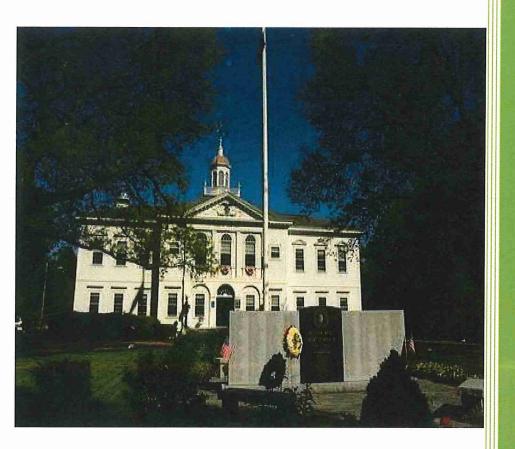
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Town of Hamilton



Annual Report

Town of Hamilton Massachusetts



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July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Town of Hamilton
Essex County
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Incorporated June 21, 1793
Area 14.99 Square Miles Town Population 8,394

Sixth Congressional District
Fifth Councilor District
First Essex and Middlesex Senatorial District
Fourth Essex Representative District

State Officials Congressman: John Tierney, *Salem* Senator: Bruce E. Tarr, *Gloucester* Representative, Brad Hill, *Ipswich*

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Reports: General Government

Board of Selectmen

We have a great Town with wonderful people and a solid government. We have over 30 boards and committees, hard at work all year. All of those boards and committees help us decide which programs or projects are important.

- Some key changes are underway in Hamilton. While our total population has been stable over the last ten years, school enrollment has declined 15% while the population of our residents ages 50-60 is up by over 6%.
- Residences make up 95% of our tax base. We added 4 new homes this year, doubling our tenyear average. The vast majority of our existing homes are valued between \$300k and \$700k, the overall average being just over \$467k. Home values are making a small rebound after the great recession, as is our total assessed valuation of \$1.3 billion.
- Compared to our neighbors (Boxford, Essex, Ipswich, Manchester, Middleton, Topsfield, and Wenham), we spend less of our taxes on all town departments except education. We had no tax overrides after 5 years in a row from 2005-20110 for our schools, one our best ranked services. Our regional services of recreation, library and education are the best in the area joint programs represent 2/3 of our total spending. Our tax rate, \$17.40, is ranked 36th in the Commonwealth, relatively flat for the last two years after 5 years of rapid increases. Incomes and spending and average tax bill have all risen almost equally, 15% inflation-adjusted over the last ten years. We began a 3-phase replacement of our water pipes which are 60-70 years old yet were designed to last only 40-50. Our town has current plans on file for Joint Recreation (with Wenham), Housing Production Plan (for affordable housing), a Master Plan (for land use), and our first ever 3-year spending forecast and 5-year capital plan. We agreed to sell 4 acres of the Patton Homestead gift from Mrs. Patton to the Town and the expected \$150k/year of taxes to contribute to Homestead maintenance and use some of the proceeds of the sale for recreation fields as well as Homestead maintenance.

We have trusted and valued volunteers on our boards and committees. They all listen to our needs and concerns, contributing to our plans and directions. They are our neighbors, friends and confidants, all passionate about our Town and we thank them for their contributions.

2014 Board of Selectmen

Steve Madern, Chairman

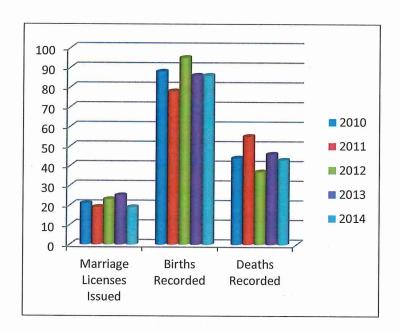
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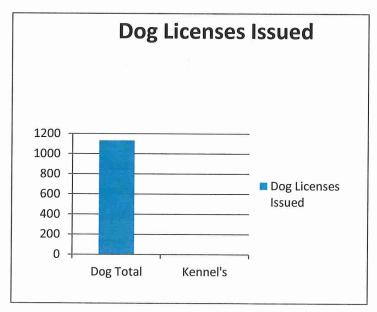
Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office serves as a general information center to the public, including posting of all board meetings according to the Open Meeting Law. Numerous requests are filled for certified copies of vital records, general information about the Town and its activities, genealogical information, business and legal decisions by Town boards.

The Town Clerk is responsible for local and state elections, recording and certification of all official actions from town meetings, census maintenance, voter registration, maintenance and issuance of vital records and swearing into office all board and committee appointments as well as elected officials. We also process and issue various licenses including marriage and dog licenses, raffle permits and business certificates throughout the year.

I would like to thank Administrative Assistant Linda Grimes for her dedication and effort in performing the many and varied duties which make it possible for this office to run smoothly, A very special thank you to our dedicated senior volunteers who assist us with our special projects: Carol Kirby, Ruth Flumerflet, and Charlotte Teshko for their help stuffing census envelopes, indexing our maps and town meeting minutes. We sincerely appreciate all their efforts.





Elections and Registrations

Board of Registrars - Constance Cobb, Walter Leszczynski, Maureen Hickey and Andrea J. Carlson, Clerk Officio.

This year we had two Town Meetings and three Elections. The minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Annual Town Meeting and Fall Special Town Meeting was held at the H-W Regional High School Auditorium under the direction of Christopher Shailor, Bill Melville and their staff of dedicated and talented young adults that keep our meetings running smoothly. We sincerely appreciate your help.

The three elections were held at the Winthrop School. Our thanks to Christopher Heath, Winthrop Principal and his staff for all their help in allowing us to have our elections at Winthrop. We sincerely appreciate the wonderful team work.

I sincerely thank the dedication and hard work of Greg Stevens, Peter Cobb, Ivan Muise, Gary Kureta and William Redford the DPW Director in setting up the elections, the Board of Registrars, the Election Officials, and the Hamilton Police for their support and professionalism. I would also like to thank the custodians and kitchen staff at Winthrop School for helping our days to run smoothly and keeping us well fed, it was a great team effort.

| Summary of Elections & Town Meeting for 2014 | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| April 5, | Annual Town Meeting had 355 | | |
| 2014 | registered voters in attendance which w | | |
| 1 - | 6% of the 5,661 registered voters in | | |
| | Hamilton. | | |
| April 10, | Annual Town Election had 1016 ballots | | |
| 2014 | cast, which was 18% of the 5,661 | | |
| | registered voters in Hamilton | | |
| September | State Primary Election had 1031 ballots | | |
| 9, 2014 | cast, which was 18% of the 5,595 | | |
| | registered voters in Hamilton | | |
| October 20, | Special Town Meeting had 123 | | |
| 2014 | registered voters in attendance which was | | |
| major man, | 2% of the 5, 605 registered voters in | | |
| nit in facts an | Hamilton. | | |
| November | State Election had 3302 ballots cast, | | |
| 4, 2014 | which was 59% of the 5,618 registered | | |
| | voters in Hamilton | | |
| | | | |

The annual census forms were mailed out, and again we are urging residents to complete and return as soon as possible. Massachusetts State and Federal representation and funding depend on the population. Also, the listing of every resident and household is very important to our Police and Fire Departments for safety reasons.

I sincerely appreciate your support throughout the year and I thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea J. Carlson Town Clerk

Fire Department

The Fire Department serves the Town of Hamilton with (4) fulltime firefighters and (25) call firefighters. Zach Dolan, Zachary Ingraham, Scott MacAskill, Justin Mullin, and Michael Musticchio were hired as call firefighters.

It was a busy year for fires. We had ten building fires, the worst was a four alarm fire at 279 Bridge Street. The month of February we received mutual aid seven times. We had a horse rescue on January 25th that received national attention. Firefighters from three departments and the Essex County Tech Rescue Team helped rescue an 1800 pound horse that was stuck in the ice and mud up to his neck at 480 Bay Road. It took two and half hours to rescue "Moonshine". The horse made a full recovery.



The Department responded to 894 calls for assistance. There were 472 fire calls and 422 medical calls.

In September the department's 1988 ladder truck did not pass the Underwriters Ladder Test due to heavy corrosion problems. It was voted at the Fall Town Meeting to replace the aerial ladder with a new combination aerial ladder/pumper. We purchased a demo model from Pierce Fire Apparatus, it was delivered in December. The truck was dedicated to Retired Chief Robert McRae who passed away earlier in the year. A new pickup truck was delivered in November to replace the 1998 truck.



The Department is dedicated to training and train in-house and with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. All members train in firefighting, hazardous materials, medical, CPR, and rescue techniques. We train with area Departments on ice rescue annually. Hamilton Fire Prevention did a week of training in the elementary schools. The training was in classroom and the Essex County Fire SAFE Trailer where they got practical fire safety training. The SAFE Trailer was also at the Public Safety Day in September and at the Citizens' Fire Academy. Many people took advantage of the training.

Fire Drills and Lock Down Drills were done at all the public schools, Pingree School, and Gordon Conwell. The schools are required to do four fire drills per year; one can be a lock down drill.

The Department held the Second Citizens' Fire Academy on Wednesday nights in April and May. Participants learned what the Fire Department does and learned about the equipment, fire prevention, auto extrication, and technical rescue. They also did a field trip to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and to the Georgetown Fire Tower.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Fire Department. I commend them for their continued support and dedication to the people of the Town of Hamilton. They are on call 24/7; they leave their jobs and homes in all kinds of weather, any time of night or day at a moment's

notice to assist the citizens with any kind of emergency.

Philip W. Stevens, Jr., Fire Chief

| INCIDENTS – 2014 | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| | |
| Structure Fires | 23 |
| Vehicle Fires | 1 |
| Brush Fires | 2 |
| Other Fires | 4 |
| Rescue | 31 |
| Hazardous Condition-No fire | 33 |
| Service Calls | 86 |
| Good Intent Calls | 41 |
| False Calls | 196 |
| Mutual Aid Given | 20 |
| Other responses | 35 |
| Total Fires Calls | 472 |
| Emergency Medical Calls | 422 |
| TOTAL CALLS | 894 |

Firefighter/EMT Ryan Goodwin and Firefighter/EMT Robert Wallace are certified to do car seat installations. They did 141 installations in 2014. There is no charge for the installation.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management is based on preparedness. We are required to have Community Assessment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Comprehensive Emergency Plans. Our Comprehensive Emergency Plan was accepted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

A few years ago Emergency Management and the Health Dept. set up a sheltering program for the town. Kim Paskalis the former Health Nurse played a major role in that team. Nancy Stevens has also been invaluable.

Since Christine Lee took over as Health Nurse last year she has attended the meetings and has helped make the team a success.

We meet about every other month for an hour. We currently have about a dozen active members. We have set up a stock room in the rear of the Council on Aging Building. The room is stocked with shelter supplies and equipment for health emergencies. All the equipment has been inventoried.

We have written a set of Standard Operating Procedures for the operation of the Shelter Team. All the members have received it and have given input.

We did a set up drill this past year and we are working on putting together a drill with the schools, public safety and health.

We have been educating the public on what to do in an emergency, be informed, make a plan, and get an emergency kit. We are here to assist you to prepare for an emergency.

Philip W. Stevens, Jr. Fire Chief/EMD

Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hamilton:

I am pleased to offer you this annual report highlighting the activities and accomplishments of your Police Department during the calendar year of 2014. The Hamilton Police Department is a full-service, full-time police agency that serves our residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The philosophy of the Hamilton Police Department is to prevent crime and being proactive, while promoting a high quality of life for the people for which we serve. We continue to utilize a Community Orientated Policing approach in dealing with the many problems we face each day. Working together with citizens, businesses, schools and civic organizations, the Hamilton Police Department is building partnerships for a safer community.

I continue to meet and speak with many of you regarding concerns you would like to see addressed. As a result of these discussions, I have been able to examine and address many of the issues you presented.

We are asking all citizens to remain vigilant and call us immediately if they detect anything suspicious in nature or out of the ordinary. Although I consider Hamilton a very safe town to live and raise a family, I encourage residents to lock their homes and vehicles. By

collaborating together we can better serve our community.

We continue to work diligently with other Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies as well as the District Attorney's Office in an effort to thwart criminal activity and provide a safe community for our citizens. Every year we offer, free of charge, a Citizens Police Academy, RAD Training (Rape Aggression Defense Training), Cruiser Ride Alongs and a Christmas Toy Drive.

In these trying fiscal times we continue to work efficiently and effectively with other departments within the town in an effort to maximize resources while minimizing costs. We are always exploring ways to provide the same if not better services to our residents while reducing overall spending.

