party was held at Ozzies in Hinsdale. The prime rib and baked stuffed shrimp were over the top. No one left there hungry. We plan to return next year.

Lunch, Potluck, and Bingo:

- Our potluck dinners occur every third Friday of the month. Every three months, Marc Portieri visits the seniors to cook an outstanding meal along with his wife Pat. This is something we always appreciate.
- All are welcome to join us for lunch and bingo every Tuesday and Thursday. Lunch starts at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Kevin Smail has been our caller.

As usual, our programming continues to be a great success. I personally want thank the Town of Becket for all the support provided to us throughout the year to help us improve our programs and services to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Moylan, ***Director***



◆ **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS** ◆

All three cemeteries are in good shape.

We would like to acknowledge the Rosner family for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jonathan Rosner.

At the West Becket Cemetery, two dead tree trunks remaining from a prior tree job have been removed.

Thanks to funding from the Community Preservation Committee, the stones at all three cemeteries have been straightened and repaired.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

Michelle Smith, *West Becket*

William Cavanaugh, *North Becket*

Dean Williams, *Center*



◆ **REPORT OF THE BECKET SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** ◆

The Becket Scholarship Foundation was pleased to award scholarships totaling \$5,200 to six graduating high school seniors. These terrific students are Ariana Shannon, Devon Atwell, Emma Jourdain, Michaela DeFoe, Morgan LaBier and Peyton Duhon. These scholarships are made possible in part through the generous donations of Becket residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rodhouse

Secretary

Becket Scholarship Foundation

◆ *REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION* ◆

The Transfer Station hours of operation during May 15th to October 15th are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. From October 16th to May 14th the hours are Tuesday and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. A vehicle permit is required for entry to the Transfer Station. Vehicle permits may be purchased at the Town Hall or town website www.townofbecket.org. A bag sticker must be affixed to each bag of household trash prior to disposal into the compactor. Bag stickers (\$1 each) may be purchased at the Town Hall, through the town's website, or through several businesses in town (listed on the town's website). Bag stickers are not available for purchase at the Transfer Station.

Disposing of recyclables (paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, plastic containers and scrap metals) is free of charge. Tires, CRT's, mattresses, box springs, stuffed chairs, couches, bulky waste, and appliances containing Freon require a separate disposal fee payable by check only because the Transfer Station does not accept cash. Please check with the attendant about items and their fees and before unloading. All scrap metal must be free of wood, plastic, tires, gas and oil.

The Town of Becket belongs to the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, which assists with recycling, waste reduction and household hazardous waste collection programs. The Center for Ecological Technology (CET) coordinates district activities and DEP required inspections. CET visited the Transfer Station to distribute information re: recycling, and hazardous waste collection events for residents at various locations in the county.

This report is an opportunity to provide a reminder that the Town has a recycling bylaw. By recycling, we reduce our disposal expenses and use of natural resources. This year we recycled, collected and processed:

- over 45 tons of paper and cardboard
- 43 tons of cans, bottles, and plastics
- 35 tons of scrap metals
- 110 mattresses
- 2 tons of clothing
- 170 tires
- 350 fluorescent light bulbs
- 8 tons of electronics
- 268 tons of Solid waste (Household trash)
- 128 tons of Bulky waste

Residents also participated in 6 hazardous waste collections at various sites in Berkshire County.

We received a grant to purchase a container to collect and haul Bulky Rigid plastics. We are pleased that we have started collection of these items to further reduce our solid waste.

We were mandated by the DEP to clean up materials lost over the edge of the Transfer Station when it had operated as a landfill and to create a maintenance program to prevent this from re-occurring.

I would like to thank Mark, Siegfried and Dean for their hard work and dedication to the Transfer Station.

The Becket Highway Department operates the Transfer Station which is under the authority of the Becket Board of Health. If residents have questions or concerns please call the Town Hall (Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at 413-623-8934 or the Highway Department office (Monday through Friday 7 am to 3:30 pm) at 413-623-8988.

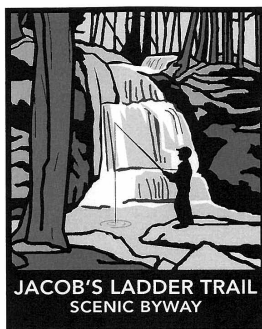
Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Bouchard
Highway Superintendent



◆ *REPORT OF THE JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY, INC.* ◆

The Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves as the steward of the Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, which is Route 20 as it travels through the towns of Russell, Huntington, Chester, Becket, and Lee. The overall goal of our work is to entice people – local residents and tourists alike – to visit Jacob's Ladder Trail, learn a bit about our history, enjoy our natural and scenic areas, and patronize our local businesses.



We are pleased to say that the Lee Land Trust has completed its trailhead parking project on Barlow Acres in East Lee. The new parking area and the Donato Trail provide access to a hiking trail system owned by The Trustees of Reservation and the Lee Land Trust. We invite you to visit our property and enjoy a walk through the woods. Funding for the project was provided through the National Scenic Byways Grant Program. This project was completed with the persistence of Linda Cysz of the Lee Land Trust and Erica Johnson of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). Thank you Linda and Erica!

We replaced the brown gateway sign at the junction of Routes 20 and 102 in Lee, which was deteriorating. Replacement of the sign was possible due to the financial support of Dresser Hull in Lee, which provided the wood at a reduced rate for us, to Steve Hamlin of Huntington who cut the lettering and painted the sign for us at a much-reduced rate, and to MassDOT whose staff installed the new sign panels crafted by Steve. A special Thank You to the Shields Family and Steve – we couldn't have done it without you!

We continue to support the Town of Lee's efforts to develop a biking/walking path along the Housatonic River in the town center. Engineers expect to hold a 25% Design Public Hearing by spring of 2018. We encourage residents and outdoor enthusiasts to attend the public hearing and provide input on this exciting project. This project was funded by the Scenic Byways Program.

We also continued our participation in the Highlands Footpath initiative, a regional effort to investigate the possibility of creating hiking linkages along the Jacob's Ladder Trail and Route 112 Scenic Byways to connect the area's existing trails to village centers. The group received a grant from the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation for trail improvements in Chester-Blandford State Forest, with work expected to be conducted in 2018. Special thanks to Patty Gambarini of PVPC, who spearheaded the grant application.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Gaherty, *Clerk*
Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc.



REPORT OF THE WESTFIELD RIVER

◆ WILD & SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ◆

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee continues to work strategically and diligently on protecting the outstanding ecologic, recreational, historic and scenic attributes that make the Westfield River watershed worthy of the federal designation of Wild & Scenic River. A key part of the success of the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee lies in its town representatives who volunteer their time and many talents to build the partnerships, guide activities and provide the local outreach that helps us all protect the remarkable Westfield River. As we write this report, we mourn the passing (January 16, 2018) of one of our most dedicated and long-term town representatives, Mercedes Gallagher. Mercedes served as both the Becket representative and as the Committee's treasurer. Her love of rivers and natural places was longstanding and her legacy of caring can be seen throughout Becket and the Westfield River watershed.

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee continues to offer a wide range of opportunities to learn about our remarkable river and become involved. This past year the Committee hosted its fourth annual Watershed Blitz, a day of experts leading volunteers on an exploration of a different part of the river each year (East Branch this year). Volunteers both learn more about the river and record their findings. The Committee also hosted nine Wild & Scenic Saturday events where volunteers tidied trails, learned about wildlife tracking, improved their nature photography skills, identified vernal pools and, in a pilot program, learned to explore the world beneath the surface with a guided snorkeling adventure.

