



TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH

*FISCAL YEAR
2023*

Municiple Profile

First Settled	1739
Area	28,046 acres
Incorporated	June 15, 1759
Elevation	1,200 feet
Road mileage	89
Residents (2023)	1,407
Registered Voters (2023)	1,084

Federal and State Representatives

Senator in Congress:	Edward J. Markey
Senator in Congress:	Elizabeth A. Warren
Representative in Congress:	Richard E. Neal
Governor:	Maura Healy
Lieutenant Governor:	Kim Driscoll
State Senator:	Paul Mark
Representative in General Court:	William “Smitty” Pignatelli

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS *DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCY:*

Emergencies	911	Veterans’ Services	413-528-1580
Police, non-emergency ...	413-229-8161	Council on Aging	413-229-8407
Fire and Rescue	413-229-8100	Town Hall Phone	413-229-8116
Fire Dept. Inspections ...	413-229-8165	Town Hall Fax	413-229-7041
Highway Dept	413-229-8165	Town Website: newmarlboroughma.gov	

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF
NEW MARLBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

We were saddened by the recent passing of these town residents who enhanced the lives of those in our community. We dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:



David Herrick

Fire Department Captain (2003-2016)
Fire Fighter & EMT (1996-2016)
Finance Committee (2006-2014)
Conservation Commission (2018-2021)
Constable (2018-2022)



Charles Parton

Planning Board (2012-2014)
Election Warden (2010-2015)

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Richard Ryan

Assistant Gas Inspector (1993-1995)
Gas Inspector (1996-2007)

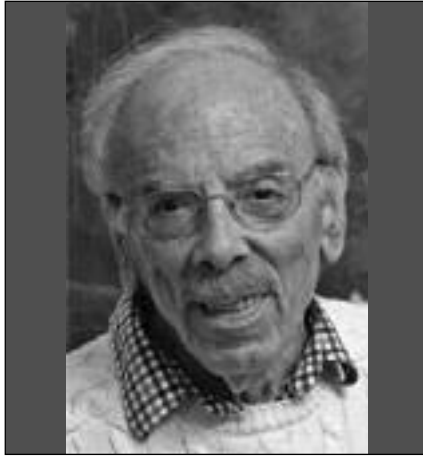


Gerald Stephens

Select Board (1976-1978)

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

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Nathaniel H. Yohalem

Finance Committee (2009-2011)
Select Board (2011-2019)



Michael Skorput

Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen
(2001-2013)

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Town Office Hours / Regular Meetings

Board of Assessors (413-229-8926)

8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-Th

Accounting Officer (413-229-7784)

9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Fri

Town Administrator (413-229-8116)

8:00 am - 3:30 pm, M,W,Th,F

Town Clerk (413-229-8278)

7:30 am - 3:30 pm, M-F

Treasurer / Tax Collector

(413-229-8963)

7:00 am - 4:00 pm, M, T, Th, F

Building Inspector (413-229-0277)

By Appointment Only

Board of Health (413-229-8469)

By Appointment Only

Southern Berkshire Regional

School District

(413-229-8734)

New Marlborough Town Library

(413-229-6668)

10 am - 5:30 pm M,W, Sa

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm Tu & Th

1:30 pm - 7:30 pm Fri

Transfer Station (413-229-2116)

9 am - 1 pm, Sun & Wed

9 am - 3 pm, Sat

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS: (other meetings may be called when necessary, and are posted at least 48 hours prior, unless for an emergency)

Board of Health

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6pm

Board of Assessors

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 9am

Cable Advisory Committee

As posted

Capital Planning Committee

As posted

Cemetery Commission

As posted

Conservation Commission

3rd Thursday each month, 5pm

Council on Aging

As posted

Citizen Advisory Committee

As posted

Cultural Council

2nd Thursday each month, 4:15 pm

Highway Planning Working Group

As posted

Zoning Board of Appeals

As posted

Transfer Station Working Group

As posted

Historical Commission

As posted

Housing Committee

As posted

Eight (8) Town School Consolidation Committee

As posted

Select Board

Every Monday, 6pm

Summer hours: June-August, every other Monday, 6pm

Umpachene Falls Park Commission

As posted

Finance Committee

As posted

Planning Board

4th Wednesday of each month, 6pm

Summer Hours: May - August -

Second Wednesday of each month, 6pm

Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee

As posted

Zoning Board of Appeals

As posted

Elected Officers

OFFICE	OFFICER	TERM
Board of Assessors	Michael Britton .....	.May, 2025
	Wendy Miller .....	.May, 2024
	Frederick Friedman .....	.May, 2023
Board of Health	Peter Marks .....	.resigned Nov, 2022
	John Miller .....	.May, 2024
	Jordan Chretien .....	.May, 2024
	Lawrence H Davis III .....	.May, 2023
Board of Selectmen	William West .....	.Sept, 2022 to May 2025
	Tara B White .....	.May, 2024
	Mark S Carson .....	.May, 2023
Cemetery Commission	Tammi Palmer .....	.May, 2025
	Robert Palmer .....	.May, 2024
	Tara B White .....	.May, 2023
Constable	William West .....	.May, 2024
Finance Committee	Barbara Marchione .....	.May, 2025
	John Pshenishy .....	.May, 2025
	Jane Fucillo .....	.Sept, 2022 to May 2025
	I Douglas Newman .....	.May, 2024
	Elizabeth Reynolds .....	.May, 2024
	Steven Klein .....	.May, 2023
	Robert Miller .....	.May, 2023
	Carrie Ann Liba .....	.May, 2025
Library Trustees	Robin Tost .....	.May, 2024
	Sally A Turner .....	.May, 2023
	Barry Shapiro .....	.May, 2023
Moderator	Jordan Archey .....	.May, 2027
Planning Board	Christian Stoval .....	.Sept, 2022 to May 2026
	Robert Hartt .....	.May, 2025
	Paul Marcel .....	.resigned Feb, 2023
	Mary (Becky) Wilkinson .....	.May, 2024
	Jonathan B James .....	.May, 2023
	Nanci Worthington .....	.November, 2026
	Sarah M Pollack .....	.November, 2024
Town Clerk	Katherine Chretien .....	.May, 2023
Tree Warden	Matthew Wright .....	.May, 2023

Appointed Officers

OFFICE	OFFICER	TERM
Town Administrator	Anne Marie Enoch	June 30, 2023
Board of Registrars	Alicia Brazie	June 30, 2023
	Michelle Dawson-Harvey	June 30, 2023
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2023
	Katherine Chretien	May, 2026
Town Counsel	Jeremia Pollard	June 30, 2023
Accountant	Tara B White	June 30, 2023
Tax Collector	Jessica Horan	June 30, 2023
Treasurer	Jessica Horan	June 30, 2023
Assistant Tax Collector	Katherine Chretien	June 30, 2023
Assistant Treasurer	Katherine Chretien	June 30, 2023
Police Chief	Graham Frank	June 30, 2025
Full Time Police Officer/ Field Training Officer	John Mullen	June 30, 2023
Permanent Part Time - Police Officer (32 hour)	Kadin G Shafiroff	resigned Dec, 2022
Full Time Police Officer (32 hour)	Ryan Kresiak	Dec, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Part Time Police Officer	Kadin G Shafiroff	Feb, 2023 to June 30, 2023
	Gary Lemon	June 30, 2023
	David Lupiani	June 30, 2023
	Michael Ovitt	June 30, 2023
	Ed Deming	June 30, 2023
Fire Chief	Charles Loring	June 30, 2023
Emergency Management Director	Barbara Marchione	June 30, 2023
911 Coordinator	David Herrick	June 30, 2023
Highway Superintendent	Charles Loring	June 30, 2023
Building Commissioner	Matthew Kollmer	June 30, 2023
Alternate Building Inspector	Paul Greene	June 30, 2023
Gas Inspector	Robert Krupski	June 30, 2023
Assistant Gas Inspector	Donald Hopkins	June 30, 2023
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	June 30, 2023
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Donald Hopkins	June 30, 2023
Wiring Inspector	Michael Leining	June 30, 2023
Alternate Wiring Inspector	Jim Kern	June 30, 2023
Animal Control Officer	Cassie Keeley	resigned Aug, 2022
	Graham Frank	June 30, 2023
Animal Inspector	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2023
Field Driver/Fence Viewer	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2023

Buriel/Soldier's Grave Agent	Courtney Turner	June 30, 2023
Board of Health Agent	Scott McFarland	June 30, 2023
Chief Procurement Officer	Anne Marie Enoch	June 30, 2023
Right-to-Know Officer	Select Board	June 30, 2023
Right-to-Know Officer, Alternate	Larry Burke	June 30, 2023
Solid Waste Coordinator	Freddy Friedman	June 30, 2023
Transfer Station Working Group	Freddy Friedman	June 30, 2023
	Nathaniel H Yohalem	June 30, 2023
	Josephine Halvorson	June 30, 2023
	Tara B White	June 30, 2023
Veteran's Agent	Laurie Hills	June 30, 2023
Director of Senior Services	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2023
Rep to Regional Transp. Comm.	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2023
Council on Aging	Joan Hotaling	June 30, 2023
	Jane Beers	June 30, 2023
	Merrie Abolafia	June 30, 2023
	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2023
	Marsha Harvey	June 30, 2023
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2023
Umpachene Park Commission	Robert Twing	June 30, 2023
	Elaine Mack	June 30, 2023
	Katelyn Dawson	June 30, 2023
	Sara Jackson	June 30, 2023
	Bruce Pierce	June 30, 2023
	Terry Ferrara	June 30, 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	Courtney Turner	June 30, 2023
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2023
Alt. Regional Planning Comm Delegate	Robert Hartt	June 30, 2023
Lake Buel Preservation District	Christopher Hassett	June 30, 2023
Historical Commission	John Schreiber	June 30, 2023
	Claudette Callahan	June 30, 2023
	Fiona Kerr	June 30, 2023
Cultural Council	Nancy Barbe	December 31, 2022
	Holly Valente	December 31, 2022
	Marjorie Robins Boscarino	December 31, 2022
	Linda Fass	December 31, 2023
	Kathy Potoski	December 31, 2023
	Eugene Cleary	December 31, 2024
	Sherri Gorelick	December 31, 2024
	Jane Maser	December 31, 2024
	Louise Yohalem	December 31, 2024
	Marjorie Shapiro	December 31, 2024

	Laurie Aibel	December 31, 2024
	Dorothy Sinclair	December 31, 2025
	Wendy Miller	December 31, 2025
Cable Advisory Committee	Michael Shocket	June 30, 2023
	John Valente	June 30, 2023
	Broc Kerr	June 30, 2023
Commission on Disabilities	John Hotaling	June 30, 2025
	John Pshenishny	June 30, 2024
	Joan Hotaling	June 30, 2023
	Marsha Pshenishny	June 30, 2023
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2023
Conservation Commission	John Schreiber	June 30, 2023
	Nanci Worthington	June 30, 2023
	Frederick Friedman	June 30, 2023
	Douglas Hyde	June 30, 2023
Highway Planning Working Group	Mark Carson	June 30, 2023
	Charles Loring	June 30, 2023
	Barbara Machione	June 30, 2023
	Richard Long	June 30, 2023
Housing Development Comm	Elizabeth Rosenberg	June 30, 2023
	Richard Long	June 30, 2023
	Joe Poindexter	June 30, 2023
	Susan Moyer	June 30, 2023
	Will Regan	June 30, 2023
Citizen Advisory Committee	Mark Carson	June 30, 2023
	Elizabeth Rosenberg	June 30, 2023
	Nanci Worthington	June 30, 2023
Capital Planning Committee	John Halbreich	June 30, 2024
	Richard Butt	June 30, 2023
	Sheila Baird	June 30, 2024
	Nathaniel H Yohalem	June 30, 2023
	Mark Walker	June 30, 2025
Town Hall Planning Committee	Richard Long	Indefinite
	Rona Easton	Indefinite
	Barbara Marchione	Indefinite
	Robert Hartt	Indefinite
	Mari Enoch	Indefinite
Regional School District Planning Board	Tara B White	Indefinite
	Jane Burke	Indefinite
	Susan Smith	Indefinite

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Board began the year with only two members as recently elected member Dan Alden had resigned in June. A special town election was held on September 6 to elect several town officials including Bill West as the third Select Board member.

In addition to the regular weekly business, there were several long term projects that accounted for much of the Select Board's time and energy in the 2023 fiscal year.

The condition and access issues of the Town Hall have been discussed for several years, and this year the Board took steps to more actively look for a solution. In July, the Board formed a temporary ad-hoc Town Hall Planning Committee tasked to write a request for information and evaluate responses for proposals for alternate Town Hall sites. The Board agreed that all options (renovation of current building, renovation of another building, or building new) should be considered. As a result of the Planning Committee's work and recommendation, the Select Board signed a Memorandum of Offer with J. Wayne and Mary Jane Eline to purchase the winery property located at 1153 Mill River Great Barrington Road. The property consists of two buildings and four acres of land and the offer was for \$1.1 million. The offer was contingent on inspection, appraisal, and Town Meeting and Election Ballot approval. In subsequent weeks, a structural analysis showed that the cost to repurpose the existing winery building to a Town Hall would cost more than anticipated. A purchase and sale agreement was not signed and the Board asked the Town Hall Planning Committee to seek other options.

In August, the Board met with representatives of Construct, Inc and the New Marlborough Housing Committee to discuss the proposed housing project at the Cassillis Farm property located at 602/604/606 Hartsville New Marlborough Road. Construct ultimately had the high bid to purchase the property at a public auction and intends to rehabilitate the buildings to provide thirteen affordable/workforce housing units. Two units will be in stand-alone houses on the property and the remaining eleven units will be located in the large building. Construct appealed to the Town for the previously committed funds and any other funds the Town could provide. In October of 2021, the Select Board had voted to allocate 50% of the Town's American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) for the affordable housing project, should it come to fruition. The Board affirmed the previous vote to allocate 50% of the ARPA funds and clarified that the amount granted to Construct for this purpose would be \$217,903. Later in the fall, Construct closed on the purchase of the property for \$625,000 and signed a contract with the Town for the ARPA funds. As part of the agreement, Construct was obligated to negotiate a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for fiscal year 2024 taxes and going forward. As the fiscal year wound down, the two parties were in the final negotiations of that PILOT agreement.