I would once again like to thank the citizens of Hamilton for the opportunity to serve you. I am also going to take this opportunity and commend the officers and staff of the Hamilton Police Department for their service, commitment and professionalism. Their dedication and tireless efforts help to make the Town of Hamilton a safe and desirable community in which to live.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell M. Stevens, Chief of Police

Hamilton Police Department 2013 and 2014 Statistics

| Classification | 2013 | 2014 |
|--|-------------|-------|
| Motor Vehicle Citations - Warnings | 530 | 485 |
| Motor Vehicle Citations - Civil | 187 | 200 |
| Motor Vehicle Citations - Criminal Complaints | 137 | 145 |
| Motor Vehicle Citation - Arrests | 48 | 47 |
| Operating Under the Influence | 6 | 8 |
| Motor Vehicle Verbal | A THE PARTY | 389 |
| Parking Tickets | 66 | 72 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents Total | 144 | 110 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated | 84 | 76 |
| Crimes Against Persons | 38 | 16 |
| Crimes Against Property | 110 | 124 |
| Crimes Against Society | 66 | 65 |
| Marijuana Citations | 12 | 14 |
| Animal Calls | 477 | 467 |
| Medical Calls | 379 | 391 |
| Pistol Permits/ Firearms I.D. Cards/ Chemical Propellant Cards | 174 | 88 |
| Activity Detail | | |
| Total Calls for Service | 23098 | 21100 |
| Total Arrests | 154 | 139 |
| Traffic Stops | 1154 | 1338 |

(Statistical tabulation based on calendar year)

Hamilton-Wenham School District

In the 2013-14 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District continued to provide students from Hamilton and Wenham with one of the best educational opportunities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School graduated 180 members of the Class of 2014 in June. 95% of these students went on to pursue study at institutes of higher learning. The Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School was also named by the College Board to the 2014 Advanced Placement District Honor Roll for increasing student access to and performance on Advanced Placement Tests.

The District also saw several changes in leadership over the 2013-14 year. The School Committee welcomed one new member, Stacey Mettemick. Roger Kuebel was re-elected along with William Dery, and Lawrence Swath to fill an unexpired vacated 2 year term. William Wilson was elected to the position of Chairman and Sheila MacDonald as Vice-Chair.

The District also celebrated the contributions of several staff members during the 2013-14 school year. Four faculty members Dede Johnson, Wendy Campbell, Althea Cranton, and Adelaide Liporto, celebrated their retirement from the District in June of 2014.

In closing, I would like to thank the Communities of Hamilton and Wenham for their continued support of the educational mission of the HWRSD. The successes of the students of the District are a direct result of the high value the communities place on education. On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of the HWRSD, I promise we will continue to do our best to live up to this commitment and provide our students with an education that will ensure they are prepared to meet the challenges ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael M. Harvey, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee

5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984

| Charles and the control of the contr | Term Ends |
|--|-----------|
| Stacey L. Metternick | 2017 |
| William R. Dery | 2017 |
| Roger A. Kuebel | 2017 |
| Barbara Kent Lawrence | 2015 |
| Sheila B. MacDonald | 2015 |
| William W. Wilson | 2015 |
| Jeanise A. Bertrand | 2016 |
| Deborah H. Evans | 2016 |
| Lawrence D. Swartz | 2016 |

Board of Health

The Board of Health consists of three members serving three-year terms. Lindle Willnow serves as Chair, Susan Wilfahrt and Karen Zagorski serve as members. Leslie Whelan is the Health Agent and Nancy Stevens the Administrative Assistant. Chris Lee is our Public Health Nurse. Roberta Cody is our Food, Camp and Pool Inspector. Dyan Katz was reappointed as Animal Inspector and Anne Jackman was reappointed as Assistant Animal Inspector.

The Board is responsible for implementing and overseeing the laws, policies and regulations of the Town, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Responsibilities of the Board of Health include emergency planning, inspections, issuing of permits and licenses for septic installers, septic haulers, retail food establishments, retail tobacco, public and semi-public swimming pools, recreational camps for children and keeping of animals/stables. In addition, the Board of Health conducts health clinics, addresses concerns of public nuisance, air quality, noise control, insect control, beaver and mosquito management, food protection, housing complaints, Title 5 compliance and communicable disease reporting.

This year the Board continued vaccinating residents during flu season. The Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Health collectively joined together and held Flu Vaccine Clinics and vaccinated approximately 435 residents. With the help of nursing students and MRC volunteers, the Health Department's flu clinics were able to provide immunizations in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The Board continued to vaccinate into the 2014/2015 season as needed.

The Board continues to work at the local and regional level on emergency response planning relative to infectious disease emergencies, bioterrorist events and natural disasters. Hamilton participates in a coalition of 14 surrounding cities and towns working closely together to develop emergency plans and mutual

aid. Our Public Health Nurse, in collaboration with our Emergency Manager Director, organized and trained a group of volunteers to open an emergency shelter in Hamilton, should the need arise.

With positive reports of the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis found throughout the state, the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District continued to monitor areas throughout the town. The Board has chosen not to routinely spray. Taking personal protective measures and draining standing water in your yard are your best protection against mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases.

The following is a yearly report of permits/licenses issued, plan reviews and inspections:

| | 2014 |
|--|------|
| | |
| Septic Disposal System Construction (New) | 7 |
| Plan Review | |
| Septic Disposal System Construction (Repair) | 51 |
| Plan Review | |
| Septic Title 5 Inspection Report Review | 112 |
| Septic Construction Inspections | 102 |
| Soil Evaluation Inspections | 32 |
| Septic Disposal System Installer Licenses | |
| Septic Disposal System Hauler Licenses | |
| Food/Retail Service Permits | |
| Temporary Food/Retail Service Permits | |
| Seasonal Food Service Permits | |
| Keeping of Animal Permits | |
| Stable Permits | |
| Wells Permits | |
| Swimming Pools Permits | |
| Recreational Camps Permits | |
| Tobacco Sales Permits | |
| Complaints – Housing/Nuisance | |

Total fees collected in calendar year 2014 were \$50,195.

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH Lindle Willnow, *Chairman* Susan Wilfahrt Karen Zagorski

Reports: Health & Human Services

Veteran's Services

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which are subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year two Hamilton veterans were on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 20 of the town's 406 *identified* veterans and 4 of the 104 *identified* veterans' widows during 2014. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director advocate for veterans' on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. The department also provided information, assistance and guidance for citizens in determining their needs for Medical insurance.

On May 1, 2014, Terrance Hart, the Director of Veterans' Services for the last 15 years, passed away unexpectantly but peacefully. In October 2014, Ryan Lennon, the former Director of Veterans' Services for Lexington-Bedford was hired.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, Wenham and West Newbury. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. John Clemenzi is the Wenham member of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Lennon, District Director

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is a community based social service organization with its mission focusing on those individuals that are age 60 and older. We provide information and referral for services and programs that help you stay in your home and community as long as possible. We also offer health and wellness programs, as well as social programs. A portion of funding is provided yearly by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs through the Formula Grant. The balance of the annual budget is provided through municipal appropriations voted at Annual Town Meeting.

Some of the highlights and changes which occurred during this time include:

- Strong increase in Outreach and SHINE numbers showing a 59% increase in seniors contacted
- Total transports for year show a 14% increase with a 30% increase in number of medical transports
- Meals delivered and served numbered 9,585 in FY'15
- First Health Fair in October resulted in 18 vendors attending with approximately 47 seniors participating.
- Celebration for Edna Barney as recipient of the Boston Post cane as the oldest living female in Hamilton.
- First annual Board of Selectmen election debate at the Senior Center so that residents can query candidates on issues affecting seniors.
- Many new programs and activities added to schedule such as Tai Chi, walking club, weekly movies, weekly board games, Red Sox game day gettogethers, Low Vision group, painters group, voice lessons for seniors, Seniors

Helping Seniors, Garden Club flower show, monthly TRIAD meetings, strength training for seniors, monthly legal aid attorney, monthly audiology check-ups, Bingo and Hot Dogs, Arthritis Foundation exercise class. afternoons with Carol Burnett, Downton Day, Abbey Art Grows Here installation, Senior Paddles kayaking classes, historical snapshots Hamilton, fuel assistance, flu clinics and many more.

- Guidelines for use of the Hamilton Senior Center written, distributed and approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- Two of our senior painting class participants, Linda Spong and Marcia Rezza, completed a series of four paintings to be permanently exhibited at the Senior Center entitled "Friends for All Seasons".



• The Council on Aging requested funds and received approval from the Community Preservation Committee to renovate the two bathrooms at the Senior Center in the amount of \$30,000.

Reports: Health & Human Services

- Senator Bruce Tarr established monthly constituent hours at the Senior Center.
- The Low Vision group went to the State House for a White Cane rally in October in support of programs and funding for those who are sight-impaired. Representative Hill met them there and gave the group a tour of the State House.
- Senator Tarr and Representative Hill sponsored a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the American Legion in Hamilton for 75 seniors in Wenham and Hamilton. Corned beef and cabbage was prepared by the Sons of the Legions and served by municipal officials.
- A monthly greeting card program was established to touch base with seniors in Hamilton to introduce them to our Social Services Coordinator and let them know of the activities at the Senior Center.

- The Tri-Town Trippers program was established with the Towns of Ipswich, Wenham and Hamilton to provide our seniors with an improved list of day and overnight trips.
- The Hamilton COA in conjunction with the Wenham and Ipswich COA's sponsored Senior Charlie Card day at the Ipswich Senior Center to sign-up seniors aged 65 and older for a discounted MBTA transportation card.
- Work —out area set up with new recumbent bike, treadmill and resistance chair for weight lifting
- Office away from home set up with laptop, printer and shredder

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Lawton

Director, Hamilton Council on Aging

Hamilton-Wenham Public Library

During 2014, the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library staff was busy serving the informational needs of the citizens of our two towns and surrounding communities.

Some of the building projects this year included staining the building, repairing elevator issues and creating a wired hub in the local history room to accommodate groups meeting with individual laptops. The town of Wenham received a State Green Communities Grant that will provide an upgrade to the exterior lighting at the library.

In 2014, the library circulated 241,561 items. Our meeting rooms (including some programs that were offered offsite) were used by community groups and library programs a total of 1,361 times. The library offered 396 adult programs, 99 young adult programs, and 400 children's programs. Our reference department answered 18,325 reference questions and our study rooms were used a total of 2,167 times. Our Overdrive dovvnloadable E-book and audio book circulation increased from 1,433 in 2011 to 5,254 in 2014.

The library received a \$1,000 grant from the Howard P. Colhoun Family Foundation which was used to buy audio materials for adults, including PlayAways and MP3-CDs. One of Holly Meade's beautiful illustrations now hangs in the children's room, kindness of a generous donor. We continue to host six two-month art displays featuring exquisite local talent. Computer classes, digital drop-ins and 3-D printer workshops continue to benefit our patrons. hi January, we look forward to launching our new dynamic library website using WordPress.

We showed many films and welcomed wonderful authors including: Hank Phillippi Ryan and Andy Martinez, author of *The Pier at the End of the World* The library also hosted

and ran many popular book groups. A grant from First Church Wenham allowed us to offer a program on tide pools for the children. Youth programs included a wide spectrum of offerings such as: Toe Jam Puppet Band, Blue Star Planetarium, Historical Swords, and Mousetrap Science. The Wednesday afternoon Minecraft Club has expanded to become the MAGE (Minecraft and Assorted Games for Everyone) club. We partnered with Lisa Cheney to offer a multitude of valuable preschool programs. Librarians Kim Claire and Lorraine Der visited the schools to give book talks and introduce students and faculty to the resources available at our library and on our website. We hosted a field trip for all fifth grade classes to teach students how to use library resources and find materials and we offered continual assistance with homework assignments.

In July we were awarded a \$7500 LSTA (Library Service and Technology Act) Grant: *Science is Everywhere: Its Hands-on at Your library*. During December, many science displays were exhibited throughout the library on loan from patrons, the HWRHS, the Audubon Society and Goddard Technologies, Inc. In 2015 we will be offering many science programs for all ages but especially targeted to middle-school age children. The grant will provide materials for these programs as well as new science books and DVDs for the collection.

We thank our dedicated volunteers who assist in all library departments. Most of our programs are funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library who work tirelessly to support our library, The Friends purchased supplies for the 3-D printer, two iMacs for the public, new Mouse Pads for the public computers, a Nexus and an iPad. They also now accept credit card payments at their book sales. They worked with a designer to create a professional which logo is their website on at www.friendsofhwlibrary.org and on all of their materials. They continue to provide the following museum passes for the public to enjoy: Boston by Foot, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum, Concord Museum, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Harvard Museum of Natural History, House of Seven

Reports: Culture & Recreation

Gables, Institute of Contemporary Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Orchard House, Peabody Essex Museum, Strawbery Banke, Wenham Museum, and Zoo New England. Patrons can call to reserve passes or access the remote sign-up on our website. In 2014, patrons reserved museum passes 1,655 times.