The W&SWRC also provided community grants to help the Gateway School Explorers Club enjoy more of the watershed. Another community grant provided funds to the Cummington library to acquire books, maps, identification cards and even bug nets all set for loan to eager young explorers and their families. The Committee continued its tradition of providing stipends to two or three college interns to work alongside professionals to advance research, catalog conditions and offer educational programs.

As we approach our 25th year as a Wild & Scenic River, and the 50th anniversary of the federal Wild & Scenic program, there are a number of exciting activities and special celebrations in the works. Please join in and help us celebrate our special river.

With the passing of Mercedes Gallagher, a position is now open to be the Committee representative (or alternate) for the town. If you would be interested in serving as the Becket town representative on the Wild and Scenic Westfield River Committee or would like to learn more about serving as a town rep, please contact the committee at wildandscenicwestfieldriver@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Thompson, *Chair*
Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee



◆ **REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION** ◆



Portrait Opening Ceremony on November 15th

From left to right: Historical Commission members Gail Kusek, W. Katherine Hoak, Sandi Jarvis & Rita Furlong posing with the Abel & Lydia Dewey portraits that now grace our presence at the Becket Town Hall.

This year the Historical Commission was able to bring the Dewey portraits back to Becket, thanks to the support of the townspeople and local officials. The portraits were appraised at \$7,500 for the pair, and through Community Preservation funds (approved at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting), were purchased from the Dewey descendants for \$3,500. Thanks to all who helped make the acquisition possible! The Historical Commission especially wishes to thank Charles Flint, antique dealer in Lenox, who volunteered his expertise and appraisal and prepared the portraits for placement in the hallway at the Town Hall. On November 15th, an Opening Ceremony was held to present the portraits to the town. Thanks to the Country Journal who published our article, including photos, about the evening in the November 23 issue.

ABEL DEWEY (1752-1825), married LYDIA BIRCHARD (1758-1833) in 1775. She was born in Becket, the daughter of James (1736-1825) and Abigail (King, 1732 – 1794). Abel and Lydia had nine children, also born in Becket; three died young and four of them were similarly married in Becket.

Captain Abel began the Revolutionary War era as a Loyalist; a supporter of the British crown. However, in 1777 he declared his allegiance to the United States of America. Abel Dewey was one of fifty-eight “Subscribers” who established a voluntary fund to support the church ministry rather than the previous method of required taxation; initiating the method still used today to fund churches throughout the United States. The Dewey family were active members of the Becket community. They were farmers, proprietors of the Dewey Tavern, road builders and owners of real estate in both Becket and Lenox. They are buried along with other family members in the Becket Center Cemetery, behind the First Congregational Church.

Please visit Town Hall to see the Dewey portraits (32” x 37”), painted by William Jennys in 1801, and the wooden Dewey Tavern sign dating back to 1776 in the Becket Room.

Report of the Historical Commission

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Higley Apothecary

In July, Building Inspector Bill Girard notified the HC that two historic buildings (the Apothecary and the Higley/Jennings/Tobin/Davis House) on Pleasant Street, in the North Becket Historic District, had been purchased. The new owner, will fix-up the house, and would like to donate the former Higley Apothecary (pharmacy) to the town. It is a Greek revival building built about 1857. It was possibly the only drug store in Becket from 1870 to 1927. The building was owned from 1928 to 1967 by Patrick H. Tobin and his estate. Patrick made his handmade Becket baskets here. In addition to serving as superintendent of the M. E. Ballou & Son basket factory for more than 50 years, he served a term in the Massachusetts Legislature, served as a member of the Becket Board of Selectmen, served as a member of the relief committee after the devastating 1927 flood, served on the building committee for the Consolidated School, served as chairman of the defense committee, and served as the local representative of the Pittsfield Electric Company. He and his wife were married in Becket in 1892 and in 1927 they purchased the right side of house.

After 50 years of marriage, in November, 1942 Patrick H. Tobin and his wife were nearly asphyxiated in their sleep, when a blocked house flue caused gas from the furnace to leak into the rooms above. They probably would have perished but thankfully they slept on the second floor. Historical Commission member Gail Kusek has been in contact with the new owner.

Actions

- Commission positions: Sandi Jarvis, Chair; Katherine Hoak, Secretary; Rita Furlong, Treasurer; and Gail Kusek Community Preservation Committee representative.
- Gail is updating Becket's Inventory forms with the Massachusetts Inventory forms. She has done an enormous amount of work cataloging the North Becket Historic District and making an inventory for each building. In addition, she is cataloging all the buildings more than 75 years old in North Becket looking for historical significance.
- The Assessor's Office provided the HC with a spreadsheet listing the build dates, streets, and street numbers, to assist the HC in locating buildings more than 75 years old throughout the town.
- Katherine now is focusing on filing, categorizing and organizing the Historical Commission records and artifacts in the file cabinet.
- Sandi summarized the Historical Commission articles that have appeared in Annual Town Reports since the Commission's inception in 1975; recording major accomplishments and all donations.
- Gail has cleaned monuments in Ballou Park and the brick path at the Athenaeum in North Becket.
- Gail found pictures of Seminary Hall (The Becket Arts Center) that show the earlier doors. The Arts Center will replace them and it is hoped that they will install doors that look like the originals.
- Site visits: All 4 HC members viewed the Apothecary on Pleasant Street and the Mullen House; Sandi and Gail attended a site visit at the Becket Arts Center with Sally Soluri, Susie Dworkin and Dave Drugmand to view the area where an elevator will be installed and to consult on a new front door with windows. Although not historically accurate, the HC understood the necessity for the windows, approving a door with windows, constructed of materials to suit their needs.
- Gail and Sandi took photos of our basket collections. Sandi produced a collage with photos and information to identify each basket with the name of its donor and brief history for placement at the Mullen House where most of the collection is displayed.
- FY17 Community Development Block Grant: Completed 16 certificates required as part of the Historical Reviews of Property for Housing Rehabilitation Program to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Pittsfield, which manages the program for Becket. The certificates denote whether the property is in a National Historic District and whether or not it is of historical significance, requiring protection. One is in the North Becket Historic District and three others are also historically significant to Becket's history.
- Sandi answered genealogy questions regarding the following Becket people: Mary Emma Wheeler (born 1858 in Becket) daughter of William Pelatiah Wheeler and Henrietta Dewey; and the 3 Patrick Tobins, including Patrick H. Tobin, basket maker.