The Board met with 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board Representatives to hear the progress of the proposed merger of the Southern Berkshire and Berkshire Hills Regional School Districts. Board member Tara White served as the Select Board representative to the Planning Board and provided regular updates on the proposal.

The Board discussed a proposal for a local adoption of meal and room occupancy excise taxes, but, in response to feedback from the public, opted not to bring the proposed tax to Town Meeting at this time.

Among the grants the Town received this year was a state funded IT grant for \$23,791 to be used for the purchase of new software/online permitting. The State also funded an additional \$278,599 in Winter Roads Assistance Project (WRAP) funds to be spent on road repair.

The State also completed the repair/replacement of three bridges that span the Umpachene River. The bridges are located on Lumbert Cross Road, Canaan Southfield Road, and Norfolk Road. The Board was especially pleased that the Norfolk Road Bridge, known as the “steel” bridge, finished well ahead of schedule and opened in time for Memorial Day weekend.

A late winter storm caused the Board to declare a state of emergency from March 13 to March 15. The Board appreciates the Highway Department, Emergency Management, Police Department, and Fire/Rescue for its response to the storm and the work they do every day to keep town residents safe. A special thank you to John Field Tree Service for donating its time and service to clean up storm damage in the New Marlborough Village cemetery.

The erosion project at Umpachene Falls Park was completed and the erosion control project in Hartsville moved forward with land acquisition and design.

The Board signed a 24 month contract with Dynergy Energy Services for electricity supply at a rate of \$0.15051 per kWh. The rate is an increase of approximately \$0.05 over the current rate and goes into effect in November of 2023.

Special permits were granted for projects at 228 Deerwood Park Drive for removing an existing dwelling and constructing a new single family dwelling on a nonconforming existing lot; 604 Hartsville New Marlborough Road for the conversion of an existing family dwelling to an eleven unit affordable/workplace housing multi-family dwelling; and 223 Stone Manor Drive to further modify an existing special permit to increase the number of guest rooms from 13 to 15.

The Board welcomed new staff: Sophia Bletsos (Human Resources Director), Zach Reynolds and Kevin Brown (day shift Firefighter/EMTs), Kadin Shafiroff and Ryan Kresiak (32 hour/week Police Officers), Michele Castellano (Administrative Secretary), Will Worth (occasional transfer station employee), and Rebecca Wagner (Police Department Administrative Clerical).

Thank you to the following employees who left employment with the Town: Cassie Keely (Animal Control Officer), Zach Reynolds (day shift Firefighter/EMT) and Tracy Stoddard (Police Department Administrative Clerical).

The Town wishes Highway Equipment Operator David Colucci all the best in his retirement. Dave served the Town for twelve years and was respected by all for his work ethic and dedication.

Finally, thank you to Mark Carson for his tireless devotion during his three year term on the Board which ended in May. The Board welcomes his replacement, Beth Dean.

Respectfully submitted,
Select Board

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES - MAY 1, 2023

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on Monday, the 1st day of May, 2023 at the New Marlborough Fire Department, Norfolk Rd, Southfield Village by Moderator, Barry Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro welcomed voters to the Annual Town Meeting and mentioned that this form of town meeting has been occurring for four hundred years (400). Ninety-One (91) voters were present. All stood and listened to the national anthem. A moment of silence in honor of all that serviced for the Town we lost this past year, and the veterans, police and rescue. Mr. Shapiro extend thanks to the Fire & Rescue, Police Department, and all others who assisted with the set up for this meeting. Mr. Shapiro announced that Ms. Prudence Spaulding has attended sixty fourth (64) Annual Town Meetings. Mr. Shapiro acknowledge Mr. Mark Carson for his years of service as a Select Board member. Mr. Shapiro mentioned that again this year voters will use the clicker given to them at check in and went over the procedure of how to work them. Mr. Shapiro thanked Mr. Marc Trachtenberg for working the software program for the voting system. Mr. Shapiro also mentioned that the purpose of the meeting is to act on the thirty three (33) articles; and that there will be a time limit of two minutes for those who wish to speak and that you address all questions to him and speak respectfully. Mr. Shapiro noted that the warrant was duly posted by the constable, Mr. William West. **After the greetings were done a motion was made, seconded and so voted to waive the reading of the warrant by 51 in favor, 3 against.**

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any committee of the Town.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as agents of the Town in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 2 of the General Laws for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Selectmen shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to seek and accept any grants, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint any member or members thereof to other office(s) or position(s) for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for a term not to exceed one year and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint an agent for the Board of Health who may be a member of the Board of Health, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, subject to the approval of the

Board of Selectmen, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint an agent for the Conservation Commission, who may be a member of the Conservation Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Town Board to appoint any member thereof to another office or position, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for the term not to exceed one year, and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Transportation and Massachusetts Highway Department, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, said sums to be used for the purpose of repairing roads, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs and appropriate said amounts, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to the Veterans Benefits Trust Fund for the purpose of paying veteran benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Articles 1 through 9 as presented by 85 in favor, 0 against.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to affix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, or take any other vote in relation thereto. (*Recommended by the Finance Committee*)

	FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
Board of Selectmen (each, 3 members)	\$3,000.00	-	\$3,000.00
Town Moderator	\$151.00	\$6.00	\$ 145.00
Town Clerk	\$43,048.00	\$2,005.00	\$41,043.00
Board of Assessors (chair)	\$2,200.00	-	\$2,200.00
Board of Assessors (each, 2 members)	\$1,900.00	-	\$1,900.00
Board of Health (chair)	\$450.00	-	\$450.00
Board of Health (each, 2 members)	\$400.00	-	\$400.00
Cemetery Commission (chair)	\$175.00	-	\$175.00
Cemetery Commission (each, 2 members)	\$150.00	-	\$150.00
Constable	\$492.00	\$17.00	\$475.00
Tree Warden	\$1,294.00	\$44.00	\$1,250.00
Library Trustee (chair)	\$120.00	-	\$120.00
Library Trustee (each, 2 members)	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
School Committee (each, 2 members)	\$825.00	-	\$825.00

A motion was made, seconded as so approved Article #10 as presented by 81 in favor, 1 against.

General Government

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Moderator	\$151.00	\$6.00	\$145.00
2	Selectmen Salaries	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00
3	Selectmen Expenses	\$4,650.00		\$4,650.00
4	Contingency	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
5	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$2,711.00	\$811.00	\$1,900.00
6	Conservation Commission Clerical	\$3,349.00		\$3,349.00
7	Town & Labor Counsel	\$20,490.00	\$3,490.00	\$17,000.00
8	Town Administrator Salary	\$53,773.00	\$2,558.00	\$51,215.00
9	Administrative Secretary Salary	\$38,399.00	\$1,431.00	\$36,968.00
10	Website	\$2,830.00	\$105.00	\$2,725.00
11	Finance Committee Expenses	\$250.00	-	\$250.00
12	Finance Committee Clerical	\$750.00	-	\$750.00
13	Accounting Officer Salary	\$22,467.00	\$1,073.00	\$21,394.00
14	Accounting Officer Expenses	\$4,872.00	\$188.00	\$4,684.00
15	Assessors Salaries	\$6,000.00	-	\$6,000.00
16	Assessors General Expenses	\$4,060.00	\$(1,190.00)	\$5,250.00
17	Assessors Tax Map Update	\$0.00	\$(2,500.00)	\$2,500.00
18	Assessors Property Cards Online	\$0.00	\$(1,770.00)	\$1,770.00
19	Assessors Clerk Salary	\$25,310.00	\$665.00	\$24,645.00
20	Assessors Contracts	\$29,560.00	\$24,679.00	\$4,881.00
21	Assessors Revaluation Account	\$0.00	\$(17,500.00)	\$17,500.00
22	Tax Collector Computer Service	\$8,740.00	\$1,300.00	\$7,440.00
23	Tax Collector Department Salaries	\$28,461.00	\$1,356.00	\$27,105.00
24	Tax Collector Expenses	\$7,275.00	\$25.00	\$7,250.00
25	Treasurer Department Salaries	\$28,915.00	\$1,183.00	\$27,732.00
26	Treasurer Expenses	\$3,100.00	\$100.00	\$3,000.00
27	Treasurer Software	\$7,550.00	\$1,021.00	\$6,529.00
28	Town Clerk Salary	\$43,048.00	\$2,005.00	\$41,043.00
29	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,175.00	\$25.00	\$2,150.00
30	Town Records Preservation	\$2,500.00	-	\$2,500.00
31	Election Expenses	\$3,348.00	\$118.00	\$3,230.00
32	Election Compensation	\$1,276.00	\$(256.00)	\$1,532.00
33	Street Listing	\$800.00	-	\$800.00
34	Planning Board Expenses	\$900.00	-	\$900.00
35	Planning Board Clerical	\$2,000.00	\$(100.00)	\$2,100.00
36	Board of Appeals	\$50.00	-	\$50.00

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
37	Clerical	\$10,320.00	\$349.00	\$9,971.00
38	Town Hall Expenses	\$39,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$37,300.00
39	Town Hall Custodian	\$10,065.00	\$339.00	\$9,726.00
40	Town Officers Bonds	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
41	Printing	\$2,000.00	\$300.00	\$1,700.00
	Total Article 11	\$434,945.00	\$21,811.00	\$413,134.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #11 as presented by 82 in favor, 3 against.

Highways/Public Works

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto.
(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Roads and Bridges Salaries	\$411,366.00	\$15,547.00	\$395,819.00
2	Roads and Bridges Expenses	\$219,850.00	\$13,000.00	\$206,850.00
3	Fuel: Propane & Diesel	\$88,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$62,000.00
4	Winter Roads	\$266,334.00	-	\$266,334.00
5	Street Lights	\$6,800.00	\$700.00	\$6,100.00
6	Highway Department Expenses	\$33,211.00	\$1,410.00	\$31,801.00
7	Machinery Expense	\$98,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$88,000.00
8	Cemetery Officers Stipends	\$475.00	-	\$475.00
9	Cemetery Salaries	\$44,930.00	\$1,877.00	\$43,053.00
10	Cemetery Expenses	\$3,900.00	-	\$3,900.00
	Total Article 12	\$1,173,366.00	\$69,034.00	\$1,104,332.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #12 as presented by 84 in favor, 0 against.

Schools/Education

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended for the purpose of paying the Town's assessed share of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District budget, or take any other vote in relation thereto.
(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	SBRSD Operating and Transportation	\$2,691,882.00	\$84,383.00	\$2,607,499.00
2	SBRSD Capital (Includes Bond)	\$120,943.00	\$20,042.00	\$100,901.00
3	Vocational Education Account	\$8,800.00	-	\$8,800.00
4	School Committee Representatives	\$1,650.00	-	\$1,650.00
	Total Article 13	\$2,823,275.00	\$104,425.00	\$2,718,850.00

A motion was made, and seconded. A voter inquired on line #1 why such a high increase. Mr. I. Douglas Newman, Finance Committee member, mentioned that with

inflation, more students were attending from New Marlborough. Mrs. Sarah Mather Pollock, School Committee member mentioned that the contract for the buses has increased. After discussion Article #13 was approved as presented by 80 in favor, 6 against.

Culture and Recreation

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Library Expenses	\$64,614.00	\$10,137.00	\$54,477.00
2	Library Salaries	\$74,346.00	\$3,537.00	\$70,809.00
3	Library Trustees Stipends	\$320.00	-	\$320.00
4	Historical Commission Clerical	\$300.00	-	\$300.00
5	Historical Commission Expenses	\$700.00	-	\$700.00
6	Umpachene Falls Park Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
7	Care of Village Green	\$3,185.00	\$(451.00)	\$3,636.00
8	Cultural Council Expenses	\$1,500.00	-	\$1,500.00
9	Memorial Day	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
	Total Article 14	\$150,765.00	\$14,323.00	\$136,442.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #14 as presented by 84 in favor, 1 against.

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Police Department Salaries	\$278,799.00	\$55,225.00	\$223,574.00
2	Police Reform Bridge Academy	\$3,696.00	\$(585.00)	\$4,281.00
3	Police Department Expenses	\$52,441.00	\$8,266.00	\$44,175.00
4	Police Department Rental	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5	Constable Stipend	\$492.00	\$17.00	\$475.00
6	Fire Protection	\$79,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$73,500.00
7	Fire Fighters Stipends	\$36,500.00	-	\$36,500.00
8	Fire Department Clerical	\$1,760.00	\$60.00	\$1,700.00
9	NM Rescue Clerical	\$7,642.00	\$258.00	\$7,384.00
10	Building Inspector Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$(815.00)	\$3,315.00
11	Building Department Salaries	\$24,261.00	\$821.00	\$23,440.00
12	Alternate Building Inspector Comp	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
13	Building Inspector Software	\$3,420.00	\$225.00	\$3,195.00
14	Emergency Management Stipend	\$4,813.00	\$163.00	\$4,650.00

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
15	Emergency Management Expenses	\$2,100.00	\$100.00	\$2,000.00
16	Animal Control Officer Stipend	\$0.00	\$(6,500.00)	\$6,500.00
17	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$0.00	\$(3,065.00)	\$3,065.00
18	Animal Inspector Compensation	\$4,140.00	\$140.00	\$4,000.00
19	Animal Inspector Expense	\$825.00	-	\$825.00
20	Tree Warden Salary	\$1,294.00	\$44.00	\$1,250.00
21	Tree Work	\$31,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$28,000.00
22	Emergency Notification System	\$2,800.00	\$82.00	\$2,718.00
23	Berkshire County Communications	\$11,922.00	\$347.00	\$11,575.00
	Total Article 15	\$556,405.00	\$66,783.00	\$489,622.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #15 as presented by 79 in favor, 3 against.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$30,000.00, or any other amount, and appropriate said amount to the Firefighter/EMT Paid Shift Account, and transfer the amount of \$32,000.00 or any amount, from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount to the Firefighter/EMT Paid Shift Account, for the purpose of staffing the Fire Department and Ambulance during the day, or take any vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)* [FY 23 amount raised \$40,000; decrease of \$10,000; amount transferred \$20,000; increase of \$12,000]

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #16 as presented by 83 in favor, 1 against.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$28,250.00 from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, or any other amount, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the New Marlborough Rescue Expense Account for the purpose of the operation of emergency ambulance service, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)* [FY 23 amount \$ 27,950.00; increase of \$300.00]

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #17 as presented by 84 in favor, 1 against.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$40,900.00 from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, or any other amount, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the New Marlborough Rescue Stipend Account for the purpose of staffing the ambulance, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)* [FY 22 amount \$ 40,945.00, decrease of \$45.00]

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #18 as presented by 81 in favor, 1 against.