In 2014 the library added Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia in print and online, the online Chilton Library for car repair, the Gale Testing and Education Reference Center and the Gale Virtual Reference Collection featuring over 800 nonfiction E-books. These products enable patrons to access many library resources on a 24/7 basis. We continue to list our programs and events on OUT website at www.hwlibrary.org. Patrons can order library materials from home through the Evergreen software and access many electronic resources. The statewide databases, including the Encyclopedia Britannica, now support geo-location, so Massachusetts patrons can access them even without a library card. We also offer our Hamilton and Wenham citizens' access to Ancestry. corn Library Edition. American Ancestors, Safari Books Online, and two geography databases, Magill 's Medical Guide, Booklist Online

and *Cypress Resume*. We also have access to the consortium-wide collection of downloadable E-books and audio books via Overdrive. We continue to offer *Universal Class*, a program that allows Hamilton-Wenham citizens to enroll in over 500 classes at no charge. We continue to use

Constant Contact for creating a professional e-letter. Patrons can sign up for the newsletter either by going to our website or calling us at 978-468-5577.

The patrons of our library are wonderfully supportive and have great ideas and suggestions for their library. The trustees, staff and I look forward to an exciting array of library programs, services and collaborations in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Dempsey, Library Director

Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Board of Trustees

The Trustees' goals for the year 2014 were the following::

- Continue to work for salary increases and an acceptable Step system for the Library employees
- Re-evaluate the bylaws and regulatory documents that constitute the foundation of the Trustee's mission and practices
- To become more visible to the library patrons and to clarify their understanding of our purpose as Trustees
- To recruit interested parties as potential Trustees to fill future vacancies in 2015 and beyond
- To continue to support the Library's interests and its Director

This past year's main focus has been a continuation of effort begun in 2013 to achieve parity in salary for professional Library staff. Due to the Hamilton Salary Study delays and lack of resolution at the time of this writing, a Step system has not yet been implemented to ensure that the Library staff members receive comparable compensation and competitive salaries in sync with other public libraries' professional staff. We will continue in this effort throughout 2015.

We have reviewed and reworked several sections of the bylaws and through the combined effort of Gwen Holt (Trustee) and Jan Dempsey (Director) we are well on our way to an updated set of bylaws and policy statements. We have also written up a policy for new Trustees Appointments which was requested by the Wenham Board of Selectmen that will be sent to the BOS for approval this week

Last year we held our first "Meet the Trustees" event in February during Library hours. We found it a successful way to raise awareness of the Trustees' role and purpose. We are planning another such "meet and greet" in February 2015.

Judy Bubriski has become our newest Trustee, replacing Doris Gallant in September. This coming election we will need to find a replacement for Annette Janes, a longtime and dedicated Trustee. Annette has been an invaluable Trustee and mentor to all of us. She will be very much missed.

The Trustees continue to actively support the Library. Earlier this year when the idea of constructing the new Recreation Pool adjacent to the Library was proposed, the Trustees were active in their opposition due to the deleterious effects this action would have on the Library premises and operation.

We feel that we have become as a group an active proponent and protector of the Library and are looking forward to a year where we can continue to strengthen its role in the community and support the Director in her efforts toward continual improvement in this remarkable and unique institution.

Reports: Culture & Recreation

Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Departments mission is to provide a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote life long lessons through play, education and community wide events. The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department is overseen by a Joint Hamilton and Wenham Recreation Board. The Board is comprised of three Hamilton residents and three Wenham residents.

Here are some highlights from the Recreation Department for the Calendar Year of 2014.

- Introduced new website which has given the programs more exposure and on-line registration capabilities.
- Updated the format of our seasonal brochures to make them more user friendly and attractive.
- Participations in programs saw a significant increase, with over 1200 people of all ages enjoying our many programs.
- New program offerings this year included Youth Volleyball, Youth Badminton, Photography, Financial Aid Seminars, Boating Safety, and Ooey Gooey Arts & Crafts among others

- Undertaken two major initiatives of the Recreation Master Plan. Veteran's Memorial Pool Project and the Artificial Turf Field.
- We participated in Pumpkin Fest which brought together families from both communities to enjoy a day of pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, and the much anticipated costume parade, where children walk through downtown and trick or treat at local businesses.
- Using Hamilton CPC Funds, replaced fence along large baseball diamond at Patton Park
- Refurbished bathrooms at both Pingree and Patton Park.
- Refurbished Patton Park Basketball Courts
- Refurbished the Gym Floor at the Hamilton Wenham Recreation Center

We continue to provide effective customer service to all of our participants and strive to reach outside the box looking for new programming ideas.

Respectfully Submitted

Sean Timmons Recreation Director

Reports: Planning and Land Use

Community Preservation

Community Preservation Act Projects Approved at the April 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and the October 20, 2014 Special Town

Meeting

Project:

Donovan Playing Fields Bond

Payment

CPA Purpose: Open Space and Recreation

Amount:

\$46,200

Project Description: To fund the debt service for the Donovan Acquisition (\$43,100.00 in principal and \$3,100.00 in interest).

Project:

Patton Park Baseball Diamond

Renovation

Applicant:

Town of Hamilton

CPA Purpose: Open Space and Recreation

Amount:

\$15,000

Project Description: To renovate the backstop, bleachers, benches, and fences around the big baseball diamond at Patton Park.

Project:

Restoration of Patton Park

Cannon Wheels

Applicant:

Town of Hamilton **CPA Purpose:** Historic Preservation

Amount:

\$10,000

Project Description: To restore the wheels on

the historic Patton Park cannons.

Project:

Preservation of the Hamilton

Historical Society Collection

Applicant:

Hamilton Historical Society

CPA Purpose: Historic Preservation

Amount:

\$9,820

Project Description: To preservation and digitize the Historical Society's pictorial collection.

Project:

Preservation of Town Records

Applicant:

Hamilton Town Clerk

CPA Purpose: Historic Preservation

Amount: \$5,500 Project Description: To fund the preservation

Project:

Senior

Center Bathroom

Renovation

Applicant:

Town of Hamilton CPA Purpose: Historic Preservation

Amount:

\$30,150

of records held by the Hamilton Town Clerk.

Project Description: To fund the renovation, and ADA accessibility, of the bathrooms in the Hamilton Senior Center.

Project:

American Legion Building

Renovation

Applicant:

American Legion, Post 194

CPA Purpose: Historic Preservation

Amount:

\$97,100

Project Description: To fund the renovation and rehabilitation of the American Legion building, and ADA accessibility, of the bathrooms in the Hamilton Senior Center.

Project: CPA Administration

CPA Purpose: Administration

Amount:

\$20,960

Project Description: 5% of the CPA revenues for administration costs including, but not limited to, annual Community Preservation Coalition membership fee and salary for parttime CPC Coordinator position.

Conservation Commission

The Hamilton Conservation Commission's primary task is the administration and enforcement of the state Wetlands Protection Act (Ch. 131 §40) and the Town's Conservation By-Law, Chapter 17. The Commission also seeks to fulfill its mandate by funding environmental education programs in the regional school system and by organizing and publicizing various conferences and events that seek to protect open space and inform residents of the value of preservation of woodlands and scenic areas as well as trail access and management.

<u>Conservation Commission jurisdiction and procedure</u>:

The Commission's jurisdiction includes all proposed changes in land use which will occur within defined wetlands or within 100 feet of the defined edge of wetlands, or within 200 feet of the perennial streams and rivers within the borders of the Town. The Commission considers applications (known as "Requests for Determination" and also "Notices of Intent") for work in these areas and holds site walks to evaluate the conditions at the work area. The Commission then conducts public hearings or public meetings to decide if a permit (either a "Negative Determination" or an "Order of Conditions") shall issue. Once a project is completed, the Commission holds another site walk to establish that the project was finished in the same manner as it was originally proposed and that no damage to resource areas has occurred. A Certificate of Compliance is then issued and the process is complete. Commission also investigates violations of the Wetlands Act and local Conservation By-Law

and the Commission issues Enforcement Orders or Violation Notices if appropriate.

Asides from conducting public hearings and open public meetings to review and analyze all the various applications for permits, the Commission, through their Coordinator, may on any given day do any or all of the following:

Respond to residents' questions and concerns about wetlands permitting,

Conduct preliminary site evaluations to determine applicability of jurisdiction,

Perform various compliance inspections,

Reply to building contractor and wetlands consultant questions and concerns,

Interact with various state agencies most notably the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection and;

Work with the other Town departments to address issues of common concern.

2014 Noteworthy Events:

Commissioners attended the annual MACC Conference in Worcester in February 2014.

The severe winter of 2013-2104 impacted the Commission as several meetings were cancelled and applications delayed. Snow emergency regulations dealing with wetlands were issued by the Commonwealth dealing with the series of storm.

The Commission re-appointed Commissioner Virginia Cookson to serve again as their representative on the Chebacco Woods Land Management Committee.

Reports: Planning and Land Use

The Commission re-appointed Commissioner Keith Glidden to serve again as their representative on the Community Preservation Committee.

The Commission reviewed and approved a proposed Conservation Restriction at 375 Bridge Street.

2014 Filings and Other Regulatory Decisions

- 15 Requests for Determination
- 8 Orders of Conditions and Orders of Resource Area Delineation
- 1 Enforcement Orders and Violation Notices
- 4 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 Enforcement Action
- 1 Agricultural Exemption
- 2 Modified Orders of Condition
- 1 Emergency Certification

Education Program

The Commission funded an Environmental Education program for the students in the elementary grade levels in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. The

program is designed and run by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and it is subject to in-depth review and amendment by the Commission annually. The Commission continues to enthusiastically support and promote this program

Members and Staff as of November 2015 (Term Expiration)

Richard Luongo, Chairman (2018)

Virginia Cookson (2016)

Robert Cronin (2016)

Chris Currier (2018)

Keith Glidden (2017)

George Tarr (2017)

John Rhoads (associate member)

John Hendrickson (associate member)

James Hankin, Coordinator

Hamilton Planning Board

Members of the Hamilton Planning Board in 2014 included Jeffrey Melick, Chairman (elected in June), Robert McKean, Clerk, Peter Clark, Edwin Howard (Chair January – May), Rick Mitchell, Brian Stein, Claudia Woods, and Matthew Tobyne, Associate Member and Christopher LaPointe, Associate Member. The Associate Members were elected in July.

The Planning Coordinator was Kristine Cheetham until October. Marcie Ricker assisted the town after Ms. Cheetham's departure and before Planning & Inspections Director Patrick Reffett became employed in the newly created position on November 10, 2014.

The mission of the Hamilton Planning Board is to engage in land use management and planning on behalf of the Town which includes administering the zoning bylaw and Subdivision Control Laws. The Board is responsible for updating the Town Master Plan and for reviewing proposed Zoning By-Laws intended to meet the demands of the Town and its growth patterns.

The Board held 21 regular meetings, 2 executive sessions and two site visits throughout the year.

Regulatory Activities

Regulatory applications and reviews include Site Plan Review for advisory opinions, Approval Not Required (ANR) applications, and Special Permits.

<u>Site Plan Reviews</u> - The Planning Board provided input to the Zoning Board of Appeals relative to three (3) Site Plan Reviews within 2014. Projects included: 1. 121 Bay Road - Cumberland Farms; 2. Myopia Hunt Club; and,

3.Patton Park – Temporary Lights for Flag Football.

<u>Subdivision Review</u> – One subdivision was reviewed by the Planning Board in 2014 which was located at 540-568 Bay Road.

Form A - Approval Not Required (ANR) Reviews – The Planning Board provided 8 Form A – ANR Reviews during 2014. Properties included: 1. 401 Sagamore Street; 2. 434-438 Asbury Street; 3. 44 Grant Ave; 4. 540 Bay Road; 5. 44 Chebacco Road; 6. 18 Bittersweet Lane; 7. 278 Cutler Road; and, 8. 568 Bay Road.

<u>Pre-Application Conferences</u> – The Planning Board conducted three (3) such conferences during 2014 including: 1. Canter Brook, 354 Highland Street; 2. Patton Homestead, 650 Asbury Road; and, 3. Made Pony, 540-568 Bay Road.

<u>Special Permit Applications</u> – Three projects pursued Special Permit Applications with the Planning Board during 2014 including: 1. Canter Brook (354 Highland Street); and, 2. Patton Homestead (650 Asbury Road).

<u>Tree Removal Hearings – Some tree</u> removal hearings must be conducted by the Planning Board. One such hearing was conducted within 2014 regarding tree removal on Gardner St.

Planning Initiatives and Discussions

During the January and February Planning Board meetings considerable time was spent on determining the job description for the Town Planner. The Planning Board met with the Town Manager to discuss the organizational chart for the Town and to determine how the new position of Director of Planning and Inspection would work with the Planning Board and under whose authority.