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- Queries: Rita responded to a question about the Ballou Basket Factory and gave a tour of the Mullen House to a former resident. Sandi: 1) researched the former Wade Inn property for the present owner of the inn frame who moved it to New York for his new home built in 1980; 2) searched for information and photos of the Happyland ski area formerly at the Bonny Rigg Corner; and 3) shared the history of our church carriage sheds with another town looking to preserve their sheds. In response to another inquiry, our research shows no records showing an Opera House as part of our town's history.
- Sandi answered a query if our Dewey portraits were related to the Dewey family of Lenox. Even though our Becket Deweys lived in Lenox for a brief time in their later years, her research revealed they were different portraits and connected the owner of the Lenox Dewey portraits with the inquirer.
- Sandi printed hardcopies of the Berkshire Athenaeum Local History department's articles involving Becket.
- Gail completed research on the Dewey Tavern's location in Becket. She will computerize her results.
- Created a list of items where we want to place a plaque to indicate who donated the item and the date of donation if known. Examples of this need are the recently acquired basket, other donated baskets, and the school chairs in the COA room. Rita purchased a small brass plaque and installed it on the Becket Consolidated auditorium folding chair set.
- Sandi scanned a photography book owned by Brenda Podolski about the "Grange", most recently known as the Kushi Institute property on Leland Street that closed in February of this year.
- The HC manned a table in the hallway outside the Annual Town Meeting to acquaint residents with the Historical Commission; had slideshow running and display of Becket Baskets.
- Our two baseball shirts are on display at the Berkshire Mall, along with those of many other towns.
- Gail attended three workshops held at the Merwin House during May & June at a cost of \$60.
- Rita will continue to try to speak with a Becket resident to see if we can borrow her scrapbook of the Bancroft Paper Mill so we might scan it for our records.

Buildings and properties

- Demolition photos: Thanks to Bill Girard, Becket's Building Inspector, for giving the HC his many pictures of recently demolished houses for our records.
- The HC was notified when the town completed the purchase of the historic parsonage property, at 21 Maple Street, built circa 1850. A request was made to the Town Administrator to save some foundation stones to form a bench and sign to commemorate the historic site as the location of the former Baptist Parsonage in use through the year 1995.
- Thanks to Dave Shorey for saving four boxes of books he found in the attic of the old parsonage. Gail cleaned the books. The books were returned to the Federated Church; some were kept and the others were sold by the Church.

Donations

- Rita and Gail donated postcards of Route 20 and a collage of buildings and scenes around Becket.
- Three Ballou descendants, Mary Olmstead, Alice Ballou Morse, and Elizabeth N. Gummere, bestowed the Historical Commission with a handmade signature quilt displaying the names of Becket residents and friends of their great-great-grandmother, Gertrude Smith Ballou. It is believed the quilt may have been a gift for either Gertrude's birthday or her 1894 marriage to Joseph C. Ballou. The family provided some information on the signatures and Gail further researched the names to identify them. There are forty signatures on the quilt. The quilt is now on display in a glass case just below the Dewey portraits at the Becket Town Hall.
- Rita read a most informative article to us about Hannah Tracy Cutler who was born in Becket and lived in the 1800s. She was an influential force in the work advocating for women and their rights. Rita donated the Stone Walls magazine containing the article.
- Jeanne Pryor donated a photo of Harry Roff taken Memorial Day, 2012.
- Received an old cemetery deed from Claudia Wells.

Report of the Historical Commission

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Directional Signs

- Dave Drugmand completed the construction and installation of two directional signs. The first is in Becket Center between the First Congregational Church's Guild Hall, the former Town Hall (1891-1940) and YMCA Road by the Parade Grounds. The second is next to the West Becket Cemetery on Jacob's Ladder Road (Route 20).

The Commission is looking for new members to assist in preserving Becket's history. Please join us at our monthly meetings.

Respectively submitted by,

Sandi Jarvis, ***Chair***

Equipment and supplies

- Archival supplies to protect and store historically important items.
- Purchased a map storage cabinet at the Central Berkshire's Habitat for Humanity's Restore for \$50.00 to store our map collection.
- The Commission wants to extend special thanks to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals for communicating with the HC on pertinent issues. The "Welcome to Becket" pole banners the 250th Committee entrusted to the HC, were displayed once again thanks to the Highway Dept.



◆ TOWN OF BECKET TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS ◆
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

<u>Fiscal Year/Tax</u>	<u>Balance 07/01/2016</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Abatements</u>	<u>Tax Title Transfers</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/2017</u>
2017							
Real Estate		\$5,009,693.73	\$(4,725,416.45)		\$34,843.76		\$249,433.52
Personal Property		\$292,435.35	\$(288,785.44)		\$570.82		\$3,079.09
Motor Vehicle		\$235,306.23	\$(222,114.60)	\$3,224.15	\$5,823.84		\$10,591.94
Fees			\$12,350.00				
Interest			\$13,231.74				
2016							
Real Estate	\$239,210.28		\$58,806.58		\$42.02	\$99,365.99	\$80,995.69
Personal Property	\$3,825.26		\$1,418.74		\$37.98		\$2,368.54
Motor Vehicle	\$8,118.19	\$23,918.72	\$29,141.92	\$1,391.49	\$1,749.89		\$2,536.59
Fees			\$8,140.95				
Interest			\$6,755.18				
2015							
Real Estate	\$62,647.09		\$12,855.96	\$1,726.35	\$2,408.74	\$4,318.59	\$44,790.15
Personal Property	\$2,269.19		\$331.09				\$1,938.10
Motor Vehicle	\$2,158.44		\$1,113.64				\$1,044.80
Fees			\$2,097.63				
Interest			\$3,794.90				
2014							
Real Estate	\$23,278.31		\$6,320.73	\$3,330.35	\$3,692.25	\$2,691.53	\$13,904.15
Personal Property	\$1,712.69		\$187.57				\$1,525.12
Motor Vehicle	\$1,028.68		\$80.31				\$948.37
Fees			\$612.07				
Interest			\$2,450.81				
2013							
Real Estate	\$7,273.01		\$1,370.33		\$688.80	\$3,932.44	\$1,281.44
Personal Property	\$1,050.84		\$30.52				\$1,020.32
Motor Vehicle	\$1,256.26		\$87.29				\$1,168.97
Fees			\$461.38				
Interest			\$638.25				
2012							
Real Estate	\$722.78		\$ -			\$(376.62)	\$1,099.40
Personal Property	\$809.83		\$60.38				\$749.45
Motor Vehicle	\$1,533.56		\$81.25				\$1,452.31
Fees			\$144.00				
Interest			\$86.34				
2011							
Real Estate	\$833.52					\$(265.48)	\$1,099.00
Personal Property	\$375.92			\$2,021.80	\$2,021.80		\$375.92
Motor Vehicle	\$1,479.50		\$83.75				\$1,395.75
Fees			\$114.00				
Interest			\$59.57				

◆ **TOWN OF BECKET TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS** ◆

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. (continued)

<u>Fiscal Year/Tax</u>	<u>Balance 07/01/2016</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Abatements</u>	<u>Tax Title Transfers</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/2017</u>
2010							
Real Estate	\$303.70					\$(157.26)	\$460.96
Personal Property	\$340.88			\$1,970.57	\$1,970.57		\$340.88
Motor Vehicle	\$1,593.87		\$72.50				\$1,521.37
Fees			\$57.00				
Interest			\$61.45				
2009							
Real Estate	\$767.68						\$767.68
Personal Property	\$88.37						\$88.37
Motor Vehicle	\$1,433.13		\$143.75				\$1,289.38
Fees			\$84.00				
Interest			\$293.36				
2008							
Real Estate	\$401.46						\$401.46
Personal Property	\$25.98						\$25.98
Fees							
Interest							
2007							
Real Estate	\$410.85						\$410.85
Personal Property	\$14.54				\$4.58		\$9.96
Fees							
Interest							
2006							
Real Estate	\$132.68						\$132.68
Personal Property	\$20.14						\$20.14
Fees							
Interest							
2005							
Real Estate	\$146.74						\$146.74
Fees							
Interest							
2004							
Real Estate	\$143.84						\$143.84
Fees							
Interest							



