

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS



2017



Things to Know About Kingston

Incorporated 1726

Area of Town 19.03 sq. miles

POPULATION:

Population Town Census	2017:	13,495
Population Town Census	2016:	13,568
Population Town Census	2015:	13,361
Population Federal Census	2010:	12,629

TAX RATE:

Tax Rate for FY 2018:	\$16.45
Tax Rate for FY 2017:	\$16.50
Tax Rate for FY 2016:	\$17.61

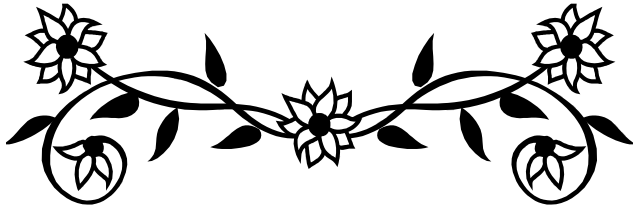
VOTER STATISTICS:

Democrats	1,980
Republicans	1,540
Unenrolled	5,938
All Others	138

VITAL STATISTICS:

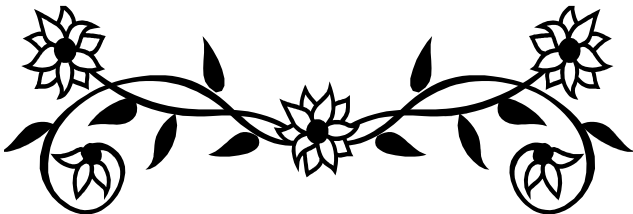
Total Births:	140
• Females:	78
• Males:	62
Deaths:	188
Marriages:	55





Employees Retired in 2017

<i>Robert Heath</i>	<i>15 years</i>
<i>Stephen Heath</i>	<i>30 years</i>
<i>Mary Ann Rispettoso</i>	<i>20 years</i>
<i>Kenneth Vandal</i>	<i>16 years</i>





WHERE TO CALL FOR SERVICE

SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	
Alcohol Licenses	Selectmen's Office	585-0501
Animal Shelter	Animal Control Officer	585-0529
Automobile Dealers License	Selectmen's Office	585-0501
Beach Sticker	Selectmen's Office	585-0501
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	585-0502
Building Permits	Building Department	585-0505
Burial Permits	Town Clerk	585-0502
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	585-0501
Entertainment License	Selectmen's Office	585-0501
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	585-0501
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	585-0501
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 EMERG	911
CONSERVATION	585-0537	RECREATION	585-0520
ANIMAL CONTROL	585-0529	SELECTMEN	585-0501
FACILITIES MANAGER	831-6010	SELECTMEN FAX	585-0534
FIRE	585-0532	SEWER OFFICE	585-4058
FIRE EMERGENCY	911	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	585-0501
GRAYS BEACH	585-8205	TRANSFER STA.	585-0510
IT MANAGER	585-0500	TREASURER	585-0508
HARBORMASTER	585-0519	VETERANS	585-0515
HEALTH	585-0503	WATER	585-0504
HUMAN RESOURCES	585-0501	WASTEWATER PLANT	422-2253

**2017
TOWN OF KINGSTON OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
ELECTED**

MODERATOR

Janet M. Wallace 251 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2020
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TOWN CLERK

Paul M. Gallagher 8 Longview Dr	Term Expires 2020
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SELECTMEN

Elaine A. Fiore 60 Cole Street	Term Expires 2019
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Kathleen R. LaNatra Kingston, MA	Term Expires 2020
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Sandra D. MacFarlane 124 Wapping Road	Term Expires 2020
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R. Lindsay Wilson II, Chairman 29 Tall Timbers Lane	Term Expires 2018
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Susan T. Munford 299 Elm Street	Term Expires 2018
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ASSESSORS

Andrew P. MacInnis, Chairman 133 Wolf Pond Road	Term Expires 2020
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Stephen J. Dunn 17 Bay View Ave	Term Expires 2018
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Donna M. Furio 59 Holly Circle	Term Expires 2019
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Caroline F. Gavigan Wilson 21 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2019
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TOWN TREASURER

Kenneth R. Stevens 217 Main Street	Term Expires 2020
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sheila Marie Vaughn 7 Frank Street	Term Expires 2019
Eric J. Crone 43 Longwood Circle	Term Expires 2019
Jeanne Coleman 20 Howlands Lane	Term Expires 2020
Michael E. Cowett 163 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020
Michael P. Gallagher 90 Crimson Harvest Rd.	Term Expires 2018

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cynthia A. Fitzgerald (state appointee)	Term Expires 2018
Mary L. Hayes 101 Lake Street	Term Expires 2018
Gretchen E. Emmetts 53 Cole Street	Term Expires 2021
Donald O. Ducharme, Chairman 29 Green Holly Drive	Term Expires 2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vanessa M. Verkade, Chairman 109 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020
Spencer E. Clough 172 Main Street	Term Expires 2019
Cynthia A. Fitzgerald 12 Sunset Road	Term Expires 2019
Kathleen A. Benassi 3 Tree Farm Estates	Term Expires 2020
Valerie J. Spence 149 Elm Street	Term Expires 2018
Cynthia B. Sullivan 2 Russell's Pond Road	Term Expires 2018

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Eric Crone 43 Longwood Circle	Term Expires 2019
James F. Lormer 72 Alpine Run Road	Term Expires 2019
Mark R. Guidoboni 15 Old Orchard Lane	Term Expires 2018
Laura K. Tilton 116 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020

BOARD OF HEALTH

William E. Watson 6 Pico Avenue	Term Expires 2017
William J. Kavol 38 Mountain Ash Drive	Term Expires 2019
Joseph F. Casna, Jr. 140 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2019
John Breen, Chairman 195 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020
David L. Kennedy 13 Copper Beech Dr.	Term Expires 2018

CONSTABLES

Brian J. Graziano 12 Orchard Ave	Term Expires 2019
Robert A. Short 16 Winthrop Street	Term Expires 2019

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard W. Loring, Jr. Chairman 30 Tremont Street	Term Expires 2018
Robert R. Kostka 55 South Street	Term Expires 2020
Matthew R. Sawicki 9 Smelt Pond Road	Term Expires 2019

PLANNING BOARD

Thomas S. Bouchard, Sr., Chairman 6 Quail Run	Term Expires 2022
David W. Gavigan, Jr. 13 Pembroke Street #2	Term Expires 2018
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 Kingston, MA	Term Expires 2018
Noelle Ballinger 96 Wapping Road	Term Expires 2019
Andrew W. Davis 11 Crystal Drive	Term Expires 2020
Brian S. Whidden 126 Brookdale Street	Term Expires 2020
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 2020
Thomas W. Taylor, II. 21 Cole Street	Term Expires 2018

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APPOINTED

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR Vacancy	6/30/2019
ADMINISTRATOR Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	By Contract to 7/31/2019
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST Pine DuBois Paul Armstrong Jean Landis-Naumann Kathleen LaNatra William J. Mello, Jr. Vacancy	11/1/2018 11/1/2018 11/1/2018 11/1/2018 6/30/2018 11/1/2018
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (2006 STM, Art.2) John E. Wheble, Jr. Karen S. Johnson Christine M. Nava Joseph B. Mathias Vacancy	6/30/2018 6/30/2020 6/30/2020 6/30/2018 6/30/2019
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	4/30/2018
ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Joanna Boudreau	4/30/2018
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 25A) Meredith Rafiki	Indefinite
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF TAXES (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 39C) Jo-Ann R. Bray	6/30/2019
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	
Jason P. Silva	6/30/2018
LOCAL INSPECTOR	
Michael Clancy	6/30/2019
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
Alan C. Gifford	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2018
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	
Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.	By Contract to 7/31/19
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C)	
Maureen A. Thomas, Conservation Agent	Indefinite
James P. Parker, Chairman	6/30/2020
Gary P. Langenbach	6/30/2019
Matthew Geraigery	6/30/2019
Dana G. Duperre	6/30/2020
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	6/30/2020
Joan L. Hutchison	6/30/2020

C. Weston Meiggs	6/30/2018
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Susan Corcoran	6/30/2019
Daniel P. Felix	6/30/2019
Karen Baynes	6/30/2019
Corinne M. Green	6/30/2018
Barbara A. Hanson	6/30/2018
Corinna Milliken	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2018
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES	
Kelley & Ryan	Indefinite
DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIR	
Paula Rossi-Clapp	6/30/2018
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8A; 1956 ATM, Art. 47; 1996 ATM, Art. 32; 1997 ATM, Art. 23)	
Justin E. Manley	6/30/2019
Vacancies	
EDUCATIONAL FUND TRUSTEES	
William A. Alberti, Jr.	6/30/2021
Edward H. Valla	6/30/2022
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	
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	
Vacancy	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
Vacancy	ATM 20
Jeffrey Keating	ATM 20
Mary A. MacKinnon, Chairman	ATM 18
Frederick C. Hughes, II	ATM 18

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF

Mark R. Douglass, AEMT	Indefinite
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CAPTAINS

David J. Binari, EMT; David W. Currier, Paramedic; Stephen C. Heath, EMT; Adam R. Hatch, AEMT; John Bartlett, 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

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

Vacancy	Indefinite
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GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Vacancy	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Gerard J. Walraven	6/30/2020

Mark S. Beaton	6/30/2018
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2018
HANDICAP COORDINATOR	
Vacancy	Indefinite
HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE	
Dennis M. Carvalho	Indefinite
DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE	
Francis M. Ferioli	6/30/2018
ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS/DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE	
Richard A. Krueger, Jr.	6/30/2020
Jon T. Cazeault	6/30/2020
David J. Heath	6/30/2020
David M. Carvalho	6/30/2018
DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLES	
Joseph V Zlogar, Jr	6/30/2020
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Henny M. Walters, Health Agent	Indefinite
Joseph T. Murphy, Food Inspector	6/30/2018
HISTORIAN	
Janice Guidoboni	6/30/2020
HISTORICAL COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8D)	
Craig N. Dalton, Chairman	6/30/2020
Christopher Fennessy	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Patrick T.J. Browne	6/30/2020
John C. Burrey	6/30/2020
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	4/30/2018

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 Vacancy	
	CI Helen A. Chaves	
	CI Patricia A. Wade	
	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	6/30/2018
MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK		
	Vacancy	6/30/2018
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE		
	Vacancy	6/30/2018
	Gretchen Emmetts	6/30/2018
	Peter J. Fossett, Jr.	6/30/2018
	Laurie A. Graziano	6/30/2018
	Richard J. Emmetts	6/30/2018
OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES		
	Vacancy	6/30/2018
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL		

Vacancy	6/30/2018
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY FOR AGING Vacancy	6/30/2018
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Paul F. Basler	6/30/2018
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (11-21-96 STM, Art. 18; 1997 STM, Art. 24; 2000 ATM, Art. 38; 2015 ATM, Art. 36) Matthew R. Capozzi Brian P. Hart Vacancy Timothy S. Dalia Sandra A. Richter	6/30/2019 6/30/2019 6/30/2020 6/30/2020 6/30/2018
PARKING CLERK Abigail Keane	6/30/2020
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. Richard S. Eldridge Douglas G. Hawthorne	6/30/2018 6/30/2018 6/30/2018
PLYMOUTH-CARVER SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Vacancy Maureen A. Thomas	Indefinite
PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD Chairman, Board of Selectmen	Duration of Term
PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE Vacancy	6/30/2018
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

SPECIAL OFFICERS 12/31/2018
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 12/31/2018
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)	
Vacancy	6/30/2019
Jean M. Landis-Naumann	6/30/2020
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2018
Joseph Casna, Jr	6/30/2019
David O'Connell	6/30/2018
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 15)	
Paul M. Gallagher, Clerk	4/29/2020
Michelle A. Vitagliano	3/31/2019
D. Charles Wusenich, Chairman	3/31/2020
Dorothy Mazzilli	3/31/2018
RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT & LOAN OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CP Vacancy	2/14/2018
FC Mary A. McKenna	9/27/2017
BS Vacancy	9/27/2017
GE Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	9/27/2017
CI Sandra Richter	10/25/2017
RENT CONTROL BOARD	
Joseph F. Casna, Jr., Chairman	6/30/2019
James J. Farrell, Jr.	6/30/2021
Peter A. Dansereau	6/30/2022
David W. Gavigan, Jr.	6/30/2018
Thomas J. Calter, III	6/30/2020
RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR	
Vacancy	6/30/2020
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Edmund F. Marks	6/30/2020
SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL	
Kristina M. Whiton-O'Brien	6/30/2018
SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 44A; 1996 ATM, Art. 38)	
Paul F. Basler	6/30/2018
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2019

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	6/30/2018
SURVEY BOARD	
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Vacancy	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2018
TOWN COUNSEL	
Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC	6/30/2018
LABOR COUNSEL	
Clifford & Kenney LLC	6/30/2018
TREE WARDEN (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 106)	
Paul F. Basler	6/30/2020
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	4/30/2018
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE	
Michael M. Manteiga	6/30/2019
James L. Scollins, III	6/30/2019
Richard A. Veno	6/30/2019
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Charles L. Comeau	6/30/2018
Mark R. Guidoboni	6/30/2018

WIRE INSPECTOR

Lionel B. Warner	6/30/2018
Steven E. Ellis, Alternate	6/30/2018
Michael T. Romano, Alternate	6/30/2018

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul B. Dahlen, Chairman	6/30/2021
Kevin Wrightington	6/30/2021
Lane Goldberg	6/30/2022
Paul F. Mahoney, Jr.	6/30/2018
Douglas E. Dondero	6/30/2019

ASSOCIATES

Jessica Kramer	6/30/2018
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COMMITTEES APPOINTED JOINTLY**ADAMS CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CUC	Corinna Milliken	6/30/2019
HC	John C. Burrey	6/30/2020
BS	Leslie-Ann McGee	6/30/2018
LT	Kathleen A. Benassi	6/30/2020
CI	Verna E. Dalton	6/30/2018
CI	Gary T. Wass	6/30/2018
CI	Susan Davey	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 Risio	6/30/2020
BS	Jessica Kramer	6/30/2019
BS	Richard Arruda	6/30/2019
FC	Vacancy	6/30/2019
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	6/30/2020
KH	Vacancy	6/30/2019
CI	Vacancy	6/30/2019

RC	Kathleen LaNatra	6/30/2019
FC	Mary MacKinnon	6/30/2020
OS	Vacancy	6/30/2020
PB	Susan T. Boyer	6/30/2021
CC	Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2018

FUTURE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	6/30/2018
CPC	Vacancy	6/30/2018
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	Vacancy	6/30/2018
BS	R. Lindsay Wilson	6/30/2018
KPL	Vanessa M. Verkade	6/30/2018
KE	Leslie-Ann McGee	6/30/2018
CI	John C. Burrey	6/30/2018
CI	John E. Wheble, Jr.	6/30/2018
Ex-Officio	Luisa Stewart	6/30/2018

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	Duration
CC	Gary P. Langenbach	Duration
PB	Joseph Casna, Jr.	Duration
BOH	David Kennedy	Duration
OS	Matthew Capozzi	Duration
STP	Paul Basler	Duration
BR	Rick Grady	Duration
CI	Mary O'Donnell	Duration
TP	Thomas Bott	Duration
HC	Christopher Hoffman	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.	6/30/2019
BS	Tammy A. Murray	6/30/2020
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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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I am pleased to submit my first Annual Town Report for the Town of Kingston. 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 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, 2017, the free cash has been certified at \$2,347,436, a 13.37% decrease from the prior year.

