

ANNUAL REPORT

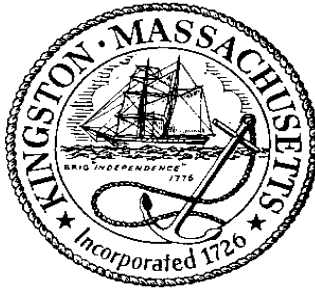
OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS



2016



REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ELAINE FIORE

For Kingston to continue moving forward, it takes both maintaining some status quo and implementing some new initiatives. Looking back, 2012 was somewhat of a financial turning point for the Town. It was the first time taxes weren't raised to the full available 2½% under "Proposition 2 ½". The result? Standard & Poor's raised the Town's rating from AA- to AA, which saved the town thousands of dollars on borrowing costs. What were new initiatives at one time, have now continued on year after year of not spending to the full 2 ½%, thus limited tax increases under that ceiling, which again bumped up our rating to the current high of AA+. Moreover, the Tax Rate for FY2017 is \$16.50 per thousand, which is the lowest rate since the 2014 rate of \$16.68, and incredibly only nine cents more than the \$16.41 rate in 2013!

These achievements don't happen overnight. Standard & Poor doesn't raise our rating because Kingston had one good year. Tax increases have typically been below 2½% because of many years of conservative budgeting, oversight, and prudent spending by the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator's office, and each of the town's department heads. Yet, no one person, employee, Board or Committee is responsible for these achievements. It has taken years to get to this point and many, many hours from many people, including those of you who attend Town Meeting and have supported the recommended budgets. Clearly, Kingston is financially sound. And by continuing to work together for the good of the whole town, today's new initiatives will become tomorrow's status quo.

The Board of Selectmen's initiatives are making a difference. The goal is to provide the best possible service for the least amount of cost, and to be proactive, and not merely reactive. This year, as several employees retired, jobs were consolidated and cross training was implemented under the

direction of the Human Resources Director and Town Administrator. Shared resources, including IT, Human Resources and Facilities, all assist the staff on a routine basis, providing them with the tools they need to do their jobs in the most efficient way. Online Permitting is being evaluated by the Building Inspector and the IT Director to streamline the permitting process and realize efficiencies between departments. Having the best trained staff in place, along with available automation, will contribute to sustainable budgets going forward. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen looked at other areas to assist the residents with improved service. For the first time, the Town House is now open until 7:30pm each Tuesday evening, while closing at noon on Fridays, which allows the residents the opportunity to conduct Town business after work.

Other ongoing initiatives investigated during the year the potential of joining a Public Safety Regional Dispatch Facility located in Duxbury based on reviewing and weighing the pros and cons in the program. The cost of Health Insurance is routinely reviewed to determine if there are less expensive ways to provide coverage to the employees and retirees. To date, the analysis has shown our current provider, Mayflower Health Group, is the most cost effective for the Town.

The Board of Selectmen also continues to look for areas to save current and future dollars. Just recently, Town Meeting supported the Selectmen's request to change the way health insurance is provided to certain elected officials. Starting in 2016, available Health Insurance for newly elected officials will be at the cost of at 100% of the group rate. Prior to that, the town was paying 60% of the cost. In time, this will save the Town a few hundred thousand dollars a year.

Additional review of efficiencies and initiatives regarding the needs of the senior population in town led to the Selectmen's Article at a Town Meeting requesting a new position of Assistant Director of Elder Affairs. The town meeting members agreed that the need was clearly warranted, and voted to support the new position. In other initiatives over the past few years, the Town replaced several positions at the Police Department, with one position being used as the School Resource Officer for the Silver Lake Regional School District. The Police hires were a direct result of the rise in opioid usage and the Town again being proactive rather than reactive.

On the revenue side, monies are being generated with each space that is occupied at Kingston Collection, a once dying mall and now a vibrant part of the community; the additions of Wayback Burgers, Waxy's Restaurant, Bar Rustic - The Studio Kitchen, and Pinz have contributed to a new excitement at the Collection. Additionally, other new businesses opened in town - Wicked Healthy, Angelo's Coal Fired Pizza and the seemingly overnight Hannaford

change to a Big Y supermarket - all this while established businesses continue to thrive and be the cornerstone of the community.

This was a year of “firsts” as well. Gray’s Beach was the location for the first Waterfront Festival, which was established by the Kingston Business Association. The Town, although a few months away from build out, finalized the conceptual design for the first Off Leash Dog Park, fondly named the “Boneyard.” In 2016, funding grants were received to start the process of evaluating the removal of the Elm Street Dam. The first ever Dredging Feasibility Study was conducted, only to learn that it would cost millions of dollars to dredge the channel. And, in an effort to assist young families and seniors, active members were appointed for the Kingston Affordable Housing Trust to pave the way for more affordable housing units in Town.

We must recognize the many retirements, totaling 225 years of Service! We will truly miss Paul Armstrong (27 years), Linda Randall (19 years), Suzanne Richards (17 years), Joan Paquette (14 years), Dolores Sprague (27 years), Mary Spaulding (35 years), Elizabeth Watson (21 years), Susan Oslin (19 years), Lynn Cook (17 years) and Linda Warner (29 years). We also can’t forget John Creed - while technically not an employee of the Town, John served on the Silver Lake School Committee for 14 years.

Additionally, none of this year’s accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of all the Town’s Employees, Elected Officials, Appointed officials, and other volunteers who make up the Boards and Committees, and assist in making the town a better place to live and work.

On behalf of Board of Selectmen – Elaine Fiore, Lindsay Wilson, Sandy Macfarlane, Susan Munford and Jean Landis-Naumann – I would like to thank all of you who helped to contribute to the great success of the Town of Kingston for 2016! The Board would like to offer a special thank you to Selectman Jean Landis-Naumann for serving a second three year term on the Board of Selectmen. During Jean's most recent term, of which she was voted Vice-Chairman, I have truly appreciated her dedication, enthusiasm, attention to detail, allegiance to the community, and most importantly her selfless commitment to bettering the Town. She has been an integral part of the Kingston Board of Selectmen team in our goal to keep the town forward in a positive and progressive direction. We all wish Jean enjoyment in her well-deserved retirement!

ROBERT H. FENNESSY, JR.
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As I concluded the first three plus years as your Town Administrator, I looked back on the number of accomplishments of the Board of Selectmen and the staff of my office. When I came onboard, I was struck by the fact that the town, which employs many people and operates a nearly 45 million dollar budget, did not have a professional Human Resources Department, Facilities Department, or Informational Technology Department, three critical areas that protect the town's employees and assets.

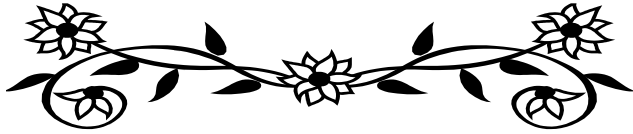
The Board of Selectmen had made clear a goal early on to work towards identifying, quantifying, and then establishing the positions to fill these needs. Working with the Wage and Personnel Board, job descriptions were prepared, and approval was obtained. We then set out to bring in three part time professionals to oversee these functions.

In that three years, two of the departments received town meeting support to increase hours to become full time employees, and the third, Human Resources, was upgraded from 19 hours per week to 27 hours. The results of the establishment of these three departments paid early dividends, including grant awards in excess of \$100,000 in 2016, as well as savings on building insurance claims, protection and efficiencies of our telecommunication and IT systems, and standardization of human resource policies and procedures.

In other developments, at a juncture in which several support staff positions became vacant simultaneously due to retirements, and in an effort to limit the impact of the costs for full replacement of each support staff position, the HR manager and I developed a reorganization plan, and then entered into a negotiated agreement with our union to streamline services in the town house. The result of that reorganization was a reduction of an employee position, along with one position morphing into a "float" position for the town. Additionally, several employees were cross-trained to be able to assist other departments as needed. I applaud the KTEU union representatives for their professionalism in working with the town towards finalizing that agreement, which not only made the jobs more interesting for the employees, but greatly enhanced the operational efficiency in the various departments.

The Town Administrator and staff, continues to work closely with the policy setting board of the Board of Selectmen as well as other Committees, and while we remain diligent in continuing to seek areas of fiscal prudence, together we all work to make improvements to enhance the quality of life for our residents in the most efficient manner possible.

I want to thank my staff, Laurie Zivkovich (Assistant to the Town Administrator), Lynn Cook (who retired in 2016) and Abby Keane for their work ethic and commitment to providing excellent service to the residents day after day.



Things to Know About Kingston

Incorporated 1726

Area of Town 19.03 sq. miles

POPULATION:

Population Town Census 2016:	13,568
Population Town Census 2015:	13,361
Population Federal Census 2010:	12,629

TAX RATE:

Tax Rate for FY 2016:	\$16.50
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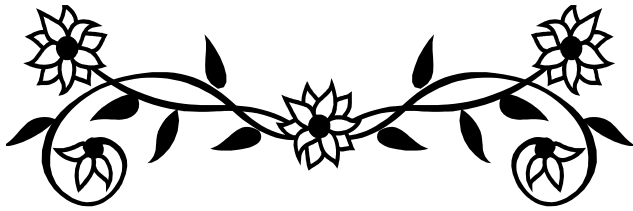
VOTER STATISTICS:

Democrats	1,960
Republicans	1,462
Unenrolled	5,593
All Others	98

VITAL STATISTICS:

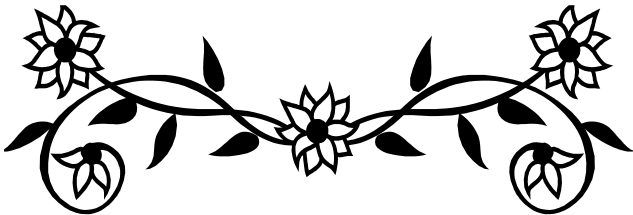
Total Births:	130
• Females:	69
• Males:	61
Deaths:	175
Marriages:	58





Employees Retired in 2016

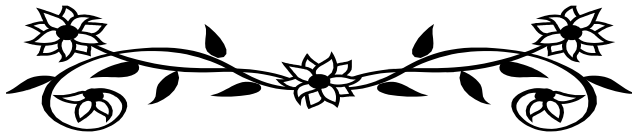
<i>Elizabeth Watson</i>	<i>21 years</i>
<i>Susan Oslin</i>	<i>19 years</i>
<i>Lynn Cook</i>	<i>17 years</i>
<i>Suzanne Richards</i>	<i>17 years</i>
<i>Joan Paquette</i>	<i>14 years</i>
<i>Linda Randall</i>	<i>19 years</i>
<i>Dolores Sprague</i>	<i>27 years</i>
<i>Paul Armstrong</i>	<i>27 years</i>
<i>Mary Spaulding</i>	<i>35 years</i>



WHERE TO CALL FOR SERVICE

SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	
Alcohol Licenses	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Animal Shelter	Animal Control Officer	585-0529
Automobile Dealers License	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Beach Sticker	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	585-0502
Building Permits	Building Department	585-0505
Burial Permits	Board of Health	585-0503
Business Certificates	Town Clerk	585-0502
Civil Defense	K.E.M.A.	585-3135
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	585-0502
Dept of Public Works	Streets, Trees & Parks	585-0513
Dog License	Town Clerk	585-0502
Elderly Services	Council on Aging	585-0511
Elections	Town Clerk	585-0502
Employment	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Entertainment License	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Fishing & Hunting Licenses	Town Clerk	585-0502
Fuel Storage Permits	Fire Department	585-0532
Gas Permits	Building Department	585-0505
Health Issues	Board of Health	585-0503
Local History Room	Public Library	585-0517
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	585-0502
Milk Licenses	Board of Health	585-0503
Moorings	Harbormaster	585-0519
Motor Vehicle Abatement	Assessor's Office	585-0509
Notice of Intent	Conservation Dept	585-0537
Plumbing Permits	Building Department	585-0505
Purchasing	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Road Opening Permits	Streets, Trees, Parks	585-0513
Schools	Administration Office	585-4313
Sewer Betterment/Abatement	Sewer Department	585-4058
Shellfish License	Selectmen's Office	585-0500
Tax Assessments/Abatement	Assessor's Office	585-0509
Tax Collections	Collectors Office	585-0507
Tax Title Accounts	Treasurer	585-0508
Town Planner	Planning Department	585-0549
Transfer Station Stickers	Streets, Trees, Parks	585-0513
Tree Issues	Streets, Trees & Parks	585-0513

Vendor Bills and Accounts	Accountant	585-0506
Veterans Benefits/Exemption	Veterans Agent	585-0515
Voting & Registrations	Town Clerk	585-0502
Water Service	Water Department	585-0504
Wetlands Issues	Conservation Dept	585-0537
Wiring Permits	Building Department	585-0505
Working Papers	Silver Lake Admin	585-4313
Zoning Hearings	Board of Appeals	585-2773
Zoning Issues	Building Inspector	585-0505



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BY DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING	585-0506	HIGHWAY	585-0513
ASSESSORS	585-0509	KEMA	585-3135
BUILDING	585-0505	LIBRARY	585-0517
TOWN CLERK	585-0502	PLANNING BOARD	585-0549
COUNCIL ON AGING	585-0511	POLICE	585-0522
TAX COLLECTOR	585-0507	POLICE EMERGENCY	911
CONSERVATION	585-0537	RECREATION	585-0520
ANIMAL CONTROL	585-0529	SELECTMEN	585-0500
FACILITIES MANAGER	585-0500	SELECTMEN FAX	585-0534
FIRE	585-0532	SEWER OFFICE	585-4058
FIRE EMERGENCY	911	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	585-0500
GRAYS BEACH	585-8205	TRANSFER STATION	585-0510
IT MANAGER	585-0500	TREASURER	585-0508
HARBORMASTER	585-0519	VETERANS	585-0515
HEALTH	585-0503	WATER	585-0504
HUMAN RESOURCES	585-0500	WASTEWATER PLANT	422-2253

2016 TOWN OF KINGSTON OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES ELECTED

MODERATOR

Janet M. Wallace
251 Pembroke Street

Term Expires 2017

TOWN CLERK

Paul M. Gallagher
8 Longview Drive

Term Expires 2017

SELECTMEN

Elaine A. Fiore, Chairman
60 Cole Street

Term Expires 2019

Jean Landis- Naumann
84 Wolf Pond Road

Term Expires 2017

Sandra D. MacFarlane
124 Wapping Road

Term Expires 2017

R. Lindsay Wilson II
29 Tall Timbers Lane

Term Expires 2018

Susan T. Munford
299 Elm Street

Term Expires 2018

ASSESSORS

Stephen J. Dunn, Chairman
17 Bay View Ave.

Term Expires 2018

Andrew P. MacInnis
133 Wolf Pond Road

Term Expires 2017

Donna M. Furio
59 Holly Circle

Term Expires 2019

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Caroline F. Gavigan Wilson
21 Pembroke Street

Term Expires 2019

TOWN TREASURER

Kenneth R. Stevens
217 Main Street

Term Expires 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph L. Chaves, Chairman
1 Redcoat Lane

Term Expires 2016

Eric J. Crone
43 Longwood Circle

Term Expires 2019

Michael A. LaNatra Kingston, MA	Term Expires 2017
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Erica Devin 37 Harvest Drive	Term Expires 2017
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Michael P. Gallagher 90 Crimson Harvest Road	Term Expires 2018
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cynthia A. Fitzgerald (state appointee)	Term Expires 2018
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Mary L. Hayes 101 Lake Street	Term Expires 2018
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Gretchen E. Emmetts 53 Cole Street	Term Expires 2019
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Donald O. Ducharme, Chairman 29 Green Holly Drive	Term Expires 2020
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vanessa M. Verkade, Chairman 109 Summer Street	Term Expires 2017
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Spencer E. Clough 172 Main Street	Term Expires 2019
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Cynthia A. Fitzgerald 12 Sunset Road	Term Expires 2019
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Kathleen A. Benassi 3 Tree Farm Estates	Term Expires 2017
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Valerie J. Spence 149 Elm Street	Term Expires 2018
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Cynthia B. Sullivan 2 Russell's Pond Road	Term Expires 2018
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SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Eric Crone 43 Longwood Circle	Term Expires 2019
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James F. Lormer 72 Alpine Run Road	Term Expires 2016
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Mark R. Guidoboni 15 Old Orchard Lane	Term Expires 2017
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Joseph L. Chaves 1 Redcoat Lane	Term Expires 2018
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BOARD OF HEALTH

William E. Watson 6 Pico Avenue	Term Expires 2017
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William J. Kavol 38 Mountain Ash Drive	Term Expires 2019
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Joseph F. Casna, Jr. 140 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2019
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John Breen, Chairman 195 Summer Street	Term Expires 2017
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David L. Kennedy 13 Copper Beech Drive	Term Expires 2018
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CONSTABLES

Brian J. Graziano 12 Orchard Avenue	Term Expires 2019
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Robert A. Short 16 Winthrop Street	Term Expires 2019
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WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard W. Loring, Jr. Chairman 30 Tremont Street	Term Expires 2018
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Robert R. Kostka 55 South Street	Term Expires 2017
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Matthew R. Sawicki 9 Smelt Pond Road	Term Expires 2019
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PLANNING BOARD

Thomas S. Bouchard, Sr., Chairman 6 Quail Run	Term Expires 2017
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David W. Gavigan, Jr. 13 Pembroke Street #2	Term Expires 2018
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Susan T. Boyer, Clerk 249 Main Street	Term Expires 2019
Robert F. Gosselin, Jr. 28 Holly Circle	Term Expires 2020
Jonathan J. Barnett, Sr. 11 Chapel Street	Term Expires 2021

RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Kathleen R. LaNatra, Chairman 34 Harvest Drive	Term Expires 2018
Noelle Ballinger 96 Wapping Road	Term Expires 2019
Andrew W. Davis 11 Crystal Drive	Term Expires 2017
Brian S. Whidden 126 Brookdale Street	Term Expires 2017
Melissa A. Bateman 42 Winthrop Street	Term Expires 2018

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Elaine A. Fiore, Chairman 60 Cole Street	Term Expires 2019
Peter C. Cobb 3 West Avenue	Term Expires 2017
Thomas W. Taylor, II. 21 Cole Street	Term Expires 2018

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**2016
TOWN OF KINGSTON OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR Arti Mehta		6/30/2019
ADMINISTRATOR Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	By Contract to	6/30/2019
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (2006 STM, Art.2)		
Rui David Santos		6/30/2019
Karen S. Johnson		6/30/2017
Christine M. Nava		6/30/2017
Joseph B. Mathias		6/30/2018
John E. Wheble, Jr.		6/30/2018
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Non-voting)		
Jean M. Landis- Naumann		6/30/2019
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR Paul L. Armstrong		Indefinite
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Debra J. Mueller		4/30/2017
ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Joanna Boudreau		4/30/2017
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 25A) Holly J. Merry		Indefinite
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF TAXES (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 39C) Jo-Ann R. Bray		6/30/2017
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 19) Diane M. Poirier		Indefinite
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 39A) Lynne Welsh		Indefinite
BUILDING DEPARTMENT		
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		
Paul L. Armstrong (retired mid-year)		6/30/2018
Jason P. Silva		6/30/2018
LOCAL INSPECTOR		
Michael J. Ruprecht		7/15/2016

Michael Clancy	6/30/2016
Jonathan Barnett	3/1/2017
Paul McAuliffe	Interim
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ASSISTANT	
James E. Colman, Jr.	6/30/2018
BURIAL AGENT	
Paul M. Gallagher	Duration of Term
Diane M. Poirier	Indefinite
Janna Morrissey	Indefinite
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1991 ATM Art. 41, 1991 STM Art. 19, 1993 STM Art. 13, 1997 STM Art. 22)	
Elaine A. Fiore	6/30/2018
William J. Arrowsmith	6/30/2018
Daniel L. King	6/30/2018
Alan C. Gifford	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2018
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	
Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	By Contract to 7/31/19
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY (1988 ATM, Art. 25, 2005 ATM, Art. 25)	
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2017
Pamela R. Thorp	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2017
Theresa Condon	6/30/2018
COMMUNITY RESPONSE COORDINATOR	
Robert T. Heath	Indefinite
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C)	
Maureen A. Thomas, Conservation Agent	Indefinite
James P. Parker, Chairman	6/30/2017
Gary P. Langenbach	6/30/2019
Matthew Geraigery	6/30/2016
William D. Underhill	6/30/2017
William J. Kaval	6/30/2018
Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2018
Vittorio B. Artiano	6/30/2018
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Gail Wrightington	6/30/2019

Sandra J. Driscoll	6/30/2019
Mary L. Hayes	6/30/2019
Joseph R. Favaloro	6/30/2019
Maureen Elwood	6/30/2017
Joan L. Hutchison	6/30/2017
C. Weston Meiggs	6/30/2018
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Susan Corcoran	6/30/2019
Daniel P. Felix	6/30/2019
Karen Baynes	6/30/2019
Deborah A. Finn	6/30/2018
Corinne M. Green	6/30/2018
Barbara A. Hanson	6/30/2018
Corinna Milliken	6/30/2018
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES	
John F. Hobin	Indefinite
Lori J. Hobin-Santos	Indefinite
DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIR	
Tammy A. Murray	6/30/2017
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8A; 1956 ATM, Art. 47; 1996 ATM, Art. 32; 1997 ATM, Art. 23)	
Vacancy	6/30/2016
John A. Morris	6/30/2017
Vacancy	6/30/2018
Justin E. Manley	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2020
EDUCATIONAL FUND TRUSTEES	
William A. Alberti, Jr.	6/30/2021
Edward H. Valla	6/30/2017
C. Weston Meiggs	6/30/2018
David W. Gavigan, Jr.	6/30/2019
John M. Riordan	6/30/2020
ELIZABETH B. SAMPSON MEMORIAL FUND TRUSTEES (Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1960; 1960 ATM, Article 13)	
Moderator	
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	
Town Treasurer	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	
Robert T. Heath, Director	12/31/2017

Mark R. Douglass, Deputy Director	6/30/2017
Volunteers list on file	
ETHICS LIAISON	Concurrent with Employment Agreement
Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	7/31/2019
FENCE VIEWER	
Walter W. Hoeg	6/30/2016
FIELD DRIVER	
Vacancy	6/30/2017
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Carl L. Pike	ATM 19
Andrew McKenna	ATM 19
Karen A. Joyce	ATM 19
Dana A. Atanian	ATM 17
Jeffrey Keating	ATM 17
Mary A. MacKinnon, Chairman	ATM 18
Frederick C. Hughes, II	ATM 18
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
FIRE CHIEF	By Contract
Robert T. Heath, EMT	12/31/2016
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	
Mark R. Douglass, AEMT	Indefinite
CAPTAINS	
David J. Binari, EMT; David W. Currier, Paramedic; Stephen C. Heath, EMT; Adam R. Hatch, AEMT	
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC	
William J. Brown; Stephen J. Campbell; Douglas J. Costa; Craig F. Deloreto; Christopher Ebert; Michael P. Gallagher; Matthew S. Gaskins; Joshua M. Hatch; Susan M. Hussey; Christopher McPhee; John T. Sheehan, Jr.; Donald R. Ussher, Jr.; Robert W. Veno	
FIREFIGHTER/EMT – Advanced EMT	
John B. Bartlett	
FIREFIGHTER/EMT	
James F. Reed; Glenn R. Rizzuto	
CALL FIREFIGHTER/EMT	
Christopher J. Veracka, EMT	

CALL FIREFIGHTER
Sean F. Kilduff

FISH COMMITTEE

Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2016

GATRA ADVISORY BOARD

Dorothy K. Neal	Indefinite
Tammy Murray	Indefinite

GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Vacancy	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2017
Gerard J. Walraven	6/30/2017
Mark S. Beaton	6/30/2018
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2018

HANDICAP COORDINATOR

John C. Veracka, Jr.	Indefinite
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HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Dennis M. Carvalho	Indefinite
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DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Francis M. Ferioli	6/30/2018
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ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS/DEPUTY
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Richard A. Krueger, Jr.	6/30/2017
Jon T. Cazeault	6/30/2017
Joseph V. Zlogar, Jr.	6/30/2017
David M. Carvalho	6/30/2018

DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLES

Carl G. Ingeme	6/30/2018
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Henny M. Walters, Health Agent	Indefinite
Joseph T. Murphy, Food Inspector	6/30/2018

HISTORIAN

Janice Guidoboni	6/30/2017
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8D)

Craig N. Dalton, Chairman	6/30/2017
Christopher Fennessy	6/30/2019
Arthur P. Mullaney	6/30/2017
Christian A. Hoffman	6/30/2017
John C. Burrey	6/30/2017
Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg	6/30/2018
Linda A. Tomasi	6/30/2018
ICHABOD WASHBURN FUND TRUSTEES	
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg	6/30/2019
Paul M. Gallagher	6/30/2019
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS (M.G.L. Chapter 129, Section 15)	
Debra J. Mueller	4/30/2017
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	
Lusia Stewart	Indefinite
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SARA Title III)	
Board of Selectmen Chairman	Indefinite
Community Representative (David W. Gavigan)	
Emergency Management Director	
Fire Chief	
Police Chief	
Superintendent of Schools	
Superintendent of Streets	
Superintendent of Water	
Town Administrator	
KEMA Planner	
LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE	
REPRESENTING:	
HC Barbara L. Blackman	Indefinite
RLT Robert H. Gleason	
BS Marijoan Stevens	
CI Marjorie L. Cronin	
CI Helen A. Chaves	
CI Patricia A. Wade	
CI Adam Mannar	
CI Oliver J. Orwig	
LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT	
Subsumed within the office of Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks	

LOCAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE	
Matthew J. Darsch	6/30/2017
MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK	
Walter W. Hoeg	6/30/2016
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	
Philip R. Burnham	6/30/2018
Gretchen Emmetts	6/30/2018
Peter J. Fossett, Jr.	6/30/2018
Deborah F. Grace	6/30/2018
Richard J. Emmetts	6/30/2018
OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES	
Tammy Murray	6/30/2017
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL	
Tammy Murray	6/30/2017
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL	
AREA AGENCY FOR AGING	
Tammy Murray	6/30/2017
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL	
JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	
Paul F. Basler	6/30/2017
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (11-21-96 STM, Art. 18; 1997 STM, Art. 24; 2000 ATM, Art. 38; 2015 ATM, Art. 36)	
Matthew R. Capozzi	6/30/2019
Brian P. Hart	6/30/2019
Charles L. Comeau	6/30/2017
Timothy S. Dalia	6/30/2017
Sandra A. Richter	6/30/2018
PARKING CLERK	
Abigail Keane	6/30/2017
PLANNER	
Thomas Bott	Indefinite
PLANNING BOARD	
ASSOCIATE MEMBER/SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS(1993 ATM Art. 18)	
Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	6/30/2018
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR	

Thomas S. Bouchard, Sr.	6/30/2018
Richard S. Eldridge	6/30/2018
Douglas G. Hawthorne	6/30/2018

PLYMOUTH-CARVER SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Vacancy	Indefinite
Maureen A. Thomas	

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	Duration of Term
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PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Vacancy	6/30/2017
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF
Maurice J. Splaine

LIEUTENANTS
Thomas A. Kelley

LIEUTENANTS (PROVISIONAL)
Robert C. Wells

SERGEANTS (PF)
Timothy P. Ballinger; John M. Bateman; Robert S.
Morgan; Susan T. Munford; Zachary I. Potrykus

SERGEANT (PROVISIONAL)
James P. Sauer

OFFICERS (PF)
Timothy J. Arnold; Laurie A. Bradley-Harrington; Ryan T. Calter;
Erik G. Dowd; Michael L. Fuller; Michael R. Gallo; Michael A.
LaNatra; Andrew W. Loring; Thomas E. Mori; Craig A. Marshall;
Jonathan D. Neal; Roger Silva, Jr.; Michael G. Skowyra; Michael
R. Wager

PERMANENT INTERMITTENTS (PI)
Norman P. Harbinson, Jr.

SPECIAL OFFICERS	12/31/2017
Todd A. Bailey; Michelle E. Beck; Marks J. Brenner, Jr.; Glenn C.	

Bushee; Batholomew B. Connors; Darren J. Martin; Peter E.
Pateline; Sean S. Percy; Mark S. Shubert

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

Michelle E. Beck; Joseph P. Goldberg; Gail M. Fallon; Victoria L.
Goldberg; Stephen P. Perrault

MATRONS

12/31/2017

Michelle E. Beck; Gail M. Fallon; Elizabeth A.
Channell; Ashley L. Odell

POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (11/18/14 BOS VOTE)

Sandra MacFarlane	Duration
Maurice Splaine	Duration
Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	Duration
Paul L. Armstrong	Duration
Michael LaNatra	Duration
John A. Rose III	Duration
John M. Riordan	Duration
Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	Duration
Francis J. Elwood	Duration

RECYCLING COMMITTEE (1990 ATM, Art. 21)

Lynne Welsh	6/30/2016
Jean M. Landis-Naumann	6/30/2017
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2017
Vacancy	6/30/2017
David O'Connell	6/30/2018

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 15)

Paul M. Gallagher, Clerk	5/3/2017
Michelle A. Vitagliano	3/31/2019
D. Charles Wusenich, Chairman	3/31/2017
Dorothy Mazzilli	3/31/2018

RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT & LOAN OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

CP	Vacancy	2/14/2016
FC	Mary A. McKenna	9/27/2017
BS	Sandra D. MacFarlane	9/27/2017
GE	Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	9/27/2017

RENT CONTROL BOARD

Joseph F. Casna, Jr., Chairman	6/30/2019
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James J. Farrell, Jr.	6/30/2021
Peter A. Dansereau	6/30/2017
David W. Gavigan, Jr.	6/30/2018
Thomas J. Calter, III	6/30/2020
RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR	
Robert T. Heath	6/30/2017
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Edmund F. Marks	6/30/2017
SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL	
Ronald C. Maribett	6/30/2016
SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 44A; 1996 ATM, Art. 38)	
Paul F. Basler	6/30/2016
Eugene W. Wyatt. Jr.	6/30/2016
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	
(Appointed by joint vote of Massachusetts Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional School District Committees)	By Contract
Joy Blackwood	6/30/2018
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, TREES AND PARKS	
Paul F. Basler	Indefinite
SUPERINTENDENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT/CHIEF OPERATOR	
Kenneth P. Vandal	Indefinite
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER	
Matthew J. Darsch	6/30/2017
SURVEY BOARD	
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2016
TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Indefinite
David W. Gavigan, Jr., Chairman	
Richard J. Davies	
Charles D. McSherry	
Vacancy	

Vacancy	
TOWN COUNSEL	
Blatman, Bobrowski, Mead & Talerman, LLC.	6/30/2016
LABOR COUNSEL	
Clifford & Kenney LLC	6/30/2016
TREE WARDEN (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 106)	
Paul F. Basler	6/30/2017
VETERANS' DEPARTMENT (M.G.L. Chapter 115)	
VETERANS' AGENT (Section 3)	
VETERANS' BURIAL AGENT (Section 7)	
VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER (Section 9)	
VETERANS' SERVICES DIRECTOR	
William B. Martin	4/30/2017
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE	
Michael M. Manteiga	6/30/2019
James L. Scollins, III	6/30/2019
Richard A. Veno	6/30/2019
Christopher Walsh	6/30/2017
Jon T. Cazeault	6/30/2017
Charles L. Comeau	6/30/2018
Mark R. Guidoboni	6/30/2018
WIRE INSPECTOR	
Lionel B. Warner	6/30/2017
Steven E. Ellis, Alternate	6/30/2017
Michael T. Romano, Alternate	6/30/2017
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	
Paul B. Dahlen, Chairman	6/30/2021
Kevin Wrightington	6/30/2021
Lane Goldberg	6/30/2017
Paul F. Mahoney, Jr.	6/30/2018
Douglas E. Dondero	6/30/2019
ASSOCIATES	
Jared D. Waitkus	6/30/2017
Shaun J. Spada	6/30/2016

COMMITTEES APPOINTED JOINTLY

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Vacancy	11/1/2018
Pine DuBois	11/1/2018
Paul Armstrong	11/1/2018
Jean Landis-Naumann	11/1/2018
Kathleen Lanatra	11/1/2017
Denbeigh Gus Forbes	11/1/2017

ADAMS CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CUC	Corinna Milliken	6/30/2019
HC	Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg	6/30/2019
BS	Carol E. Lormer	6/30/2017
LT	Vacancy	6/30/2017
CI	Verna E. Dalton	6/30/2018
CI	Leslie-Ann McGee	6/30/2018
CI	Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2018

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1988 ATM, Art. 43; 1989 ATM, Art. 26; 1995 ATM, Art. 43)

CHAIRMEN OF: BS; FC; CP and TA
REPRESENTATIVE; SL; KE

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (1988 ATM, Art. 44; 1993 ATM, Art. 13)

FC	Andrew Rissio	6/30/2017
BS		6/30/2016
BS	Richard Arruda	6/30/2019
FC	Dana A. Atanian	6/30/2017
M	Peter J. Boncek	6/30/2018
	Town Administrator, ex-officio	
	Town Treasurer, ex-officio	

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (2005 STM, Art. 9)

HC	Craig N. Dalton, Chairman	6/30/2017
KH	Vacancy	6/30/2016
CI	Nancy B. Williams	6/30/2016
RC	Kathleen LaNatra	6/30/2019
FC	Dana Atanian	6/30/2017
OS	Charles L. Comeau	6/30/2017
PB	Susan T. Boyer	6/30/2017
CC	Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2018

FUTURE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	6/30/2016
CPC	Vacancy	6/30/2019
RC	Andrew Davis	6/30/2016

CC	Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2018
OS	Matthew Capozzi	6/30/2018
HC	John C. Burrey	6/30/2016
SC	Vacancy	6/30/2016
SL	Vacancy	6/30/2016

LIBRARY BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

FC	Helen Claire Soares	6/30/2017
BS	R. Lindsay Wilson	6/30/2017
KPL	Vanessa M. Verkade	6/30/2017
KE	Jennifer Humfries	6/30/2017
CI	John C. Burrey	6/30/2017
CI	John E. Wheble, Jr.	6/30/2017
Ex-Officio	Luisa Stewart	6/30/2017

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	Duration
CC	Gary P. Langenbach	Duration
PB	Joseph Casna, Jr.	Duration
BOH	David Kennedy	Duration
HC	Matthew Capozzi	Duration
STP	Paul Basler	Duration
BR	Rick Grady	Duration
CI	Mary O'Donnell	Duration
TP	Thomas Bott	Duration
CA	Maureen Thomas	Duration

POLICE STATION STUDY COMMITTEE (5/6/14 BOS VOTE)

CP	Michael LaNatra	Duration of
BS	Sandra MacFarlane	Committee
PC	Maurice Splaine	
BI	Paul L. Armstrong	
TA	Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	
CI	Jon H. Alberghini	
CI	Michael J. Ruprecht	

TOWN MEETING COMMITTEE

	Town Moderator	Duration of
	Town Clerk	Committee
BS	Susan T. Munford	
TGIC	Barabra Mulhern Caparell	
RC	Andrew W. Davis	
M	John P. Creed	1/15/2017
M	Tricia E. Guilfooy	1/15/2017

WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

FC	James M. McKenna, Jr.	6/30/2016
BS	Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg	6/30/2017
M	David M. O'Connell	6/30/2018

APPOINTING BOARDS OR MEMBERS

A	Alternate
AC	Agricultural Commission
AD	Administration (School)
BA	Board of Assessors
BC	Business Community
BH	Board of Health
BK	Banker
BR	Business Representative
BS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Conservation Commission
CI	Citizen
CL	Clergy
COA	Council on Aging
CP	Capital Planning
CUC	Cultural Council
DH	Department Head
FC	Finance Committee
FCF	Fire Chief
FD	Fire Department
GE	Green Energy Committee
HA	Housing Authority
HC	Historical Commission
JRV	Jones River Village Historical Society
KE	Kingston Elementary School Committee
KES/KIS	Public Schools
KYA	Kingston Youth Association
KYB	Kingston Youth Baseball
KYS	Kingston Youth Soccer
LD	Library Director
LEO	Local Environmental Organization
KPLF	Kingston Public Library Foundation
LT	Library Trustees
M	Moderator
OS	Open Space Committee
PB	Planning Board
PBC	Permanent Building Committee
PC	Police Chief or designee
PD	Police Department
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
RC	Recreation Commission

RCC	Recycling Committee
RLT	Realtor
SC	Sewer Commission
SL	Silver Lake Regional
SR	Senior
STP	Street, Trees and Parks
TA	Town Administrator
	Town Government Implementation
TGIC	Committee
TM	Town Manager (consulting)
TP	Town Planner
TR	Town Resident
TT	Town Treasurer
WC	Water Commissioners
ZB	Zoning Board of Appeals

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Siobhan Budge
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, 2 February 2016

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., with 148 registered voters in attendance. The Moderator, Janet Wallace, then introduced Galen Thompson, a Silver Lake Senior from Kingston. Galen has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will leave for training after graduation. He participated in Town Meeting as a volunteer. Mr. Thompson then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tellers were sworn in and the Warrant was declared posted and reading was waived. The Moderator then discussed instructions and rules based on "Town Meeting Times". The Moderator mentioned that Town Counsel, Jay Talerman was absent from the meeting but could be contacted if needed.