◆ **TOWN OF BECKET FINANCIAL REPORT** ◆

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CARRY FWD.</u>	<u>ORIG. BUD.</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNENCUM. BALANCE</u>	<u>% EXP.</u>
ADVERTISING		\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00		\$7,245.35	\$254.65	96.60
ADVERTISING TOTAL		\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00		\$7,245.35	\$254.65	96.60
SELECTMEN SALARIES		\$6,000.00			\$5,999.76	\$0.24	99.99
SELECTMEN EXPENSES		\$2,000.00			\$878.18	\$1,121.82	43.90
TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		\$3,500.00			\$1,800.98	\$1,699.02	51.45
21 MAPLE STREET			154,300.00		154,300.00	100.00	100.00
SELECTMEN TOTAL		\$11,500.00	154,300.00		\$162,978.92	\$2,821.08	98.29
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES		\$64,639.26	\$360.18		\$64,999.44	100.00	100.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES		\$1,700.00			\$1,213.28	\$486.72	71.36
STAFF COVERAGE		\$6,500.00			\$4,012.01	\$2,487.99	61.72
250TH ANNIVERSARY	\$784.20					\$784.20	0.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TOTAL	\$784.20	\$72,839.26	\$360.18		\$70,224.73	\$3,758.91	94.91
FINANCE COMM. EXPENSES		\$650.00			\$129.00	\$521.00	19.84
FINANCE COMMITTEE TOTAL		\$650.00			\$129.00	\$521.00	19.84
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES		\$23,416.92	\$83.27		\$23,500.19	100.00	100.00
OUTSIDE PAYROLL EXPENSES		\$4,380.00			\$4,795.03	\$34.97	99.27
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE		\$400.00			\$50.00	\$350.00	12.50
TOWN ACCOUNTANT TOTAL		\$28,646.92	\$83.27		\$28,345.22	\$384.97	98.66
ASSESSOR SALARIES		\$73,825.68	\$-10,000.00		\$58,718.31	\$5,107.37	91.99
ASSESSOR EXPENSES		\$62,090.00			\$58,450.72	\$3,639.28	94.13
ASSESSOR TOTAL		\$135,915.68	\$-10,000.00		\$117,169.03	\$8,746.65	93.05
TREASURER SALARIES		\$43,363.84			\$43,363.84	100.00	100.00
TREASURER EXPENSES		\$5,530.00			\$2,001.57	\$3,528.43	36.19
TREASURER TOTAL		\$48,893.84			\$45,365.41	\$3,528.43	92.78
TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES		\$54,308.88	\$0.01		\$54,308.89	100.00	100.00
ASST TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES		\$45,205.20	\$0.04		\$45,205.24	100.00	100.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSES		\$7,580.00			\$4,481.55	\$3,098.45	59.12
KV'S SOFTWARE UPGRADE	\$4,045.00					\$4,045.00	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR TOTAL	\$4,045.00	\$107,094.08	\$0.05		\$103,995.68	\$7,143.45	93.57
TAX TITLE EXPENSES	\$26,738.29	\$25,000.00			\$36,951.63	\$14,786.66	71.42
TAX TITLE TOTAL	\$26,738.29	\$25,000.00			\$36,951.63	\$14,786.66	71.42
TOWN SECRETARY SALARIES		\$39,108.24	\$1,500.00		\$40,605.86	\$2.38	99.99
TOWN SECRETARY TOTAL		\$39,108.24	\$1,500.00		\$40,605.86	\$2.38	99.99

DEPARTMENT	CARRY FWD	ORIG. BUD.	AMENDED	ENCUM.	EXPEND.	UNENCUM. BALANCE	% EXP.
TOWN COUNSEL EXPENSES	\$3,507.35	\$18,000.00			\$15,423.17	\$6,084.18	71.71
TOWN COUNSEL TOTAL	\$3,507.35	\$18,000.00			\$15,423.17	\$6,084.18	71.71
AUDIT EXPENSES	\$4,500.00	\$18,500.00			\$14,00.00	\$9,000.00	60.86
AUDIT TOTAL	\$4,500.00	\$18,500.00			\$14,00.00	\$9,000.00	60.86
POSTAGE EXPENSES		\$12,000.00			\$9,636.64	\$2,363.36	80.30
POSTAGE TOTAL		\$12,000.00			\$9,636.64	\$2,363.36	80.30
TOWN REPORT EXPENSES		\$3,500.00			\$2,745.00	\$755.00	78.42
TOWN REPORT TOTAL		\$3,500.00			\$2,745.00	\$755.00	78.42
TOWN CLERK SALARIES		\$27,516.84			\$27,516.84		100.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSES		\$2,145.00			\$1,833.32	\$311.18	85.49
TOWN CLERK TOTAL		\$29,661.84			\$29,350.66	\$311.18	98.95
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION EXPENSES	\$21.38	\$14,274.15			\$8,139.58	\$6,155.95	56.93
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION TOTAL	\$21.38	\$14,274.15			\$8,139.58	\$6,155.95	56.93
CON COMM EXPENSES		\$14,310.00	\$1,000.00		\$14,839.14	\$470.86	96.92
CON COMM TOTAL		\$14,310.00	\$1,000.00		\$14,839.14	\$470.86	96.92
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES		\$7,202.65			\$4,747.30	\$2,455.35	65.91
PLANNING BOARD TOTAL		\$7,202.65			\$4,747.30	\$2,455.35	65.91
BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES		\$3,510.00			\$3,492.30	\$17.70	99.49
ZONING BOARD TOTAL		\$3,510.00			\$3,492.30	\$17.70	99.49
BERK REGIONAL PLANNING COMM		\$1,316.24			\$1,316.24		100.00
BRPC TOTAL		\$1,316.24			\$1,316.24		100.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG LABOR		\$46,290.96			\$46,290.96		100.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG UTILITIES		\$69,000.00	\$-8,000.00		\$51,936.64	\$9,063.36	85.14
MUNICIPAL BLDG EXPENSES	\$17,358.24	\$58,515.00	\$165.00		\$66,897.38	\$9,140.86	87.97
WIREDWEST MEMBERSHIP		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG REPAIRS	\$7,495.17	\$11,500.00			\$14,738.17	\$4,257.00	77.58
REPLC FRONT AND REAR DBL DOOR	\$6,692.00				\$6,692.00		100.00
TOWN HALL RAMPS & HANDRAILS	\$24,500.00	\$37,000.00			\$61,500.00		100.00
TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPES		\$6,575.00			\$6,575.00		100.00
STORAGE SHED		\$8,900.00			\$8,695.00	\$205.00	97.69
POOLED USE VEHICLE					\$17,900.00	\$100.00	99.44
MUNICIPAL BLDG TOTAL	\$62,620.41	\$232,205.96	\$10,165.00		\$282,225.15	\$22,766.22	92.53
COMPUTER HARD/SOFTWARE UPGRADES	\$4,121.55	\$7,000.00			\$8,554.00	\$2,567.55	76.91
MUNICIPAL BLDG TOWN HALL CNTRL AIR	\$20,000.00		\$42,500.00		\$23,096.31	\$62,500.00	0.00
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS		\$23,096.31			\$31,650.31		100.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG ARTICLES TOTAL	\$24,121.55	\$30,096.31	\$42,500.00		\$31,650.31	\$65,067.55	32.72

