

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF
NEW MARLBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

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

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Federal and State Representatives

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

Town Services

Emergency Calls Police, Fire and Medical Dial 911

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

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| Town Clerk: | 229-8278 | Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Tax Collector: | 229-8963 | Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Town Treasurer: | 229-7784 | TBD |
| Transfer Station: | 229-2116 | Sun. & Wed. – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Sanitary Inspector: | 229-8469 | On call |
| Plumbing Inspector: | 229-8019 | On call |
| Wiring Inspector: | 528-2823 | On call |
| Gas Inspector: | 229-8019 | On call |
| Oil Burner Inspector: | 229-8100 | On call |

Elected Officers

| Office | Officer(s) | Term Expires |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Board of Selectmen | Tara B. White, Chair | 2015 |
| | Michele Shalaby | 2016 |
| | Nathaniel Yohalem | 2017 |
| Town Clerk | Katherine M. Chretien | 2017 |
| Moderator | Scott Farrell (Resigned) | 2015 |
| Board of Assessors | Marsha Pshenishny, Chair | 2016 |
| | Frederick Friedman | 2017 |
| | Wendy Miller | 2015 |
| Planning Board | Patricia Hardyman, Chairman | 2016 |
| | Judith Hattendorf | 2015 |
| | Holly Morse | 2017 |
| | Charles Parton | 2018 |
| | James Mullen | 2019 |
| Board of Health | Norman Hankey | 2015 |
| | Jack Bellinger | 2016 |
| | Lawrence H. Davis, III, Chair | 2017 |
| Cemetery Commission | Tammi Palmer | 2016 |
| | James Palmer | 2017 |
| | Robert Palmer | 2015 |
| Finance Committee | David Herrick, Chair | 2016 |
| | Mark Carson | 2015 |
| | John Pshenishny | 2017 |
| | Burt Imberman | 2017 |

| Office | Officer(s) | Term Expires |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Ira Yohalem | 2015 |
| | Prudence Spaulding | 2016 |
| Library Trustees | Brian Mikesell, Chair | 2016 |
| | Maureen Hosford | 2017 |
| | Claudette Callahan | 2015 |
| Tree Warden | Peter Marks | 2015 |
| Constable | Edgar Zukauskas | 2015 |
| School Committee | Kristen Sparhawk | 2016 |
| | Fran Lartigue | 2018 |

Appointed Officers

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Administrative Secretary | Sharon Fleck | 2015 |
| Board of Registrars | Katherine M. Chretien | 2015 |
| | Michelle Dawson | 2015 |
| | Bette Ann Stalker | 2015 |
| | Alicia Brazie | 2015 |
| Conservation Commission | Ned Wilson | 2015 |
| | John Weinstein (Resigned 2014) | 2015 |
| | Freddie Friedman | 2015 |
| | John Scrieber | 2015 |
| Board of Appeals | Myron Jaffee, Chair | 2015 |
| | Jack Bellinger | 2015 |
| | B. Daniel Litchfield | 2015 |
| | Helen Liveten | 2015 |
| | Vacant - Alternate | 2015 |
| Animal Control Officer | John Springstube | 2015 |
| Inspector of Animals | Prudence Spaulding | 2015 |
| Sanitary Inspector | Scott McFarland | 2015 |
| Board of Health Agent | Visiting Nurse Assoc. | 2015 |
| Accounting Officer | Tara B. White | 2015 |
| Tax Collector | Anne Marie Enoch, Interim | 2015 |
| Town Treasurer | Jennifer Goewey | 2015 |
| Field Driver/Fence Viewer | Prudence Spaulding | 2015 |
| Moth Superintendent | Lawrence H. Davis, Jr. | 2015 |
| Burial/Soldier Grave Agent | Courtney K. Turner | 2015 |

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| Town Counsel | Jeremia Pollard, Esq. | 2015 |
| Gas Inspector | Robert Krupski | 2015 |
| Assistant Gas Inspector | Donald Hopkins | 2015 |
| Pound Keeper | John Springstube | 2015 |
| Plumbing Inspector | Robert Krupski | 2015 |
| Assistant Plumbing Inspector | Donald Hopkins | 2015 |
| Veterans Agent | Laurie Hils | 2015 |
| Police Chief | Graham Frank | 2015 |
| Fire Chief | Charles Loring, III | 2015 |
| Building Commissioner | Thomas Carmody | 2015 |
| Wiring Inspector | Richard Aliosi | 2015 |
| Alternate Wiring Inspector | Michael Leining | 2015 |
| Emergency Management Director | Edward Harvey | 2015 |
| Cultural Council | Michele Shalaby, Chair | 2017 |
| | Barbara Lowman, | 2015 |
| | Niki Hayes | 2015 |
| | Tom Weeks, Treasurer | 2015 |
| | Cam Adams | 2015 |
| | Trisha Killeen | 2017 |
| | Mary Richie Smith | 2015 |
| | Alan Lombardi | 2017 |
| | Ned MacDowell | 2016 |
| | Joyce (Sachs) Reisman | 2015 |
| | Margie Shapiro | 2015 |
| | Nan Smith, Secretary | 2015 |
| | Anne Sommers | 2016 |
| | Louise Yohalem | 2017 |
| | Maureen Hosford | 2017 |
| Historical Commission | John Sisson | 2015 |
| | Claudette Callahan | 2015 |
| | Helen Liveten | 2015 |
| Right to Know Officer | Board of Selectmen | 2015 |
| | Larry Burke, Asst. | 2014 |
| Regional Planning | | |
| Commission Delegate | James Mullen | 2015 |
| Alternate Regional Planning | | |
| Commission | Patricia Hardyman | 2015 |

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| Lake Buel Restoration | | |
| Preservation District | | |
| Representative | Christopher Hassett | 2015 |
| Council on Aging | Prudence Spaulding, Chair | 2015 |
| | Joan Hotaling | 2015 |
| | Marsha Harvey | 2015 |
| Umpachene Park Commission | Edgar Zukauskas, Chair | 2015 |
| | Tom Billard | 2015 |
| | Robert Twing | 2015 |
| | Vacant | 2015 |
| | Vacant | 2015 |
| Solid Waste Coordinator | Roger Levine | 2015 |
| Finance Committee | Jennifer Goewey, Treasurer | 2015 |
| Technology Committee | Tim Newman | 2015 |
| | Gino Furio | 2015 |
| | Vacant | 2015 |

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank two individuals for their service over the years. Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant and Patricia Mielke, Treasurer both retired this year. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to our Town and wish them our best in whatever lies ahead for them. Scott Farrell also left his position as Police Chief and Moderator for an educational position on the eastern side of the State. We wish him good luck in his new venture.

Sheila LaBarbera from Berkshire County Retirement met with the Board of Selectmen in July after an inquiry was made regarding the increase in the retirement insurance at the Annual Town Meeting. Sheila discussed the history of the retirement system, how the assessments are calculated and why New Marlborough's assessment went up dramatically in 2015. This information was then disseminated, via a letter, to all Town residents.

