

Our Town
02364



2019

In Memoriam

The following list contains the names of former Town Officials, Employees, and Committee Volunteers who passed away in 2019. We are grateful for their service to the Town and they will be truly missed.

Stephen Perrault

Phyllis Ponte

David Valler

Philip Hammond

<p>This Town Report was assembled by Patricia Tucker, Administrative Assistant in the Board of Selectmen's Office, from data provided by various Town Departments, Boards and Committees.</p>

ANNUAL REPORT

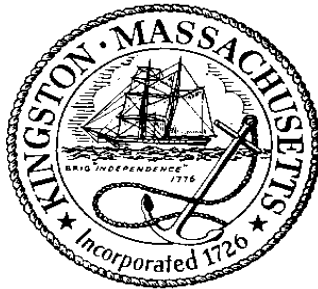
OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS



2019

Things to Know About Kingston

Incorporated 1726

Area of Town 19.03 sq. miles

POPULATION:

Population Town Census	2019	13,517
Population Town Census	2018:	13,461
Population Town Census	2017:	13,495
Population Town Census	2016:	13,568

TAX RATE:

Tax Rate for FY 2020:	\$16.28
Tax Rate for FY 2019:	\$16.46
Tax Rate for FY 2018:	\$16.45
Tax Rate for FY 2017:	\$16.50

VOTER STATISTICS:

Democrats	1,945
Republicans	1,463
Unenrolled	6,034
All Others	64

VITAL STATISTICS:

Total Births:	130
• Females:	54
• Males:	76
Deaths:	178
Marriages:	51

Employees Retired in 2019

<i>Peter Mooney</i>	<i>14 years</i>
<i>Lisa McMahon</i>	<i>10 years</i>
<i>Laurie Bradley-Harrington</i>	<i>28 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

**2019
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, Chairman 60 Cole Street	Term Expires 2022
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Sandra D. MacFarlane 124 Wapping Road	Term Expires 2020
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Tammy A. Murray 11 School St	Term Expires 2021
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Kathleen R. LaNatra 34 Harvest Dr	Term Expires 2020
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Joshua A. Warren 111 South St	Term Expires 2021
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ASSESSORS

Andrew P. MacInnis, Chairman 133 Wolf Pond Road	Term Expires 2020
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Daniel J. Harlow 31 Howlands Ln	Term Expires 2021
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Michael P. Martin 18 Prospect Ct	Term Expires 2022
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Caroline F. Gavigan Wilson 21 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2022
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**TOWN
TREASURER**

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

Eric J. Crone 43 Longwood Cir.	Term Expires 2022
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Sheila Marie Vaughn 7 Frank Street	Term Expires 2022
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Jeanne M. Coleman 20 Howlands Lane	Term Expires 2020
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Michael E. Cowett 163 Summer St., Apt.12	Term Expires 2020
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Michael P. Gallagher 90 Crimson Harvest Rd.	Term Expires 2021
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cynthia A. Fitzgerald 12 Sunset Road	(state appointee)
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Mary L. Hayes 101 Lake Street	
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Gretchen Emmetts 53 Cole Street	
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Vacancy	Term Expires 2020
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Donald O. Ducharme, Chairman 29 Green Holly Drive	Term Expires 2020
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vanessa M. Verkade, Chairman 109 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020
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Lisa S. Warren 111 South St	Term Expires 2022
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cynthia A. Fitzgerald 12 Sunset Road	Term Expires 2022
Karen Q. Wheble 21 Jones River Dr	Term Expires 2020
Emily F. Curtin 203 Indian Pond Rd	Term Expires 2021
Deborah F. Grace 6 Pine Ridge Ln	Term Expires 2021

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Eric J. Crone 43 Longwood Circle	Term Expires 2022
Christopher Eklund 108 Lot Phillips Rd	Term Expires 2022
Leslie-Ann S. McGee 9 Green St	Term Expires 2021
Laura K. Tilton 3 Gristmill Ln	Term Expires 2020

BOARD OF HEALTH

John C. Breen, Chairman 195 Summer Street	Term Expires 2020
Joseph F. Casna, Jr. 164 Pembroke Street	Term Expires 2022
William J. Kavol 38 Mountain Ash Drive	Term Expires 2022
Janet D. Wade 1 Snapping Turtle Ln	Term Expires 2021
William E. Watson 6 Pico Avenue	Term Expires 2020

CONSTABLES

Brian J. Graziano
47 Ocean Hill Drive
Term Expires 2022

Robert A. Short
16 Winthrop Street
Term Expires 2022

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard W. Loring, Jr. Chairman
30 Tremont Street
Term Expires 2021