On an Opening Motion by Elaine Fiore and seconded from the floor, it was moved;

Move: That the following non-residents and non-registered residents be allowed to enter and address Town Meeting:

Jason R. Talerman, Town Counsel
Robert H. Fennessy Jr., Town Administrator
Joy Blackwood, Superintendent of Schools, SLRSD
Robert T. Heath, Fire Chief
Thomas Bott, Town Planner
Maureen Thomas, Conservation Agent
Holly Merry, Assistant Assessor
Paula Bartosiak, Principal, Kingston Elementary School
Steve DeFelice, Custodian, Kingston Elementary School
Bruce MacRitchie, President, MacRitchie Engineering, Inc.
Nina Whidden
Cole Whidden
Leesa Bleicken, Intergrated Preschool, SLRSD
Deborah Grace, Integrated Preschool, SLRSD

On a unanimous voice vote the Opening Motion was carried.

ARTICLE 1 – Negotiate Electrical Rates through Municipal Aggregation

Motion for Article 1

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Acting Energy Manager – Thomas Bott

On a motion by Mr. Thomas Bott, Town Planner and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann it was moved:

Move: That the Town grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to negotiate and enter into an agreement to aggregate electric rates for the residents and businesses in the Town either directly or through a purchasing collaborative of municipalities retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

Description: *This article would allow the Town to pursue a lower electrical rate for residents and business using the buying power of multiple Towns. This effort is being led by the Old Colony Planning Council with representation by the Town’s Acting Energy Manager. A Request for Proposals has been issued to select an Aggregation Company who prepares an application to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, monitors the electrical rates, negotiates with vendors and does the public outreach and education of this effort. Recently the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District was able to negotiate a lower rate for its Towns. It is*

estimated that the new rate could save the average Kingston household approximately \$68.00 per year.

Mr. Bott presented an explanation of the article, and there was no additional discussion.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

On a unanimous voice vote the Motion on Article 1 carried.

ARTICLE 2 – Establish Revolving Fund for Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Motion for Article 2

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Acting Energy Manager – Thomas Bott

On a motion by Mr. Thomas Bott, Town Planner and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann it was moved:

<p>Move: That the Town establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Town’s Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Statute 44, Section 53E1/2 as detailed and printed in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting.</p>
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Description: *A revolving fund is a fund or account whose income (such as user or program fees) remains available to finance its continuing operations or activities. It requires annual authorization.*

Mr. Bott led a discussion regarding the electrical charging station located at the Municipal Complex on Evergreen Street. There is no current process to charge users a fee. The establishment of a revolving fund for the operation and maintenance using credit card payments. He replied to a question from Mr. Daniel Harlow that the equipment and installation costs were thru a Green Energy Grant.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

Finance Committee – Favorable (5-0-0)

With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 2 carried.

ARTICLE 3 – Rezone 9 Tarkiln Road from Residential 20 and Commercial, to Commercial

Motion for Article 3

2/3 vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Michael Ruprecht, Planning Board

On a motion by Mr. Michael Ruprecht and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: To amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Kingston to change the zoning classification of use of a certain parcel of land located on Tarklin Road and shown on Assessor's Map 13 Lot 24 from Residential 20 (R20) and Commercial, to Commercial District (C).

Description: *The zoning on this parcel is split: Residential on the front and Commercial in the rear. Due to the frontage of the lot it cannot be used as a standalone commercial property but could be used for an accessory use for 7 Tarkiln Road such as an employee parking lot.*

Mr. Ruprecht explained the motion and the reason for the article. The property had been assumed for many years to be zoned Commercial. In order for the current business, South Shore Medical Center to accommodate patient parking, the creation of unused property for employee use would be beneficial. There was a great deal of debate from both opposition and proponents, including discussion on need, detriment to property values, traffic, potential future use, alternatives, notification to abutters and safety. Mr. Rick Grady of Grady Engineering and Kingston resident, along with Selectman Lindsay Wilson both presented argument that should the article not proceed and pass, the tenant would move. There was assurance that given the limited frontage on the property additional development on this particular parcel would be impossible.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

On a motion from Mr. David Fitzgerald, the Motion to Move the Question was granted by the Moderator. The motion carried unanimously.

On a hand count by tellers the Motion on Article 3, requiring 2/3rd majority, failed having 146 in the affirmative and 86 in the negative.

A Motion for the Reconsideration of Article 3 before Article 11 was moved by Mr. R. Lindsay Wilson, seconded and the vote was to reconsider

Mr. Wilson then presented argument that the article needed reconsideration and that if it was not the Applicant would leave Kingston. He suggested that the applicant, South Shore Medical Center was invaluable to Kingston and to let them leave would be a mistake. The discussion then proceeded and similar arguments in favor and against were presented.

On a motion from John Creed, a motion to call the question was moved and carried on a 144 in favor versus 91 against prevailed. Those that had been recognized were then allowed to present argument. The Motion to move the question then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

On a hand count by tellers the Reconsidered Motion on Article 3, requiring 2/3rd majority, passed having 151 in the affirmative and 67 in the negative.

ARTICLE 4 – Accept Pedestrian Easement in Tree Farm Landing Subdivision

Description: *The pedestrian easement would allow the public to walk from the subdivision onto the 52.87 acre parcel that the development has deeded to the Town as open space.*

There was no Motion on Article 4

ARTICLE 5 – FY2015 Unpaid Bills

Motion for Article 5

9/10 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Elaine Fiore

On a motion by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Sandra Macfarlane it was moved:

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$126,697.22 to fund unpaid bills from a prior year; and to meet this appropriation, the following sum of \$126,697.22 be transferred from Free Cash for payment to No Fossil Fuel, LLC.

Description: *This article is needed to pay outstanding bills due No Fossil Fuel, LLC from amounts collected by the Town of Kingston from Eversource.*

Elaine Fiore presented the article and the need to release funds due to No Fossil Fuel, LLC. There was no discussion or debate.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

On a unanimous voice vote the Motion on Article 5 carried.

ARTICLE 6 – FY2016 Release of Overlay Surplus

Motion for Article 6

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Assessors

On a Motion by Holly Merry, Assistant Assessor and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund expenses relating to Appellate Tax Board appeals; and to meet this appropriation, the following sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from the overlay surplus to the legal services budget, said expenditure to be under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Description: *This article will transfer excess funds that are annually set aside for abatements in the overlay reserve and allot it to be used for the legal fees, appraisal services, etc. that are associated with current commercial Appellate Tax Board appeals.*

Ms. Merry presented the article and addressed several questions from Daniel Harlow and Courtland Harlow.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

With minimal opposition on a voice vote the Motion on Article 6 carried.

ARTICLE 7 – FY2016 Budget Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

Motion for Article 7

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by Jean Landis-Naumann, Board of Selectmen

On a motion by Jean Landis-Naumann and seconded by Susan Munford is was moved:

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$227,750.00 to supplement the appropriations to FY2016 Operating Budgets; and to meet this appropriation, the following sums be transferred from unexpended appropriations:

FROM: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Selectmen Encumbrance	01122-57950	\$3,171.43
Legal Encumbrance	01151-57950	4,500.00
Data Processing Encumbrance	01155-57950	7,257.51
Employee Benefits Encumbrance	01910-57950	10,650.00
Liability Property Insurance Encumbrance	01945-57950	15,000.00
Care of Muni Encumbrance	01192-57950	47,324.96
Care of Muni Gasoline	01192-54481	52,000.00
Care of Muni Electricity	01192-52211	5,500.00
	Subtotal	\$145,403.90
	Free Cash	\$82,346.10
	Total	\$227,750.00

and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the operating budgets as follows:

TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Fire Department Overtime	01220-51131	185,000.00
Fire Department Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance	01220-52245	10,000.00
Council on Aging Overtime	01541-51131	5,000.00
Animal Control Overtime/Off Duty Response	01292-51131	2,200.00
Selectmen Wage and Personnel Salaries	01122-51112	5,000.00
Data Processing Computer Equipment	01155-58871	3,550.00
Solid Waste Disposal Overtime	01433-51131	12,000.00
	Total	\$227,750.00

Description: This article is needed to augment the current year (FY2016) budget for any anticipated shortfalls. The purpose is to transfer funds from one line item to another, or to transfer from Free Cash for appropriation to

the budget through June 30, 2016, each transfer being a separate appropriation.

Ms. Landis Naumann explained that these were unpaid bills from previously un-budgeted expenses being offset with unspent funds. The transfer is between departmental budgets. There was a question on Fire Department overtime from Ms. Heather Romano and a question on overtime for Solid Waste. Both were increased for staffing needs.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)
Finance Committee - Favorable (7-0-0)

With minimal opposition on a voice vote the Motion on Article 7 carried.

ARTICLE 8– Transfer of Insurance Proceeds to Reserve Fund

Motion for Article 8

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Finance Committee – Mary MacKinnon

On a motion by Mary MacKinnon, Chairwoman, Finance Committee and seconded by Sandra MacFarlane it was moved:

<p>Move: That the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$38,595.91 from Reserve for Appropriations for Insurance Proceeds over \$20,000 to the Reserve Fund.</p>

Description: *This article replenishes the Reserve Fund with insurance proceeds received on a vehicle accident repair.*

Ms. MacKinnon explained that this was a transfer of insurance proceeds received to cover accident damages repaired on Fire Department Engine # 3. There was no discussion following.

On a unanimous voice vote the Motion on Article 8 carried.

ARTICLE 9 – Consulting Services for Gray’s Beach Stabilization and Site Improvements

Motion for Article 9

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Susan Munford, Board of Selectmen

On a motion by Ms. Susan Munford and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of consulting service to conduct inspections, evaluations, cost estimates and construction documents for Gray’s Beach stabilization and site improvements; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$40,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash; said expenditure to be under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Description: *This article will fund estimated consulting services to conduct inspections, evaluations, cost estimates and construction documents for Gray’s Beach stabilization and site improvements.*

Ms. Munford explained that the funds would be used for consulting services regarding improvements at Gray's Beach. Elaine Fiore responded to questions regarding specifics, including storm damage, coastal zone management, improvements and repairs. There was considerable discussion pertaining to confusion over improvements funded in the past.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)
Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

A motion by Mr. Robert Kostka to move the question and seconded, was granted by the Moderator and passed unanimously.

With minimal opposition the question on Article 9 carried on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 10 – Funding for FY16 CZM Coastal Pollutant Remediation required grant match

Motion for Article 10

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: James Parker, Conservation Commission

On a motion by Mr. James Parker and seconded from the floor the following motion was moved:

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the for the purpose of meeting a required match for a FY2016 Coastal Zone Management Coastal Pollutant Remediation grant awarded to the Town of Kingston; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$7,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash; said expenditure to be under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

Description: *This article will provide the required additional match for an FY16 Coastal Zone Management Coastal Pollutant Remediation grant awarded to the Town of Kingston for stormwater remediation, engineering, and a status report of shellfish harvest areas.*

Mr. Parker explained the process of receiving a grant with a required match. There was no debate on the article.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)
Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

On a unanimous voice vote the motion on Article 10 carried.

On a motion by Mr. R. Lindsay Wilson at 8:50 pm it was seconded to reconsider Article 3. Please see the discussion and vote following Article 3 in these minutes.

ARTICLE 11—Capital Equipment - KES HVAC Additional Funding

Motion for Article 11

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: R. Lindsay Wilson, Board of Selectmen

On a motion by Mr. Lindsay Wilson and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: That the sum of \$825,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of additional funding for the repair/replacement of HVAC system at the Kingston Elementary School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$735,000.00 be appropriated or transferred from Silver Lake Assessment and the sum of \$90,000.00 be appropriated or transferred from Vocational Education; and

that the expenditure be under the direction of the Town of Kingston Superintendent of Schools and School Committee.

Description: *This article provides the additional funding necessary to replace the aging and failing HVAC system at the Kingston Elementary School.*

There was then extensive discussion from the audience, including Mark Guidiboni from the School Committee and Joy Blackwood, Superintendent of Schools, pertaining to the previous Town Meeting vote to fund, the erroneous estimates, and funding thru the Pembroke settlement. Mr. Bruce MacRitchie of MacRitchie Engineering explained the mistakes in the original estimate by a former vendor and the new requirements to complete the job. Ms. Elaine Fiore, Chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen assured the audience that they will be cognizant going forward and will work to pursue any reimbursement of original engineering fees.

There being no additional discussion the Question was called.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)
Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

With minimal opposition the question on Article 11 carried on a voice vote.

A Motion by Mr. Eric Crone to reconsider Article 11 failed on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 12 – Purchase of Land from Silver Lake Regional School District

Description: *This land is being considered for the siting of a proposed new police station.*

There was no Motion on Article 12

ARTICLE 13 –Community Preservation Fund Appropriations Silver Lake Integrated Preschool Playground

Motion for Article 13

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Community Preservation Committee- Dana Atanian

On the Motion by Mr. Dana Atanian and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: That the sum of \$150,000.00 be appropriated from available Community Preservation Act Undesignated Funds, for the creation and construction of an Integrated Preschool Playground located on the grounds of the Kingston Elementary School as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston, Superintendent of Schools and Silver Lake and Kingston School Committees with all expenses subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$150,000.00 be appropriated from the available Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance.

Description: *To create and construct a therapeutic play space for students of the Silver lake Integrated Preschool located at the Kingston Elementary School.*

Mr. Atanian then discussed the work that had been accomplished by the committee to build the playground and recognized Ms. Leesa Bleicken and her group for a great job. That group raised \$44,000 to be used to the engineering and construction. The balance would be from the Community Preservation fund. There was minimal discussion beyond cost and opportunities for citizen volunteers.

Ms. Fran Botehlo-Hoeg moved the question.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0)

Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

On a unanimous voice vote the motion on Article 13 carried.

ARTICLE 14– Community Preservation Fund Appropriations Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground

Motion for Article 14

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Community Preservation Committee - Andy Davis

On the Motion by Mr. Andy Davis and seconded by Ms. Susan Woodworth is was moved:

Move: That the sum of \$90,000.00 be appropriated from available Community Preservation Act Undesignated Funds, for the restoration, replacement and installation of playground equipment at the Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston Board of Selectmen and Recreation Department, with all expenses subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$90,000.00 be appropriated from the available Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance.

Description: *To restore, replace and install equipment at the Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground.*

Mr. Davis presented the article and Ms. Woodworth explained the details including the history behind the Bailey Playground.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0) Finance Committee - Favorable (5-0-0)

With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 14 Carried.

ARTICLE 15– Community Preservation Fund Appropriations Kingston Intermediate School Field Restoration

Motion for Article 15

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Community Preservation Committee - Andy Davis

On a motion by Mr. Andy Davis and seconded from the floor it was moved:

Move: That the sum of \$464,000.00 be appropriated: \$30,000.00 for engineering costs and \$434,000.00 for the restoration of two Kingston Intermediate School playing fields as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston Board of Selectmen, School Superintendent, and Kingston School Committee, all expenses subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$360,156.40 be appropriated from available Community Preservation Act Undesignated Funds, and the sum of \$103,843.60 be appropriated from available Community Preservation Act Open Space Funds. The funding for

the engineering portion of the project is to be taken from the above funds appropriated from the Open Space Funds.

Description: *To prepare engineering and complete the restoration of two KIS playing fields.*

Mr. Davis presented the motion and recognized Mr. Tom Dwyer, President of the Kingston Youth Sports Organization (KYSO) to deliver the explanation. Mr. Dwyer included in his discussion the need for additional fields, along with the maintenance and resting of turf requirements of current fields. There was discussion about the cost difference in reconstruction or replacement. The Community Preservation Committee fully vetted the funding and expense. This will be a joint venture with KYSO and the school administration. Both Joseph Chaves of the School Committee and Brian Whidden of the Recreation Commission came forward in support of the article. It was noted that the property is owned by The Town of Kingston.

Mr. William Martin requested explanation of the split support of the Finance Committee. Ms. Mary MacKinnon, Chairwoman, stated it was the size of the project budget.

Board of Selectmen – Favorable (5-0-0) Finance Committee - Favorable (2-5-0)

With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 15 carried.

There having been 263 registered voters checking in during the course of the meeting:

On the motion of Mr. John Creed at 10:58 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Special Town Meeting, Sine Die.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, 11 June, 2016**

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., with 107 registered voters in attendance. The Moderator, Janet Wallace, then introduced Mr. Walter Roswell Dyar, U.S. Marine (Ret.) to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Dyar served our country from 1972 until his retirement as a Major. Mr. Dyar served in active duty on the USS Nimitz and USS Midway, "in the sand" of Kuwait. His last assignment was at Marine Headquarters Command/Pentagon.

Tellers, Tammy Murray, Peter Cobb and Paul Basler had been sworn in as Counters at 9:06 a.m. and the Warrant was declared posted and reading was waived. The Moderator then discussed instructions and rules based on "Town Meeting Times".

The Moderator then requested a Moment of Silence for all deceased residents and town employees in the past year in recognition of their service and contribution to the community;

Marks J. Brenner:	Town Towing "Marksies"
Joseph A. Chaves:	SLRSC and School Committee
Charles L. Farrington:	Board of Selectmen and various Boards
James Matatall:	School Committee and Board of Registrars
Lois Mulliken:	Silver Lake Teacher and various Town Committees
Sylvia Phillips:	Friends of the Council on Aging
Frederick Svenson:	Water Commission
John C. Veracka, Jr.	Board of Selectmen, Capital Planning, Finance Committee, Survey Board and various committees - serving over 4 decades

The Moderator then recognized Helen Claire Soares from the Finance Committee for her contributions to the town for over 10 years. Michael Ruprecht was also recognized for his retirement after 28 years serving in many capacities including the Planning Board.

On an Opening Motion by Elaine Fiore and seconded from the floor, it was moved;

Move: That the following non-residents and non-registered residents be allowed to enter and address Town Meeting:

Jason R. Talerman, Town Counsel
Robert H. Fennessy Jr., Town Administrator
Arti Mehta, Town Accountant
Joy Blackwood, Superintendent of Schools, SLRSD
Robert T. Heath, Fire Chief
Thomas Bott, Town Planner

Maureen Thomas, Conservation Agent
Holly Merry, Assistant Assessor
Matthew Darsch, Water Department Superintendent
Greg Carell, The Carell Group, Inc.
Matthew Oudens, architect from Oudens Ello Architecture
Cinrad Ello, Oudons Ello Architecture
Ashley Gonzales, Oudens Ello Architecture
Jon Lemieux, the Vertex Companies
Doug Russell, the Vertex Companies
Alex Mansfield, Jones River Watershed Association
Andrew Higgins

And further:

That Article 16 - Wage and Personnel By-Law; Amendments and Compensation Schedule be presented first and all **remaining** articles be presented in the order in which they appear on the warrant.

On a unanimous voice vote the Opening Motion was carried.

ARTICLE 1 – Reports

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Elaine Fiore

Move: That the Town accept the reports of the various Town Officers, Boards and Committees.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.*

Motion moved by Elaine Fiore and 2nd by Mr. Andrew Davis. There being no discussion:

Motion on Article 1 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 2 – Re-establish Revolving Funds

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Jean Landis-Naumann

Move: That the Town (a) re-establish a revolving fund for the operation of recreation programs; (b) re-establish a revolving fund for the operation of the inspectors in the Building Department; (c) re-establish a revolving fund for the operation of Senior Center programs; (d) re-establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Adams Center programs, and (e) re-establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Town’s Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations, as provided in General Laws, chapter 44, section 53E ½, all as detailed and printed in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This will re-establish a revolving fund for programs for the Recreation Department, Inspectional Services, Senior Center, the Adams Center and the Town’s Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations. A revolving fund is a fund or account whose income (such as user or program fees) remains available to finance its continuing operations or activities. It requires annual authorization.*

On the motion of Jean Landis-Naumann and 2nd by Mr. Andrew Davis and there being no debate:

Motion on Article 2 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 3 – Equipment Purchase

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Finance Committee – Carl Pike

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$153,522.00 for the purchase of the following equipment; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$153,522.00 be transferred from Free Cash; said expenditures to be under the direction of the respective departments; and further that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums:

DEPT.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Fire	Training simulator (Training simulator for teaching firefighters forcible entry using existing tools carried on the fire apparatus)	\$7,360.00
Fire	Ballistic Helmets (to fund the second and final phase of the active shooter armor kits allowing fire personnel to be deployed into active shooter situations as needed)	\$3,000.00
Fire	Headset/Microphone (to purchase the hands-free headsets and microphones to accompany the ballistic helmets)	\$3,000.00
Police	K-9 Dog (replace Oliver who is retiring after 8+ years of service to the Town)	\$8,500.00
Police	K-9 Gear (equipment and gear to outfit KPD officer's home with indoor/outdoor kennels, electric collars, harnesses and other equipment to care for both K-9 animals)	\$4,700.00
Police	SEMLEC ammunition (ammunition for monthly training exercises for Kingston Police Officers assigned to Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council SWAT)	\$900.00
Schools	Network and IT Upgrades (implement school wide technology and network upgrades including wireless capabilities for KES/KIS)	\$90,000.00
Rec	Property Management program (additional funding to implement property management program for Opachinski and Reed Center)	\$25,000.00
Rec	Reed Center Heating System for Office (purchase and install ductless mini-split system for heating and cooling of Reed Center office space)	\$11,062.00
TOTAL		\$ 153,522.00

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: Annual Article to fund equipment purchases that are not funded in budgets.

On the motion of Mr. Carl Pike, and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann, debate and discussion followed pertaining to questions by Mr. Peter Bonceck, Mr. Daniel Harlow, Ms. Jenna Goldstein and Mr. Charles Haugstad regarding the Recreation Department. Ms. Susan Woodworth, Recreation Department Director and Mr. Thomas Bott, Town Planner addressed the questions. The Motion was moved:

Motion on Article 3 carried on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 4 – Sampson Fund Appropriations

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Treasurer – Kenneth Stevens

Move: That the sum of \$22,500.00 be appropriated for Sampson Fund expenditures in FY 2017 and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$20,031.96 be appropriated from the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund and \$2,468.04 be appropriated from the unexpended balances of the following prior year appropriations to the Sampson Fund:

Article 4, 2012 ATM	\$ 530.00
Article 6, 2013 ATM	\$ 513.50
<u>Article 5, 2014 ATM</u>	<u>\$1,424.54</u>
	\$2,468.04

And further, that the expenditures be under the supervision of the departments or organizations as follows:

DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Adams Center	Adams Center events	\$ 1,500.00
Jones River Village Historical Society, Inc.	Bradford House (loom room)	2,500.00
Jones River Village Historical Society, Inc.	Bradford House (stone path)	2,500.00
Kingston Fire Department	Luminaries	2,500.00
Kingston Police Department	National Night Out	5,000.00
Kingston Recreation Department	Gray's Beach movies	5,000.00
Kingston Board of Selectmen	Memorial Day Parade	3,500.00
Total		\$22,500.00

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article appropriates interest-earned revenue from the Trust fund for FY2017

Motion by Mr. Kenneth Stevens, Town Treasurer and seconded by Mr. Thomas O'Brien. Mr. Stevens addressed questions describing the Sampson Fund, a balance of approximately \$600,000 and that unexpended funds

from prior years have been returned and applied in the funding of this article. There being no additional discussion:

Motion on Article 4 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 5 – Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Sandra MacFarlane

Move: That the sum of <u>\$675,000.00</u> be appropriated to the Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund for partial costs associated with the generation of electricity under the Town’s Power Purchase Agreements to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 53F ½ by the Board of Selectmen; and to meet such appropriation, \$675,000.00 to come from the energy Net Metering Tariffs, with any funds remaining to be transferred to the General Fund pursuant to the authority granted by the enabling legislation and authority granted under the 2011 ATM Article 6.	
EXPENSES	FY2017 <u>Recommended</u>
<i>Power Purchase Agreements</i>	
<i>Payments to Developers:</i>	
Wind Turbine	\$650,000.00
Solar PV	\$25,000.00
Other	\$0.00
Expense Total	\$675,000.00

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This is the budget (accounting) article for the town land Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund. Funds will be appropriated from Eversource (NSTAR) reimbursements received in FY2017 to pay the wind and solar developers, via the Town’s power purchase agreements (PPAs), for all power generated from the renewable energy projects located on the Town’s capped landfill that is sold back to Eversource (NSTAR) – the “grid.”

Motion by Ms. MacFarlane and 2nd by Mr. Thomas O'Brien. Ms. Mary McKinnon discussed the process and details of the motion and agreements after requests from the floor.

Motion on Article 5 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 6 - Transfer from Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund Surplus Revenue to the Grant and Loan Opportunities Fund

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Sandra MacFarlane

Move: That the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$35,044.00 from the Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund surplus revenue to the Grant and Loan Opportunities Fund with such funds to be administered by the Renewable Energy Grant and Loan Opportunities Committee.

***Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 0-5-0 [Unfavorable]***

Description: The Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund contains 25% of the revenue generated by the wind turbine to be spent on grants for renewable energy improvements to privately owned property, including, but not limited to: energy conservation measures; alternative energy methods and operations; or development of such improvements as may be considered appropriate by the Renewable Energy Grant and Loan Opportunities Committee.

On a motion by Ms. MacFarlane and a second by Mr. Andrew Davis, Ms McKinnon explained the article.
Motion on Article 6 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 7 – Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Wastewater Commissioners – Elaine Fiore

Move: That the sum of \$3,391,309.00 be appropriated to operate the Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 53F ½ for the following expenditures of the Wastewater Department; and to meet such appropriation, \$970,790.00 to come from Wastewater Revenue, \$100,000.00 to come from Wastewater Surplus Revenue, \$916,491.00 to come from Sewer Betterments, \$1,172,102.00.00 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, and \$231,926.00 to come from the tax levy.

Personal Services	\$424,980.00
Expenses	\$645,810.00
Debt Service	\$2,320,519.00
Total	\$3,391,309.00

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article is the Wastewater Department FY2017 Budget.

On the motion by Ms. Elaine Fiore and seconded by Mr. Thomas O'Brien it was moved with no debate:

Motion on Article 7 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 8 –Wastewater Department Surplus Revenue Appropriation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Wastewater Commissioners - Elaine Fiore

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$366,851.00 from Surplus Wastewater Revenue to be used to purchase and replace SCADA equipment, bio-filter, pumps, collection system repairs, vehicle, programs and any unforeseen expenses; and, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 2-5-0 [Unfavorable]

Description: This article will use funds that were appropriated and not expended for improvements and equipment.

The Motion was moved by Elaine Fiore, Chairman of the Sewer Commission and seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. Ms. Mary McKinnon, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a Motion to amend, which was seconded from the floor.

Move to amend Article 8, substituting "the sum of \$366,851.00" with "the sum of \$336,851.00. After fairly lengthy discussion, the motion was moved:

Motion to Amend carries with a majority voice vote.

There being no additional discussion regarding the article itself:

Motion on Article 8 with amendment carries on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 9– Wastewater Department Treatment Plant Expansion Consulting Services

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Wastewater Commissioners -Elaine Fiore

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 by transfer from Free Cash to be used for an analysis to determine the Return on Investment for a Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion; and, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen– 3-1-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee– 2-5-0 [Unfavorable]

Description: *This article will use General Funds Free Cash to design a Wastewater Treatment plant expansion.*

On the motion by Ms. Elaine Fiore and a second by Mr. Andrew Davis, Ms. Fiore gave a lengthy description of the Sewer Program, the cost of \$15,000,000 for expansion, and the detriment to those current sewer users.

Ms. Mary McKinnon, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to amend:

Move to Amend the article by replacing "the sum of \$30,000 by transfer of Free Cash" to read "the sum of \$30,000 by transfer from Wastewater Surplus". There was a second by Ms. Jean Landis- Naumann. The Motion was not carried.

There was continued discussion with support for the analysis, but debate continued on how to fund. A new motion by Karin Eddy, to split the funding between Free Cash and Wastewater Surplus. That motion to amend carried.

With minimal opposition to the amended article:

Article 9 carried on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 10 –Wastewater Department Transfer to FY2016 Reserve Fund

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Wastewater Commissioners - Elaine Fiore

Move: To appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Surplus Wastewater Revenue to the FY2016 Reserve Fund, and, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article reimburses the FY2016 Reserve Fund for monies needed by the Wastewater Department for unforeseen employee expenses.*

On a motion by Ms. Elaine Fiore and seconded by Mr. Andrew Davis, Ms Fiore explained that this article was a bookkeeping issue. There being no debate:

Motion on Article 10 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

At 11:13 a.m. Mr. Daniel Harlow requested a reconsideration of Article 8. Mr. Thomas O'Brien seconded the motion. There was no additional debate and the:

Motion to reconsider Article 8 carried with a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harlow then moved to amend Article 8 to reflect a figure from \$366,851 to read \$351,851. The difference being the \$15,000 applied in article 9 for the analysis of the Return on Investment from an expansion of the Sewer Plant.

Motion to amend Article 8 to read \$351,851 carried with a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion for ARTICLE 11 – Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Water Commissioners – Robert Kostka

Move: That the sum of <u>\$1,568,579.00</u> be appropriated to operate the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 53F ½ for the following expenditures of the Water Department; and to meet such appropriation, \$1,568,579.00 to come from water enterprise revenue.	
Personal Services	\$503,599.00
Expenses	\$505,900.00
Debt Service	\$559,080.00
Total	\$1,568,579.00

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article is the FY2017 Water Department Budget.

On a Motion by Mr. Robert Kostka and seconded by Mr. Thomas O'Brien, with no debate it was voted:

Motion on Article 11 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 12 – Water Department Surplus Revenue Appropriation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Water Commissioners – Robert Kostka

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$545,000.00 from Surplus Water Revenue to be used to:

- repair the water main under the Elm Street bridge (\$250,000.00),
- a water system study (\$75,000.00),
- a system upgrade (\$120,000.00) and
- new well site testing and permitting (\$100,000.00);

and, that the Board of Water Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article will use funds that were appropriated and not expended for improvements, infrastructure and related appurtenances, and studies and testing.*

Mr. Robert Kostka moved the article and it was seconded by Mr. Andrew Davis. Mr. Kostka then addressed specifics and answered several questions regarding the expenditures. He clarified the repair to Elm Street was for a split in the line a couple days after the warranty expired. The question was then voted:

Motion on Article 12 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 13 – FY2016 Budget Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Jean Landis-Naumann

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$210,000.00 to supplement the appropriations to FY2016 Operating Budgets; and to meet this appropriation, the following sums be transferred from unexpended appropriations and Free Cash as follows:

FROM: NAME	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
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Workers Compensation	01910-51176	\$58,000.00
Unemployment	01910-51175	\$10,000.00
	From: Unspent Appropriations	\$68,000.00
	From: Free Cash	\$142,000.00
	Total	\$210,000.00

and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the operating budgets as follows:

TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Solid Waste	01433-52296	\$58,000.00
Legal	01151-52312	\$10,000.00
Snow & Ice	01423-54538	\$142,000.00
	Total	\$210,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Favorable 5-0-0 each

Description: *This article is needed to augment the current year (FY2016) budget for any anticipated shortfalls. The purpose is to transfer funds from one line item to another, or to transfer from Free Cash for appropriation to the budget through June 30, 2016, each transfer being a separate appropriation.*

Ms. Landis Naumann moved the question and on a second from Mr. Andrew Davis and with no debate it was voted.

Motion on Article 13 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 14 – Earned Retirement Buybacks FY2016

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen –Lindsay Wilson

Move: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$6,579.00 from Free Cash to a fund a FY2016 retirement buyback in the Library; said expenditure to be under the direction of the respective department; and further that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
Library	\$6,579.00
Total	\$6,579.00

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article funds Sick Leave and Vacation Buyback for FY2016 retiring employees.

On the Motion of Lindsay Wilson and a second by Mary McKinnon, with no debate it was voted:

Motion on Article 14 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 15 – Earned Retirement Buybacks FY2017

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Move: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$60,676.00 from the Inspectional Services Revolving Fund to a fund retirement buyback in the Inspectional Services Department, and the sum of \$32,266.00 from Wastewater Surplus Revenue to fund the two (2) retirement buybacks in the Wastewater Department, and \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to Highway department; said expenditures to be under the direction of the respective departments; and further that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
Inspectional Services	\$60,676.00
Wastewater	\$32,266.00
Highway	\$6,000.00
Total	\$98,942.00

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Lindsay Wilson

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article funds Sick Leave and Vacation Buyback for known FY2017 retiring employees.

On the Motion of Lindsay Wilson and a second from the floor, with limited discussion it was voted:

Motion on Article 15 carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Article 16 was considered and voted after the Opening Motion to allow it to be taken out of order was carried. It is presented in the minutes numerically for consistency.

ARTICLE 16 – Wage and Personnel By-Law; Amendments and Compensation Schedule

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Wage and Personnel – Fran Botelho-Hoeg

Move: That the Town amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law, including the classification and compensation schedules, A, B, C contained therein, as printed in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Kingston Wage and Personnel By-Law with FY2017 Compensation Schedules;” and that the sum of \$56,543.00 be appropriated for this purpose; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$48,831.00 be raised and appropriated, the sum of \$2,747.00 be appropriated from Water Revenue, the sum of \$1,681.00 be appropriated from Wastewater Revenue, and the sum of \$3,284.00 be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue accounts to fund such amendments; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets.