This year saw a Capital Planning Committee set up to review the expenditures of the Town and to recommend ways to plan capital purchases, expenditures and improvements over the next several years. This was in part a response to the recommendations from Rick Kingsley, Bureau Director of the Municipal Data Management and Technical Assistance Bureau of the Department of Revenue and the 2013 Town audit performed by Scanlon & Associates. As a result of those report recommendations, there have been regular financial reviews with all of the members of the financial team, examination of internal processes and controls, more communication on expenditures between the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen, policy reviews and revisions and goals set by all of the departments.

Douglas Plachinski from Berkshire Regional Planning presented his report on the road conditions in New Marlborough. The evaluation found that many Town roads were subject to deterioration by poor water drainage, freezing and thawing and truck traffic. However, they are in pretty good shape overall. The report also found that the Town maintains more bridge structures than any other town in the Berkshires. With this report in hand, the Town and Highway Department can prioritize the roads and bridges and implement a ten year "blue print" for future maintenance and repair.

Financed by a State grant, the Canaan/Southfield Bridge (Foley Bridge) was completed in early August well before its completion deadline and within the grant allowance. The Clayton/Mill River Bridge work is scheduled to begin after July 1, 2015 and the Hadsell Street Bridge is still on the list for repair by the State in 2016.

The Town held another successful auction of Town Owned Property resulting in a net gain to the Town of \$370,876. This is the fourth parcel that the Town

has auctioned in over a year with three of the four parcels being put back on the tax rolls.

A new single stream compactor was installed at the Transfer Station this year. This will decrease the number of truck loads needed to remove our recyclables and, with a local hauler, the costs associated with the Transfer Station will be less. A grant of \$7,500 was received to use towards the compactor's purchase and up to \$500 was received for education and signage for the new compactor.

Meetings began this year with Sheffield, Monterey, Tyringham, Sandisfield and Egremont to discuss the sharing of services including road materials and high-way equipment. As these discussions continue, they will be expanded to include the Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Services.

The Board welcomed Representative William (Smitty) Pignatelli and Senator Ben Downing to a meeting in July. Topics at the meeting included reduction of state aid to towns, regionalization of school districts, increasing the Senior Tax Work-Off Program wage, broadband, school transportation and State mandates.

Colonial Power reached out to communities last fall and with New Marlborough and nine other communities coming together, was able to reach an agreement with Hampshire Power to lower the proposed increase of 0.16273k/Wh by National Grid to 0.12191k/Wh for the residents of those communities.

In September, the Town saw a change in its Police Department when Chief Scott Farrell left the Department and the Town welcomed Officer Graham Frank as our new Police Chief. Chief Frank entered his position with enthusiasm and many new ideas he would like to implement for the Town and his Department.

We want to thank **ALL** of our Town employees for their hard work and dedication to their jobs and the Town which makes all of the Town's municipal operations run smoothly. A special thank you to our Highway Department who endured an especially hard season with the flooding in July and the extremely cold, snowy winter by keeping our roadways in good shape for all of us to get where we need to be.

Many of our boards and committees also wouldn't be what they are without the time and talent of our committed volunteers. We are fortunate to have **ALL** of you as part of our community and thank you for your continued service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Nathaniel H. Yohalem

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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

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

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during the 2014 calendar year.

- One (1) Annual Town Meeting (May 5th).
- One (1) Annual Town Election (May 12th).
- One (1) Town Caucus (March 25th).
- One (1) State Election (November 4th)
- One (1) State Primary Election (September 9th)

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2014 calendar year.

Vitals Report

Births 5
Deaths 10
Marriage Intentions Filed 15
Marriages That Took Place 15

Dog Licensing

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

| Sex | Fee | Number of Licenses Issued | Amount |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Male | \$15.00 | 28 | \$ 420.00 |
| Neutered Male | \$ 7.00 | 138 | \$ 966.00 |
| Female | \$15.00 | 14 | \$ 210.00 |
| Spayed Female | \$7.00 | 119 | \$ 833.00 |
| Kennel | \$30.00 | 1 | \$ 30.00 |
| Kennel | \$50.00 | <u>2</u> | <u>\$ 100.00</u> |
| Totals | | 302 | \$ 2559.00 |
| Fees retained | | | \$ 302.00 |
| Paid to Town | | | \$ 2,257.00 |

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Chretien
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There were no hearings in 2014.

The Zoning Board of Appeals should still have one more member.

Respectively submitted,

M.I. Jaffe
Jack Bellinger
Helen Liveten
B. Daniel Litchfield, III

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

At the time of this printing, the Tax Collector's office was undergoing an exit audit due to the change in personnel in the position. No detailed figures are available at this time, but information from this year will be included in next year's report. Please reference the Accountant's report for cash receipts received for Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, and Farm Animal taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Enoch
Interim Tax Collector

REPORT OF NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE

For the year ending December 31, 2014, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to a total of 203 calls:

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| Chimney fire & other fires | 3 |
| Mutual aid structure fires & other fires | 11 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 11 |
| Brush fires | 3 |
| Fire alarms | 52 |
| Carbon monoxide alarms | 8 |
| Trees down/wires down | 11 |
| Medical calls in town | 88 |
| Mutual aid medical calls | 11 |
| Service & other calls | <u>5</u> |
| Total Calls | 203 |

The year 2014 again proved to be busy for the members of New Marlborough Fire and Rescue. Although the total of 203 calls was slightly lower than the 213 reported in 2013, our volunteer members continue to respond to an average of nearly four calls per week. When one includes the number of hours of training during the course of a year, the time commitment is substantial. Thank you to the members for their continued dedication to serving our community.

As in previous years, medical calls in town and to neighboring communities, as well as fire alarms, continue to account for a significant share of our calls. We will again take this opportunity to remind residents to clearly post their 911 numbers, which prove invaluable time-savers in locating an emergency. Homeowners are also reminded to register their alarms and provide the name of a keyholder who can respond in the event the homeowners are unavailable during an emergency.

During 2014, we responded to several mutual aid calls, both medical and fire, in our neighboring communities. As time commitments continue to grow and the number of volunteers proves challenging to maintain, mutual aid is an increasingly important resource for New Marlborough and local communities. We continue to be fortunate to maintain a dedicated group of volunteers — 28 at last count — and have strong mutual aid support from surrounding departments. We were also able to introduce a small payment system in 2014 to help alleviate some of the burden on our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). We thank the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for endorsing this plan.

We also thank the taxpayers and residents in New Marlborough for approving our plan to purchase a new engine to replace our aging Engine 1, which serves as a primary piece of equipment on a large percentage of our calls. The new engine is presently being built by KME Fire Apparatus in Pennsylvania, and we expect delivery in late summer. All of our members appreciate the support of the community for what we recognize is a significant expense but one that is also an important investment in our town's emergency services.

Finally, thank you to the Emergency Services Fund, Highway Department, Police Department, Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee for their support.

And, as always, we request that any community member with an interest in serving the Town consider joining the Department. Interested residents may stop by the fire station in Southfield at 7 p.m. on any Tuesday night or speak with a current member for more information.

We look forward to continuing to provide professional and timely service.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Loring, III, Chief
New Marlborough Fire and Rescue

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

What is Emergency Management?