DEPARTMENT	CARRY FWD	ORIG. BUD.	AMENDED	ENCUM.	EXPEND.	UNENCUM. BALANCE	% EXP.
RESERVE FUND		\$40,000.00	\$-19,974.14			\$20,025.86	100.00
RESERVE FUND TOTAL		\$40,000.00	\$-19,974.14			\$20,025.86	0.00
POLICE DEPT SALARIES		\$290,914.96	\$-5,256.00		\$277,032.29	\$8,626.67	96.98
POLICE DEPT EXPENSES		\$17,950.00	\$10,607.46		\$25,798.67	\$2,758.79	90.33
POLICE CRUISER		\$38,600.00			\$38,600.00		100.00
POLICE DEPT TOTAL		\$347,464.96	\$5,351.46		\$341,430.96	\$11,385.46	96.77
EMERG MANAGEMENT EXPENSES		\$1,000.00			\$854.65	\$145.35	85.46
EMERG MGT TRAINING	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00				\$4,000.00	0.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$854.65	\$4,145.35	17.09
CONSTABLE EXPENSES		\$300.00				\$300.00	0.00
CONSTABLE EXPENSES TOTAL		\$300.00				\$300.00	0.00
FIRE CHIEF SALARY		\$4,083.54			\$4,083.54		100.00
FIREFIGHTER STIPENDS	\$12,600.00	\$15,400.00			\$21,700.00	\$6,300.00	77.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$6,190.52	\$30,000.00			\$27,088.85	\$9,101.67	74.85
DRY HYDRANTS	\$6,886.85					\$6,886.85	0.00
FIRE STATION #1 REPLACE/INSTALL WIN	\$15,000.00	\$8,900.00			\$9,450.00	\$23,900.00	0.00
FIRE STATION #1 FOUND, BLK & REAR C		\$10,000.00				\$550.00	94.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$40,677.37	\$68,383.54			\$62,322.39	\$46,738.52	57.14
DRY HYDRANT PARTS	\$7,000.00					\$7,000.00	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLES TOTAL	\$7,000.00					\$7,000.00	0.00
E911 COMMUNICATIONS		\$11,606.62			\$11,606.62		100.00
E911 COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL		\$11,606.62				100.00	100.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT SALARIES		\$51,356.24	\$415.88		\$51,772.12		100.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		\$3,272.00			\$3,242.65	\$29.35	99.10
BUILDING DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$54,628.24	\$415.88		\$55,014.77	\$29.35	99.94
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES		\$8,041.26			\$8,010.09	\$31.17	99.61
ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSES		\$2,500.00			\$1,217.24	\$1,282.76	48.68
ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL		\$10,541.26			\$9,227.33	\$1,313.93	87.53
HARBOR MASTER EXPENSES		\$1,414.00			\$967.12	\$446.88	68.39
HARBOR MASTER TOTAL		\$1,414.00			\$967.12	\$446.88	68.39
DEMOLITION FUND	\$16,177.82	\$18,000.00				\$34,177.82	0.00
DEMOLITION TOTAL	\$16,177.82	\$18,000.00				\$34,177.82	0.00
SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET		\$1,897,741.00			\$1,897,741.00		100.00
VOCATIONAL TUITION		\$193,116.00	\$-24,500.00		\$146,797.00	\$21,819.00	87.05
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION		\$56,000.00			\$44,196.52	\$11,803.48	78.92
EDUCATION TOTAL		\$2,146,857.00	\$-24,500.00		\$2,088,734.52	\$33,622.48	98.41

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CARRY FWD</u>	<u>ORIG. BUD.</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNENCUM. BALANCE</u>	<u>% EXP.</u>
TREE ACCOUNT EXPENSES		\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		100.00
TREE ACCOUNT TOTAL		\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		100.00
FORESTRY		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00
FORESTRY TOTAL		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00
HIGHWAY DEPT SALARIES		\$215,720.10			\$212,015.51	\$3,704.59	98.28
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$24,732.00	\$158,960.00			\$182,709.18	\$982.82	99.46
MACHINERY ACCOUNT		\$69,477.00			\$60,351.31	\$9,125.69	86.86
FUEL ACCOUNT		\$92,175.00			\$64,712.70	\$27,462.30	70.20
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$1,822.00	\$10,990.00			\$9,539.90	\$3,272.10	74.46
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$26,554.00	\$547,322.10			\$529,328.60	\$44,547.50	92.23
GRADER		\$120,495.00			\$120,495.00		100.00
FY16 DUMP TRUCK		\$55,200.00			\$53,760.00	\$1,440.00	97.39
HIGHWAY ARTICLES TOTAL		\$175,695.00			\$174,255.00	\$1,440.00	99.18
WINTER ROADS SALARIES		\$146,879.30	\$3,036.55		\$149,915.85		100.00
WINTER ROADS		\$81,150.00	\$45,108.45		\$125,749.51	\$508.94	99.59
WINTER ROADS TOTAL		\$228,029.30	\$48,145.00		\$275,665.36	\$508.94	99.81
STREET LIGHTING		\$9,000.00			\$7,408.15	\$1,591.85	82.31
STREET LIGHTING TOTAL		\$9,000.00			\$7,408.15	\$1,591.85	82.31
TRANSFER STATION SALARIES		\$28,489.76			\$27,111.96	\$1,377.80	95.16
TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES		\$73,770.00			\$72,309.70	\$1,460.30	98.02
TRANSFER STATION TOTAL		\$102,259.76			\$99,421.66	\$2,838.10	97.22
BECKET CENTER CEMETERY		\$4,604.52			\$4,600.96	\$3.56	99.92
NORTH BECKET CEMETERY		\$11,289.64			\$11,284.00	\$5.64	99.95
WEST BECKET CEMETERY		\$1,273.46			\$633.36	\$640.10	49.73
CEMETERY TOTAL		\$17,167.62			\$16,518.32	\$649.30	96.21
SO BERK SOLID WASTE		\$8,000.00			\$7,732.40	\$267.60	96.65
TRANSFER STATION TOTAL		\$8,000.00			\$7,732.40	\$267.60	96.65
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES		\$17,850.00	\$-3,500.00		\$10,637.07	\$3,712.93	74.12
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES		\$18,500.00	\$10,500.00		\$26,174.44	\$2,825.56	90.25
BOARD OF HEALTH TOTAL		\$36,350.00	\$7,000.00		\$36,811.51	\$6,538.49	84.91
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		\$324.74			\$324.74		100.00
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS TOTAL		\$324.74			\$324.74		100.00
NURSING SERVICES		\$4,962.00			\$4,961.25	\$0.75	99.98
VISITING NURSE TOTAL		\$4,962.00			\$4,961.25	\$0.75	99.98