Reports: Planning and Land Use

The Board reviewed the GPOD with respect to the Canter Brook application which was under review from January through July. The Town Counsel met with the Board to discuss the GPOD and the issues associated with it. The Board agreed to review some of the Zoning Bylaws and met with the Chairman of the ZBA to discuss which By-laws were a priority for them. A member of the Board volunteered to meet with the Planning Coordinator to begin the process of rewriting the Accessory Apartment By-law as well as the Demolition By-law. Another Board member volunteered to review and rewrite the GPOD.

Work on Annual Town Meeting Articles began in the late fall of 2014 for legislation to be heard in the Spring of 2015. Articles sponsored by the Planning Board included clarification as to the types of unit that can be built in senior housing projects to include single, double, triple, four unit and multi-family residential structures. Also the Board sponsored a Town Bylaw to limit Planning Board member terms to three (3) years rather than five to allow for great transparency and responsiveness to the public voters.

Another article sponsored by the Planning Board was to change the GPOD Zoning District map to be consistent with Zone II changes which had been made the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

The Board has worked with the Board of Selectmen in an effort to determine what additional cell phone towers need to be erected, and therefore what changes may need to be made to the Zoning Bylaws, to enable certain areas of the town to obtain better cell phone service.

The Board also sponsored a modification to the Zoning Bylaw to shift responsibility for Site Plan Review from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board pursuant to the recommendation of the Town Master Plan. The proposed change was initiated by a Citizens Petition filed with the Town Clerk and signed by 130 town residents.

The Board also discussed possible development implications with a large land owner if their property were to be sold for development purposes.

Reports: Planning and Land Use

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard a total of Eleven (11) petitions in 2014. A summary of the Board's actions are as noted below:

| 3 | Petition for Extension/Alteration of a Non-Conforming Structure: | Granted | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 2 | Petition for Extension/Alteration of a Non-Conforming Structure: | Granted with Conditions | |
| 1 | Petition for Site Plan Review | Granted | |
| 1 | Petition for Site Plan Review | Granted with Conditions | |
| 2 | Petition for Site Plan Review | Withdrawn without Prejudice | |
| 1 | Petition for Abbreviated Site Plan Review | Granted | |
| 1 | Petition for Variance | Withdrawn without Prejudice | |

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Bowler, Chairman

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works employees continue to perform their many and varied functions and continue to provide services beyond their normal job descriptions in assisting other Town departments and residents. The Department was led by Interim Director Dave Hanlon while the search for a full-time Director was underway. In April, Bill Redford was hired as full-time DPW Director. Bill brings his over 35 years of municipal engineering and private consultant management experience to the position.

During 2014, the DPW worked on the following projects and operations:

- The Town continues to work with various agencies in trying to replace the Bridge Street culvert. Completion of this project should reduce upstream flooding of the Miles River.
- The DPW, working with the Conservation Commission to address storm water issues and completed the replacement of the Linden Street and Howard Street culverts and channel improvements. Further downstream efforts by the State's Mosquito Control staff will be necessary to help alleviate some of the remaining drainage flow in this area.
- Chapter 90 local aid funding was used for roadway maintenance, repairs, and re-paving of various local roads and associated projects.
- Patton Park continues to be the primary location for many activities with various sports teams of all ages and residents taking full advantage of the fields and courts.

- Grass cutting and grounds maintenance continue to be the two primary work operations at the Town's parks and cemetery. The DPW has also been performing grounds maintenance work at the HWSD schools in partnership with the Wenham DPW staff.
- Maintenance of public works and other Town owned vehicles continues at the DPW facility. Due to budget constraints, no new vehicles were purchased last year and increasing maintenance work on the fleet reflects the age of the vehicles and the increasing cost to keep them operational.
- The Town continues to provide for leaf pick-ups in the fall and spring and allows for residents to leave many products: monitors, televisions, computers, white goods, etc. for a small fee at Town Hall during the monthly Saturday drop-off events.
- The water treatment plant and well fields continue to provide good quality and necessary volumes of water to the community. The system is stressed during high usage periods and the Department is appreciative of the water conservation efforts of our residents.
- The Department has completed the first phase of a multi-year effort in replacing aged water mains as approved by Town Meeting's passage of a bonding authorization.
- Planning for Phase II of the water system improvement program is in design and a subsequent bid is anticipated for early 2015.

Reports: Planning and Land Use

- The Town's water rates have remained stable since the last increase in 2008 but are anticipated to be adjusted next year to cover the new bonding cost and continue to operate the department consistent with a Water Enterprise Accounting function.
- The water department continues the implement the remote/radio read program which is intended to save the Town manhours and provide more accurate water usage readings.
- Filter media and chemical usages at the water plant continue to be monitored and the plant is expected to be reviewed for possible improvements in equipment and methods to optimize plant operations in the next years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Redford, DPW Director

Reports: Planning and Land Use

Inspections

Building Inspector

I herewith submit the report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2014.

There were a total of 321 permits issued in 2014.

Among these permits: 6 new single family dwellings. The rest of the permits issued include: additions, renovations, garages/barns, sheds, non-residential renovations, in-ground and above ground pools, porches/decks, siding/windows/roofing, demolitions, signs and tents. There is also a steady rise in solar arrays.

Charles Brett, Inspector of Buildings

Electrical Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Electrical Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2014.

238 total permits issued.

The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions and renovations, garages/barns plus new upgraded services, pools, alarms, boilers, septic pumps and miscellaneous permits.

Robert B. Brown, Jr., Electrical Inspector

Plumbing Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2014.

153 total plumbing permits issued.

The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions, garages/barns plus hot water tanks, backflow preventers, floor drains, water piping and other miscellaneous fixtures.

William C. Thomas, Plumbing Inspector

Gas Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2014.

129 total gas permits issued.

The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions, garages/barns plus fireplace inserts, ranges, heating boilers, furnaces, water heaters, dryers, direct vent heaters, pool heaters, and other miscellaneous fixtures. I wish to express my appreciation to all I have come in contact with for their cooperation during the performance of my duties.

William C. Thomas Jr., Gas Inspector

CHEBACCO WOODS

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

During the year we had the trail map revised and reprinted with a GPS overlay. Committee members cleaned brush on the trails and participated in two clean-ups with the Chebacco Lake and Watershed Association. Stendahl Tree Service removed trees and limbs that were obstructing trails or were threatening to do so. The kiosk was kept supplied with maps and dog waste bags and the trash barrel was emptied regularly. The Hamilton DPW repaired the drain at the main entrance. The two towns increased our annual budget to a total of \$2500. to cover necessary expenses, especially the tree work to maintain safety.

Ralph Smith, Chairman

Annual Town Meeting

TOWN OF HAMILTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Held April 5, 2014 At

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School

At the close of registration on March 14, 2014 there were 5,661 registered voters.

Moderator declared a quorum present (75) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 9:16 A.M. with 355 voters checked and present.

| Precinct 1 – 121 Precinct 2 – 122 Precinct 3 – 112 Lead Teller Ray Desroches 306 Moulton Street Auditorium | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Left | Martha Hale Farrell Avenue | 15 | Hamilton |
| | Bill Olson Road | | 9 Anthony |
| Center | Tom Lawnsby Street | 36 | Stopford |
| | Bob Bannon Street | 45 | Willow |
| Right | Leon Purington | | 32 Mill |
| | Street Gordon Lamson Street | | 7 Lois |

The Moderator read: I have asked non-resident members of the regional school system, town officials and those assisting the Selectmen or Finance Committee to be present here so they may be available to answer questions. Members of the press [and the video crew] have also been allowed to be present. I remind those allowed here to do nothing which may influence the counting of a vote.

We have set up the cafeteria across the hall as overflow space. There is a closed circuit television set in the cafeteria and two tellers. All other non-registered visitors must be seated in the visitors' area in the cafeteria.

Another procedural note, we record these proceedings so as to have an accurate record of the meeting. Therefore, unless I recognize you by name, please use the microphones provided and give your name and address when you arise to address the moderator. People in the cafeteria desiring to speak to any article should contact one of the tellers and arrange to be brought to the microphones in the auditorium.

All registered voters have been given a distinctive voter ID card when checking into the meeting. Do not lose or destroy this card. You will need to show the card on any counted vote. If you cannot show the card, your vote may not be counted.

The Moderator recognized Marc Johnson, Selectmen Chairman, who summarized the Town budget process and acknowledged effectiveness of Town manager form of government; John McWane, Finance and Advisory Committee Chairman, who spoke to Town's sources of and uses for funds and budget process including proposal to **HWRSD** regarding excess funds coming back to supporting communities and that ground rules should be established for this; Michael Lombardo, Town Manager, who updated ATM about the landfill capping and related bids for revenue generating projects at the site as well as other Town initiatives including a Planning and Development reorganization at Town Hall.

SECTION 1: ELECTIONS, REPORTS, PROCEDURES

ARTICLE 2014/4 1-1 Election of Officers

The Moderator read: The vote on Article 1-1 is by ballot on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Winthrop School when the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. to elect the following Town and School District Officers:

- Town Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Town Clerk for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- Two members of the Planning Board for five years
- One member of the Planning Board for two years (to fill unexpired term)
- One member of the Hamilton Housing Authority for five years
- One Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Trustee for three years
- One Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Trustee at Large for one year (to fill unexpired term)
- Three members of the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee for three years
- One member of the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee for two years (to fill an unexpired term)

ARTICLE 2014/4 1-2 Reports

Moved by David Neill, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town reports of town officers and committees be received and placed on file.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 1-3

Article

for

Consent Motion

The Moderator read: The list of Articles to be taken up and voted on as one motion. The motions appear on the Motions List, which was handed out at check in both in the Lobby and front of the Hall. Shout out Hold as the list is read. Any article motion for which there is an accepted Hold will be deleted from the Consent Motion and taken up and considered according to its place on the Warrant.

Motion numbers:

2-5 Water Enterprise Retained Earnings - that the Town appropriate \$150,000 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to support the FY 15 Water Enterprise Budget.

2-7 Annual Financial Actions - that the Town authorize the following financial transfers:

- A. To transfer \$2,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to be used for cemetery purposes;
- B. To transfer \$218 from the Clark Property Fund to the Conservation Fund;
- C. To transfer \$328,982 from the Water Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to be used for indirect expenses;
- D. To transfer \$294,270 from the General Fund to the Waste Reduction Enterprise Fund to be used for solid waste expenses.

2-9 Annual Authorization of Revolving Funds - that the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½, reauthorize the Recreation and Parks Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$233,739, reauthorize the Council on Aging Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$20,000 and reauthorize the Emergency Dispensing Services & Clinics Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$10,000 with specified programs for expenditures, receipts to

Reports: Town Meetings & Election Documentation

be credited, boards authorized to expend and disposition of fund balance to be as set forth in **Appendix H** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

The Moderator said the remaining articles in the Consent Motion are: 2-5, 2-7, 2-9, 2-11, 3-1 and 4-1 then he called for the vote on Article 1-3.

2-11 OPEB Trust Fund - that the Town raise and approproace SWOTE for deposition the SSESE Employment Benefit

- 3-1 Citizen's Petition Site Plan Review to Planning Board that the Town take no action on this article.
- 4-1 Conforming Amendments of Town Bylaws that the Town amend Town Bylaw Ch. II, Rules and Procedure of Town Meetings, Sections 5 and 8 by adopting the proposed language set forth in Appendix J to the 2014 Appendix Book.

ARTICLES THAT WERE HELD

2-1

Classification/Compensation Table - that the Town amend the Personnel

By-law by adopting changes to the

classification and compensation table as set forth in **Appendix A** to the 2014 Warrant book.

Moved by David Neill, Selectman, duly seconded, that the numbered Motions as set forth in Proposed Consent Motions List for this 2014 Annual Town meeting, a copy of which has been delivered to the Town Clerk to be filed with the minutes of this meeting with copies made available to voters in attendance, be approved by one vote, each motion to be deemed a separate action under the Warrant Article having the same corresponding number, excepting those motions held.

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-1 Classification/ Compensation Table

CONSENT MOTION ---- HELD

Moved by John McWane, Finance and Advisory Committee Chairman, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Personnel By-law by adopting changes to the classification and compensation table as set forth in **Appendix A** to the 2014 Appendix book.

The Moderator recognized Town Manager Michael Lombardo who spoke to the 2% COLA for settled union contracts and step increases for staff. Jack Hauck, 18 Knowlton Street, described his hold on this warrant article. Lombardo clarified information related to Hauck's statements.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE:

UNCLEAR

there was request for recount of vote.

The Moderator called for a card vote.

CARD VOTE: MOTION PASSES

Declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-2 General Town

Departmental Appropriations

The Moderator read the following changes that have been made to the totals given starting on page 4 of the 2014 Appendix Book:

The appropriation for General Government has changed. The correct number is \$1,774,996.

The appropriation for the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District has changed. The correct number is \$165,935.

The appropriation for the Department of Public Works has changed. The correct number is \$1,015,233.

The appropriation for Total Debt – Principal and Interest has changed. The correct number is \$1,461,999.