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

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

Emergency Management has been quite active with a wide variety of projects and events. These include participating in online WebEOC Training, quarterly meetings with the regional and state emergency management directors. I also represent the Town on the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee and currently co-chair this committee and have been working on the social media project for this group. Our membership in this group assists us with a wide variety of training, funding, and mandatory hazardous materials reporting. Emergency Management had an excellent opportunity this past summer to present a disaster preparedness program to the Council on Aging. The program was very well received. Our partnership with the Council on Aging continued into the fall and met with over 15 representatives from agencies or organizations who cater to elderly populations. We discussed their mission and how they can assist in the event of a disaster. Prue Spaulding was instrumental in organizing both of the excellent events.

Emergency Management was activated for the storms on July 4th and for several other weather related emergencies throughout the past year. During these activations NMEM assists the Select Board, Highway, Police, and Fire with communications, documentation and resource management. I have had several meetings with National Grid to improve the restoration of service to customers as soon as possible in the event of an outage. Early communications are in the works with Verizon to do the same. Several local and regional training events are being for the upcoming year.

New Marlborough also has been awarded a 2 year grant from the State for emergency planning. This grant will be used to purchase and install radio communications in the Town Hall and for a multi-media training system for the Emergency Operations Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Harvey
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

This has been another busy year for both the Animal Inspector and the Animal Control Officer. Again cows, pigs and horses have left their pastures wandering on to private property and causing damage. These same animals have been found on public roads thus endangering motorists.

A dog from out of state was put in quarantine because he had bitten someone. Second homeowners need to have a copy of their dog's rabies shots when bringing them into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Resident dogs will, of course, be current with their rabies shots when they become licensed each year. Another dog was put in quarantine because, although with a current rabies shot, he was involved with a rabid raccoon.

Four cats were quarantined because they had become involved with an animal of unknown origin. Two of these cats with up to date rabies shots only remained in quarantine for 45 days. The other two cats remain in quarantine for 6 months. The owners of cats need to know that although cats do not require licenses they need to be protected against rabies which has been identified throughout the town.

Each year the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires the Animal Inspector to submit a census report of resident farm animals. Each owner is required to provide shelter, food and water for his/her animals. There are fifty homes of farm animals in the Town of New Marlborough with the greatest increase of chickens living in our town. The following figures reflect the number of farm animals living in our town in October 2014.

Dairy cows 13, Beef cows 41, Beef steers, Oxen and Bulls 15
Goats 67, Sheep 15, Llamas 10
Horses 45, Ponies 15, Donkeys 30
Chicken 491 (in 26 homes!) Turkeys 12, Ducks 9
Peacocks 13, Guinea Hens 19, Pheasants 5
Ratites 6, Geese 13, and Rabbits 7.

In closing I urge the owners of pigs, horses and cows to check their fences and keep their animals within their pastures.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It's exciting to see the people of New Marlborough making the library a vibrant, active part of the life of the town. For a small community, we have a remarkable library to celebrate and cherish. We must begin, of course, by recognizing the library's director, Debora O'Brien, without whose devotion the library would be a much poorer place. Our enthusiastic part-time staff Mary Margaret Wrinkle and Rosemary McAlister and volunteer Teena Parton not only help the library run smoothly, but also make the library a welcoming place for all. We must also extend thanks and appreciation to the New Marlborough Friends of the Library, who organize and run events such as the book and bake sale at Burrill Day, the pie sale at Thanksgiving, the chocolate sale for Valentine's Day, and the bake sale at Memorial Day. The Friends' hard work and the generosity of our townspeople enable the library to provide the programming we all enjoy at the library.

The library sponsored 121 programs this year, 63 of them for children and 58 for adults. Children's programs range from the wildly popular Halloween Celebration, Lego Club and Summer Reading Club to monthly trips to the library from New Marlborough Central School, family movie/game/pizza nights, and Play Group/Story Hour (in conjunction with the Community Health Program). Adults also enjoy library programs such as the book group, knitting group, and computer classes for seniors (funded by a grant from the New Marlborough Cultural Council). Community groups use the library for their meetings – Project Bee, the Council on Aging, the Boy Scouts, and the Cultural Council. These are just examples of the multitude of activities at the library that bring it alive with the infectious energy of people of all ages reading, learning and having fun.

The library has seen a remarkable increase in the number of circulations of e-books – a 55% increase over last year – as well as circulation of traditional print books, which increased by 6.1%. E-books still only make up 3.3% of total circulation, but the trend is increasing. For the year, total circulation was 23,531 items and total visits to the library were 11,245, with 724 registered borrowers.

The collection now stands at 50,390 items, including print and non-print materials, ebooks, downloadable audios and videos. Our patrons also enjoy the benefits of extensive interlibrary sharing among Massachusetts libraries, borrowing 3,348 items. The library loaned 5,152 items to patrons at other libraries as

well. The ability to share materials among libraries enables New Marlborough residents to take advantage of the collections at the many libraries across the Commonwealth, while also contributing by sharing our materials.

Visit the library online at <http://www.newmarlboroughlibrary.org/> to find out about our programs and events, new books, and more. While you're there, take a few moments to sign up for Wowbrary, a free (and spam-free) service that sends you a weekly email about the library's newest books and more!

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Mikesell, Chair
Claudette Callahan
Maureen Hosford

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

This has been a busy year for the members of the New Marlborough Council on Aging. A COA member serves on the board of the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation and writes the state incentive grant which yields \$4,000 allowing the New Marlborough COA to provide informative luncheons, outreach services, help those attending the CHP food distributions, allows seniors and the disabled to attend the Kilpatrick Wellness Swim program three times a week for a nominal fee of \$3.00 per session, and sends mailings to seniors alerting them to the various beneficial programs open to them. The New Marlborough Council on Aging now has its own laptop computer and printer (provided by the grant funds) thus facilitating record keeping and mailings.

The members have helped with applications for Fuel Assistance, referrals to social agencies, distribution of food donated by a generous local farmer, distributing Farm Market booklets, and the collection of clothing to be donated to the food and clothing distribution at St. Peter's Church in Great Barrington. Seniors were invited and attended the annual Fall Music Festival and luncheon at Monument Mountain Regional High School (10 attended); the Christmas luncheon and program for seniors at Southern Berkshire Regional High School

(8 attended), and the spring musical and desert at Monument Mountain Regional High School (14 attended).

Three senior luncheons were held at the Southfield Church Hall. The speaker for the spring luncheon (catered by SBRSD) was Mr. Edward Harvey Emergency Management Director for the Town of New Marlborough. He provided excellent handouts and information to help the seniors prepare for emergencies (40 attended). The second luncheon took place in August with Mrs. Carol Dupre from the Western Massachusetts Food Bank explaining the process of obtaining food stamps and helping some seniors with the making of an application. The third and last luncheon held in October (catered by the SBRSD) featured Mrs. Stacy Cote from the Berkshire Community Action Corporation who provided the group with information about the Fuel Assistance Program. (25 attended).

In November the New Marlborough COA together with the Emergency Management Director sponsored the Senior Wellbeing Resource Conference held at the Firehouse in Southfield. Twenty agencies that provide services to the seniors in the town presented their programs. This allowed for the sharing of knowledge and the networking of the attendees.

The New Marlborough Council on Aging is made up of a few dedicated workers who would welcome more members!