DEPARTMENT	CARRY FWD	ORIG. BUD.	AMENDED	ENCUM.	EXPEND.	UNENCUM. BALANCE	% EXP.
COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES		\$5,000.00			\$4,093.48	\$906.52	81.86
OUTREACH PROGRAMS		\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL		\$5,500.00			\$4,093.48	\$1,406.52	74.42
VETERANS AGENT SALARIES		\$2,056.64			\$2,056.64		100.00
VETERANS BENEFITS		\$30,000.00			\$26,448.79	\$3,551.21	88.16
VETERANS AGENT EXPENSE		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00
VETERANS TOTAL		\$32,156.64			\$28,505.43	\$3,651.21	88.64
ADA LIFT	\$7,000.00					\$7,000.00	0.00
UPGRADE & IMPROVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM		\$3,700.00			\$3,500.00	\$200.00	94.59
ARTS CENTER TOTAL	\$7,000.00	\$3,700.00			\$3,500.00	\$7,200.00	32.71
LIBRARY EXPENSES		\$46,700.00			\$46,700.00		100.00
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$46,700.00			\$46,700.00	100.00	100.00
LIBRARY CAPITAL	\$7,133.73	\$10,000.00			\$10,414.85	\$6,718.88	60.78
LIBRARY CAPITAL TOTAL	\$7,133.73	\$10,000.00			\$10,414.85	\$6,718.88	60.78
WEED TREATMENT CENTER POND		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00		100.00
CENTER POND TOTAL		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	100.00	100.00
PARKS AND REC COMM EXPENSES	\$320.21	\$20,000.00			\$19,614.08	\$706.13	96.52
PARKS COMM TOTAL	\$320.21	\$20,000.00			\$19,614.08	\$706.13	96.52
HISTORICAL COMM EXPENSES		\$1,662.00			\$1,583.01	\$78.99	95.24
HISTORICAL COMM TOTAL		\$1,662.00			\$1,583.01	\$78.99	95.24
MEMORIAL/VETERAN'S DAY EXPENSES		\$1,200.00	\$263.30		\$1,463.30		100.00
MEMORIAL/VETERAN'S DAY TOTAL		\$1,200.00	\$263.30		\$1,463.30	100.00	100.00
BECKET WASHINGTON SCHOOL		\$110,896.00			\$110,896.00		100.00
NESSACUS SCHOOL DEBT		\$4,194.00			\$4,194.00		100.00
INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT		\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	0.00
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HS DEBT		\$6,967.00			\$6,967.00		100.00
KITTEREDGE SCHOOL DEBT		\$115.00			\$115.00		100.00
FY14 CBRSD							100.00
DUMP TRUCK TRACTOR		\$79,162.00			\$79,161.30	\$0.70	99.99
KITTERDGE MSBA WINDOWS		\$359.00			\$359.00		100.00
FY14 DISTRICT SECURITY		\$917.00			\$917.00		100.00
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HS SIDEWALKS		\$280.00			\$280.00		100.00
DEBT TOTAL		\$204,390.00			\$202,889.30	\$1,500.70	99.26
RMV SURCHARGES			\$2,560.00		\$2,600.00	\$-40.00	101.56
AIR POLLUTION			\$868.00		\$868.00		100.00
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY			\$948.00		\$948.00		100.00

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CARRY FWD</u>	<u>ORIG. BUD.</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNENCUM. BALANCE</u>	<u>% EXP.</u>
SCHOOL CHOICE TUITION <i>TOTAL</i>			\$15,000.00 \$19,376.00		\$10,000.00 \$14,416.00	\$5,000.00 \$4,960.00	66.66 74.40
HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE	\$7,345.68	\$409,000.00			\$401,710.70	\$14,634.98	96.48
RETIREMENT		\$203,669.00			\$203,669.00		100.00
PAYROLL TAXES		\$24,150.00			\$22,368.26	\$1,781.74	92.62
UNEMPLOYMENT		\$8,500.00				\$8,500.00	0.00
<i>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL</i>	\$7,345.68	\$645,319.00			\$627,747.96	\$24,916.72	96.18
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$6,612.09	\$114,200.00			\$114,532.37	\$6,279.72	94.80
<i>LIABILITY INSURANCE TOTAL</i>	\$6,612.09	\$114,200.00			\$114,532.37	\$6,279.72	94.80
OTHER FINANCING - AMB		\$238,696.00				\$238,696.00	0.00
<i>OTHER FINANCING USES TOTAL</i>		\$238,696.00				\$238,696.00	0.00
<i>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</i>	\$247,159.08	\$6,024,554.95	\$239,986.00		\$5,840,621.45	\$671,078.58	89.69
GIFTS AND DONATIONS							
EDUCATION EXPENSES					\$1,713.00	\$-1,713.00	100.00
<i>EDUCATION TOTAL</i>					\$1,713.00	\$-1,713.00	100.00
AMBULANCE GIFTS EXPENSE					\$1,676.56	\$-1,676.56	100.00
<i>AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</i>					\$1,676.56	\$-1,676.56	100.00
SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSE					\$2,300.00	\$-2,300.00	100.00
<i>EDUCATION TOTAL</i>					\$2,300.00	\$-2,300.00	100.00
<i>GIFTS AND DONATIONS TOTAL</i>					\$5,689.56	\$-5,689.56	100.00
FEDERAL GRANTS							
BONNY RIGG HILL EXP					\$461,532.87	\$-461,532.87	100.00
<i>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOTAL</i>					\$461,532.87	\$-461,532.87	100.00
<i>FEDERAL GRANTS TOTAL</i>					\$461,532.87	\$-461,532.87	100.00
STATE GRANTS							
OPEN CONTAINER					\$4,800.00	\$-4,800.00	100.00
<i>TRANSFER STATION TOTAL</i>					\$4,800.00	\$-4,800.00	100.00
EMERG MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT EXPENSE					\$2,256.26	\$-2,256.26	100.00
<i>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TOTAL</i>					\$2,256.26	\$- 2,256.26	100.00
DCR FOREST FIREFIGHTING					\$4,000.00	\$-4,000.00	100.00
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</i>					\$4,000.00	\$-4,000.00	100.00