These changes mean that the Total General Town Appropriations is \$26,504,841.

The Moderator read each appropriation and said for any item a voter would like to discuss separately, please shout out **HOLD**:

\$1,774,996 for General Government,

\$2,577,389 for Protection of Persons & Property,

\$16,302,008 for Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District------HELD

\$165,935 for Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District,

\$1,015,233 for Department of Public Works,

\$627,973 for Health & Human Services,

\$636,660 for Library,

\$105,649 for Recreation,

\$1.836,999 for Unclassified,

\$1,465,475 for Total Debt - Principal and

Interest

Totaling (excluding HWRSD budget) \$10,206,309

The Moderator recognized John McWane.

Moved by John McWane, Finance and Advisory Committee Chairman, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate the sums read by the Moderator for schools and all other Town expenses which are set forth in the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget in **Appendix B** of the 2014 Appendix Book with the corrections read by the Moderator excepting those items held.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ITEMS THAT WERE HELD ----

Charles Chivakos, 27 Village Lane, put a hold on \$16,302,008 for Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District.

Moved by Marc Johnson, Selectmen Chairman, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate \$16,302,008 for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District.

The Moderator recognized Roger Kuebel, HW School Committee Chairman, who responded to remarks from John McWane on HWRSD excess funds and policy for returning those to supporting communities as well as per pupil spending. The Moderator recognized Dr. Michael Harvey, Superintendent of Schools, who presented details about HWRSD budget.

Moved by Charles Chivakos, Finance & Advisory Committee member, duly seconded, that the pending motion be amended by changing the appropriation from \$16,302,008 to \$16,116,646.

The Moderator recognized John McWane who spoke to near majority vote of Finance & Advisory Committee for this amendment with the intent that the HWRSD look for efficiencies within the existing regional school budget to reduce the annual assessment by \$269,000.

Tess Leary, 209 Bay Road, Lynnette Fallon, 38 Goodhue Street, Arianna McDonough, Rust Street, Charlie Peppler, Meyer Road, Roy Wallant, 300 Willow Street, Joyce Futz, 153 Gregory Island Road, and Martha Hale Farrell, Hamilton Avenue, opined about the amendment and new programs proposed in the HWRSD budget.

The Moderator called for the voice vote on the **amendment** to reduce the HWRSD appropriation from \$16,302,008 to \$16,116,646.

VOICE VOTE:

UNCLEAR

The Moderator called for a card vote.

CARD VOTE:

UNCLEAR

The Moderator called for a counted vote.

COUNTED VOTE:

YES - 117

NO -- 187

MOTION FAILS

The Moderator called for the voice vote on the **main motion** for the appropriation of \$16,302,008 for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION

PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-3 General Town Capital Appropriations

Moved by John McWane, Finance & Advisory Committee Chairman, duly seconded, that the

Town raise and appropriate \$551,140 to purchase equipment, vehicles, and accessories for General Government, Protection of Persons & Property, and Department of Public Works as set forth as **Appendix D** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

The Moderator recognized Town Manager Michael Lombardo who summarized need for Town to replace front line vehicles, and telephone system as well as fund pathway on Essex Street.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION

PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-4

Water

Enterprise Budget

Moved by Scott Maddern, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town approve \$1,309,887 for the FY 15 Water Enterprise Budget as set forth in **Appendix E** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-5

Water

Enterprise Retained Earnings

This article passed with the Consent Motion that the Town appropriate \$150,000 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to support the FY 15 Water Enterprise Budget.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/4 2-</u> Waste Reduction Enterprise Budget

Moved by Scott Maddern, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town approve \$377,276 for the FY 15 Waste Reduction Enterprise Budget as set forth in **Appendix F** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-7 Annual Financial Actions

This article passed with the Consent Motion that the Town authorize the following financial transfers:

- E. To transfer \$2,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to be used for cemetery purposes;
- F. To transfer \$218 from the Clark Property Fund to the Conservation Fund;
- G. To transfer \$328,982 from the Water Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to be used for indirect expenses;
- H. To transfer \$294,270 from the General Fund to the Waste Reduction Enterprise Fund to be used for solid waste expenses.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-8 Community Preservation Budget

The Moderator read the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee Budget as set forth in **Appendix G** of the 2014 Appendix Book, and said shout out a "HOLD" for any item for which you would like separate discussion. The proposed financial actions are as follows:

| No. | PURPOSE |
|------|--|
| 1,00 | Open Space and Recreation – Project |
| 1. | To appropriate \$46,200.00 of FY 15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the debt service for the Donovan Acquisition (\$43,100.00 in principal and \$3,100.00 in interest). |
| | Historic Preservation - Projects |
| 2. | To appropriate \$9,820.00 of FY15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the preservation and digitization of the Hamilton Historical Society's pictorial collection. |
| 3. | To appropriate \$5,500.00 of FY15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the preservation of records held by the Hamilton Town Clerk. |
| 4. | To appropriate \$30,150.00 of FY15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the renovation of the bathrooms, and their ADA accessibility, of the Hamilton Senior Center. |
| 5. | To appropriate \$97,100 of FY15 Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserves to fund the restoration and rehabilitation of the American Legion Post 194 Building. |
| | Community Housing - Reserve |
| 6. | To reserve \$41,920.00 of FY 15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve. |
| | Administration - Expense |
| 7. | To appropriate \$20,960.00 of FY 15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for administration costs including, but not limited to, Annual Community Preservation Coalition membership fees and salary for part-time Community Preservation Committee Coordinator position. |

The Moderator stated that there were **no holds**.

The Moderator recognized Jennifer Scuteri.

Moved by Jennifer Scuteri, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from community preservation fund annual revenues, specific reserves or other available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service. the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year as read by the moderator, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and further that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute agreements, on terms acceptable to the Board, to the extent necessary to effectuate the public benefits of such projects.

Jennifer Scuteri presented information about the projects. The Moderator recognized Greg McKenna, American Legion Post Commander, 30 Tally Ho Drive, who spoke to the Town's reversionary right relative to the Post property if the Post decides to give up location and summarized project details.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY ********

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-9 Annual Authorization of Revolving Funds

This article passed with the Consent Motion that the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½, reauthorize the Recreation and Parks Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$233,739, reauthorize the Council on Aging Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$20,000 and reauthorize the Emergency Dispensing Services & Clinics Revolving Fund with a FY 15 spending limit of \$10,000 with specified programs for expenditures, receipts to

be credited, boards authorized to expend and disposition of fund balance to be as set forth in **Appendix H** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-10 Hamilton Development Corporation

The Moderator recognized Brian Stein who summarized the HDC mission and recent actions including MAPC grant relative to village plan as well as that 10% of Meals Tax revenue goes toward downtown village improvement, and that HDC is closing on 59 Willow Street property.

Moved by Brian Stein, Hamilton Development Corporation President, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate \$65,000 to the Hamilton Development Corporation.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-11 OPEB Trust Fund

This article passed with the Consent Motion that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 for deposit in the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-12 Disposition of Portion of Patton Homestead Property

Requires a 2/3rds vote

Moved by John McWane, Finance & Advisory

Committee Chairman, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell, develop or restrict four (4) acres, more or less, of Townowned land at 650 Asbury Street, identified as a portion of the property shown as Assessor's Map 19, Lot 1, being part of the land known as the Patton Homestead property, for the purpose of developing moderately priced housing of no more than twelve (12) units, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, and with 75% of the gross proceeds to be reserved in the Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator noted that this motion requires a 2/3rds vote.

The Moderator recognized Peter Gourdeau, 416 Bridge Street, who spoke in favor of the motion. John McWane, Jennifer Scuteri, Michael Lombardo, Marc Johnson described details about the motion and McWane read a letter from Mrs. Patton. Mr. Kula, Tally Ho Drive, Lindle Willnow, 51 Mill Street, Paul Driscoll, Chebacco Road, Peter Clark, 823 Bay Road, Fred Mills, Bill Bowler, 328 Essex Street, John Rodenhizer, Moulton Road, Shawn Farrell, Hamilton Avenue spoke to motion. Jeff Hubbard opined his concerns about the motion.

The Moderator called for a card vote and reiterated that a two-thirds vote was required.

CARD VOTE: MOTION PASSES by a 2/3rds vote
Declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 2014/4 2-13 Reconstruction of Patton Park Pool

Moved by Scott Maddern, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town take **no action** on this article. Scott Maddern summarized next steps

for Patton Park Pool project and that Asbury Grove has offered use of pool in interim.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

To take No Action

<u>ARTICLE 2014/4 2-14</u> Construction of Path along Essex Street

Moved by Rudy Pizzano, 77 Essex Street, duly seconded, that the Town take **no action** on this article. Rudy Pizzano thanked Town officials and residents who helped plan for project in capital budget.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

To take No Action

SECTION 3: PLANNING/ZONING ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2014/4 3-1 Citizens' Petition Site Plan Review to Planning Board

<u>This article passed with the Consent Motion</u> that the Town take **no action** on this article.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES

To take No Action

SECTION 4: TOWN AMENDMENTS

BY-LAW

Free Cash

ARTICLE 2014/4 4-1

Conforming

Amendments of Town By-laws

This article passed with the Consent Motion that the Town amend Town By-law Ch. II, Rules and Procedure of Town Meetings, Sections 5 and 8 by adopting the proposed language set forth in Appendix J to the 2014 Appendix Book.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES

SECTION 5: OTHER APPROPRIATIONS AND ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2014/4 5-1

HWRSD

Agreement Amendment

Moved by Barbara Lawrence, HW School Committee member, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Agreement Section I, Paragraph B by adopting the proposed language set forth in **Appendix K** to the 2014 Appendix Book.

The Moderator recognized Roger Kuebel, HW School Committee Chairman, who spoke to the motion.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES

SECTION 6:

CLOSING FINANCIAL

ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2014/4 6-1 **Application**

Moved by John McWane, Finance and Advisory Committee Chair, duly seconded, that the Town reserve, appropriate and authorize the Assessors to use \$1,431,390 of available certified free cash to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION

PASSES

UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator said: This Special Town Meeting is dissolved at 12:42 p.m. Voting for the Town Election pursuant to this Warrant will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2014 From 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Winthrop School.

A TRUE COPY:

ATTEST:

Jane M. Wetson, CMMC

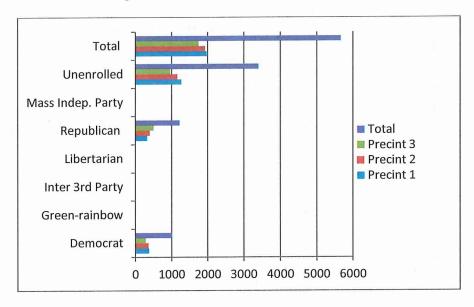
Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON

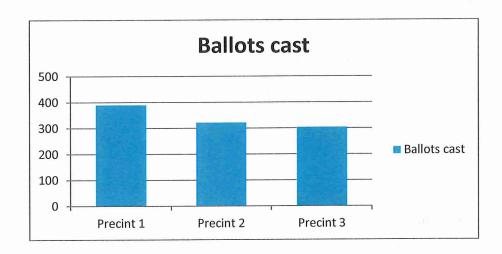
Annual Town Election Held Thursday, April 10, 2014 At Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Moderator Bruce Ramsey.

At the close of Voter Registration on March 14, 2014 there were 5,661 registered voters.