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding
Director of Senior Services

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (DDVS)

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

During FY 2014 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation

and currently have 42 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:
Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

| Town | FY 2014 Submitted 7/01/13-6/30/14 | Pmt Due in FY 2015 - FY 2014 - 75% |
|-----------------|--|---|
| New Marlborough | \$7,574.66 | \$5,681.00 |

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| Applications for VA Health Care | 56 |
| ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance | 108 |
| Other Request (DD 214s/Markers/Medals) | 54 |
| Flags to funerals homes for veterans | 53 |
| Assisted with Dr. appointments | 37 |
| Home and Office Visits | 445 |
| Veterans Services Phone Calls | 1,545 |

For FY 2014 the District budget has been reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place.

New Marlborough's apportionment towards the FY 2014 DVS budget was \$5,683.30 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie J. Hils
District Director

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The New Marlborough Conservation Commission works to protect the wetland resources of New Marlborough through thoughtful application of the Wetlands Protection Act. During the calendar year 2014, the Conservation Commission held eleven (11) meetings.

The Commission received eight (8) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filings, four (4) Notice of Intents filing, five (5) emergency orders, five (5) Certificate of Compliances and one (1) enforcement order. The Commission also reviewed fourteen (14) forest cutting plans.

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

The Commission currently has four (4) vacant openings on the board. If anyone is interested in serving on the Commission please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wilson, Chair
John Weinstein, Co-Chair (resigned June, 2014)
Freddy Friedman
John Schreiber

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

We provide GRANTS, GRANTS and more GRANTS! Not to be confused with our fellow New Marlborough volunteer organizations, our primary function is to distribute grant funds in support of the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. As a local extension of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, annually funded by the State Legislature, all taxpayers of Massachusetts are participants of the New Marlborough CC.

On behalf of the entire Council, we wish to thank the citizens of New Marlborough, our individual contributors, everyone who has participated in our events (as well as those of our grantees) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We sincerely appreciate the contribution from New Marlborough to cover the cost of our annual fund-raising appeal. It is through

this appeal that we are able to broaden the Commonwealth's grant allocation. Typically, we are able to triple this amount, resulting in grant funds of \$16,000 in 2014. For details on our grant awards and process, please visit our web site <https://www.mass-culture.org/New-Marlborough#> or contact us directly. To keep up with news, photos and events of the Council, "like" us on Facebook.

Thank you, also, to those who participated in our community survey during the May election. Feedback is always welcome and we strive to serve the entire community. We typically meet at the Library on the second Thursday of each month at 4:15pm. Our meetings are posted at Town Hall and on the web site. They are open meetings and everyone is welcome!

As a service to the community, we host several events throughout the year. Please join us at Burritt Day, Garden Tour, Open Studios and the photo exhibit/potluck dinner. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shalaby, Chair

Nan Smith, Secretary

Tom Weeks, Treasurer

and Members, Cam Adams, Susan Cane, Nikki Hayes, Maureen Hosford, Trisha Kileen, Alan Lombardi, Barbara Lowman, Ned MacDowell, Kathy Potaski, Joyce Sachs Reisman, Margie Shapiro, Mary Richie Smith, Anne Sommers, Louise Yohalem

REPORT OF THE BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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

Disease surveillance and investigation of reportable and communicable diseases involves the receipt and processing of reports for specific diseases and implementation of appropriate follow-up measures. This is accomplished with the use of MAVEN. The Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network known as MAVEN is part of the Electronic Disease Surveillance System. There were 16 diseases investigated. The diseases were campylobacteriosis, hepatitis C, human

granulocytic anaplasmosis, influenza, and Lyme disease.

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

Disease screening and immunizations for individual and community disease prevention are provided as necessary. An established distribution station is maintained in accordance with MDPH requirements for the management of state supplied vaccine. A town clinic for seasonal influenza and pneumococcal vaccine is offered to persons meeting the criteria. Opportunity for those who are unable to come to the town clinic is made available at subsequent health promotion clinics. A total of 25 seasonal influenza shots were administered.

Health promotion provides accessible monitoring of health risks to the community. Also provided are health education, health promotion and screening in accordance with acceptable standards of care. A health promotion clinic is held regularly at the Town offices in Mill River. There were 54 visits made to this clinic. Blood sugar testing is offered regularly to those with diabetes and annually for all clinic participants. Health education presentations this year included shingles information, tobacco cessation aides, hand washing, heart health, active living, stress reduction, MI & stroke information, summer smarts, healthy habits, and outdoor kits. Printed resource material was offered to participants for future reference on each subject.

The Board of Health Coordinator, Cindy Croce, RN, collaborates with the Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to other health care professionals are readily made.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Croce, RN
Board of Health Coordinator
Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

2014 was a pretty uneventful year for the Assessors. We saw fewer sales during the year. The board was busy looking for ways to take some of the burden from the taxpayers.

The new exemption for seniors has worked well and allowed us to help more people. The senior work off program has been helping many people. If there are any questions about any of the exemption programs, please feel free to contact the assessor's office at 229-8926.

As always, we are here to help the people in the town.

Fiscal Year 2015 Valuations

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Residential | \$420,265,595.00 |
| Personal Property | \$ 4,957,780.00 |
| Commercial | \$ 19,132,315.00 |
| Industrial | <u>\$ 2,501,550.00</u> |
| Total | \$476,848,240.00 |
| Exempt | \$ 21,913,000.00 |

Estimated Local Receipts Fiscal Year 2015

| | <u>Actual Receipts</u> <u>2014</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>Receipts 2015</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 229,533.00 | 225,000.00 |
| Other Excise | 340.00 | 300.00 |
| Penalties/ Interest on Taxes/Excises | 50,242.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 298.00 | 295.00 |
| Solid Waste Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Charges for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fees | 603.00 | 600.00 |
| Departmental Revenues | 2,278.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Licenses and Permits | 26,314.00 | 26,000.00 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 9,143.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Investment Income | 3,610.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous Recurring | 11,603.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Non-Recurring | <u>19,144.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Totals | 353,108.00 | 327,695.00 |

Appropriations- Fiscal Year 2015

| Town Meeting Date | Total Appropriations Each Meeting | Raise & Appropriate | Free Cash | Other Available Funds | Revolving Funds | Borrowing |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 05/05/14 | 5,301,556.00 | 4,893,606.00 | 353,900.00 | 54,050.00 | 43,000.00 | 778,000.00 |

Tax Rate Recapitulation
Fiscal Year 2015

Amounts to be Raised

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Appropriations | | | | | | 5,301,556.00 |
| Total Cherry Sheet Offsets | | | | 2,605.00 | | |
| Other | | | | 8,002.63 | | |
| Overlay Deficits | | | | <u>0.00</u> | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | | 10,607.63 |
| State Cherry Sheet Charges | | | | | | 1,643.00 |
| Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions | | | | | | <u>35,259.75</u> |
| Total to be Raised | | | | | | 5,349,066.38 |

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|------------------|--|-------------------|
| State Cherry Sheet Revenue | | | | | | 111,974.00 |
| Local Estimated Receipts | | | | | | 377,695.00 |
| Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes | | | | | | |
| Free Cash | | | | 353,900.00 | | |
| Other Available Funds | | | | <u>54,050.00</u> | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | | <u>407,950.00</u> |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue | | | | | | 847,619.00 |

Summary of Total Amounts to be Raised & Total Receipts

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Total Amount to be Raised | | | | | | 5,349,066.38 |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources | | | | 847,619.00 | | |
| Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy | | | | <u>4,501,447.38</u> | | |
| Total Receipts from all Sources | | | | | | 5,349,066.38 |

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Pshenishny, Chair
Wendy Miller
Freddy Friedman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The New Marlborough Police Department has completed another successful year. This year has been especially busy with calls from all aspects of police work. There has been a dramatic increase in calls, both officer initiated and response wise. The Police Department documented a total of 1,330 calls and 1,450 log entries for the 2014 year compared to 854 calls in 2013.