The yearend financial statements 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 Town Accountant.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and all the Town's departmental directors and staff for their support since taking this position and I would especially like to thank Angela Kerstein for her invaluable assistance.

ADAMS CENTER TRUSTEES

During FY 2017, the Adams Center Trustees continued to expand the use of The Adams Center and to establish The Adams Center as Kingston's Heritage Center. Toward that end we have set and met our goals for 2017 as noted below:

Goal #1 - Increase use of the facility by the community of Kingston: Under the direction of Sandra Lincoln, the newly contracted 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, concerts were all held at the Adams Center during FY 2017. Bookings for the Center for 2018 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, Sandi Lincoln, at 781-582-1013.

Goal # 2 - Increase communication with other boards and committees: During 2017, the Adams Center Trustees engaged in "cross committee" activities

with the Library, the Senior Center, and the Recreational Commission forming a collaborative that meets once monthly to discuss ideas for programming and event coordination, to insure individuality of event bookings. As a result of these meetings The Adams Center became the venue for various Recreation programs such as a Teen Leadership program, Yoga, and Tai Chi. These programs will continue and perhaps expand during FY 2018.

Goal #3 - Provide opportunities for cultural programs and cross generational programming: This goal has been the Trustees major focus. We have created a speaker series showcasing Kingston resident's talents called Kingston Speaks. This series emphasis is on the hobbies, talents, interests and careers of our residents. Recent series hosted a Major League Baseball theme; a Space & Ocean talk and a costumed speaker and display of WWII artifacts. We continue to hold our annual Spring Tea in May and offer crafts and goodies for the annual Town Luminary night. Some of our programming is made possible by funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Sampson Fund.

The Trustees continue to give their time and energy in hosting and overseeing the use of this beautiful building and have relied on the facilities manager, Brad Norman to preserve and maintain the Adams Center using the standards set forth for historically recognized buildings.

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.

ANIMAL CONTROL

For the period: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Calls received: 2640

73--Dogs were picked up or impounded

49-Dogs returned to their owners

13-Dogs adopted out to new homes

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

0-Dogs euthanized

1-DOA

55--Cats were picked up or impounded

9-Cats returned to their owners

32-Cats adopted out to new homes

0-Cats transferred (Animal Hospital, Petsmart Adoption Center)

4-Cats euthanized

5-Cats DOA

Bites: (20) Dog bites, (5) Cat bites, and (1) Rabbit, were reported and investigated.

Collections: Town of Kingston Total = \$1,085.00

Animal Care Fund: Collected/\$7,267.00 Expended/\$3,955.48

Spay/Neuter Deposits Collected/\$120.00 Expended/\$655.00

The Smart Pak Company of Plymouth donated 270lbs. of dry dog food with a retail value of \$503.00.

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 25 scheduled and trained volunteers who assist with dog/cat care, routine cleaning, office assistance, PAC-TV programs, our Facebook Page, and public relations.

Other notes of interest:

August The department in conjunction with The Kingston Animal Hospital participated in National Police Night Out.

September Debra and Jenna attended an all-day wildlife training seminar at Boston MSPCA.

January MA Veterinary Medical Association Charities approved the application for funds. \$614.76 was paid to the Kingston Animal Hospital for providing urgently needed veterinary services to a shelter dog.

April The Annual Rabies and Dog License Clinic, sponsored by Kingston Animal Hospital was held at the shelter; 26 cats and 46 dogs were vaccinated. Volunteers offered nail trims and raised \$111.00 for the Animal Care Fund.

June

The Kingston Animal Hospital, at their facility, hosted a yard sale to benefit the Animal Care Fund. \$1,600 was raised and donated.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the year FY-17 there were 26 reported animal bites (20 dogs, 5 cats, and 1 rabbit) 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. Three animals were sent to The State Laboratory for rabies testing, 1 raccoon, 1 dog, and 1 bat. The raccoon and dog were negative. The bat tested positive and MA Division of Animal Health protocol was followed. A new, free, rabies testing program for wildlife with no known human or domestic exposure, was offered by the USDA Wildlife Services in Sutton, MA. Six raccoons and 3 fox were submitted, all results were negative.

In addition (13) forty five day “strict confinement” quarantines were issued, (2) four month, and (1) six month extended quarantines to dogs or cats. Nineteen animals were released from extended quarantines, having completed the term and appearing healthy.

The annual census of farm animals was completed. A total of 659 animals were recorded; 547 chickens, 28 goats, 55 horses, 3 peacocks, 7 rabbits, 2 sheep and 15 waterfowl. Twenty-four 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 2017. 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 63 new homes in town for 2017, with more to come in 2018 as these developments continue to build and add new homes to the community.

The Assessor’s Office has processed several commitments in 2017 for Real Estate, Personal Property, Boat and Motor Vehicle Excise. The Office has received and processed 958 Motor Vehicle Abatements, 14 Boat Abatements, 55 Real Estate and Personal Property Abatements, 490+ Building permits, 414 Sales and Property Transfers, 27 Senior Work Off, 64 Senior, 6 Blind 11

CPA and 122 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 August of 2017 Assistant Assessor Holly J. Merry resigned and a search for a new Assistant Assessor for the town began. Several candidates were interviewed and considered for the position. The Board of Assessor's voted to offer the position to Meredith Rafiki at their meeting on September 12, she accepted. Mrs. Rafiki is an accredited Assessor with the MAAO and has been working in the office for nearly 5 years. She started her new position as Assistant Assessor in October.

In November the Board of Assessors voted to hire Kenda Cluff for the Administrative Assessor position formerly held by Meredith Rafiki. Kenda has worked for the Town for over a year and was the Administrative Assistant/Float employee for the Wastewater Department before taking her new position in the Assessor's Office.

In Late November of 2017 the Department of Revenue certified the Town's assessed values and approved a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018 of \$16.45 per thousand, a five cent deduction from Fiscal 2017's Tax Rate. The Assessor's office brought over 1 million dollars in New Growth for FY2018. This was a collective effort for the Town with approximately \$500,000 of Growth coming from the construction of new homes and other construction done in town; \$500,000 also came from the completion of the Measure and List project done by vendor KRT.

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 \$90,000 of revenue in New Growth to the Town's Personal Property tax roll.

We would like to congratulate Andrew MacInnis for winning his re-election campaign to the Board of Assessors, and thank Stephen Dunn and Donna

Furio 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 2017

Single Family Dwelling	78	Commercial	56
Garage	9	Swimming Pools	12
Renovation / Alterations	215	Misc.	1
Shed / Barn	9	Mobile Homes	14
TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED		559	
TOTAL EST. CONSTRUCTION COST		\$ 32,000,438.60	
TOTAL BUILDING FEES COLLECTED		\$ 294,636.60	

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

As required by the Town By-Laws, the Capital Planning Committee makes its recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting on expenditure for assets costing \$10,000 or more and having a useful life of five (5) years minimum. The Capital Plan is developed as a working report for the Town’s use in helping plan for expenditures within a five year time frame.

For Fiscal Year 2018 the Capital Planning Committee recommended the following expenditures:

General Fund

Funding Source: General Government		FY18
Departmental Operating Budget		
Chapter 90		
Overlay Surplus		
Waterways Improvement Fund		
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects		
Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects (Meals Tax)		\$ 280,947
Borrowing or Other		
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)		\$ 113,818
Total: GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 394,765

This included the following expenditures by department:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Dept	Project	Qty	FY18
POL	Police Vehicle(s) - Ford Interceptor model or similar	1	\$ 50,000
POL	Ballistic Gear	10	\$ 11,000
POL	Defibrillators	6	\$ 13,800
			\$ 74,800
FACILITY	Insulation Project Center for Aging	1	\$ 17,500
FACILITY	Safety Guard Rails (Opachinski, Capt Bailey, Gray Beach, Grys BB)	4	\$ 16,000
			\$ 33,500
ELECT	Voting Machine Tabulators, (1 per precinct)	4	\$ 20,000
			\$ 20,000
FIRE	Refurbish Pumping Engine	1	\$ 30,000
FIRE	Ambulances - Replace A1 and A2 [3 yr lease + FY17 down payment]	2	\$ 132,465
FIRE	Replace Pembroke Station Doors	4	\$ 32,000
			\$ 194,465
SOLWST	Cardboard Compactor		
SOLWST	85cy Ejection Trailer (Town owns 3)		
SOLWST	645 HD-d Compactor (Arm system that pushes trash into trailers)	1	\$ 72,000
			\$ 72,000
	Grand Total: GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 394,765

Enterprise Funds

Funding Source: Enterprise Funds	FY18
Department Operating Budget [OB]	\$ 55,000
Borrowing or Other	
Surplus Revenue [SR]	\$ 424,600
Total: ENTERPRISE	\$ 479,600

This included the following expenditures by department:

ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
Dept	Project		FY18
WATER	Well Cleaning	\$	55,000
WATER	Water tank painting	\$	300,000
	Sub-Total	\$	355,000
SEWER	Replace septage pumps - Jones River Station (1 ea in FY18/FY19)	\$	34,800
SEWER	Replace septage pumps - Rocky Nook Station (1 ea in FY18/FY19)	\$	34,800
SEWER	Replace Ford F350 w/ lift gate	\$	55,000
	Sub-Total	\$	124,600

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

In fiscal year 2017, the Collector's office was committed over 37 million dollars for the 13,646 residents that live in the Town of Kingston. A total of 57,029 bills (an increase from FY2016 of 1,741 bills) were mailed from the Collector's office for fiscal year 2017 for initial mailings of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise and water bills. An additional 5,554 bills for demand and warrant bills not paid during the initial mailing we also mailed from the office.

As of 12/31/2017, total collected for fiscal year 2017 real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, boat and water charges is 98.24%. In fiscal year 2017, properties totaling \$228,045.78 for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 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 614 Municipal Lien Certificates in fiscal year 2017 (decrease of 73 MLC's from FY2016) totaling \$30,700 to the general fund. \$14,059 was collected for additional fees relating to delinquent motor vehicle excise. The 2 totaled \$44,759 which was deposited to the general fund.

The Collector's office continues a relationship with the deputy collector, Kelley and Ryan for the Town of Kingston. Online payment activity increased to 6,058 (up from 3,440 payments in FY2016); the main reason for the increase is the capability residents have to make online payments after the due date and to make partial payments on account (except for motor vehicle). Also, bills are able to be viewed on the Town of Kingston website, giving residents more access to their bills and information on their taxes. The ability to "clear" in office a marked registration is invaluable to the residents, allowing residents to get their information cleared and done in a timely fashion without having to travel off-site for the service.

It is our pleasure to work for the residents of Kingston. Jo-Ann and myself enjoy seeing the residents each day and helping residents whenever we can. We look forward to another successful collection year in fiscal year 2018 and we wish the best for all residents of the Town of Kingston.

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, historic preservation, community housing and recreation. Since its adoption in 2005, the town has received \$2,721,526 in state matching funds. For Fiscal Year 2019 we expect a match of 17.2% in the amount of \$36,863 from the State CPA Trust Fund.

For Fiscal Year 2018 the Community Preservation Committee recommended five projects, and the 2017 Annual Town Meeting approved four:

- The transfer of \$600,000 to the Kingston Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the planning and creation of Community Housing within the town of Kingston
- A sum of \$11,328 for the purchase and installation of fencing to complete the Opachinski basketball courts
- A sum of \$9,800 for the restoration of four windows in the Faunce School, completing the work on that historic structure
- A sum of \$40,000 for the creation of a Historic Cemetery Preservation Master Plan for the Old Burying Ground.

Town Meeting did not approve a request by the CPC for the purchase and installation of replacement playground fencing at the Gray's Beach playground.

The Community Preservation Coalition is an alliance of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation organizations working with municipalities to help them understand, adopt, and implement the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (CPA) in order to preserve Massachusetts communities' unique character, and advance smart growth and sustainable development. Kingston's CPC works closely with, and utilizes the Coalition's advice and counsel. This year, the Coalition chose two of Kingston's CPA projects to feature on their new Facebook page which highlights success stories. These two projects were the restoration of the catboat Baclaju, and the creation of the dog park, The Boneyard.

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. The public is encouraged to attend and provide their input and comments at any of these meetings or public hearings. This year, the CPC will hold public hearings soliciting town and committee-wide input for projects, and comments on those the Committee is recommending

to Town Meeting. These hearings present an additional opportunity for citizens, Committees, Commissions, Boards and other groups to voice their opinions regarding such projects. 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

Kingston's Conservation Department and The Conservation Commission were quite active with a number of exciting initiatives and projects in 2017. The two most exciting projects were the Jones River Bridge and Boardwalk Project and the Gray's Beach Coastal Restoration, Retreat, and Improvement Project. These two important projects stand out due to the incredible collaborative efforts of many agencies, departments, and individuals, including town residents, who made them possible.

The Jones River Bridge and Boardwalk Project was funded through a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant (\$18,850) from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and could not have been completed without the generous support of 54 volunteers who contributed over 450 hours of service over several weekends. The 36-foot long bridge and 300-foot connecting boardwalk was built off of Lake Street in Cranberry Watershed Preserve and greatly improves access over the Jones River and its floodplain on this section of the Bay Circuit Trail that is popular with hikers, cross country runners, mountain bikers, etc. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all of those involved in making the project possible including: MA DCR, the RTP, various Kingston entities including Recreation, Streets, Trees, and Parks, Facilities, Planning, Open Space Committee, Boy Scout Troop 199, 11 Kingston families, 7 individual Kingston residents, as well as friends and families of Kingston residents. PAC TV and the Kingston Reporter also helped the Commission to promote and celebrate the completion of this project. The Silver Lake Outdoor Biking Organization, the Bay Circuit Alliance, and the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) provided support for the grant. The project was truly a collaborative one that not only built a bridge and boardwalk, but also built community.