Description	General	Water	Sewer	CPC	Total
2% COLA	\$ 34,364.00	\$ 2,747.00	\$ 1,681.00	Incl in stipend below	\$38,792.00
Animal Inspector stipend	3,417.00				3,417.00
Veterans Agent – Admin Asst	6,854.00				6,854.00
Exec Secretary stipend: W&PComm (\$1,141 incr) ZBA (\$1,141 incr) Finance Comm (\$1,141 incr)	3,423.00				3,423.00
Exec Secretary stipend: Comm Preservation Comm (\$3,284 incr)				3,284.00	3,284.00
2% Increase applied to stipends: Energy Manager Asst H'master/Shellfish Constable Veterans Agent Food Inspector	773.00				773.00
	\$ 48,831.00	\$ 2,747.00	\$ 1,681.00	\$3,284.00	\$ 56,543.00

Board of Selectmen – Pending
Finance Committee – 4-0-1 [Favorable]

Description: *This article provides for the classification and FY2017 compensation schedules of municipal employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or employment contract. Please visit the Town’s website to view the current By-Law.*

Motion by Ms. Fran Botelho-Hoeg and seconded by Ms. Elaine Fiore. Ms. Botelho-Hoeg presented the details in an informal format following the above chart. A considerable number of questions from the floor were addressed regarding duties and responsibilities, hours worked, performance, and yearly stipends. After considerable discussion and debate Ms. Mary O'Donnell Motioned to "Move the Question."

The Moderator called the vote on the motion to Move the Question and it carried on a voice vote.

With minimal opposition on a voice vote:

Article 16 carried on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

A motion to reconsider failed on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 17 – Elected Officials Compensation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Finance Committee – Carl Pike

Move: That the salaries of elected officials be set as of July 1, 2016, as follows:

Elected Official	Stipend (included in FY17 operating budget)
Moderator	\$100
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$1,000
Other Selectmen, Each	\$800
Chairman, Board of Health	\$1,000
Other Health Board Members, Each	\$800
Chairman, Board of Assessors	\$1,000
Other Board of Assessors, Each	\$800
Chairman, Water Commissioners	\$1,000
Other Water Commissioners, Each	\$800
Chairman, Planning Board	\$1,000
Other Planning Board Members, Each	\$800
Chairman, Sewer Commission	\$1,000
Other Sewer Commissioners, Each	\$800

Elected Official	FY16 Budget	FY17 Recommended	Elected Officials Article
Collector	\$ 61,039	\$ 66,221	\$ 5,182
Treasurer (increase to FT)	\$ 36,624	\$ 66,221	\$ 29,597
Town Clerk	\$ 56,706	\$ 63,828	\$ 7,122
			\$ 41,901

and further, the sum of \$41,901.00 be raised and appropriated for said salaries; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets.

Board of Selectmen – 1-4-0 [Unfavorable]

Finance Committee –4-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article provides the funding for the annual salary of the following elected officials: Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk, and the annual stipends for Moderator and the Chairman and members of the following:

The motion was made by Mr. Carl Pike, Finance Committee member and it was seconded by Mr. Andrew Davis. Mr. Pike discussed the purpose of the

article. Ms. Elaine Fiore motioned to Amend the article and it was seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann. The motion to amend pertained to the salaries of the Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk. There was considerable discussion to amend the salaries lower, maintaining the historic process of setting the amounts on the S7 grade/step program. The Finance Committee was recommending S9 grade/ step program and setting the elected officials at their step calculated by date of election. A motion to call the question by Ms. Mary O'Donnell carried unanimously.

The motion to Amend failed on a hand count, with 33 in favor and 91 opposed.

The main motion on Article 17 then carried on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 18 – Town Clerk/Treasurer Salaries

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be expended for the salary of the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the Fiscal Year of 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18 was not moved.

Ms. Mary O'Donnell made a motion to reconsider Article 17.

The Motion to reconsider failed on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

Motion for ARTICLE 19 – Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Finance Committee – Mary MacKinnon

Move: That the sum of \$43,299,946.00 be appropriated to be expended for the operating budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, for Personal Services and for Expenses as printed in a document entitled “**Town of Kingston: FY2017 Summary Budget**”; and to meet such appropriation, that the sum of \$42,709,562.00 be raised and appropriated, the sum of \$274,919.00 be transferred from Water Enterprise revenue, the sum of \$244,263.00 be transferred from Wastewater Enterprise revenue, and the sum of \$71,202.00 be transferred from the Septic Loan Fund Balance.

Board of Selectmen – [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This is the town’s operating budget for FY2017

Ms. Mary McKinnon making the motion which was seconded by Mr. Andrew Davis, presented the State of the Town as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Moderator, Janet Wallace, then read the budget line by line accepting holds on specific line items in the departmental budgets as presented in the warrant.

Lengthy discussion followed on questions from the body on specific Personnel Services and Expenses line items. Ms. Mary McKinnon addressed any and all questions. The budget was then voted:

On a Voice Vote the Motion on Article 19 carried with minimal opposition.

At 1:55 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Elaine Fiore and seconded from the floor, it was moved to adjourn to Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School Auditorium.

On a Majority Voice Vote the Motion to Adjourn carried in the Majority.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul M. Gallagher

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, 14 June, 2016

There being 100 voters the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Moderator, Janet Wallace. Ms. Wallace then reviewed the rules of the

meeting, the reading of the warrant was waived and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator then recognized Ms. Cynthia Fitzgerald who requested a moment of silence for the victims and families of the terror attack in Orlando, Florida.

The Motion for article 20 was then called to the floor.

ARTICLE 20 –Police Station Land Acquisition and Construction

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Sandra MacFarlane

Move: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,210,486.00 to be expended for the purchase of approximately five acres of land on Pembroke Street (\$275,000.00) and for the construction of a new police station thereon (\$8,935,486.00), including the cost of architectural, engineering, project management and other preliminary and ancillary services, all as printed in the warrant; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$9,210,486.00 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any and all agreements and take all actions necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town; and provided further, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 2-3-0 [Unfavorable]

Description: *This article is to authorize a proposed new police station.*

Ms. Sandra MacFarlane moved Question 20 and on a friendly amendment requested by Town Clerk, Paul Gallagher it was recorded that as read as "reconstruction" in the second line be adjusted to "construction" as posted in the warrant.

The motion was seconded from the floor and Ms. MacFarlane then made a statement reassuring the attendees that the building is substandard, inadequate, and unsafe. It is timely and essential to move forward on a new station.

Police Chief Maurice Splaine and Mr. Greg Carrel, Architect, the Carrel Group Inc. made a presentation regarding the needs assessment, renovation

inequities and one year rehabilitation costs for temporary offices. A lengthy discussion and debate followed with both supportive and opposing views. Ms. Mary O'Donnell then "Called the Question" and the moderator recognized three additional residents for input. A voice vote was then called and the Moderator declared it was insufficient to represent 2/3rds required. A hand count was then held and there being less than two thirds majority; There being 145 YES versus 80 NO votes the Motion Failed to Carry Mr. Daniel Harlow then called for a Motion to reconsider and again a voice vote was insufficient and the Moderator called for a hand count vote. There being 105 YES and 111 NO votes the Motion to Reconsider Failed.

ARTICLE 21 - Stipend Elected Officials Health Insurance

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Elaine Fiore

Move: That the Town eliminate Health Insurance benefits from future elected officials, said change to become effective only upon the passage of a Special Act of the Legislature, all as detailed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen– 4-1-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee–7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This Article is the first step that needs to be taken in the effort to eliminate Health Insurance from stipend elected officials. Passage of this Article will then allow the legislature to vote for a Special Act accordingly. On a motion by Ms. Elaine Fiore, a friendly amendment by Town Clerk Paul Gallagher to insert "stipend" between future and elected was accepted. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann. Ms. Fiore then discussed the motion and described the intent of the article, which was to limit Health Benefits, disallowing access to Health Insurance thru the Town of Kingston. She acknowledged that it would grandfather currently serving elected officials. Mr. Daniel Harlow asked for clarification, and it was confirmed that only current officials continuously elected would be entitled. There being no additional discussion: On a Unanimous Voice Vote the Motion on Article 21 Carried.*

**ARTICLE 22 – Transfer to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
Health Insurance Liability Fund**

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Finance Committee - Claire Soares

Move: To appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Health Insurance Liability Trust Fund account.

Board of Selectmen –5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 4-1-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This fund was established at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) established GASB 45 in July 2004. GASB 45 is an accounting and financial reporting provision requiring government employers to measure and report the liabilities associated with other (than pension) postemployment benefits (OPEB). This does not apply to private employers.*

GASB 45 was implemented because of the growing concern over the potential magnitude of government employer obligations for post-employment benefits. The Town is required to conduct bi-annual actuarial reviews of retiree benefits. While the Town currently is at a pay-as-you-go status, GASB 45 recommends that the funds accrue in the period of an active employee rather than the future cash flow/liability at retirement.

On the motion by Ms. Claire Soares and seconded by Jean Landis-Naumann, Ms. Soares explained OPEB, a savings account for post-retirement payments. There being no debate:

The Motion on Article 22 carried on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 23 – Transfer to Stabilization Fund

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Finance Committee – Claire Soares

Move: To appropriate and transfer the sum of \$200,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account.

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee - 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article serves to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund*

Ms. Mary MacKinnon seconded the motion by Ms. Claire Soares. Ms. Soares explained this was a transfer to the "rainy day fund." There being no debate;

The Motion on Article 23 Passed the 2/3rds required on a Voice Vote with very minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 24 – Transfer to Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Finance Committee – Mary MacKinnon

Move: That the sum of \$100,000.00 be appropriated and transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects Account.

Board of Selectmen 4-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *Free Cash being transferred into a Stabilization Fund for future Capital Projects.*

On a second from the floor the Motion was moved by Ms. Mary MacKinnon. Ms. MacKinnon then explained the motion and there was no debate:

The Motion on Article 24 carried on a Voice Vote with very limited opposition.

ARTICLE 25 – Transfer Meal Tax Surplus Revenue to Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Capital Planning Committee – Mary MacKinnon

Move: That the sum of \$248,807.00 be appropriated and transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects Account, said sum being equivalent to the amount of funds generated by the Meal Tax.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *At the 2011 ATM the Town passed an article imposing a local meals excise tax rate of 0.75%. The revenue from this tax would then be voted into a Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects.*

There being no debate, the Motion by Ms. Mary MacKinnon and seconded from the floor, it was voted:

The Motion on Article 25 carried on a Voice Vote with very limited opposition.

ARTICLE 26 – Chapter 90 Funds

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Jean Landis-Naumann

Move: That the Town accept and expend so-called Chapter 90 funds available for Fiscal Year 2017.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This is the annual article to appropriate the funds received from the State under Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws to be used for infrastructure improvements and repairs.*
Ms. Jean Landis-Naumman moved the question and with a second from the floor she explained the annual receipt and expenditure of funds from the State. It was voted:
The Motion on Article 26 carried on a Voice Vote with very limited opposition.

ARTICLE 27 – Community Preservation Committee Administrative Budget
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Community Preservation Committee – Craig Dalton

Move: That the Town appropriate \$12,598.00 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue accounts for administrative expenses.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]
Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This is the FY2017 administrative budget of the Community Preservation Committee, funded by Community Preservation Act funds. Up to 5% of the anticipated revenue from FY2017 may be reserved for administrative expenses. Unused administrative funds return to the town's Community Preservation Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance at the end of each fiscal year.*
Mr. Craig Dalton made the motion and it was seconded from the floor. Mr. Dalton explained that this was State mandated and that unused funds are returned to the General Fund.

The Motion on Article 27 carried on a Voice Vote with very limited opposition.

ARTICLE 28 – Community Preservation Fund Appropriations

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Community Preservation Committee – Craig Dalton

Move: That the Town reserve from FY2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenue amounts as follows:

Open Space	\$25,197.22
Historic Resources	\$25,197.22
Community Housing	<u>\$25,197.22</u>
Total	\$75,591.66

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 7-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article distributes at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation Fund revenues to each of the three categories: Open Space, Historic Resources and Community Housing, as required by the Community Preservation Act. The remaining revenue is deposited in the Community Preservation Fund, Undesignated fund balance.*

Ms. Susan Munford seconded the Motion by Mr. Craig Dalton. Mr. Dalton then explained that this is the annual allocation of CPA funds to appropriate buckets. The motion was voted:

The Motion on Article 28 Passed on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 29 – Community Preservation Fund Application

Kingston Capped Landfill Off-Leash Dog Area

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion by: Community Preservation Committee – Sue Boyer

Move: That the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate the sum of \$24,774.00 from available Community Preservation Act OPEN SPACE Funds for the construction of an Off Leash Dog Recreational Area to be located specifically on the grounds of the Kingston capped landfill adjacent to the Town Transfer Station as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project and the expenditures related thereto are to be under the supervision of the Kingston Town Administrator;

And, further, to authorize the Kingston Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to submit, at their discretion, on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Stanton Foundation, and/or any other gift or grant programs for funds to offset the appropriation contemplated in this article; said appropriation being contingent upon receipt of grants or gifts of 90% of the construction costs: up to at least \$222,962.00 for the construction of said Off-Leash Dog Area.

Board of Selectmen – Pending

Finance Committee – 4-1-0 [Favorable]

Community Preservation Committee – 5-2-0 [Favorable]

Ms. Mary MacKinnon seconded the motion by Ms. Susan Boyer. Leslie Ann McGee then presented on behalf of the Off Leash Dog Committee. After a great deal of discussion with supportive and opposing views, Ms. Mary O'Donnell "called for the question."

The Motion on Article 29 Passed on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

Article 30 – FY2017 Annual Maintenance for Off-Leash Dog Area

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Lindsay Wilson

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the FY 2017 operating budget for maintenance of the Off-Leash Dog Area; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to the Care of Muni account; said expenditure to be under the direction of the Town Administrator.

Board of Selectmen – [Favorable]

Finance Committee –4-1-0 [Favorable]

Community Preservation Committee – 5-2-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article funds the FY2017 operating budget for maintenance of the Off-Leash Dog Area.

Ms. Leslie Ann McGee seconded the motion by Mr. Lindsay Wilson. Limited discussion followed, including questioning of using free cash. Representative Thomas Calter spoke in favor and thanked those involved in bringing the article forward. It was stated that this was a startup funding for one year and that the Friends of the OLDP will assume the maintenance in coming years.

Ms. Mary O'Donnell called to move the question and it was voted:

The Motion on Article 30 Passed on a Voice Vote with minimal opposition.

Ms. Leslie Ann McGee made motion to reconsider Article 29 and it did not carry.

Ms. McGee then motioned to reconsider Article 30 and it did not carry.

ARTICLE 31 – Capital Equipment/Project Funding

Motion to Divide: Majority Vote; Quorum 100

Motion for Part 1: 2/3 Vote; Quorum 100

Motion for Part 2: Majority Vote; Quorum 100

(Projects funded from Capital Stabilization: 2/3 Vote; Projects funded from Non-Stabilization: Majority)

Motion by: Capital Planning Committee – Mary MacKinnon

<p>Move: That the article be divided into two parts where group one contains 11 projects for which an expenditure of funds is sought to be funded from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Free Cash and Overlay Surplus; the other group contains one project for which expenditure of funds is sought to be funded from non-stabilization monies.</p>

Description: The Capital Planning Committee will report on items proposed to be funded and funding sources.

Motion to divide the article by Mary MacKinnon was seconded from the floor, it was voted:

On a Unanimous Voice Vote the Motion to separate carried.

**ARTICLE 31 – Capital Equipment/Project Funding Continued - Part One
(1)**

Move: That the sum of \$716,100.00 be appropriated for the following capital expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$248,807.00 be transferred from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, \$417,293.00 be transferred from Free Cash and \$50,000.00 be transferred from Overlay Surplus said expenditures to be under the direction of the department(s) named below.

#	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	RECOMMENDATION	FUNDING SOURCE
1	\$100,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Patrol Cars	Police	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Free Cash \$100,000.00
2	\$50,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing one (1) K-9 Vehicle	Police	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (4-1-0)	Cap Proj Stabilization \$48,807.00 Free Cash \$1,193.00
3	\$200,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) ambulances via a lease to own program. This represents the initial down payment. [3 payments of \$132,465 would remain]	Fire	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Cap Proj Stabilization \$200,000.00
4	\$45,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Smith Lane Fire Station	Fire	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Free Cash \$45,000.00

#	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	RECOMMENDATION	FUNDING SOURCE
5	\$55,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Highway Barn	Streets, Trees, and Parks	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Free Cash \$55,000.00
6	\$64,000.00 for the purpose of refurbishing H-11 (a 35,000 GVW Dump Truck)	Streets, Trees, and Parks	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (3-0-2)	Free Cash \$64,000.00
7	\$32,100.00 for the purpose of purchasing an SUV for use by the Highway Superintendent	Streets, Trees, and Parks	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (3-0-2)	Free Cash \$32,100.00
8	\$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a F-350 4wd w/plow to replace #H-3	Streets, Trees, and Parks	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (4-0-1)	Free Cash \$40,000.00
9	\$70,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 645 HD-d Compactor	Solid Waste	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Overlay Surplus \$50,000.00 Free Cash \$20,000.00

#	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	RECOMMENDATION	FUNDING SOURCE
10	\$40,000.00 for the purpose of renovating and improving basketball courts at Reed Center & Gray's Beach park	Recreation	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (4-1-0)	Free Cash \$40,000.00
11	\$20,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a sidewalk awning for the Senior Center	Council on Aging	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (5-0-0)	Free Cash \$20,000.00

ARTICLE 31 – Capital Equipment/Project Funding

Continued - Part One (1)

On a motion from Ms. Mary MacKinnon it was seconded from the floor , to move Part one (1) of Article 3, General discussion followed with debate over particular items including, Animal Control, Streets, Trees and Parks, along with Recreation. Several questions were addressed by the Finance Committee Chairwoman as well as the designated department heads. There was a concern for costs associated and it was explained that these costs are driven from the State Bid List. Ms. Mary O'Donnell then moved to "Call the Question" which carried with minimal voice vote opposition.

On a 2/3 Voice Vote Article 31, Part 1 Passed with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 31 – Capital Equipment/Project Funding

Continued - Part Two (2)

Move: And further, to move that the sum of \$35,500.00 be appropriated for the following capital expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$35,500.00 be transferred from the Waterways Improvement Fund, said expenditures to be under the direction of the department(s) named below.

#	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	RECOMMENDATION	FUNDING SOURCE
12	\$35,500.00 for the purchase of a Ford F-250 pick-up truck	Harbor master	Board of Selectmen – Favorable Finance Committee – Favorable Capital Plan – Favorable (3-0-2)	Waterways Improvement Fund \$35,500.00

On the motion by Ms. Mary MacKinnon and a second from the floor Part 2 of Article 31 was moved. There was a concern for costs associated and it was explained that these costs are driven from the State Bid List. Having minimal discussion, with favorable support from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Plan Committee it was voted.

With Minimal Voice Vote Opposition Article 31, Part 2 Passed.

ARTICLE 32 – Non-Binding Question Regarding Pay As You Throw Trash Disposal

Motion by: Board of Selectmen – Jean Landis-Naumann

Move: To support a Pay As You Throw Trash Disposal program as presented in the Warrant.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2-3-0 [Unfavorable]

FINANCE COMMITTEE 1-4-0 [Unfavorable]

On the motion of Jean-Landis Naumann and a second by Elaine Fiore it was moved and Ms. Naumann read the following statement as presented in the Warrant:

The Selectmen are considering the adoption of a new system for disposal of trash at the Town’s transfer station, as follows:

The new system, known as "Pay As You Throw", would charge a reduced sticker fee along with a per-bag fee to cover the costs of trash disposal, rather than a larger single yearly sticker fee paid by users of the transfer station. Per statistics compiled by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 143 cities and towns have adopted a Pay as You Throw system since 1979. The DEP's statistics show that, under a Pay as You Throw system, the average amount of solid waste disposal was 35% to 50% less than the output in cities and towns using conventional systems of disposal such as we currently use. With the generation of less trash, the costs for disposal would be reduced as well.

A "yes" vote would signify support for the Selectmen to support a program that would replace the current trash disposal system whereby residents pay a single annual fee for the right to dispose of an unlimited number of bags of trash at the town's transfer station with a system whereby residents would pay a fee for each bag of trash that is disposed of at the transfer station and have their annual fee reduced. This process allows residents to have more control of their trash costs just as they do with other services such as water and electricity. In other words, the resident pays only for what they use and do not subsidize other residents.

A "no" vote would signify support for the Selectmen to make no change to the current system.

Ms. Fiore then introduced and explained a chart reflecting Tonnage, Cost, Revenue. She stated that the Town has done a great job recycling without this program and her opposition to the proposal.

Following the statements a lengthy discussion followed. There was much debate on cost savings, increase in recycling, utilization of private haulers, expectations and experience of surrounding communities. Ms. Mary O'Donnell moved to "Call the Question. The Moderator recognized four additional residents prior to calling for the vote. Additional discussion continued with both favorable and opposing views.

The moderator then called the question and requested a hand count. The tellers came forward and reported; 76 being in favor and 90 being opposed; The Motion on Article 32 failed to show support.

On a motion by Ms. Elaine Fiore and seconded from the floor it was moved to adjourn to Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School Auditorium.

On a Majority Voice Vote the Motion to Adjourn carried in the Majority.

***Respectively Submitted
Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk***

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, 21 June, 2016

There being 135 voters the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Moderator, Janet Wallace. Ms. Wallace then reviewed the rules of the meeting, the reading of the warrant was waived and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator then led the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized and requested a moment of silence for Jeffrey Matthias, a local resident lost at sea in the sinking of the tanker El Faro and John Cloud a long time resident murdered in Rhode Island the prior day.

The Moderator reminded the audience that acceptable behavior before, during and after the Town Meeting is required.

The Moderator then recognized Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann to ask for reconsideration of Article 32. There was a second from the floor. Ms. Naumann stated that facts and information was missed due to the late hour of the previous session. The Moderator explained the reconsideration and called for a hand vote.

On a handcount the Motion to reconsider failed having 52 in the affirmative and 92 in the negative.

ARTICLE 33 - Lake Street Culvert Easement

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Conservation Commission – James Parker

Move: That the Town vote to accept, from the City of Brockton, permanent easement on Lake Street (Parcel 008-041) in the Town of Kingston, being a 1,390 sf portion more or less, said parcel, as described in the deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 935, Page 175, for the purpose of replacing a culvert under the roadway on Lake Street, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *The purpose of this article is to acquire a permanent easement for the purpose of replacing and maintaining a culvert through which the Jones River flows.*

With a second from the floor, Mr. Parker explained the easement required from The City of Brockton to place a pipe beneath the roadway. There being no debate, the article was voted:

On a unanimous voice vote Article 33 Carried.

ARTICLE 34 – Amendment to the Zoning By-Laws; Location of Districts and Flood Plain Overlay District

2/3 vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Conservation Commission – James Parker

<p>Move: To amend the Zoning By-Laws, Article 3.2. Location of Districts, Section 3.2.2., and Article 4.12. Flood Plain Overlay District, Section 4.12.1.2. as printed in the warrant.</p>

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article is so that the By-Laws remain current with new FEMA Floodplain maps.*

As printed in the warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, Article 3.2. Location of Districts, Section 3.2.2., and Article 4.12. Flood Plain Overlay District, Section 4.12.1.2. by adding the underlined language and deleting the strikethrough language, as shown below to reflect changes in FEMA Flood Maps:

3.2.2. The general boundaries of the Flood Plain Overlay District within the Town of Kingston are shown on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) dated July 6, ~~2016~~17, 2012 or November 4, 2016 and issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The exact boundaries of the District are defined by the one hundred (100) year base flood elevations shown on the FIRMs and further defined by the Flood Profiles contained in the current Flood Insurance Study dated ~~July 17, 2012~~November 4, 2016. These maps, as well as the accompanying Study, are incorporated herein by reference and are filed with the office of the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Inspector of Buildings and Conservation Commission.

4.12.1.2. The Flood Plain Overlay District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. The Floodplain Overlay District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Kingston designated as Zone A, AE, AO, and VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Kingston are panel numbers: 25023C0218J, 25023C0219J, 25023C0331J, 25023C0332J, 25023C0334J, 25023C0342J, 25023C0353J, 25023C0354J, and 25023C0361J, dated July 17, 2012, and ~~25023C0238KJ, 25023C0239KJ, 25023C0331J, 25023C0332J, 25023C0334J, 25023C0342J, 25023C0351KJ, 25023C0352J, and 25023C0356K, 25023C0353J, 25023C0354J, and 25023C0361J,~~ dated July 17, 2012 November 4, 2016. The exact boundaries of the District are defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRMs and further defined by the flood profiles contained in the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated ~~July 17, 2012~~ November 4, 2016. These maps and the accompanying FIS are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Building Department and the Conservation Commission. All development, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code pertaining to construction in the flood plains and with the following:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (currently 44 CFR ~~59, Paragraph~~ 60.3);
- Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR);
- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
- Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310CMR 13.00);
- Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);
- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310CMR 15, Title 5)

With a second from the floor, Mr. Parker explained that the town is required to participate and accept the FEMA update. It would affect those requiring and those no longer requiring insurance. It is limited to only a small number of residents. Mr. Daniel Harlow of Howland's Lane questioned whether those residents are contacted and it was determined that they are personally responsible to know. Questions regarding the Wapping Road Dam were addressed, it not being impacted. Information is published in local media.

With very limited opposition the Moderator called a 2/3 majority voice vote. The motion on Article 34 Carried.

ARTICLE 35 – Library Construction Project Grant Application

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Library Building Study Committee – Vanessa Verkade

Move: To accept the design of the library building and authorize the Library Trustees and/or Selectmen to apply for and accept grants, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article authorizes the Town to apply for, accept and expend a State grant that would cover an estimated 42.4% of the cost of building a new library.*

With a motion from Ms. Vanessa Verkade and second from the floor, Ms. Verkade made a presentation with slides and reviewed the needs assessment, architectural plans and cost studies. A great deal of discussion and debate followed with support and opposition. The discussion centered around need, cost and tax burden. Additionally, there was support for a library of the future. Questions regarding availability of sewer capacity were addressed and it was determined that at this time there wasn't sufficient space. Ms. Sia Stewart, Library Director explained that this article was only to allow filing for a grant and that any approval of the plan would require additional town meeting articles and a ballot question for a Proposition 2 1/2 over ride. Mr. John Creed Motioned to "Move the Question." With limited opposition the motion carried and it was voted:

The Motion on Article 35 carried on a voice vote with limited opposition.

A Motion to reconsider did not carry.

ARTICLE 36 – Establishment of Jones River Restoration Fund

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Lindsay Wilson

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 by the transfer from Free Cash to assist in the removal of the Elm Street Dam, as printed in the warrant, said appropriation or transfer being contingent upon receipt of the balance of necessary funds, via State or Federal grant or otherwise, to

complete said project, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take any action to carry out this expenditure.

Board of Selectmen – 3-1-1 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 6-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article will contribute to the funding of the removal of the Elm Street Dam, contingent upon receiving the balance of necessary funds, via State or Federal grant or otherwise, to complete said project.*

On a motion by Mr. Lindsay Wilson and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann, Mr. Alex Mansfield of the Jones River Watershed Association made a presentation regarding the Elm Street Dam removal and its detriment to the flow of water in the river, the improvement to water quality and the reestablishment of fish populations. There was a lengthy discussion with concerns for the structural integrity of the Water Department building post removal and water quality and access to potable water from the watershed. There was also concern for the sediment that will require dredging. These issues and concerns were addressed and the vote was taken:

With limited opposition the voice vote on Article 36 Carried.

A Motion to Reconsider by Ms. Karon Wierman of Tall Timbers failed on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 37 – Wireless Communication Facilities Lease

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Susan Munford

Move: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute lease agreements for communication towers and wireless communication facilities, as originally approved under Article 22 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting, for Town-owned property located at Opachinski Athletic Field Complex, for a term up to thirty (30) years; said lease agreements to be entered into in accordance with G.L. c.30B.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *The current wireless communication facilities lease on the Town-owned property located at Opachinski Athletic Field Complex expires in 2017.*

A lease term up to thirty (30) years is not uncommon in the industry. The lease will have an annual rent escalation clause.

The Motion was moved by Ms. Susan Munford and seconded by Sandra MacFarlane. Ms. Munford explained that this article was to open negotiation on the Pottle Street Cell Tower. It was explained that the land is leased and funds are directed to the Recreation Department for maintenance. There was no debate.

Article 37 Carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 38 – Tax Agreement - 20 Elizabeth Drive (6 Acre +/- Parcel)

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Susan Munford

<p>Move: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a tax agreement, as printed in the warrant</p>
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To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c. 59, § 38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with CEC Solar #1040, LLC, located at 361 Centennial Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, CO 80027 for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years, and to approve said agreement under which CEC Solar #1040, LLC will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a SIX (6) acre +/- parcel of land located at 20 Elizabeth Drive, Kingston, related to the proposed construction and operation of a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 810 kW AC, said Tax Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any amendments necessary to said Tax Agreement to reflect any changes in the size of the parcel of land up to 2 acres so long as the payments reflected in the Tax Agreement rise commensurately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax agreement regarding personal property taxes for a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation.*

Seconded by Mr. John Creed, Ms. Susan Munford explained the agreement being presented for personal property taxes for photo-voltaic.

On a Unanimous Voice Vote Article 38 Carried.

ARTICLE 39 – Tax Agreement – 25 Elizabeth Drive (12 Acre +/- Parcel)

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Susan Munford

Move: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a tax agreement, as printed in the warrant

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c. 59, § 38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with CEC Solar #1041, LLC, located at 361 Centennial Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, CO 80027 for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years, and to approve said agreement under which CEC Solar #1041, LLC will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a NINE (9) acre +/- parcel of land located at 25 Elizabeth Drive, Kingston, related to the proposed construction and operation of a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 660 kW AC, said Tax Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any amendments necessary to said Tax Agreement to reflect any changes in the size of the parcel of land up to 2 acres so long as the payments reflected in the Tax Agreement rise commensurately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax agreement regarding personal property taxes for a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation.*

On a motion by Ms. Susan Munford and seconded by Ms. Jean Landis-Naumann it was voted:

Article 39 Carries on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 40 – Amendment to the Zoning ByLaws Off-Street Parking Requirements

2/3 vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Planning Board – Susan Boyer

Move: To see if the Town will vote to Amend the Town of Kingston Zoning By-Laws Section 6.4. "Off Street Parking Requirement" by making the following changes: expanding the distance for shared parking in Section 6.4.1.1 from 300 feet to 600 feet and to eliminate the provision that such parking cannot cross a collector or sub collector street. And further amend Section 6.4.1.1.a. so the minimum requirements from residential parking will be reduced from 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit plus 1 space for each bedroom over two (2) to 1.5 spaces per Dwelling Unit with 2 bedrooms or less, and 2 spaces per Dwelling Unit with 3 bedrooms or more. And further to amend Section 6.4.1.1.b. so the minimum requirements for retail business, commercial or personal service establishment parking will be reduced from 1 parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area to 1 space per 250 square feet of gross leasable floor area. And further to amend Section 6.4.1.1.c. so the minimum requirements for office, professional, business, or public parking reduced from 1 parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area to 1 space per 250 square feet of gross leasable floor area as described in a document entitled "Planning Board Report Annual Town Meeting 2016"

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Finance Committee - 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Planning Board - 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article reduces the minimum off-street parking requirements for the structures or uses indicated.*

As proposed in By-Law written in Warrant;

6.4.1. Required Parking

6.4.1.1. All parking demand created by new structures or uses, additions to existing structures or uses, and change of use in existing structures shall be accommodated entirely off-street on the same premises as the activity it services, or located within three hundred (300) feet of the building entrance on a separate parcel, not being separated by an aertial, collector or sub collector street and in a zoning district allowing such activity. The following minimums must be met, unless these are reduced on a special permit from the Planning Board upon determination that special circumstances render a lesser provision adequate for all parking needs:

a. Residential use: Two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit plus one (1) space for each bedroom over two (2). **1.5 spaces per Dwelling Unit with 2 bedrooms or less, and 2 spaces per Dwelling Unit with 3 bedrooms or more to be located within 300 feet of the Dwelling Unit.**

- b. Retail business, commercial or personal service establishment: One (1) parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area. **1 space per 250 square feet of gross leasable floor area.**
- c. Office, professional, business or public: One (1) parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area. **1 space per 333 square feet of gross floor area.**
- d. Medical or dental office or clinic: Four (4) parking spaces for each individual office or suite, plus four (4) parking spaces for each additional doctor or dentist within a single office or suite.
- e. Manufacturing, processing, wholesale: One (1) parking space per each thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area, plus one (1) space for each three (3) employees on the largest shift.
- f. Place of assembly, restaurant: One (1) parking space per every three (3) seats.
- g. Other Use Categories: Use categories to be determined by the Planning Board or the Inspector of Buildings, as appropriate, at the time of Site Plan Review when required by the Inspector of Buildings; in other cases where Site Plan Review is not required, use categories shall be determined in accordance with standards contained in Time-Saver Standards for Site Planning, Joseph De Chiara and Lee E. Koppelman, McGraw Hill, New York City, 1984.
- h. Pre-School/Day Care Facilities: The minimum reasonable parking requirements for such facilities shall be as follows: (1) one off-street parking space shall be required for each faculty member who is required to be present at the facility pursuant to the facility's state license, based upon the maximum number of children for which the facility is licensed; (2) one parking space or queue shall be required for every four children based upon the maximum number of children for which the facility is licensed; and (3) whenever safe to do so, pick up and drop off of children without the parking of a vehicle.

The Motion made by Susan Boyer was seconded by Elaine Fiore. Ms. Boyer stated this article addressed parking issues in the town center while addressing business planning, storm water management and multi housing development. There was limited discussion and it was noted that Residential Zoning was not retroactive.

With Limited Opposition the Motion Carried on a 2/3rd Majority Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 41 – Amendment to the General By-Law Chapter 6 Public Peace and

Safety Article 2 Public Drinking

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Elaine Fiore

Move: To amend the Town of Kingston General By-Law Chapter 6 Public Peace and Safety Article 2 Public Drinking as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 [Favorable]

Article 2. Public Drinking

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages, as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws, while: **(a)** in or upon any public way, or any way to which the public has a right of access, or any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, **or** any park or playground **municipal property, without consent of the Board of Selectmen or (b)** while in or upon private land, building, structure or place without consent of: the public official or board; or the owner or person in control thereof. Any person violating this by-law shall upon conviction be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

Description: *This article will allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property only at such times, special events, outdoor festivals, etc. as are sanctioned by the Board of Selectmen.*

The Motion was moved by Ms. Elaine Fiore and seconded by Mr. Lindsay Wilson. Ms. Fiore described the article and its intent. It would allow under the direction and approval of the Board of Selectmen, public drinking of alcohol on Town Owned Properties. It was stated that the ABCC requirements would be followed. There was limited opposition and supportive discussion.