Health and Human Services

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in

relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Household Hazardous Waste	\$2,015.00	-	\$2,015.00
2	Board of Health Officer Stipends	\$1,250.00	-	\$1,250.00
3	Board of Health Expenses	\$1,300.00	-	\$1,300.00
4	Board of Health Clerical	\$6,728.00	\$228.00	\$6,500.00
5	Board of Health Software Expense	\$2,380.00	\$150.00	\$2,230.00
6	Transfer Station Expenses	\$140,000.00	\$33,765.00	\$106,235.00
7	Transfer Station Salaries	\$33,005.00	\$1,574.00	\$31,431.00
8	Southern Berkshire Public Health	\$2,750.00	-	\$2,750.00
9	Group Purchasing	\$3,600.00	\$235.00	\$3,365.00
10	Council on Aging Director Stipend	\$2,588.00	\$88.00	\$2,500.00
11	Council on Aging Expenses	\$6,725.00	\$325.00	\$6,400.00
12	Commission on Disabilities Expenses	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
13	Senior Tax Workoff Expenses	\$150.00	-	\$150.00
14	Housing Committee Expense	\$350.00	-	\$350.00
15	ADA Coordinator	\$1,500.00	-	\$1,500.00
	Total Article 19	\$204,441.00	\$36,365.00	\$168,076.00

A motion was made, seconded and so approved Article #19 by 76 in favor, 0 against, except for line #6 which was held for discussion. A voter inquired to why a high increase amount is budgeted. Ms. Tara White, Select Board member stated that a new contract had to be signed which is for two years and all the bids that came in were high, due to the hauler fees, fuel, personnel. After discussion line #6 was approved by 82 to 3.

Debt and Interest

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	2015 Fire Truck	\$61,600.00	\$(2,200.00)	\$63,800.00
2	2019 Grader	\$40,300.00	\$(1,300.00)	\$41,600.00
3	Hatchery Road	\$42,592.00	\$(5,972.00)	\$48,564.00
4	Capital Road Projects	\$55,834.00	\$55,834.00	\$0.00
	Total Article 20	\$200,326.00	\$46,362.00	\$153,964.00

A motion was made, seconded and so to approved Article #20 as presented by 83 in favor, 1 against.

Unclassified Expenses

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the recommended amounts, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

		FY 2024	+/-	FY 2023
1	Berkshire County Retirement	\$197,920.00	\$14,199.00	\$183,721.00
2	Town Insurances	\$95,500.00	\$11,109.00	\$84,391.00
3	Group Health Insurance	\$247,508.00	\$(17,538.00)	\$265,046.00
4	Insurance Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
5	Longevity Stipend	\$3,750.00	-	\$3,750.00
6	Medicare	\$23,800.00	\$800.00	\$23,000.00
7	Veterans District	\$9,137.00	\$2,047.00	\$7,090.00
8	Veterans Benefits Trust Chapter 115	\$6,000.00	\$(4,000.00)	\$10,000.00
9	Berkshire Regional Planning	\$1,301.00	\$31.00	\$1,270.00
10	Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00	-	\$50,000.00
11	Nonexempt Employee Contingency	\$1,000.00	\$(500.00)	\$1,500.00
12	Human Resources Director	\$14,211.00	\$9,211.00	\$5,000.00
	Total Article 21	\$653,127.00	\$16,359.00	\$636,768.00

A motion was made, and seconded. A voter inquired as to why a big increase for the human resources director position. Ms. Tara White, Select Board member said that last year the Town received a grant to cover most of this budget amount for line #12, but this year the Town was not able to obtain a grant. Ms. White also mentioned that this position was something the Town never had in prior years, and the position is shared with four (4) other towns, the person assists with interviews, employees and all items that a human resources person does. After discussion Article #21 was approved 82 to 1.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, and seconded. A voter inquired on what is the Stabilization Fund. Ms. Tara White, Select Board mentioned that it is a separate account and not used for operational. Mr. I. Douglas Newman, Finance Committee member mention that taking money from the Stabilization Fund requires a 2/3 vote is required by the voters. Mrs. Barbara Marchione, Finance Committee member mentioned that the Stabilization Account is like a savings account for big expenditures. After discussion Article #22 was approved as presented by 81 to 0.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$215,000.00 or any other amount, from the Stabilization Account, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Highway Loader Account for the purpose of purchasing a three yard Loader, and to authorize the Town to sell or trade in the 2013 Komatsu Loader, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee) (2/3 vote required)*

A motion was made, and seconded. Mr. Charles Loring, Highway Superintendent, mentioned that there is currently a trade-in offer of \$68,000. A voter inquired will this loader be shared with the Town of Sheffield. Ms. Tara White, Select Board member stated that the loader would only be used in New Marlborough by 74 to 10.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 or any other amount, from the Stabilization Account, and appropriate said amount, or any other

amount, to the Ambulance Account for the purpose of covering the remaining balance needed to purchase and equip an ambulance authorized at the May 2, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee) (2/3 vote required)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #24 as presented 78 in favor 9 against.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$223,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the 2024 Highway Truck account, for the purpose of purchasing a 23,000 GVW Highway Truck with complete snow and ice removal package, and to authorize the Town to sell or trade in the 2013 International Terrastar, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, and seconded. A voter inquired if there was a three (3) or five (5) year plan in place. Mrs. Barbara Marchione, member of the Highway Working Planning Committee mentioned that yes there is a three (3) & five (5) year plans in place. Mrs. Marchione also mentioned that there is a volunteer Capital Planning Committee who works with Town Departments. A voter inquired on what is the total of the Stabilization & Free Cash if all the articles are approved. Ms. Tara White, Select Board member mentioned that the Stabilization Fund will have \$585,181 and Free Cash will have \$475,937. Mr. I. Douglas Newman, Finance Committee member mention that if you add the two account then the total is about a million. After discussion Article #25 was approved by 73 in favor, 10 against.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$82,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the 2024 Police Cruiser account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a full size 4WD Pickup Truck/Police Cruiser with crew cab, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded. A voter inquired on if there was a planned to trade in the current cruiser and has the job changed that a truck is needed. Mr. Graham Frank, Police Chief mentioned that the Town usually keeps the old cruiser either for a backup vehicle or used by the Cemetery Commission. Mr. Frank mentioned that he is the current animal control officer and needs the space for when the occasion occurs with animals. Ms. Tara White, Select Board member mentioned that a grant was applied for, thanks to Mr. John Halbreich for all of his work on applying for the grant, and the Town could receive a grant for \$35,000.00. Ms. White also mentioned that the full amounts needs to be voted on and if the Town receives the grant the rest of the funds will go into Free Cash. A voter inquired if the grant was through the State or Federal Government. Ms. White stated Federal. After discussion Article #26 was approved by 66 in favor, 16 against.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Town Hall Planning Account, for the purpose of paying for costs associated with the planning, study, and/or procurement of a new or renovated Town Hall, or take any other vote in

relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, and seconded. A voter inquired if the requested amount of \$25,000.00 is enough funds. Mrs. Barbara Marchione, Chair of the Town Hall Planning Committee mentioned that the Committee believes \$25,000.00 is enough funds for a structural engineering to check out the Town Hall and another old building in Town. Mrs. Marchione also mentioned that there will be two public meetings scheduled in June, one June 14th and June 17th at the Fire House. After discussion Article #27 was approved by 70 in favor, 13 against.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Debris and Leaf Blower Account for the purpose of purchasing a Debris and Leaf Blower, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #28 by 79 in favor, 3 against.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Highway 10 Wheel Truck Account for the purpose of covering the remaining balance needed to purchase the truck authorized at the May 22, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #29, with 80 in favor, 3 against.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the GASB 75/OPEB Services Account for the purpose of providing actuarial & consulting services relating to Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #30, with 68 in favor, 9 against.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Assessors GIS Mapping Account, for the purpose of implementing GIS Mapping for the Board of Assessors, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #31, with 68 in favor, 5 against.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2024 without further appropriation for the revolving funds established in the General By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or other officers in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows, or take any other vote in relation thereto:

<u>Authorized Revolving Funds</u>	<u>FY 2024 Spending Limit</u>
Plumbing Inspector	\$10,000.00
Gas Inspector	\$10,000.00
Electrical Inspector	\$20,000.00
Board of Health	\$17,000.00
Tax Title Fees	\$25,000.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #32, with 72 in favor, 7 against.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 22 of the General By-laws of the Town of New Marlborough titled Historic Structure Demolition Pause by amending Section 6: Enforcement and Remedies by striking out Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and inserting Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), as follows, or take any other vote in relation thereto:

New Marlborough Historic Structure Demolition Pause

Section 6: Enforcement and Remedies:

Any owner of a structure subject to this bylaw who demolishes a structure without first obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

A motion was made, seconded. Mr. John Schreiber, Chair of the Historical Commission stated that a typo error occurred on the warrant last year stated \$500 instead of \$300.00. After the brief discussion Article #33 was approved 77 in favor, 4 against.

Mr. Shapiro mentioned that the Annual Town Election is next Monday, May 8th and the polling hours are noon to 7PM. Voting will occur at the Town Hall.

A motion was made, seconded and so vote to dissolve this meeting at 8:07 PM.

Attest A True Copy:

Katherine M. Chretien, CMMC/CMC Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2023 calendar year.

One (1) Annual Town Meeting (May 1st)	91 voters
One (1) Annual Town Election (May 8th)	138 voters
One (1) Town Caucus (March 28th)	75 voters

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Brazie
Michelle Dawson-Harvey (resigned 6/30/23)
Sharon Fleck
Katherine M. Chretien, CMMC/CMC, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

July 1, 2022 – July 30, 2023

The commission only met a few times in fiscal 2023. We had feelers out to other towns for information. We are trying to get some help as to what we need to do. The town is still looking for a coordinator to guide us. There are a lot of issues in town that need to be addressed. We are still looking for more members for the commission. We would welcome any help from the townspeople.

The commission is hoping to meet more often this year and oversee some of the new projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Pshenishny, Chair
Sharon Fleck, Secretary
John Pshenishny, Member
John Hotaling, Member
Tara White, Selectboard liaison

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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. I wish to thank the Town residents/tax payers for their continued support.

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2023 calendar year.

Vitals Report

Births 7

Deaths 15

Marriage Intentions Filed 11

Marriages That Took Place 11

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	24	\$ 360.00
Neutered Male	\$ 7.00	133	\$ 931.00
Female	\$15.00	25	\$ 375.00
Spayed Female	\$ 7.00	150	\$ 1050.00
Kennel	\$30.00		\$
Kennel	\$50.00		\$
Late Fees			\$ 175.00
Totals		332	\$ 2,891.00
Fees retained			\$ 332.00
Paid to Town			\$ 2,559.00

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

The Town Clerk's 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, CMMC/CMC
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Board of Assessors of the Town of New Marlborough operates under the requirements of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 38 and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Under this section the Board is responsible for the valuation of all property, both real and personal, at full and fair cash value; these values are eventually used as the basis for the local property tax. Each year the Assessor's office reviews values to make adjustments based on a variety of influences of market changes and cost variables with guidance, regulation and oversight provided by the Massachusetts Bureau of Local Assessments. Every five years, the Assessor's office conducts an examination of all property values, this was last done in fiscal year 2022. The procedure is called a "revaluation." Once completed, the State Department of Revenue certifies all values established under the revaluation.

In addition to assessing real estate and personal property accounts, the Assessor's office processes property tax abatements, motor vehicle excise taxes and abatements, statutory exemptions, residential exemptions.

Your Board of Assessors is comprised of three members each elected for a three-year term. (Michael Britton, Chair, 2025; Wendy Miller, 2024 and Freddy Friedman, 2026) and Rebecca Wagner, Assessor's Clerk/Assistant Assessor.

As required by Massachusetts General Law, the Fiscal Year 2023 assessments are based on sales that occurred during the calendar year 2021 and represent market value as of January 1, 2022. Total taxable property value in fiscal year 2023 was \$658,512,220 compared to the previous year 2022 at \$587,472,800. In fiscal year 2023, the taxable value of the town for real and personal property increased in total value due to current market conditions. New construction, residential and personal property also add to the Town's value. Fiscal year 2023 values comprised of a total of 1,900 residential, commercial, open space, and personal property. Fiscal year 2023 comprised of a total of 102 exempt properties valued at \$25,832,400.

Assessment value analysis and data is available to the public on the website — <https://www.newmarlboroughma.gov> or in in the Assessor's office.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue approved the tax rate for FY 2023 at \$8.37 per \$1000 of assessed value. The tax rate is a decrease of \$.093 from FY 2022's tax rate of \$9.30. This single rate applies to all classes of real and personal property in accordance with the vote of the select board at the classification hearing held December 15, 2022.