The Gray's Beach Coastal Restoration, Retreat, and Improvement Project will be completed in 2018 and is being funded by a MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Coastal Resilience grant (\$497,725), a MA Division of Conservation Services (DCS) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant (\$300,000), as well as funding through the Town budget as appropriated at Town Meeting. This project was even more collaborative across multiple town agencies and is being led by the Kingston Recreation Department with

project assistance from engineers at the Horsley Witten Group. The Gray's Beach Project is also very innovative in that it will result in the implementation of a living shoreline concept to stabilize the coastal banks in lieu of the failed stone revetments currently at the site. The living shoreline will be comprised of a coastal dune and salt marsh system that will greatly enhance and restore the current coastal environment and habitats at the beach. The project will be a model for other coastal communities dealing with the challenges of coastal erosion and stabilization. The Commission is very pleased with the progress of this project and looks forward to assisting throughout the project and beyond with monitoring, education, and outreach efforts.

Beyond these exciting projects, the Commission spent a great deal of time reviewing projects under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Kingston Wetlands Protection By-Law in the busiest permitting year since 2011. The Commission received 30 formal wetland filings that required public hearings including 11 Notices of Intent (NOI's), 17 Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA's), 1 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD), and 1 Request for Amendment with the issuance of the various permits and determinations that accompany them. The Commission also issued 16 Certificates of Compliance for completed projects, 1 Extension of a permit, and dealt with over a dozen enforcement matters. The Commission also held three informal meetings with the Open Space Committee on new initiatives, the Green Energy Committee on community gardens, and the Duxbury Beach Reservation on the Cranberry Watershed Preserve beach grass nursery. The Commission and staff worked on other important projects during the year including:

- Being a part of the Property Management Team with the Facilities, Recreation, and Streets, Trees, and Parks Department for better and more collaborative management and maintenance of Kingston properties including conservation lands;
- Working with Recreation, Horsley Witten Group, various agencies and departments on moving the Gray's Beach project through permitting;
- Updating the Conservation Land Rules & Regulations to address access and use issues;
- Streamlining the approval process for small projects by allowing Administrative Approvals and streamlining the public hearing process to improve efficiencies;
- Working to engage residents in the Commission's Volunteer Land Stewardship Program through AMC-led basic trail maintenance training and trail workdays at Bay Farm and Cranberry Watershed Preserve

Annex where a new trail was built from the Grove Street parking lot to connect with existing trails, including the Bay Circuit Trail;

- Working with the AMC to install an interpretive panel at Bay Farm for the BCT and points of interest in Duxbury and Kingston;
- Facilitating an Eagle Scout service project by Steven Cervantes to improve the cross country course at the Cranberry Watershed Preserve;
- Securing a CZM Coastal Pollutant Remediation grant (\$161,288) to implement stormwater best management practices (BMPs) along Brook Street in 2018;
- Securing a DEP 604b Water Quality Management and Planning grant (\$36,250) for the Jones River Water Quality Assessment & Stormwater BMP Project in the area of the Elm Street dam;
- Working with the Jones River Watershed Association on moving the Elm Street dam removal project forward;
- Presenting articles at Annual Town Meeting for 1) compliance with the first year of the Towns multi-year federal and state stormwater discharge permit, 2) amending the General By-Law Chapter 7, Section 7.1.6 Discharge of Firearms on Public Way to include conservation land as a public place and to allow hunting on conservation land, and 3) working with the Recreation Director to present the article at Special Town Meeting for the Gray's Beach project;
- Working with the Silver Lake Regional School District and Rep. Calter's office to file special legislation for SLRSD to grant easements to the Town for implementation and maintenance of stormwater BMPs off of Lake Street to improve the water quality of the Jones River;
- Participating with the Kingston Master Plan Update Committee, the Town Planner, and the Planning Board's consultants to update the Master Plan;
- Working with the MA Division of Conservation Services, Wildlands Trust, CPC, and others to complete conservation restrictions on CPA-purchased conservation lands;
- Keeping the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Facebook page updated to enhance public outreach efforts;
and
- Monitoring ongoing construction projects for compliance with permits and addressing various complaints.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Kingston Council on Aging is pleased to report 2017 exceeded our expectations as the hub of sociability, wellness, increased education and transportation for the seniors in town. Also, we strive to assist in the elimination of the belief the center is only for "old" people and are working at

becoming a multi-generational facility by encouraging those of a younger age to enjoy the facility and intermingle with seniors. We are working closely with the Library and Recreation departments to bring in a diverse mixture of ages and activities to stimulate everyone. The Author Series which is done in conjunction with the Library and attracted 801 individuals of all ages, has in particular been a resounding success.

Our achievements could not have been accomplished without the efforts of over 100 volunteers who logged 11,774 hours (excludes tax work-off time) at the center, the dedication of the staff, various Town departments, the Friends of the KCOA, the Board and the support of local businesses. Total “Check-ins” to the facility was 53,012 for all activities combined and the increase can, in part be attributed to the experimental expansion of the hours we are open.

Other relevant statistics for the COA are:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Van Miles Driven	36,845	43,791	50,311	49,516
Rides	5,355	7,383	8,850	9,665
Outreach & Advocacy	395	2,062	3,049	4,253
Fitness- Person Count	3,804	3,457	4,232	5,675
Number of Activities	73	114	129	123

Inter-departmental cooperation from the police and fire departments has helped the Friends produce outstanding Thanksgiving and Christmas meals enjoyed by 300 individuals. This cooperation has allowed everyone to view our policemen and fireman from personal perspectives rather than just competent professionals. This goes a long way in fostering community trust.

One of the goals of the COA is to promote the wellness of our seniors. We offer 13 different fitness classes, a blood pressure clinic, Pedi-Care, hearing consultation, glucose screening, flu shots and more. It has been shown in numerous studies a healthy individual is a happier person and our desire is to improve the overall well-being of our members.

We would be remiss not to acknowledge the donations of baked goods from Big Y and Stop and Shop. Of special note are the donations of fruits, vegetables, healthy juices, baked goods and other products received from the Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center which is part of the South Shore Community Action Council. Food received from this source provided much nutrition and enjoyment to seniors in the center as well as those receiving

Meals on Wheels delivered to their homes. The following table emphasizes the quantity of food received and distributed by the COA:

Food Distributed by the Kingston Council on Aging	
Received From the Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center	
Fiscal Year Ended 2017	
<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Bags of Food for Meals on Wheels	3,776
Food Distribution	14,910
Healthy Harvest	<u>736</u>
Total Pounds Received	19,422
Equivalent Meals	14,940

The Friends of the KCOA reported record revenue growth and contributed 99.8% of these funds to the activities of the Center. Without their constant support many of the activities we provide would have to be downsized or curtailed. Their efforts in supporting the seniors in these tight financial times are most appreciated. To view their importance from another perspective, to maintain our present level of activities our budget would have to be increased over six percent to overcome the loss of their financial support. It is questionable the Town could afford to provide these funds in this period of financial austerity. The Council on Aging wants to formally thank the Friends of the KCOA for all of your hard work.

During the year, our Thursday lunch cook, Janet Croce, retired after over a decade of dedicated service. Although her camaraderie in the kitchen is missed by all the workers, we are pleased to say she still attends the lunches except as a patron and not a worker.

Three days after the end of the fiscal year, Tammy Murray, our tireless and creative Director of Elder Affairs for several years, tendered her resignation to become director at another south shore town. Tammy did much to reinvent the way we did activities and business which led to the present level of success. We wish her the best and thank her for everything she did while here.

Although we can be proud of our Center, we cannot rest on our laurels and must strive to find new ways to improve, be open-minded, interact and

communicate better. Our long term goal is to become nationally accredited and this will require an exhaustive effort involving all staff, volunteers, Friends, Board members, local businesses and Town officials.

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.

KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

In 2017 the Kingston Fire Department responded to 2,408 emergency calls for service. Of these, 1,741 were for Emergency Medical Services, 667 for fire and other incident types. Response times have continued to improve and currently average 5 minutes 37 seconds from the time the call is received until help arrives. Other notable statistics include simultaneous calls where 2 or more incidents are ongoing within the same time frame. This year 1,009 incidents were in the 2 or more category, 269 in the 3 or more category, 67 in the 4 or more category, 14 in the 5 or more category and 4 in the 6 or more category. Mutual aid was provided to other communities 42 times and we received mutual aid 37 times.

With nearly 70 years of combined experience, Chief Robert T. Heath and Captain Stephen C. Heath retired during 2017. After long careers serving the Town of Kingston, we wish them both a long, happy and healthy retirement.

As a result of Captain Heath's retirement, a 3 part promotional examination was held in October with John Bartlett the highest scoring candidate. John was promoted to the rank of Captain in November. In a ceremony held with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk, John was sworn in and his Captains badge pinned on him for the first time by his wife Christyn while family, friends and members of the department looked on.

Another personnel milestone occurred in October when Firefighter John Sheehan was appointed to the State Hazardous Materials Response Team. Appointment to this team requires hundreds of hours of training and participation in an extensive selection process. John will now be on call to respond to Hazardous Materials incidents throughout the region.

In March we began a review of our emergency response and administrative processes with the goal of improving service and increasing potential revenues. The review resulted in the restructure of ambulance billing rates and procedures, contracting with ProEMS of Cambridge Massachusetts as our billing vendor, and restructuring vehicle and personnel response procedures to be more flexible and cover simultaneous calls. To date this has been successful in providing better service, reducing the amount of mutual aid requested and increasing revenue.

Throughout 2017, the Department members have received Fire and EMS training in several areas. Medical simulation and cadaver labs have provided personnel with opportunities to gain proficiency in skills related to High Acuity Low Occurrence EMS calls. These are calls that are very critical in terms of patient condition but do not occur often. Simulation labs allow crews to be put under pressure in a teaching environment which results in excellent levels of performance when faced with a real life incident. Along with ongoing hazardous materials, dive rescue and technical rescue training, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has presented "impact" series programs on subjects such as handling high voltage electrical emergencies and the latest firefighting tactics. Continuous training is the key to safe and efficient job performance.

As with any modern Fire Department, Information Technology affects many aspects of our mission. The continued upgrade of our fire and medical reporting software, coupled with building a robust mobile data capability, allows access to critical real time information in the field and provides for more efficient processing of administrative data. We continue to work

closely with our IT Director to establish and maintain systems that are cost effective and meet the growing needs of the department.

In May of 2017, the department received a Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant for \$217,120.00 for the replacement of all of the Departments' 15 year old air packs and 20 year old Thermal Imaging Cameras. Replacement of this equipment brings our respiratory protection and search and rescue capabilities into compliance with the latest standards and provides our firefighters the state of the art tools needed to perform their jobs effectively and efficiently.

Through Capital Funding and a lease purchase program, 2 new ambulances were purchased and placed in service in February. These units are Ford 4 wheel drive chassis with patient modules manufactured by PL Custom of New Jersey. Through a 2016 AFG Grant, federal funding was provided to equip the ambulances with stretcher lift systems and cardiac compression devices. These new ambulances provide additional safety features for our crews and treatment capabilities for our patients.

The apparatus and equipment is in good condition as a result of continued maintenance. Given the escalating costs of vehicle replacement it is imperative that we continue to invest in a comprehensive maintenance program. The 2005 SUV currently assigned to the Shift Commander is approaching the 200,000 mile mark. This vehicle was originally on the Capital Plan for replacement in 2017 but was moved forward. There are several vehicle options available for this type of use, all at a price of approximately \$60,000.00. Specifications are underway and will be presented to the Capital Planning Committee during the budget process.

Both Fire Stations, Fire Station 1-Pembroke Street, and Fire Station 2-Smiths Lane, continue to undergo evaluation by our Facilities Director and trade specialists. In 2017 Station 1 had the garage doors and openers replaced with heavy duty industrial models at a cost of \$32,000. Station 2 built in 1989 is showing its age and will likely be in need of repairs in several areas in the upcoming years.

Annual Fire Prevention activities are now year round activities and include programs for Senior Citizens as well as Elementary and Intermediate school students. Presentation of many fire and life safety topics in the schools, along with child and senior citizen outreach programs, are supported by Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE Grants totaling \$6,950.00. In addition to education and outreach programs, the Fire Department holds an annual open house in October that is well attended by

residents. Once again this year, many residents joined us for displays, demonstrations and lunch provided by Papa Ginos, Big Y and Stop and Shop.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Entergy is in the planning phase for the permanent closure of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in 2019. The final plan for how much material will be left on site and for how long will dictate the requirements for local planning and emergency response activities. FEMA will hold what is expected to be the final graded exercise of the emergency response plan next year regardless of the presence of a closure plan. As always KEMA will participate in this exercise. Currently, the PNPS is running normally and KEMA continues to be active in the day to day process of planning and implementing the emergency response plan.

GAS INSPECTOR

In Fiscal year 2017, 321 Gas permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Gas Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$21,073.00

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 Zlogar. Without their assistance we would not have had such a successful year.

We were fortunate to have 32 volunteers install the floats and docks in April.

The department did 6 tows, 1 boat sank due to storm, and 8 boats were pumped out. The department received 5 calls from KPD.

With the help of 35 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 protect the health of our population. It is often said that public health “operates in the shadows.” That is, public health boards and personnel carry on their daily work largely outside of public view, preventing injury and disease and averting health threats that most people rarely think about.

The Kingston Board of Health continues to look out for the best interests of the community and will be there for its residents when needed. The Board of Health is an elected Board and implements programs, enacts policies that protect public health and promotes a healthy community. We serve as the local arm of both the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. We are involved in many areas, some of which include: food establishment inspections and plan review, inspections of summer camps, public swimming pools, tanning and body art facilities and septic systems. We also investigate complaints, conduct housing inspections, and supervise visiting nurses who conduct health, blood pressure and flu clinics. We conduct weekly beach testing during the summer season and continue to conduct tobacco compliance checks at least twice a year to ensure compliance with Massachusetts and local Tobacco Regulations. This is our seventeenth 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.

We are members of Region 5 Emergency Preparedness Division under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We focus our efforts on Pandemic Planning.

Some highlights:

- Adopted tobacco rules and regulations which increased the purchase age for tobacco products to 21 years.
- Adopted rules and regulations prohibiting the sale of synthetic drugs.
- Conducted compliance checks at least twice a year to ensure compliance with Massachusetts and local regulations regarding the

sale, vending and distribution of tobacco products and prohibition of synthetic drugs.

- Held a Health Fair in conjunction with VNA of Cape Cod which included screenings for: bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and provide education for: aromatherapy, diabetes and falls prevention.
- Reviewed its fee schedule and policy. Changes have resulted in more efficient processing of applications and an increase in revenue to the Town of Kingston.
- Adopted Regulations for Private Haulers Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables. These regulations are intended to protect the public health, safety and the environment in the Town of Kingston by regulating the storage, transferring, recycling and disposal of solid waste, as defined in 310 CMR 18.00-21.00 of the State Environmental Code.