The Motion on Article 41 Carried with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 42 – Disband the Permanent Building Committee

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Sandra MacFarlane

Move: That the Town vote to disband the Permanent Building Committee as established under Article 23 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting and amended under Article 23 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: *This article approves the disbanding of the Permanent Building Committee. The functions of the Committee have been assumed by the Facilities Manager, who is now a Town employee.*

On a motion by Ms. Sandra MacFarlane and a second by Ms. Elaine Fiore, Ms. MacFarlane explained that the hiring of a Facilities Manager and inactivity by the members, the recommendation is to disband the Permanent Building Committee. With no further debate:

The Motion on Article 41 Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 43 – Disband the Audit Committee

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen – Sandra MacFarlane

Move: That the Town vote to disband the Audit Committee as established under Article 15 of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting and amended under Article 30 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting and Article 29 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 [Favorable]

Description: This article approves the disbanding of the Audit Committee. The Committee has not met in several years, and the Town engages the services of a professional audit firm.

On the Motion by Ms. Sandra MacFarlane and seconded by Ms. Elaine Fiore it was voted to disband the Audit Committee as the Town has a private auditor. There being no discussion:

The Motion on Article Carried on a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 44– Petitioned Article – Rezone 9 Basler’s Lane

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Mr. Robert Gardner

Move: Motion to be provided by Petitioner.

Board of Selectmen – Pending

Finance Committee – N/A on Petitioned Article

Description: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Kingston by changing the classification of use of a certain parcel of land from Residential-20 District (R20) to Commercial District (C) said parcel being located at 9 Basler's Lane and shown on the Kingston Assessor's Map 67 as Lot 38.

Move: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Kingston by changing parcels of land from a Residential-20 District (R20) to

Commercial District (C) said parcels being located at 9 Basler's Lane and shown on the Kingston Assessor's Map 67 as Lot 38.

On the motion by the Petitioner, Mr. Robert Gardner of 9 Basler's Lane, it was seconded for discussion from the floor. Mr. Gardner presented his request to rezone his property. There was minimal discussion as this property would become identical to other properties on Basler's Lane. There was concern, which was addressed, pertaining to the proximity to Pawtuxet Park. There being no additional discussion:

The Motion on Article 44 Carried on a 2/3 majority Voice Vote.

Article 45 - Petitioned Article – Change Zoning to all new uses in previously publicly owned buildings

2/3 Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Petitioner

Move: Motion to be provided by Petitioner.

There was no motion on Article 45.

At 9:51 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Robert Kostka and seconded by Ms. Elaine Fiore it was moved to adjourn Sine Die.

On a Majority Voice Vote the Motion to Adjourn carried in the Majority.

Respectfully Submitted:

***Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk***

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

The Annual Meeting was call to order at 7:05 p.m., with 108 registered voters in attendance the Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Janet M. Wallace, at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Street, Kingston, Massachusetts at

The Moderator:

The following tellers were sworn in: Paul Armstrong, Lynn Welch and David Pepe by the Moderator.

Warrant has been declared properly noticed with the Constable Return of Service.

As tradition has dictated, the Reading of the Warrant shall be Waived

The Moderator Janet Wallace presented the following recognition:

It is my pleasure to ask Paul Armstrong to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul served in the National Guard. Our focus tonight is not on his military service but rather on his service to the Town of Kingston.

We are also honoring Paul tonight as he is retiring as our Building Inspector after 32 years. Paul has served on an extraordinary number of committees even prior to becoming our Building Inspector. Paul served on: Survey Board since 1977; Planning Board since 1980; Field Drive since 1983; Local Inspector since 1984; Industrial Development Commission 1983-1986; Police Station Building Committee from 1984 to 1990; Mass Housing Partnership Committee from 1998 to 1990; Permanent Building Committee from 1991 to 2015; Americans with Disability Act Coordinator from 1995 to 2009; Town Meeting Committee from 1998 to 2000; Kelleher Land Acquisition Negotiating Committee from 1998 to 1999; Pottle Street Land Acquisition Investigative Team from 1998 to 2000 Town Hall Building Committee 2000; Memorial Day Parade Committee 2006 to 2009; Senior Center Building Committee 2010; Library Needs Assessment Committee 2012. Last but not least Paul has served as a Town Meeting Teller since I can remember attending Town Meeting in the late 1970's!

Paul is an extraordinary individual. He has served with integrity, honor and truthfulness. He is well respected and well liked. That is not always easy as a Building Inspector who has to enforce rules and regulations of the State and the Town. He has always done so with kindness and integrity. We can't forget his great sense of humor.

Paul was then presented with a small token from the Town.

Moderator then presented the instructions and rules of the meeting following "Town Meeting Times."

Following that, she recognized Elaine Fiore, Chairman of the BOS to make the Opening Motion, there being a second from Jean Landis-Naumann, it was moved;

Move: That the following non-residents and non-registered residents be allowed to enter and address Town Meeting:

Jason R. Talerman, Town Counsel
Robert H. Fennessy Jr., Town Administrator
Arti P. Mehta, Finance Director / Town Accountant
Holly Merry, Assistant Assessor
Matthew Darsch, Water Department Superintendent
Robert T. Heath, Fire Chief
Gary Darman, Saxon Partners
Donald Smith, Saxon Partners
Robert Betters, Esq., Counsel to Saxon Partners

and further, that all articles shall be presented in the order in which they appear on the Warrant :

On a unanimous voice vote the Opening Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1 - Free Cash Transfer to FY2017 Reserve Fund

ARTICLE 1: On a motion by Holly Merry, Assistant Assessor, and seconded from the floor, it was moved;

Move: To appropriate and transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY2017 Reserve Fund.

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee - 4-0-0 Favorable

The article reimburses the FY 2017 Reserve Fund for monies needed by the Assessors Department for a Field Review needed to set the FY17 Tax Rate.

The article met with very limited discussion. Quorum required: 100 / Majority Vote.

With Minimal Opposition the Motion on Article 1 carried on a voice vote.

Article 2 - Wage and Personnel By-Law Amendment

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

ARTICLE 2: On a motion by Fran Boetelho-Hoeg and seconded from the floor, it was moved;

Move: To amend Section 9, Schedule A, of the Wage and Personnel Bylaw, by inserting in Schedule A the position title of "Assistant Director of Elder Affairs," "Administrative," "S-3*".

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee – 1-3-0 Unfavorable

This article adds, but does not fund, the position of Assistant Director of Elder Affairs to the Wage and Personnel Bylaw.

The article met with considerable debate and discussion including remarks to the article itself being only an addition to the bylaw and not funding the position. Funding would be considered in a later article. At the request of a resident, Mary McKinnon, Chair of the Finance Committee discussed reasoning for the opposition to the article. Ms. McKinnon suggested it be reconsidered in the Spring Annual for the following reasons: The Town is currently working on the FY18 Budget and it should be considered a part of the entire budgetary process and would like an opportunity to review the ability of considering a part time position. There was argument against creating part time position then returning quickly to increase hours and full time hiring. Tammy Murray, Director of the COA then gave remarks on the increase in activities, services and participation and the need for additional staff. The moderator then dismissed a call for the question by Pine DuBois and requested a vote.

Quorum required: 100 / Majority Vote.

The Motion on Article 2 carried on a majority voice vote.

Article 3 - FY2017 Water Department Surplus Revenue Appropriation

Article 3: On a motion by Robert Kostka, and seconded from the floor, it was moved;

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 from Surplus Water Revenue to be used for repairs at town wells, and that the Board of

Water Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee - 4-0-0 Favorable

This article will use funds that were appropriated and not expended for repairs at town wells.

The article met with limited discussion. Quorum required: 100 / Majority Vote.

With Minimal Opposition the Motion on Article 3 carried on a voice vote.

Article 4 - FY2017 Budget Transfer - Water Enterprise

Article 4: On a motion by Robert Kostka and seconded from the floor it was moved;

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to supplement the appropriation to FY 2017 Water Enterprise Fund; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$1,200.00 be transferred from the Water Surplus Revenue to the following:

TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Water Enterprise Fund - Personnel Services	60451-51141	\$1,200.00

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee - 4-0-0 Favorable

This article authorizes the payment of longevity for 2 years to 2 employees that was erroneous missed in the original budget in June of 2016.

There was no was discussion beyond the explanation by Mr. Kostka. Quorum required: 100 / Majority Vote.

With Minimal Opposition the Motion on Article 4 carried on a voice vote.

Article 5 - FY2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement

There was no motion on article 5 presented to Town Meeting. This article was intended to raise and appropriate funds resulting in the settlement by the Town of Kingston and the Lieutenants of the Kingston Police Department.

No Motion

ARTICLE 6 – FY2017 Budget Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

ARTICLE 6: On a motion by Elaine Fiore, Chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen and 2nd by Jean Landis-Naumann it was moved:

This article is needed to augment the current year (FY 2017) budget. The purpose is to transfer funds from one line item to another, or to transfer from Free Cash for appropriation to the budget through June 30, 2017, each transfer being a separate appropriation.

Move: That the Town Appropriate the sum of \$123,766.42 to supplement the appropriations to FY2017 Operating Budgets; and to meet this appropriation, the following sums be transferred from unexpended appropriations and Free Cash as follows:

Reallocation of existing budgetary funds

1. IT Director - Part-time to a Full-time position

These transfers from available departmental funds will provide the Town with a full-time salaried IT professional without increasing the operating budget of the Town.

FROM:ACCOUNTNAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Health Department - Salary	01510-51113	\$ 3,500.00
Planning Department - Salary	01175-51113	\$ 3,500.00
Street, Trees and Parks - Salary	01422-51113	\$ 3,447.00
Fire Department - Comp Repairs/Maint	01220-52241	\$ 10,000.00
	Total:	\$ 20,447.00

TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Data Processing - IT Director Salary	01155-51112	\$ 20,447.00

2. Reallocating unused money for a Library server to a Library back-up system

The IT Director configured the library server at less cost than anticipated by installation of IT consultants, saving the town \$6,797.42; those savings will be repurposed to add additional backup capability for the Town House and Library IT systems.

FROM:ACCOUNTNAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Article 29 Project 7 2015 Annual Town Meeting - Library Server	01610-78139	\$ 6,797.42
TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Data Processing – Computer Equip for Library/Town Hall backup system	01155-58871	\$ 6,797.42

3. Reallocating unused money from the Conservation Agent's salary for Consulting services until a full-time Conservation Agent is hired

FROM:ACCOUNTNAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Conservation - Salary	01171-51112	\$ 10,000.00
TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Conservation - Consulting Services	01171-52307	\$ 10,000.00

4. One Time Expenses– Non-reoccurring expenses in the departmental budgets

**Additional funding for an Assistant Director of Elder Affairs will be sought for the FY18 budget.*

FROM:ACCOUNTNAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Free Cash		\$ 86,522.00
TO: ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT#	AMOUNT
Bd. of Select. - out of classification comp.	01122-51112	\$ 4,706.00

Legal Services – labor counsel costs	01151-52312	\$ 20,000.00
Board of Selectmen - Engineering Services	01122-52307	\$ 12,000.00
Bd. of Selectmen - Gray's Beach Permitting	01122-52307	\$ 21,760.00
Board of Selectmen - HR Director (8 hours)	01122-51112	\$ 9,248.00
*Council on Aging - New Asst Dir Elder Aff.	01541-51112	\$ 18,808.00
	Total:	\$ 86,522.00

and to authorize the Accountant/Finance Director to allocate such sums to the operating budgets.

Board of Selectmen - 5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee - 1-3-0 Unfavorable*

** The Finance Committee voted unfavorable action prior to the Gray's Beach Permitting item being added to the article.*

There was considerable discussion regarding each section of this article as it was presented including discussion and debate regarding the hiring of additional staff, the reasoning behind the Unfavorable Action vote by Fincom, the budgetary process, and the additional hours for IT and Human Resources. There were comments regarding transparency, sustainability of the salaries, and the addition of a new position at the Council on Aging. There was discussion and presentation by department heads confirming the need for these hours to continue the benefits they've experienced since the original inception of the part time positions and the additional services being provided at the Senior Center. There were statements regarding the potential for cost savings from the increased hours and the experience for specific situations in Town.

After lengthy discussion and debate the Moderator announced that a motion by Buzz Artiano to separate the question into four distinct items as presented. The Motion was seconded by Peter Boncek. With Minimal Opposition;

The Motion to Divide Article 6 was carried with minimal voice opposition and the following votes were made;

Reallocation of existing budgetary funds

Article 6 Item # 1.) IT Director - Part-time to a Full-time position

Additional discussion prior to the vote regarding the strategic plan of the Town, unfunded liabilities and additional department head support the

question was moved by Mary McKinnon and seconded with a majority voice vote it was voted.

On a hand count and there being 107 in the affirmative and 38 in the negative, the motion on Item # 1 carried.

Article 6 Item # 2.) Reallocating unused money for a Library server to a Library back-up system

With Minimal Opposition and no discussion or debate, Item # 2 carried on a voice vote.

Article 6 Item #3.) Reallocating unused money from the Conservation Agent's salary for Consulting services until a full-time Conservation Agent is hired

With Minimal Opposition and no discussion or debate, Item # 3 carried on a voice vote.

(A motion to divide Item # 4 into 6 individual votes was carried with minimal opposition)

Article 6 Item # 4.) One Time Expenses– Non-reoccurring expenses in the departmental budgets

1.) BOS - out of classification compensation	CARRIES Majority Voice Vote
2.) Legal Services - labor counsel costs	CARRIES Majority Voice Vote
3.) BOS - Engineering Services	CARRIES Majority Voice Vote
4.) BOS - Gray's Beach Permitting	CARRIES Majority Voice Vote
5.) BOS - HR Director (8 hours)	With Minimal Opposition; Hand-Count 81 Affirmative 56 Negative MOTION CARRIES
6.) COA - New Asst Dir Elder Aff.	With Minimal Opposition; Hand-Count 88 Affirmative 47 Negative MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 7 - Amendment to the Zoning By-Laws; Create a mixed Commerce District

ARTICLE 7 - On a Motion by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Lindsay Wilson it was moved;

Move: To amend the Zoning By-Laws, adding a new Section 4.19, amending Section 5.2.1, and amending the Zoning Map as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen—5-0-0 Favorable
Finance Committee—N/A

This article creates a new Mixed Commercial District to encourage Commercial/Industrial development in Town.

4.19 Mixed Commerce District Overlay District

4.19.1. Purposes

The purposes of the Mixed Commerce Overlay District (“MCOD”) is to establish an overlay district that allows for a mixture of various commercial and/or light industrial land uses as set forth herein which reflects the goals, vision and policies of the Town of Kingston, including but not limited to:

- (a) employ Town resources to attract businesses which are compatible with achieving beneficial economic development while and preserving the Town’s character;*
- (b) establish a design review process as an integral part of a streamlined and integrated permitting process;*
- (c) promote economic development within the Town that results in expanded and new light industrial and high-tech businesses within the MCOD, provides new jobs and expands the Town’s tax base and public services without increasing the tax burden on Town residents;*
- (d) concentrate commercial and industrial development in the designated MCOD areas; and*
- (e) provide additional employment opportunities.*

4.19.2. *Permitted Uses. Subject to receipt of a Special Permit from the Special Permit Granting Authority, as required below, the following uses are permitted in the MCOD:*

- 4.19.2.1.** *Professional or business offices or Office Park.*
- 4.19.2.2.** *Industrial Park.*
- 4.19.2.3.** *Manufacturing, processing or research facilities.*
- 4.19.2.4.** *Hotel, Inn, Motel or Lodging House.*
- 4.19.2.5.** *Restaurant.*
- 4.19.2.6.** *Banks, including drive-in or window services, provided that no vehicles waiting for service shall park or stand on a public way.*
- 4.19.2.7.** *Showrooms.*
- 4.19.2.8.** *Wholesale and/or food distribution centers, provided that all bulk sales, outside display and storage occur to the rear of the principal building.*
- 4.19.2.9.** *Warehouse use.*

4.19.3. *Special Permit Procedures*

- 4.19.3.1.** *Any applicant which desires to opt into the MCOD overlay zoning for any of the uses permitted under Section 4.19.2. above shall be required to undertake a two-step process with the Special Permit Granting Authority. Said two-step process shall entail (i) the issuance of a special permit and (i) site plan approval.*

First, the applicant shall apply to the Special Permit Granting Authority for a special permit for any tract of land located within the MCOD which meets the dimensional requirements of Section 4.19.3.2. below. The special permit shall (i) establish the permitted uses for the proposed site, (ii) set the maximum building and/or unit densities and floor area ratio, (iii) determine the maximum building height, (iv) set the site grades for the clearing and removing material from the site, (v) impose any other standards which may be reasonably imposed by the Planning Board.

The second component of this process involves the issuance of a site plan approval by Special Permit Granting Authority ("Site

Plan Approval”). The Site Plan Approval shall: (i) establish location and number of building lot(s) or development site(s) within the MCD, (ii) identify specific tenants or occupants (if known) within the proposed MCD and the permitted uses on such lots, and (iii) determine the location of specific building footprints, drive aisles, parking locations, lighting, signage, architectural designs and specifications, drainage, utilities and other such details. Final plans and specifications with respect thereto must be submitted to and approved by the Special Permit Granting Authority on a site plan approval basis only, as part of any second and/or subsequent Site Plan Review submissions for any given MCD. The site plan approval process as set forth in Section 7.7. or regulation as may be promulgated by the Special Permit Granting Authority.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall preclude an applicant from seeking a special permit and site plan approval concurrently. Should an applicant elect to do so, the hearing shall be combined, with the relevant deadlines and time periods to follow special permit procedure.

4.19.3.2. Table of Dimensional Requirements.

<i>Dimensional Requirements</i>		<i>MCD</i>
<i>Minimum area of tract to qualify for a special permit in the MCD</i>	<i>80 acres</i>	
<i>Minimum continuous frontage of tract on an existing public street, or on a way approved under the Subdivision Control Law (in feet)</i>	<i>500’</i>	
<i>Minimum undisturbed vegetated buffer from protected open space properties</i>	<i>25’</i>	

4.19.3.3. Special Permit Granting Authority (“SPGA”)

The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for all projects in the MCD. In acting upon applications for a special permit, the SPGA shall be governed by the provisions of this Section and by Section 7.7.

4.19.3.4. Special Permit Application Requirements

The application to the SPGA for a special permit under this Section shall be accompanied by a conceptual site plan, an existing conditions plan, and a conceptual subdivision plan where the Planning Board is the SPGA, as the Planning Board may describe in development regulations promulgated hereunder.

Where the applicant submits a definitive subdivision plan complying with the Subdivision Control Law and the Planning Board's "Development Regulations", insofar as practical, the public hearing on the application for the special permit and the definitive subdivision plan shall be held concurrently.

4.19.3.5. Additional Information Required for Application

In addition to the materials described in Section 4.19.3.4., the application to the SPGA for a special permit for MCD shall be accompanied by the following materials:

- (a) A plot plan showing the proposed location of all buildings and structures on the lot, or proposed building envelopes, if applicable.*
- (b) An off-street parking and loading plan.*
- (c) A landscaping plan.*
- (d) A traffic study evaluating traffic volume and traffic safety issues; and a proposal for mitigating measures to improve both safety and capacity or for trip reduction programs, if any.*
- (f) Proposals for mitigating measures or the construction of improvements to deal with the impacts, other than traffic impacts, of the proposed development or to provide sufficient capacity in Town facilities or services, and any other material necessary for the SPGA to make the finding and determination required by the Zoning By-laws or as may be required by the written regulations or findings of the SPGA.*
- (g) The SPGA may request other information, plans and studies as may be reasonably required*

4.19.4MCD District Boundary

The MCD boundary is an overlay district depicted on the Town's Zoning Map. It is an overlay district that cannot be construed as affecting or abridging the underlying Zoning Districts. All uses allowed in the underlying Zoning District shall continue to be allowed in the manner permitted under these zoning bylaws.

AND FURTHER,

(2) Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Kingston to adopt a Mixed Commercial District overlay district on certain parcels of land located off of Route 44 on the Kingston/Plymouth Town Line and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Lot 3, and a portion of Map 99 Lot 2, and a remnant of Map 95 Lot 3;

AND FURTHER,

(3) Amend the Kingston Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2.1. by adding to the Intensity Schedule the dimensions for lots with the Mixed Commercial District as follows:

	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Height Dimensions	Max. Lot Coverage by Bldg.	Min. Open Space	Minimum Yard Size					
District	Lot Area in Square Feet	Continuous Frontage in Feet	Ft	In % (2)	In %	Side Yard in Feet	Rear Yard in Feet	Front Yard in Feet			
MCD	40,000 (6)	200	55	50	25	40	40	50	-	-	-

or take any other action relative thereto.

There was a great deal of discussion that follow. There were notes to reference (MCOD) Mixed Commercial Overlay District. The lengthy discussion included requirements, permitting, leasing, environmental impact, natural resources, water availability and impact on water overlay district.

There was concern addressed for rezoning and Ms. Fiore explained the property is currently zoned Residential. Including an overlay district will eliminate the impact of residential development on Town resources and infrastructure. After concern for limited information there was a move to defer to the spring. Additional discussion continued with Lindsay Wilson and Elaine Fiore opposing the tabling the article to a future meeting. With limited additional discussion the Motion to table until the spring was called for a vote by the Moderator, Janet Wallace.

Having 64 having voted in the Affirmative and 61 in the Negative the Motion was tabled.

Having completed all of the Articles, the Moderator, Janet Wallace thanked the tellers and residents for attending

On a Motion by Elaine Fiore at 9:37 p.m., seconded by Sandra MacFarlane, it was moved to Adjourn Sine Die.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk**

**State Presidential Primary Election
Tuesday, 1 March, 2016
Election minutes**

The State Presidential Primary Election was held at the Kingston Elementary School for Precinct 1, 2, and 3 and at the Kingston Town Hall for Precinct 4, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Board of Selectman on February 18, 2016 and posted by Constable Robert Short on February 22, 2016.

Specimen Ballots, Penalty and instruction cards were posted at Polls in accordance with law.

The following Election Officers and Workers reported to their respective precincts. Assistant Clerk Diane Poirier maintained an information table at Kingston Elementary School. Ms. Poirier recorded and produced Election results. Assistant to Town Clerk Janna Morrissey provided support in the precincts.

There were 8,819 registered voters eligible to vote in this election. Of that voters in Kingston cast ballots 4,048 cast ballots. 162 voted Absentee.

Poll workers, duly appointed and sworn;

PRECINCT 1

Warden
Clerk
Deputy Warden
Inspector
Inspector
Inspector
Inspector

PRECINCT 2

Janna Morrissey	Joseph M. Mauriello
Priscilla Brackett	Duane Frey
Hannah M. Creed	Janet Holmes
Adeine Silva	Ollie Allenm
Roberta Reed	Walter Hoeg
Barbara J. Chandler	Beth Harris
Brad Bartlett	Lauren Guilderson

PRECINCT 3

Warden
Clerk
Deputy Warden
Deputy Clerk
Inspector
Inspector
Inspector
Deputy Inspector
Deputy Inspector
Deputy Inspector

PRECINCT 4

Tricia E. Guilfooy	Mary E. Boutin
Linda Ror	Frances A. Calderaro
Helen Claire Soares	Christine Favolaro
Maureen Mauriello	Barbara A. Gauthier
Andrew P. MacInnis	Ed Valla
Mary Toland	Gretchen Emmetts
Janet Torrey	Mary Jane Cahill
	Armando Enriquez
	Mary Bouley
	Lauren Mello

All election workers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The ballot boxes at each precinct were inspected in public by the election workers, found to be empty and a zero tape run. Keys for ballot boxes were presented to the detail police officers for the remainder of the day.

Ballots were distributed with police escort to Precincts by the Town Clerk. The following Kingston Police Officers worked detail; Lt. Robert Wells, Lt. Thomas Kelley, Sgt. Zachary Potrykus Sgt. John Bateman and Officer Todd Bailey. The polls were declared open by the respective wardens at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the warrant. There were 919 ballots cast in Precinct 1, 1,110 in Precinct 2, 1,034 in Precinct 3, and 985 cast in Precinct 4. The total cast in all four precincts was 4,048 ballots.

The Town Clerk announced unofficial results to the public at 8:00 p.m. and certified the election with the Commonwealth on March 1, 2016

RESULTS:

DEMOCRATS

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Bernie Sanders		291	300	296	287	1174
Martin O'Malley		0	3	3	1	7
Hillary Clinton		214	240	220	247	921
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente		1	1	0	2	4
No Preference		4	3	4	3	14
Scattered		3	1	0	1	5
Blanks		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
		514	549	523	543	2129

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Brian R. Dunn		326	356	321	356	1359
Scattered		1	1	2	1	5
Blanks		<u>187</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>765</u>
		514	549	523	543	2129

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

						0
Scattered		98	126	7	7	238
Blanks		<u>416</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>1891</u>
		514	549	523	543	2129

TOWN COMMITTEE

Kenneth J. Nickerson		189	211	196	221	817
David D. Fitzgerald		187	212	198	214	811
James P. Connor		173	209	196	228	806
Dorothy Mazzilli		201	218	196	229	844
John W. Perry		175	208	188	247	818
Robert M. Pinato		176	202	186	246	810
Kristina M. Whiton-O'Brien		183	246	196	225	850
Cynthia A. Fitzgerald		195	223	206	226	850
Vanessa Verkade		186	228	204	232	850
Edmund J. Bielecki		173	212	194	215	794
Peter N. Baird		186	225	193	233	837

Leanne M. Fay	171	214	193	226	804
Thomas J. O'Brien	242	309	264	290	1105
Amy B. Belmore	187	231	210	240	868
Joseph T. McGilvray	177	209	184	218	788
A. Daniel Sapir	202	226	207	236	871
Thomas J. Calter, III	269	326	305	314	1214
Carol A. McGilvray	183	221	195	220	819
Pine DuBois	220	278	224	263	985
Maureen E. Twohig	206	235	207	241	889
Robert R. Kostka	193	235	206	230	864
Timothy P. Ballinger	206	237	223	238	904
Susan T. Munford	243	275	262	276	1056
Scattered	14	3	14	0	31
Blanks	<u>13453</u>	<u>13822</u>	<u>13458</u>	<u>13497</u>	<u>54230</u>
	17990	19215	18305	19005	74515

REPUBLICANS

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Jim Gilmore		0	1	0	0	1
Donald J. Trump		219	282	271	236	1008
Ted Cruz		41	50	57	59	207
George Pataki		0	0	0	0	0
Ben Carson		14	20	10	9	53
Mike Huckabee		0	1	0	0	1
Rand Paul		2	1	1	0	4
Carly Fiorina		1	1	2	0	4
Rick Santorum		0	0	0	0	0
Chris Christie		1	1	1	0	3
Marco Rubio		60	99	84	63	306
Jeb Bush		4	3	5	4	16
John R. Kasich		56	100	68	65	289
No Preference		2	2	3	3	10

Scattered	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	400	561	504	440	1905

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Vinny M. deMacedo	328	473	404	358	1563
Scattered	3	1	0	0	4
Blanks	<u>69</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>338</u>
	400	561	504	440	1905

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Barbara A. McCoy	183	258	219	240	900
Linda M. Zuern	142	188	186	116	632
Scattered	1	1	1	0	3
Blanks	<u>74</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>370</u>
	400	561	504	440	1905

TOWN COMMITTEE

Scattered	18	94	26	63	201
Blanks	<u>13982</u>	<u>19541</u>	<u>17614</u>	<u>15337</u>	<u>66474</u>
	14000	19635	17640	15400	66675

GREEN-RAINBOW

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Sedinam K.C.M. Curry		0	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein		2	0	0	0	2
William P. Kreml		0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay		0	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherny		0	0	0	0	0
No Preference		1	0	0	0	1
Scattered		0	0	1	0	1
Blanks		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3	0	1	0	4
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STATE COMMITTEE MAN

				0
Scattered	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
	3	0	1	4

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

				0
Scattered	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
	3	0	1	4

TOWN COMMITTEE

				0
Scattered	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>40</u>
	30	0	10	40

UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

No Preference	2	0	1	1	4
Scattered	0	0	4	1	5
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	2	0	6	2	10

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

				0
Scattered	0	0	1	1
Blanks	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
	2	0	6	10

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

					0
Scattered	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	2	0	6	2	10

TOWN COMMITTEE

					0
Scattered	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>100</u>
	20	0	60	20	100

Submitted March 4, 2016

Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk

**Town of Kingston
Annual Town Election
April 30, 2016**

The Annual Town Election was held at the Kingston Elementary School for Precinct 1, 2, and 3 and at the Kingston Town Hall for Precinct 4, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Board of Selectman on April 5, 2016 and posted by Constable Robert Short on April 7, 2016.

Specimen Ballots, Penalty and instruction cards were posted at Polls in accordance with law.

The following Election Officers and Workers reported to their respective precincts. Assistant Clerk Diane Poirier maintained an information table at Kingston Elementary School. Ms. Poirier recorded and produced Election results.

PRECINCT 1		
Warden	Janna M. Morrissey	D
Deputy Warden	Priscilla W. Brackett	U
Clerk	Hannah M. Creed	U
Inspector	Maureen E. Twohig	D

Inspector	Brad Bartlett	U
Inspector	Laureen Guilderson	D
Inspector	James DiPasqua	U

PRECINCT 2

Warden	Joseph Mauriello	D
Deputy Warden	Daune Frey	U
Clerk	Janet Holmes	U
Inspector	Christine Chipman	U
Inspector	Roberta G. Reed	D
Inspector	Diane Hunt	D
Inspector	C. Weston Meiggs	U
Inspector	Dolores Sprague	U

PRECINCT 3

Warden	Tricia Guilfooy	R
Deputy Warden	Andrew McInnis	U
Clerk	Helen Claire Soares	D
Inspector	Maureen C. Mauriello	U
Inspector	Mary Toland	U
Inspector	Thomas Vendetti	D
Inspector	Olympia Allen	U

PRECINCT 4

Warden	Mary Boutin	R
Deputy Warden	Frances Calderaro	U
Clerk	Chistine Favaloro	U
Inspector	Sandra Lootz	U
Inspector	Marie Bouley	D
Inspector	Maureen Buitenhuys	U
Inspector	Edward Valla	D
Inspector	Lauren M. Mello	D
Inspector	Mary Jane Cahill	D

All election workers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The ballot boxes at each precinct were inspected in public by the election workers, found to be empty and a zero tape run. Keys for ballot boxes were presented to the detail police officers for the remainder of the day.

Ballots were distributed to Precincts by the Town Clerk. Lt Wells reported for the detail at Precinct 4 at 7:00 a.m. and remained there until 2:00 p.m. when he was relieved by Officer Brendan Meehan of the Marshfield Police Department. Officer Meehan remained detail until ballots were delivered to Clerk's Office after the close of polls. Officer Norman Harbinson reported for

the detail at Precinct 1, 2, and 3 at 7:00 a.m. and remained there until he was relieved at 2:00 p.m. by Sgt. Timothy Ballinger. Sgt. Ballinger remained the detail and escorted the Ballots with the Town Clerk to the Clerk's Office from the Intermediate School for closeout of election until 8:00 p.m. The polls were declared open by the respective wardens at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the warrant. There were 249 ballots cast in Precinct 1, 173 in Precinct 2, 194 in Precinct 3, and 234 cast in Precinct 4. The total cast in all four precincts was 850 ballots.

The Town Clerk announced unofficial results to the public at 8:00 p.m. and certified the election with the Commonwealth on May 14, 2016.

The Results are as follows:

OFFICE	PRECINCTS				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
SELECTMAN					
(one for three years)					
*Elaine A. Fiore	180	126	147	190	643
Blanks	52	43	41	40	176
Scattered	17	4	6	4	31
	249	173	194	234	850
ASSESSOR					
(one for three years)					
*Donna M. Furio	156	105	138	175	574
Blanks	91	68	56	59	274
Scattered	2	0	0	0	2
	249	173	194	234	850
COLLECTOR OF TAXES					
(one for three years)					
*Caroline Gavigan Wilson	177	119	148	186	630
Blanks	72	54	46	47	219
Scattered	0	0	0	1	1
	249	173	194	234	850

PLANNING BOARD

(one for five years)

Jonathan J. Barnett, Sr.	163	94	132	173	562
Blanks	85	79	61	60	285
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	249	173	194	234	850

S.L. REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(two for three years)

*James F. Lormer	145	92	103	156	496
Eric J. Crone	137	91	124	137	489
Blanks	216	163	161	174	714
Scattered	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	498	346	388	468	1700

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(two for three years)

*Joseph L. Chaves	138	93	133	163	527
Sheila Marie Vaughn	135	94	104	138	471
Blanks	224	159	151	167	701
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	498	346	388	468	1700

WATER COMMISSION

(one for three years)

Matthew R. Sawicki	156	107	136	170	569
Blanks	93	66	57	64	280
Scattered	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	249	173	194	234	850

BOARD OF HEALTH

(two for three years)

*Toni L. Cushman	111	96	95	84	386
*William J. Kavol	89	74	81	150	394

Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	148	84	113	148	493
Blanks	146	92	99	86	423
Scattered	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	498	346	388	468	1700

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(two for three years)

*Spencer E. Clough	144	105	126	165	540
*Cynthia A. Fitzgerald	136	103	119	164	522
Blanks	217	138	142	138	635
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	498	346	388	468	1700

RECREATION COMMISSION

(one for three years)

*Noelle Ballinger	165	115	141	171	592
Blanks	83	58	52	61	254
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
	249	173	194	234	850

SEWER COMMISSION

(one for three years)

*Elaine A. Fiore	147	82	84	118	431
Mark R. Guidoboni	98	84	108	102	392
Blanks	3	7	2	14	26
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	249	173	194	234	850

HOUSING AUTHORITY

(one for five years)

*Annette M. Sarro	72	52	77	145	346
Gretchen E. Emmetts	129	79	87	61	356
Blanks	47	42	29	28	146
Scattered	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	249	173	194	234	850

CONSTABLE

(two for three years)

*Robert A. Short	144	105	114	166	529
Brian J. Graziano	119	91	105	129	444
Blanks	235	150	169	173	727
Scattered	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	498	346	388	468	1700

All supplies, used and unused ballots (sealed in transfer cases), along with Precinct Clerk records and other election materials and equipment were returned to the Town Clerk's Office and locked in the Clerk's vault. A Petition for Recount was requested from Toni L. Cushman but was not returned within the 10 days post-election allowed by law.

The Town Clerk's Office was locked at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted this day, 19 May, 2016
Paul M. Gallagher, Town Clerk

**Town of Kingston
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Primary 8 September, 2016
Election Minutes**

The State Primary Election was held at the Kingston Elementary School for Precinct 1, 2, and 3 and at the Kingston Town Hall for Precinct 4, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Board of Selectman on July 26, 2016 and posted by Constable Robert Short on August 8, 2016.

Specimen Ballots, Penalty and instruction cards were posted at Polls in accordance with law.

The following Election Officers and Workers reported to their respective precincts. Assistant Clerk Diane Poirier maintained an information table at Kingston Elementary School. Ms. Poirier recorded and produced Election results. Ms. Janna Morrissey, Assistant to the Town Clerk was stationed at the Town Clerk's Office to assist voters and monitor Precinct 4.