In closing the goal of the Assessors is to provide the town with professional services completed by qualified and competent staff, board members and professional consultants which will result in a fair and equitable distribution of property taxes that finance the services provided by the other departments in the town. As always, the board is willing

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (Continued)

to help with any questions the taxpayers may have. Please feel free to call the office at 413-229-8926.

Fiscal Year 2023 Valuations

Residential:	\$ 624,958,339
Personal Property:	\$ 8,433,510
Commercial:	\$ 22,519,541
Industrial:	\$ 2,600,830
TOTAL:	\$ 658,512,220
Exempt Property:	\$ 25,832,400

Estimated Local Receipts Fiscal Year 2023

	<u>Actual Receipts 2022</u>	<u>Estimated Receipt 2023</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$318,761.09	\$ 290,300.00
Other Excise	\$298.24	\$ 250.00
Penalties & Interest on		
Taxes & Excise	\$47,286.32	\$50,000.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$47,188.00	\$45,750.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$103,284.07	\$82,500.00
Other Charges for Services	\$0.00	
Fees	\$31,417.72	\$25,000.00
Departmental Revenues	\$0.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$60,647.80	\$52,500.00
Fines & Forfeits	\$1,426.00	\$1,200.00
Investment Income	\$1,587.55	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Recurring	\$4,289.50	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	\$22,604.40	\$26,600.00
TOTAL:	\$638,790.69	\$579,100.00

Town Meeting Date	Total Appropriations Each Meeting	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	Rev Funds	Borrowing
05/02/22	\$6,818,501.00	\$6,116,688.00	\$352,918.00	\$348,895.00	\$64,500.00	\$500,000.00
Totals	\$6,818,501.00	\$6,116,688.00	\$352,918.00	\$348,895.00	\$64,500.00	\$500,000.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (Continued)

Tax Rate Recapitulation Fiscal Year 2023

Amounts to be raised

Appropriations	\$6,818,501.00
Debt & Interest	\$0.00
Total Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$4,661.00
Other: Deficits	\$0.00
Overlay deficits	\$0.00
State Cherry Sheet Charges	\$64,377.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	\$57,455.29
Total to be raised	\$6,944,994.29

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue

Local Estimated:	\$579,100.00
State Cherry Sheet Revenue:	\$152,334.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue:	\$731,434.00

Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes

Free Cash	\$352,918.00
Other Available Funds	\$348,895.00
Total Revenue Sources for Particular Purposes:	\$701,813.00

Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources: \$1,433,247.00

Summary of Total Amounts to be Raised & Total Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	\$1,433,247.00
Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$5,511,747.29
Total receipts from all sources	\$6,944,944.29

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Britton, Chair
Wendy Miller
Freddy Friedman
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Balance 7/1/22	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2023
REAL ESTATE							
2019		\$28,140.08					\$ (0.51)
2020		\$29,036.60					\$16,035.00
2021		\$59,075.31					\$21,478.29
2022		\$134,260.42	\$3,055.98	\$3,055.98			\$42,385.04
2023	\$5,441,159.58	\$5,289,080.21	\$35,440.17	\$19,654.23		\$12,508.99	\$123,784.44
TOTALS	\$330,410.23	\$5,539,592.62	\$38,496.15	\$22,710.21	\$-	\$12,508.99	\$203,682.26
PERSONAL PROPERTY							
2018		\$29.74					\$29.74
2019		\$104.02	\$104.02				\$-
2020		\$233.25	\$105.47				\$33.66
2021		\$1,204.73	\$51.93				\$129.12
2022		\$1,899.57	\$100.44				\$248.59
2023	\$70,588.48	\$69,629.78	\$113.04	\$243.60	\$(73.75)		\$1,015.51
TOTALS	\$3,471.31	\$72,298.12	\$474.90	\$243.60	\$(73.75)	\$-	\$1,456.62
PP FARM							
2023		\$278.00	\$-				\$-
TOTALS	\$278.00	\$278.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
MOTOR VEHICLE							
2008							\$702.50
2009							\$460.32
2010							\$735.21

	Balance 7/1/22	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2023
2011	\$495.42							\$495.42
2012	\$726.67							\$726.67
2013	\$632.82							\$632.82
2014	\$874.17							\$874.17
2015	\$787.06							\$787.06
2016	\$1,342.30							\$1,302.30
2017	\$1,933.23		\$40.00					\$1,933.23
2018	\$1,090.32							\$1,090.32
2019	\$571.26		\$144.07	\$55.31				\$371.88
2020	\$1,303.49		\$330.64	\$51.08				\$921.77
2021	\$7,085.15		\$4,884.94	\$721.77	\$103.46			\$1,581.90
2022	\$39,248.91	\$36,603.43	\$64,694.27	\$6,676.60	\$2,862.36			\$7,343.83
2023		\$293,475.31	\$272,829.82	\$2,123.40	\$1,251.37			\$19,773.46
TOTALS	\$57,988.83	\$330,078.74	\$342,923.74	\$9,628.16	\$4,217.19	\$-	\$-	\$39,732.86
GRAND								
TOTALS	\$392,148.37	\$5,841,826.80	\$5,955,092.48	\$48,599.21	\$27,171.00	\$(73.75)	\$12,508.99	\$244,871.74
Roll Back Taxes								
Interest			\$-					
Tax Collector fees			\$68,611.25					
Deputy Collector Fees			\$9,840.00					
MV Marking Fees			\$7,626.00					
Misc. Fees			\$2,200.00					
GRAND TOTAL COLLECTED			\$6,043,369.73					

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Horan,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

REPORT OF WAGES PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

Employee Name	Gross Payroll	Job Description
Abolafia, Robert	\$ 966.90	Transfer Station/Senior Tax Workoff
Bonetti, Daniel J	\$ 51,896.45	Highway Laborer
Boundy, Andrew M	\$ 2,189.00	Firefighter
Britton, Michael	\$ 1,924.96	Board of Assessors
Brown, Kevin C	\$ 17,251.39	Rescue & Firefighter
Burke, Jane	\$ 412.50	School Committee
Callahan, Claudette	\$ 381.75	Senior Tax Workoff
Carson, Mark	\$ 2,564.50	Select Board
Castellano, Michelle	\$ 21,949.88	Administrative Assistant
Chretien, Jordan J	\$ 7,055.00	Board of Health
Chretien, Katherine M	\$ 55,961.80	Town Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Tax Collector
Colantoni, Craig S	\$ 58,619.60	Highway Equipment Operator
Colucci, David	\$ 30,253.11	Highway Equipment Operator
Davis III, Lawrence H	\$ 450.00	Board of Health
Dean, Elizabeth A	\$ 435.50	Select Board
Deming, Ed	\$ 9,984.00	Police Officer - Traffic Details only
Dillon, Brian	\$ 3,813.44	Rescue & Firefighter
Dvorchik, Robert	\$ 5,028.00	Firefighter
Enoch, Anne Marie	\$ 50,986.41	Town Administrator
Fedell, Robert	\$ 5,204.62	Rescue & Firefighter
Flach, Barbara	\$ 110.44	Senior Tax Workoff
Flach, Michael A	\$ 39.19	Senior Tax Workoff
Fleck, Sharon A	\$ 1,596.50	Planning Board Secretary/Senior Tax Workoff
Fracasso, Marilyn A	\$ 2,292.63	Transfer Station/Election Worker/Sr. Tax Workoff
Frank, Graham M	\$ 99,083.83	Chief of Police/Animal Control Officer/Rescue
Friedman, Frederick L	\$ 1,899.96	Board of Assessors
Goodchild, Molly P	\$ 66.60	Library Assistant
Guidi, Danielle	\$ 1,014.52	Rescue & Firefighter
Halbreich, John	\$ 3,420.12	Firefighter
Horan, Jessica	\$ 53,399.71	Treasurer/Tax Collector
Hotaling, Joan	\$ 267.19	Senior Tax Workoff
James, Jonathan B	\$ 906.00	Firefighter
Keeley, Cassie	\$ 1,251.30	Animal Control Officer
Kern, James R	\$ 210.00	Alt. Electrical Inspector
Kollmer, Matthew	\$ 23,333.98	Building Inspector
Koneazny, Sheila M	\$ 3,319.34	Library Assistant
Krejci, Joseph F	\$ 6,750.46	Rescue
Krejci, Maureen L	\$ 15,419.42	Rescue & Firefighter
Kresiak, Ryan C	\$ 31,677.00	Police Officer
Krom, Paul	\$ 66,047.92	Highway Foreman
Krupski, Robert	\$ 11,420.00	Gas & Plumbing Inspector
Lane, Brittany	\$ 1,338.00	Firefighter
Lane, Mark	\$ 1,338.00	Firefighter
Lanoue, Grace L	\$ 58.28	Library Assistant

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(Continued)

Employee Name	Gross Payroll	Job Description
Leining, Michael P	\$ 17,640.00	Electrical Inspector
Lemon, Gary W	\$ 90,431.02	Police Officer
Litchfield, Robert T	\$ 12,632.16	Transfer Station
Loring III, Charles M.	\$ 93,927.82	Highway Superintendent & Fire Chief
Loring, MacKenzie	\$ 10,226.32	Rescue & Firefighter
Lupiani, David A	\$ 92,689.52	Police Officer
Marchione, Barbara E	\$ 4,650.00	Emergency Management Director
Marks, Peter B	\$ 200.00	Board of Health
McFarland, Scott	\$ 11,583.50	Board of Health
Miller, Gary	\$ 1,717.50	Transfer Station/Senior Tax Workoff
Miller, Wendy	\$ 2,174.96	Board of Assessors
Mullen, John C	\$ 93,778.76	Police Officer
O'Brien, Debora M.	\$ 53,650.04	Library Director
Ovitt, Michael	\$ 7,526.76	Police Officer
Palmer, Sr., Robert W	\$ 56,433.49	Highway Equipment Operator & Cemetery Foreman
Palmer, Tammi	\$ 15,795.25	Cemetery
Pollard, Jeremia	\$ 13,999.92	Town Council
Pollock, Sarah	\$ 412.50	School Committee
Pshenishny, John N	\$ 179.25	Senior Tax Workoff
Pshenishny, Marsha A	\$ 1,197.47	Assessors Clerk
Rapisarda, Austin	\$ 1,347.00	Firefighter
Reynolds, Zachary	\$ 14,002.26	Rescue & Firefighter
Ruane, William J	\$ 56,661.62	Highway Equipment Operator
Russell, Robert I	\$ 888.00	Senior Tax Workoff
Schoenfarber, Jeff	\$ 473.28	Rescue
Scott, Robert A	\$ 5,267.92	Rescue & Firefighter
Shafiroff, Kadin	\$ 14,246.30	Police Officer
Shapiro, Barry R	\$ 145.00	Moderator
Smith, David	\$ 5,789.68	Firefighter
Snyder, Autumn	\$ 13,209.22	Library Assistant
Spaulding, Prudence	\$ 7,999.63	Animal Inspector/COA Director/Sr. Tax Workoff
Stalker, Alvin	\$ 23,944.65	Transfer Station/Town Hall Maintenance
Stoddard, Tracy M	\$ 283.22	Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police
Tost, Robin B	\$ 100.00	Library Trustee
Turner, Sally	\$ 120.00	Library Trustee
Wagner, Rebecca	\$ 30,856.41	Assistant Assessor & Police Dept. Admin Assist.
West, William	\$ 22,987.00	Select Board/Constable/Traffic Details
White, Tara B	\$ 24,960.00	Accounting Officer & Select Board
Worth, John W	\$ 314.40	Transfer Station Attendant
Worth, Laura	\$ 16,597.40	Highway Office Manger
Worthington, Nanci	\$ 825.00	Library Trustee
Wright, Matthew	\$ 1,250.00	Tree Warden & Rescue
Total Gross Payroll	\$ 1,476,703.43	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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TRUST FUNDS

As of June 30, 2023

ITEM	BALANCE
Stabilization Fund	701,962.11
Marcus Rogers Fund	6,943.57
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	80,302.18
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	8,875.38
New Marlborough Library	28,003.21
Unemployment Security Fund	41,659.33
Conservation Commission	16,879.15
Cultural Council	56,585.24
Sunrise on Knight Road Escrow	101,177.41
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$1,042,387.58

LONG TERM DEBT

June 30, 2023

ITEM	BALANCE
Fire Truck (2015)	165,000.00
Highway Grader (2019)	195,000.00
Hatchery Road Repairs (2022)	120,000.00
Capital Road Projects (2023)	500,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	\$980,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Horan,
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

In 1983 Edward Spaulding (my husband) and I became the Animal Inspectors for the Town of New Marlborough. And now after forty years it is interesting to note how the town has changed.

In the early days there were dairy and chicken farms and at one time a llama breeding farm. The number of rabies incidents were very few. The state's concerns for its farm animals remains the same. Animals should have shelter, water and food and be in good health. When it came to chickens, a farm was not listed unless it had twenty-five or more birds. This has changed and each farm, although with only one chicken, is listed and inspected. The State did not require the mailing address or the telephone number of the farmers, nor did it list whether the farmer was a "dealer." Because there are so many farmers using cell phones, it is sometimes difficult to reach a particular farmer and appointments need to be set up by mail. The use of e-mail has been helpful, but again that information is needed to reach some farm owners.

To date the State has not stipulated the exact number of acres required per animal, but still requires that when animals are brought in from out of state, a certificate of health is required.

This past year two dogs have been put in quarantine. The quarantine period only lasted ten days as the dogs were up to date upon their rabies vaccinations. Though we have not had a rabies incident this past year all mammals should be protected. In order for dogs to be licensed, owners must provide proof of vaccination. Families traveling with their pets need to carry proof of vaccinations with them at all times.

A gentle reminder, although some families have "inside only," cats these cats need rabies protection. Bats carry rabies, and cats can escape into the outside world!

Dogs six months of age must be vaccinated, and owners need to remember to honor the "leash law" in our town. Owners of farm animals e.g. cows, pigs or horses must be diligent in maintaining their fences. A loose cow on a public road provides a serious danger to a motorist.