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 helping the town celebrate its 300th anniversary. The Commission is in the process of finalizing special signage noting historic locations and structures. Locations and subjects have yet to be finalized.

We have also completed designs and prototype for house date boards. These standardized boards will note the original owners, both husband and wife, and the year the structure was built. Data research for the date board information would be done by the homeowners themselves, with guidance from the Historical Commission. We anticipate a public announcement and procedure for acquiring these date boards in early spring.

Over the year, the Commission has been working with the minimum number of members and has had trouble acquiring enough members for a quorum. We continue to seek new members to complete our complement of seven members.

This year's Town Meeting approved the 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 has 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. The Commission expects to have the work started mid-2018.

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 was 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 presentations to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and 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.

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 43% of the total project (approximately 48% of the eligible construction costs).

The grant was submitted in January 2017. In July 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded Kingston a \$6.9 million grant to build a new library. Throughout the late summer and fall of 2017, the Committee held information sessions and met with the Selectmen and other committees to inform the community about this opportunity.

The project received initial support at a Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2017, contingent upon a town-wide ballot vote in December. The December 5th vote was not successful, and the Town of Kingston lost the grant.

With the loss of the state grant, the work of the Library Building Study Committee under the original charge is now complete. It is now incumbent upon the Town of Kingston to determine what should be done to solve the pressing space and infrastructure needs of the existing library building.

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 wifi network for those who bring in their own laptops or mobile devices. The Town's IT Manager helps support the library's computers. We worked with a web designer on a new library website, to be launched in FY2018.

Electronic resources 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 able 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 Kids InfoBits, which provides authoritative, curriculum-aligned, age-appropriate digital content on a broad range of educational topics. We introduced a collection of Launchpad tablets with pre-loaded themed games and puzzles for children, teens, and adults.

Electronic books and magazines

The Library focused on building a strong collection of digital material. In addition to the Kingston Public Library collections, residents also have access to the holdings of the 29 Old Colony Library Network libraries as well as the Commonwealth eBooks Collection, which includes thousands of digital books, music, and videos. We now offer the Hoopla, Axis 360 and Overdrive platforms, all available on mobile devices as well as computers. A wide range of digital magazines are available through the RBDigital database (formerly Zinio).

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 some nationally-known authors to Kingston, including Nathaniel Philbrick. We also worked with the public libraries of Duxbury, Weymouth, and Marshfield to bring international literary star Chris Bohjalian to the area. We continued our South Shore Locavores series and held our third Pie Marathon to make pies at Thanksgiving for families served by the Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center. We worked with the Recreation Department and Council on Aging to offer programs under the name Kingston Community Fun. We took part in Kingston's National Night Out and the Kingston Business Association's Waterfront Festival.

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 once again had a strong STEM (science, technology, engineering,

and mathematics) focus. 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. 209 children signed up for the program, and more than 1300 children attended SRP programs.

Throughout the year, Children's Librarian Stephanie Legg and her assistant Mike Slawson 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, planned programs and contests, including a Book Spine Poetry contest and their annual Fan Art contest, and painted a mural for the teen space. We held our very first Teen Summer Reading Programs, with 62 teens participating,

Archives

Our Archivist Susan Aprill provided support for the Jones River Village Historical Society summer exhibit, and for research projects of the JRVHS, Kingston Girl Scout troops, the Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center, the Kingston Historical Commission, the Recreation Department, and Kingston's First Parish, 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. We continued processing artifacts and records from long-time Kingston business Tura's

Pharmacy, which closed in 2015. Patrons used the room for researching family and house histories, as well as general Kingston history. We worked with Adams Center trustees to develop policies and procedures for archiving town records at the Adams Center.

Planning and Staff

Three new staff members joined the library team, replacing staff who had retired or left to take a position elsewhere. Mike Slawson and Gayle Metcalf, both Kingston residents, work primarily in the Children's Department and at the front desk. Alvin Ealy is our Head of Adult Services and Reference Librarian. Archivist Susan Aprill will be on leave during FY2018, and interim Archivist Sharon Pietryka will keep the Local History operation running in her absence.

We continued working with the Library Building Study Committee on plans for a new library, addressing the concerns identified by the Library Needs Assessment Committee that had concluded its work in 2013. Having received the endorsement and approval of Town Meeting in 2016, we wrote and submitted a state grant based on the work of these two committees. We held many information sessions and other forums to inform the community about the library project. The grant award was to be announced in July 2017 and would then go to Town Meeting and a ballot vote.

Friends and Foundation

We worked with the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, who continued their program of booksales 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, 645 times in FY2017. 32 volunteers donated 1,435 hours of work to the Library. There were 77,342 visits to the Library this year, we were open 2,565 hours, we answered 14,921 reference questions, and users borrowed 142,986 items. Our patrons downloaded 573 digital magazines, 4,414 eBooks, and 1,075 e-audiobooks, and 562 online videos. We sponsored 199 programs for children attended by 2,682 children, 26 programs for teens attended by 238 teens, and 133 programs for adults attended 2,424 people. As of June 30th, 4,844 Kingston residents and 684 nonresidents held active library cards.

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

The Master Plan Committee finished their two and half year effort on behalf of the Town of Kingston to create a Master Plan officially on December 11, 2017 with a public hearing. The Kingston Master Plan, last completed in 1998, is a comprehensive policy guideline for the Town. Members of the Master Plan Committee are Chair Susan Boyer, Planning Board; Vice Chair Rick Grady Business Community; Clerk Paul Basler, Infrastructure; Matthew Capozzi, Open Space; Elaine Fiore, Board of Selectmen; 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 served as Ex-Officio members. The Planning Board hired Ted Brovitz of Brovitz Community Planning & Design, as our consultant and his team which included Dodson & Flinker, and Nitsch Engineering and Principal Group supported the committee with data, well written reports, and most importantly a vision of what could be accomplished. The completed plan includes a toolbox of ideas and strategies which will be used to achieve the identified goals in the plan. While the Master Plan will go to print, it is currently available on the Town Website. Creating the Master Plan is only the beginning, planning doesn't stop with the completion of the Plan. The goals, policies, and actions in the plan will become the guide for the Master Plan Implementation Committee which will help direct growth and governance of the Town over the next ten to twenty years.

The process of developing the Master Plan was intended to bring ideas from all interested parties including boards, committees and the general public. We started this process in June of 2015 with a public meeting full of maps, sticky notes and wonderful ideas. Over snacks people expressed their concerns, desires, and the needs of the town. The Brovitz team brought these maps and ideas to the three day Charrette held in October of 2015. A charrette is a public meeting or workshop devoted to a concerted effort to solve a problem or plan the design of something. The charrette lead to a vision for several key areas in town, drawings which helped visualize the town's dreams, and a direction for the committee to grapple with. Over the next two years the committee met with the Kingston Business community, all the boards and committees, private citizens, developers, traffic specialists, designers/architects, and other key players. In addition a survey was sent out to the town asking for their input around the key ideas identified as important.

This plan is the coming together of all of ideas and dreams collected from the stakeholders; the town of Kingston, not just the nine members of a committee. One of the most important aspects of Ted Brovitz's team was

their ability to capture ideas and put them into detailed drawings. These drawings helped the committee realize that ideas could become action plans. Having served on the previous Implementation Committee in 1999, I am aware of the importance the goals and objectives have, however without public support many of the ideas will never see fruition. In order to make change, the entire town must continue to validate the committee's work and help to sustain the momentum these new ideas bring. I look forward to participating in the implementation of the Master Plan, and seeing the creative new ways Kingston can move forward.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

The Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 29th amongst some scattered showers. For the first time there was a trolley for our Veterans to ride on. The Trolley cost was donated by a couple in our community. I want to extend my thanks to my board, the Police, Fire and Highway departments for all their help, and also a special thanks to Priscilla Brackett and the Veterans Department. We were able yet again to be honored in song by Fran Hoeg and also this year student from Silver Lake High, Tom McSorley.

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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 FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the Brockton Area Transit - Aging in Place Report; the FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities. 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 regional water and wastewater, as well as conducting a number of land use analyses, neighborhood economic, housing production plans, community compact and transportation analyses. The Council also provided assistance to the town of Plymouth on the decommissioning of the nuclear power plant, assistance to municipalities in the development of business associations and site finders, green communities designation and provided a variety of economic development technical assistance. 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 \$1.4 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like transportation, homecare, legal services, nutrition, and others to the more than 97,000 persons' age 60 and over in the region. In addition, we completed the FFY 2016 Need Assessment and FFY 2018-2022 Area Plan on Aging. 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 1,300 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 320 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 2017, the Council processed approximately \$142,000 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 2017, 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 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

NEW ADDITIONS from last year to read about in this report:

- **New!! “Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve”, 305 Acres of Pine Barrens habitat and Muddy Pond purchased by the Northeast Wilderness Trust from the Sisters of Divine Providence of Sacred Heart School made possible by a charitable donation from L. Knife & Son, one of the Sheehan Family Companies. Press release made on 4/5/2018 (see “Walking / Hiking section for property details).**
- **New combined map of the Camp Nekon area, Kingston State Forest, new “Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve” – totaling 705 acres**
- **New “The Boneyard” Dog Park**
- **New Cranberry Watershed Preserve, new parking access and trail off Grove Street**
- **New Cranberry Watershed Preserve, 36 foot long 4-foot wide aluminum bridge and 300-foot boardwalk off Lake Street**
- **New Tall Timbers – a connecting trail through the bogs and to near Ring Road**
- **New Christmas Tree Lane trail through the woods connecting to 53 acres at the power lines**
- **New Elm Street Dam removal, in the permitting stages**
- **New Map of Camp Nekon to the Kingston State Forest**

The Open Space Committee’s Mission: To represent the residents of Kingston and improve our community sense of togetherness, and ultimately protects our water, 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. We also work with developers to identify ways to best dedicate space for public enjoyment. We all can be proud that our town has 2,325 acres of open space and conservation which is about 17% of the town’s total acreage!

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** – We host guided walks year-round at the Cranberry Watershed, Sampson Park, and Camp Nekon/Kingston State Forest (a longer 2.5 hour hike), Silver Lake Sanctuary, and others. Some of these walks will be organized and led by Silver Lake High School students as part of their community service hours required for graduation!
- **Kayaking / Canoeing** – Guided paddles on the Jones River and possibly other locations
- **Kingston fishing clinic** – 2018 will be our 3rd annual clinic planned for Saturday in May 19th, 2018. We target 5-12 year olds in 3 time shifts at Soules Pond. Each year about 20 children attend with many catching their first fish ever! We catch big mouth bass, perch, pickerel, sunfish, and even a painted turtle! Registration is through the Recreation Department and the event is also supported by the Water Department and Dick’s Sporting Goods at Crown Colony in Plymouth.

Tick bite prevention of Lyme disease: Avoid ticks by staying in the middle of paths (ticks stay in the moist leaves and grass), check your pants, scan your body, legs and groin area, and neck (under hair) when you leave the trail and/or at home. Some ticks can be as small as a poppy seed. If one has been on you, save it in a Ziploc bag and visit: <http://www.tickencounter.org/>

23 MILES of Walking / Hiking / Off Road Biking / Sightseeing – yes, we have 20 miles of trails within over 1,000 acres of town land! Trail maps available at town hall Conservation Office as paper versions and also printable PDFs on the town website www.kingstonmass.org “Conservation Maps & Plans” page links as a PDFs, and via QR codes for areas with an asterisk “*”. Also see the QR code instructions to download the free Avenza Map app to never be lost - enable your smart phone’s GPS to see exactly where you are on the trail map overlays.

- **New!! “Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve”, 305 acres of Pine Barrens habitat and Muddy Pond – about 2 miles of patchwork trails** Note: The new owners follow the federal conservation lands’, “The Wilderness Act” which does NOT allow any type of mechanical transport (bicycles) or any type of motorized equipment. There are trails near and around Muddy Pond and purchased by Northeast Wilderness Trust from the Sisters of Divine Providence of Sacred Heart School made possible by a charitable donation from L. Knife &

Son, one of the Sheehan Family Companies. This property abuts and has connecting trails with the 400 acres adjacent to Camp Nekon and the Kingston State Forest **(they are connected via the 300-foot, large cement pedestrian and wildlife corridor underpass that was built under the new 7.5 mile freeway section of Route 44 during its construction in 1994) making 705 acres!** This new forever-wild conservation preserves a stunning ecosystem. Plans with our Kingston community are being developed for long-term stewardship. Trails connect all the way to Parting Ways Cemetery in Plymouth. The Press release was issued on 4/5/2018
www.newwildernesstrust.org

- ***Camp Nekon** - 195 acres (adjacent Smelt Pond), plus adjacent **Kingston State Forest** approx. 205 acres, = 400 acres, new trial map drafted.
 - **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, at 282 feet above sea level. The Kingston Fire Tower is made of steel and is 75 feet tall with a 10’ by 10’ cabin that is manned in the summer by the staff of the Plymouth County DCR.
<http://nhlr.org/lookouts/us/ma/kingston-fire-tower/>
 - 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) Next to 95 Pond View Drive (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 road side next to 58 Bishops Hwy.
 - At intersection of Route 80 at Route 44 bridge - Southern side, park next to 149 Bishops Highway at the Kingston water department pumping station
- **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 it's 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
- **NEW "The Boneyard" Dog Park**, NEW - opened December 2017. Located at the Town of Kingston Capped Landfill, Cranberry Road – parking for 20 cars. Thanks to a dedicated team that spent 3 years to build this 501(c)3 non-profit! www.kingstondogs.org
- ***Cranberry Watershed Preserve and Three Rivers Basin** – approx. 300 acres, **3.5 miles of trails** – great trail biking (smooth – but not paved)! Map available. Parking has 4 choices: (1) Behind the Silver Lake School administration building off Route 27 - 250 Pembroke Street, 20+ spaces and a trail starts in the woods, (2) behind the Silver Lake Middle School near the tall water tower tank (3) NEW in 2017 with town purchase of the Albertini property and thanks to the Appalachian Mountain Club labor to blaze a trail - next to 215 Grove Street 8 spaces, (4) NEW in 2017 36 foot long pedestrian bridge and 300 foot wetlands boardwalk in 2017 - 56 Lake Street 3 spaces. Entrances without parking (1) across from the house at 2 School Street (at Route 27), (2) Next to 195 Grove Street.
- ***Silver Lake Sanctuary** – 93 Acres, **1.7 miles of trails**, great views from elevated lake banks, bald eagle sightings, plus plenty of walking space (possibly around the lake) when the water is low. Two parking choices (1) Next to 48 Barse's Lane 10+ parking spots, (2) Next to 34 Barse's Way 3 curbside parking. --- Map available
- ***Sampson Park and Faunce Memorial Forest** – 165 acres, **1.6 miles of trails**, picnic table (5+ parking spots, across from 42 Elm Street next to the bridge and the dam (the dam is in process to be removal so fish and the annual herring migration spawning can happen freely). Map available
- ***Hathaway Preserve** – 77 acres, **1.3 miles of trails**, two parking choices: (1) Entrance next to 89 Wapping Road (Route 106 adjacent to an active bog) 15+ parking spots (2) Curbside across from 52