Robert J. Erlandsen
99 Monks Hill Rd
Term Expires 2022

Robert R. Kostka
55 South Street
Term Expires 2020

PLANNING BOARD

Thomas S. Bouchard, Sr.,
Chairman
6 Quail Run
Term Expires 2022

Jonathan J. Barnett, Sr.
11 Chapel Street
Term Expires 2021

David W. Gavigan, Jr.
13 Pembroke Street #2
Term Expires 2021

Robert F. Gosselin, Jr.
28 Holly Circle
Term Expires 2021

Joanne Cullen
1 Sunset Rd
Term Expires 2024

RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Melissa A. Bateman
15 Baileys Circle
Term Expires 2021

Laurie A. Graziano
12 Orchard Ave
Term Expires 2022

Andrew W. Davis
11 Crystal Drive
Term Expires 2020

RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Brian S. Whidden
126 Brookdale Street

Term Expires 2020

Daniel P. Shropshire
9 Green St

Term Expires 2021

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Elaine A. Fiore, Chairman
60 Cole Street

Term Expires 2022

Peter C. Cobb
3 West Avenue

Term Expires 2020

Thomas W. Taylor, II.
21 Cole Street

Term Expires 2021

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2019
TOWN OF KINGSTON OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
APPOINTED

POSITION

EXPIRES

ACCOUNTANT

Carol McCoy

Indefinite

ADMINISTRATOR

Thomas J. Calter, III

By Contract to 6/30/2021

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Pine DuBois

6/30/2020

Paul Armstrong

6/30/2020

Jean Landis-Naumann

6/30/2020

Kathleen Lanatra

6/30/2020

William McCall

6/30/2020

Vacancy

6/30/2020

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (2006 STM, Art.2)	
John E. Wheble, Jr., Chairman	6/30/2021
Rui David Santos	6/30/2022
Karen S. Johnson	6/30/2020
Christine M. Nava	6/30/2020
Joseph B. Mathias	6/30/2020
Jean M. Landis- Naumann	
(Associate Member)	6/30/2022
David E. Pepe (Associate Member)	6/30/2021
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR	
Paul L. Armstrong	Indefinite
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Joanna Boudreau	Indefinite
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	
Debra J. Mueller	4/30/2020
ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Meghan Wrightington	Indefinite
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	Indefinite
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
Boneyard Coordination Committee	
(BOS - TA, Pres of Friends of K. Dogs, 3 Residents at large)	
Andrew Davis	11/1/2019
David Colombo	11/1/2019
Leslie-Ann S. McGee	11/1/2019
Karen Quigley	1/10/2020

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Jason P. Silva Indefinite

LOCAL INSPECTOR

Paul L. Armstrong Indefinite

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ASSISTANT

Paul L. Armstrong Indefinite

BURIAL AGENT

Paul M. Gallagher Duration of Term

Diane M. Poirier Indefinite

Janna Morrissey Indefinite

BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Michael D. DeChiara Indefinite

Donna Smith-Bocash Indefinite

Elaine A. Fiore Indefinite

Gail Arieta Indefinite

Vacancy - Planning Indefinite

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1991 ATM Art. 41, 1991 STM Art. 19,

Elaine A. Fiore 6/30/2021

Vacancy 6/30/2021

Vacancy 6/30/2021

Vacancy 6/30/2021

Vacancy 6/30/2021

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Thomas J.

Calter III By Contract to 7/31/19

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY (1988 ATM, Art. 25, 2005 ATM, Art. 25)

Vacancy 6/30/2019

Vacancy 6/30/2017

Vacancy 6/30/2019

Vacancy 6/30/2021

Vacancy 6/30/2021

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Mark Douglass Indefinite

CONSERVATION AGENT

Mary K. Guiney	Indefinite
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C)

Mary Guiney	Indefinite
James P. Parker, Chairman	6/30/2020
Gary P. Langenbach	6/30/2022
Dana G. Duperre	6/30/2020
William J. Kavol	6/30/2021
Marilyn R. Kozodoy	6/30/2021
Matthew Geraigery	6/30/2022
Vittorio B. Artiano	6/30/2021

COUNCIL ON AGING

Joseph R. Favaloro, Chairman	6/30/2022
Sandra J. Driscoll	6/30/2022
C. Weston Meiggs	6/30/2020
Catherine Starr	6/30/2022
Maureen G. Elwood	6/30/2020
Joan L. Hutchison	6/30/2020
Mary L. Hayes	6/30/2022

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Corrinne Green	6/30/2022
Donald Sheehan	6/30/2021
Barbara A. Hanson	6/30/2021
Corinna Milliken	6/30/2021
Karen Baynes	6/30/2019
Susan Corcoran	6/30/2022
VACANCY	6/30/2022

DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Kelley & Ryan	Indefinite
	Indefinite

DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Paula Rossi-Clapp	6/30/2020
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8A;
1956 ATM, Art. 47; 1996 ATM, Art. 32; 1997 ATM, Art. 23)

Vacancy	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2018
Vacancy	6/30/2019

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8A;
1956 ATM, Art. 47; 1996 ATM, Art. 32; 1997 ATM, Art. 23)

Vacancy	6/30/2015
Vacancy	6/30/2015
Vacancy	6/30/2016
Vacancy	6/30/2017

EDUCATIONAL FUND TRUSTEES

David W. Gavigan, Jr.	6/30/2022
C. Weston Meiggs	6/30/2021
John M. Riordan	6/30/2020
William A. Alberti, Jr.	6/30/2021
Edward H. Valla	6/30/2022

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

	Indefinite
Volunteers list on file.	