There were 1,016 ballots cast (18% of total voters) as follows:



| | P-1 | P-2 | P-3 | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----|------|------|-------|
| Selectman 3 | | | | |
| years | | | | |
| Blanks | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Jeffrey Miles | | | | |
| Hubbard Re- | 204 | 174 | 135 | 513 |
| elect | 101 | 1.16 | 4.5 | 10.1 |
| Shawn M. Farrell | 181 | 146 | 167 | 494 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Moderator 1 | | | | |
| year Blanks | 91 | 71 | 75 | 237 |
| Bruce C. Ramsey | 71 | /1 | 13 | 237 |
| Re-elect | 293 | 243 | 225 | 761 |
| Write-ins | 6 | 8 | 4 | 18 |
| Town Clerk 3 | | | | |
| years | | 1.5 | | |
| Blanks | 54 | 45 | 52 | 151 |
| Jane M. Wetson Re-elect | 335 | 277 | 251 | 863 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Board of | | | | |
| Assessors 3 | | | | |
| years | | | | |
| Blanks | 102 | 77 | 80 | 259 |
| Peter J. Kane | 285 | 245 | 123 | 753 |
| Re-elect | | | 110 | |
| Write-ins | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Planning Board | | | | |
| TWO for 5 years | | 400 | | |
| Blanks | 277 | 188 | 231 | 696 |
| Edwin M. | 255 | 220 | 101 | |
| Howard, Jr. Re-elect | 257 | 228 | 181 | 666 |
| Claudia Allison | | | | |
| Woods Re-elect | 246 | 226 | 192 | 664 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Planning Board | | | 100 | |
| 2 yr to fill | | | - 41 | |
| <u>unexpired term</u> Blanks | 120 | 96 | 02 | 210 |
| | 139 | 86 | 93 | 318 |
| Jeffrey C. Melick | 246 | 236 | 211 | 693 |
| Write-ins | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | | | | |

| | P-1 | P-2 | P-3 | Total |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Housing | | | | |
| AuthoritY 5 | | | | |
| <u>years</u> | | | | |
| Blanks | 51 | 47 | 60 | 158 |
| Leigh M. Keyser Re-elect | 100 | 87 | 85 | 272 |
| Theresa Mimi Fanning | 239 | 188 | 159 | 586 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H-W Library | | | | |
| Trustee 3 years | | | | |
| Blanks | 112 | 77 | 84 | 273 |
| Gwen D. Holt | 277 | 244 | 219 | 740 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| H-W Library | | | | |
| Trustee AT LARGE | | | | |
| 1 year to fill | | | - | |
| unexpired term | | | | |
| Blanks | 115 | 73 | 80 | 268 |
| Patricia K. Purdy | 274 | 248 | 224 | 746 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Combined results of Hamilton and Wenham.

| | Hamilton | Wenham | Total |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Vote for THREE | 1,110 | 845 | 1,955 |
| 3 years | | | , i |
| Blanks | 603 | 497 | 1,100 |
| William R. Dery, | 646 | 547 | 1,193 |
| Re-elect | | | |
| Roger A. Kuebel, | | | |
| Re-elect | | 1 | |
| Stacey L. Metternick | 673 | 577 | 1,250 |
| Write-ins | 16 | 6 | 22 |
| | | | |
| H-W Regional School Committee | | | |
| 2 years to fill unexpired term | | | |
| Blanks | 306 | 22 | 538 |
| Lawrence D. Swartz | 704 | 589 | 1,293 |
| Write-ins | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| | | | |
| H-W Library Trustee AT LARGE | | | |
| 1 year to fill unexpired term | | | П |
| Blanks | 115 | 177 | 292 |
| Patricia K. Purdy | 274 | 646 | 920 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | |

Moderator Bruce Ramsey closed the polls at 8:00 PM. The results were announced by the Moderator at 8:30 PM.

| A TRUE COPY: | ATTEST: |
|--------------|---------|
| Jane M. Wets | |
| Town C | Clerk |

Special Town Meeting

Town of Hamilton Special Town Meeting Held

October 20, 2014

At

Hamilton - Wenham Regional High School

At the close of registration on October 10, 2014 there were 5605 registered voters.

Precinct 1 – 48

Precinct 2 – 39

Precinct 3 - 36

Head Teller

Linda Greeley

212 Moulton St

Appointed Tellers:

Left Donna Flint -82 Lake Dr

Susan Lawrence -105 Rock Maple Ave

Center William Sullivan- 66 Woodbury St

Robert Bannon- 45 Willow St

Right Warren Gray Jr 935 Bay Rd

Arthur Crosbie Jr 944 Bay Rd

Front: Linda Greeley 212 Moulton St

Thomas Lawnsby 36 Stopford St

Moderator declared a quorum present (75) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:11 P.M. with 123 voters checked and present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Moderator read: I have asked non-resident Town officials and those assisting the Selectmen or Finance Committee to be present here so they may be available to answer questions. Members of the press [and the video crew] have also been allowed to be present. I remind those allowed here to do nothing which may influence the counting of a vote.

All other non-registered visitors must be seated in the visitors area located in the left section of the auditorium.

Another procedural note, we record these proceedings so as to have an accurate record of the meeting and to help everybody know who is speaking and hear what is said. Therefore please use the microphones provided and, unless I recognize you by name, please give your name and address when you address the moderator.

An announcement as to Holds. Some of our motions will include a listing of items that will be voted on as a group unless a voter shouts HOLD on the item. When there is a shouted HOLD during the reading of a list for consideration by the meeting, I may condition acceptance of the Hold on obtaining the identity of the voter requesting the Hold. This information is for the minutes of the meeting and to save meeting time when a held item is considered later in the meeting. If I am unable to identify a voter requesting a Hold, I may disregard such purported action for a Hold.

All registered voters have been given a distinctive voter ID card when checking into the meeting. Do not lose or destroy this card. You will need to show the card on any counted vote. If you cannot show the card, your vote will not be counted.

The Moderator recognized Leandra DeFeo who provided a progress report on the work that she is performing under a Grant to the Town from the Mass. Cultural Council to study the feasibility of

engaging a non-profit, § 501(c)(3) organization to assume an archival and management role at the Patton Homestead, and Rick Sprenkle, Chair of the Finance and Advisory Committee, who gave his Committee's Report and acknowledged John McWane for developing a three-year

financial forecast for the Town. The Moderator recognized former Town Clerk Jane Wetson for her service to the Town of Hamilton.

SECTION 1: REPORTS

ARTICLE 2014/10 1-1 Reports

The Moderator recognized Scott Maddern. Moved by Scott Maddern, Chair Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the reports of Town Officers and committees be received and placed on file.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 1-2</u> Article for Consent Motion

The Moderator recognized Scott Maddern. Moved by Scott Maddern, Chair Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town take **no action** on this article.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

To take No Action

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 2-1</u> Classification/ Compensation Table

The Moderator noted that there are a few corrections to this table. All voters should have a copy of the Appendix A Compensation/Classification Table that has in the bottom left hand corner "STM Revised 10/20/14".

The Moderator recognized Rick Sprenkle. Moved by Rick Sprenkle, Chair Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Personnel By-law by adopting changes to the classification and compensation table as set forth in the Revised **Appendix A** for the Special Town Meeting Warrant 10/20/14, a copy of which has been provided to the voters in attendance and given to the Town Clerk for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 2-2</u> General Fund Appropriation Transfer

The Moderator recognized Rick Sprenkle. Moved by Rick Sprenkle, Chair Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town transfer \$70,000 from Unclassified to General Government.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 2-3</u> Amendments to Annual Appropriations

The Moderator recognized Rick Sprenkle. Moved by Rick Sprenkle, Chair Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town do the following:

- a. Raise and appropriate \$7,100 and transfer from Certified Free Cash \$5,900, both to General Government, and increase the General Government budget by \$83,000;
- b. Raise and appropriate \$6,700 and transfer from Certified Free Cash \$8,200, both to Protection of Persons and Property;
- c. Raise and appropriate \$10,280 and transfer from Certified Free Cash \$4,500, both to Department of Public Works;

d. And raise and appropriate \$15,918 and transfer from Certified Free Cash \$5,900, both to Health & Human Services.

Rick Sprenkle provided details about the article.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 2-4</u> Community Preservation Committee Budget

The Moderator asked voters to turn to **Appendix B** for the Special Town Meeting Warrant and he read the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, and said shout out a "HOLD" for any item for which you would like separate discussion. The proposed financial actions are as follows:

Item 1 – Open Space and Recreation – to appropriate \$15,000 from FY'15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the renovations to the infrastructure of the big baseball diamond at Patton Park.

Item 2 – Historic Preservation – to appropriate \$10,000 from FY'15 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the renovation and restoration of the antique cannons at Patton Park.

Item 3 – Historic Preservation – to transfer \$7,119.56 from the FY'13 appropriation for the Hamilton Meeting House to the Senior Center Balustrade appropriation.

There were no HOLDS.

The Moderator recognized Jennifer Scuteri. Moved by Jennifer Scuteri, Selectmen liaison and member of Community Preservation Committee, duly seconded, that the Town act on the Community Preservation Committee recommended specified projects and appropriate

\$15,000 from FY '15 community preservation fund revenues to fund the

renovations to the infrastructure of the big baseball diamond at Patton Park, appropriate \$10,000 from FY '15 community preservation fund revenues to fund the renovation and restoration of the antique cannons at Patton Park, and transfer \$7,119.56 from the FY '13 appropriation for the Hamilton Meeting House to the Senior Center Balustrade appropriation.

The Moderator recognized Tom Catalano, Chair Community Preservation Committee. Tom Catalano recapped what Community Preservation Act does, and revenue raised through CPA surcharge and state match. Also, that there are abatements available for low and moderate income households based on income not assets. He also thanked former CPC Coordinator Christine Berry for her many years of service and Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena for assisting the Committee while it searches for a replacement coordinator.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 2-5</u> Ladder Truck for Fire Department

Requires a 2/3rds Vote

The Moderator recognized Charles Chivakos. Moved by Charles Chivakos, Finance and Advisory Committee member, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$940,000 to pay the costs of purchasing and equipping a new ladder/pumper truck for the use of the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town reserves, appropriates and authorizes the Assessors

to use \$100,000.00 of available certified free cash to offset partially the cost, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is

authorized to borrow the remaining amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

Fire Chief Phil Stevens and Town Manager Michael Lombardo spoke to the article and need for the Town to replace the existing ladder truck for the Fire Department due to corrosion and delamination on the current truck. A quint truck is proposed to replace the ladder truck and pumper truck since it serves both functions as a combined aerial ladder and pumper truck with 100'+ ladder required to reach all buildings in Town. Charles Chivakos described the intent to use bonding for the truck for a 12year period so that financing would be completed many years before the useful life of the vehicle is finished, and based on an \$86,000 annual assessment the tax increase for a median residential property of \$399,600 would be \$24.06, and the vehicle could be delivered in 60 days from the purchase order. He reiterated that the Advisory Committee Finance and recommend favorable action on this article. The Town will then have two pumper trucks and one ladder truck that is a pumper in the Fire Department. Town officials responded to inquiries from Bob Bullivant, 101 Woodbury Street, and Jack Lawrence, 105 Rock Maple, relative to lack of availability of used quint trucks, and research being done on truck wash down capabilities for public safety building to extend longevity of useable life of vehicle.

The Moderator noted that since debt would be incurred for the purchase of the quint truck a 2/3rds vote was required.

The Moderator called for a card vote.

CARD VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Two-thirds requirement was met as declared by the Moderator

SECTION 3: PLANNING/ZONING ACTIONS

None

SECTION 4: TOWN BY-LAW

AMENDMENTS

<u>ARTICLE 2014/10 4-1</u> Council on Aging Bylaw

The Moderator recognized Scott Maddern. Moved by Scott Maddern, Chair Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town amend Town By-law Ch. XXXIII — Council on Aging by deleting the current language of the by-law and replacing it with the language set forth in **Appendix C** for the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Council on Aging Director Marybeth Lawton described how the article brings the 1966 language up-to-date in the by-law.

The Moderator called for the voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

SECTION 5: OTHER APPROPRIATIONS AND ACTIONS

None.

SECTION 6: CLOSING FINANCIAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator said: This Special Town Meeting is dissolved at 8:05 p.m.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

Andrea J. Carlson

Town Clerk

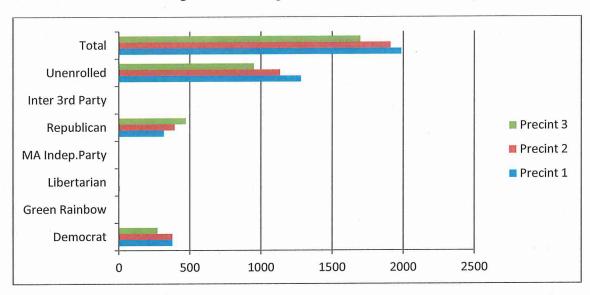
Town of Hamilton

State Primary Election

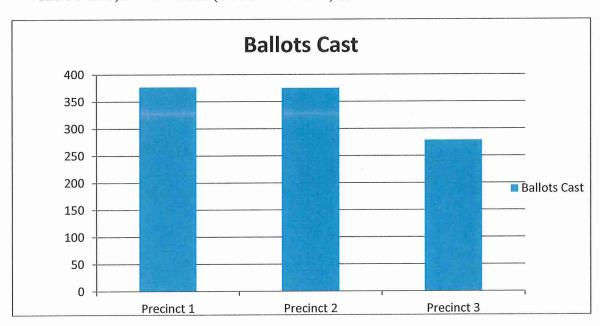
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
At
Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA

The Polls were opened at 7:00 AM by the Moderator Bruce Ramsey.

At the close of Voter Registration on August 20, 2014 there were 5,595 registered voters.