In May, the Department incorporated the use of IMC. IMC is a CAD system used to document calls, citations, incidents, arrests and accidents. This also generates reports and court documentation. The dispatch Center, Berkshire Sheriffs Control, has used this program for several years. Our system runs off of their server, allowing officers to access the calls when dispatch enters them. This program replaced the hand written log that was kept in the past and is much more efficient and professional. Both the Fire Department and Rescue Squad have this program available for their use.

The Police Department also adapted to internal structural changes. In July, Chief Scott Farrell announced his resignation. Chief Farrell had built a solid foundation for the Department and created a diverse, well rounded staff of veteran officers. In August, I was appointed the "acting" full-time Police Chief. I was then reappointed as the full-time Police Chief in November, replacing the former part-time Chief position.

With the increased call volume and the current staff of part-time officers, Ed Deming, Kyle Kemp, John Mullen and Daniel Hamill, we have filled the 24 available hours of part time coverage for the town; however, I have requested an increase to 32 hours per week of part time coverage available for the coming fiscal year to make up for the structural changes within the department.

Officers were very proactive this past year. We conducted several motor vehicle stops leading to arrests or criminal citations for offenses including unlicensed operation, operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating after suspension/revocation and locating drugs in a vehicle proceeding motor vehicle stops. The Department tallied 25 criminal court charges either through an arrest or criminal complaint. The Department also engaged in numerous investigations. We received reports of 18 Larcenies/Breaking and Enterings, 15 Disturbances/ Disputes, 154 Assist Citizen Calls, 40 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 13 E911 Calls, 85 Burglar Alarms and 37 Animal Calls to name a selection, and were involved with investigations from other agencies such as the Department of Children and Families and the Elder Protective Services.

The Police Department issued 504 citations for motor vehicle offenses,

totaling \$30,370.00. The Town receives approximately 1/3 of the written amount back from the State. We have processed 58 Firearm Applications this past year, generating \$1,287.50 to the town. Police details brought in another \$4,183.60 in admin fees to the Town.

The New Marlborough Police Department strives to best serve the town through proactive policing and building relationships with residents, businesses and other town departments. It is our honor to have the support of the community as we aim to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Frank
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

For the year ending December 31, 2014

The Building Department received and processed One Hundred Nineteen applications for permits and periodic inspections for the period January 1 thru December 31, 2014. Three periodic inspections were performed, with certificates of compliance issued, for renewal of licenses. Two periodic inspections were performed, and certificates of compliance issued, for facilities of Educational and Assembly use.

Permits issued:

| | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Demolition of Dwelling or Accessory Building |
| 15 | Additions to Existing Dwelling |
| 62 | Renovations and Alterations to Existing Dwellings |
| 1 | New Commercial Building |
| 1 | Commercial Building Alteration |
| 7 | Accessory Buildings |
| 2 | Swimming Pools |
| 8 | Roof Finish Replacements |
| 8 | Solid Fuel Burning Appliances |
| 8 | Photovoltaic Solar Electric System |
| 1 | Temporary Tent |

Total fees collected by the Building Department amount to Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 20/100 dollars, (\$15,120.20) with an estimated construction value of 4.1 million dollars.

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

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

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

Telephone: 413-229-0277 Fax: 413-229-6674

e-mail: tcarmody@newmarlboroughma.gov

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M Carmody CBO
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The winter of 2014 has been a very challenging one for the Highway Department, with a record number of snow storms and extremely cold temperatures. The cold temperatures also brought frost heaves and pot holes. Prior to Governor Patrick leaving office, he released a little over \$50,000 to help with repairs to Mill River Great Barrington Road. At the end of March 2014, J. H. Maxymillian started repairs to the bridge on Canaan Southfield Road at the bottom of Foley Hill Road, with 100% funding from a Mass Works Grant. The Highway Superintendent served as Clerk of the Works, along with the Contractor, Engineer and Board of Selectmen. The Town was also able to extend the guardrails north and south of the bridge with the monies from the State.

I would like to thank the voters at the May Town Meeting for approving the purchase of two new Highway Trucks – a Mack six wheeler and a Ford 550 with full snow removal equipment packages.

In June, we contracted to have various roads chip sealed to extend their life. On July 2, we had a major thunder storm in which we received over 4” of rain in an hour. Heavy rains continued again on July 3 and July 16. Governor Patrick released \$66,000 in Chapter 90 Funds to help with road repairs. In August, along with Wilkinson Excavating and the Highway Department, we installed 2,200 feet of drainage and cross culverts on County Road. As a result of this endeavor, County Road was reclaimed, graded, topped with binder and a top coat to be added in Summer 2015. Sisson Hill North was also reclaimed, graded and resurfaced. Along with these projects the Highway Department continues to keep the dirt roads graded, cleaning out and adding culverts, weed whacking, patching potholes, doing whatever is necessary to keep the residents of New Marlborough safe on Town roads.

And last, but by no means least, I'd like to extend my thanks to the Highway crew. Thank you to Paul Krom, Dave Colucci, Lynn Kelsey, Bill Ruane, Bob Palmer, Larry Davis, Jr. the Town Hall staff, Fire Department and Police Department. Without their help and dedication, my job would have been impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Loring, III
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

During the year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, this department issued 42 Gas Permits and conducted 55 site inspections. A total of \$3,290.00 in fees was collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, this department issued 32 Plumbing Permits, collected \$3,300.00 in fees and made 64 on site inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

2014 was an active year for Animal Control involving domestic and wildlife calls.

On the domestic side, most complaints were of dogs running loose, harassing livestock and other dogs, barking for extended periods of time and wandering on to neighbor's property. Other complaints were of cattle, horses, and pigs on the roads or of animal neglect, all of which were investigated and resolved.

The number of unlicensed dogs decreased from last year and negligent owners were sent warnings and citations. Any dog which is not up to date on its rabies vaccination is subject to a \$50 fine per animal.

Most of the wildlife complaints were of bears getting into bird feeders or garbage. There were also complaints of coyotes near livestock and pets as well as skunks, foxes, and raccoons near residences. Sick animals were euthanized or referred to Fish and Wildlife for further assistance. Several deer were found

dead and appeared to have been killed by bobcats.

I would like to thank the townspeople, the town officials, highway, police and fire department all of which help make Animal Control a success.

Remember to license and vaccinate your pets and keep them leashed. Thank you.

Respectively submitted,

John W. Springstube
Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM

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

Two of the seniors worked a total of one hundred and forty hours for which they could not receive compensation.