Foxworth Lane off Grove Street (enjoy the 3 wooden pedestrian bridges over the Jones River and built by the Boy Scouts of Kingston). No parking, walking entrances are (1) At the end of Barnabus Mill Road (follow on the left side of the chain-link fence) (2) Entrance next to 90 Newcombs Mill Road -- Map available

- **NEW Tall Timbers** – a connecting trail easement for public use. Starting at the big gap between #20 and #36 Bog View Road follows west along and between the bogs. Then there is a trail that connects to Ring Road across from Milliken Drive in the McFarland Farms neighborhood.
- ***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, two parking options: (1) Route 106 across from 143 Wapping Road - 5 parking spots and informational kiosk with a map (2) Across from 23 Arbor Hills Drive – 2 spaces off street road side.
- **NEW Christmas Tree Lane** - NEW in 2017 – 1.1 mile trail a short wooded trail connecting to 53 acres under the power lines and to the trail that connects to the town pumping station at the intersection / bridge at Rt 80 and Rt 44 ... which continues on to trails to Camp Nekon and the Kingston Collection or to Crown Colony! New access and parking:
 - Next to 51 Christmas Tree Lane, easement (4 stone dust road side parallel parking spots)
 - Next to 149 Bishops Highway at the Kingston water department pumping station Kingston Water pump station (on the southwestern side of the Route 44 and Route 80)
- **Heinrich Property** – adjacent to Plympton town line off West Street, currently limited access, most is wetlands
- **Bay Circuit Trail** – www.baycircuit.org Kingston is at the southern terminus of the 200 mile trail which starts in Newburyport and skirts around Boston Metropolitan Area mostly between Route 128 and Route 495. It includes our existing trails and uses roadways to connect, it starts at Silver Lake Sanctuary, continues off Lake Street (off street parking for 3) and across our new (in 2017) aluminum pedestrian bridge over the Jones River and then 300 foot wooden boardwalk, 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, kayak 4.5 miles to the Kingston Town Pier (Ah De Nah) at the end of River Street (requires a portage at **Sampson Park** around the Elm Street dam - which we hope to remove in 2018 thanks to the town vote and leadership of Pine Dubois, Alex Mansfield, and more). 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).
- **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 (floating dock in planning stages), choice to paddle upstream 1.4 miles to the Elm Street dam or 1.5 miles downstream to the Town Landing.
- **Jones River Landing / Jones River Watershed Association**, 55 Landing Road, non-profit, membership required (see details below).
- **Smelt Pond**, 50 acres, public parking and shoreline access, GPS past 117 Monks Hill Road and past Camp Nekon's Girl and Boy Scout bunkhouse (5 bunk beds - available for public use) and an outside public portable toilet.

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**, parking and kiosk next to 24 Sylvia Place Road, bass, perch, pickerel – beautiful scenery and setting
- **Soules Pond**, short walk required from limited parking next to 24 Sylvia Place Road, stocked with rainbow trout by the Mass DCR every spring, bass, perch, pickerel.
- **Smelt Pond**, 50 acres, public access shoreline, end of Monk's Hill Road past Camp Nekon
- **Muddy Pond**, 49 acres, fishing allowed, purchased by Northeast Wilderness Trust – April 2018
- **Foundry Pond**, park at **Patuxet Park's** Basler's Lane street parking
- **Indian Pond**, no public access in Kingston, only Plympton off Brooke Street Route 80, shallow and limited fish

Conservation interests:

Jones River Watershed Association (JRWA), annual membership \$50 per individual and \$75 per family, seniors/students \$15. Includes use of Jones River Landing to use the Jones River www.jonesriver.org

- Planning 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. Key initiative is for Brockton to replace its dependence and use of Silver Lake as its primary water source.
- Cape Cod Bay ecological protection & clean-up and proper decommissioning of Pilgrim Nuclear Power station.

Volunteers Needed! Become a land steward or led a hike! Land stewardship is simple, just walk a town trail / property periodically and report any needs for maintenance or cleanup.

Please email us at openspace@kingstonmass.org or contact Kingston Conservation Agent Mary Guiney (Welcome Mary – Hired in March 2018!) 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. Newly reelected Thomas Bouchard is the Board's Chairman, Bob Gosselin is the Vice Chair, Susan Boyer is the Clerk, David Gavigan and Jonathan J. Barnett, Jr. round out the Board. Joe Casna serves as Associate Member. Mr. Bouchard has served on the Planning Board since 1994 except for a three year tour of duty on the Board of Selectmen beginning in 1996 when he received the highest number of vote for Selectmen. While he received the highest vote total in 1996 in a contested race it was very difficult to out point Mary Lou Murzyn, Larry Winokur and the original Fred E. Nava beloved Tree Warden. The Board welcomed Beth Harris as the Department Floater based in the Planning Office who has helped with reviewing final drafts of the Kingston Master Plan.

The Planning Board addressed 3 ANR plans, 6 Site Plans, 9 Special Permits, and 6 Subdivision plan this year.

The Town finalized the Master Plan update this year with final public hearings in December (please see the Committee's Report). One of the products of the Master Plan was the need to update the Zoning Bylaw. With \$90,000 in funding from Town Meeting the Zoning Bylaw Committee selected Barbara

St. Andre of KP Law and Robert Mitchell, FAICP to help rewrite the 1992 Zoning Bylaw. Zoning Bylaw Committee Members include recently retired Building Inspector Paul Armstrong (Chair), Jonathan Barnett and Bob Gosselin from the Planning Board, Mark Guidoboni as the citizen/business community rep and R. Lindsay Wilson from the Board of Selectmen. The Master Plan Survey showed strong support from the 553 responses received with 67% (28.75% Strongly Agree & 38.34% Agree) believing that it is important to promote economic development by helping to creating new businesses through zoning and efficient permitting process. The Committee has their work cut out for them.

Notable Town Meeting Zoning Articles this year included the first ever zoning bylaw to address short term rentals. Short term rentals largely online home or room rentals through AirBNB and VRBO are increasing popular and a concern in many cities and towns due their potential impact on the housing market and neighborhoods. Town Meeting also voted add an mixed commercial overlay district to the residential zoning on 100 acres accessed through Plymouth's Colony Place development. With the approval of recreational marijuana in the Commonwealth the Town opted to vote for a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana to await the rules from the Cannabis Commission before considering zoning options.

The Planning Board's role in street acceptance is advisory to the Board of Selectmen's process as laid out in MGL Chapter 82. The Planning Board initiated the process this year with earlier phases of MacFarlane Farms that were deteriorating and where, for years, the developer was unresponsive. The Board also asked to have Marion and Gallen, taken by the MBTA as part of the commuter rail construction, accepted as Town (ways) streets. There has been a trend for more street acceptances in both subdivisions and 40B developments. The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen continue to work together on policy issues of street acceptances and the plowing and sanding of private ways.

The Planning Board approved several significant commercial projects this year. A new UPS distribution facility was approved on Independence Way converting the old Kingston Sports Center/Liddell/Boston Edison site (depending on how far back you go in Kingston). United Parcel Service agreed to improve the signalization at the intersection of Summer and Tremont Streets. At the behest of Acting Fire Chief Douglas the company also agreed to install an opticom system at the intersection. The opticom system turns a red signal to green when emergency vehicles responding to a call approach an intersection. The Chief and Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks Paul Basler have been working to upgrade intersections throughout Town

with this public safety system. The Board's approval allowed UPS to begin operating in time for the busy holiday season.

LKnife in response to the growing craft beers industry was approved for a new 47, 050 Square foot building as the King of Beers continues to lose market share to the ever expanding variety of craft beers. LKnife as a condition of the permit agreed to repave Spring and Elder Streets following the route of their vehicles as well as rebuilding the sidewalk along the route. LKnife is also contributing \$5000 towards the design of intersection improvements at Spring and Main.

On a smaller scale the Board approved A3 Pizza in the Town Center created by popular restaurateur John Cataldi. Due to limitations for seating due to sewer capacity (not sparkling dinner conversation) Bagna Gardens gave up seats in their largely take out business to accommodate their new neighbor. A3 is on 3A.

The most notable subdivision approval was for Wapping Road Estates that will include the first through street in years. The road between Pembroke Street and Wapping Road will also include the first speed table, a raised crosswalk designed to slow vehicles driving on the street. The developers will also be donating to the Town a seven acre open space parcel along the Jones River and will be constructing trails and a couple of parking spaces for the public's use. Part of the mitigation for the 18 units subdivision with two affordable homes will be a design to upgrade of the existing sidewalk to an ADA standard on Wapping from the development to Tura's Corner as well as a \$50,000 donation towards its construction.

As the Acting Energy Manager the Town Planner wrote another successful Green Communities Grant for the maximum \$250,000 amount, The grant money coupled with the help of a Town Meeting vote will go to replace the Energy Management System at Kingston Intermediate School (KIS-EMS). Working with the Procurement Office, Town Counsel and Steve Di Giacomo of Energy Management Associates the project will be out to bid in early 2018. Work will be completed over the summer. To date the Town had received \$934,866 in grants and \$297,554 in utility rebates to produce an estimated \$290,594 in annual savings. Annual savings, the gift that keeps giving.

The Acting Energy Manager was also involved in Procurement this year through the municipal aggregation program known as Kingston Community Choice Power Supply that purchased electricity for residents and small businesses in Kingston. Beginning with a vote at the February 2, 2016 Special Town Meeting authorizing the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into agreement to purchase electricity. The Acting Energy Manager working with the Town Administrator and Colonial Power produced a plan approved by the

Department of Public Utilities to purchase electricity at a rate of 10.523¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh). The lower cost over Eversource's rate of 10.759¢/kWh is good for 30 months. All utility companies are required to purchase electricity twice a year with rate changes in January and July. The Eversource rate for January 2018 is 13.157¢/kWh providing additional savings to Kingston residents. Rates will change again in July. Residents may opt in or opt out of the program at any time as often as they'd like at no cost. <https://colonialpowergroup.com/community-choice-power-supply-program-nextera-opt-out-or-opt-in-form/>

There are 52 municipal buildings and facilities that have a separate electrical supplier and rate that unfortunately wasn't available under the Community Choice Program. With the contracts expiring at year's end we have been monitoring electricity rates through our supplier Constellation Energy since March 2017. Again working with the Town Administrator and Town Counsel, Kingston purchased new four year contracts for 61 facilities (adding 9 more properties) at a rate of 9.77¢/kWh. Estimated savings from the new contracts are over \$100,000 per year. Whether it's your home or business or the Town spending less on energy it is more money available to meet other needs. Additional saving can be found through the MassSave program <https://www.masssave.com/> at no additional costs.

Lastly 2018 marks the twentieth year that I, as your Town Planner, have been writing the Annual Report for the Planning Board. It has been my honor and my pleasure to have worked with so many good people on so many good efforts. Thank you.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

In Fiscal year 2017, 217 Plumbing Permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Plumbing Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$22,294.00

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 on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, State and Federal funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County

Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and program for Plymouth County residents include: 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology, general science and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises including the Marshfield Agricultural Society, Plymouth County Farm Bureau and Plymouth County Grange. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, lectures, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Center for Agriculture and Extension web access www.ag.umass.edu.

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

Molly Vollmer, Director Plymouth County Extension/Extension Educator
Valerie Schell, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Evelyn Golden, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Blake Dinius, Entomologist, Tick and Insect Education Program (hired Aug ’17)
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 2017.

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. 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 2017 season began with normal amounts of precipitation but became drier as the season progressed. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 15,032 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 5, 2017 and ended on September 8, 2017. The Project responded to 14,209 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

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 a 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 2017 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There were also no detections of EEEV in the mosquito population.

West Nile Virus was active in Massachusetts. This summer, WNV was found in mosquitoes 17 times in the district. The virus was found in Abington, Bridgewater, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Middleborough, Plymouth, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. In response to these findings DPH estimated that there was a moderate risk of contracting WNV in Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. There were no human or horse cases of WNV reported in the district. The Project responded to the increased risk by conducting additional surveillance, larviciding, and adulticiding. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 50,694 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 have been monitoring *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. Our surveillance detected *Ae. albopictus* in the District for the second year. In response we reached out to the affected landowners and removed tires from the site. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. Since the program started, we have recycled 3,346 tires.

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 614 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 1464 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 2150 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 2017 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 10440 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 peturbans* and *Culex salinarius*. In the Town of Kingston the three most common mosquitoes were *Cx. salinarius*, *Cx. species* and *Cq. peturbans*.

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

I hereby submit the following report of the Kingston Police Department from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Our mission is to the prevention of crime and protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order and safety; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees. With community service as our foundation, we are driven by goals to enhance the quality of life, investigating problems as well as incidents, seeking solutions and fostering a sense of security for individuals and the community as a whole.

Throughout 2017, the Kingston Police Department provided residents and businesses with professional and dedicated service. This was achieved with funding from our annual budget appropriation, annual town meeting capital and equipment articles and supplemented by federal and state grants. Grant funding has been reduced significantly and in many cases eliminated on both state and federal levels and the competition for the remaining funds is strong. The Kingston Police Department continues to pursue every possible opportunity for grant funding.

The department was awarded a federal grant for the replacement of soft body armor. The bullet proof vest funds were expended and each member of the department received a new ballistic vest. These vests were purchased utilizing the federal grant program and an anticipated match from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

During this past year, two new employees were hired by the police department. Jennifer Jackunas was hired as our new Public Safety Dispatcher and Matthew Donovan was hired as our newest Patrol Officer. Our department takes great pride in recruiting and hiring the very best candidates to serve the Town of Kingston, and I'm confident that our newest additions will complement our organization very well.

The department continues our strong community policing initiatives. We held our thirty-third National Night Out. This community orientated event has become a regional destination and for the second year it was held at the Silver Lake Regional High School campus. 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.

During the school year, members of the department trained administrators and staff at the public schools in the program known as ALICE. This program trains individuals how to respond to the threat of an armed intruder in a building. The ALICE program was recently endorsed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the preferred response to these situations if they occur in a school. All secondary and primary staff had received updated training and instruction in these methods. The police department appreciates the support of the school administration in providing this level of commitment.

The department continued to provide training for Rape Aggression Defense for senior girls at Silver Lake Regional High School. The program was also offered for the first time for all adult females thru the Recreation Department.