PRECINCT 1

Warden	Maureen E. Twohig
Deputy Warden	Priscilla W. Brackett
Clerk	Adeine L. Silvia
Deputy Clerk	Roberta Reed
Inspector	Mary L. Hayes
Inspector	Ralph V. Boyns
Inspector	Bradford P. Bartlett
Inspector (Training)	Carol E. Lormer
Inspector (Training)	Barbara J. Chandler

PRECINCT 2

Warden	Joseph M. Mauriello
Deputy Warden	Linda M. Rohr
Clerk	Janet H. Holmes
Deputy Clerk	Diane L. Hunt
Inspector	C. Weston Meiggs
Inspector	Olympia Allen
Inspector	Linda F. Warner
Inspector (Training)	Melissa Froio
Inspector (Training)	Kathryn A. Kennedy

PRECINCT 3

Warden	Tricia E. Guilfooy
Deputy Warden	Cynthia A. Fitzgerald
Clerk	Helen Claire Soares
Deputy Clerk	Maureen C. Mauriello
Inspector	Janet E. Torrey
Inspector	Mary A. Toland
Inspector	Andrew P. MacInnis
Inspector	Sandra F. Boyns
Inspector (Training)	Meghan A. Gagnon

PRECINCT 4

Warden	Mary E. Boutin
Deputy Warden	Frances A. Calderaro
Clerk	Chistine A. Favaloro
Deputy Clerk	Barbara A. Gauthier
Inspector	Maureen L. Buitenhuys
Inspector	Edward H. Valla
Inspector	Gretchen E. Emmetts
Inspector	Sandra A. Lootz
Inspector	Marie B. Bouley

All election workers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The ballot boxes at each precinct were inspected in public by the election workers, found to be empty and a zero tape run. Keys for ballot boxes were presented to the detail police officers for the remainder of the day.

Ballots were distributed to Precincts by the Town Clerk. Sergeant Zachary Potrykus and Sgt. John Bateman reported for the detail at Precinct 4 at 6:00 a.m. and escorted ballots to Precinct Four. Sgt Bateman remained there until 4:00 p.m. when he was relieved by Lt. Robert Wells. Sgt. Potrykus escorted the Town Clerk with Precinct 1, 2, and 3 ballots to the Kingston Elementary School. He remained on duty until 4:00 pm at which time he was relieved by Sgt. Timothy Ballinger, who remained detail until ballots were escorted and delivered to Clerk's Office after the close of polls. Officer Norman Harbinson reported for the detail at Precinct 1, 2, and 3 at 7:00 a.m. and remained there until he was relieved at 2:00 p.m. by Sgt Timothy Ballinger. Sgt Ballinger remained the detail and escorted the Ballots with the Town Clerk to the Clerk's Office from the Elementary School for closeout of election until 8:00 p.m.

The polls were declared open by the respective wardens at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with the warrant. There were 919 ballots cast in Precinct One, 1,100 in Precinct Two, 1,034 in Precinct Three, and 985 cast in Precinct 4. The total cast in all four precincts was 4,048 ballots.

The Town Clerk announced unofficial results to the public at 8:00 p.m. and certified the election with the Commonwealth on September 9, 2016.

Primary Results:

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
DEMOCRATS						
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS						
NINTH DISTRICT						
William Richard Keating		75	59	83	77	294
Write- Ins		0	0	1	0	1
Blanks		9	6	4	15	34
		84	65	88	92	329
COUNCILLOR						
FIRST DISTRICT						
Joseph C. Ferreira		64	46	72	76	258

Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>70</u>
	84	65	88	92	329

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Write-Ins	1	7	6	4	18
Blanks	<u>83</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>311</u>
	84	65	88	92	329

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
TWELFTH PLYMOUTH
DISTRICT**

Thomas J. Calter, III	80	63	84	85	312
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2	4
Blanks	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>
	84	65	88	92	329

SHERIFF

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Scott M. Vecchi	61	47	72	73	253
Write-Ins	0	3	2	3	8
Blanks	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>68</u>
	84	65	88	92	329

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Greg Hanley	66	51	70	74	261
Lincoln D. Heineman	38	40	42	52	172
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>64</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>225</u>
	168	130	176	184	658

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
REPUBLICANS						

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT

Mark C. Alliegro	33	57	51	36	177
Thomas Joseph O'Malley, Jr.	46	65	75	53	239
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>35</u>
	87	129	139	96	451

COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT

Write-Ins	3	19	2	2	26
Blanks	<u>84</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>425</u>
	87	129	139	96	451

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Vinny M. deMacedo	77	121	120	83	401
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>50</u>
	87	129	139	96	451

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Peter J. Boncek	53	70	73	48	244
Michael E. Cowett	28	43	55	35	161
Ian F. Murphy	2	14	7	9	32
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	3
Blanks	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
	87	129	139	96	451

SHERIFF

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Joseph D. McDonald	70	116	120	76	382
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>68</u>
	87	129	139	96	451

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Daniel A. Pallotta	37	61	51	41	190
Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr.	60	91	92	68	311
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1

Blanks	<u>77</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>400</u>
	174	258	278	192	902

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
GREEN RAINBOW						

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

TWELFTH DISTRICT PLYMOUTH

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

SHERIFF

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
UNITED INDEPENDENT						

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

TWELFTH DISTRICT PLYMOUTH

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

SHERIFF

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0

All supplies, used and unused ballots (sealed in transfer cases), along with Precinct Clerk records and other election materials and equipment were returned to the Town Clerk's Office and locked in the Clerk's vault.

The Town Clerk's Office was locked at 11:00 p.m.

Submitted this day, 12 September, 2016
Paul M. Gallagher, Town Clerk

**Town of Kingston
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Presidential Election
Tuesday, 8 November, 2016
Election Minutes**

The State Presidential Election was held at the Kingston Elementary School for Precinct 1, 2, and 3 and at the Kingston Town Hall for Precinct 4, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Board of Selectman on November 8, 2016 and posted by Constable Robert Short on October 17, 2016.

Specimen Ballots, Penalty and instruction cards were posted at Polls in accordance with law.

The following Election Officers and Workers reported to their respective precincts. Assistant Clerk Diane Poirier maintained an information table at Kingston Elementary School. Ms. Poirier recorded and produced Election results. Assistant to Town Clerk Janna Morrissey provided support in the precincts.

There were 9,524 registered voters eligible to vote in this election. Of that 7,734 voters in Kingston cast ballots. 2,551 cast ballots in the new Early Voting process established by the State for bi-annual State Elections. 268 voted Absentee.

Poll workers, duly appointed and sworn;

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2
Warden	Maureen Twohig	Joseph M. Mauriello
Clerk	Hannah M. Creed	Janet H. Holmes
Deputy Warden		Duane Frey
Deputy Clerk	Adeine Silva	Diane L. Hunt
Inspector	Carol Lormer	Kathryn A. Kennedy
Inspector	Barbara J. Chandler	Sandra F. Boyns
Inspector		Melissa Moquin
Deputy Inspector	Sandra A. Fisher	Olympia Allen
Deputy Inspector	Ralph V. Boyns	Linda F. Warner
Deputy Inspector	Jane C. Corr	Melissa Froio
Deputy Inspector	Bradford P. Bartlett	Louise Basile
Deputy Inspector	Mary L. Hayes	Christine Chipman
Deputy Inspector	David McKee	Janice King
Deputy Inspector	Sandra Gallagher	Michelle Mantaiga
	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4
Warden	Tricia E. Guilfooy	Mary E. Boutin
Clerk	Cynthia A. Fitzgerald	Christine A. Favaloro
Deputy Warden	Maureen C. Mauriello	Frances A. Calderaro
Deputy Clerk	Linda A. Rohr	Barbara A. Gauthier
Inspector	Andrew P. MacInnis	Maureen L. Buitenhuis
Inspector	Janet E. Torrey	Lauren M. Mello
Inspector		Edward H. Valla
Deputy Inspector	Meghan A. Gagnon	Marie B. Bouley
Deputy Inspector	Richard Love	Sandra A. Lootz
Deputy Inspector	Lauren M. Casey	Gretchen Emmett
Deputy Inspector	Robert King	Julia Mascio
Deputy Inspector	Roberta Love	Fran Hamilton

All election workers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The ballot boxes at each precinct were inspected in public by the election workers, found to be empty and a zero tape run. Keys for ballot boxes were presented to the detail police officers for the remainder of the day.

Ballots were distributed with police escort to Precincts by the Town Clerk. The following Kingston Police Officers worked detail; Lt. Robert Wells, Sgt. Zachary Potrykus and Officers Michael LaNatra, Laurie Bradley, Jonathon Neal, Steven Berna.

The polls were declared open by the respective wardens at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the warrant. There were 249 ballots cast in Precinct 1, 173 in Precinct 2, 194 in Precinct 3, and 234 cast in Precinct 4. The total cast in all four precincts was 850 ballots.

The Town Clerk announced unofficial results to the public at 8:00 p.m. and certified the election with the Commonwealth on November 10, 2016

The results are as follows:

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016						
OFFICE	PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT						
Clinton and Kaine		849	921	897	804	3471
Johnson and Weld		92	84	112	93	381
Stein and Baraka		24	23	24	13	84
Trump and Pence		792	992	985	810	3579
Write Ins		27	14	31	30	102
Blanks		25	34	30	28	117
		1809	2068	2079	1778	7734
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS NINTH DISTRICT						
William Richard Keating		902	979	951	887	3719
Mark C. Alliegro		580	772	722	537	2611
Christopher D. Cataldo		64	69	83	89	305
Paul J. Harrington		109	113	124	105	451
Anna Grace Raduc		43	27	71	47	188
Write Ins		2	0	1	2	5
Blanks		109	108	127	111	455
		1809	2068	2079	1778	7734
COUNCILLOR FIRST DISTRICT						
Joseph C. Ferreira		1258	1421	1421	1243	5343

Write Ins	16	25	15	9	65
Blanks	535	622	643	526	2326
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Vinny M. deMacedo	1402	1631	1635	1371	6039
Write Ins	9	0	16	11	36
Blanks	398	437	428	396	1659
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Thomas J. Calter, III	1094	1277	1225	1092	4688
Peter J. Boncek	620	702	768	595	2685
Write Ins	3	2	1	1	7
Blanks	92	87	85	90	354
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

SHERIFF

Joseph D. McDonald, Jr.	1030	1282	1324	1056	4692
Scott M. Vecchi	681	690	652	619	2642
Write Ins	1	0	0	1	2
Blanks	97	96	103	102	398
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Greg Hanley	911	1002	1000	907	3820
Daniel A. Pallotta	811	1054	1055	843	3763
Lincoln D. Heineman	380	391	331	343	1445
Write Ins	4	1	6		11
Blanks	1512	1688	1766	1463	6429
	3618	4136	4158	3556	15468

QUESTION 1

(Add'l Gaming License)

Yes	803	756	880	701	3140
No	929	1235	1125	989	4278
Blanks	77	77	74	88	316
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

QUESTION 2

(Charter School Cap)

Yes	649	738	665	588	2640
No	1139	1302	1387	1144	4972
Blanks	21	28	27	46	122
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

QUESTION 3

(Cruelty to Farm Animals)

Yes	1421	1617	1589	1339	5966
No	355	416	464	391	1626
Blanks	33	35	26	48	142
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

QUESTION 4

(Regulate Marijuana)

Yes	968	938	977	842	3725
No	819	1109	1079	907	3914
Blanks	22	21	23	29	95
	1809	2068	2079	1778	7734

All supplies, used and unused ballots (sealed in transfer cases), along with Precinct Clerk records and other election materials and equipment were returned to the Town Clerk's Office and locked in the Clerk's vault. A Petition for Recount was requested from Toni L. Cushman but was not returned within the 10 days post-election allowed by law.

The Town Clerk's Office was locked at 11:15 p.m.

Submitted this day, 11 November 2016

BY-LAWS APPROVED IN 2016

The following Article was accepted at the Annual Town Meetings held on the 2nd of February, and was approved by the Attorney General in a letter dated May 20, 2016: Zoning Warrant articles: 3.

The Official Bulletin was posted by Constable Robert Short at the prescribed locations on May 23, 2016.

The following Articles were accepted at the Annual Town Meetings held on the 11th of June, the 14th of June, and the 21st of June, and were approved by the Attorney General in a letter dated July 12, 2016: General Warrant article: 41, and Zoning Warrant articles: 34, 40, and 44.

The Official Bulletin was posted by Constable Robert Short at the prescribed locations on July 19, 2016.

ADAMS CENTER TRUSTEES

During FY 2016, the Adams Center Trustees established and completed a set of goals designed specifically to increase usage of the Adams Center by the community of Kingston. These goals were as follows:

Goal #1 Increase use of the facility by the community of Kingston:

Under the direction of the Adams Center Event Coordinator, the Adams Center has seen an increase in the use of the facility by the residents of Kingston. Bridal showers, community meetings, workshops and seminars were all held at the Adams Center during FY 2016. Bookings for the Center for 2017 have also increased and we are seeing improved usage at the Center by the residents of Kingston. Residents interested in booking the Center for showers, family celebrations, business meetings can call the event coordinator, Christin Armour, at 781-582-1013

Goal # 2 Increase communication with other boards and committees:

During 2016, the Adams Center Trustees engaged in “cross committee” activities with the Library, the Senior Center, and the Recreational Commission. Working with the marketing coordinator for the Senior Center, the Adams Trustees arranged several concerts by the faculty of the South Shore Conservatory. These concerts were held on Sunday afternoons and featured music from all genres.

Working with the Recreation Department, the Adams Center became the venue for various programs including a Teen Leadership program, Yoga, and Tai Chi. These programs will continue during FY 2017 and if possible expand.

Goal #3 Provide opportunities for cultural programs and cross generational programming:

Perhaps a major goal for the Adams Trustees, this goal has been most successful during 2016. Programs held at the Adams Center during 2016 included: Poetry readings by Bill Alberti, Concerts by The Lindsays, Headin Home, and Stardust Duo; One Man plays by JT Turner including a Robert Frost program and a Charles Dickens program. All of these programs were supported and made possible by funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Sampson Fund.

Cross generational programs provided opportunities for families with young children to also take advantage of this wonderful cultural resource. Family programs included readings by Mrs. Claus during the luminaries, puppet shows for preschoolers, a Mother-Daughter tea, and programs from the Museum of Science.

Goal # 4: Complete the Archival Space and maintain the structural integrity of the Adams Center:

Working with Brad Norman, Tom Bott, and Susan Aprill, the Adams Center Trustees were able to begin the process of bringing the Adams Center Archival space to completion. A policy for use of the Archives was developed and is in process of being approved by the Commonwealth. Once approved, the Frey-Hoeg Archive will be the repository for Kingston's historic artifacts. Final approval is expected in FY2017.

Because the Adams Center is a historic property and is on the national Register of Historic Places, its structural integrity must be maintained to meet identified standards. Working with Brad Norman, structural needs have been identified and a maintenance system is now in place.

The Adams Center is truly one of Kingston's finest historic properties. We encourage use by the residents and we invite everyone to come to our events. Events and activities can be found on our Facebook page – The Adams Center, and on the Town website.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

"...Independent farmers are God's chosen people, if ever he had a chosen people." That is a direct quote by Thomas Jefferson as written in 1787. Given the status of agriculture in the United States today, denominated as it is by

the agro-business conglomerates, no truer commentary can be made. Whereas once the independent family farm was the core of American society, today the family farm is all but extinct. Kingston is no different in its disregard for agriculture. Historically, Kingston's agricultural footprint has been small. Going back to the early 19th century, ship building and ice harvesting had eclipsed agriculture in importance. Having said that, it is worth noting that farmland did represent a significant portion of the total acreage in town. Since the early 1950's, with the opening of Route 3, and again in the 1990's with the appearance of the MBTA commuter rail service, Kingston's farmlands have become a prime target of developers' intent on building houses where ever possible. For that matter, all of Plymouth County since the 1970's has withstood an aggressive assault intent upon devouring farmland and open space. More often than not the expression "farm" is but a disingenuous real estate, "snake oil" gimmick designed to lure potential home buyers to yet another housing development, and/or as an advertising ploy used to deceive the consumer into thinking the products sold therein are produced on local farms. Examples of the aforementioned deception are to be found in every corner of Kingston. We have The Farmhouse Residences, MacFarlane Farms, Tree Farm Estates, and the ever popular Cumberland Farms all referencing agriculture as a subterfuge to capture public attention.

The agricultural footprint of Kingston in 2016 is still small. The town's recorded 31 farms serve to enhance the quality of life within the town, but do not generate much attention from the general citizenry. Furthermore, the majority of these 31 farms are small in comparison to the town's other business activities. The raising of fowl, primarily egg laying hens, is by far the single portion of the agricultural community in Kingston that has grown rapidly in the last two decades. Incidentally, all of these chickens have encouraged a population increase in nocturnal predators like raccoons and fisher cats. Kingston has moved beyond caring about today's independent farmer. Kingston is not alone in its disregard for agriculture. Plymouth County in 2013 had 882 active farms. In 2015 that number had shrunk to a total of 825 farms, a loss of 57 farms. It is doubtful the citizens of Eastern Massachusetts will wake up to the destructive nature of the land developers who circle over and around farms and open space. These "land developers" exemplify vultures looking for prey. Only when it is too late to preserve the land that nurtures the very essence of life in a small community like Kingston will people reflect with nostalgic memory on the open spaces destroyed by commercial development. As a society we have yet to learn humans cannot eat asphalt.

In 2016 the concern of Kingston's government was essentially focused on the commercial business community within the town's borders. For years real estate development has been rampant throughout the town. As citizens of

the town, we have been told there is a need for regulation, supervision, inspection, etc. of that development. Each year the town government petitions town meeting to add yet another part time, essential manager to assist in the administration of the town. Open fields, wood lots, family farms, aquaculture require little government administrative regulation. Developers would pave over our land, and/or erect yet another building on the very ground we once so admired as the heart and soul of Kingston. Anyone with 30 years residence in this town has to be dismayed at the current disappearance of open space. It is a sobering reflection that within the past 20 years at least seven housing residential subdivisions, several of which have additional phases in development, have sprung up in Kingston. Resident owners of undeveloped land receive little if any encouragement from the town to keep their land in its natural state. When was the last time any Kingston official publicly expressed some commendation for the cranberry growers, or aquaculture farmers in town? And yet, these two groups of farmers maintain some of the most scenic vistas in Kingston. Today Kingston is awash in evermore vehicular traffic. The traffic congestion on our streets, especially at the junction of routes 27 and 53, is not generated by farmers. Countless fields and wood lots have been ravaged by developers all in the name of "progress." Is the Town of Kingston any better off for that development?

When will the citizenry of Kingston recognize the value of farmland and open space? Both farmland and open space enhance the quality of life, and the character of the Town of Kingston.

No farms, No local fresh food.

ANIMAL CONTROL

For the period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Calls received: 2311

88 - Dogs were picked up or impounded

72 - Dogs returned to their owners

7 - Dogs adopted out to new homes

11 - Dogs transferred (Purebred Rescues and/or other Animal Control Shelters)

0 - Dogs euthanized

3 - DOA

34 - Cats were picked up or impounded

9 - Cats returned to their owners

17 - Cats adopted out to new homes
0 - Cats transferred (Animal Hospital, Petsmart Adoption Center)
5 - Cats euthanized
4 - Cats DOA

Quarantines Issued: 30 (ten day, 45 day, 6 month)

(18) Dog bites, (2) Cat bites, and (1) Coyote, were reported and investigated.

Collections: Town of Kingston Total = \$2,660.00

Animal Care Fund: Collected/\$5163.69 Expended/\$5,806.61

Spay/Neuter Deposits Collected/\$400 Expended/\$350.00

Community Service Award from EMC Corporation, April 7, 2015: \$5,000
Expended FY-16 \$879.88 Expended FY-17 \$3982.75 Balance = \$137.37

The department is pleased to report during the year we had approximately 275 individuals "walk-in" to the shelter to make donations of food, needed supplies or a monetary contribution to the Animal Care Fund.

The Smart Pak Company of Plymouth donated 400lbs. of dry dog food with a retail value of \$664.00.

The Kingston Animal Hospital provided at no charge, medical services to shelter animals with an approximate value of \$5,400.

The department is staffed by two part-time regularly scheduled Animal Control Officers and one on call as needed ACO. The Animal Shelter operates 365 days a year.

Additionally, we continue to receive the services of 26 scheduled and trained volunteers who assist with dog/cat care, routine cleaning, office assistance, PACTV programs, our Facebook Page, and public relations. Staff meetings were held in April and February.

Other notes of interest:

August The department participated in National Police Night Out.

September Debra and Joanna attended an all-day training seminar @ the Department of Fish & Wildlife in Westboro, MA.

<i>January</i>	<i>MA Veterinary Medical Association Charities approved the application for funds. \$1,000 was paid to the Kingston Animal Hospital for providing urgently needed veterinary services to two shelter dogs.</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Debra Mueller appeared before the Board of Selectman to report the results of the Department's investigations, finding and recommendations at a Dangerous Dog Hearing.</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Debra and Joanna attended the Cape Cod Rabies Task Force meeting in Yarmouth.</i> <i>The Annual Rabies Clinic was held at the shelter, 78 dogs and 35 cats were vaccinated.</i> <i>The installation of a new Panasonic ductless air conditioning unit was completed in the dog kennel area. This expense was funded by The EMC Corporation.</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Debra, Joanna, and Jenna all attended and completed the Animal Control Core Competencies Training course at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.</i>

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the year FY-16 there were 22 reported animal bites (18 dogs, 3 cats, and 1 coyote) either to humans or other animals. As a result, the animals that reside in Kingston were quarantined for suspicion of rabies. They were all released after the ten-day observation period, as there were no signs of rabies. Additionally; 1 bat was sent to The State Laboratory for Rabies Testing and the results were negative.

In addition (4) forty five day "strict confinement" quarantines were issued and (6) six month extended quarantines to dogs or cats. Nine animals were released from extended quarantines, having completed the term and appearing healthy.

The annual census of farm animals was completed. A total of 542 animals were recorded; 423 chickens, 1 donkey, 27 goats, 65 horses, 1 ostrich, 3 peacocks, 7 rabbits, and 12 waterfowl. Thirty-one properties were inspected and the report sent to The MA Bureau of Animal Health, Department of Food and Agriculture.

ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors and staff are pleased to report a very productive and busy 2016. In January, the Assessor's Office began its 18 month Measure & List project with, vendor KRT Appraisal. This project will help correct any discrepancies in the Town's Assessors Property Record Cards and assure that all properties are Measured and Listed correctly for Assessment purposes.

There has been an increase in sales of homes in Kingston this year and the number of foreclosures has continued to decrease. Kingston is currently experiencing the addition of several new developments in town adding to the towns New Growth. We have had the addition of 66 new homes in town for 2016, with more to come in 2017 as these developments continue to build and add new homes to the community.

The Assessor's Office has processed a total of 14 Commitments in 2016 for Real Estate, Personal Property, Boat and Motor Vehicle Excise. The Office has received and processed 706 Motor Vehicle Abatements, 22 Boat Abatements, 572 Building permits, 408 Sales and Property Transfers, 70 Senior 15 Blind and 113 Veteran Exemptions. The office staff continues to go out on inspections on all sales and building permits to keep our records up to date and accurate. Office Staff as well as members of the Board continues to attend classes, seminars, workshops and meetings to stay current with legislative changes that are relevant to assessments and assessing practices.

It is the responsibility of the Assessor's office to maintain real and personal property values to reflect trends in the market. By keeping values at the market standard, the Assessors assist in maximizing the resources available to fund the municipal services expected by residents. Property taxes are the major source of funding for the community services enjoyed by the taxpayers – schools for their children, police and fire protection and the upkeep of municipal roads.

In July of 2016, the Assessor's Office began its Revaluation for the Fiscal Year 2017 tax year with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and the Bureau of Local Assessment. This Triennial Certification process consists of but is not limited to, a data quality review, statistical ratio studies and a valuation review to ensure that proper appraisal methodology was utilized and uniformly and equitably applied to all property.

The Revaluation included a thorough look at the consistency of valuation throughout the whole town. A full field review was done by Vision Government Solutions, as a directive by the Department of Revenue on all residential properties in Kingston. This directive as in addition to the already

required analysis and recalculations of all cost and depreciation tables, land schedules, and value changes that were updated based on 2015 sales and changes in the Real Estate market. During Revaluation, the Town's Personal Property accounts for businesses were also reviewed in detail by an outside vendor, RRC, for appropriate listing and valuation of assets along with the cost and depreciation schedules. This review by RRC added over \$6 Million dollars in value of New Growth to the Town's Personal Property tax roll.

The Town's Commercial and Industrial properties as well as income properties were also reevaluated with an income and expense analysis, the development of the economic rent schedules, capitalization rates and correlation of the values derived from two appraisal approaches to value.

We would also like to congratulate Donna Furio winning her re-election campaign to the Board of Assessors. Additionally we would like to thank Stephen Dunn and Andrew MacInnis for their continued service on the Board of Assessors. The importance of their service to the Assessor's office and the Town of Kingston is most appreciated.

We would like to thank all other Boards, committees, and departments for their continued support and assistance. We would also like to thank the taxpayers of Kingston for their continued support.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Statistics for Fiscal Year 2016

<i>Single Family Dwelling</i>	66	<i>Commercial</i>	41
Garage	9	Swimming Pools	5
Renovation / Alterations	287	Misc.	0
Shed / Barn	3	Mobile Homes	0

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	621
TOTAL EST. CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 41,506,889.63
TOTAL BUILDING FEES COLLECTED	\$ 476,584.67.00

The mission of the Inspectional Services Department is to ensure that the built environment within the Town of Kingston is a safe place for citizens to live, work, do business, learn, worship and find entertainment. The Inspectional Services Department has regulatory responsibility in many areas including land use, construction, zoning, local bylaws, architectural access and the enforcement and inspection on many State Codes and Regulations.

Our goal is to help every applicant and property owner maximize their property use within the codes, ordinances, rules and regulations that we are charged with enforcing and to ensure that any citizen affected is properly protected.

The department also responds to emergency situations involving buildings, public or private and land use. Public and multi-family buildings are subject to periodic inspections to insure safe use and occupancy. The department is also actively involved in all land use and building use proposals. There are several 40B developments in various stages of completion. These single family detached individual lot developments provide affordable and competitively priced market units to Kingston residents and the public at large.

The inhabitants of Kingston and this department are blessed to have the dedicated Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspectors that serve to insure public safety and code compliance. Available daily, ready to respond for any emergency, they exemplify public service at its finest. All inspectors maintain certification through continuing education and are well versed in code changes, latest construction techniques and new equipment and materials.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

TOWN OF KINGSTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 5 YEAR PLAN
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Dept	Project	FY17 Priority	Qty	FY17
POL	Police Vehicle(s) - Ford Interceptor model or similar	4	2	\$ 100,000
POL	2010 Ford Expedition K-9 Vehicle [move to Animal Control]	8	1	\$ 50,000
HRBR	Ford F250 for hauling boats in/out of water, rescue missions, moving equipment, etc. Needed Mar-Oct. [Share with other depts Nov-Feb]	11		\$ 35,500
				\$ 185,500
FIRE	Ambulances - Replace A1 and A2 [3 yr lease + down payment]	1	2	\$ 200,000
FIRE	Generator for Smith Lane Fire Station	2		\$ 45,000
				\$ 245,000
ST&P	Generator for Highway Barn	3	1	\$ 55,000
ST&P	Refurbish 35,000 GVW Dump Truck # H-11 [sandblast, paint, dump bo	9		\$ 64,000
ST&P	Ford Explorer 4WD, V6 [Highway Superintendent]	7		\$ 32,100
ST&P	F-350 4wd w/plow #H-3 [model yr 2003]	6		\$ 40,000
				\$ 191,100
SOLWST	645 HD-d Compactor (Arm system that pushes trash into trailers)	5		\$ 70,000
				\$ 70,000
RECR	Reed & Gray's: Basketball Court Renovations			\$ 40,000
				\$ 40,000
COA	Heated sidewalk extension/Awning to prevent icy entryway	10		\$ 20,000
				\$ 20,000
Grand Total: GENERAL GOVERNMENT				\$ 751,600

Funding Source: General Government	FY17
Departmental Operating Budget	
Chapter 90	
Overlay Surplus	\$ 50,000
Waterways Improvement Fund	\$ 35,500
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects	
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects (Meals Tax)	\$ 248,807
Borrowing or Other	
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	\$ 417,293
Total: GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 751,600

TOWN OF KINGSTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 5 YEAR PLAN
ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Dept	Project	Source	FY17
WATER	Replace Water Main under Elm St Bridge (not under warranty)	SR	\$ 250,000
WATER	Water system study (10yr & 20yr buildout plans to project future needs)	SR	\$ 75,000
WATER	Well site: testing, permitting, etc	SR	\$ 100,000
WATER	System Upgrades (extend Old Orchard to Rocky Nook)	SR	\$ 120,000
Sub-Total			\$ 545,000

SEWER	Replace 2009 Ford Escape w/ F150 Pickup	SR	\$ 36,000
SEWER	PLC & Network Upgrade [equipment no longer supported]	SR	\$ 90,000
SEWER	Replace septage pumps - Jones River Station (1 ea in FY18/FY19)	SR	\$ 35,700
SEWER	Replace septage pumps - Rocky Nook Station (1 ea in FY18/FY19)	SR	\$ 35,700
Sub-Total			\$ 197,400

Funding Source: Enterprise Funds		FY17
Department Operating Budget [OB]		
Borrowing or Other		
Surplus Revenue [SR]		\$ 742,400
Total: ENTERPRISE		\$ 742,400

Funding Source: Grand Total 5 Year Plan		FY17
<i>General</i>		\$ 751,600
<i>Enterprise</i>		\$ 742,400
<i>Grand Total</i>		\$ 1,494,000
Departmental Operating Budget		\$ -
Chapter 90		\$ -
Overlay Surplus		\$ 50,000
Waterways Improvement Fund		\$ 35,500
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects		\$ -
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects (Meals Tax)		\$ 248,807
Borrowing or Other		\$ -
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)		\$ 1,159,693
Total: GENERAL GOVERNMENT + ENTERPRISE		\$ 1,494,000

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

In fiscal year 2016, the Collector's office was committed over 36 million dollars for the 13,646 residents that live in the Town of Kingston. A total of 55,288 bills (an increase from FY2015 of 1,202 bills) were mailed from the Collector's office for fiscal year 2016 for initial mailings of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise, and water bills. An additional 6,052 bills for demand and warrant bills not paid during the initial mailing we also mailed from the office.

As of 11/30/2016, total collected for fiscal year 2016 real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, boat and water charges is 97.46%. Additional money is expected to be collected prior to fiscal year 2017 year end. In fiscal

year 2016, properties totaling \$253,506.63 for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 were put into tax title.

The Collector's office posts payments in Munis and scans checks using the Rockland Trust scanner in office. The Collector files the required documentation for bankruptcies to protect the Town against discharged water/sewer charges. Our office provides customer service to the residents of Kingston including answering questions related to tax bills, sending copies of tax bills, providing sewer betterment balances, and various other requests. Additionally the Collector's office provides service to attorneys, real estate agents, banks and escrow companies and prospective new residents to the Town of Kingston. The Collector's office prepared 687 Municipal Lien Certificates in fiscal year 2016 (decrease of 14 MLC's from FY2015) totaling \$34,390 to the general fund. \$17,753 was collected for additional fees relating to delinquent motor vehicle excise. The 2 totaled \$52,143 which was deposited to the general fund.

This past June, the Collector appointed Kelley and Ryan as the deputy collector for the Town of Kingston. This new partnership with Kelley and Ryan and their online payment system, City Hall Systems, allows residents to pay their bills online, anytime, even if the bill is past due. Bills are now able to be viewed on the Town of Kingston website, giving residents more access to their bills and information on their taxes. Partial payments (except for excise bills) can now be made online as well. The Collector's office has been given resources from Kelley and Ryan to help residents clear past due excise bills and to be able to give residents the information they need to renew their license or register a vehicle. We look forward to expanding our service to the residents and offering more payment options in the future.

It is our pleasure to work for the residents of Kingston. We look forward to another successful collection year in fiscal year 2017 and we wish for all residents' health and prosperity in the New Year!

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act allows any city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt a property tax surcharge for the purpose of expending revenues from this surcharge and state matching funds for the acquisition of open space, for historic preservation, community housing and recreation. Since its adoption in 2005, the town has received \$2,684,663 in state matching funds. In Fiscal Year 2017 we received a match of 20.6% from the State CPA Trust Fund.

For Fiscal Year 2017 the Community Preservation Committee recommended, and the 2016 Special and Annual Town Meetings approved, four projects:

- \$150,000 for the creation and construction of the Silver Lake Integrated School Playground on the grounds of the Kingston Elementary School
- \$90,000 for the restoration and replacement of the playground equipment at the Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground
- \$464,000 for the restoration of the two Kingston Intermediate School Playing Fields
- \$24,774 for the construction of an Off-Leash Dog Recreational Area located on the grounds of the Kingston capped landfill.

During the past year the Committee has helped facilitate the start-up of the Town's Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund so as to allow better use of Kingston's CPA Funds set aside for Community Housing.

While refining the criteria for the CPA funding applications, the Committee has also focused on achieving better accountability of projects funded by the town's CPA, prior to approval, during, and after completion of those projects. To make better use of Kingston's limited CPA fund, the Committee is also ensuring that applicants search for and attempt to acquire supplemental funding outside the town budget to put with Kingston's CPA funds.

The Committee approved a small standardized sign that will go up at project sites that are underway. These should start to be distributed in spring of 2017. These are in addition to larger banner or signs that are required to be posted explaining the projects while they are underway.

The Committee was saddened to lose a long time member, with the recent resignation of Don Ducharme, the Housing Authority's representative on the CPC. Don has been a valuable asset and member of the Committee and we will miss him and his tempered input. We wish him well in his endeavors.

As always, the Committee holds regularly scheduled and posted open meetings to accept and discuss the merits of all applications and to decide upon its recommendations. Public Hearings, soliciting town and committee-wide input for projects, and comments on those the Committee is recommending to Town Meetings are an additional opportunity for citizens, Committees, Commissions, Boards and other groups to voice their opinions regarding such projects. The public is encouraged to attend and provide their input and comments at any of these meetings or public hearings.

Information about the Community Preservation Act, including an application form, may be found on the Town website (www.kingstonmass.org). You may contact the committee via email at: cpc@kingstonmass.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 2016, the Commission was without an Agent for nearly 6 months, however thanks to the tremendous efforts of Brandi Gordon in the Conservation Office, we were able to keep up with the community's most pressing needs until the return of Maureen Thomas, agent extraordinaire, in December.