This past January the minimum wage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has risen from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per hour, and it will rise again next January to \$10.00 per hour. We are in the process of working with both Senator Downing and Representative Pignatelli to effect a change in the law so that the seniors may be able to receive more compensation for their work. We understand that a bill has been drafted and representatives from other counties have indicated their support.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding
Director of Senior Services

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Cash Report by Fund

Trust Funds

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Conservation Commission | \$ 11,161.34 | |
| Perpetual Care Interest | \$ 11,092.35 | |
| Perpetual Care Bequests | \$ 75,956.43 | |
| Marcus Rogers Trust | \$ 6,567.89 | |
| New Marlborough Library | \$ 23,204.03 | |
| Stabilization Fund | \$ 310,193.96 | |
| Unemployment Security | <u>\$ 39,399.00</u> | |
| Total | | \$ 477,575.00 |

Agency Funds

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cultural Council | <u>\$ 24,332.50</u> | |
| Total | | \$ 24,332.50 |

General Funds **\$1,368,484.89**

TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$1,870,392.39**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Goewey
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

ALL DEPARTMENT REVENUES

As Of June 30, 2014

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Personal Property Taxes | 46,468.15 |
| Real Estate Taxes | 4,275,516.05 |
| Motor Vehicle Taxes | 229,533.06 |
| Farm Animal Excise Tax | 340.37 |
| Tax Title Principal & Interest | 31,152.03 |
| Penalties/Interest on Taxes | 27,583.32 |
| Roll Back Tax | 12,300.47 |
| State Owned Land | 39,490.00 |
| Recycling Refunds | 2,277.93 |
| Transfer Station Stickers | 38,846.00 |
| Fees | 4,936.91 |
| Licenses & Permits | 34,957.30 |
| Bond Proceeds | 207,450.00 |
| Abatements to Surviving Spouses/Elderly | 6,858.00 |
| Lottery | 50,706.00 |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 298.00 |
| Highway Fund | 277.20 |
| Fines & Forfeits | 9,147.00 |
| Investment Income | 3,919.98 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 30,772.75 |
| Sale of Town Property | 27,041.92 |
| Gain on Town Owned Land | 68,894.56 |
| Veteran's Reimbursement | 5,172.00 |
| Highway Chapter 90 | 207,821.48 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 30,746.31 |
| Payroll Withholdings | 236,725.11 |
| Town Clerk Agency | 2,003.00 |
| Tax Collector Demands/MCL | 7,020.00 |
| Police FID/Administration/Details | 27,027.02 |
| Stabilization Fund | 60,712.12 |
| New Marlborough Library | 11,482.23 |
| Revolving Funds | 15,528.00 |
| State Aid to Libraries | 2,099.49 |
| Emergency Management Grant | 4,265.95 |
| Fire Dept Equip Grant | 1,348.85 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Winter Storm 2013 | 14,965.54 |
| MA Works Grant | 122,147.84 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 839.00 |
| Sale of Town Property | 27,041.92 |
| Gain on Sale of Town Property | 68,894.56 |
| Elections – State | 2,589.00 |
| Council on Aging | 4,000.00 |
| Cultural Council | 15,956.59 |
| Sale of Cemetery Lots | 1,800.00 |
| Comstar | <u>34,605.54</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,923,265.98 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|------------------|
| MODERATOR | 145.00 | | | 145.00 |
| WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT | 2,400.00 | | | 2,122.88 |
| Selectmen's Salaries | 8,550.00 | | | 8,550.00 |
| Berk Reg Group Purchasing | 600.00 | | | 600.00 |
| Selectmen's Expenses | 4,000.00 | | | 3,218.71 |
| Contingent | 3,000.00 | 1,169.18 | | 870.01 |
| TOTAL SELECTMEN | | | | 13,238.72 |
| Administrative Assistant | 36,810.00 | | 689.35 | 37,499.35 |
| Administrative Secretary | 21,000.00 | | 105.97 | 22,105.97 |
| TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE | | | | 59,605.32 |
| TOWN COUNSEL | 8,500.00 | | | 8,500.00 |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | 500.00 | | | 301.25 |
| AUDIT | 8,000.00 | 20,000.00 | | 14,000.00 |
| Town Accountant | 16,691.00 | | 314.10 | 17,005.10 |
| Town Accountant Expenses | 3,635.00 | | | 3,481.18 |
| TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT | | | | 20,486.28 |
| Grant Writer Salary | 5,000.00 | | | 428.56 |
| Grant Writer Expenses | 500.00 | | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL GRANT WRITER | | | | 428.56 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| Assessor's Salaries | 6,000.00 | | | 6,000.00 |
| Assessor's Clerk | 17,007.00 | | 314.93 | 17,321.93 |
| Assessor's Tax Map Update | 2,900.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Assessor's Consultant | | 5,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| Assessor's Revaluation | 15,000.00 | 3,890.00 | | 15,000.00 |
| Assessor's General Expense | 2,900.00 | | | 2,165.77 |
| Assessor's Computer Cont | 4,235.00 | 3,499.00 | | 4,031.33 |
| TOTAL ASSESSORS | | | | 44,519.03 |
| Treasurer Salary | 16,710.00 | 43.23 | | 14,503.63 |
| Assistant Treasurer | 5,200.00 | | | 834.02 |
| Treasurer Expense | 3,130.00 | | | 2,940.73 |
| Tax Title (Treasurer) | 5,000.00 | | 29,040.71 | 35,090.71 |
| Treasurer Software/Support | 3,100.00 | | | 2,978.45 |
| TOTAL TREASURER | | | | 56,347.54 |
| Tax Collector Salary | 23,156.00 | | 1,476.77 | 24,632.77 |
| Tax Collector Cert Salary | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Tax Collector Expense | 4,200.00 | | | 4,191.45 |
| Tax Collector Computer Serv | 6,500.00 | | 1,000.00 | 6,230.52 |
| Tax Title (Collector) | 3,000.00 | | | 1,850.47 |
| TOTAL COLLECTOR | | | | 37,905.21 |
| Town Clerk Salary | 28,000.00 | | 1112.29 | 29,112.29 |
| Election Expense | 2,225.00 | | | 1,946.20 |
| Street Listing | 1,000.00 | | | 612.77 |
| Town Clerk Expense | 2,400.00 | 413.30 | | 2639.74 |
| Town Records Preservation | 5,000.00 | 1,860.06 | | 250.00 |
| TOTAL TOWN CLERK | | | | 34,561.00 |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 2,000.00 | | | 1,359.54 |
| Planning Board Clerical | 1,300.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Planning Board Expenses | 873.00 | 48.78 | | 391.21 |
| TOTAL PLANNING BOARD | | | | 391.21 |
| BOARD OF APPEALS | 600.00 | | | 200.00 |
| Town Hall Clerical | 7,977.00 | 292.08 | | 8,269.08 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Town Hall Expenses | 38,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | 42,806.65 |
| TOTAL TOWN HALL | | | | 51,075.73 |
| Town Officer's Expenses | 1,000.00 | | | 838.90 |
| Town Officer's Bond | 1,250.00 | | | 436.00 |
| TOTAL TOWN OFFICERS | | | | 1,274.90 |