DEPARTMENT	CARRY FWD	ORIG. BUD.	AMENDED	ENCUM.	EXPEND.	UNENCUM. BALANCE	% EXP.
COA GRANT EXPENSES <i>COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL</i>					\$4,104.50 <i>\$4,104.50</i>	\$-4,104.50 <i>\$-4,104.50</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
LIBRARY GRANT EXPENSES <i>LIBRARY TOTAL</i>					\$4,035.68 <i>\$4,035.68</i>	\$-4,035.68 <i>\$-4,035.68</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
CULTURAL COUNCIL EXPENSE <i>CULTURAL COUNCIL TOTAL</i>					\$4,747.51 <i>\$4,747.51</i>	\$-4,747.51 <i>\$-4,747.51</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
<i>STATE GRANTS TOTAL</i>					<i>\$23,943.95</i>	<i>\$-23,943.95</i>	<i>100.00</i>
CPA FUND							
CPA ADMIN EXPENSES		\$500.00			\$300.00	\$200.00	60.00
PLAYSCAPE & SWINGSET		\$75,000.00			\$74,783.95	\$216.05	99.71
REFIN & RESTORE WOOD FLOORS		\$6,000.00			\$16,348.00	\$6,000.00	0.00
REPAIR & RESTORE HIST HEADSTONES		\$32,000.00			\$15,652.00	\$15,652.00	0.00
<i>CPA COMMITTEE TOTAL</i>		<i>\$113,500.00</i>			<i>\$91,431.95</i>	<i>\$22,068.05</i>	<i>80.55%</i>
<i>CPA FUND TOTAL</i>		<i>\$113,500.00</i>			<i>\$91,431.95</i>	<i>\$22,068.05</i>	<i>80.55%</i>
REVOLVING FUNDS							
INS REIMB<20K					\$1,118.00	\$-1,118.00	100.00
<i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL</i>					<i>\$1,118.00</i>	<i>\$-1,118.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
CONSERVATION WETLANDS EXPENSES <i>CONS COMM TOTAL</i>					\$5,858.94 <i>\$5,858.94</i>	\$-5,858.94 <i>\$-5,858.94</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
PLUMBING INSPECTOR EXPENSES <i>PLUMBING INSPECTOR TOTAL</i>					\$3,195.00 <i>\$3,195.00</i>	\$-3,195.00 <i>\$-3,195.00</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
GAS INSPECTOR EXPENSES <i>GAS INSPECTOR TOTAL</i>					\$2,610.00 <i>\$2,610.00</i>	\$-2,610.00 <i>\$-2,610.00</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
WIRING INSPECTOR EXPENSES <i>WIRING INSPECTOR TOTAL</i>					\$4,545.00 <i>\$4,545.00</i>	\$-4,545.00 <i>\$-4,545.00</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
POLICE OUTSIDE DETAIL <i>POLICE DEPT TOTAL</i>					\$168,992.02 <i>\$168,992.02</i>	\$-168,992.02 <i>\$-168,992.02</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
<i>REVOLVING FUNDS TOTAL</i>					<i>\$186,318.96</i>	<i>\$-186,318.96</i>	<i>100.00</i>
CHAPTER 90 EXPENSES <i>TOTAL</i>					\$314,409.26 <i>\$314,409.26</i>	\$-314,409.26 <i>\$-314,409.26</i>	100.00 <i>100.00</i>
<i>CHAPTER 90 TOTAL</i>					<i>\$314,409.26</i>	<i>\$-314,409.26</i>	<i>100.00</i>

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CARRY FWD</u>	<u>ORIG. BUD.</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNENCUM. BALANCE</u>	<u>% EXP.</u>
GRADER							100.00
GRADER							100.00
<i>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOTAL</i>							100.00
<i>GRADER TOTAL</i>							
DUMP TRUCK FY16							100.00
DUMP TRUCK FY16							100.00
<i>HIGHWAY ARTICLES TOTAL</i>							100.00
<i>DUMP TRUCK FY16 TOTAL</i>							
TOWN HALL ROOF							100.00
TOWN HALL ROOF					\$45,687.66	\$-45,687.66	100.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG TOTAL					\$45,687.66	\$-45,687.66	100.00
TOWN HALL ROOF TOTAL					\$45,687.66	\$-45,687.66	100.00
LOADER FY17							100.00
LOADER FY17					\$166,478.98	\$-166,478.98	100.00
<i>HIGHWAY ARTICLES TOTAL</i>					\$166,478.98	\$-166,478.98	100.00
<i>LOADER FY17 TOTAL</i>					\$166,478.98	\$-166,478.98	100.00
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE							97.62
AMBULANCE SALARIES		\$302,396.00	\$-7,780.00		\$287,608.06	\$7,007.94	90.33
AMBULANCE EXPENSES		\$46,300.00	\$7,780.00		\$48,854.66	\$5,225.34	96.49
<i>AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</i>		\$348,696.00			\$336,462.72	\$12,233.28	96.49
<i>AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE TOTAL</i>		\$348,696.00			\$336,462.72	\$12,233.28	96.49
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST							100.00
CEM PERP CARE EXPENSES					\$2,463.30	\$-2,463.30	100.00
CEMETERY TOTAL					\$2,463.30	\$-2,463.30	100.00
<i>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST TOTAL</i>					\$2,463.30	\$-2,463.30	100.00
ROAD DISTRICT AGENCY							100.00
SHERWOOD FOREST PAYMENTS					\$10,598.94	\$-10,598.94	100.00
SHERWOOD GREENS PAYMENTS					\$7,453.54	\$-7,453.54	100.00
SHERWOOD FOREST LAKE PAYMENTS					\$5,782.59	\$-5,782.59	100.00
<i>TOTAL</i>					\$23,835.07	\$-23,835.07	100.00
<i>ROAD DISTRICT AGENCY TOTAL</i>					\$23,835.07	\$-23,835.07	100.00
AGENCY FUND							100.00
VENDOR REFUNDS					\$661.64	\$-661.64	100.00
RETIREE INSURANCE AND WITHOLDINGS					\$21,949.90	\$-21,949.90	100.00
<i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL</i>					\$22,611.54	\$-22,611.54	100.00
DEPUTY COLLECTOR EXPENSE					\$2,743.89	\$-2,743.89	100.00
<i>DEPUTY COLLECTOR TOTAL</i>					\$2,743.89	\$-2,743.89	100.00

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CARRY FWD</u>	<u>ORIG. BUD.</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNENCUM. BALANCE</u>	<u>% EXP.</u>
TOWN CLERK FEES SALARIES					\$837.00	\$-837.00	100.00
<i>TOWN CLERK TOTAL</i>					<i>\$837.00</i>	<i>\$-837.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
PISTOL PERMIT EXPENSES					\$4,587.50	\$-4,587.50	100.00
<i>POLICE DEPT TOTAL</i>					<i>\$4,587.50</i>	<i>\$-4,587.50</i>	<i>100.00</i>
FIRE DEPT FEES					\$3,180.00	\$-3,180.00	100.00
<i>FIRE DEPT TOTAL</i>					<i>\$3,180.00</i>	<i>\$-3,180.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>AGENCY FUND TOTAL</i>					<i>\$33,959.93</i>	<i>\$-33,959.93</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>\$247,159.08</i>	<i>\$6,486,750.95</i>	<i>\$239,986.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$7,532,835.66</i>	<i>\$-558,939.63</i>	<i>108.01</i>



◆ **TOWN OF BECKET - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET** ◆

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Project Funds	Ambul Fund	Trust Fund	Agency Fund	Long Term Debt Group	Memo Only
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash	1,188,199.39	505,434.46	-336,671.28	-24,018.44	33,925.40	791,954.85	92,668.18	0.00	2,251,492.56
Property Taxes	399,184.64	2,283.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	401,467.64
Allowance for Abate & Exempt	-299,491.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-299,491.72
Tax Liens	1,485,654.38	947.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,486,602.02
Motor Vehicle Excise	35,291.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,291.90
User Charges/Liens	10,046.26	11,526.26	0.00	0.00	25,342.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,914.82
Amts Prov for Pay of Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	476,000.00	476,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,818,884.85	520,191.36	-336,671.28	-24,018.44	59,267.70	791,954.85	92,668.18	476,000.00	4,398,277.22
<u>LIABILITIES</u>									
Other Liabilities	4,861.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,861.67
Def Rev Prop Tax	99,692.92	2,283.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	101,975.92
Def Rev Tax Liens	1,485,654.38	947.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,486,602.02
Def Rev MV Excise	35,291.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,291.90
Borrowing Authorized and Unissued	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4,047,747.35	-4,047,747.35
Def Rev User Charges/Liens	10,046.26	11,526.26	0.00	0.00	25,342.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,914.82
Borrowing Authorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,047,747.35	4,047,747.35
Bonds Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	476,000.00	476,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,635,547.13	14,756.90	0.00	0.00	25,342.30	0.00	0.00	476,000.00	2,151,646.33
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>									
Reserved for Encumbrances	249,511.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249,511.48
Reserved for Expenditures	369,032.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	369,032.00
Designated	35,000.00	146,760.05	0.00	0.00	33,925.40	761,656.77	0.00	0.00	977,342.22
Undesignated	529,794.24	358,674.41	-336,671.28	-24,018.44	0.00	30,298.08	92,668.18	0.00	650,745.19
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,183,337.72	505,434.46	-336,671.28	-24,018.44	33,925.40	791,954.85	92,668.18	0.00	2,246,630.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	2,818,884.85	520,191.36	-336,671.28	-24,018.44	59,267.70	791,954.85	92,668.18	476,000.00	4,398,277.22