The Town acquired the Albertini land off of Grove Street in 2016, now known as the Cranberry Watershed Annex, utilizing a combination of Community Preservation Act funds, a Local Area Natural Diversity Grant and a donation from the Sheehan Family Foundation. This effort to expand the community benefits of the adjacent Cranberry Watershed Preserve (CWP) and improve water quality within adjacent Jones River will provide considerable value to the residents of Kingston and beyond in perpetuity. The acquisition of this property was in keeping with the Town's 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plan, which was updated and finalized in 2016. Building off the prior plan and considering the changes in the landscape throughout Kingston since 2008, as well as anticipation of future growth, the 2016 OSRP update provides a definitive plan to achieve those open space and recreation goals and objectives identified by the community through various planning efforts. Beyond these two very time-consuming projects, the Commission received 27 formal wetland filings that required public hearings including Notices of Intent (NOI's), Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA's), Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD's), as well as Requests for Amendment and Extension with the issuance of the various permits and determinations that accompany them. The Commission also issued 5 Certificates of Compliance for completed projects. The Commission and staff worked on other important projects during the year including the following:

- Wrapping up the collaboration with Emilie Wetzl, Wildlands Trust AmeriCorps staff member, to engage and reconnect the public with conservation lands through hikes and trail projects as part of launching a Volunteer Land Stewardship Program;
- Thanks to Brandi Gordon's expertise and diligence, launching the new Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Facebook page to enhance public outreach efforts;

- Collaborating with the new and very proactive Facilities Director, Brad Norman, to increase conservation land maintenance and improve management with the help of the MA Trial Court Community Service Program;
- Working with Streets, Trees, and Parks to install the new parking lot for public access to the Albertini Land;
- Completing the demolition of the barn at Cranberry Watershed Preserve which could not have been completed without the assistance of Commissioner Buz Artiano and friends;
- Facilitating Eagle Scout service projects by Michael Ludwig and Peter Morgan to make great trail improvements to Sampson Park and to create a new access path from Tree Farm Landing to adjacent open space, respectively;
- Welcoming the assistance of the re-energized Open Space Committee on various conservation land initiatives;
- Implementing stormwater best management practices (BMPs) at Shore Drive, Cedar Lane, and Page Avenue under a FY16 Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) grant (\$125,000) and developing preliminary designs for other priority outfall locations;
- Presenting articles at Annual Town Meeting to acquire a permanent easement from Brockton to replace and maintain a culvert for the Jones River and to adopt updated FEMA flood zone maps through amendments to the Zoning By-Law;
- Working with various departments on repairing the winter storm damage of the Gray's Beach revetment;
- Participating with the Kingston Master Plan Update Committee, the Town Planner, and the Planning Board's consultants to update the Master Plan; and
- Monitoring ongoing construction projects for compliance with permits

COUNCIL ON AGING

Thanks to a number of positive factors this past year, the Council on Aging surpassed its aggressive attendance goal and experienced a record of over 50,000 individual activities. We also set records in taking individuals to see their physicians, stores, banks and other locations. Outreach and Shine also experienced new attendance records. It was a busy year and we look forward to even greater results in assisting our community in the future.

Special thanks must be given to our multitasking Director, the front office staff, our devoted and hardworking volunteers and Friends of the Council on Aging for their fund raising efforts. Without this team effort our accomplishments could not have been achieved. Food provided daily and

weekly by the Stop & Shop, Hannaford’s, Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center and Care Works bring many to the center for nutrition although we are not a food pantry. We also cannot overlook the generosity of the Rocky Nook Association which sponsored two weekly lunches as well as many merchants in town that provided food and gift certificates to be given away at various functions. The Police and Fire Departments also lend a big hand by serving our patrons at the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches. Without their help it would be difficult to impossible to get the large number of meals provided by the Friends to the tables while hot.

The prior two fiscal years were especially difficult for us as we had access restricted due to record snowfall keeping seniors sheltered at home, burst frozen pipes in the center as well as sidewalk defrosters which malfunctioned. However, we bounced back and the demand for our activities and community use of the building has been most encouraging. A newly formed partnership with the Library and the “Author Series” has been a great success. Collaborations with other departments such as the Recreation Department, Adams Center, Police and Fire Departments and Veteran’s Agent have expanded the use and importance of our facility. Meetings are also held by the Locavores, Girl and Boy Scouts, Silver Lake Youth Cheerleaders, Finance Committee, Police Station Committee and the Jones River Historical Committee. Grants received from the MCOA and Eastern Bank have enabled sessions to be held in Aging Mastery (2 sessions) , Bereavement (with partner Hope Floats), Fall Prevention (2 Sessions), Walking Group, Live Your Life Well Grant and Age Friendly Strategic Planning.

Expansion of our hours has been a big contributor to the increased usage as we are now open three days a week until 9:00 PM. The number of seniors served by the council jumped by over 43% to 3714 and this total includes seniors from other towns in addition to Kingston. We are truly a community resource.

Some of the important COA statistics for the last three years follows:

	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016
Van Miles Driven	36,845	43 ,791	50,311

Rides	5,355	7,383	8,850
Outreach & Advocacy	395	2,062	3,049
Fitness- Person Count	3,804	3,457	4,232
Activities - Person Count	6,192	5,397	6,404
Number of Activities	73	114	129

As we enter the new fiscal year, our goal is to continue the success achieved in 2016 and encourage more seniors to utilize the facility and programs. With the continued dedication and hard work of the volunteers, staff, Friends and Board we look ahead with enthusiasm and excitement.

KINGSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Kingston Cultural Council's primary purpose is to ensure that Kingston's share of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council is administered fairly and equitably, in the best interests of the Community. During the 2016 fiscal year, Kingston Cultural Council has continued to provide enrichment to our community through grant programs that are offered to Kingston residents to enjoy.

This coming year we are able to grant thirteen out of nineteen requests. The grants are for groups of all ages ranging from reading programs for children to a presentation for the Council of Aging located at the Senior Center. This year we will be able to fund approximately \$5,700.00 in grants.

Our council was able to welcome three new members, with the expiration of appointments our council currently has six members. New members are always welcome! Feedback and input from the community is always welcome anytime. It is our hope the residents of Kingston will continue to enjoy the programs supported by the Cultural Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

About the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is the official fiscal watchdog for a town. Because it is difficult for all taxpayers to be completely informed about every aspect of a town's finances, finance committees were established so a representative group of taxpayers could conduct a thorough review of municipal finance on behalf of all citizens.

In Massachusetts, towns with a property valuation of over one million dollars (such as Kingston) are required to create a Finance Committee per Massachusetts General Law. The law and our local bylaws state that the Finance Committee shall:

- consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the town and shall submit a budget at the annual town meeting
- consider and report upon all requests for appropriations made by the different departments of the town, and make such recommendation for action at the town meetings as they deem to be in the best interests of the town
- consider all matters which involve municipal questions or policies and make recommendations as to these to the Town Meetings

About 2016

The town continues to maintain healthy reserve positions (i.e., free cash and stabilization fund), a strong AA+ credit rating, and excess levy capacity. We have achieved this through several years of conservative fiscal management, strong stewardship, and a lot of hard work. We live in a town that offers high-caliber services, employs a talented and dedicated workforce, and is an all-around enjoyable place to live. We place great emphasis on protecting those qualities and way of life that we have come to enjoy in our community.

Oftentimes people say, let's just get through this budget cycle and we will figure the rest out later. The finance committee cannot restrict our focus to one year at a time. We know that there are significant expenditures, programs and initiatives on the horizon. It is important to discuss them, determine what kind of town we want, and determine what can we afford? Each year it becomes increasingly more difficult to prepare a balanced budget as there are many worthy financial needs across our departments. But we continuously evaluate the desire to expand services against our ability to pay for those services. As we reflect on 2016, we share with the citizens of Kingston, some of our sentiments and concerns that were also presented at the June 2016 town meeting.

Early on in the FY17 budget process (i.e., the current budget year), the finance committee evaluated our available revenues, we took a close look at the impact of prior budget increases authorized by town meeting, and we took a look at our current residential tax burden. We developed a goal and held firm that we would not support taxing up to the full 2 ½ % allowable nor would we support utilizing any excess levy capacity. The finance committee believes in protecting our high quality core services but we remain concerned about the future sustainability of our budgets. We continue to stress the

urgency for the town to actively seek non-residential taxation sources of revenue to defray the cost of our operations. Until additional non-residential tax revenues are available, the year-over-year growth rate in the town budget must be controlled.

Health insurance continues to be a volatile factor in the economy and our local budget. Large cost increases, not under the control of the town, place fiscal strain on our budget. After 3 years of a zero percent increase, the town faced a 15% increase in employee health insurance costs from Mayflower Health Group. Looking ahead to FY2018, we anticipate another double-digit increase as they seek to replenish their reserves and recover from years of holding steady. These increases affect both our taxpayers and our town employees. We have had conversations with town officials about the need to explore other health care options including the state sponsored program, self-insurance options, and a review of the employee/employer cost allocation.

In 2016, the town continued to see new residential housing-starts (e.g., Tall Timbers, Bearse's Way) and the assessors launched a town-wide property revaluation program. This has resulted in the capture of over \$600,000 in new growth to be added to our FY17 tax roll. The finance committee does not view new growth as an opportunity to simply spend more. Rather, we view it as an opportunity to more widely distribute the tax base and conservatively manage our growth.

Is the town growing? Yes. Is the cost of the town's business growing? Yes. But that doesn't mean that we always need to look at a tax and spend approach to expand town services or build new municipal facilities. While our overall financial flexibility indicators look healthy, the finance committee believes that we must better align our home values and our tax bills by controlling our spending increases.

For 2016, the value of an average single family home in Kingston was approximately \$332,000 – placing us in the bottom 57th percentile across the state. In other words, almost 60% of all other towns in the Commonwealth have higher average home values. Yet our average single family tax bill (currently at \$5,845) puts us in the 28th percentile for highest tax bills across the state. More than 70% of the entire state has a lower tax bill than Kingston. This means that we have less equity in our homes yet we pay higher taxes than more than half the state.

This committee has been clear. The town's spending habits, the rate of expenditure growth across departments, the year-over-year cumulative impact of collective bargaining agreements, new staff being added to the

payroll, and fixed costs are all placing pressure on our budget and our taxpayers. Given these concerns about the general operating budget, we consequently cannot support, at this time, the new construction initiatives being proposed due to the financial burden they will present to our taxpayers under the current structure.

It is our hope that the citizens of Kingston will recognize the need to change trajectories, support fiscal sustainability, and work with us to better align our level of taxation and our property values.

We will continue to seek opportunities to gain efficiencies and control costs while providing the highest level of services that the residents can afford. We thank all of the boards, committees, department heads and local officials for working with us throughout the year to manage the financial resources of the town.

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT

It is with great pleasure I am submitting my first Annual Town Report. Upon retirement of the previous Town Accountant, the Town adopted the position of Finance Director/Town Accountant.

The Accounting Department is charged to comply with Massachusetts General Laws for municipal finance and maintain the official financial records of the Town. The department is responsible for processing the payments and payrolls, revenue recording and tracking, maintaining the Town's general ledger, financial reporting for various state and federal agencies, and certifying the free cash.

Free cash, a term used by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, is neither 'free' nor 'cash'. Free cash means the funds available for appropriation during the following fiscal year. Free cash is determined by reducing the undesignated fund balance by all known liabilities. For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016, the free cash has been certified at \$2,709,706, a 9.2% increase over prior year.

The yearend 2016 financials have been audited by Melanson Heath & Co. of Nashua, NH. Additional notes to the general purpose financial statements may be viewed in the office of the Finance Director/Town Accountant.

During the year, a focus of the department was to streamline the budget process and tax rate process, as well as to update and upgrade the financial software to current technology.

I would like to thank Board of Selectmen and all the Town department heads for their support during the year. I would like to thank Angela Kerstein for her valuable support.

KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MISSION STATEMENT: The Kingston Fire Department and Emergency Management Agency will dedicate its efforts to provide for the safety and welfare of the public through the preservation of life, property and the environment. The Kingston Fire Department and Emergency Management Agency supports the mission statement by:

- Being courteous, skillful, professional, resourceful and caring
- Valuing the faith and trust of the community
- Recognizing that the safety of the public is of paramount importance
- Being sensitive to changing community needs
- Recognizing that all members of the public are entitled to our best efforts

I would like to take this opportunity to **Thank** each and every member of the Kingston Fire Department and the Kingston Emergency Management Agency for their dedication, professionalism and detail to duty. Without each of you, these Departments would not be able to provide the citizens with the level of service that they deserve.

Regretfully, this past year saw the passing of retired Call FF and Dispatcher John Brown, retired Call Fire Lieutenant and active KEMA EOC member, Joseph Chaves and retired KEMA EOC member Walter Hoeg. Each of these men contributed greatly to our Departments and their presence will be sorely missed.

In 2016, the Kingston Fire Department responded to 2,419 incidents. There was a total of 1,669 calls for Emergency Medical Services and 750 fire related calls. Encompassed within those calls we received mutual aid from other towns 56 times and gave mutual aid 46 times. This translates to an average of 6.63 calls per day. Our average response time during 2016 improved from 5 minutes and 59 seconds to 5 minutes and 45 seconds. Keep in mind that the accepted national standard is 6 minutes or less. I would also like to share with you another interesting statistic of our operation which is simultaneous calls. The Fire Department responded to 1,003 calls within the 2 or more category, 321 calls within the 3 or more category, 98 calls within the 4 or

more category, 42 calls within the 5 or more category, 17 calls within the 6 or more category and 7 calls within the 7 or more category. These are the calls that all come in during the same time-frame which results in recall of off duty personnel and request for mutual aid. Our total dollar loss due to fire for the Town this year is \$413,000.

Over the past two fiscal years, the Kingston Fire Department has worked to equip and train each member with how to respond to and handle active shooter incidents with respect to our operations. This is a collaborative effort between our Department, the Plymouth County Fire Chief's Association and the Plymouth County Police Chief's Association. As you are aware, Kingston has 7 large school buildings, a regional Mall and an active commuter rail. Our goal is for preparation and training and to provide each member of the Fire Department with the knowledge and ability to serve our citizens.

Through the generosity of the voters, both of the ambulances are being replaced and the new units are being outfitted and will be in service by the time you read this report. These new ambulances were upgraded with heavier duty chassis as well as 4-wheel drive and the appropriate electrical systems to facilitate the new equipment that we are required to carry by the State and National Regulatory Agencies. These two units should serve the Town adequately and reliably for the next seven years. Also replaced this year was the 42-year old, used emergency generator at the Smith Lane Fire Station. Throughout the year, we have also been performing upkeep and maintenance to both stations and are looking forward to continue painting and landscaping projects.

By the time you read this report, the annual Open Burning Season will no doubt be in full swing. This program, as in years past, is governed by the State Department of Conservation and Recreation and runs from January 15 to May 1 each year. This state bureau sets the requirements and regulations for burning, and the Department of Environmental Protection sets the parameters for air quality and when we are allowed to actually burn. Residents are reminded that they are required to have a permit with a number prior to doing any open burning. These permits may be obtained at the Pembroke Street Fire Station. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR AN OUTDOOR PERMIT TO BURN IN KINGSTON.** As a footnote, our residents have been very responsible and adhere to the rules and regulations set forth, to which we are very appreciative.

On the Kingston Emergency Management front, this past year was very busy regarding training, policy, procedures and implementation plan updates to prepare for both the practice and graded exercises that FEMA requires to test our preparedness in the event of an incident at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power

Plant. Once again, the staff of the Kingston EOC received very high marks for their ability and performance during these exercises. It should be noted that for the fourth drill cycle, our organization and Town were free of any deficiency points.

In closing, I would also like to offer my thanks to all of the Departments, Boards and Committees for providing a great working relationship and being a team in order to make Kingston safe and strong on a daily basis.

GAS INSPECTOR

In Fiscal year 2016, 318 Gas permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Gas Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$20,408.00.

HARBORMASTER

I wish to thank my crew: Deputy Harbormaster Francis Ferioli, Assistant Harbormasters David Carvalho, Jon Cazeault, David Heath, Richard Krueger, Jr., and Deputy Shellfish Constable Joe Zolgar. Without their assistance we would not have had such a successful year.

We were fortunate to have 30 volunteers install the floats and docks in April.

The department did 18 tows, due to rainstorm, 2 boats were emergency pumped, and 2 boats sank.

With the help of 32 volunteers the docks and floats were removed in October and all Harbormaster boats were winterized.

Shellfishing had another very productive year. Our seeding program continues with 100,000 soft shell clams at Grays Beach. We have seeded 300,000 at Grays Beach and 250,000 at Association Beach in 5 years. We are managing the seedings by opening and closing areas to maintain stock. We continue to work with the Division of Marine Fisheries to open up approved areas.

I would also like to thank the Selectmen's Office, Police Department, Highway Department, Adeine Silvia, as well as the many volunteers who help throughout the year.

BOARD OF HEALTH

In good economic times and bad, Massachusetts communities depend on strong, effective local health boards to prevent injury and disease and to protect the health of our population. Local Boards of Health carry significant mandates under state law and regulation, including enforcement of state sanitary, environmental, and housing codes.

It is often said that public health “operates in the shadows”. That is, public health boards and personnel carry on their work largely outside of public view, preventing injury and disease and averting health threats that most people rarely think about.

The Board of Health consists of 5 elected members, John C. Breen, Chairman, Joseph F. Casna, Jr., Vice- Chairman, William Watson, William Kavol, and David Kennedy.

The Board of Health is responsible for addressing the health needs of the community. The Kingston Board of Health is an elected board and implements programs, enacts policies that protect the public health and promotes a healthy community in Kingston. The Board of Health serves as the local arm of both the Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. It’s also involved in many areas, some of which include, food establishment inspections and plan review of proposed establishments, weekly beach water quality testing, inspections of summer camps, public and semi- public swimming pools, tanning facilities, body art establishments, and inspections of new construction and repaired Title 5 septic systems. We review all Title 5 Inspection Reports and those which fail inspections, are immediately notified and encouraged to commence repairs. We investigate complaints, nuisances, and housing code violations. We also conduct inspections to ensure compliance with our own enacted regulation regarding Automatic External Defibrillators in Health Clubs.

This is our sixteenth year as full partner in the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program in which the Board receives state funding. The Program enables repairs and installations of septic systems as well as sewer connections.

Highlights of the year included:

- Adopted new tobacco rules and regulations which increased the purchase age for tobacco products to 21 years. The regulations were adopted after careful study with medical professionals and a Public Hearing.

- Adopted rules and regulations prohibiting the sale of synthetic drugs.
- Conducted compliance checks in the spring and fall to ensure compliance with Massachusetts and local regulations regarding the sale, vending and distribution of tobacco products and prohibition of synthetic drugs.
- Held a spring Health Fair in conjunction with VNA of Cape Cod which included screenings for: bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and provided education for: aromatherapy, diabetes and falls prevention.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Kingston Historical Commission is responsible for the preservation, protection, and development of the historical and archaeological assets of our town. Our responsibilities include research on places of historic or archaeological value, educational outreach to the community, building upon the base of historic knowledge already in existence, and establishing long-lasting protection of these resources for future generations.

The Commission continues to work on the nominations of the Hall Property to the National Register of Historic Places due to the significance of the archaeological site, and the Howland Property due to its historical and pre-historical significance.

The Commission has been working with the town's 2020 committee and the Plymouth 400 Committee to help define how Kingston will help celebrate the event. Kingston will have a great opportunity to showcase its many historical structures and locations during this time. The Commission is investigating the creation and placement of unique specially designed and crafted signs noting historic locations and structures. We are in the process of determining the probable location of these signs, and the locations of information signboards. The signboards would include more historic information and illustrations.

Working with all the groups involved in the restoration of the Powder House (now outside the Faunce School), an agreeable site was found for the final restored structure. This building, one of only a few wooden powder houses left in Massachusetts, at one time stored gun powder for Kingston's militia. The Commission was saddened to lose one of its most resolute long-time members to illness: Walter Hoeg passed away in 2016, and his 21 years of work and dedication to preservation will be missed. He was awarded the Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award in 2013 for his

work, a rare honor, and the new archival storage area in the Adams Center is partly named after him.

The Commission has applied for CPA funding to hire a consultant to create a master plan for the restoration, preservation, and long-term maintenance for the Old Burying Ground. This cemetery, that surrounds the First Congregational Church, contains many of the old Kingston "Names", including Major John Bradford who died in 1736. Unfortunately, the condition of many of the headstones and vaults have deteriorated badly with many being broken and unreadable. This project will provide the town with a plan and guidelines in order to make this historic graveyard accessible to the public and ready for those seeking information on their ancestors and the town fathers, as well as provide a detailed plan for the restoration and continued maintenance of the cemetery. The goal is to have the Old Burying Ground ready for 2020 at the earliest, and if not quite ready by then, then in time for Kingston's 300th anniversary in 2026.

Working with the town archivist, the Commission is drafting a new version of the local walking tour, splitting up the old walking tour into three areas. Each new version, although covering less area, will be easier to handle and contain a better description of the places on the tour. We have also been in contact with the "Parting Ways" Museum Corp. of African American & Cape Verdean American Ethnohistory, Inc. and are seeking ways to work with them on educating the populace about the historic Parting Ways settlement, cemetery and archaeological sites out by Sacred Heart High School.

The Commission looks forward to help showcase Kingston Historical Sites and events for these momentous anniversaries.

LIBRARY BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

The Library Building Study Committee was formed in 2014 to study the needs and possibilities and recommend the best solution to the facility deficiencies of the current library building. The Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Board of Library Trustees. Members include one Selectman, one Library Trustee, one Library Staff representative, one representative from the School Department, one Finance Committee member, two citizens at large, and the Library Director, serving as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The Committee is charged with carrying out the work required under a \$50,000 Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Planning and Design Grant endorsed by Town Meeting in April 2014 and awarded in June

2014. The grant was matched by \$7,000 pledged by the Kingston Public Library Foundation and \$18,000 appropriated by Town Meeting.

Through the grant, we hired an owner's project manager and an architect, Oudens Ello Architecture. We investigated the current library location as well as other town-owned sites in Kingston and concluded that the current location is the best place for the library. We compared the pros and cons of new construction versus a renovation and expansion of the existing building, concluding that new construction would provide Kingston with a much better building at not much greater cost.

During FY2016, the Committee made two presentations to the BOS, two presentations/meetings to the Finance Committee, two presentations to the Capital Planning Committee, and held four public forums to present the progress of the plan, answer questions, and get feedback from residents. We also met with the consultants working with the Town's Master Planning Committee.

Throughout this process we worked with the architects to develop a floorplan that would meet the space requirements of the building plan we developed in FY2015. We considered possible exteriors and chose one as the basis for developing a project budget. If the project moves forward, residents will have many chances to help shape the final design.

The new library building is expected to be welcoming, easy to manage and maintain, fully ADA-compliant, with good natural light, a responsive lighting system, good acoustics, good separation of "active space" from "quiet space," with after-hours access for community use. It needs to accommodate study, work, technology and other training, learning, and relaxation. It's a place to read and browse, meet your neighbors, connect with people who share your interests, study, work on projects, and use fast, efficient computers, wireless internet access, and other technology -- a place for a lifetime of learning opportunities.

The Committee presented a conceptual design and estimated project budget to Town Meeting in June 2016. On a strong voice vote, Town Meeting approved the conceptual design and gave permission to apply for a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program grant that would pay an estimated 42.9% of the total project (approximately 49% of the eligible construction costs). The grant is due in January 2017, with award notification expected in July 2017. If the grant is successful, we will return to Town Meeting for approval of local funds. The question would also go to a town-wide ballot vote.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEES

Computers and Internet

The Library continued to provide support to library patrons via drop-in help and Book-a-Librarian services, through which library users can get one-on-one training from staff in using the library's many digital resources. Computers at the Library were in demand throughout the year, particularly by the many residents without reliable computers or internet access in their own homes. The Library also provided an open Wi-Fi network for those who bring in their own laptops or mobile devices. The Library server was replaced in FY2016, making the network of public and staff computers much faster and more reliable.

Databases for all ages

For those who do have internet access at home, the Library's many online databases provided services and information 24 hours a day. Consumer Reports, Mango Languages, and A to Z (a business and marketing resource) saw steady use. Thanks to the Kingston Public Library Foundation (KPLF), we were fortunate to offer residents access to Lynda.com, which offers online courses in a wide range of subjects, free from home or in the library. We also offered the PebbleGo science database for young children and Miss Humblebee's Academy with online learning games for preschoolers.

Electronic books and magazines

The Library continued to add eBooks and downloadable audiobooks throughout the year. Our digital holdings were greatly enhanced by access to the Commonwealth eBooks Collection, which includes many thousands of digital books, music, and videos. Axis 360 and Overdrive are the two most popular and widely used platforms, both available through mobile apps, laptops and desktop computers.

Art Committee, Book Groups, Writing Groups, Author talks, Programs

The Art Committee sponsored monthly exhibits of work from local artists. Our book group for adults met monthly from September through May. A local writing group and the local chapter of Toastmasters also met at the Library on a regular basis. We offered a variety of reading and writing groups for children as well. We continued our fall and spring author talks in collaboration with the Council on Aging and the Kingston Public Library Foundation and brought in some nationally-known authors. We also worked with the public libraries of Duxbury and Marshfield to bring international literary stars Anita Diamant and Alice Hoffman to the area. We continued our South Shore Locavores series and held our second Pie Marathon to make pies at Thanksgiving for families served by the Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center. We took part in Kingston's National Night Out and Green Energy Fair.

We participated in the newly formed Tri-Town FACTS group, an organization seeking to help provide an effective response to the opioid problem that has been so devastating to families in Kingston and surrounding towns.

Summer Reading Program and Children's Services

The annual Summer Reading Program helped kids and families to build strong reading habits and keep reading skills sharp through the summer. The program had a strong STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focus this year. During the summer reading program, in addition to working with Kingston families, we provided services to children enrolled in the Y-Camp and the Recreation Department's summer camp programs. 140 children signed up for the program, and 873 children attended SRP programs.

Throughout the year, Children's Librarian Stephanie Legg and her summer assistant Wendy Ward offered an active program of story times and programs for families and day care providers. We provided services not only to students in school, but also to the large number of home-schooled children in Kingston. We continued to offer STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) programs for younger children, as well as making STEM materials available to families at drop-in programs. Programs featured art, music, robotics, K'Nex, Legos, natural and environmental sciences, math, gardening, storytelling, and more. Once again, a local resident offered free music keyboard classes for children over the summer.

Teen Services

We continued to focus on improving services to teenagers. Staff member Hannele Minsk provided services to teens. Her Youth Advisory Council (YAC), for teens aged 11 to 18, is a dynamic group that holds fundraisers for charities, sponsors fun programs, and advises us on books and other materials of interest to teens. The YAC allows teens to be involved with the Library and to acquire skills in budgeting, planning, and community service. YAC members plan many of their own programs with staff assistance. This year, our teens provided crafts for children at the annual Luminary Display, continued their book group, held a Book Spine Poetry contest and their annual Fan Art contest, took part in writing programs, and held an Edible Art class.

Archives

Our Archivist Susan Aprill provided support for the Jones River Village Historical Society summer exhibit, and for research projects of the Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center, the Kingston Historical Commission, the Kingston Assessor, First Parish, the Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery, and the Trustees of the Adams Center, as well as for many individual

researchers. Work continued on digitizing the Local History collections, with a collection of historical photographs by Emily Drew now accessible online through the Boston Public Library's Digital Commonwealth. Other items can be seen on Ms. Aprill's blog, *Pique of the Week*, linked from the Library website. Digital versions of House Histories for many Kingston homes are also online. We received and processed many donations of historical items. When Tura's Pharmacy closed in 2015, selected artifacts and records were donated to the Library's Local History Room, providing a rich history of this long-running Kingston business. Patrons used the room for researching family and house histories, as well as general Kingston history. We also mounted an exhibit of interesting Kingston deeds and artifacts at the Registry of Deeds in Plymouth.

Planning

Under a \$50,000 state grant supplemented with \$18,000 from the Town and \$7,000 from the KPLF, we worked with the Library Building Study Committee to complete a feasibility study for a new library, addressing the concerns identified by the Library Needs Assessment Committee that concluded its work in 2013. We brought a proposal to Town Meeting in June 2016 and received permission to apply for a state grant that would pay an estimated 42.9% of the total project (approximately 49% of the eligible construction costs). We held community forums, gathered and analyzed data, and met with the Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and residents for input. The grant will be contingent on resident approval of local funding. If the grant is accepted and local funds are approved, residents will have more opportunities for input into the design of the new library.

Friends and Foundation

We worked with the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, who continued their program of book sales and other fundraisers to supplement library services, most notably through underwriting our discount museum pass program. The Friends also fund many programs and small projects. We worked with the KPLF to raise awareness and support for the Library and to enhance Library services. The Foundation once again sponsored a bus trip to New York City in April.

Metrics

Library users borrowed our discount museum passes, which are paid for by the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, 567 times in FY2016. 40 volunteers donated 1,517 hours of work to the Library. There were 77,768 visits to the Library this year, we were open 2,537 hours, we answered 13,948 reference questions, and users borrowed 151,183 items. Our patrons downloaded 732 digital magazines, 3,772 eBooks, and 1,088 e-audiobooks, and 38 online videos. We sponsored 129 programs for children attended by 2,279 children,

and 136 programs for teens and adults attended by 1,958 people. As of June 30th, 4,905 Kingston residents and 640 nonresidents held active library cards.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

On Monday, May 30, 2016, the annual Memorial Day Parade was forced to be held indoors due to a heavy rainstorm. It was reorganized in a short time by the committee and held quite successfully in the Senior Center. At the final meeting, the Chairman for nine years and the Secretary for three years retired. I would like to thank everyone for their help and cooperation throughout my tenure.

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Kingston.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2016.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the seventeen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the 2016 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the 2016 Old Colony Regional Transportation Plan; the FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Brockton Area Transit Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan; the Plymouth Special Events Traffic Analysis and Management Plan; the FFY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities; and, continued participation in the South Coast Commuter Rail Task Force. The Council also provided technical

assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. The DLTA funding was used in such areas as regionalization, including aggregation of electricity, the investigation of water and wastewater, as well as conducting a number of land use analyses, neighborhood economic and transportation analyses. The Council also provided assistance to Plymouth on the Decommissioning of the Nuclear Power Plant, assistance to municipalities in the development of Business Councils and Site finder, and provided a variety of economic development technical assistance as well as Green Communities Designation. The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) during the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, has continued the ongoing administration of over \$1.3 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 96,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 1,350 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 300 issues of concern from residents or families. In Addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. During 2016, the Council processed approximately \$361,000 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

One delegate and one alternate member represent each member community of the Council. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2016, the Council elected Frank P. Staffier, of Avon as Council President; Christine Joy, of Plympton as Council Treasurer; and, Fred L. Gilmetti, of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to the Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Anna L. Seery for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee's Mission: To represent the residents of Kingston to improve our community sense of togetherness, and ultimately protect our natural resources and the value of all of our property. We achieve our mission by increasing the access, awareness, and use of our open spaces, encouraging the maintenance of and support for these many beautiful properties through volunteering and land stewardship opportunities. There is 2,020 acres of open space which is about 15% of the town.

Friend us on Facebook: Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee of Kingston <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonconservationandopenspace/>

Open Space guided programs: To be automatically notified of upcoming programs, please create a free account with the Kingston Recreation website at www.kingstonrec.com:

- **“Take a Walk” programs** – year-round, in 2016 we hosted guided walks at the Cranberry Watershed, Sampson Park, and Camp Nekon / Kingston State Forest (a longer 2.5 hour hike). In 2017 we'll do them again and add Silver Lake Sanctuary, and others. Some of these walks included support from the Wildlands Trust and Americorps.
- **Kayaking / Canoeing** – we are planning paddles on the Jones River and possibly other areas
- **Kingston fishing clinic** – our first annual was held on a Saturday in June 2016, targeting 5-12 year olds at Soules Pond. We had 12 boys and girls and many kids caught their first fish ever, including big mouth bass, perch, pickerel, sunfish, and a painted turtle! Supported by the Water and Recreation Departments, plus Dick's Sporting Goods in Plymouth.

Sightseeing / Walking / Hiking / Off Road Biking (total trail mileages are approximate). Trail maps available at town hall in printed versions and also on the town website as a PDFs, for areas with an “*”.

- **Gray's Beach** – 6.5 acres, 60+ parking spots, includes a grass field, children's playsets, a tennis court and a basketball court (reconditioned in 2016). FYI - Kingston has approx. 2 miles of coastline - much of it privately owned.
- **Town Landing and Pier** (Ah De Nah) river viewing area – 2.6 acres (20+ parking and spots, end of River Street) Easement walkway

connects over to the Bay Farm Open Space by walking Bay Side Lane between houses along hedge), Eagle seen catching a fish with its talons!

- **Stewart / Person Preserve** – Managed by the Wildlands Trust - 27 acres, beautiful 0.6 mile loop trail around 2 ponds including a fish ladder (4 parking spots on Sylvia Place Road off Elm Street (Route 80))
- ***Bay Farm** – great views of the Kingston Bay coastline – 29 acres, 1.5 miles of trails (includes Duxbury's adjacent trails and conservation land) 20+ parking spots. Popular for dog walking. Map available
- **"The Boneyard" Dog Park**, at the Kingston Transfer Station / Windmill, coming in 2017
- ***Cranberry Watershed Preserve and Three Rivers Basin** – approx., 300 acres, 3.5 miles of trails – great mountain biking! (parking 20+, off Route 27 – behind the Silver Lake School administration building, also limited street parking off Grove Street) Map available
- ***Silver Lake Sanctuary** – 93 Acres, 1.7 miles of trails, great views from higher up, plus plenty of walking space when the lake is low (10+ parking spots, off Route 27 end of Barse's Way) Map available
- ***Sampson Park and Faunce Memorial Forest** – 165 acres, 1.6 miles, picnic table (5+ parking spots, adjacent the new Elm Street bridge and the dam (in engineering planning and permitting for removal to allow better fish and herring migration for annual spawning)) Map available
- ***Hathaway Preserve** – 77 acres, 1.3 miles of trails, (15+ parking spots off Route 106 by the bogs OR from 1 of 2 North side entrances (1) at the end of Foxworth Lane off Grove Street (which crosses 3 small bridges built by the Boy Scouts of Kingston)) or (2) at the end of Barnabus Mill Road (follow on the left side of the chain-link fence) Map available
- ***Camp Nekton** - 195 acres (adjacent Smelt Pond), plus adjacent Kingston State Forest approx. 205 acres, = 400 acres, Map available soon.
 - 7 miles of trails and dirt roads (east to west is about 1.5 miles with many variations)
 - A 300 foot "pedestrian access culvert" tunnel for people and wildlife migration under Route 44 at Great Mink Hole

- Monks Hill, the highest point in town, a Fire Tower, manned in the summer by the staff of the Plymouth County DCR
- Accessed several ways, here are directions for each option:
 - “Best access” – Huge dirt parking lot for 20 cars: GPS 117 Monks Hill Road, Kingston. Directions: Drive up Nick’s Rock Road (between the Kingston Collection and the Dunkin Donuts & Mobil) next to TL Edwards dirt piles. At then at the top, bear right on the thin Monks Hill Road and follow down the hill past 117 Monks Hill Road to the parking lot.
 - Raboth Road (a bumpy, dirt road with parking on the sides) enter/exit: (1) at intersection of Pond View Drive and the Forest Street and (2) At the South (Macy’s) end of the Kingston Collection near the parking lot exit stop sign.
 - At intersection of Route 80 at Route 44 bridge
 - Northern side there are several unmarked spaces you can park off-road
 - Southern side, park at the Kingston water department pumping station
- ***Patuxet Park** – 24 acres, 0.7 miles of trails, a scenic viewing bench at the top of a hill, and a bubbling brook, (4+ parking spots at the Cu-de-Sac end of Basler’s Lane on the south end) Map available
- **Carter Preserve and Arbor Hills loop**, 58 acres, 1 mile loop trail, Route 106 across from 143 Wapping Road, 5 parking spots and informational kiosk with a map
- **Christmas Tree Lane** - New in 2016 – 53 acres (yet to be named) under the power lines in the south end of Kingston. Access and parking:
 - Christmas Tree Lane, easement (4 parking spots)
 - Kingston Water pump station on the southwestern side of the Route 44 and Route 80
- **Heinrich Property** – adjacent to Plympton off West Street, limited access, no trails, wetlands
- **Bay Circuit Trail** – FYI – Kingston is at the southern terminus of the 200 mile trail which starts in Newburyport and skirts around Boston Metropolitan Area. It includes our existing trails and uses roadways to connect, it starts at Silver Lake Sanctuary, continues through

Cranberry Watershed Preserve, the Hathaway preserve and Three Rivers Basin, to Sampson Park, through downtown and onto Bay Farm where it then continues up into and terminates in Duxbury

Kayak and Canoe launches:

- **Triphammer Park** on Route 106 (near 26 Wapping Road) at the Jones River, parking for 1 car, possible to kayak 4.5 miles to Town Pier (Ah De Nah) at the end of River Street (requires a portage around the Elm Street dam). Peak water flow is in March with a peak of 55 cubic feet per second and lowest in late summer and early fall with only 16 cubic feet per second (below the Elm Street dam is tidal).
- **Sampson Park** / Elm Street dam, parking for 6 cars, launch below the dam, 3.5 miles to the Town Landing and Pier (Ah De Nah) at the end of River Street (review tides to insure enough water)
- **Mulliken's Landing**, 2.5 acres, parking for 8 cars, off River Street just below Route 3 bridge, a 300 foot path to a Jones River launch, choice to go upstream 1.4 miles to the Elm Street dam or 1.5 miles downstream (tidal) to the Town Landing
- **Jones River Landing / Jones River Watershed Association**, 55 Landing Road, non-profit, membership required (see below)

Fishing:

- **Jones River**, in the tidal areas of the river, white perch, striped bass, white flounder, bluefish, sand tiger sharks, and snapping turtles
- **Sylvia and Russell Ponds, at Stewart / Person Preserve**, Sylvian Place, bass, perch, pickerel
- **Soules Pond**, off Elm Street, stocked with rainbow trout by the Mass DCR every spring
- **Smelt Pond**, 50 acres, public access shoreline, end of Monk's Hill Road past Camp Nekon
- **Muddy Pond**, 49 acres, privately owned by the Sisters of Divine Providence

Conservation interests:

- **Jones River Watershed Association (JRWA)**, annual membership \$50 per individual and \$75 per family, with access through the Jones River Landing to the river www.jonesriver.org
 - Elm Street dam removal to restore herring and other fish migration and spawning

- Silver Lake and Tri-Basin restoration initiative for ecological protection and reconnection of Silver Lake as the headwater of the Jones River. Restoration of water levels and fish migration a major goal.
- Cape Cod Bay ecological protection & clean-up and proper decommissioning of Pilgrim Nuclear Power station.