| Town Hall Renovations | 45,000.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Town Hall Improvements | | 48,861.97 | | 27,158.59 |
| TOTAL TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS | | | | 27,158.59 |
| PRINTING | 2,700.00 | | | 1,357.96 |
| 911 CO-ORDINATOR | 500.00 | | | 3.74 |
| TOWN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE | 3,500.00 | | | 3,500.00 |
| Interest Expense | 5,000.00 | | | 1,126.65 |
| Banking Services | 200.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Fire Truck Loan | 31,410.00 | | | 31,410.00 |
| Highway Garage Loan | 46,913.00 | | | 46,912.50 |
| Highway Truck 2009 | 30,218.00 | | | 30,218.00 |
| Highway Truck 2010 | 20,410.00 | | | 20,410.00 |
| Ambulance 2010 | 28,165.00 | | | 28,165.00 |
| Town Hall Renovations | 29,580.00 | | | 29,579.65 |
| Town Hal Renovations 2013 | 14,788.00 | | | 14,787.50 |
| Highway Truck 2013 | 42,907.00 | | | 42,906.50 |
| Hatchery Road | 25,988.00 | | | 25,987.50 |
| TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT | | | | 271,503.30 |
| WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION | 16,500.00 | 4,277.00 | 5,198.00 | 20,136.00 |
| RMV--Non-Renewal Surcharges | 880.00 | | | 880.00 |
| Air Pollution Control | 768.00 | | | 768.00 |
| Regional Planning Commission | 1,037.00 | | | 1,037.00 |
| District Dept Veteran's Services | 5,684.00 | | | 5,683.30 |
| TOTAL STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS | | | | 8,368.30 |
| Berkshire County Retirement | 77,978.00 | | | 77,978.00 |
| Insurance Expense | 64,000.00 | 7,500.00 | 19,143.70 | 82,153.70 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|
| Group Insurance | 148,122.00 | | | 99,191.82 |
| Medicare | 10,700.00 | | 1,038.28 | 12,707.96 |
| Veteran's Benefits Chpt 115 | 8,000.00 | | | 7,304.78 |
| TOTAL BENEFITS/WITHHOLDINGS | | | | 279,336.26 |
| Reserve Fund | 50,000.00 | | | 34,663.41 |
| Stabilization Fund | 50,000.00 | | | 50,000.00 |
| TOTAL FINANCING USES | | | | 84,663.41 |
| BERKSHIRE CTY COMMUNICATIONS | 9,137.00 | | | 9,136.69 |
| Police Salaries | 82,376.00 | | 2,973.45 | 84,352.67 |
| Police Dept Expenses | 18,600.00 | 4,176.00 | | 20,196.69 |
| Police Software | 15,850.00 | | | 15,850.00 |
| Police Detail Rental | 12,000.00 | | | 3,000.00 |
| TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT | | | | 123,399.36 |
| Constable Salary | 475.00 | | | 475.00 |
| Constable Expense | 95.00 | | | 94.64 |
| TOTAL CONSTABLE | | | | 569.64 |
| Fire Dept Clerical | 1,700.00 | | | 1,700.00 |
| Firefighter's Stipend | 46,500.00 | | | 39,750.00 |
| Dues | 200.00 | | | 200.00 |
| Fire Protection | 60,900.00 | 9,073.26 | | 60,246.15 |
| TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | | 101,896.15 |
| NM Rescue Salary | 6,300.00 | | | 6,300.00 |
| NM Rescue Expenses | 26,550.00 | | 46.14 | 21,590.11 |
| TOTAL RESCUE EXPENSES | | | | 27,890.11 |
| Emergency Mgmt Salary | 4,000.00 | | | 4,000.00 |
| Emergency Mgmt Expenses | 3,275.00 | 540.00 | | 2,610.03 |
| TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | | | | 6,610.03 |
| Building Inspector Salary | 18,827.00 | | 206.68 | 19,033.68 |
| Building Inspector Expenses | 3,635.00 | 650.00 | | 3,297.60 |
| TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR | | | | 22,331.28 |
| SBRSD Operation | 2,316,701.00 | | | 2,316,701.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| SBRSD Capital | 85,824.00 | | | 85,824.00 |
| School Committee Expenses | 1,500.00 | | | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL | | | | 2,404,025.00 |
| Roads & Bridges Salaries | 252,393.00 | | 3,074.94 | 243,506.02 |
| Highway Training Expenses | 1,200.00 | | | 1,195.64 |
| Highway Electricity | 4,500.00 | | | 3,722.31 |
| Garage Maintenance | 9,500.00 | | 6,094.29 | 12,945.28 |
| Highway Uniforms/Gear | 2,500.00 | | | 2,446.40 |
| Machinery Expense | 66,046.00 | 2,732.89 | | 67,137.21 |
| Propane | 18,000.00 | 2,000.00 | | 19,864.48 |
| Diesel | 54,000.00 | | | 52,942.00 |
| Roads & Bridges | 187,000.00 | 29,195.88 | | 125,686.48 |
| TOTAL ROADS & BRIDGES | | | | 529,445.82 |
| WINTER ROADS | 243,675.00 | | 61,282.58 | 304,957.58 |
| Brewer Hill Drainage | | 7,132.00 | 30,000.00 | 30,494.00 |
| County Road Drainage | 10,000.00 | | | 9,254.30 |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY OTHER | | | | 39,748.30 |
| STREET LIGHTS | 4,500.00 | | | 3,672.71 |
| Cemetery Salaries | 33,955.00 | | 845.92 | 33,590.92 |
| Cemetery Officers Salary | 400.00 | | | 400.00 |
| NM Village Cemetery Preservation | | 5,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Expenses | 2,700.00 | | | 2,236.86 |
| TOTAL CEMETERY | | | | 36,227.78 |
| Tree Warden Salary | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Tree Work | 10,000.00 | 1,894.33 | | 11,777.50 |
| TOTAL TREE WARDEN | | | | 12,777.50 |
| Board of Health Officers | 1,250.00 | | | 1,250.00 |
| Board of Health Salaries | 5,000.00 | | | 5,000.00 |
| Board of Health Expenses | 1,500.00 | 56.60 | 560.34 | 2,116.94 |
| TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH | | | | 8,366.94 |
| Animal Control Officer | 2,100.00 | | | 2,100.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | BUDGET | CARRY FORWARD | AMENDED | EXPENDED |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Animal Expense | 1,660.00 | | | 959.29 |
| Animal Control Officer Expenses | 1,539.00 | | | 1,539.00 |
| TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL | | | | 4,598.29 |
| Transfer Station Salaries | 17,461.00 | | 47.08 | 15,272.16 |
| Transfer Station | 61,000.00 | 13,709.80 | 4,801.48 | 75,366.52 |
| Household Hazardous Waste | 1,100.00 | | | 1,083.00 |
| Transfer Station Renovations 2014 | 25,000.00 | | 4,801.38 | 20,198.62 |
| Transfer Station Repairs | | 15,000.00 | | 9,857.25 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH | | | | 121,777.55 |
| Children's Health Program (CHP) | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Visiting Nurse Association | 2,447.00 | | | 2,446.56 |
| Mental Health | 200.00 | | | 118.52 |
| Senior Tax Workoff Program | 100.00 | | | 48.61 |
| TOTAL HEALTH/WELFARE | | | | 3,613.69 |
| Council on Aging Transportation | 5,497.00 | 2,108.83 | | 3,727.44 |
| Council on Aging Expenses | 200.00 | | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING | | | | 3,727.44 |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | 1,000.00 | 1.12 | | 1,001.12 |
| Library Salaries | 51,305.00 | | 909.45 | 49,352.37 |
| Library Trustees | 320.00 | | | 320.00 |
| Library Expenses | 38,713.00 | 1,979.00 | | 40,629.69 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY | | | | 90,302.06 |
| UMPACHENE FALLS PARK | 3,800.00 | 4,552.75 | | 3,503.05 |
| MEMORIAL DAY | 900.00 | | | 404.38 |