This past year I was able to take part in a ZOOM production about the role of the Animal Inspector. This provided a nice review of the job that I have been doing for forty years!

Here is the list of this years' animal count.

Dairy: 1 adult and 1 young

Beef: 72 adults and 35 young

Steers: 12 and 1 bull

Goats: 13 adults and 10 young

ANIMAL INSPECTOR REPORT (*Continued*)

Sheep: 37 adults and 6 young

Swine: 32 breeders and 6 feeders

Horses: 45

Ponies: 3

Donkeys: 9

Mules: 1

Chickens: 4,322

Turkeys: 103

Geese: 7

Peacocks: 7

Guinea Hens: 7

Quail: 25.

There are five animal "dealers" in the town.

In reflection of the past forty years, the cooperation and concerns the farm animal owners display and their concerns for the other citizens of New Marlborough remains the same. It has been, and is a privilege to serve as the Animal Inspector for the Town of New Marlborough!

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Beginning the year FY23, the Animal Control Officer position was incorporated into the Police Department. Information can be found in the Report of the Police Department.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

In Fiscal Year 2023 the Board of Health membership initially consisted of Larry Davis III, Chairman, Jordan Chretien and Peter Marks as members, and Scott McFarland as Agent. Peter Marks resigned during the year and was replaced by John Miller who was elected to fill the position. Board of Health meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are in person.

Permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health for FY 2023 were as follows:

- 9 New system designs were permitted
- 19 Repairs/upgrades to existing systems were permitted
- 17 Perc and deep hole tests performed
- 33 Title 5 Inspections witnessed
- 12 Septic System Installer permits issued
- 4 Septic Pumper permits were issued
- 12 Well site inspections and permits issued
- 12 Food Permits
 - 1 Recreational Camp License
 - 1 Public Beach permit
 - 1 Housing Inspection
 - 1 Water Bottling permit
- 5 Beaver permits

FY 2023 continued to be busy with robust activity regarding septic inspections and perc testing with slightly more real estate related permits/inspections than in FY 2022. With the sustained activity in the local housing market, the board reminds residents that a Title 5 Septic Inspection (as per 310 CMR 15.000) is required of the seller upon transfer of ownership of property with a septic system, regardless of the method of financing. For example, a cash sale does NOT exempt the property from the requirement of a Title 5 Septic Inspection. The seller must provide the results of an official inspection to the buyer and the Board of Health upon sale of the property. There are a few very specific inter-family transfers that are exempt, but you should confer with your real estate lawyer and the Board of Health agent before assuming any exemptions apply to your property.

Jordan Chretien continued as Assistant Health Agent, taking on septic related witnessing and food inspection and permitting responsibilities. Jordan continued his food inspection training and is New Marlborough's representative to the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative.

After the initial formation of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative in FY21, New Marlborough has continued and deepened its commitment to the SBPHC through FY 2023. New Marlborough receives its public health nursing services through the SBPHC. The SBPHC is supported by a Public Health Excellence grant from the state, which provides \$300,000 over the first 3 years and has allowed the SBPHC set up shared public health nursing to serve our area towns. Towns in the Collaborative also executed

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT (*Continued*)

an Intermunicipal Agreement relative to shared field services the SBPHC can provide in addition to public health nursing. We anticipate assistance from the SBPHC with housing issues and support on Food related inspection questions, should they arise.

The Board of Health is here to help protect your health and to work with you on those issues that require Board of Health input or permitting, and we ask for your cooperation and support in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Health
Larry Davis, III, Chairman
Jordan Chretien, Member
Peter Marks, Member
Scott McFarland, Agent

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

In July of 2022, the Select Board voted to form an ad-hoc Town Hall Planning Committee to address the non-compliance issues of the aging existing Town Hall. After accepting letters of interest, the Board appointed Rona Easton, Robert Hartt, Richard Long, Barbara Marchione, and Mari Enoch (in her role of Chief Procurement Officer) to the Committee. The Committee began meeting in earnest in August, electing Richard Long as Chair. The options before them were to recommend that the Town a) rehabilitate the existing Town Hall, b) build a new town hall, or c) purchase an existing property and repurpose it.

The first steps of the Committee were to update the cost for renovation of the existing building, identify land and obtain cost estimates for a new building, and identify any appropriate alternate properties for repurpose. Ultimately, the Committee decided to move forward on multiple fronts simultaneously.

Following state procurement law, the Committee released a request for proposals (RFP) to ascertain what other existing buildings, if any, were available in New Marlborough that could be repurposed. There were two responses to the RFP—the winery owned by the Elines at 1153 Mill River Great Barrington Road, and Robin Hall (Kolburne School) owned by Tom Brazie located at 36 Tamaridge Way. In November, the Committee voted to recommend the Eline proposal as the highest rated and most responsive proposal. The Select Board then entered negotiations to preserve the option of purchasing the winery.

In the meantime, the Committee mailed out a survey to almost 900 town households, both full time and part time, asking for input on what it important in a Town Hall, preference for location, and desired services or features. The Committee received over 285 paper surveys and over 60 online surveys indicating that this topic is very important to the Town.

Using the feedback from the survey, the Committee worked on written programming for the Town Hall. It also worked to obtain accurate cost estimates on all the options. To that end, it hired David Allard to provide impartial cost estimates for renovation, building new, and repurposing both the winery and Robin Hall properties. In March, those numbers were presented to the Committee.

In late March, Richard Long resigned from the Committee for personal reasons, and Chris Gregor was appointed by the Select Board to fill the vacant position. Barbara Marchione was elected as the new Chair.

In April, the Select Board informed the Committee that because the structural analysis of the buildings at the winery has shown that the cost to repurpose the existing winery buildings would cost more than anticipated, the Board would not be moving forward with a purchase and sale agreement. With the winery option off the table, the Committee took a second look at the Robin Hall proposal. As significant time had passed since the RFP

had been released, Town Counsel opined that rather than moving to the second rank option (Robin Hall), the Town should issue a new RFP.

The Committee desired further public input to move forward and scheduled two public listening sessions in June. Almost 100 people attended one or the other session and the straw polls conducted showed that almost all participants agreed that the Town needs to address the deficiencies of the current Town Hall. Acquiring and renovating Robin Hall received the most support while the majority of respondents were only somewhat supportive or not supportive of renovation the existing building. There was significant support for acquiring land and building a new building.

At the end of the June, the Committee decided the next steps would be to continue to pursue both the Robin Hall and new building options. Potential building sites need to be identified. It is noted that renovating the Town Hall is not off the table entirely. As the Town owns the building, that option will always be available until another decision is made. Going forward, the Committee will look to release another RFP and plans on a summer open house for the public to visit the existing Town Hall, the Robin Hall property, and view schematics of a new building.

The members of the Committee have worked tirelessly—brainstorming, listening, researching, proposing, and analyzing. They have met more than 20 times and devoted countless hours outside of meetings to this project. While we are still far from presenting a recommendation to Town Meeting, it is critical that the final decision comes only after thoroughly exhausting all options. The Committee intends to continue to do just that, and appreciates the participation and patience of the public as it works through the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Enoch
Chief Procurement Officer

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Cultural Council awarded \$13,100 to 23 educational, musical and arts programs to enrich the lives of our community. \$5,500 was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council while the remainder was made possible by generous gifts from the people of New Marlborough. Among the children's programs were Berkshire Children's Chorus; Berkshire Music School for ukulele student musicians, Flying Cloud for Sparks at Flying Cloud Farm, New Marlborough Central School for the Beavers of Western Mass program; theater at Shakespeare and Company and learning about the land with the Greenagers. Music filled the air at the Meeting House and Southfield Church. Among the art projects were an exhibit at SculptureNow and classes with IS183.

We received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council a Recovery Grant Award in the amount of \$6,350. The unrestricted funds to be used for our programming or how best the New Marlborough Cultural Council can use them.

The Council awarded the 18th Annual Elihu Burritt Day Award which was presented by Representative Smitty Pignatelli to Nathaniel Yohalem in appreciation and recognition of his selfless leadership and generous contributions that have made a difference to the lives of people in our community. The Cable Advisory Committee (Steven Klein, Broc Kerr, Douglas Newman, Michael Shocket, Marc Trachtenberg, John Valente) and the Broadband Committee (Richard Long, Steven Klein, Michele McAuley, Tom Stalker, Owen Wright) were recognized for the dedication of hours of work and exemplary volunteer service to bring high bandwidth access for residences and business in the Town of New Marlborough.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the New Marlborough Cultural Council '23

Lauri Aibel
Eugene Cleary
Linda Fass
Sherri Gorelick
Jane Maser
Wendy Miller
Kathy Potoski
Didi Sinclair
Margie Shapiro
Holly Valente
Louise Yohalem

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (SBDDVS) July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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 2023 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 31 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2022 Submitted	Pmt Due in FY 2024 - 75%
New Marlborough	\$2,420.88	\$1,815.66

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

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	51
DD 214s	34
Request for Grave Markers	18
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	35
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	42
Assisted with Doctor appointments	9
Home and Office Visits	240
Veterans Services Phone Calls	903

For FY 2023 District budget was 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 2023 DYS budget was \$7,089.25 - this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Beasley
Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S BURIAL AGENT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Sadly, several Veterans have passed on and have been buried within the New Marlborough cemeteries in FY23.

Appropriate markers have been placed and will forever more be flagged.

With over 250 Veteran graves, New Marlborough has paid its fair share of the price of freedom in America.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney K. Turner
Burial / Soldiers Grave Agent

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Cemetery Commission has been working on removing dead trees from all cemeteries. Many of these trees are in danger of coming down and damaging the headstones. Some restoration work has been done on the headstones in the New Marlborough Cemetery. We thank the New Marlborough Historical Society in partnering with the Town for these restorations.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammi Palmer
Robert Palmer
Tara White

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The New Marlborough Historical Commission is part of New Marlborough Municipal Government. The Commission consists of volunteers appointed by the Selectmen who are responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning. The Commission has been focused on three major projects in 2023:

- The addition of Southfield to the National Register of Historic Places (Mill River and New Marlborough Village are already in the Registry). Currently the proposal has been evaluated by the State Historical Commission and has been approved for submission to the National Register level. Next steps will involve further evaluation of the proposed Southfield National Register District.
- Completion of a comprehensive inventory of all historic buildings in the town.
- Partnering with the nonprofit New Marlborough Historical Society, the Cemetery Commission, and Highway Department in cemetery preservation and restoration of the Campbell Falls Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schreiber, Chair
Claudette Callahan, Fiona Kerr

REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

With the Spectrum installation fully completed, it was a quiet year as the Committee focused on its future role within the community. The Committee determined its future would revolve more specifically around broadband rather than cable. We began to explore ways and opportunities for our town to take advantage of the high-speed network that is now available to 96% of New Marlborough residences. These plans will likely come to fruition in FY24 and will be reported on more fully at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

John Valente, Chairman
Marc Trachtenberg, Michael Shockett, Broc Kerr

REPORT OF THE TOWN LIBRARY

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The New Marlborough Town Library continues to be a community hub that serves to connect people to information, educational experiences and creative opportunities all while promoting community engagement and involvement. The library provides free recreation, entertainment and enrichment to all who enter.

2023 was an exciting year for the New Marlborough Library! We saw a full return to in-person visits and programming, however, keeping COVID safety in mind, we continued to offer curbside pick-up to our patrons as well as maintained many of our previously implemented precautions. We were open six days per week, for a total of 38.5 hours during the summer (April 1 – October 31) and 36.5 hours per week during the winter (November 1 – March 31.)

The New Marlborough Town Library has a total of 774 patrons. This year we welcomed 6,000 visitors and circulated over 20,000 items to patrons from New Marlborough and surrounding communities, of which 13,000 were Adult. 500 were Young Adult, and 6,500 were Children. This was a circulation increase of 10% compared to the prior year. These numbers represent print, non-print (electronic/downloadable), audio and video holdings. Approximately 2,160 children, young adults and adults attended the 224 in-person programs offered.

Our library collection consists of 228,000 items of various formats. We lent out over 3,300 items via inter-library loan and received 2,400 items from surrounding libraries.

We offered the following in-person, recurring adult programs:

- QiGong
- Cookbook club
- Chair Yoga
- Knitting and crafting
- Book Group

We hosted the following in-person, local-author book talks:

- Daniel Medwed, *Barred: Why the Innocent Can't Get Out of Prison*
- Leslie Wheeler, *Wolf Bog: A Berkshire Hill Town Mystery*

Additional in-person adult offerings included:

- Documentary film viewing titled "Cycle of Memory" by filmmaker Alex Leff
- Question & Answer session, titled "Ask a Muslim Anything," with Lebanese-American, Robert Azzi (jointly hosted with the Southfield Church)
- Meeting space for various other Town committees

We offered the following in-person children programs:

- Monthly visits from students at the New Marlborough Central School
- Half Day programs for students at the New Marlborough Central School

TOWN LIBRARY (*Continued*)

- Week long Summer Reading Program
- Halloween party and bonfire at the Goodnow Preserve
- Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny meet-and-greet
- ImagArena® a new building workshop designed to awaken the imaginative abilities of every individual.
- Various New Marlborough Central School educational experiences, including an information session about Beavers
- Pizza Parties
- Weekly toddler play group, hosted by Southern Berkshire Kids

We were able to offer each of the above listed programs, free of charge to patrons, due to the generous donations and volunteer work from the community and The New Marlborough Friends of the Library and through their various, annual fund raising efforts, such as a Valentines Day chocolate sale: “Sweets for Your Sweet”, tomato plant sale, Elihu Burritt Day book and bake sale, Spring bulb sale, and a pre-Thanksgiving day pie sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Liba, Chair
Robin Tost
Tom Masters

**REPORT OF THE UMPACHENE FALLS
PARK COMMISSION
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

I would like to welcome back committee members Terry Ferrara, Katelyn Dawson Lalvay, Sarah Jackson, Elaine Mack and Robert Twing Jr.