Volunteers Needed! Please email us at openspace@kingstonmass.org or contact Maureen Thomas

- Become a land steward! This means walking a town trail / property periodically and reporting to the Open Space Committee any needs for maintenance or cleanup.
- Spring of 2017, build a pedestrian bridge over the Jones River in the woods off Lake Street
- Volunteer project completed in 2016, Christmas Tree Farm Landing, Eagle Scout Peter Morgan led the building of a path connecting Christmas Tree Farm Lane to 53 acres of land donated to the town

Kingston's Open Space and Recreation Plan and 191-page report was updated in 2015 and we encourage you to review it online at: www.kingstonmass.org The report is written in easy to read format and includes 30 unique maps, tables of data, inventory of lands, educational information, community vision, and a seven year action plan.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month in Room 200 in the Kingston Town House and consists of five members elected for five-year terms and one associate member appointed to a three-year term. Thomas Bouchard is the Board's Chairman, Bob Gosselin is the Vice Chair and Susan Boyer is the Clerk who along with David Gavigan Jr. welcomed new member Jonathan J. Barnett, Sr. Joe Casna serves as Associate Member.

This year saw the retirement of Mike Ruprecht who had served on the Board since 1998 for 28 years as the Vice Chair, Clerk and most proudly as Member at Large under six different chairman including recently retired Building Inspector Paul Armstrong. In addition Mike served on the Planning Study Committee in 1993, Master Plan Committee from 1995 to 1997, and the Master Plan Implementation Committee for 11 years, from 1998 to 2009. Mike also served as a local inspector in the Building Department, the Police

Station Study Committee and the Police Station Building Committee. No pressure Jonathan.

The Board and the Planning Office welcomed Mary Stearns in a newly created position of Department Floater replacing the Department Secretary position. Mary is based in the Planning Office but works in multiple departments as needed. In her brief time on the staff she has made quite an impact for the Town in the Planning Office and at Planning Board meetings as well as assisting with the Master Plan and helping with the Town's affordable housing efforts.

The Planning Board addressed 7 ANR plans, 7 Site Plans, 5 Special Permits, 1 Subdivision plan this year.

The Town continues the Master Plan update this year. The Town's Master Plan which was last completed in 1998, is a comprehensive policy guideline that uses various measures to see where the Town is today. Those involved with the implementation of the Master Plan seek input from citizens, departments, boards, and commissions on where and what the Town would like to be. The completed plan will include a tool box of ideas and strategies which will be used to achieve the identified goals in the plan. Planning doesn't stop with the completion of the Plan. Goals, policies, and actions in the plan will help direct growth and governance of the Town over the next ten to twenty years.

Members of the Master Plan Committee are Paul Basler; Infrastructure, Susan Boyer; Planning Board, Matthew Capozzi; Open Space, Elaine Fiore; Board of Selectmen, Rick Grady; Business Community, Christian Hoffman; Historical Commission, Joe Casna; Board of Health, Gary Langenbach; Open Space Committee, Mary O'Donnell; Citizen at Large. Thomas Bott; Town Planner and Maureen Thomas; Conservation Agent both serve as Ex-Officio members.

The Master Plan Committee and Planning Board have been working with Brovitz Community Planning & Design, Dodson & Flinker, and Nitsch Engineering and Principal Group, on gathering information and public input for the Master Plan. Conceptual Plans from the Design Charrette and Results of the recently completed Master Plan Survey can be found on the Master Plan website. http://www.kingstonmass.org/index.asp?SEC={BE258E1D-48A9-4E1D-9D0D-1E5506FA4ADE}&Type=B_BASIC&persistdesign=none Ideas from the public were welcomed by contacting the Town Planner or Ted Brovitz at Brovitz Community Design. (ted.brovitz@gmail.com). Additional public meetings are planned in the future.

We recently completed our most complex and challenging project to date; replacing six rooftop HVAC (heat ventilation air conditioning) units at the Kingston Elementary School prior to the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. Thanks to the collective efforts of MacRitchie Engineering; Enterprise Equipment; Kingston Elementary staff Principal Paula Bartosiak and Head Custodian Steve DeFelice in particular; Steve Di Giacomo of Energy Management Associates and the Town's Acting Energy Manager the project was completed on time and under budget. Funding for the project was provided by several Town Meeting votes repurposing existing funds and \$175,000 from the Town's fourth Green Communities Grant.

The replacement of the rooftop units for Wing C were identified as an energy conservation measure (ECM) in the initial Green Community energy assessments in 2010. The estimated cost of \$550,000 would provide \$29,850 in annual savings with a seventeen (17) year payback on the cost that included \$36,250 in NStar rebates. Green Community grants, capped at \$250,000, wouldn't pay for the entire project so the Town pursued other ECMs, including recommission the energy management system at Kingston Elementary School (KES). The purpose of the recommissioning was to integrate the various heating and cooling systems added over the years as the school expanded. The Recommissioning in 2010 cost \$96,506 funded by grants and rebates but produced an estimated \$84,226 in annual savings with a payback period just over one year.

After spending \$119,000 in repairs in one year on the system the project changed from an energy conservation measure to an immediate need to replace the thirty year old units on the roof. Fast forward through a couple of engineering firms and the hiring of MacRitchie Engineering to February 2, 2016 when Town Meeting voted to approve an addition \$825,000 to increase the funds available to \$1.6 million.

During the course of the project there were three minor change orders that included replacing damaged duct work discovered during duct cleaning. Working with Eversource during the course of design and replacement the Utility funded Energy Management Associates to do intensive energy audits of both KES and Kingston Intermediate School. The audits valued at about \$12,000 per building produced changes to the design of the project that would net addition energy savings. Eversource issued the Town a \$75,852 rebate for the additional conservation measures, EMA also identified additional saving in Wing A and Wing B of KES. That work produced another utility rebate for \$18,264.40 for the \$29, 091.60 demand control ventilation upgrades. Proceeds from the rebates for Wing C funded the out of pocket expense for the upgrades in Wing A and Wing B.

The energy audit for KIS is being completed and will be the basis for the next round of Green Community Grants in spring of 2017. To date the Town had received \$697,387 in grants and \$297,554 in utility rebates to produce an estimated \$196,707 in annual savings. Annual savings, the gift that keeps giving.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

In Fiscal year 2016, 235 Plumbing Permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Plumbing Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$25,907.00

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The role of the County of Plymouth Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff on behalf of Plymouth County residents to provide valuable information in one of Extension's four major program areas: '4-H Youth and Family Development'.

The Extension System is supported by mainly County funds and supplemented with Federal (USDA) and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as The County of Plymouth Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

County of Plymouth Extension Highlights FY 16:

Hort Notes is the UMass Extension Newsletter for Green industry professionals and is published bi-weekly from March through October, for Green Industry professionals. Approximately 800 MA green industry businesses and municipalities subscribe to Hort Notes, including 53 in Plymouth County.

The Plymouth County Extension office continues to be a local resource to commercial fruit and vegetable growers, farmers and commercial turf professionals, providing a local and regional link to the UMass agricultural network.

County of Plymouth Extension 4-H Program

Plymouth County Extension 4-H program reaches over 8,000 youth annually by educational outreach through the 4-H program in Plymouth County. The

Plymouth County Extension 4-H Program has a variety of ways that youth are reached including traditional 4-H clubs, school enrichment programs, after school programs and collaboration with community organizations.

The Plymouth County 4-H program is guided by the involvement of three volunteer advisory groups comprised of Plymouth County volunteers. All three councils receive oversight and board training through the Plymouth County Extension 4-H office.

Board of Trustees:

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Molly Vollmer, Director/ Extension Educator, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Valerie Schell, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Cathy Acampora, Administrative Assistant

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The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 (781-293-3541; fax: 774-773-3184).

PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2016.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2016 season began dry with a low water table, dry conditions increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. We ground larvicided 4,600 acres and aerial larvicided 15,432 acres and this was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of

mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1, 2016 and ended on September 9, 2016. The Project responded to 13,775 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has developed an “Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan” for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the “Low Level Risk” for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are pleased to report that in 2016 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There were 3 pools of mosquitoes found to be infected with EEEV. They were in the following towns: Kingston, Middleboro, and West Bridgewater.

West Nile Virus was not found within the district. All towns within the district remained at the “Low Level Risk” category for West Nile Virus. We are also pleased to report that in 2016 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County Mosquito Control district. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 47,391 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

In conjunction with the MDPH we began a trapping program to monitor *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. *Ae. albopictus* is an introduced mosquito that has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in the Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. In mid-summer the mosquito was detected in the District for the first time. We think the population is small, but expect the mosquito to spread. As a result, we plan to expand our *Ae. albopictus* surveillance program.

The figures specific to the town of Kingston are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Kingston residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Kingston 442 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 3,722 catch basins were treated in Kingston to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 1781 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2016 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3875 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Culex pipiens/restuans*. In the Town of Kingston the three most common mosquitoes were *Cq. perturbans*, *Oc. abserratus* and *Cs. melanura*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

KINGSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Kingston Police Department enjoy and embrace the relationships we have created with the community. Officers know that we cannot accomplish our law enforcement responsibilities or carry out our mission without our community's support. Policing is only effective if it takes direction and input from its community members while operating in an open, fair, just, and Constitutional manner.

The department welcomed the addition of Robert P. Allen and Steven C. Berna as police officers. Both graduated the Plymouth Police Academy in September.

In 2016, police, fire, and school stakeholders worked as a team and met quarterly to evaluate the emergency protocol and response plans at the schools. It was decided early on that collaboration, coordination, and careful planning are the best ways to ensure that the schools are safe places to learn. The revised emergency protocols included the incorporation of several components of the ALICE program. The ALICE program empowers the school staff to make life saving decisions in the time of crisis. Several Kingston Police Officers received certified ALICE instructor training through MIAA, the town's insurance provider. The officers then participated in the schools' professional development training day and instructed the staff on response techniques in an active shooter situation. Children will not thrive in an academic environment if they don't feel safe and teachers will not feel confident in an emergency situation if there is no action plan.

The police department held an active shooter demonstration drill at the vacant Sears building located at the Kingston Collections. The drill was attended by nearly all of the police and fire departments located within Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable Counties. The purpose of the drill was to assess the department's planning and preparedness for such an event. As a result, the participating police and fire departments now have a standardized plan that has been adopted as the model for all communities located within Southeastern Massachusetts.

The department continues our strong community policing initiatives. We held our biggest and best National Night Out ever. The event has grown leaps and bounds that it necessitated the move to the campus of the Silver Lake Regional School District. The event has become a regional destination. Thousands of people from all over the South Shore and Cape Cod come to Kingston on the first Tuesday of August to positively interact with public safety personnel. In December, department members enjoyed our yearly tradition of serving our senior citizens a Christmas Dinner at the Council on Aging. Throughout the school year, Officer Marshall interacts with students at all levels. He recently instituted a ride-along program for high school students who have expressed a desire in a law enforcement career.

The abuse of and addiction to opioids such as heroin, morphine, and prescription pain relievers is a serious problem that affects the health, social, and economic welfare of communities. In response to this epidemic, the department has established itself as a 24 hour prescription drug drop-off

point. The development of a prescription drug disposal program allows for a safe and more environmentally sensitive means of disposal of unused or expired medications. Residents may drop such medications in a secure drop box in the lobby of the police station anonymously at any time during the day or night. Disposing of unused or expired medications through this program will ensure that those drugs do not end up in the wrong hands and that their disposal occurs in an environmentally safe manner.

In October, the Kingston Police Department joined Project Outreach. Project Outreach is a collaboration of agencies from public safety, public health, social services, and law enforcement whose common goal is to work cooperatively to address and reverse the impact of opioid addiction. It is well established that we cannot arrest our way out of this public health crisis, the elucidation will require a community effort. Police departments, hospitals, social workers, and treatment centers all need to work together to render effective and efficient services to the many individuals suffering from the disease of addiction.

Highly publicized issues and events during 2016 kept the Kingston Police Department focused and determined on keeping our community safe. The opioid epidemic and mass casualty-active shooter events demonstrate the need for community problem-solving and partnership building. Law enforcement cannot solve these problems alone.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

www.kingstonrec.com July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2017

MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT: The Kingston Recreation Department's Mission: ***"Building and enriching our community by working together and creating community opportunities"***

Primary Responsibilities: Included in the department's responsibilities, but not limited to, is recreation program development and management, property management and maintenance, and community relations. The Recreation Department manages the use of all the athletic fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts under the Recreation Commission jurisdiction. The Recreation Department maintains the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission, including the Reed Community House and grounds; 9.51 acres, including sports fields, a playground, two tennis courts & basketball court, Gray's Beach Park; 6.50 acres, which includes a basketball court, tennis court, concession building and bathrooms, and playground, and the Opachinski Athletic Field Complex; 46.15 acres (22 acres of field), which includes 11 sports fields , 2 basketball courts, concession/restroom building, announcer building, and multiple storage sheds. The Recreation Department

manages contracts & oversees the contractors for the field turf management (fertilization, aeration, slice seeding), mowing and weed whacking, pumps, wells, and irrigation systems. Staff manages billing for programs, instructors, and contractors. Staff manages, designs, and implements the yearly summer program for more than 650 participants, grades K – 6; and a KRec Extreme Summer program for grades 7 - 9. The Recreation Department staffs and manages Gray's Beach Park with a Waterfront Director, and lifeguards for the summer months, Sailing Director and Sailing Instructors, and more than 50 staff for the Summer Playground Program. The Recreation Department also manages the contractual agreement for Gray's Beach Concession Stand and the use of the Reed Community Building by community groups, and assists with the Adams Center as needed.

The Recreation Department manages and implements over 300 programs annually such as "56 Club" parties, Lego Clubs, Playgroup, Special Needs Programming, Science & Art Programs, Archery, Movement and Rhythmic Music, Tennis, multiple summer week-long clinics; and a Summer Playground Program. Adult programs include, but are not limited to: Yoga, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Volleyball, Art, CPR Classes, Pilates, Grandparent & Grandchild and Family programs, and Movie Nights at Gray's Beach Park.

Special events include Halloween Parties, Luminary Holiday Activities, Dance Recital, Pizza Bingo, and Egg Hunt. The Recreation Department designs and manages the marketing and promotion of all programming and Recreation Department information, and manages the website (www.kingstonrec.com), department Facebook page, and Twitter, to better serve the public. The Recreation Department is always seeking ideas for new programs and classes. Please submit ideas to the Recreation Department, 33A Summer Street, Kingston, MA 02364 or feel free to call 781-585-0533.

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increase in recreation programs being offered – program offerings 311
- Increased number of website accounts – 1,802 total accounts; Increased number of members – 4,538 total
- Increased number of registrations - 5,065 this past year
- Property Management Team efforts - includes Recreation Department, Facilities Department, Streets, Trees, and Parks Department, and the Conservation Department
- Stronger interdepartmental relations to enhance collaborative efforts for projects/programs. Collaborative. Programming efforts in conjunction with the Kingston Public Library, and the Council on Aging.

- Development of Emergency Notification System in conjunction with the Fire Chief and the Council on Aging Director
- Enhanced Athletic Complex turf management, irrigation, and overall complex operations
- Initiating/Researching Grant/Sponsorship opportunities for programming and projects
- Proposal and Management of Community Preservation and Capital Planning Project(s):
 - Construction of 2 basketball courts
 - Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground Rehabilitation
 - Rehabilitation of 2 basketball courts
 - Gray's Beach Park Retaining Wall Project

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee met several times during 2016 to review statistics on the trash and recycled material volumes reported for the Kingston Recycling Center and Transfer Station. Assistance was provided to the Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks in recalculation of the proposed 2017 budget for this operation after 2016 expenses exceeded the original budgeted amount.

Members of the committee worked with the various town departments involved with record keeping and retrieval of information regarding number and type of stickers sold to use the facility at 10 Cranberry Road.

After much discussion and investigation, the Recycling Committee presented information sessions on a Pay As You Throw program prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting on June 14 declined to approve a Pay As You Throw program. The Committee wishes to thank the staff of Waste Zero and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative for their assistance in analyzing and preparing material for these meetings.

A professional recycling display was installed in the main entrance to the Town House and new recycling bins were installed on both floors of the Town House. A special thanks goes to the Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks as well as the Town Administrator and Facilities Manager for their assistance with both activities.

On September 20, 2016 the Board of Selectmen approved the committee's request to change the name of the Transfer Station to the "Kingston Recycling and Disposal Center".

New Burma Shave-type signs were installed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station that say “Kingston Saves Tons by Recycling – Your Children Will Thank You”.

The Committee was successful in their effort to have the Board of Health agree to adopt regulations requiring private trash haulers to provide recycling services.

The Committee Chairman applied for and received a \$30,000 grant to help improve recycling at all six schools in the district. The Committee continues to look for opportunities to work with local government departments to assist with their recycling efforts.

The Committee continues to discuss methods to improve the percentage of recycling diverted from the trash and lower the amount sent to the Wareham incinerator. An Earth Day event is being planned for April 2017 as well as a public information campaign to increase the public’s understanding of the mechanics and benefits of recycling.

RENT CONTROL BOARD

On December 30, 2015, the Rent Control Board voted to accept the withdrawal of the petition for an increase by the owner of Town and Country Estates thus concluding a lengthy hearing process. In 2016 the residents of Town and Country Estates began moving forward with the resident purchase of the park and are in the process of negotiations.

There being no petitions or applications submitted for the year 2016, the Rent Control Board held their annual meeting on July 27, 2016. Joseph F. Casna, Jr. was voted chairman and Peter A. Dansereau was voted vice chairman. The Rent Control Board stands ready to serve as needed for the citizens they are appointed to represent.

KINGSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Town of Kingston, Massachusetts
Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Erica Devin, Chairman	Term Expires 2017
Mrs. Sheila Vaughn, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Mr. Eric Crone	Term Expires 2017
Mr. Michael Gallagher	Term Expires 2018
Mr. Michael LaNatra	Term Expires 2017

The Kingston School Committee meets at 7:00 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mrs. Joy Blackwood	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Christine Pruitt	Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Marie Grable	Administrator of Special Education
Mrs. Leslie Erikson	Assistant Administrator of SpEd
Ms. Christine Healy	Director of Business Services

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving and Good Friday.

NO SCHOOL announcements will be broadcasted on radio stations WATD (95.9 FM) and WBZ (1030 AM) and on television stations WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5), WHDH (Channel 7), WFXT (Fox 25) and WLVI (Channel 56) between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joy Blackwood, Superintendent of Schools

The Silver Lake Regional School District and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union 31 serve the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. The four school districts work cooperatively to best meet the needs of all our students from preschool through grade 12. Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners has been the focus of professional development and training throughout the school year.

There have been a couple of administrative changes in district. Jim Keefe is the new Assistant Principal at Kingston Elementary School and Leslie Erikson is the new Assistant Special Education Director. We all look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in programming and academics within our schools.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools 17 new teachers were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed 14 new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements and resignations. We thank our retiring staff for their years of dedication to

our students and welcome our new staff to a wonderful community of learners.

The schools benefit from the assistance of the many parent groups and classroom volunteers who help to provide our students with learning opportunities that are not funded in the budgets. These groups are instrumental in providing enrichment opportunities including field trips to our students.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton in providing excellent educational and cultural opportunities for our students. The ongoing dedication and care provided by the administrators, professional staff and support staff to the students in their care is to be commended. My goal as Superintendent of Schools is to continue to provide our students with the highest quality education possible as well as a multitude of opportunities in the arts, on the playing fields, in technology, as well as in the vocational fields. Thank you for the support provided to our students and staff.

KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Paula J. Bartosiak, Principal

In July of 2016, I began my eleventh year as principal of the Kingston Elementary School. During this past year we have continued to incorporate more technology in the classrooms. Each classroom is equipped with an LCD projector and an iPad for the teacher. We added six iPad carts for the students to utilize as teachers move to implementing 21st century teaching and learning experiences with the students. We have a low population of English Language Learners (ELL) however having the opportunity to use the iPads to reinforce their newly learned vocabulary is a great opportunity for them. We are also using this tool to help with translations in meetings with the English Language Learner families. Our two Computer Lab (Dells) have been updated with various software to enhance the learning experiences and challenges our students face with each new concept they engage in learning. Yes, teaching and learning has gone beyond using textbooks. We have people to thank for giving our students the opportunity to use technology to enhance their learning. First and foremost we thank our Kingston Community, the Kingston Foundation for Education, and the Kingston Parent teacher Organization for helping us to purchase these materials.

The district as a whole is learning more about the Inclusive Practices model for our general education students. We have provided and will continue to provide training to both the administration and teaching staff. The goal is to

be sure we reach all students and include all students in our classrooms and meet their individualized needs.

We are in our second year of using the STAR Assessment for both ELA and Math in Grade 2 as an online assessment. Our first grade and kindergarten are using the DIBELS Next reading assessment. The data is indicating that our students are making great gains. 86% of our second grade students at the end of 2016 were reading on or above grade level. We attribute this to both our classroom instructional experiences and our Response to Intervention (RtI) support program. Our reading interventionists and special education teachers continue to provide quality instruction on targeted skill areas with our students. The staff then uses progress monitoring to determine the level of success each student has achieved. Our students have been demonstrating great success with those targeted skills as they receive this RtI five times a week in addition to the regular classroom teacher. We will continue our efforts here as it has proven to be successful with our students. That is what is important to our staff; having students become successful learners!

Our school has purchased a new interactive science program (Pearson) that reflects the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). We have also purchased a new phonics program called Foundations. Students will be engaged in working with the latest researched based material to support their literacy learning.

STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) continues as a developing initiative at KES. The art teacher (Melissa Kowal), the music teacher (Laura McQuade), and the physical education teacher (Mike Joyce) continue to work at implementing STEAM lessons with our students. The motivation and engagement we observe from our students in these hands on lessons has been amazing. What our students are learning as well as how they are learning, is impressive! This is an area we would like to continue making improvements in the coming years ahead. It aligns with the 21st Century Learning.

This is our third year incorporating the Lucy Calkins writing series. It reflects the latest research on data-based, responsive instruction. The students learn about the three genres of writing: Narrative, Informational, and Opinion. The students are motivated to learn and the teachers bring excitement to the lessons as they continue to use their best and creative strategies. Our students are showing some great progress in their written communication skills.

Last year and into this year, we are placing some focus on social and emotional learning with our students. We have implemented a social and

emotional learning program called PATHS (Positive Alternatives Thinking Strategies) in conjunction with our behavior intervention team: Ms. Kaitlin Mendall, BCBA, Mrs. Shannon Borgesen, part-time Adjustment Counselor, and Mr. Brett Bolger our School Psychologist who visit our classes to support the students as needed.

All students received the information in their Parent/Student Handbook outlining the definition of bullying and the procedures in which one would go through if they felt they were a target or victim of a bullying incident. These procedures align with the state law that now exists. Children are being educated on what constitutes a bully and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. We have worked with a team from Bridgewater State University under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, to work with our second grade students to know how to handle themselves in these situations.

Our professional staff continued their work on aligning their daily lessons to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. An emphasis on rigor into the instructional practices of our teachers dominoes into higher expectations for our students and will continue to remain the focus. However, the expectation that our parents and our community have for us remains; to deliver quality instruction by highly qualified teaching staff. And so we do!

It is an extreme pleasure to work with Jim Keefe, Assistant Principal of KES. Mr. Keefe joined our team in August of 2016. It continues to be a pleasure to work alongside with the Principal of the Kingston Intermediate School, Dr. Lisa McMahon and KIS Assistant Principal, Mike Bambery. Together our goal has been to make good decisions about the education for our students and provide the teachers with the tools to do so. It also affords us the opportunity to align our best and keep good communication between the two buildings.

As the KES principal, I will continue to work in the best interest of children. Our theme here will remain Children First. With the exceptional group of professionals that we have at KES, they bring the highest quality of education to our students. As I have said before and continue to state, "Kingston is a great place to be!" Thank you.

KINGSTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Dr. Lisa A. McMahon, Principal

The Kingston Intermediate School began its seventeenth year in September with an enrollment of approximately six hundred students in grade three through six. Our classes average between twenty-one and twenty-three

students throughout our twenty-eight regular classrooms. In addition, we house three Silver Lake Regional School District programs and one Pilgrim Area Collaborative classroom. These students are integrated for academics and special subject areas. All students receive instruction in technology, general music, art, physical education and library sciences. We offer chorus to students in grades 4 through 6 as well as ukulele and recorder during general music classes.

Our staff continues to pursue professional development as it relates to our school-wide achievement and social goals. The Kingston Intermediate School staff along with our district sister schools continue to revise and improve our instruction. Our curriculum goals focus on the Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks as our guide. In addition to recent adoptions of writing, reading and math programs we are implementing a new science program in all grade levels. New technology continues to be added and utilized, specifically interactive whiteboards, document cameras, additional mobile Chrome carts, Google applications and numerous on-line resources to enhance and enrich the learning experiences for all students. The two computer labs housed at KIS provide all our students with increased opportunities to develop their technology skills while addressing curriculum standards and new on-line assessments including MCAS 2.0 (new in 2017). We are grateful to our community for the continued support and contributions made to enhance our technology program.

Our High Five Program continues to support our school and community needs. Our school was honored once again by *Pennies for Patients* for the successful collection during our annual charity drive. We are very proud of our students, staff and families for their continued support of community goodwill.

The Kingston Intermediate School Student Council continues to provide student leadership and community outreach in its third year of existence. This year the students elected to participate in “The Great Kindness Challenge” which will be held in January 2017. Our students and staff continue to demonstrate their dedication towards embracing and encouraging a kinder school community.

Once again the students and staff of Kingston Intermediate School benefited from the strong support of our KPTO, Kingston Education Foundation, School Council and assortments of community groups who provided us with a myriad of educational and cultural programs. We are most appreciative of the continued support we received from these organizations. In addition, the school children of Kingston are fortunate to have an experienced, dedicated staff who works hard to provide a positive and challenging learning

environment for all students. As always, we thank the citizens of Kingston for their support and commitment to the education and well-being of our school children.

KINGSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

October 1, 2016

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Elementary	131		168	139					438
Intermediate					142	148	137	153	<u>580</u>
Total Kingston School Department K-6									1018

Grade		7	8	9	10	11	12	
Secondary		165	167	174	148	169	154	977
						Grand Total		1995

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating Class of 2016

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Skylar	Marie	Abboud
*Lindsey	Elizabeth	Alexanian
Michael	Joseph	Allen
Meredith	Emily	Andrews
Taylor	Nancy	Antoniou
*Andrea	Laura	Barlow
Rachel	Elizabeth	Barry
Bryan	Anders	Bean
Joshua	George	Bean
Justin	Peter	Bean
*Danielle	Marie	Bermingham
*Aidan	Clark	Bertram
Sarah	Eileen	Binari
Phillip	Gregory	Bishop
*Colin	Henry Savage	Boerger
Kendra	Ellen	Brenner
Alexander	Patrick	Bugbee
Christopher	Stone	Burgess
Kaylee	Rose	Caperello
Jordan	Ann	Carroll
Haley	Christine	Casavant

Haley	Nicole	Castellano
Christopher	Mark	Cazeault
Sophie	Nicole	Chun
Jillian	Raye	Colton
Matthew	Richard	Connors
Paul	Joseph	Cook
Michael	Lee	Coombs
*Adam	Thomas	Crawford
Colin	Patrick	Cronin
Tracey	Lee	Crosby
Patrick	Samuel	Dehner
Gregory	William	Donovan
Joseph	Luke	Donovan
Thomas	John	Doolan
*Kimberly	Ally	Eldredge
Ryan	William	Elmes
Evan	Kristopher	Fage
*Kayla	Marie	Fahey
Darin	Joseph	Fantoni, Jr.
Michaela	Marie	Foster
Christopher	Edward Alfred	Furtado
*William	Alden	Gallagher
Megan	Elaine	Goulette
Nicholas	William	Graziano
Rachel	Nicole	Greer
*Matthew	Paul	Haite
Noah	George	Hajnasr
Walton	Ansel	Hall
Kiana	Alyssia	Hannon
*Emily	Elizabeth	Hansen
Erin	Lynn	Hanson
Christopher	Thomas	Heine
Colin	Joseph	Hurley
Hannah	Metcalf	Johnson
Kyler	Robert	Johnson
Amanda	Lynn	Johnston
*Alexandra	Kristen	Jones
Jamie	Catherine	Jones
*Nicole	Elizabeth	Kalinowski
*Alison	Rose	Kane
*Samantha	Burton	Kehoe
Emily	Hayes	Kelleher
*Patrick	Thomas	Kelley
Joseph	Robert	Kerans

Aubrey	Hayden	Kjellander
Elizabeth	Ashley	Krause
Catherine	Mary	Leroux
Connor	Jared	Leydon
Garrett	Patrick	Lien
Ashley	Rose	Lockary
Michael	Eryk	Ludwig
Jake	Campbell	MacDonald
Vincent	Gerard	Martocchio
Ryan	William	Mastrogiacomo
*Katelyn	Elizabeth	May
Emily	Anne	McGrath
*Julia	Mary	McGrath
James	Michael	McIsaac, Jr.
Andrew	John	McNeilly
Margaret	Virginia	McSherry
Ana	Lovely	McWilliams
Hannah	Paige	Meade-Ochs
Michael	Arthur	Melanson
Gina	Marie	Mele
Alec	Robert	Morse
Zachary	Thomas	Munro
Ashley	Mary	Munroe
Madison	Hoyt	Murphy
Jonathan	Kyle	Nasr
Lindsey	Rose	Naticchioni
Rebecca	Ruth	Nichols
Connor	Patrick	Nocher
Robert	Warren	Nolan
Andrea	Lyn	Noland
Caitlin	Kennedy	Nord
Kelsey	Lynn	O'Brien
Katelyn	Bridget	O'Keefe
Caroline	Grace	O'Leary
Madeline	Carroll	Ohlson
Alexandria	Lynn	Pallone
Julia	Michelle	Papotto
Andrew	Thomas	Patrick
Samuel	Edward	Peterson
Emmaleigh	Anna	Priolo
Jonathan	Michael	Rash
*Lucas	Cole	Reale
Samantha	Taylor	Reckis
Cameron	Michael	Reilly

Jacob	Joseph	Richards
*Julia	Marie	Riordan
Liam	Michael	Roche
Anthony	Emilio	Romano
Elizabeth	Alice	Rose
Rachael	Victoria	Rose
Shelby	Jane	Ross
Esme	Elizabeth	Roszel
*Abigail	Ann	Royle
*Erica	Mary	Royle
*Jack	Ivan	Ruprecht
Kyle	Joseph	Schramm
Julia	Kamryn	Sinopoli
Francis	Anthony	Slowe
*Alexis	Connell	Spencer
*Kenneth	Nazareth	Stanley
*Erin	Michelle	Steele
Brooke	Anne	Stokes
Erin	Patricia	Sullivan
Alec	Michael	Thompson
Galen	Sanford	Thompson, III
Kyle	Richard	Tom
Max	William	Travers
Laurie	Blair	Vernazzaro
*Anthony	Jacob	Videtto
Jack	David	Walinski
*Katheryn	Elizabeth	Ward
Julia	Rose	White
Cassidy	Susan	Whitt
Miranda	Leigh	Whittemore
Layne	Christopher	Willette
Lauren	Elizabeth	Wood
James	Hendrick	Wynands
Mitchell	Steven	Zaniboni
Skylar	Marie	Abboud
*Lindsey	Elizabeth	Alexanian
Michael	Joseph	Allen
Meredith	Emily	Andrews
Taylor	Nancy	Antoniou
*Andrea	Laura	Barlow
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SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Mulcahy, Jr., Principal

This is truly an exciting time at Silver Lake Regional High School. Our academic program continues to get stronger and rigorous and our extra-curricular offerings remain top notch. Most importantly, student achievement is at an all-time high.

Based on the Every Student Succeeds Act's (ESSA) report card program, the target has been met in the all students subgroup for both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. We continue to work in the high needs subgroups to regain level one status within the state. 2016 saw the high school's dropout rate continue to be less than one percent.