◆ **WAGES PAID IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017** ◆

Board of Selectmen

Elovirta, William H.	\$ 2,019.96
Lavery, Michael	1,186.66
Ledoux, Nicole D.	2,019.96
Pryor, Jeanne W.	833.30

Town Administrator

Gibson, Edward J.	\$ 66,480.80
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Board of Assessors

Walter, Geraldine L.	\$ 29,693.55
Will, Elizabeth A.	16,941.06

Treasurer

Bleau, Christine D.	\$ 43,763.20
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Tax Collector

Bilodeau, Kenneth	\$ 54,600.00
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Assistant Tax Collector

Weiler, Nina M.	\$ 45,444.82
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Deputy Collector

Shorey, David O.	\$ 2,776.00
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Town Secretary

Gilbert, Beverly A.	\$ 42,222.42
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Town Clerk/Elections

Roberts, George E.	\$ 29,121.99
Blake, Alvin	88.00
Bonney, Eva J.	66.00
Cahalan, Candice L.	44.00
Clemons, Patricia	214.50
Francis, Charles I.	115.50
Garman, Charles A.	55.00
Kay-Grace, Julia	99.00
Krawet, Ann L.	126.50
LaBelle, Gale L.	203.50
McEwen, Priscilla J.	55.00
VanNess, Elizabeth P.	88.00

Police Department

Forest, Cameron D.	\$ 5,207.01
Heath, Chad E.	23,183.44
Hunt, Michael	49,672.66
Jones, Craig	14,854.35
Lamb, Charlene F.	655.51
McDonough, Kristopher G.	65,225.74

Miller, Nicole M.	21,475.10
Parkington, Stephen J.	707.25
Pettibone, Kenneth E.	38,938.89
Sawyer, Michael F.	1,574.32
Virginia, Matthew	54,790.49

Conservation Commission Agent

Larcom, Mallory A.	\$ 15,555.04
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Fire Chief/Chief Stipend & Fees

Hanford, Mark A.	\$ 8489.16
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Ambulance Department

Baker, Matthew S.	\$ 1,862.12
Beringer, Richard	\$135.63
Breault, Haylie R.	15,318.57
Campbell, Craig B.	849.62
Cawthron, Danny R.	10,468.39
Cooper, Meredydd	25,012.77
Davidson, Erik R.	15,197.03
Drenen, Matthew L.	312.70
Edwards Jr., David P.	7004.61
Ferrin, Raymond E.	40,250.14
Forsaith, Sarah R.	2,226.60
Garofoli, Vincent J.	45,447.49
Hart, Hillary T.	15,809.30
Hoppe Jr., Dean H.	1,898.82
Jones, Tara A.	1,323.74
Kelly, Gregory V.	297.63
Kibbe, Frances J.	23,331.12
Koivisto, Max W	9,279.60
Kupernik, James R.	16,731.43
Lacas, Roseanna K.	1,303.55
Mansdoerfer, Shelby A.	312.70
Mechare, Joseph W.	16,655.11
Michaud, Lisa J.	146.96
Miller, Nicole L.	28,856.55
Mullany, Michael J.	5,792.36
David Norcross	5,203.15
Robillard Jr. Leo O.	793.54
Sorrentino, Victoria L.	2,369.47
Stanton, Diana L.	4,215.03
Van Deusen Crystal L.	1,815.43
Vivier, Edward V.	4,268.53

Building Inspector

Danko, Gary	\$ 1,312.51
Girard, William E.	52,050.93

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Public Safety Inspections		Clerk of Committees	
Levernoch, Mark A.	\$ 4,095.00	Hunt, Heather	\$ 404.82
Spring, Dana	6,390.00	Perotti, Jessica M.	21,326.06
Middleton, Brian E.	1,080.00		
Highway Department		Recreation Program & Lifeguards	
Cooper, Robert R.	\$ 56,130.75	DeFoe, Michaela C.	\$ 2,985.00
Goodermote, Albert R.	56,619.98	Elovirta, Madelaine	263.25
Morawiec, Nathan E.	55,162.44	Pineda, Emellin	1,616.00
Murray, Donald L.	58,113.57	Greenspan, Zachary M.	3,773.26
Shorey, David O.	3,891.20	Shannon, Ariana A.	1,971.00
Waite, Jeffrey	57,141.82	Smith, Amber L.	3,381.00
Building & Grounds Technician		Accountant	
Shorey, David O.	\$ 46,536.00	McClellan, Margaret A.	\$ 23,542.00
Highway Superintendent		Harbor Master	
Bouchard, Christopher	\$ 62,976.00	Rosenthal, Steven	\$ 624.24
Board of Health		Fire Department Stipend	
Burgwardt, Laurel L.	\$ 2,535.85	Atwell, James R.	\$ 700.00
Animal Control Officer		Beringer, Richard	700.00
Goodermote, Albert	\$ 8,007.96	Bergeron Jr., Aurele	700.00
Animal Inspector		Elovirta, Jan R.	700.00
Elovirta, Madelaine	\$ 324.74	Elovirta, Justin R.	700.00
Veterans' Agent		Elovirta, Madelaine	700.00
Mann, Lloyd D.	\$ 2,077.22	Elovirta, William H.	700.00
Cemetery		Furlong Jr., David F.	700.00
Cavanaugh, William F.	\$ 14,863.82	Goebel, Gene R.	700.00
Smith, Michelle S.	794.51	Healey, Robert	700.00
Williams, Dean R.	4,916.40	Healey Jr., Robert	700.00
Transfer Station		Isner, Christopher A.	700.00
Hoppe, Siegfried B.	\$ 10,303.12	Johnson, Robert L.	700.00
White, Mark D.	10,211.22	Massini, Kristopher M.	700.00
Williams, Dean	7,357.80	Mikanicwicz, Paul A.	700.00

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Appointment Application

TO: Board of Selectmen:

Please accept this application for **1. Appointment** or **2. Reappointment** to:

(Committee/Board/Commission)

Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Current employment: _____

1. If you are requesting Appointment, please complete the following questions:

- Have you ever attended a meeting of the committee/board/commission?

- Why are you interested in this committee/board/commission?

- What experience, skills or insight would you bring to the committee/board/commission?

- Are you prepared to commit to the meeting schedule of the committee/board/commission?

- What would you hope to accomplish on the committee/board/commission?

All original applicants or those seeking re-appointment: Please sign at the bottom of this page.

2. If you are requesting Re-appointment, please complete the following questions:

- What has been your level of attendance at committee/board/commission meetings?

- What have you brought to the committee/board/commission in terms of experience, skills, ideas, insight?

- How do you feel you have helped the committee/board/commission in its goal(s)/mission?

- Why do you want to continue serving on the committee/board/commission?

Signature

Date