There was some spray paint vandalism in the spring on the rocks around the park. Thank you to the anonymous citizens who removed it.

A new fence was installed in June to allow for more parking. Other than the above listed, it was a quiet year.

Thank you to the New Marlborough Police Dept. for checking on the park throughout the year.

The park is open from May through October. If you notice anything happening at the park that doesn't seem right, please contact the police or a member of the Parks Commission. (See something, say something).

The commission reminds everyone that there are no open fires or alcoholic beverages allowed at the Park. Take nothing but memories and leave nothing but footprints. Like us on Facebook and share your photos and memories of the falls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Twing Jr, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The New Marlborough Conservation Commission works to protect wetland resources of New Marlborough under the auspices of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act 310 CMR 10.00. We seek to educate and inform property owners about the Act and partner with them in order to comply with these state regulations. The Commission is also required to manage violations of the Wetlands Protection Act in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Conservation Commission Members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen who attend various Wetlands Protection Act educational meetings and seminars provided by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners in order to be familiar with the laws regulating wetlands in the Commonwealth.

The Commission operates under the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and all permit applications sent to the Conservation Commission are reviewed by the DEP who may give input to the Commission and applicants.

Due to increased development in New Marlborough, the Commission had a record year for activity. The Commission received eighteen (18) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), twelve (12) Notice of Intent, seven (7) Certificate of Compliance, and One (1) Request for Extension of an Order of Conditions. The Commission reviewed and acted upon two (2) public complaints of potential violations and reviewed one (1) special permit application that had proposed alterations to jurisdictional areas. The Commission issued three Letters of Violation and one Enforcement Order. The Commission also reviewed eighteen (18) forest cutting plans and seven (7) filings at the Registry of Deeds. Finally, the Commission approved two (2) Emergency Permits for tree removal that threatened houses in jurisdictional areas.

Conservation Commission members meet on the third Thursday of each month for the regularly scheduled meetings in a hybrid model including in person at Town Hall and by Zoom. Prior to these meetings the Commission meets for site visits with the owners and/or their representatives who have submitted permit applications or who may have questions as to wetlands on their property.

The Commission encourages the public to attend our meetings and to become familiar with the Wetlands Protection Act and the required permitting prior to any alterations or development near wetlands or stream and riverfront areas.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schreiber, Chair
Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair
Douglas Hyde
Nanci Worthington

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 1, 2022 – July 30, 2023

During fiscal year 2023 the New Marlborough Police Department was once again proud to serve the Town, its citizens and visitors with utmost respect and equality. The call volume broken down in the chart below shows a continued increase in activity from FY22 with Arrests and Motor Vehicle Accidents. Incidents, Citations and Calls remained close to last year's stats.

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Incidents	18	24	23	20
Arrests	38	51	56	49
Citations	436	343	307	337
Accidents	21	27	47	41
Calls	1634	2048	1843	1925

This year the Police Chief was also appointed as the Towns Animal Control Officer. The Chief and the officers within the Department handled and responded to 101 Animal Control Dispatch Calls.

With the Police Reform Bill eliminating the part-time police academy and part time trained officers, two of our current part time officers were eligible to attend the Bridge Academy in FY 23, beginning July 1. The Bridge academy reinforces training provided in a full time academy setting to officers who are only part time trained. These classes include Legal Updates, Constitutional Law, Motor Vehicle Law, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course, Firearms Training and Defensive Tactics. The cost of the Bridge Academy is free for Municipalities, however the town still has to pay each officer's time worked for the 200 hours additional hours of training.

In an effort to offset expenses, we applied for and received grants for the following:

Reason	Amount Received	Grant Organization
Reimburse for Tuition for 2 Part Time Officers	\$6,000.00	Bridge Academy Training Municipal Reimbursement Program
Towards the purchase of New Police Vehicle	\$28,300.00	USDA Rural Development -RHS
OT paid to officers for MRS Campaigns and covered purchase of 1 speed sign	\$20,000.00	Municipal Road Safety

POLICE DEPARTMENT (*Continued*)

During FY 23 the Department employed:

Graham Frank	Police Chief	June 30, 2025
John Mullen	Full Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
Ryan Kresiak	Full Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
David Lupiani	Part Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
Gary Lemon	Part Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
Kadin Shafiroff	Part Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
Mike Ovitt	Part Time Police Officer	June 30, 2023
Ed Deming	Traffic Officer	June 30, 2023

With the 337 Citations issued, a total fine assessment showed a total of \$24,805.00 (The Town gets back a percentage of the total fine assessment) The Police Department also generated \$5,370.71 to the Town in Detail Administrative Fees. The Department processed 52 Firearms Licenses totaling in \$4,450.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Frank, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The New Marlborough Highway Department had a very productive 2022-2023 season in spite of the weather. It's no surprise that weather dictates highway activities. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "Throughout the northeastern United States, spring is arriving earlier and bringing more precipitation, heavy rainstorms are more frequent, and summers are hotter and drier." The crew is adapting to climate change and continues to do what is necessary to keep the roads safe for travel.

On March 14, 2023, heavy snow accumulated at a fast rate. Tree limbs broke and downed power lines blocked several roads knocking out electricity in much of the Town. The Board of Selectmen declared a state of emergency due to extreme weather conditions and warned residents to expect high winds. During this storm the highway crew worked diligently with our emergency manager, the electric and phone companies, the police department and outside contractors to clear the roads. The highway crew is always on call 24/7. From November through March they were called in 48 times to treat the roads this year. According to Jeff Foxworthy, "If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction, you live in New England."

Our large pavement projects included a full depth reclamation and resurface of Knight Road, a top coat on Mill River Great Barrington Road and Adsit Crosby Road and a \$1,000,000 grant from the state was used toward the restoration of Route 57. Painted lines are a very important part of pavement management. As we do every year, a company was contracted to paint lines on our newly surfaced and well-traveled paved roads.

Our endless list of small projects included cleaning culverts and catch basins, roadside mowing, weed whacking, filling potholes and removing fallen trees from the roads. Guided by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD), street signs continue to be replaced with upgraded signs as needed. A great deal of time was spent replacing the drainage systems throughout town this year. Maintaining gravel roads is more expensive as gravel is becoming scarce in this area making it much more expensive. Replacing gravel just to have it wash away with the next heavy rain is maddening. Proper drainage will direct storm water into culverts and catch basins and reduce washouts. We were able to replace culverts on many roads this year and will continue this process.

In August 2022, a new bridge was opened on Lumbert Cross Road, and in May 2023, a new bridge was opened at the north end of Norfolk Road. Both bridges were funded by MassDOT and the Federal Bridge Program.

Highway crew members continue to attend classes and workshops with the focus on furthering their education in the areas of roadway safety, work safety and workforce development. This year crew members attended a professional development class required to maintain their hoisting licenses. Additionally, they attended a chainsaw maintenance class, a wood chipper class and a snow and ice operations class.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (*continued*)

This year we successfully sold several old and unused items on an online auction marketplace designed to buy and sell surplus equipment for municipalities. We made close to \$30,000, which went directly into the Town's general fund. We will continue to use this website to sell our surplus items.

With generous donations from the MSPCA, the Highway Department continued our relationship with Beaver Solutions to humanely, non-lethally and ecologically control beaver-related flooding.

Thank you to residents for supporting the purchase of a 2022 John Deere backhoe loader.

After twelve years of dedicated service to the Town, David Colucci retired in December. Dave was a valuable member of our crew and will be greatly missed.

It takes a team to keep this department running smoothly. Thank you to the highway crew; Foreman Paul Krom, Bill Ruane, Bob Palmer, Dan Bonetti, Craig Colantoni and Office Manager Laura Worth. Thanks also to Emergency Manager Barbara Marchione, the town hall staff, the fire department and the police department. Without their help and dedication, my job would have been impossible. Finally, thank you to Town Administrator Mari Enoch along with the Board of Selectmen for continuing to support the New Marlborough Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles M. Loring, III
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

As Tree Warden in New Marlborough, many hazardous trees were cut down near the roads. We prioritized the trees to be cut down based on a few factors, including the likelihood of a failure that could damage or block roadways, amount of traffic on foot or by motorist, and trees affected by invasive pests such as the emerald ash borer.

We also work closely with National Grid's line clearance crews to help identify trees that may cause power outages. National Grid has been an incredibly effective ally for helping to manage the trees.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Wright, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Finance Committee worked closely and collaboratively with the Select Board on the FY 24 budget put forward to the voters at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting. We continue to prioritize employee compensation and made some steps to increase wages above the standard cost of living allowance. We also recommended the funding of additional police shifts and a part time Human Resource position. Other budget lines that saw larger increases included the transfer station expense account as the cost of hauling and tipping solid waste is rising significantly, and fuel. The overall operating budget, including the school budget, increased 4.4% over the previous year. Due to reductions in other expenses, we had to draw on only \$60,000 of our excess capacity to balance the budget, leaving approximately \$375,000 in excess capacity.

On the Capital side, we recommended the purchases of a highway dump/plow truck, highway loader, police cruiser pick-up, the balance of the new ambulance, and several smaller items totaling \$630,000. The balance in the Stabilization account post Town Meeting was \$585,181 and the Free Cash balance was \$475,937.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Reynolds, Chair

REPORT OF THE NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

For the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to 232 calls. Previous year's calls in parenthesis.

Medical calls in town	100 (105)
Mutual aid medical calls	61 (41)
Fire alarms	33 (38)
Carbon monoxide alarms	12 (17)
Motor vehicle accidents	8 (16)
Brush Fires/Unattended Outdoor Fires	5 (6)
Trees down/wires down	4 (7)
Chimney fire	3 (1)
Mutual aid structure fires	2 (6)
Odor of gas	2 (0)
Mutual aid miscellaneous	1 (7)
Smoke/fire investigation	1 (0)
Water in home/Service calls	0 (5)
Lost person/hiker	0 (2)
House struck by lightning	0 (2)
Water rescue (dog)	0 (1)
Car fire	0 (1)
Bicycle crash	0 (1)
Structure fires in town	0 (0)
Electrical fire	0 (0)
Misc. fire	0 (0)
ATV crash	0 (0)
Total Calls	232 (256)
2021-22	256
2020-21	246
2019-20	186
2018-19	178
2017-18	180
2016-17	175

In FY 2023, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to 232 calls, including 64 calls in neighboring towns, a decrease of 33 calls from the previous year.

Medical calls, both in town and in neighboring towns, make up the majority (69%) of calls, including a nearly 50 percent increase in the amount of mutual aid medical calls, from 41 to 61, continuing an increasing trend.

FIRE AND RESCUE (*Continued*)

During FY 2022, the town took steps to address the increase in call volume by approving the hire of a part-time EMT/Firefighter for daytime coverage, beginning in July 2022. This has helped with daytime coverage for as many as 3 to 4 days, per week but the part-time system has been logistically challenging, with turnover and unfilled gaps in daytime coverage.

Unfortunately, Department membership is not growing. Like other emergency agencies, as evidenced by mutual aid requests, NMF&R is struggling with fewer members to respond to calls. We are fortunate to have a dedicated corps of volunteer EMTs, Firefighters, and First Responders who put in considerable time for calls and training, however, membership continues at critical levels.

The Department continues to encourage community members to consider joining the organization, whether as an EMT, Firefighter, or First Responder. Additional hands are always welcome in any capacity to help spread the burden presented by the volume of calls.

The Department has also taken steps to upgrade equipment.

At the May 2022 Town Meeting, voters approved purchasing a new ambulance to replace the aging 2010 ambulance. The new ambulance was delivered early in 2024 and has been put into service. The Department thanks the town for purchasing this valuable asset.

Also at the May 2022 Town Meeting, voters approved purchasing new, battery-powered extrication tools (commonly referred to as Jaws of Life). The new tools, which went into service in the fall of 2022, are more powerful, portable, far easier to deploy, and do not need hydraulic hoses, which saves time and frees members to perform other critical tasks.

Most recently, through a grant, the Department purchased new sets of turnout gear to be used by members at brush fires. Whenever possible, the Department uses grants to fund equipment purchases and to save taxpayer dollars. All of these purchases enhance our ability to respond to emergencies and are important investments for the community. The Department appreciates the continued support.

Fire Alarms and Carbon Monoxide calls continue accounting for a significant number of calls (about 20%). As a reminder, all homeowners must register alarm systems with the town and are required by town bylaw to install a KnoxBox — a secure key system that enables access and saves time in an emergency.

Additionally, working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are required by law in all buildings. These alarms do not have an indefinite life and should be regularly inspected and the batteries changed, even in hard-wired systems,

FIRE AND RESCUE (*Continued*)

which include a battery back-up in the event of a power failure.

All property owners are reminded to post a 911 sign visible from the road. This allows responders to quickly identify your home in your time of need. Contact NMF&R at 229-8100 for further information about 911 signs and KnoxBoxes.

Most importantly, it was again a safe year for all members. The Department thanks the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, the Highway and Police departments, and the New Marlborough community for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Loring, Chief
New Marlborough Fire and Rescue

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Fiscal year 2023 started with a renewed hope that the Covid-19 Pandemic was finally coming to a close. People started traveling again and the masks were less frequently seen. There were hopes that life would return to normal here in New Marlborough. Larger gatherings have become more commonplace, and meetings are in person again, though some are occasionally joining meetings via Skype. As the year progressed, there were more booster shots, and more suggestions to the general public for flu shots, pneumonia shots, and shingles shots! Norovirus has also become a concern.

Perhaps it was the fact that people became so isolated from the general public that their immunities were affected, but contagious viruses are still a concern. Frequent hand washing and personal safety is still highly recommended!

An incredibly dry summer led us to a fairly mild winter with less snow, and more ice and rain for the winter season. Mid-March storms of 2023 brought nearly three feet of snow in our higher elevations, and just fifteen inches in the low lying areas.