The class of 2018 received MCAS results this past fall. 97% of the class passed math and 99% passed ELA on the first testing period. We are pleased to report that 95% received Advanced or Proficient scores in ELA and 87%, earned Proficient or advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2016, members of the class of 2019 took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 97% of our students passed the Physics exam during the first testing period. The faculty and administration continues to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for English/ Language Arts, Science and Mathematics. 78 students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 287 members of the class of 2016 met the rigorous requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 4, 2016, the proud graduates were joined by members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1966. Earlier that week, approximately \$128,000 in local scholarships and awards were bestowed upon members of the senior class. This amount does not include scholarships granted directly from colleges and universities.

Our Advanced Placement scores continue to be impressive. There were a total of 214 students that took 446 AP Exams in May 2016. Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to reach new heights. The average SAT scores for members of the class of 2016 was 529 in Critical Reading, 549 in Mathematics, and 517 in Writing. The College Board has identified Silver Lake Regional High School as a "School of Distinction" for our achievements with the Advanced Placement program.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 89% of the student body participates in extracurricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire. Such exemplary events include vocal and instrumental concerts, the spring Shakespearean Festival, and last fall’s musical, “Les Miserables”.

As Silver Lake Regional High School continues to move forward, the school continues to offer a rigorous and stimulating curriculum in a state-of-the-art building. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered in order to achieve academic and personal success.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

James E. Dupille, Principal

We began the 2016-2017 school-year with excitement and anticipation. As we continue to grow our rigorous academic programming, our focus remains on student achievement and maximizing growth for all students.

The State has classified all schools into one of five accountability Levels (1 - 5) with the highest performing in Level 1 and lowest performing in Level 5. The state of Massachusetts has deemed SLRMS a Level 2 School. Our classification was determined by the state assessment scores, whereby we did not meet the performance target for High Needs in 2016. Our annual PPI score for 2016 was **100**, and our cumulative PPI score for 2016 was **88**. SLRMS exceeded the state target cumulative PPI score (75) in 2016. SLRMS had an annual PPI score for High Needs of **80**, however had a cumulative PPI score for High Needs of **70**, and did not meet the cumulative PPI score (75) for High Needs, and therefore was deemed a Level 2 School.

SLRMS 2015 MCAS scores in ELA shows 88% (all time high) of our students scored Proficient or Above, and we are 14% above the State Average. In Mathematics, 69% of our students scored Proficient or Above, and we are 15% above the State Average. In 2016 Science MCAS, 59% of our students scored Proficient or Above, and we were 18% above the State Average.

State PPI - Rating	
Above Target	100
On Target	75
Improved Below Target	50
No Change	25
Declined	0

All departments are working on writing to text, common assessments, and evaluating student data. Each department will be incorporating literacy, numeracy and interdisciplinary units into their curriculum.

Also, we expanded our program of studies to include the following new courses at SLRMS:

- STEM Science (Grade Seven)
- Applied STEM (Grade Eight)
- Literacy in the Digital Age
- Writing Support

To communicate effectively with our community, we continue to utilize and expand the use of Alert Solutions our communication platform. We use the Alert Solutions messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements. Also, each faculty member has an email account and a phone extension to facilitate communication with parents. Each teacher is also encouraged to have their own website. Also, we publish a summer newsletter, a monthly parent information letter, schedule six days for parent conferences, and encourage parents to access Powerschool regularly.

Our goal at SLRMS is to provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment in which they can learn and grow. We remain focused on our *Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, and Academic Excellence*, embracing the theme of *One World, One School, and One Family* as a school community.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2016-2017 school year was one of ingenuity, challenges, and change. We, the School Committee, Silver Lake Administration, staff, in conjunction with town officials, worked as a team to ensure the students served by the region, were provided a safe, academically challenging, and overall stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

The School Committee, in partnership with building principals and district level administration, put a great deal of thought into the planning and developed a budget that sustained our educational programs including STEM classes, Chromebook computers for incoming freshmen students, as well as a strong extracurricular offering. This allows us to graduate well rounded students ready for secondary education or successful launch into the current workforce.

The capital needs of our buildings and grounds continued to be addressed, as outlined in our long-term Capital Plan, in order to maintain the integrity of

our facilities. As our facilities continue to age, attention must be given to addressing these ongoing needs.

Our School Committee experienced two significant changes in membership this year. Sadly, our beloved member Joe Chaves, unexpectedly passed away after decades of devoted service. The region was honored to have him as a public servant. We also celebrated the retirement of John Creed from the School Committee. John is a fierce advocate of both education and fiscal responsibility, and was a powerhouse member with decades of tenure in many positions, including Chair. We wish John well in his future endeavors.

The School Committee would like to extend our appreciation to all the community members and businesses that have supported the district programs through their generous donations of time, materials and money.

As we begin to plan for Fiscal 2018 we recognize the economic challenges facing the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. We will continue to find the appropriate balance between the needs of our regional schools and the ability of the towns to support those needs.

The Silver Lake Regional School Committee would like to thank the Silver Lake Regional employees for their dedication to our schools. We are also grateful for the continued support of the three communities. The School Committee welcomes residents of the three towns to attend the School Committee's regular meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Public Law 58 states – "The function of the Weights and Measures official is to safe guard the entire public (customers and owners) whom he or she serves in all matters involving the commercial determination of quantity, to see that whenever merchandise is bought or sold by weight or measure; a just weight or a just measure is delivered; and that fraud carelessness or misrepresentation in all quantity aspects of such transactions are eliminated".

Inspections - 31

Scales - 11 lb. to 100 lbs. -77

101 lbs. to 1,000lbs. – 6

Truck Scales – 1

Apothecary Scales - 4

Apothecary Weights – 51

Pharmacy Pill Counter - 1

Jewelry Scales - 2

Meters (Gasoline/Diesel) – 96

Scanner/Price Verification – 2

Complaints (Gasoline Meters) – 1

Total Fees Collected - \$6,316.50

I would like to thank staff in the Selectmen's Office and the Treasurer's Office for their help and kindness.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Wastewater Treatment Facility processed a total of 107,194,774 gallons of wastewater during calendar year 2016. The Facility continues to produce an effluent of excellent quality. All discharge parameter levels are consistently well below the discharge limits allowed in our Groundwater Discharge Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. The treatment process produced 940,382 gallons of liquid sludge (205.50 dry tons). The sludge is trucked off to a facility in Cranston, R.I. where it is burned. The sludge disposal cost for the year was \$106,167.41.

The Wastewater Facility reached its 15th year of operation in November 2016. We have made many modifications and upgrades to the equipment at the Facility and the 15 pump stations over the years. These changes were designed to increase operational efficiency. We have replaced original equipment such as computers, software, motors, pumps and control systems with new more reliable energy efficient equipment. The improvements were designed to help reduce costs associated with energy consumption, make operations and maintenance more efficient and reduce the amount of unscheduled overtime due to nuisance alarms. These changes have been a factor in keeping the sewer rate stable. The rate has not increased in 15 years.

Several notable projects completed in 2016.

- The control floats at the Town Center pump station were removed and were replaced with a Multitrode indicator/controller. This problems with the floats periodically malfunctioning that resulted needless overtime call outs. Project cost was \$3,892.40
- Replaced the existing 15 year old Plant Water Pump System with a new more efficient system that is controlled by a variable frequency drive (VFD). The system is used to pump the treated effluent used at the Facility for different processes in addition to washing down various tanks. The project cost was \$13,678.
- Replaced the 15 year old Town Water Booster Pump System with a more efficient system similar to the Plant Water System. It is also control with VFDs. This system is used to increase the pressure of Town water throughout the Facility. The project cost was \$13,476.
- Purchased and installed a new Atlas Copco GA15+ air compressor at the Treatment Facility. The project cost \$21,268.15.
- Purchased and installed two new Ramparts air operated single diaphragm pumps to replace the original Alfa Laval double disc diaphragm septage pumps that were installed when the Facility was built. The new pumps are cheaper and easier to maintain. The project cost was \$23,237.48.

In addition to the projects above, we in the process of finalizing bid documents to upgrade the programmable logic control (PLC) system of the Treatment Facility. The PLC is essentially the “brain” that controls the numerous pumps and valves located throughout the Facility based on the parameters that the Facility’s wastewater operators program into the system. It also allows the operators to remotely communicate with and control the equipment at the Treatment Facility and the Rocky Nook and Jones River Pump stations. The current PLC uses old analog based technology and relies on a telephone data circuit for communication. The new PLC will be digital and use an Ethernet connection. The result will be a state of the art, faster, more reliable system. The bid should be awarded in early 2017.

Finally, the Board of Sewer Commissioners and Department personnel would like to take this opportunity to, once again wish Suzanne Richards a long, happy retirement. Suzanne has served as Department Secretary and later Administrative Assistant for the past 16 years. She was an invaluable member of the Department. Suzanne retired this past July.

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE –ssrcoop.info

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fourteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement

and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman. Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s). Our Executive Board consists of Chairman Sharon White (Abington), Vice Chairman Merle Brown (Cohasset), Secretary Gene Wyatt (Kingston), and Treasurer Mary Snow (Cohasset).

In FY2016, the SSRC raised \$72,642.27: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$6,402.70 in sponsorships, \$3,125.62 in grant funding and \$113.95 in interest. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. In addition to technical assistance, these activities saved/earned Member Towns \$277,764 in 2016.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids and administers a contract on behalf of its Member Towns for Household Hazardous Waste Collections. A new contract awarded to Stericycle in 2015 offers a much lower setup fee and unit costs than the State Contract. Member Towns saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assisted at all twelve events, and administers the billing.

The SSRC enabled three Member Towns (Cohasset, Norwell and Rockland) to join their larger neighbors' HHW collections, relieving them of the time and expense of hosting their own. SSRC also coordinates five other Towns' alternating collections, Hanson the newest among them, plus Abington, Duxbury, Kingston and Whitman.

The SSRC arranges roll-off service at about \$350/event, \$550 less than the HHW contract cost.

2,001 residents attended twelve collections held in 2016. The contract also enabled 210 residents and businesses to attend other Member Towns' collections using the reciprocal arrangement. This arrangement qualifies member towns for additional Recycling Dividend Program points, and earned them an extra \$13,300 in grant money through that program.

The total cost savings and benefits of the HHW program in 2016 is estimated at \$53,372.

Electronic Waste - Shrinking markets for CRT glass posed a huge and costly challenge to municipal and retail collection programs in 2016. The processor for nine of our towns went out of business, and another that serviced three towns cut its municipal program. The Director engaged alternative vendors, and arranged an emergency pickup for Abington, Hanson, Rockland and Whitman. She continues to seek the best service and pricing from reputable service providers.

General Recyclables – Late 2016 saw some improvement in commodity pricing after a long period of low values. The SSRC kept the Member Town managers up to date on pricing trends through its subscription to the Yellow sheet, regular review of industry news, and contact with local outlets.

Textiles - Bay State Textiles has worked with SSRC to establish and promote transfer station and School Box Programs. BST pays \$100/ton to all box hosts for used textiles. The thirteen SSRC towns and school systems hosting this program diverted 537 tons of textiles in 2016 and earned rebates and incentives of \$53,700. In addition, the diversion of this material from disposal saved another \$39,763.

Books - When the previous service provider went out of business, the SSRC introduced two companies that provide a similar service for books and media. The one that most selected pays \$100/ton. Rebates and avoided disposal costs in 2016 from this service came to \$88,327.

Mercury - Covanta SEMASS extends free mercury recycling benefits to all SSRC members, even those that don't send their MSW to SEMASS. SEMASS directly pays for mercury bearing waste delivered to Complete Recycling Solutions in Fall River. The SSRC helped to get the direct pay accounts set up, and assists Member Towns in directing their material to avoid cost to the towns.

CRS direct-billed SEMASS \$7,613 for Member Towns mercury recycling in 2016. In addition, SEMASS paid rebates to our contract communities of \$2,038 for recycled mercury containing products. The director audited the deliveries and rebate payments.

Compost and Brush - The SSRC Board voted to extend its three contracts for compost screening and brush grinding. Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston and Weymouth used these contracts in 2016.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

17th Anniversary “Trash Bash” – A hundred municipal, county and state officials, staff, volunteers and service providers mingled and learned about contamination issues and costs in the recycling stream. The entire cost of the event was covered by private sponsors.

“Refrigerator door prizes” - The SSRC continued to distribute thousands of 5” x 8” handouts, purchased in 2013 with grants from MassDEP and Covanta SEMASS. The graphics depict items that are “too good” and “too bad for the trash”, and direct the reader to the SSRC website and phone for more information. They have been resulted in many calls and web visits.

Kingston PAYT Forum - at the request of a Selectman and the DPW Director, organized this public forum to introduce the concept of unit based pricing for trash, with three speakers.

Website - ssrcoop.info was completely revamped in 2016. The site provides both general and town-specific recycling and household hazardous waste collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, a monthly

newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged an average of 1,300 visits per month in 2016, 1,078 which were first time visitors.

Press Contacts - The SSRC is a resource to and a presence in print, web and cable media. In addition to help in editing articles by Town officials, the SSRC released Holey Socks, they go in the donation box (a requirement for additional grant funds for our member towns), as well as articles about the availability of Event recycling containers, and our 17th Anniversary Trash Bash.

Resident Contacts – The director fielded 160 calls and emails from residents in 2016 to answer questions about how to properly dispose of everything from paint to asbestos shingles, televisions to fire extinguishers.

Public and Professional Presentations - The Executive Director spoke to the following groups about recycling issues and/or SSRC activities:

MassRecycle R3 Conference: the Mass. Product Stewardship Council

Cohasset Middle School Trash Patrol: interview about sustainability

Southeast Municipal Recycling Council: the Mass. Product Stewardship Council

Marshfield Fair Recycling - the SSRC exhibited and supported recycling at the Marshfield Fair for the thirteenth year. While public education is the priority, six tons of material was also recycled and composted. Since inception, 73 tons of Fair waste has been diverted to higher use. The Director provided support on her own time as a volunteer.

ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She stays current on local and national solid waste issues, attending conferences, meetings and webinars, touring local facilities, and reading professional publications. She advises Members on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2016 includes:

- Attended meetings with the Abington BOH, Hanson BOH, and Kingston BOH and BOS at the request of our managers
- Helped Duxbury, Hanson, Kingston, Plymouth, Rockland and Weymouth complete and submit their DEP Data Surveys and/or DEP Grant applications
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed curbside collection contract for Rockland
- Provided advice and help on a wide range of issues including: private hauler regulation notifications, enforceability of minimum tonnage in a disposal contract, fire extinguishers, e-waste options, sharps collection, redeemable bottle and can collection services, tire outlets and rebates for propane tank recycling.
- Provided index and regional commodity pricing for materials of interest to our managers.

Grant assistance - The SSRC assisted several member towns in applying for

MassDEP Sustainable Material Recovery grants. Membership in SSRC adds one-two points to each Member Town's Recycling Dividend Program total for participation in our HHW Reciprocity Program, which earned our towns \$13,200 of the \$169,250 in grants nine of our Towns were awarded.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly Updates filled with information of interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The Updates are emailed to over 400 people, and are posted online.

Monthly Meetings - The SSRC provides networking opportunities and information sharing at our well-attended (nearly) monthly meetings. Most meetings feature a guest speaker, usually a service provider or regulator. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

ADVOCACY

In 2016, the Executive Director

- Represented the SSRC at policy meetings and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Environmental Business Council, US EPA, MassRecycle, Northeast Resource Recovery Association, Product Stewardship Institute, Reuse Conex, and the Southeast Municipal Recycling Council. She reports relevant information back to the Board.
- Worked with Product Stewardship Institute, Mass. Municipal Association, the Mass. Product Stewardship Council and other organizations to promote legislation the Board deems beneficial to its solid waste programs regarding paint, Right to Repair, the Clean Environment Fund and universal recycling.
- Joined municipal colleagues on Beacon Hill for Paint Stewardship Advocacy Day, visiting most members of the South Shore delegation.
- Was invited to and attended the Mass. Recycling Contamination Workgroup meeting.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

STREETS, TREES, & PARKS

As in the past, 2016 saw some personnel changes occur at the Department of Streets, Trees & Parks. After a brief stay, Transfer Station employee Scott McCloud stepped down and was replaced by John Steele. In July after a 27 year career with the Town, longtime Administrative Assistant Dolores Sprague retired and was replaced by Lynn Menton who had previously worked at K.E.S. We also welcomed our newest Transfer Station employee, Brian Murphy in July.

The 2016 winter was nothing that the employees of our Town who plow, couldn't handle as we were glad to see the arrival of spring. We assisted with

the clearing of trees and completed site work on the long a waited handicapped accessible playground next to Kingston Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Grace. This playground will serve the school kids for many generations. We also assisted the Recreation Department with the removal of old playground equipment at the Capt. Bailey's playground behind the Reed. That playground will also be used by many generations of Kingston's children.

Roads that were paved this past year include Winthrop St., Mary Lou Terrace, Maple Ave., Shirley Ave., Second Brook St., Cranberry Rd. and Crown Hill Rd. Residents at our annual Town Meeting approved the purchase of a new Explorer, an F-350 with plow and to refurbish H-11 with a new body, sander and plow. Also approved by Town Meeting was a replacement compactor and Trash Trailer for the Transfer Station. The salt shed received a 64 foot addition that will allow us, when completed, to store approximately 2500 tons of salt. This addition was a result of lessons learned from the historic winter of 2014.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we learned about the passing of longtime Tree Foreman Gordon Pratt on December 26th. Gordon served this town for over 42 years and retired in 2011. As a new hire back in 1995, I was lucky to be able to learn from Gordon the safe operation of chain saws, axes and other tools used in the Tree business and of which I still use today as the Tree Warden of the Town. On behalf of this department and the entire Town we send our prayers to his wife and son.

TOWN CLERK

It was an event-FULL year in the Clerk's office, filled with multiple town meetings and elections. Beginning in March with the Presidential Primary, we managed the Annual Town Election, a State Primary and the General State and Presidential Election. The Commonwealth introduced Early Voting for the Presidential Election and we processed 2,251 voters ballots in the two weeks leading up to the November Election. The transition to this new process went exceptionally smooth and we anticipate more participants in the next State Election in 2018. Turnout for the Presidential election was over 82% of registered voters in Kingston.

Voter Registration was very active going into the Presidential Primary and the town currently has 9,561 registered voters.

The Board of Selectmen called several Town Meetings, including three Special and one Annual. Attendance was average and there has been a call to ask more Residents to participate.

We continue to grow as a community and the public outreach thru the Clerk's Office is producing increasing numbers in the Census and dogs registered. Kingston currently has over 13,000 residents and more than 1,800 dogs registered. There continues to be a concerted effort to reach more household for accurate accounting of residents and familiarizing residents with Town By-Laws regarding the registration of dogs.

The Office of the Clerk has multiple daily responsibilities for vital statistics, including births, deaths and marriages. We reassumed the Burial Agent responsibilities from the Board of Health and it has contributed to a more efficient processing of deaths.

The Office has been active in recording resident and contractor plans to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

As the keeper of Town Records we continue to provide resident services, including notarizing documents. The Board of Selectmen recently appointed the Town Clerk as Records Access Officer in accordance with new State Legislation requiring a designee.

TREASURERS REPORT

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Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2016 Debt Service And Debt Service to Maturity

Fiscal 2016 Debt Service And Debt Service to Maturity				----- Current Fiscal Year -----			----- To Loan Maturity -----		
				Debt Service (6)		Subsidy (6)	Year End	Years	Debt Service (7)
				Principal		Principal		Principal	
Fund	- Loan Identification	Notes	Maturity	Interest & Fees		Balance		Interest & Fees	
General Fund									
	Athletic Fields	✔ (1)	2017	51,980	-	49,000	1	101,960	-
	Grays Beach Drainage	✔ (1)	2019	23,474	-	86,253	4	117,243	-
	Kingston Elementary School HVAC		2030	33,705	-	288,000	14	408,315	-
	Landfill Closure		2021	16,784	-	74,200	5	95,404	-
	MWPAT Series 14 CW-07-16		2028	19,366	-	217,831	13	268,948	-
	MWPAT T5 Pool 12 97-1211-2	(1)(2)	2026	6,279	-	69,060	11	75,339	-
	MWPAT T5 Pool 9 97-1211-1	(1)(3)	2023	23,827	9,993	183,171	8	206,998	46,336
	MWPAT T5 Series 14 T5-97-1211-C	(1)(2)	2027	13,966	-	167,590	12	181,556	-
	MWPAT T5 Series 16 97-1211-D	(1)(2)	2032	16,545	-	285,088	17	301,633	-
	MWPAT T5 Series 5 97-1211	(1)(3)	2019	10,421	2,644	41,684	4	52,105	7,347
	School (After Trackle Pond Plant Reallocation)	(1)(4)	2019	743,483	1,190,052	7,104,563	4	8,467,175	1,190,052
	Senior Center	✔ (1)	2019	102,100	-	385,000	4	518,600	-
	Senior Center 2005 STM (After KES-HVAC)	✔ (1)	2030	94,655	-	832,000	14	1,180,725	-
	Town House		2022	173,962	-	737,000	6	954,502	-
	Town House 2	✔ (1)	2022	28,480	-	149,000	6	187,860	-
General Fund Total				1,359,026	1,202,689	10,669,439		13,118,363	1,243,735

The Town's fiscal year 2016 Silver Lake Regional School District assessment includes \$507,437 in debt service, which is exempt from the levy limits of prop 2 and 1/2.

See Notes after Grand Total of all funds

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Water Enterprise Fund							
MWPAT DWP-12-15 Trackle Pond Treatment Plant	2035	304,489	-	4,301,153	19	5,449,185	-
Replace Mains 2005 ATM	2015	30,600	-	-		30,600	-
System Upgrade	2015	40,800	-	-		40,800	-
Trackle Pond Treatment Plant Reallocation	2019	18,829	-	69,185	4	94,043	-
Water Mains	2023	72,539	-	405,000	7	509,339	-
Water Mains 2007 ATM	2030	30,068	-	230,000	14	325,945	-
Water Mains 2009 ATM	2030	22,045	-	160,000	14	226,630	-
Water Meters 2007 ATM	2019	33,400	-	55,000	3	92,000	-
Water Storage Facility	2023	87,472	-	511,600	7	639,432	-
Water Upgrade Pembroke St	2030	32,090	-	280,000	14	397,260	-
Water Enterprise Fund Total		672,331	-	6,011,938		7,805,233	-
See Notes after Grand Total of all funds							

Waste Water Enterprise Fund								
MWPAT Pool 11 CW-04-42		2035	166,866	-	2,609,487	20	3,466,513	-
MWPAT Pool 12 CW-04-42A		2036	244,190	-	3,949,526	21	5,312,785	-
MWPAT Series 4 98-43	✓ (5)	2018	37,019	19,215	156,200	3	153,816	69,221
MWPAT Series 5 98-99	✓ (5)	2029	50,726	40,112	815,000	14	722,525	496,031
MWPAT Series 5 99-17	✓ (5)	2029	150,776	349,236	4,535,000	14	2,208,379	4,623,654
MWPAT Series 5 99-36	✓ (5)	2029	95,508	74,438	1,510,000	14	1,338,542	922,424
MWPAT Series 6 00-10	✓ (5)	2030	152,145	350,949	4,740,000	15	2,388,374	4,941,570
MWPAT Series 6 00-11	✓ (5)	2030	53,529	45,176	950,000	15	867,229	592,518
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-05	✓ (5)	2031	24,240	17,130	390,000	15	362,318	226,354
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-06	✓ (5)	2031	134,781	283,949	3,995,000	15	2,070,630	4,000,768
MWPAT Series 8 CW-01-05-A	✓ (5)	2032	18,927	12,660	325,000	17	325,628	185,564
Sewer		2021	16,684	-	69,200	5	89,804	-
Sewer Construction Phase 2		2015	20,400	-	-		20,400	-
Waste Water Enterprise Fund Total			1,165,791	1,192,865	24,044,413		19,326,944	16,058,104
Total of All Funds			3,197,148	2,395,554	40,725,790		40,250,540	17,301,838

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| (1) Exempt from levy limits of proposition 2 and 1/2 | (5) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest and a portion of loan principal |
| (2) No interest loan from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) | (6) Current year debt service listed is reduced by the amount of current year subsidy |
| (3) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest | (7) Cumulative debt service includes FY 2016 and is reduced by amount of cumulative su |
| (4) Principal and Interest subsidized by Massachusetts School Building Authority. Amounts are announced periodically, but are not part of the loan amortization sched | |

VETERANS' AGENT

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, as amended, requires each city and town in the Commonwealth to appoint a Veterans' Agent or be in an approved district. That Agent is responsible for seeing that no veteran, his widow, or dependents are left unassisted. The original purpose of the law, passed after the Civil War, was to ensure no veteran of that war ended up in the town's poor house. Because they had served the country in wartime, and probably were wounded in some way, they were to be treated as heroes, not as deadbeats.

Along the way, the law was expanded and now includes all veterans, not just wartime veterans. The State Department of Veterans Services is tasked with implementing the law and has published regulations for us to follow, as well as budgets for us to follow in assisting veterans and families. If we follow all the regulations and file in a timely manner, the state will reimburse 75% of the expenditures the following fiscal year.

Among the regulations is the requirement to seek help from others such as Social Security, both Disability and regular Social Security, Veterans Administration for both Compensation and Pensions, as well as VA Health Care and burials both in VA cemeteries and one of the state veterans' cemeteries. Also included are other forms of VA assistance such as burial expense reimbursements, memorial grave markers, VA life insurance, widow and dependent Survivor Claims, both VA and military, Aid and Attendance Benefits for those requiring financial assistance as a result of illness, Educational and Vocational Training monies, and VA mortgages. The VA also pays widows whose spouse died of Service-Connected injuries or illnesses, a pension, and provides medical care in some cases. Both veterans and their widows may also be eligible for ID cards and Property Tax Exemptions. We also assist with Social Security issues such as Social Security Disability, SSI, Survivor Benefits, as well as assistance with applications for food stamps, fuel assistance and health care sign up. We also provide the flags and markers to decorate the graves of veterans on Memorial Day.

Chapter 115 sets Massachusetts apart from every other state except New Jersey. It is the only state which sets up a comprehensive program to aid any veteran or widow, or other dependent. We meet with every applicant, and based upon the financial conditions, and needs, we provide food, rental or mortgage assistance, fuel assistance, and medical cost reimbursement including medical insurance. At any given time, almost half the applicants we assist are widows. As noted earlier the state reimburses the town 75% of approved expenditures. We are proud of the fact that over the past 10 years, we have been reimbursed over 99% of that potential 75% reimbursement. That is, despite the fact that this town assists three or more times as many

applicants as do other towns our size. This fact is due to the efforts made in finding applicants who may require assistance, not waiting for them to come to us.

In order to keep current with changes to procedures and changes to forms required, both the Administrative Assistant and the Agent must attend a one-week training session each year, and the Agent must pass a written test so that the town retains eligibility for the whole 75% reimbursement. The Administrative Agent also voluntarily completed and passed the written test. As well as this annual training session, we attend numerous seminars dealing with both Social Security and Veterans Administration changing regulations.

Kingston provides for its' veterans. This year we held the second annual Veterans Day breakfast using the Council on Aging hall. The hall was overflowing with veterans. The breakfast and program were all funded by contributions, no appropriated funds were used. Much of the work to make this happen fell on Priscilla Brackett, the Administrative Assistant in this office and Gretchen Emmetts of the COA. At the Breakfast, we heard from our state Representative, Tom Calter, our state Senator, Vinnie DeMacedo, our Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Elaine Fiore, and our Town Administrator, Robert Fennessy, while Commander Tom Morris explained the story around the POW/MIA Table at the front of the hall.

At Thanksgiving, the VFW provided 20 turkeys and fixings for our veterans. At Christmas, the Big Y provided 40 food baskets to go along with the Town Hall Christmas project, headed by Brandi Gordon of the Conservation Department, collecting necessities for veterans, that is, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. In addition, Silver Lake Middle School donated stuffed stockings, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society offered 40 gift cards, and additional gift cards came from a number of sources, again, such that no town funds were used to provide these veterans with a happy Christmas.

It seems like every week we've been involved in workshops from various presenters regarding helping end veteran homelessness, teaching job skills, getting incarcerated veterans back into the workforce as taxpayers, VA issues, and even end of life issues. Presenters have ranged from the Plymouth County Sheriff, Joseph McDonald, the Veterans' Administration, the Norwell Visiting Nurses, Michael Kelly at the Veterans Career Center, as well as many others.

We urge anyone who knows of a needy veteran, widow or dependent, to call the office or speak to one of us. I do receive telephone calls at home and we follow up on every call. Your name is never used. Sometimes that person or

family is in dire straits, and they don't know who to speak to. Your lead is important in helping them.

We urge every veteran to sign up for VA Health Care. The VA now has an Outpatient Clinic at exit 5 in Plymouth. It is presently oversubscribed and we're sending people to Brockton at present. Chris Hart's Nathan Hale Foundation runs a free shuttle for veterans to all three major sites in the Boston Healthcare System, including Brockton. Signing up costs you nothing, and enrolling in the VA Healthcare System makes you eligible for free eyeglasses & hearing aids. Showing up once a year for a physical keeps you on the active enrollment list. That means if you lose your health insurance, or need a back-up, you have it. Remember, signing up is free, there are no monthly premiums. Every year we get two or three calls from veterans or family seeking assistance with healthcare. Usually it's an emergency. The VA like most government agencies, rarely responds quickly, and no agency or person wants to be "used".

At this point, Vietnam Veterans make up the largest group using the VA. However, newly returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan are receiving higher initial service-connected percentages. The make-up of these veterans has also changed. Approximately 25% of the new veterans are female, and the VA has had to change to accommodate them. Like everywhere else, the VA has some employees who forget why they have their job, but the vast number work hard for veterans.

The hardest worker in this office continues to be Priscilla Brackett, Veterans' Administrative Assistant. For over 20 years she has labored for veterans, always with a smile and a kind word. The veterans, indeed all inhabitants, of this town have greatly benefited from Priscilla's labor on their behalf.

WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

The Wage and Personnel Board met with various department heads to review their requests for position re-evaluations, salary adjustments and amendments to the Wage and Personnel Bylaw. This resulted in several recommendations that were presented and approved at the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The Wage and Personnel Board, in conjunction with the Town Administrator's office, also made the recommendation to pursue a reclassification study of Wage and Personnel positions with the assistance of an outside consultant.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Kingston Water Department, under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, is dedicated to providing the citizens of Kingston with water that meets or exceeds all State and Federal standards, and to do so at the lowest possible cost. As required by the Clean Drinking Water Act, water department employees are receiving continuous training toward maintaining the licenses needed to operate the system; such as, water distribution, treatment, cross connection control and survey and hoisting.

We continue to operate a complex water distribution system that includes seven municipal wells, one manganese treatment plant, two lime corrosion control treatment plants, three storage facilities and over 98 miles of pipe that supplied over 516 million gallons of water to consumers in 2016. This represents an increase of 56 million gallons consumed over the last two years. The Board of Water Commissioners encourages the continued conservation efforts of residents and the willingness to adhere to the voluntary water restrictions as we strive to reduce the per capita consumption of water to meet the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Board of Water Commissioners continue to be the rate-payer's representative at the table in negotiations with major developers as we improve the infrastructure in order to maintain the high quality of water and service for which the ratepayers have become accustomed.

The water department continues to work with contractors to develop new water mains in many new residential developments in town.

In April, Alan J. Drew, treatment plant operator for the water department, retired after 31 years of service to the Town of Kingston. Sadly his retirement was cut short when he passed away suddenly on July 27, 2016. The water department welcomed Wade Sinclair to the crew as a pump operator in October 2016.

The water main was repaired on the Elm St Bridge. The water main had been shut off since it burst back in the winter of 2014; a year after the bridge was completed. Other projects completed in the past year include but were not limited to the following: cleaned and replaced the well at the Grassy Hole well, developed plans for the Old Orchard water main extension, completed cross connection surveys of the town's commercial and municipal properties and renewed the water withdrawal permit for Kingston's water system through the MassDEP.

The water department office remained busy throughout the year responding to residents, scheduling and dispatching service calls, processing the quarterly bills, handling the large volume of real estate closings and requests for final water reads, managing the annual shut off program on delinquent accounts and other administrative tasks.

The flushing program in the high zone of town was done in the spring. Unfortunately due to the ongoing, unprecedented drought we were unable to flush in the fall of 2016.

The water department continues our ongoing meter conversion project; we now have over 3,766 radio-read meters in our system. This is an increase of 100 over last year.

The Kingston Water Department maintains a cross connection control program. For more information on this program please use the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/compliance/ccctemp1.pdf>

The Kingston Water Department continues to be a proud participant in the Greenscapes Outreach Project sponsored by the North and South River Watershed Association.

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

The Kingston Waterfront Committee mission to advocate and advise the Board of Selectmen on Waterfront issues for Kingston Bay, the Ah-de-nah, Jones River and Smelt Pond is as viable today as it was when the committee was created by Town Meeting in the 1930's. Kingston Bay, the Jones River and Smelt Pond make Kingston unique among the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts! The Waterfront Committee encourages every citizen to search out these resources often and experience some of the best parts of Kingston.

The Waterfront Committee followed through on the Selectmen's request to "promote Kingston's waterfront" by teaming up with the Kingston Business Association and starting the ball rolling for the First Annual Kingston Waterfront Festival held August 20, 2016 which was a huge success! The second such event is planned at Grays Beach, August 19, 2017, with family activities, the KYC regatta and much more!

The Kingston Waterfront Committee supports both public (and private), commercial, environmental and recreational interest in Kingston's Waterfront resources. The Kingston Bay dredging initiatives that could provide for improved marinas, yacht clubs, commercial fishing and federal Aides-to-

Navigation could be an economic engine to provide for increase recreation, business, tax base and revenue for the Town as a whole. These initiatives cannot be at the expense of protecting our history, natural heritage and the environment. We continue to support the work of the Jones River Watershed, Jones River Village Historical Society, Kingston Yacht Club, Department of Marine Fisheries and Kingston Harbormaster's Office and others as we work as a team to improve and protect Kingston's waterfront heritage and its resources. Our goals continue to be to improve water quality, support aquaculture, improve the Ah-de-nah boat ramp, slips and moorings, support dredging from the Ah-de-nah to the existing deep water in Kingston Bay, improve Aides-to-Navigation, provide better waterfront access through the procurement of, or easements over, remaining vacant waterfront property, and working with the Recreation Department, to increased use of Smelt Pond as a waterfront resource.

The Kingston Waterfront Committee looks forward to public input, meets regularly the 2nd Monday of the Month (Mar-Jun & Sep-Nov) and can be reached through the Selectmen's Office.

WIRING INSPECTOR

In Fiscal year 2016, 522 Electrical permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Wiring Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$38,951.80

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2016:

	Variances	Appeals/ Reviews	Special Permits	Comprehensive Permits – Request for Modification
Granted	8	0	12	3
Denied	0	0	0	0
Denied without Prejudice	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	10	0	12	3

As of December 31, 2016, there were no decisions pending. The total applications heard before the Board this year were 25.

Paul B. Dahlen, Douglas E. Dondero, Lane Goldberg, Kevin Wrightington and Paul F. Maloney, Jr. are the full members of the Board. Jared D. Waitkus and Shaun J. Spada are Associate Members. The Board continues to deal with a number of issues related to growth and expansion for new and reconstructed homes in densely populated areas and requests from commercial business.