SPECIAL REVENUE

As of JUNE 30, 2014

GOVERNMENT /STATE GRANTS:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Firefighting Grant | 1,402.31 |
| Rural Fire Assistance Grant | 959.75 |
| Emergency Preparedness Grant | 168.12 |
| State Elections | 1,744.72 |
| State Aid to Libraries | 9,171.10 |
| Cultural Council Grant | 24,332.50 |
| Cemetery Preservation Grant | 2,305.02 |
| Planning Board Grant | 300.00 |
| Strap Grant | 18,210.99 |
| Board of Health Grant | 1,423.28 |
| Status of Roads Grant | 1,000.00 |
| Hurricane Irene (2011) | 83,269.64 |
| Emergency Management Grant | 3,448.16 |
| Winter Storm (2011) | 1,888.00 |
| Winter Storm (2013) | 14,965.54 |
| MA Works Grant | (162,140.82) |
| Undesignated Fund | <u>89.13</u> |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT/STATE GRANTS | 2,537.44 |

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Library Gifts & Memorials | 5,476.87 |
| 250th Anniversary | 234.65 |
| Wetland Conservation | 94.64 |
| Machinery Earnings | 1,848.40 |
| Insurance Proceeds | (2,475.77) |
| Ambulance Surplus Account | 230,358.87 |
| Sale of Cemetery Lots | 25,510.18 |
| Revolving Accounts | <u>647.01</u> |
| TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE | 261,694.85 |

TRUST FUNDS
As of JUNE 30, 2014

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Stabilization Fund | 310,193.96 |
| Conservation Fund | 11,161.34 |
| Marcus Rogers Fund | 6,567.89 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests | 75,956.43 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest | 11,092.35 |
| Unemployment Fund | 39,399.00 |
| New Marlborough Library | 23,204.03 |

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS **\$477,575.00**

Respectively submitted,

Tara B. White
Accounting Officer

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Following Town elections, the Planning Board reorganized: Patricia Hardyman assumed the role of Chair; Holly Morse, the role of Vice-Chair; and Judy Hattendorf, the role of Secretary. In August, Jane Tant was hired as clerk for the Planning Board.

Review of ANR Form A Plans continued with a total of \$1,420 collected in fees during FY2014.

The Planning Board activities focused on drafting two specific changes to the Protective Bylaws. These drafts were presented to both the Select Board and to Town Counsel for review in anticipation of a future planned public comment opportunity. The draft changes to the Protective Bylaws were:

- Amendment of Section 3.3.1 Single Family Dwelling: 3.3.1. 2 Accessory Dwelling to clarify the allowable maximum square footage.
- Addition of a by-right provision permitting subdivision of a dwelling to establish an Accessory Apartment.

Additionally, the Planning Board discussed means of reaching out to residents to understand community desires for revisions to the Protective Bylaws. A preliminary strategy for understanding resident interests in planning issues was formulated.

The Planning Board concluded the year by submitting a request for 2015 District Local Technical Assistance from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hardyman
Holly Morse
Judy Hattendorf
James Mullen
Charles Parton

REPORT OF THE UMPACHENE FALLS PARK COMMISION

The park is open from May through October for the enjoyment of the residents of New Marlborough, their families and guests.

I would like to thank Robert Twing Jr. who kept the park clean and free of litter throughout the season, Tom Billard for checking on the park and the New Marlborough Police for patrolling the park during the year.

The river work that was scheduled to be done last fall was unable to be completed. We are hopeful that this project will be ready to go this fall. Any suggestions, ideas or offers of help or donations will be greatly appreciated.

We are still looking for new members for the Parks Commission. If you would like to serve your Community by being a member of the Parks Commission please contact the Board of Selectmen at 413 229-8116 – PO Box 99 – Mill River, MA 01244.

The Parks Commission appreciates the support of the people who use the park by reporting to the police or to one of the Park Commissioners any infraction of the rules and by “taking nothing but pictures and leaving behind nothing but footprints”.

The Commission reminds everyone that there are no open fires, glass bottles or alcohol allowed at the Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Zukauskas
Chairman

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2014 the Board of Health membership remained the same, with Larry Davis III as Chairman, Jack Bellinger and Norman Hankey as members, Scott McFarland as Agent and Pia Bellinger as Secretary. Please note that Board of Health meetings have been moved from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month for 2015.

Again in 2014, the presence of mosquito-borne viruses of West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Massachusetts and Berkshire County were not as high as in previous years, however the occurrence of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses continued to be prevalent. As we approach the warmer months, preventative measures are key in protecting oneself from these diseases: use insect repellent, cover up exposed skin, don't use perfume or scented skin products, and avoid high mosquito areas at dusk and at night when mosquitoes are most active. For the most recent information on WNV, EEE, and tick-borne diseases please refer to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/>.

New Marlborough continued its participation in the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. The Alliance provides New Marlborough an opportunity to effectively apply for public health related grants with other interested nearby towns. Each Town is a member of the governing board, with Scott McFarland as New Marlborough's representative and Jack Bellinger as alternate. The Board of Health continues to coordinate with the Building Inspector in conjunction with issuance of permits for new construction, renovations and additions to ensure adequate septic system capacity for the facility being served. Also the Board reminds those seeking building permits that garbage disposals are not allowed on septic systems unless the system is designed with 50% more capacity, and that water softeners are not to discharge into the septic system. Please also keep in mind that when selling a property with a dwelling on it, a Title 5 Septic Inspection is required by State law in conjunction with that property transfer, regardless of the financing method. For instance, even when buying a property with cash, a Title 5 inspection is still required to be done. There are a few exemptions from the Title 5 inspection requirement for specific intra-family transactions. Please contact the Board of Health and your real estate lawyer if you have questions on Title 5 or possible exemptions.

The Board of Health is pleased to note that Camp Wa Wa Segowea was again opened for the summer 2014 season, operated by the Northwest Connecticut YMCA this year, and is continuing to pursue infrastructure improvements. The camp is planning to operate again for the 2015 summer camp season.

Numbers of inspections and permits issued by the Board of Health in 2014 were as follows:

| | |
|----|--|
| 6 | New system designs were permitted |
| 14 | Repairs to existing systems were permitted |
| 16 | Perc and deep hole tests performed |
| 27 | Title 5 Inspections witnessed |
| 8 | Septic System Installer permits issued |
| 4 | Septic Pumper permits were issued |
| 10 | Well site inspections and permits issued |
| 10 | Food Permits |
| 1 | Recreational Camp License |
| 1 | Public Beach permit |
| 0 | Housing Inspection |
| 1 | Water Bottling permit |
| 6 | Beaver permits |

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Davis, III, Chairman
Norman E. Hankey, Member
Jack Bellinger, Member
Pia Bellinger, Secretary
Scott McFarland, Agent