New Marlborough Emergency Services, Fire, Rescue, Police and our mutual aid towns continue to train and collaborate together to ensure public safety in our schools. Along with both of our regional school districts, we strive to keep our children safe.

In the late spring of 2023, Emergency Management looked into transferring our Reverse 911 calling to a new platform, called Code Red. Hopefully we will have this enhanced system up and running by the beginning of FY 2025. There will be new sign-up options, so please consider signing up with updated phone and email addresses! We need to have residents and visitors in our town contacted immediately when there is a local emergency.

Many thanks to the Southern Berkshire Regional Planning Committee and our thirteen mutual aid towns. We continue to work in tandem with Fairview Hospital on Regional Shelter Plans, Mass Casualty Drills and School Safety Drills.

Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief Chuck Loring, Fire and Rescue, Chief of Police Graham Frank, the Police Dept. and Highway Department, Mari Enoch, Laura Worth, Kathy Chretien, Prudence Spaulding, all town staff, and all volunteers.

Also, thank you to all members of our community who, no matter how big or small, have helped a neighbor, friend, organization, or extended family through the last three years. After all, it does take a Village!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marchione
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE 8 TOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board continued to develop the merger model recommended by our research team—merging the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (Great Barrington, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge) and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough, and Sheffield) into a single preK-12 district, maintaining the existing elementary and middle schools as they are, but creating a new merged 9-12 high school to be built on the Great Barrington campus.

The 8 Town board has made substantial progress on developing the terms of a regional school district agreement that would govern an 8 town district. The Board has reached agreement on new school committee governance, district transition provisions, and the issues which require a 2/3 supermajority school committee vote which include votes to approve budgets, incur debt, amend the regional agreement, and close a school. The Board also agreed to include provisions that would allow for intra-district choice.

Additionally, the 8 Town board approved the assessment methodologies for the operating and capital costs of a merged district. The finance subcommittee made recommendations after more than 9 months of analysis of different assessment methodologies, including the two methodologies that the current districts currently use.

The educational quality subcommittee voted to recommend the merger to the full board based on the subcommittee's development of a list of the potential benefits of a larger student body and pooling of district resources.

Our targeted date for a full board vote on the proposed merger, including a proposed regional agreement is early July, 2023. If the Board votes to recommend merger, we expect to be able to put that recommendation before the voters at special town meetings to be held this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara White, Member
8 Town Regional School District Planning Board

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL BERKSHIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

During the fiscal year 2023 the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee strived to fulfill their responsibility to ensure the success of all students while managing the extra challenges of resulting from the pandemic. This included curriculum and changes geared supporting students as they make up for lost time during the pandemic. Overall, test results show students have returned to expected grade levels and higher, for both Massachusetts and US results overall. Additional curricular changes included different ways that classrooms were run.

In the fall the committee approved Strategy for District Improvement was implemented. It is a document that guides the yearly action plan for the district to succeed in its mission to provide “a rigorous educational environment that prepares and inspires all students to be resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens who embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world through a commitment to our core values of opportunity, excellence, character, & community.”

The document was put forward, in the 2021-2022 school year, by Superintendent Dr. Beth Regulbuto and the Leadership Team including Director of Student Services Sandra Hubbard, Julie Dolan Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, Jesse Carpenter Principal of Mount Everett, Charles Miller Principal of the Elementary Schools, and Chris Thompson Directory of Technology and outlined these goals for the year:

- Provide all students with high quality materials, curriculum aligned to the standards, student centered instruction, meaningful assessments, & targeted interventions to improve instructional practices & provide increased opportunities for inclusion & equity.
- Continually assess and improve District facilities to ensure a safe, efficient, & effective use of resources that promotes the learning, growth, & success of all students, faculty & staff in a secure environment
- Continue to build a learning environment that fosters partnerships with families, community organizations, & other stakeholders in support of the District’s vision.
- Promote a positive school culture by actively engaging in reflective and research-based practices, cultivating meaningful relationships, building connections, honoring our core values, & inspiring life-long learners.

The Committee worked diligently to complete the important business of supervising and supporting the superintendent, approving school district goals, maintaining appropriate school district policies, evaluating the superintendent, and approving the annual budget. The subcommittees that oversaw these tasks were especially busy during FY 23. In the fall the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee worked the superintendent to create a document which defined her specific goals and action steps and shepherded it through to the approval vote by the full committee. This document served as the basis for the school committee’s annual state mandated performance evaluation the superintendent.

In addition to the many other grant funded projects that Dr. Regulbuto and her team

SCHOOL COMMITTEE *(continued)*

worked on, SBRSD is now one of ten school districts nationwide chosen for the Rural School Initiative. The initiative is run by Transcend, an education focused non-profit organization. The initiative is intended to include community residents, business leaders, educators, families and student input to work on a long term plan as SBRSD continues to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing 21st century education pedagogy.

In December, the Finance Subcommittee began its multi-month process of working with the superintendent on the construction of the budget. A meeting calendar was posted so community members could participate in all aspects of building a budget taking into account the needs of students and the financial capacity of the towns. All departments submitted their requests which were considered by the superintendent with the finance subcommittee input.

The Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee which oversees the maintenance of all of the campuses took on the work of assessing the HVAC system to insure good air quality. As of the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, the project was completed. The Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee is currently negotiation a solar array project. When approved the project, which is cost free to the district, will provide a considerable decrease in overall electricity costs over a projected 20 year period. The Policy Subcommittee worked overtime to keep up with making state mandated amendments to the existing policies, including those specific to the Covid-19 pandemic, amongst other issues, such as diversity, equity and inclusion.

The committee was gratified by the great strides made in improving educational opportunity for students. With the extremely successful start of the coveted Early College Designation from the state including multi-year funding for implementation, students enthusiastically embraced their introduction to the new formats. Students who desire to take full advantage of the program can earn 30 college credits for free from our partner Bard College at Simon's Rock. SBRSD is the only rural school receiving this honor. The expansion of the internship program has also gotten off to a good start. Included in this program is support from local businesses, including the Berkshire Innovation Center.

Another plus for students was the implementation of the state supported Accelerated Learning to address learning loss from disruption caused by COVID. Teachers learned how to have their students move at their own pace to get up to grade level. Regular testing of students showed their progress and the areas where they struggled. As noted earlier in this letter, the Accelerate Learning program succeeded at and beyond expectation.

As the year ended, all sports, arts and other public events went on as they should, including Prom and ending with a joyous graduation ceremony at Tanglewood. This was a great way to end the year for the school committee, administration, teachers, and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanci Worthington
Sarah Pollock

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Building Department issued a total of 117 Residential Building Permits and 10 Commercial Building Permits last fiscal year. Additionally, the department handles zoning requests and enforcement and Periodic inspections.

The total estimated value conducted for labor and materials if issued permits totaled \$12,381,462. The total permit fees collected by the department totaled \$69,167.

Please contact the Building Department for any Zoning or Building code related questions so that we can assist as needed.

MONTH	NO.OF PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	PERMITS FOR DWELLING	PERMITS FOR GARAGES	ALL OTHER	COMM- ERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JUL	12	12	0	0	12	0	993,315.00	6,062.00
AUG	15	14	0	0	14	1	1,542,629.00	8,005.00
SEP	6	6	0	0	6	0	19,335.00	600.00
OCT	14	13	0	0	13	1	1,554,925.00	9,340.00
NOV	6	5	0	0	5	1	181,00.00	1,025.00
DEC	4	4	0	0	4	0	312,500.00	1,645.00
JAN	12	12	0	0	12	0	231,439.00	1,435.00
FEB	6	6	0	0	6	0	182,945.00	1,035.00
MAR	7	6	0	0	6	1	1,435,671.00	7,862.00
APR	15	15	0	0	15	0	174,023.00	9,044.00
MAY	6	6	0	0	6	0	1,019,489.00	5,604.00
JUN	11	11	0	0	1	0	78,157.00	1,936.00
Totals	114	110	0	0	100	4	10,049,428.00	53,593.00

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Kollmer
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

This department issued 49 plumbing permits and conducted 96 on-site inspections. A total of \$7,170.00 in fees were collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

This department issued 60 permits and conducted 73 on-site inspections. A total of \$5,475.00 in fees were collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Inspector of wires performed 236 individual inspections from 118 individual permit applications. I am thankful for Jim Kern serving in the capacity of assistant inspector of wires and his willing help in times that I am not available or am in need of my own work needing to be inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Leining
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Transfer Station is open to all New Marlborough town residents with a valid permit. Permits are good for the fiscal year, July to June. New permits begin being sold on June 1st for the upcoming fiscal year. Last year we initiated a process to purchase your permit on-line.

There are bins at the Transfer Station for books and clothing recycling. When recycling clothing items, please be sure that you do not put in anything with oil, gas, blood that will contaminate the other clothing in the bin. Ripped items are fine as well as blankets and puffs, but no pillows.

When recycling items, please follow the guidelines of what can and cannot be put in each container. Christmas paper should not be put in the paper container. Black plastic, straws, plastic bags and Styrofoam are some of the items that should not be put in with the rest of the bottles and cans. For a complete list of Do's and Don'ts, visit the Town website or the recycling centers' website at www.springfieldmrf.org.

There is now a Food Composting container at the Transfer Station. This allows residents to compost food and keep it out of the waste stream. The Town's website has information on what can be composted.

There is an extra charge for some items that are put into the bulky waste container and the electronics container. Please see the attendant in the back of the Transfer Station near those containers for the cost if applicable.

Coming soon will be a mattress recycling container which is required by the MASSDEP. Currently these are put into the bulky container and we can no longer do this.

The Transfer Station collected 224 tons of trash, 49 tons of plastics, glass and cans were recycled; 44 tons of cardboard and paper; 85 tons of construction-demolition materials and bulky waste, and 5 dumpsters of metals were collected. Additionally, 2 loads of tires and 2 containers of electronics were recycled.

Thank you to our Transfer Station Attendants, Alvin Stalker, Bobby Litchfield, Gary Miller, Marilyn Fracasso and Bob Abolafia. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help and are a senior over 60 years old, you could work under the Senior Tax Workoff Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Freddy Friedman

**REPORT OF THE SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF
ABATEMENT PROGRAM
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

This year eleven seniors have worked 388 hours for the Senior Tax Work-off Abatement program. Two of these seniors have worked since the program began in 2007; another two of our faithful stalwart seniors retired this year.

Their jobs included stuffing tax bills, working at the town elections and the town meeting, in the Library and at the Transfer Station.

Seniors receive an hourly abatement against their real estate taxes. This abatement is based upon the Massachusetts minimum wage, which was \$14.25 from July 1 to December 30, 2022, and \$15.00 from January 1 to June 30, 2023. This year the government requires that this money be considered a "salary" and thus taxed accordingly. Thus, of course their abatement is not as large as was expected.

This has proved a hardship for some of the seniors whose income has been so low that they have never had to pay income tax or make out an income tax form. Now in order to get back what was deducted they must make out both forms and submit them to the government.

The Senior Tax Work-Off Program was designed and established to help seniors pay their real estate taxes, but now it does in some ways prove a hardship for them.

Nevertheless, the folks who work in this program are always willing and available to help our wonderful town.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding MSW

**REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

FY23 was again a year of no appeals. Apparently, our Zoning By-laws are working smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney K. Turner, Chair

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Despite the reduced number of COVID cases this past year, seniors remained reluctant to attend many local functions.

The Director of Senior Services continues to attend the Massachusetts Monthly Food Bank distribution, sharing the provided food. She was appointed to serve on the committee supporting the Great Barrington Senior Transportation Service which our town (paying \$5400 for the year 2022) belongs. This service provides transportation for seniors and the disabled to medical and dental appointments, as well as taking seniors to grocery stores, banks, etc.

She attended informational meetings learning about a Cardiac Grant received by Berkshire Medical Center (thus benefiting Fairview Hospital) , as well as learning about services provided by Hospice of the Berkshires, and Elder Services of the Berkshires. She attended (via Zoom) a program presenting in some detail laws protecting seniors who had accumulated debts. Helpful information received from the Commonwealth and notices about available flu clinics etc. were published on the New Marlborough town web site.

The Director of Senior Services has referred seniors to appropriate agencies for help. And has also spent many hours helping seniors fill out necessary forms such as Mass Health, Fuel Assistance and Medicare.

The New Marlborough Council on Aging welcomed seniors to a fall luncheon. With the support from the staff at Fairview Hospital each "guest" received a number of medical forms the knowledge of which would prove very helpful should the senior become hospitalized. For instance each guest received a Massachusetts Medical Health Care proxy booklet, and the form authorizing the use or disclosure of patient information (HIPAA 1996). All received MOLST forms (Massachusetts Medical Orders of Life-Sustaining Treatment). Seniors were encouraged to review these forms and share needed information with their families.

The staff of Fairview Hospital asked that the seniors be informed that the hospital staff wished to provide the best care available and that seniors were encouraged to feel free to call the hospital should they have any questions about available care.

The New Marlborough Council on Aging accepted the resignation of one of its most loyal members, Marsha Harvey. Mrs. Harvey has been a staunch worker, helping in all aspects of the work of the COA she will be greatly missed. New members are now needed to carry on the various important activities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding MSW
Director of Senior Services

REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Housing Committee met infrequently during the 2023 year. Our main focus was on introducing the Cassilis Farm project to the community. The Committee held an open house for NM residents to see the property and view the plans for the eleven units and two separate homes. In August a fundraising campaign was begun to raise funds for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rosenberg
Housing Committee Chair

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

In FY2023 the Planning Board welcomed Becky Wilkinson to the group, who stepped up to fill the role vacated by Paul Marcel. Paul's voice added important insights in our discussions and we thank him for his service to the town. Becky has quickly established herself on the Board through her thoughtfulness and interest in important issues affecting the town.