There were 1,031 ballots cast (18% of total voters) as follows:



| REPUBLICAN PARTY | Precinct 1 | 110 | | 314 |
|------------------------|------------|------|-----|----------|
| Primary | Precinct 2 | 120 | | |
| Town of Hamilton | Precinct 3 | 74 | | |
| September 9, 2014 | TOTAL | 304 | | Official |
| Candidate Name | D.1 | D. 2 | | |
| Candidate Name | P-1 | P-2 | P-3 | Total |
| Senator in Congress | P 100 | | 700 | ters of |
| Blanks | 25 | 27 | 18 | 70 |
| Brian J. Herr | 84 | 93 | 56 | 233 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Governor | | | | 0 |
| Blanks | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Charles D. Baker | 74 | 97 | 56 | 227 |
| Mark R. Fisher | 35 | 23 | 16 | 74 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | |
| Blanks | 16 | 22 | 14 | 52 |
| Karyn E. Polito | 93 | 98 | 59 | 250 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Attorney General | | | | |
| Blanks | 18 | 26 | 14 | 58 |
| John B. Miller | 91 | 94 | 59 | 244 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Secretary of State | | | | |
| Blanks | 21 | 28 | 17 | 66 |
| David D'Arcangelo | 88 | 92 | 56 | 236 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Treasurer | | | | |
| Blanks | 22 | 28 | 16 | 66 |

| | | | _ | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Michael James Heffernan | 88 | 92 | 57 | 237 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Auditor | | | | |
| Blanks | 24 | 31 | 18 | 73 |
| Patricia S. Saint Aubin | 86 | 89 | 56 | 231 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Representative in Congress | | | | |
| Blanks | 14 | 24 | 13 | 51 |
| Richard R. Tisei | 94 | 96 | 60 | 250 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Councillor | | | | |
| Blanks | 24 | 30 | 17 | 71 |
| Maura L. Ryan- Ciardiello | 85 | 90 | 56 | 231 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Senator in General Court | | | | J. 550 |
| Blanks | | 1.4 | 8 | 20 |
| DIMIKS | 8 | 14 | 0 | 30 |
| Bruce E. Tarr | 102 | 106 | 66 | 274 |
| 3-4, 0443-94-54-0454-5 | | | | |
| Bruce E. Tarr | 102 | 106 | 66 | 274 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks | 102 | 106 | 66 | 274 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court | 102 | 106 | 66 | 274 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks | 102 0 | 106 0 | 66 0 | 274 0 26 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill | 102 0 6 103 | 106 0 12 108 | 66 0 8 66 | 274 0 26 277 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill Write-ins | 102 0 6 103 | 106 0 12 108 | 66 0 8 66 | 274 0 26 277 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill Write-ins District Attorney | 102 0 6 103 | 106 0 12 108 0 | 66 0 8 66 0 | 274 0 26 277 1 |
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| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill Write-ins District Attorney Blanks Write-ins Register of | 102 0 6 103 1 | 106 0 12 108 0 | 66 0 8 66 0 | 274 0 26 277 1 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill Write-ins District Attorney Blanks Write-ins Register of Probate Blanks Michael E. Morales | 102 0 6 103 1 95 15 | 106 0 12 108 0 109 11 | 66 0 8 66 0 | 274 0 26 277 1 273 31 |
| Bruce E. Tarr Write-ins Representative in General Court Blanks Bradford R. Hill Write-ins District Attorney Blanks Write-ins Register of Probate Blanks Michael E. | 102 0 6 103 1 95 15 | 106 0 12 108 0 109 11 | 66 0 8 66 0 69 5 | 274 0 26 277 1 273 31 |

| DEMOCRATIC PARTY | Precinct 1 | 267 | | Ť. |
|------------------------|------------|------|-----|-------------------|
| Primary | Precinct 2 | 255 | | |
| Town of Hamilton | Precinct 3 | 205 | | |
| September 9, 2014 | TOTAL | 727 | | Official |
| | | | | |
| Candidate | P-1 | P-2 | P-3 | Total |
| Name | | 业(三等 | | |
| Senator in Congress | | | | |
| Blanks | 79 | 90 | 60 | 229 |
| Edward J. | 184 | 165 | 142 | 491 |
| Markey Write-ins | 4 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| C. | | | | |
| Governor | | | | , |
| Blanks | 3 | 4 | 7 | 14 |
| Donald M. Berwick | 55 | 47 | 44 | 146 |
| Martha Coakley | 107 | 116 | 74 | 297 |
| Steven Grossman | 101 | 88 | 80 | 269 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | The second of the |
| Blanks | 87 | 69 | 63 | 219 |
| Leland Cheung | 66 | 68 | 63 | 197 |
| Stephen J. Kerrigan | 82 | 81 | 54 | 217 |
| Michael E. Lake | 32 | 37 | 24 | 93 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Attorney General | | | | |
| Blanks | 26 | 20 | 15 | 61 |
| Maura Healey | 150 | 174 | 125 | 449 |
| Warren E. Tolman | 91 | 61 | 64 | 216 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| 76 | 81 | 57 | 214 |
|--------|--|---|---|
| 190 | 174 | 145 | 509 |
| 1 | 10 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 - 20 | | (174) | de jir |
| 53 | 38 | 39 | 130 |
| 54 | 54 | 45 | 153 |
| 77 | 77 | 49 | 203 |
| 83 | 86 | 72 | 241 |
| 63 | 30 | 12 | 241 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ıř | | | |
| 1 20 | | 1 | ilaing L |
| 102 | 101 | 71 | 274 |
| 160 | 154 | 131 | 445 |
| 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 108 | 78 | 72 | 258 |
| 13 | 9 | 9 | 31 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 136 | 163 | 120 | 419 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| | - | | |
| 107 | 99 | 76 | 282 |
| 1.50 | 156 | 126 | 440 |
| 158 | 150 | 120 | 1.10 |
| | 190 1 53 54 77 83 0 102 160 5 4 108 13 4 2 136 0 | 190 174 1 0 53 38 54 54 77 77 83 86 0 0 102 101 160 154 5 0 4 2 108 78 13 9 4 2 2 1 136 163 0 0 | 190 174 145 1 0 3 53 38 39 54 54 45 77 77 49 83 86 72 0 0 0 102 101 71 160 154 131 5 0 3 4 2 1 108 78 72 13 9 9 4 2 3 2 1 0 136 163 120 0 0 0 |

| Senator in General Court | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Blanks | 238 | 255 | 180 | 673 |
| Write-ins | 29 | 0 | 25 | 54 |
| Representative in General Court | | | 177 | . |
| Blanks | 242 | 255 | 184 | 681 |
| Write-ins | 25 | 0 | 21 | 46 |
| District Attorney | | | | |
| Blanks | 99 | 97 | 75 | 271 |
| Jonathan W. Blodgett | 166 | 158 | 129 | 453 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Register of Probate | | | | |
| Blanks | 109 | 97 | 81 | 287 |
| Pamela Casey O'Brien | 155 | 158 | 122 | 435 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| | | | | |

The Polls were closed by Moderator Bruce Ramsey at 8:00 PM. The results were announced by the Moderator at 8:45 PM.

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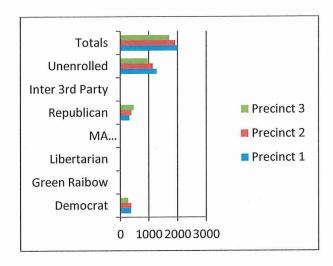
Andrea J. Carlson
Town Clerk

Town of Hamilton State Election

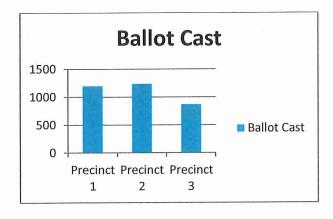
Tuesday, November 4, 2014 At Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA

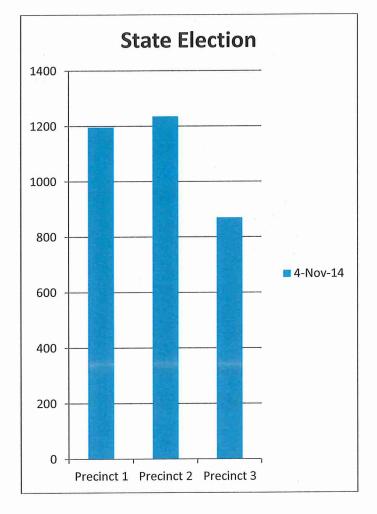
The Polls were opened at 7:00 AM by the Moderator Bruce Ramsey.

At the close of Voter Registration on October 15, 2014 there were 5,618 registered voters.



There were **3,302** ballots cast (59% of total voters) as follows:





| Candidate | | D 1 | DA | D 2 | m () |
|------------------|----------|---------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Name | | P-1 | P- 2 | P-3 | Total |
| | in | | | | |
| Congress | | | | | |
| Vote for One | | 1-11 | | | |
| Blanks | Г | 50 | 39 | 40 | 129 |
| | | | | | |
| Edward J. | | 581 | 551 | 423 | 1555 |
| Markey | | | | | |
| Dem | | T Section 1 | 22 (27) | | |
| Brian J. Herr | | 563 | 642 | 406 | 1611 |
| Rep | | | | | |
| Write-ins | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Governor and | | 1 6.71 | 1 14 | | |
| Lieutenant | | | | | |
| Governor | | | 100 | | |
| Vote for One | | 411 | 12 | | |
| Blanks | | 20 | 7 | 6 | 33 |
| Baker and Polito | | 696 | 794 | 519 | 2009 |
| Rep | | | ,,,, | 01) | 2009 |
| Coakley and | | 422 | 392 | 313 | 1127 |
| Kerrigan Dem | | | | | |
| Falchuk and | | 31 | 27 | 23 | 81 |
| Jennings United | | | | | |
| Ind | | | | | |
| Lively and | | 13 | 9 | 7 | 29 |
| Saunders Ind | | | | | |
| McCormick and | | 13 | 6 | 2 | 21 |
| Post Ind | | | | | |
| Write-ins | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Attorney | Н | | | | ore |
| General | 4 | | - 18 | | |
| Vote for One | | | | 10 | . 1 |
| Blanks | | 60 | 40 | 40 | 140 |
| Maura Healey | \dashv | 564 | 571 | 433 | 1568 |
| Dem Treatey | | 304 | 3/1 | 433 | 1308 |
| John B. Miller | + | 570 | 624 | 397 | 1591 |
| Rep | | 370 | 024 | 391 | 1391 |
| Write-ins | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | | _ | 1 | U | 3 |
| Secretary of | | 100 | 1.50 | | |
| State | | | | | |
| Vote for One | - | 50 | (7 | 15 | 170 |
| Blanks | | 58 | 67 | 45 | 170 |
| William Francis | | 653 | 651 | 474 | 1778 |
| Galvin Dem | | | | | |
| David | | 450 | 490 | 330 | 1270 |
| D'Arcangelo | | | | | |

| D | _ | _ | T | | |
|-------------------|----|--------|-------|------|----------|
| Rep | | | | | |
| Daniel L. Factor | | 35 | 28 | 21 | 84 |
| Green-Rainbow | | | | | |
| Write-ins | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Treasurer | | | | 7.5 | <u> </u> |
| Vote for One | | اعتنا | la Hi | | Page 1 |
| Blanks | | 85 | 71 | 71 | 227 |
| Deborah B. | | 472 | 463 | 350 | 1285 |
| Goldberg | | | | | |
| Dem | | | | | |
| Michael Jame | es | 593 | 673 | 420 | 1686 |
| Heffernan Rep | | | | | |
| Ian T. Jackson | n | 45 | 29 | 29 | 103 |
| Green-Rainbow | | | | | |
| Write-ins | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Auditor | | - 11 | | 10-7 | T |
| Vote for One | | | | | |
| Blanks | | 117 | 98 | 87 | 302 |
| Suzanne M. | | 506 | 480 | 376 | 1362 |
| Bump | | | | | |
| Dem | | | | | |
| Patricia S. Saint | | 529 | 628 | 385 | 1542 |
| Aubin Rep | | | 30.00 | | |
| Mk Merelic | e | 42 | 30 | 22 | 94 |
| Green-Rainbow | | | | | |
| Write-ins | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Representative | | 1-4- | | | :45 |
| in Congress | | T-1, [| | | |
| Vote for One | | | | | |
| Blanks | | 33 | 23 | 14 | 70 |
| Seth W. Moulton | | 577 | 595 | 449 | 1621 |
| Dem | | | | | |
| Richard R. Tisei | | 536 | 565 | 380 | 1481 |
| Rep | | | 1 | | |
| Christopher J. | | 50 | 53 | 27 | 130 |
| Stockwell Ind | | | | | |
| Stockwell life | | | | | |