Officers assigned to patrol duty are now equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED). In response to the opioid epidemic, officers were trained in the administration of Narcan and are now carrying it on patrol. Both Narcan and AEDs are essential tools in our mission to provide the best life savings measures to the residents our community.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Kingston Police Department for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. I thank the citizens and businesses of Kingston for their continued support of the Police Department. I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and all the other Town Departments for their continued support of the Police Department. We will continue our efforts to keep Kingston a safe community.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

www.kingstonrec.com July 1, 2017 -June 30, 2018

MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT: The Kingston Recreation Department's Mission: ***"Building and enriching our community by working together and creating community opportunities"***

Primary Responsibilities: The Recreation Department manages and implements many programs throughout the year, manages and oversees several Town properties, and works collaboratively with many other Town Departments and outside organizations. The Department also writes grants,

submits Community Preservation Act applications, and works with local and state organizations.

The Department also collaborates with other Departments and has created Kingston Community Fun events in conjunction with the Kingston Public Library, and the Council on Aging to enhance the productivity and efficiencies among departments and to provide various multigenerational opportunities for the residents of Kingston. Some of the events this past year have been, Field Trip to the Museum of Science, Book Pazingo, Magician Entertainment, Sense the Wind Documentary, building and creating Little Free Libraries throughout the Town, Corn Maze Field Trip, and Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig Performance and Author Read.

Other collaborative programming has included working with the Conservation Department on trail projects, and programming such as Conservation Property Trail Hikes, Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail Program, and the Gray's Beach Park Coastal Stabilization and Site Improvement Project along with assisting with registrations and marketing for the Jones River Bridge Build. The Recreation Department Director along with the Town's Conservation Agent, Facilities Manager and Streets, Trees, and Parks Superintendent have created the Property Management Team and meet and collaborate to create proactive approaches, utilize combined department resources while providing enhanced department proficiencies to accomplish property management needs, and to plan future goals. The Recreation Department manages and implements the following recreation programs: Children's programs include, but are not limited to: Dance, Toddler/Pre-school Programs, Playgroup, Music Programs, Babysitting, Theater Programs, Technology Programs, Sports Programs, Art Programs, Archery, Tennis, Sailing; a multiple of summer week-long clinics; and a Summer Playground Program. Some of the adult programs include, but are not limited to: Yoga, Pickleball, Volleyball, Basketball, Art Programs.

Special events include: Halloween Party, Luminary Holiday Activities, Dance Recital, Movie Nights and Egg Hunt. The Recreation Department manages the use of all the athletic fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts under the Recreation Commission jurisdiction. The Recreation Department designs and manages all marketing aspects of the programs, including, but not limited to flyers, posters, newspaper submissions, and the Department website.

The Department has managed over 20,271 registrations since the website's inception in 2013. There are more than 2,387 accounts and more than 5,883 members. Over 377 programs were offered last fiscal year. We regularly update our website (www.kingstonrec.com) to better serve the public. The website is also used to assist other community boards and organizations to

enable them to get pertinent information to the residents of Kingston. The Recreation Department has assisted with promoting programming for Adams Center events as well, and assisted with building use management through the Recreation Website.

The Recreation Department maintains and upgrades the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission. These include the Reed Community House and grounds; 9.51 acres, including sports fields, a playground, tennis courts and basketball court, Gray's Beach Park; 6.50 acres, which includes a beach, basketball court, tennis court, playground, and concession building with restrooms, and the Opachinski Athletic Field Complex; 46.15 acres (22 acres of field), which includes 11 sports fields and a concession building with restrooms, multiple storage sheds, extensive irrigation system, wells and pump system, field lighting, and electronic scoreboards.

The Recreation Department manages contracts and oversees the contractors for the field turf management (fertilization, aeration, slice seeding), mowing and weed whacking, pump and well system, and irrigation systems, as well as with over 35 yearly instructors. Staff manages billing for programs, instructors, and contractors. Staff manages, designs, and implements the yearly summer programs for more than 1,139 registrations and 90 programs this past summer. For the summer months the Recreation Department staffs more than 60 personnel, including Summer Program staff, Sailing Staff, and Gray's Beach Park staff. 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, as well as the utilization of Camp Nekon.

RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT AND LOAN OPPORTUNITY (REGLO) COMMITTEE

To date, the REGLO committee has processed 87 grant applications and has awarded \$80,867.78 in grants to Kingston residents to help with home energy conservation measures as well as home renewable energy generation projects.

This program is the first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, established by the Town of Kingston and is funded by a renewable energy enterprise fund earnings. 75% of the revenue generated by local wind turbines and solar panels will go into the town's general fund. The remaining 25% will be made available to qualified homeowners in Kingston, as an incentive to reduce their

carbon footprint, by conserving energy and money while we save resources for our children and future generations.

The Renewable Energy Loan and Grant Opportunity (REGLO) committee has developed policies and procedures to award grants to Kingston Residents, for up to 25% of out-of-pocket expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per calendar year after performing a “Mass Save” home energy audit. Residents can or and follow their recommendations or pick their own energy saving retrofits. This includes renewable energy home projects, solar panels and energy efficient appliances.

Check with the Mass Save website at <http://www.masssave.com> or call them at **800-632-8300** to start your grant process. They can perform a FREE home energy audit as well as advise you about other related incentives. Some projects are eligible for ZERO or low interest bank loans, utility incentives, state and federal tax incentives, and now with our (REGLO) grant program the town of Kingston is offering an additional incentive to help residents live more sustainable lives.

When the GEC conceived this project, we hoped residents would choose local carpenters, plumbers, and electricians. This creates a win-win for the town. There will be more jobs for our local contractors and businesses *and* we save precious natural resources. To date Kingston residents have spent over \$1,043,226.67 on home energy saving projects and appliances.

If you are interested in doing a project on your home please go on line to <http://www.kingstonmass.org/> and navigate to the REGLO page to get program details and print out an application.

RENT CONTROL BOARD

On April 12, 2017, the Rent Control Board voted to adopt the amended Town of Kingston Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Park Accommodations, Rents and Evictions. The purpose of which is to accommodate resident owned parks.

On April 26, 2017 Town & Country Estates became Town & Country Kingston Estates Co-Operative. Under Mass. General Law it will be defined as a resident owned community as opposed to an investor owned community. Under the amended regulations, any petitions will now be set by resident owners as an uncontested adjustment.

The trend continues with Conifer Green. On February 27, 2018 the Board meet and held a Public Hearing to hear Conifer Green’s petition for

Adjustment at Initial Purchase as Resident Owned Community for rent increase of the Conifer Green Manufactured House Community. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the application. Thus allowing Conifer Green to close on the property February 28, 2018 and become the second Resident Owned Community in Kingston.

KINGSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Town of Kingston, Massachusetts
Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Eric Crone, Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Mrs. Sheila Vaughn, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Mr. Michael Gallagher	Term Expires 2018
Mrs. Jeanne Coleman	Term Expires 2020
Mr. Michael Cowett	Term Expires 2020

The Kingston School Committee meets at 7:00 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.

SILVER LAKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Towns of Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton, Massachusetts
Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Paula Hatch, Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Mr. James Lormer, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Ms. Maureen Springer, Secretary	Term Expires 2018
Mr. Mark Aubrey	Term Expires 2018
Mr. Eric Crone	Term Expires 2019
Mr. Edward Desharnais	Term Expires 2020
Mr. Jason Fraser	Term Expires 2020
Mr. Mark Guidoboni	Term Expires 2018
Mrs. Laura Tilton	Term Expires 2020

The Silver Lake Regional School Committee meets at 7:00 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month at the Silver Lake Regional High School or Silver Lake Regional Middle School.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mrs. Joy Blackwood	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jill Proulx	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 Superintendency Union 31 School District serves the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. The school systems work cooperatively to best meet the needs of all our students.

2017 brought many administrative changes to the districts. Christine Pruitt, Assistant Superintendent resigned in June along with James Mulcahy, Silver Lake Regional High School Principal. We would like to thank each of these individuals for their dedication to our students and wish them much success in their new endeavors.

Dr. Jill Proulx, former Assistant Superintendent for Scituate, was named Assistant Superintendent and former Assistant Principal Michaela Gill was named Interim High School Principal while Catherine Pratt was named Interim Assistant Principal. We all look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in programming and academics within our schools.

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.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools 8 new professional staff were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed 7 new members to their professional 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.

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. We remain committed to focusing on the social emotional needs of our students through a multitude of programs and opportunities. Thank you for the support provided to our students and staff.

KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Paula J. Bartosiak, Principal

In July 2017, it was my twelfth year being principal of the Kingston Elementary School. During this past year we continued to expand upon making improvements in technology. We have added tech tubs which house 6 iPads in each of our Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. We now have six iPad carts for the Grade 2 teachers to use in their classrooms with the students, as well as the addition of a Chrome Book cart which houses 24 Chrome Books. These tools have allowed our teachers to provide a myriad of learning experiences to use with our students. Our increasing population of English Language Learners provided the opportunity to use the iPads to reinforce their newly learned skills as well as using this tool to help with translations for our students. Our two Computer Labs (Dells) have been updated with various software to enhance the learning experiences and to challenge our students in the 21st Teaching and Learning Skills (Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Technology and Literacy). Yes, teaching and learning has gone beyond using textbooks. It is important to recognize some community groups that have worked hard to make this happen along with the Kingston community who have been very supportive of the school budget. Thank you to our Kingston Parent-Teacher Organization and to the Kingston Foundation for Education. They were a huge part of the reason we were able to purchase these materials for our students.

We have continued to use the STAR Assessment for both ELA and Math in Grade 2 as an online assessment. 68% of our second grade students at the beginning of 2017 were reading on or above grade level. After analyzing past data, this percentage increases by at least 20% by the end of the school year. Our first grade and kindergarten used the DIBELS Next reading assessment.

The Fall data indicated that 75% of our students in Grade One had great strengths in the Fall. We attribute this to both our classroom instructional experiences and our Response to Intervention (RtI) support program. Our reading intervention teachers continued to provide quality instruction on targeted skill areas with our students. The staff then used progress monitoring to determine the level of success each student had achieved. Our students demonstrated good growth and great success with those targeted skills. The students received intervention five times a week in addition to the regular classroom teacher. We continued our efforts here as it has proven to be successful with our students. It is important to develop learning experiences so that all students can be successful!

Within the last year, KES had purchased a new science program (Pearson) that reflects the New Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students were engaged in learning experiences centered around the latest researched based strategies inclusive of working as a team to problem solve.

STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) continued at KES. The art teacher (Melissa Kowal) and the music teacher (Laura McQuade) continued to work at developing and implementing STEAM lessons with our students. The motivation and engagement of our students in these lessons has been amazing. What our students are learning, as well as how they are learning, using the attributes of STEAM is impressive! This is an area we would like to expand upon in our curriculum.

During this past year Mr. Joyce, our Physical Education teacher, had worked with the Adjustment Counselor, Shannon Borgesen and the Behaviorist, Matt McNear to build a program with our kindergarten students around social and emotional learning. Social and Emotional Learning is the process of developing students' social and emotional competencies: Self-Management, Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making. The program is called Social Skills Development (SSD). It has been successful in redirecting some of our students in social situations.

In addition to the SSD, we have placed a more concentrated effort on our social and emotional learning program called PATHS (Positive Alternatives Thinking Strategies). Classroom teachers and support staff have worked consistently at speaking a common language aligned with the program for our students.

All students received the information in their Parent/Student Handbook this year 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. This has been an ongoing process and will continue to be a piece of education for our students throughout the school years ahead. Our professional staff continued their work on aligning their daily lessons to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. With that came the work to develop scope and sequence charts and common assessments that also coincide with the Core Standards. An emphasis on rigor into the instructional practices and learning experiences has brought higher expectations for our students. Teachers revisited their assessments and classroom practices to reflect more rigor. 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 has been a pleasure to have Jim Keefe, the Assistant Principal of KES, to work alongside of me. It continues to be a pleasure to work along 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 education for our students and provide the teachers and students with the tools to do so.

As the KES principal, I continue to work in the best interest of children and making KES a great place to come to learn. Our school theme remained Children First. The exceptional group of professionals here at KES brings the highest quality of education to our students. I have stated 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 eighteenth year in September with an enrollment of approximately five hundred eighty students in grade three through six. Our classes average between twenty-one and twenty-three students throughout our twenty-seven regular classrooms. In addition, we house three Silver Lake Regional School District programs. These students are integrated for academics and special subject areas. All students receive instruction in technology, general music, art, physical education and library sciences. In addition to our general music program, we offer chorus to students in grades 4 through 6 as well as ukulele, recorder and band experiences.

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.

The students at KIS are provided with many opportunities to participate in individual and community Social-Emotional support including the continuation of our High Five Program, several charity drives for our community and in-house grade level programs. 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. The council will support our students and staff as they participate again this year in The Great Kindness Challenge and Pennies for Patients which demonstrates their dedication towards embracing and encouraging a kinder school community.