The Board reviewed six subdivision applications in FY2023 (compared to five subdivision applications in FY2022) and provided positive recommendations to the Select Board on four Special Permit Applications, including Construct, Inc.'s proposal to develop affordable housing on the Cassilis Farm property.

The Planning Board also addressed the following key issues during FY2023:

- Electronic submission policy for Planning Board submissions
- Planning Board website modifications/clean-up
- Enforcement of the new Dark Sky bylaw
- Affordable housing policy and ways to encourage more affordable housing in the future
- Short-Term Rental policy
- Bylaw modifications based on input from the Building Inspector
- Bylaw language for ridgeline protection

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hartt, Chairman

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 2023 EXPENDITURES

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
MODERATOR	145.00		145.00	0.00
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	2,725.00		2287.69	437.31
Selectmen's Salaries	9,000.00		8,500.00	500.00
Berk Reg Group Purchasing	3365.00		3365.00	0.00
Selectmen's Expenses	4,650.00		4,555.24	94.76
Contingent	3,500.00		3,129.53	370.47
Right of Way Funds	25,000.00		-	25,000.00
Land Donation Funds	6,000.00		5,500.00	500.00
TOTAL SELECTMEN	51,515.00		25,049.77	0.02
Town Administrator	51,215.00		51,214.98	15,328.12
Administrative Secretary	36,968.00		21,639.88	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	88,183.00		72,854.86	0.08
TOWN & LABOR COUNSEL	17,000.00		16,999.92	750.00
Finance Committee Clerical	750.00			250.00
Finance Committee Expenses	250.00			
FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,000.00		0.00	
AUDIT	-	34,000.00	-	34,000.00
Town Accountant	21,394.00		21,151.27	242.73
Town Accountant Expenses	4,684.00		4,553.69	130.31
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	26,078.00		25,704.96	0.12
Assessor's Salaries	6,000.00		5,999.88	358.93
Assessor's Clerk	24,645.00		24,286.07	0.00
Assessor's Tax Map Update	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
Assessor's Revaluation	17,500.00		17,500.00	0.00
Property Cards On-Line	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
Assessor's General Expense	5,250.00		5,250.00	0.00

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Assessor's Computer Cont	4881.00		4880.66	0.34
TOTAL ASSESSORS	62,546.00		62,186.61	
Treasurer Salary	27,732.00		27,063.30	668.70
Treasurer's Expense	3,000.00		2,859.46	140.54
Treasurer Software/Support	6,529.00		5,933.56	595.44
TOTAL TREASURER			35,856.32	
Tax Collector Dept. Salaries	27,105.00		26,829.32	275.68
Tax Collector Expense	7,250.00		7,214.30	35.70
Tax Collector Computer Serv	7,440.00		7,275.49	164.51
TOTAL COLLECTOR			41,319.11	
Town Clerk Salary	41,043.00	35.00	41,078.00	0.00
Election Expense	3,230.00		3,230.00	0.00
Election Compensation	1,532.00		1,501.00	31.00
Street Listing	800.00		795.38	4.62
Town Clerk Expense	2,150.00	-35.00	2,097.84	17.16
Town Records Preservation	2,500.00		2,336.00	164.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK			51,038.22	
Conservation Clerical	3,349.00		3,348.64	0.36
Conservation Expenses	1,900.00		627.00	1,273.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			3,975.64	
Planning Board Clerical	2,100.00		900.00	1200.00
Planning Board Expenses	900.00		25.00	875.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD			925.00	
BOARD OF APPEALS	50.00		0.00	50.00
Town Hall Clerical	9,971.00		9,865.14	105.86

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Town Hall Custodian	9,726.00		6,853.75	2,872.25
Town Hall Expenses	37,300.00	5,370.00	41,592.69	1,077.31
TOTAL TOWN HALL				58,311.58
TOTAL TOWN BOND	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Town Hall Renovations		31,850.10	15,548.64	16,301.46
Town Hall Improvements		2,293.67	2,293.67	0.00
Town Hall Improvements 2020		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
TOTAL TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS			19,842.31	
PRINTING	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
TOWN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	3,636.00		3,636.00	0.00
Fire Truck 2015	63,800.00		63,800.00	0.00
Grader 2018	41,600.00		41,600.00	0.00
Hatchery Road Repair	48,564.00		48,564.00	0.00
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT			153,964.00	
TOTAL INSURANCE	84,391.00		84,391.00	
Regional Planning Commission	1,270.00		1,269.11	0.89
District Dept Veteran's Services	7,090.00		7,089.25	0.75
TOTAL STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			8,358.36	
Berkshire County Retirement	183,721.00		183,721.00	0.00
Group Insurance	265,046.00		176,754.27	88,291.73
Medicare	23,000.00		20,575.58	2,424.42
Veteran's Benefits Chpt 115	10,000.00		1,932.00	8,068.00
Longevity Stipend	3,750.00		3,750.00	0.00
Insurance Reimbursement	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00
Non Exempt Employee Contingency	1,500.00		83.26	1,416.74

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Human Resources Position	5,000.00		865.35	4,134.65
TOTAL BENEFITS & WITHHOLDINGS			389,681.46	
TOTAL FINANCING USES (Reserve Fund)	50,000.00		34,553.31	15,446.69
BERKSHIRE CTY COMMUNICATIONS	11,575.00		11,574.09	0.91
Police Salaries	223,574.00		214,500.51	9,032.99
Police Dept Expenses	44,175.00	6,286.13	50,461.13	0.00
Police Rental	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
Police Reform Birdge Academy	4,281.00		3,113.28	1,167.72
Police Radios	22,000.00		16,510.30	5,489.70
Police Body/Cruiser Cams	11,500.00		4,580.73	6,919.27
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT			308,530.00	
TOTAL CONSTABLE	475.00		475.00	
Fire Dept Clerical	1,700.00		1,699.92	0.08
Firefighter's Stipend	36,500.00		36,499.00	1.00
Fire Protection	73,500.00	2,500.00	75,973.81	26.19
Fire Extrication Equip	41,000.00		40,967.00	33.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT				155,139.73
NM Rescue Salary	7,384.00		7,384.00	0.00
NM Rescue Stipends	40,945.00	926.25	35,898.67	5,972.58
Firefighter/EMT Paid Shift	60,000.00	-926.25	30,607.40	28,466.35
NM Rescue Expenses	27,950.00		27,950.00	0.00
2023 Ambulance	,	260,000.00		260,000.00
TOTAL RESCUE EXPENSES			101,840.07	
Emergency Mgmt Salary	4,650.00		4,650.00	0
Emergency Mgmt Expenses	2,000.00		1,030.58	969.42
Emergency Mgmt Notification System	2,718.00		2,717.50	0.50

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			8,398.08	
Building Inspector Salary	23,440.00		23,424.92	15.08
Building Inspector Salary-Alternate	500.00			500.00
Building Inspector Expenses	3,195.00		3,195.00	0
Building Inspector Software	3,315.00		1,836.40	1,478.60
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR			28,456.32	
SBRSD Operation	2,607,499.00	\$(25,334.00)	2,582,165.00	0.00
SBRSD Capital	126,235.00	25,334.00	126,235.00	0.00
School Committee Compensation	1,650.00		1,650.00	0.00
Regional School District Planning B	8,800.00		6,800.00	2,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL			2,716,850.00	
Roads & Bridges Salaries	395,819.00		361,282.81	34,536.19
Highway Dept Expenses	31,801.00	41.38	27,797.57	4,044.81
Machinery Expense	88,000.00	1,738.31	83,784.94	5,953.37
Fuel, Propane & Diesel	62,000.00	25,000.00	76,985.31	10,014.69
Roads & Bridges	206,850.00	\$14,224.60	208,144.97	12,949.63
TOTAL ROADS & BRIDGES			757,995.60	
WINTER ROADS	266,334.00		248,413.14	28,177.15
2022 10 Wheel Truck	295,000.00			295,000.00
Hwy Yard Paving		7,999.78		7,999.78
Brewer Hill Drainage		17,482.00		17,482.00
Road Projects	11,535.62		11,535.62	0.00
Capital Road Proj-Hatchery Road	46,166.51			46,166.51
Hwy Engineering Consultant	10,000.00			10,000.00
Hwy Tractor Mower	1,641.00			1,641.00
2023 Truck	70,481.00		27,686.31	42,794.69

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
2023 Loader	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00
Capital Road Proj Loan (2022)	500,000.00		89,202.34	410,797.66
Total Highway Other			278,424.27	
STREET LIGHTS	6,100.00		5,680.10	419.90
Cemetery Salaries	43,053.00		44,387.32	-1,334.32
Cemetery Officers Salary	475.00		475.00	0.00
Cemetery Expenses	3,900.00		2,093.58	1,806.42
TOTAL CEMETERY			46,955.90	
Tree Warden Salary	1,250.00		1,250.00	0.00
Tree Work	28,000.00		28,000.00	0.00
TOTAL TREE WARDEN			29,250.00	
Board of Health Officers	1,250.00		1,050.00	200.00
Board of Health Salaries	6,500.00		6,499.99	0.01
Board of Health Software	2,230.00		2,230.00	0.00
Board of Health Expenses	1,300.00		944.06	355.94
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH			10,724.05	
Animal Control Officer Stipend	6,500.00	144.10	6,507.23	136.87
Animal Inspector Compensation	4,000.00	34.87	4,034.67	0.20
Animal Control Officer Expenses	3,065.00	\$(144.10)	2,920.90	0.00
Animal Inspector Expenses	825.00	-34.87	256.38	533.75
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL			13,719.18	
Transfer Station Salaries	31,431.00		30,399.29	1031.71
Transfer Station	106,235.00	30,338.34	136,573.34	0.00
Household Hazardous Waste	2,015.00		2,014.43	0.57
Transfer Station Repairs	30,000.00	(3,417.50)	10,000.00	16,582.50
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH			178,987.06	

EXPENDITURES 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Southern Berkshire Public Health	2,750.00		2,750.00	0.00
Commission on Disabilities Expenses	100.00			100.00
ADA Coordinator	1,500.00			1,500.00
Senior Tax Workoff Program	150.00		70.00	80.00
Housing Committee Expenses	350.00			350.00
TOTAL HEALTH/WELFARE			2,820.00	
COA Director Stipend	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
Council on Aging Expenses	6,400.00		4,535.91	1,864.09
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING			7,035.91	
Cultural Council	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00
Historical Commission Clerical	300.00		50.00	250.00
Historical Commission Expenses	700.00			700.00
TOTAL CULTURAL			1,550.00	
Library Salaries	70,809.00		69,928.45	880.55
Library Trustees	320.00		220.00	100.00
Library Expenses	54,477.00		54,465.24	11.76
Library Project Fund	21,478.55			21,478.55
TOTAL LIBRARY			124,613.69	
Umpachene Falls Park Erosion		9,629.29	9,629.29	0.00
Umpachene Falls Park Expenses	4,000.00	(22.09)	3,977.91	0.00
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION			13,607.20	
MEMORIAL DAY			700.00	0.00
Total Expenditures			6,125,234.44	

SPECIAL REVENUE BALANCES

As of June 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT /STATE GRANTS:	Amount
Rural Fire Assistance Grant	\$.18
State Elections	1,830.34
State Aid to Libraries	8,418.15
Cultural Council Grant	26,917.39
Council on Aging	18,182.32
Cemetery Preservation Grant	3,693.75
Strap Grant	18,210.99
2023 Municipal Road Safety Grant(Police)	(1,604.58)
Status of Roads Grant	1,000.00
Emergency Management Grant	2,333.58
2011 August Storm (Hurricane)	49,368.00
08 Storm Damage Reimbursement	6,023.79
July Storm 2021	0.32
BOH On-Line Permitting	534.00
BOH FDA Food Grant	2,978.22
Board of Health COVID-19	(1,300.00)
Opiate Settlement	1,456.57
Transfer Station Grant	7,921.13
MA Works Grant	(9,125.16)
MA Works Grant FY2023	(184,529.75)
IT Grant	2,100.00
Technology Grant	(2,495.00)
MEMA COVID-19	(2,482.42)
Uber/Lyft Per Ride Assessment Fund	.50
ARPA	217,903.16
WRAP (Winter Rd Recovery Assist Prog)	75,705.11
TOTAL GOVERNMENT/STATE GRANTS	\$243,040.59
 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:	
Library Gifts & Memorials	\$2,229.32
250th Anniversary	234.65
Wetland Conservation	94.64
Machinery Earnings	1,848.40
Insurance Proceeds >20k	(2,595.57)
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,811.44
 Comstar Reserved for Appropriation	\$209,372.20
Sale of Cemetery Lots	38,460.18
Revolving Accounts	26,593.42
Chapter 90 Funds	(250,439.40)

TRUST FUNDS

As of June 30, 2023

ITEM	BALANCE 6/30/23
Stabilization Fund	701,962.11
Marcus Rogers Fund	6,943.57
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	75,956.43
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	896.69
Unemployment Fund	41,625.38
New Marlborough Library	3,519.74
Conservation Commission	7,290.69
Sunrise Solar-Knight Road Escrow	101,177.41
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$939,372.02

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

As of June 30, 2023

Personal Property Taxes	72,298.12
Real Estate Taxes	5,546,749.17
Motor Vehicle Taxes	342,923.74
Other Taxes	4,773.17
Penalties/Interest on Taxes	69,643.42
State Receipts	94,328.03
Transfer Station	97,060.00
Licenses & Permits	74,102.50
In Lieu of Taxes	45,750.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	39,681.97
Other Dept Revenue	7,011.31
Earnings on Investments	28,533.56
Technology Grant	23,791.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,446,645.99

AGENCY FUNDS
As of June 30, 2023

	ENDING BALANCE
Town Clerk Agency	1,527.23
Tax Collector Agency	53,543.32
Police FID	16,142.44
Unclaimed Checks	12,496.15
TOTALS	\$83,709.14

Respectfully submitted by

Tara B. White
Town Accountant