| | P-1 | P- 2 | P-3 | Total |
|--|---------|------------|------|---------------|
| Candidate Name | | | | |
| ~ ''' | | | | |
| Councillor Vote for One | | | | - |
| Blanks | 131 | 119 | 104 | 354 |
| Eileen R. Duff | 548 | 547 | 402 | 1497 |
| Dem Te. Buil | 210 | 0 ,, | .02 | 2.57 |
| Maura L. Ryan- | 514 | 569 | 364 | 1447 |
| Ciardiello Rep | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Senator in | | - 9 | | |
| General Court Vote for One | - 3 | | | : Elimitation |
| Blanks | 206 | 197 | 161 | 564 |
| Bruce E. Tarr | 983 | 103 | 706 | 2721 |
| Rep | 903 | 2 | 700 | 2/21 |
| Write-ins | 7 | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Representative in | والمراح | alted | 2117 | . 6 4 45. |
| General Court | | | | |
| Vote for One | | 106 | 1.50 | |
| Blanks | 211 | 196 | 152 | 559 |
| Bradford R. Hill | 979 | 103 | 716 | 2727 |
| Rep Write-ins | 6 | 8 | 2 | 16 |
| 1 100 () 2000-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 | U | O | | 10 |
| District Attorney Vote for One | | arti tarit | | |
| Blanks | 388 | 415 | 284 | 1087 |
| Jonathan W. | 793 | 797 | 579 | 2169 |
| Blodgett Dem | 173 | 171 | 317 | 210) |
| Write-ins | 15 | 24 | 7 | 46 |
| Register of | | | | |
| Probate Vote for | - | | • | - B |
| One | 105 | 116 | 00 | 240 |
| Blanks | 125 | 116 | 99 | 340 |
| Pamela Casey | 548 | 513 | 388 | 1449 |
| O'Brien Dem Michael E. | 521 | 607 | 383 | 1511 |
| Michael E. Morales Rep | 321 | 007 | 303 | 1311 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | |

| | P-1 | P-2 | P-3 | Total |
|---------------|-------|------------------|------------|-------|
| Question 1 | | | | |
| YES | 639 | 650 | 461 | 1750 |
| NO | 524 | 549 | 385 | 1458 |
| Blanks | 33 | 37 | 24 | 94 |
| Question 2 | ent L | jona, iril 14 | | 0 |
| YES | 279 | 283 | 238 | 800 |
| NO | 901 | 934 | 618 | 2453 |
| Blanks | 16 | 19 | 14 | 49 |
| Question 3 | nae | | seep la si | 0 |
| YES | 586 | 569 | 462 | 1617 |
| NO | 590 | 640 | 391 | 1621 |
| Blanks | 20 | 27 | 17 | 64 |
| Question 4 | 200 | | l provide | 0 |
| YES | 584 | 587 | 449 | 1620 |
| NO | 573 | 607 | 398 | 1578 |
| Blanks | 39 | 42 | 23 | 104 |
| Question 5 | | والمراجعة الأطاء | 1 | 0 |
| YES | 571 | 599 | 441 | 1611 |
| NO | 430 | 420 | 306 | 1156 |
| Blanks | 195 | 217 | 123 | 535 |

The Polls were closed by Moderator Bruce Ramsey at 8:00 PM. The results were announced by the Moderator at 8:45 PM.

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Andrea J. Carlson, Town Clerk

Financial Reports

All financial data cover the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

NOTE:

Auditor's Report

The Independent Auditor's Report on General Purpose Financial Statements for the Town of Hamilton was conducted by Clifton Larson Allen LLP on April 6, 2015.

A copy of this report is on file with the Board of Selectmen and online at:

http://www.hamiltonma.gov/Pages/HamiltonMA_Finance/FY14AuditFinancialStatement.pdf

Town Audit

An audit of the Town of Hamilton's 2014 basic financial statements was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards as issued by the Comptroller General of the United States

Finance Department

Following is a report of financial status of the Town of Hamilton. Figures presented herein are derived from two sources: the FY14 annual audit and the town's financial system. Further information regarding the town's financial status can be found within the FY14 annual audit.

Town Operations

The Town's change in net position, for governmental activities, increased by \$1.52M. Motor vehicle and other excise taxes collected were \$1.055M, a \$76K increase from the prior year while meals tax revenue collected was \$59K, a decrease of \$5K from the prior year, while the remainder is attributed to reduction in recognizing the reduction in estimating the liability for environmental remediation. collection of committed taxes remains strong as evidenced by our +/-99.5% collection rate. Additionally, the town recognized a budgetary surplus of approximately \$1.911M (excluding encumbrances and continued appropriations) and utilized \$1.058M of reserves to fund appropriations during FY14. The Town's certified free cash for fiscal 2014 was \$2.033M.

As in prior years, the majority of the Town's expense drivers are personnel (salary/wages, health insurance, pension), certain operations, and capital (to the extent it is funded). Going forward, as revenue growth slows across all sources (tax and fees), rising costs in health insurance (current and OPEB), pension, and wages will absorb most increases in revenue thereby restricting growth to operating budgets and capital investment.

Enterprise Operations

Water Enterprise: The Fiscal 2014 revenues were \$1.024M to an expense of \$828K, resulting in operating income of \$196K. The year closed with an outstanding receivable of \$239K.

Waste Reduction Enterprise: Fiscal 2014 receipts from customers were \$102K, transfers in were \$334K from the general fund and \$27K from intergovernmental revenue, bringing the total revenue to approximately \$463K. Payments to vendors, employees, and debt totaled approximately \$499K.

Debt

Debt service for FY14 is as follows:

| Levy Exclusion | Term | FY14 Debt Service |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------|
| Public Safety Building | 2026 | \$442,658 |
| Public Safety Building | 2017 | \$30,200 |
| Joint Library | 2020 | \$145,225 |
| Water Plant | 2020 | \$220,475 |
| HWRSD | 2019 | \$476,674 |
| Within Levy Limit | | |
| ESCO | 2020 | \$35,100 |
| Other Sources of Funds | | |
| Donovan Property (CPA) | 2020 | \$47,000 |
| Water Plant (water ent) | 2018 | \$50,025 |

HWRSD debt service payment only represents the town share. Additionally, roughly half of the Water Plant debt service excluded from the levy will be supported by the Water Enterprise Fund.

Fund Balances

For a detailed listing of fund balances please refer to the FY14 annual audit listed on our web site. Selections of fund balances are:

Stabilization Fund \$775,238
OPEB Trust Fund \$110,342
Water Enterprise Fund \$203,129(unreserved)
Community Preservation Fund \$1.888M (unreserved)

Financial Audit

The audit of the Town's financial statements for FY 2014 was completed by the auditing firm Clifton, Larson, Allen and is available on our website. There were no instances of material non-compliance reported by the audit firm.

Board of Assessors

For Fiscal Year 2014, the total assessed taxable valuation of Hamilton is \$1,303,712,292.00 with a property tax levy of \$22,684,593.88. The fiscal year 2014 tax rate as certified by the Department of Revenue is \$17.40 up \$.23 from the previous year. Building permits issued in 2014 resulted in an additional \$152,682 in tax levy growth.

In 2014, the Board of Assessors completed their mandatory Interim Year Adjustments on all property in the town of Hamilton as required by the Department of Revenue. Massachusetts's law, this Board is required to value all of Hamilton's 2787 properties at 100 percent of their full and fair cash valuation, thereby insuring an equitable distribution of the property tax levy. The town's average singlefamily valuation is \$467,000. More importantly, we believe that we have met our statutory obligation to re-establish proper assessment level and uniformity throughout the town of Hamilton. Final Department of Revenue certification of assessed valuations was granted in December and property tax bills were subsequently mailed at the end of December. The current valuation and levy percentages based upon property class are as follows:

| Residential | 1,233,986,900 | 95% | \$21,471,376 | 95% |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Commercial | 54,238,100 | 4% | \$943,747 | 4% |
| Industrial | 715,000 | 1% | \$12,431 | 1% |
| Personal | 14,772,292 | <u>1%</u> | \$257,039 | <u>1%</u> |
| TOTALS | 1,303,712,292 | 100% | \$22,684,594 | 100% |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

Also in 2014, the Assessor's office processed applications for excise abatements, Elderly and Veteran Exemptions, and CPA Exemptions.

We would like to assure all property owners that the Board of Assessors will continue its effort to meet the challenge of maintaining equitable assessments in this current real estate market.

Respectfully submitted, Gelean M. Campbell, *Chairman* Steven Ozahowski, *Member* Peter J. Kane, *Member*

Auditor's Report

Honorable Board of Selectmen Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An includes evaluating audit also appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

(1) An independent member of Nexia International Honorable Board of Selectmen Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (located on pages 3 through 11), general fund and community preservation fund budgetary comparisons and certain pension and other postemployment benefits information (located on pages 55 through 61) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or

provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 6, 2015 on our consideration of the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Town of the Hamilton, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Boston, Massachusetts April 6, 2015

Treasurer/Collector

I hereby submit my Annual Report as Tresurer/Collector for the Town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

| July 1, 2013 | | | \$10,626,537 |
|--|----|-----------|----------------|
| Receipts | | | \$33,024,829 |
| Disbursements | | | (\$30,556,623) |
| June 30, 2014 | 1 | 1 5 11 4 | \$2,468,206 |
| | | 1 | |
| Segregated Cash Accounts - June 30, 2014 | | | |
| | | | |
| Affordable Housing Trust | \$ | 102,404 | |
| Clark Property Fund | \$ | 218,089 | |
| Conservation Commission | \$ | 93,102 | |
| Cultural Council | \$ | 7,365 | |
| CPA | \$ | 2,481,330 | |
| Hamilton Development Corporation | \$ | 142,219 | |
| Junction | \$ | 188 | |
| Landfill Bans | \$ | 1,032,064 | |
| OPEB Fund | \$ | 135,342 | Λ |
| Planning | \$ | 1,125 | |
| Stabilization Fund | \$ | 749,760 | |
| Trust Funds | \$ | 461,499 | |
| Waste Enterprise | \$ | 394,122 | |
| Water Bans | \$ | 2,747,244 | |
| Water Enterprise | \$ | 69,432 | |
| | \$ | 8,635,285 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl J. Booth, CMMT, CMMC *Treasurer/Collector*

| | | Ju | ıly - December | Janu | ary - June | To | tal |
|--------------------------|-----------|----|----------------|------|------------|----|-------------|
| COLLECTIONS | YEAR | | | | | | |
| REAL ESTATE | 2014 | \$ | 10,595,748 | \$ | 11,469,511 | \$ | 22,065,259 |
| | 2013 | \$ | 214,641 | \$ | 1,317 | \$ | 215,958 |
| Prior to | 2012 | 1 | | | | \$ | |
| COLUMN PURSUE CONTRACTOR | | \$ | 10,810,389 | \$ | 11,470,828 | \$ | 22,281,217 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY | 2014 | \$ | 135,437 | \$ | 120,930 | \$ | 256,367 |
| | 2013 | \$ | 290 | | | \$ | 290 |
| Prior to | 2012 | \$ | 161 | 10.0 | | \$ | 161 |
| | | \$ | 135,888 | \$ | 120,930 | \$ | 256,818 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE | 2014 | | | \$ | 923,948 | \$ | 923,948 |
| | 2013 | \$ | 144,740 | \$ | 15,164 | \$ | 159,904 |
| | 2012 | \$ | 2,849 | \$ | 1,556 | \$ | 4,405 |
| | 2011 | \$ | 1,278 | \$ | 290 | \$ | 1,568 |
| Prior to | | Ψ | 1,270 | | · · | | 1 |
| rrior to | 2010 | \$ | 140 067 | \$ | 211 | \$ | 211 |
| BOAT EXCISE | 2014 | \$ | 148,867 | \$ | 941,169 | \$ | 1,090,036 |
| BOAT EXCISE | 2014 | 2 | 1,642 | \$ | 185 | \$ | 1,827 |
| | 2013 | | | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 |
| Prior to | 2012 | | | | | \$ | ALDE LENE |
| WATER | | \$ | 1,642 | \$ | 210 | \$ | 1,852 |
| | 145.51 | 0 | 507.500 | Φ. | 204 500 | | Later Burns |
| Rates | | \$ | 587,532 | \$ | 394,689 | \$ | 982,221 |
| General Billing | (8) (1) | \$ | 8,055 | \$ | 11,140 | \$ | 19,195 |
| Liens | | \$ | 2,581 | \$ | 24,226 | \$ | 26,807 |
| Penalties & Interest | 1:::: | \$ | 2,738 | \$ | 199 | \$ | 2,937 |
| | | \$ | 600,906 | \$ | 430,254 | \$ | 1,031,160 |
| CPA | 2014 | \$ | 166,678 | \$ | 180,844 | \$ | 347,522 |
| Prior to | 2013 | \$ | 1,860 | | | \$ | 1,860 |
| Interest | | \$ | 254 | \$ | 354 | \$ | 608 |
| | | \$ | 168,792 | \$ | 181,198 | \$ | 349,990 |
| TAX TITLES | | \$ | 50,180 | \$ | 29,309 | \$ | 79,489 |
| MISC | | \$ | 61 | \$ | 53 | \$ | 114 |
| PENALTIES & INTEREST | - = + = = | \$ | 37,627 | \$ | 57,674 | \$ | 95,301 |
| MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFIC | ATES | \$ | 5,750 | \$ | 850 | \$ | 6,600 |
| TOTAL | | \$ | 11,960,102 | \$ | 13,232,475 | \$ | 25,192,577 |



Town of Hamilton
2014