Once again the students and staff of Kingston Intermediate School continue to benefit 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 work 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, 2017**

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Elementary	146		139	166					451

Intermediate	139	148	152	134	<u>573</u>
Total Kingston School Department K-6					1024

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Secondary	152	162	150	172	145	171	952
					Grand Total		1976

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Graduating Class of 2017

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Colby	Francis	Anderson
Noah	Thomas	Araujo
*Logan	Tyler	Arendt
Gavin	Tyler	Arrowsmith
Allison	Irene	Barkowsky
*Taylor	Katherine	Barnett
*Anna	Frances	Battista
Tristian	Cole	Belanger
Carter	Stephen	Bent
Jack	Paul	Bettle
*Madeline	Rose	Boschen
Abigail	Renee	Boyd
Thomas	Patrick	Bruce
Jacob	Alan	Burge
Zachary	Robert	Burge
Andrew	James	Burke
Renae	Grace	Caizzi
Jenna	Rose	Cambria
John	Thomas	Cashman
Joshua	Mark	Chapman
Lindsay	Elizabeth	Collins
Matthew	Philip	Cook
Tess	Frances	Corkery
*Andrew	James	Costa
*Jessica	Marie	Costas

Melissa	Lynne	Crone
Sean	Timmins	Curtis
Haley	Anne	Dahlen
*Kelly	Elizabeth	Danahy
Julia	Renee	Danforth
*Maggie	Ellen	Davey
Christopher	Benjamin	Davis
Trever	Christopher	Dennett
Chandler		Dodrill
*Matthew	Richard	Donohue
Mason		Donovan
*Kendra	Morgan	Doty
Elizabeth	Jean	Doyle
Delvina	Marie	Driscoll
Timothy	Francis	Driscoll
Samantha	Lucia	Duffy
Ryan	James	Earle
William	Howland	Eddy
Leanne	Nancy	Eldridge
John	Kenneth	Esposito
*Julianne	Nichole	Esposito
Michael	Patrick	Fay, Jr.
*William	Andrew	Felix
Pierce	Maurice	Fernez
Stephen	Daniel	Fitzpatrick
*Jack	Kendrick	Ford
Robert	Wiley	Frattasio
*Andrew	Alexander	Gabra
Owen	Mitchell	Gay
Joel	Ryan	Gerstenberg
Julia	Teresa	Gillis
Brenna	Ann	Gilmartin
Kyra	Michelle	Gomes
Margaret	Rita	Grady
Hunter	Austin	Graves

Robert	Francis	Gray
Victoria	Ann	Greene
Tess	Siobhan	Griever
Beatrice	Rose Constance	Haens
Thomas	Ryan	Hamilton
Tyler	Joseph	Heath
Jessica	Anne	Huard
*†Jesse	George	Johnson
Cameron	Carter	Jones
*Lindsay	Kathryn	Kalinowski
Cameron	Christopher	Keefe
*Mackay	James	Keegan
*William	Christopher	Keiran
Kristopher	R.	Kernozicky
Lyndsay	Anne	Kramer
Max	James	LaFerrara
Cameron	Michael	Lambert
Kathryn	Elizabeth	LaPlante -Johnson
Mia	Natalie	Larocque
Sean-Michael		Leonard, II
*Danielle	Jaclyn	Levin
Jonathan	Michael	Lund
Eli	Murdock	Lynch
Kevin	Spencer	MacInnis
*Joseph	Declan	Manning
*Timothy	Lawrence	McBrine
Alexandra	Christine	McClintic
*Nolan	Edward	McDonald
*James	Joseph	McKenna, III
Daniel	Edward	McMahon
Olivia	Jane	Merrick
Lydia	Jean	Mitchell
*Peter	Dean	Morgan
Matthew	Christian	Nasr
Drew	Patrick	Neal

Cody	Andrew	Nichols
Vanessa	Michelle	Nichols
Taylor	Jacqueline	Nolan
*Andrew	Ross	Northrop
*William	Ellis	Parker
*Thomas	James	Pearsons
*Colin	Walter	Peterson
Paul	Robert	Philbeck
Ross	Karl	Philbeck
Daniel	Jordan	Porter
Sophia	Alysse	Quinn
Mikayla	Marie	Rash
*Christopher	John	Ricardi
Jillian	Mae	Richards
Cameron	Geraldine	Robertson
Desiree	Lynne	Ross
Olivia	Catherine	Rossi
Benjamin	John	Roussel
Michael	Robert	Rubera
*Alexandra	Aili	Ruprecht
Paul	Blaise	Sardella
Tristan	Jay	Saunders
Dorryen	James	Sceviour
*Jessica	Lynn	Schramm
Christopher	John	Sidoti, Jr.
Salvatore	Anthony	Sillari
†Leah	Renee	Simmons
Lisa	Marie	Sines
*†Jessica	Dale	Slattery
Elizabeth	Katherine	Slowe
Marie	Jean	Slowe
Olivia	Anne	Tonsberg
Myles	Patrick	Toole
*Jasmine	Marie	Trask
*James	Pearsons	Tringale

*Philip	Anthony	Tringale
*Michelle		van Aarde
Michael	James	Vaughan
Robert	Christopher	Ventola
*Caroline	Isabella	Videtto
Austin	Jonathan	Vitagliano
*Jack	Thomas	Walsh
Max	Richard	Waterman
*Mary	Kate	Webb
Daniel	Richard	Wegge
*Nina	Marie	Whidden
*Beatriz	Amelia	Whitehill
Lucas	Ronald	Whitt
Michael	Burton	Wilson
Maya	Lee	Wyatt

*denotes NHS

†denotes Outstanding service to class

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Michaela S. Gill, Interim Principal

The staff and students at Silver Lake Regional High School continue to strive for achievement and excellence in all areas. We have strong academic programs, rigorous courses, a multitude of extra-curricular offerings, and a community that rallies to support us in every way that they can.

One area that we are focusing on is meeting the gap narrowing goals among all students, including high needs and students with disabilities. To improve student performance in our school, we are working with our special education department, curriculum coordinators and department chairs to examine our performance on the 2017 MCAS exam. We will continue to reflect to improve our practices in order to meet our gap narrowing goals. We are confident that our student performance will continue to improve.

It is the collective goal of all of our teachers, Department Chairpersons, Curriculum Coordinators and Administration for every student to score Proficient or Advanced on the English Language Arts, Science and Mathematics MCAS exams. MCAS results from Spring 2017 indicate that 99%

of our students passed the ELA exam on the first testing period and 96% of our students received Advanced or Proficient scores. I am proud to share that 97% of our students passed the Mathematics exam on the first testing period, with 90% reaching Advanced or Proficient. Finally, 98% of our students passed the Physics MCAS exam. Ninety four students in the Class of 2018 have earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

The Class of 2017 met the graduation requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee and on June 3, 2017, 272 students graduated during our commencement ceremony. Graduates were joined by members of the Class of 1966, celebrating their 50th reunion, as well as proud family members and friends. A few days earlier, members of the Class of 2017 received approximately \$130,000 in local scholarships and awards. Many students also received additional scholarships granted directly from the colleges and universities they enrolled in.

The College Board has identified Silver Lake Regional High School as a “School of Distinction” for our students’ achievements on the Advanced Placement exams. In May 2017, we had 242 students take 517 Advanced Placement exams. Out of the 242 students, 191 of them received a score of 3 or higher on their exam. This year we are excited to introduce an additional AP course in the area of computer science. Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to grow. The average SAT score for students in the Class of 2017 was 580 in Critical Reading and Writing, and 570 in Mathematics.

Our students are successful outside of the classroom as well. Close to 90% of our student body participates in extracurricular activities such as student government, class council, clubs and service organizations, National Honor Society, music, drama and athletics.

At Silver Lake Regional High School we believe in the success of each and every student. We work together as a staff to support our students in a safe learning environment built on trust and respect for one another. We are ALL IN, EVERY DAY!

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

James E. Dupille, Principal

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional Middle School. Our academic program continues to get stronger, rigorous and rich and our extra-curricular offerings remain vibrant. Most importantly, student achievement is at an all-time high. As we continue to grow our academic

programming, our focus remains on student achievement and maximizing growth for all students.

The State classifies all schools into one of five accountability Levels (1 - 5) with the highest performing in Level 1 and lowest performing in Level 5. This year, that state is recalibrating the test as we transition to MCAS 2.0, and is not classifying public middle schools by level.

SLRMS 2017 MCAS 2.0 scores in ELA shows 70% of our students scored Proficient or Above. In Mathematics, 67% of our students scored Proficient or Above. In 2017 Science MCAS, 60% of our students scored Proficient or Above, and we were 18% above the State Average.

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:

- 7th Grade Technology/Engineering
- Automation and Robotics (Grade Seven)
- Applied STEM (Grade Eight)
- Literacy in the Digital Age
- World Cultures

To communicate effectively with our community, we continue to utilize and expand the use of SwiftReach our communication platform. We use the SwiftReach 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.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 83% of the student body participates in extra-curricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire. Such exemplary events include vocal and instrumental concerts, the fall and spring drama production, for instance, last fall's musical, "The Grunch."

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 2017-2018 school year was one of meeting the challenges facing our District with “out of the box” ideas and being adaptive to change. We, the School Committee, Silver Lake Administration, and staff, in conjunction with town officials, worked as a team to ensure the students served by the Region, continue to receive the best overall educational experience we can provide.

The School Committee, building Principals and Administration, submitted a budget to the Towns that while not affording any luxuries, did allow the schools to retain our programs and extracurricular activities. Great strides continue to be made in many areas, in particular with respect to our Special Education services positioning the Region to keep more of our students “in-district”. Making this a reality has many benefits, educationally and emotionally for our students, as well as financially for our Towns.

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 aggressively addressing these ongoing needs.

The School Committee would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the community members and businesses that have supported the district programs through their generous donations of time, materials, and monetary support.

As we begin to plan for Fiscal 2019 we recognize the continued 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 invites residents of the three towns to attend the School Committee’s meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month on the Silver Lake school campus.

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. -65
101 lbs. to 1,000 lbs. – 10
Truck Scales – 3

Apothecary Scales - 4

Apothecary Weights – 51

Pharmacy Pill Counters - 0

Jewelry Scales - 2

Meters (Gasoline/Diesel) – 108

Complaints (Gasoline Meters) – 2

Total Fees Collected - \$6,346.50

I would like to thank staffs 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 97,731,933 gallons of wastewater during calendar year 2017. 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 897,550 gallons of liquid sludge (187.13 dry tons). The sludge is trucked off to a facility in Cranston, R.I. where it is burned. The Treatment facility also processed 4,234,950 gallons of septage.

The Wastewater Facility reached its 16th year of operation in November 2017. 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. Plant personnel continue to service the 142 grinder pumps in the system.

Several notable projects completed in 2017.

- Replaced SBR#1 mixer and float with energy efficient motor and stainless steel float
- PLC upgrade at Treatment Facility completed.
- PLC upgrade at Rocky Nook Lift station completed
- PLC upgrade at Jones River Lift station completed.
- The PLC upgrades were very important to maintain reliable operation of Lift Stations and Treatment Facility.
- Replaced electric valve actuator to SBR#2 wasting line.
- Replaced SBR blower #1
- Replace media on both odor control bio filters.
- Infiltration and inflow report submitted to DEP by CDM as part of discharge permit renewal.

Finally, the Board of Sewer Commissioners and Department personnel would like to take this opportunity to, once again wish Ken Vandal a long, happy retirement. Ken has served as Wastewater Department Plant Manager for the past 16 years. He was an invaluable member of the Department. Ken retired this past October.

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE –ssrcoop.info

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fifteen 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, Hull (which joined in May), Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman. Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s).

In FY2017, the SSRC raised \$86,809.27: \$68,950 from municipal member dues, \$1,200 in sponsorships, \$11,638.56 in grant funding and \$77.60 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 \$243,158 in 2017.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids and administers a contract on behalf of its Member Towns for Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The contract provides much lower costs than the State Contract. Member Towns also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assisted at all twelve events, and administers the billing.

2,044 residents attended our twelve collections in 2017. The reciprocity policy also enabled 272 residents and businesses to attend other Member Towns' collections. This arrangement qualifies member towns for additional Recycling Dividend Program points, and earned them an extra \$22,500 in grant money through that program.

The total cost savings and benefits of the HHW program in 2017 is estimated at \$62,700.

General Recyclables – Major disruption in the recyclables market by China began in the last quarter, and is challenging many of our Members' programs. The SSRC is helping our Towns' programs and residents adapt to more stringent standards through the services of our grant-funded Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, and guidance by the Executive Director.

Other Materials – The SSRC has enabled its Members to save money, find better service and/or earn rebates for:

- Electronic waste
- Textiles
- Books
- Mercury bearing waste and
- Brush and compost management.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer (RECO) – The SSRC hire a dedicated field staffer with a 2-year, \$82,000 grant from MassDEP. She works directly with residents to improve recycling quality and quantity. Since her hire in February, she has worked in six of our Member towns. Her work has resulted in measurable improvements in most of those towns. She will be working in most of our other Member Towns in 2018. This will reduce disposal and processing costs for towns that enlist her services.

"Refrigerator door prizes" - The SSRC distributed thousands of 5"x8"

handouts, purchased with grants. The graphics clarify what is and is not recyclable, and direct the reader to the SSRC website.

Signage – All our Member towns have or will receive “Do not bag recyclables” and/or “No recyclables in the trash” signs for transfer stations or other public display, through a MassDEP grant. SSRC also provided mercury recycling signs to our SEMASS contract Towns.

Website - ssrcoop.info provides both general and town-specific recycling and household hazardous waste collection information, meeting minutes and annual reports, a monthly newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 43,177 page views in 2017, of which 76% were by new visitors.

Press Contacts - The SSRC is a resource to and a presence in print, web and cable media. It released or was a subject of seven print articles and four videos/PSAs. They can be found in the News and media section of the website.

Resident Contacts – The director fielded 160 calls and emails from residents in 2017 to answer questions about how to properly dispose of everything from asbestos shingles to welding torches.

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, visiting local disposal and recycling facilities, and reading professional publications. She attended Selectmen, Board of Health and DPW meetings, and provided advice and help on a wide range of issues including: private hauler regulation notifications, e-waste options, sharps collection, recyclable billing and rebates, .

Grant assistance - The SSRC helped six Member Towns submit their DEP Data Surveys and/or DEP Grant applications. Maximizing grant funds is a frequent topic at our Board meetings as well.

Membership in SSRC qualified our Member Towns for an additional \$22,500 Recycling Dividend Program funds, which provided a total of \$259,500 in grants to thirteen of our Towns.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly updates, which are emailed to 450 subscribers.

Monthly Meetings - The SSRC provides networking opportunities and information sharing at our frequent well-attended meetings. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing, grant opportunities and proposed laws are discussed. Minutes are posted.

ADVOCACY

The Executive Director worked actively with the Mass. Product Stewardship Council and our Beacon Hill delegation to promote legislation the Board deems beneficial to its solid waste programs regarding electronics, packaging, mattress and paint producer responsibility, and electronics right to repair.

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

The year started out with a tremendous loss. Longtime Master Mechanic Anthony DeMolles passed away after a brief illness. His untimely passing came as a big shock to not only to the men and women of this department but also to all who knew him. He is truly missed.

Personnel changes this year included the promotion of Alan Raasch from Transfer Station Operator to Transfer Station Foreman. Marc McGarry departed to Halifax for a similar position and Michael Kennedy was hired as his replacement as a CDL Driver.

We started the Spring off with the completion of the Salt Shed extension which allows us to store an additional 800-1,000 tons of salt to assist us with Winter Operations. In April, electrical upgrades were made to the Transfer Station after it was found that a squirrel had chewed through one of the main power cables that supply the station with electricity. All streets were swept and debris removed from the roadsides. A new natural gas generator was installed at the Highway Barn with the assistance of Facilities Director Brad Norman that should serve the Town for decades to come. Two new trash compactors were installed at the Recycling & Debris Center that replaced the 13 year old ones and new siding was installed on the front side of the tower.

The employees of this department renovated the front office, break room and Master Mechanics area of the Highway Barn that included new paint, baseboards and blinds. They also repaired the old Animal Control trailer and transported it to the Recycling & Debris Center to be used as the Town's "Swap Shop" so residents can place used items in that can be reused by others and not end up in the waste stream and thus saving disposal dollars.

Roads that were paved included West St., Brookdale St., Cushman Drive, and Hilltop Ave. We assisted with the construction of the "Boneyard", Kingston's first Dog Park which opened in the fall. We assisted both the Recreation and Facilities Departments with upgrades to the Opachinski Complex that included the installation of wooden guardrails, spreading of crushed stone, additional signage and the planting of both wild flowers and trees. We assisted the Conservation Department with both the construction and placement of a wooden walkway and the installation of a metal pedestrian bridge behind the Silver Lake Regional High School. All projects were warmly welcomed by the residents.

We are proud of our accomplishments for 2017 and look forward to the challenges and projects for 2018.

TOWN CLERK

To say we are and have been busy is an understatement. Having finished up Special Town Meeting, minutes have been certified and we await submission from the Town Planner of Form 7 to the AGs Office. An opinion from Town Counsel is pending on the Zoning Issues addressed at such.

We completed and certified the Special Town Election. With a 28% turnout, we were successful once again because of the TC staff and Poll workers that are to be commended for continuously performing in a truly professional manner. Without them it would be impossible to maintain order and consistency.

We anticipate introducing new tabulators at the April Town Election. Training for staff will begin in February.

2017 Annual Town Meeting and Election were certified with the Attorney General's Office.

During the stretch of October and November - Special Town Meeting and the Election, we certified over 3,000 petitions presented for the upcoming 2018 State Election and 2020 Presidential Election.

We were also preparing for the 2018 Town Census and Licensing Period. We are rolling over our records for the year end and preparing to issue new dog tags beginning December 26. Application for license is available in person, online or by mail.

We expect our Census Forms to be mailed to residents in the first week of January. Although we sub out the mailing, the processing of forms can take months.

We will be issuing Candidate Petitions for the upcoming April 2018 Election beginning the first week of January. Certification of signatures and ballot production will occur in March.

Our budget has been submitted and takes into consideration a State Primary and General, so the increase in our budget is largely mandatory. We expect continued registration of voters to increase as the political agenda across America changes.

Annual Licensing for Business Certificates, Raffles, Gas Storage etc. will begin as well.

It's been an eventful year in the Office with extended Town Meeting, Changing Laws for Record Requests, Special Town Meeting and Election. I want to take this opportunity to thank Diane Poirier and Janna Morrissey for their continued support and professionalism. Without them it would be impossible to provide consistent, accurate and courtesy services to the Townspeople of Kingston.

A grateful Town Clerk also thanks and acknowledges the Election Staff for a great year! Happy New Year!!!

TREASURERS REPORT

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Treasurers Report

Fiscal 2017 Debt Service And Debt Service to Maturity		Fiscal Year of Maturity	Current Fiscal Year Debt Service (6) Principal Interest & Fees	Current Fiscal Year Subsidy (6)	Current Fiscal Year End Principal Balance	Years To Maturity	Debt Service (7) To Maturity Principal Interest & Fees	Subsidy (7) To Maturity
Fund - Loan Identification	Notes							
General Fund								
Athletic Fields	(1)	2017	\$ 49,980	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Grays Beach Drainage	(1)	2020	23,449	-	66,115	2	70,320	-
Kingston Elementary School HVAC		2030	32,610	-	267,000	12	342,000	-
Landfill Closure		2021	16,484	-	59,200	3	62,136	-
MWPAT Series 14 CW-07-16		2029	19,344	-	203,011	11	230,238	-
MWPAT T5 Pool 12 97-1211-2	(1)(2)	2027	6,279	-	62,781	9	62,781	-
MWPAT T5 Pool 9 97-1211-1	(1)(3)	2024	23,827	8,712	159,344	6	159,344	27,631
MWPAT T5 Series 14 T5-97-1211-C	(1)(2)	2028	13,966	-	153,624	10	153,624	-
MWPAT T5 Series 16 97-1211-D	(1)(2)	2033	16,569	-	268,519	15	268,519	-
MWPAT T5 Series 5 97-1211	(1)(3)	2020	10,421	2,071	31,263	2	31,263	2,631
School (After Trackle Pond Plant Reallocation)	(1)(4)	2020	741,440	1,190,052	5,445,853	2	5,792,200	-
Senior Center	(1)	2020	103,600	-	295,000	2	312,900	-
Senior Center 2005 STM (After KES-HVAC)	(1)	2030	92,550	-	773,000	12	993,520	-
Town House		2022	170,740	-	581,000	4	609,800	-
Town House 2	(1)	2022	27,980	-	124,000	4	131,400	-
General Fund Total			\$ 1,349,239	\$ 1,200,835	\$ 8,489,710		\$ 9,220,046	\$ 30,262

The Town's fiscal year 2017 Silver Lake Regional School District assessment includes \$811,311 in debt service, which is exempt from prop 2 and 1/2.

See Notes after Grand Total of all funds

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Fund - Loan Identification	Notes						
Water Enterprise Fund							
MWPAT DWP-12-15 Trackle Pond Treatment Plant	2035	\$ 272,522	\$ -	\$ 4,004,542	17	4,872,173	-
Trackle Pond Treatment Plant Reallocation	2020	18,809	-	53,032	2	56,405	-
Water Mains	2023	68,100	-	345,000	5	368,700	-
Water Mains 2007 ATM	2030	29,268	-	210,000	12	266,610	-
Water Mains 2009 ATM	2030	21,445	-	145,000	12	183,140	-
Water Meters 2007 ATM	2019	27,200	-	30,000	1	31,400	-
Water Storage Facility	2023	85,232	-	436,600	5	466,728	-
Water Upgrade Pembroke St	2030	31,290	-	260,000	12	333,880	-
Water Enterprise Fund Total		\$ 553,866	\$ -	\$ 5,484,175		\$ 6,579,036	\$ -

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Fund - Loan Identification	Notes						
Waste Water Enterprise Fund							
MWPAT Pool 11 CW-04-42	2036	\$ 166,712	\$ -	\$ 2,505,614	18	\$ 3,132,935	\$ -
MWPAT Pool 12 CW-04-42A	2037	243,972	-	3,802,258	19	4,824,623	-
MWPAT Series 4 98-43	(5) 2019	38,797	18,166	105,600	1	78,001	31,840
MWPAT Series 5 98-99	(5) 2030	49,055	39,099	770,000	12	622,745	416,820
MWPAT Series 5 99-17	(5) 2030	151,590	343,335	4,280,000	12	1,906,013	3,931,083
MWPAT Series 5 99-36	(5) 2030	92,350	72,525	1,425,000	12	1,150,684	775,460
MWPAT Series 6 00-10	(5) 2031	153,436	346,218	4,495,000	13	2,082,794	4,244,402
MWPAT Series 6 00-11	(5) 2031	56,803	44,195	900,000	13	756,897	503,148
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-05	(5) 2031	23,484	16,713	370,000	13	314,594	192,511
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-06	(5) 2031	137,420	279,449	3,785,000	13	1,798,429	3,437,370
MWPAT Series 8 CW-01-05-A	(5) 2033	18,416	12,402	310,000	15	288,286	160,501
Sewer	2021	16,384	-	54,200	3	56,736	-
Waste Water Enterprise Fund Total		\$ 1,148,417	\$ 1,172,102	\$ 22,802,672		\$ 17,012,736	\$ 13,693,137
Total of All Funds		\$ 3,051,522	\$ 2,372,937	\$ 36,776,556		\$ 32,811,818	\$ 13,723,399

NOTES

- (1) Exempt from levy limits of proposition 2 and 1/2
- (2) No interest loan from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT)
- (3) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest
- (4) Principal and Interest subsidized by Massachusetts School Building Authority. Amounts are announced periodically, but are not part of the loan amortization schedule.
- (5) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest and a portion of loan principal
- (6) Current year debt service listed is net of current year subsidy
- (7) Cumulative debt service is after FY 2017 and is reduced by cumulative amount of subsidy

VETERANS' AGENT

The duty of the Veterans Agent is to assist veterans, spouses (widow(er)s) and dependents to access all available assistance from all government sources. The Selectmen of each town must appoint a Veterans' Agent or be in a state approved district. This law was initially passed after the Civil War to ensure that no veteran of that war ended up in the town poorhouse. They were to be treated as heroes not deadbeat because they had served this country in wartime and were wounded in some way. The town was responsible for paying them. Over the course of years, the law has been amended multiple times. Currently the State Department of Veterans Services publishes regulations for benefits under Chapter 115, and if we follow these and submit all paperwork in a timely manner, the state will reimburse the town 75% of those expenditures the following fiscal year. The regulations deal mainly with direct cash benefits to needy veterans and family. We are proud that over the last 10 years, Kingston has been reimbursed over 99% of the potential reimbursement. This town assists three or more times as many applicants as some other towns our size because we make the effort to find applicants who may require assistance. We do not wait for them to come to us. Although the number varies, about 60% of those receiving benefits under Chapter 115 are widows of veterans.

To minimize cash outlays on Kingston taxpayers, we try to make use of agencies with deeper pockets. This involves Social Security, both Disability and regular Social Security, Veterans Administration for both Compensation and Pension, as well as Health Care and burials both in VA and state cemeteries. Also included are other forms of VA assistance such as burial expense reimbursements, memorial grave markers, VA Life Insurance, Survivor Claims (both VA and military), Aid and Attendance Benefits for those requiring financial assistance as a result of illness, Education and Vocational Training monies, and VA mortgages. The VA also pays widows whose spouse died of Service-Connected injuries or illness, a pension, and health insurance. Both veterans and widow(er)s may also be eligible for ID cards, and property tax exemptions. We also assist with SSI, Survivor Benefits as well as assistance with fuel assistance and food stamp applications. On Memorial Day, we provide the flags and markers to note the grave of a veteran.

To keep current with changes to procedure and forms required, the Administrative Assistant and the Agent must attend an annual one-week training session, as well as numerous seminars dealing with Social Security and Veterans Administration regulations. We also attend a number of meetings and training sessions with other agencies involved with veterans. These include the Plymouth County Sheriff, Massachusetts National Guard Family Institute, Drug and Rehab agencies, Visiting Nurse groups, and career counseling groups.

In the Memorial Day Parade, a “trolley” bus was donated to transport veterans unable to march, and after the parade and ceremonies, a cookout was held for the parade participants behind Town Hall. On Veterans Day, all veterans in town were invited to a catered dinner/dance at the COA using donated funds. This event, attended by about 75 veterans and spouses, a first, was put together by Priscilla Brackett, Veterans Administrative Assistant, and Gretchen Emmetts, Assistant Director of the Council on Aging, aided by their spouses Chris Brackett and Rich Emmetts, with high-school volunteer waiters and waitresses. During the meal, eleven patriotic themed quilts were passed out to the lucky winners of the door prizes. The quilts were the September project of the COA quilting group. After the meal, dancing began. For those not there, you missed a once-in-a-lifetime dance-off as several “senior” veterans & spouses showed the high school volunteers some fast and fancy steps, and in return learned some modern steps from the younger crowd.

At Thanksgiving, with Quartermaster David Walmsley and Halifax VFW Post 6258’s help, we gave out turkeys and fixings to over a dozen deserving Kingston veterans and families. At Christmas, Brandi Gordon, then of the Conservation Department, now working in the Water Department, again headed the Town Hall Christmas project. This year the project involved necessities including toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. In addition, Silver Lake Middle School donated stuffed Christmas stockings, St. Joseph’s Saint Vincent DePaul Society offered gift cards, as well as many individuals offered gift cards to make Christmas happy for these veterans.

We urge every veteran to sign up for VA Health Care. The VA has an Outpatient Clinic at exit 5 in Plymouth. It’s presently oversubscribed, but there are openings at the Brockton, Jamaica Plain, and West Roxbury Hospitals. Chris Hart’s Nathan Hale Foundation runs a free shuttle to all three hospitals. Signing up costs you nothing, and so long as you show up yearly for a physical exam, it remains free, making you eligible for free eyeglasses and hearing aids. Every year we get calls from veterans or family seeking assistance with healthcare. It’s always an emergency. The VA, like most government agencies, rarely responds quickly even in emergencies. At this time, Vietnam veterans make up the largest group using the VA. However, returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are receiving higher service-connected percentages, and due to Obamacare, use the VA Healthcare as their primary health. Female veterans make up approximately 25% of their total.

Anyone who knows of a needy veteran, widow or dependent should call the Veterans Services office in Town Hall or speak to one of us. I also receive telephone calls at home and do follow-up on all calls. Your name is never used. Sometimes that person or family is in dire straits and they don't know who to call. Your lead is very important in helping them.

Although she is not a veteran, the hardest working person in this office, and in my opinion, in all of Town Hall, is our Administrative Assistant, Priscilla Brackett. Since 1996, she has labored for veterans, always with a smile and a kind word. She lobbies for help for veterans and widows, and her knowledge of sources of assistance is difficult to exceed, even by myself. Priscilla has been

WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

The charge of the Wage and Personnel Board is pursuant to: (a) classifying positions in the service of the Town, other than those filled by popular election, those under collective bargaining, those under the direction and control of the School Committee, those whose employment is regulated by employment agreement, and the position of Town Counsel, into groups and classes doing substantially similar work or having substantially equal responsibilities; (b) authorizing a compensation plan for positions in the classification plan; (c) providing for the maintenance of said classification and compensation plans; and (d) establishing working conditions and employee benefits for those occupying positions in the classification plan.

The Board lost a longtime member this year and would like to thank Frances Botelho-Hoeg for her long time service and dedication to the Board and the personnel of the town. She will be missed!

As in other years the Wage and Personnel Board met with various department heads and the Human Resources Manager to review requests for the coming year. This resulted in recommendations that were presented at Annual Town Meeting.

The Wage and Personnel Board also continued its review of the classification study presented to it by the Town Administrator and the 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 456 million gallons of water to consumers in 2017. This represents a decrease of 51 million gallons consumed over the last year. 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 December the Water Department Assistant, Mary Ann Rispettoso, retired after 20 years of service to the Town of Kingston. We wish her the best in her retirement.

The Soule's Pond Pump Project was completed in February 2017. The pump was removed, repaired and reinstalled. The pump shaft was replaced and the project was managed successfully through cooperative efforts with both the Water Department Engineers, Comprehensive Environmental Inc, and Water Superintendent Matthew J. Darsch.

The Water Department worked with Comprehensive Environmental Inc. to complete a water system study which identified current water use and sources and developed a future needs assessment.

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 main zone of town was completed in April 2017.

The water department continues our ongoing meter conversion project; we now have over 3,919 radio-read meters in our system. This is an increase of 153 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 2017, 375 Electrical permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Wiring Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$35,087.58

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2017:

	Variances	Appeals/ Reviews	Special Permits	Comprehensive Permits – Request for Modification
Granted	5	0	8	2
Denied		0	0	0
Denied without Prejudice	0		0	0
Withdrawn	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	6	0	8	2

As of December 31, 2017, there were no decisions pending. The total applications heard before the Board this year were 16.

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 Jessica Kramer 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.