Concurrent with Employment

ETHICS LIAISON	Agreement
Vacancy	7/31/2019

FENCE VIEWER

Vacancy	6/30/2020
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FIELD DRIVER

Vacancy	6/30/2020
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Carl L. Pike, Vice	
M	Chairman	ATM 22
M	Jeffrey P. Keating	ATM 20
M	Vacancy	ATM 22
M	Susan T. Munford	ATM 20
	Mary A.	
M	MackInnon	ATM 21
M	Alora Lanzillota	ATM 21

FINANCE COMMITTEE

M

Deborah McLean

ATM 22

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF

By Contract

Mark R. Douglass

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF and KEMA DIRECTOR

Adam R. Hatch, AEMT

Indefinite

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Nancy L. Bonarrigo

CAPTAINS

David J. Binari, EMT; David W. Currier, Paramedic;

Stephen C. Heath, EMT

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. Usher, Jr.;

Robert W. Veno

FIREFIGHTER/EMT-Advanced EMT

John B. Bartlett

FIREFIGHTER/EMT

James F. Reed; Glenn R. Rizzuto

CALL FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Christopher J. Veracka, EMT

CALL FIREFIGHTER

Sean F. Kilduff

GATRA ADVISORY BOARD

Vacancy

Indefinite

GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Vacancy

6/30/2019

Vacancy

6/30/2020

GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Gerard J. Walraven	6/30/2020
Mark S. Beaton	6/30/2021
Eugene W. Wyatt, Jr.	6/30/2021

HANDICAP COORDINATOR

Vacancy	Indefinite
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HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Dennis M. Carvalho	Indefinite
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DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER/SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Francis M. Ferioli	6/30/2021
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ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS/
DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLES

Richard A. Krueger, Jr.	6/30/2020
Thomas E. Connors	6/30/2021
Jon T. Cazeault	6/30/2020
Thomas Taylor	6/30/2020

DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLES

Joseph V. Zlogar, Jr.	6/30/2020
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Arthur P. Boyle, Health Agent	Indefinite
Joseph T. Murphy, Food Inspector	6/30/2021

HISTORIAN

Janice Guidoboni	6/30/2018
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8D)

Craig N. Dalton, Chairman	6/30/2020
Vacancy	6/30/2020
Christine H. Spalding	6/30/2022
John C. Burrey	6/30/2020
Kenneth B. Brack	6/30/2021
Thomas A. Vendetti	6/30/2021
Ben Tambaschi	6/30/2021

ICHABOD WASHBURN FUND TRUSTEES

Vacancy	6/30/2019
Priscilla W. Brackett	6/30/2020

ICHABOD WASHBURN FUND TRUSTEES		
Vacancy		6/30/2019
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS (M.G.L. Chapter 129, Section 15)		
Debra J. Mueller		4/30/2019
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:		
	Barbara L.	
HC	Blackman	Indefinite
RLT	Robert H. Gleason	
BS	Marijoan Stevens	
CI	Helen A. Chaves	
CI	Patricia A. Wade	
CI	Vacancy	
CI	Oliver J. Orwig	
LOCAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE		
Matthew J. Darsch		Indefinite
MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK		
Vacancy		6/30/2019
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE		
John Bartlett		6/30/2021
Vacancy		6/30/2021
Jeanne Coleman		6/30/2021

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE		
Vacancy		6/30/2021
Laurie A. Graziano		6/30/2019
OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES		
Gretchen Emmetts		6/30/2020
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL		
Paul F. Basler		6/30/2019
AREA AGENCY FOR AGING		
Vacancy		6/30/2018
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL		
JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE		
Paul F. Basler		6/30/2019
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (11-21-96 STM, Art. 18; 1997 STM, Art. 24;		
M	Vacancy	6/30/2020
	Matthew R.	
M	Capozzi	6/30/2019
M	Brian P. Hart	6/30/2019
M	Timothy S. Dalia	6/30/2020
M	Vacancy	6/30/2018
PARKING CLERK		
Patricia Tucker		6/30/2020
PLANNER		
Robert Downey		Indefinite
PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER/SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS		
ASSOCIATE MEMBER/SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS		
(1993 ATM, Art. 18)		
Richard E. Kenney, Jr.		6/30/2021
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR		
Thomas S. Bouchard, Sr.		6/30/2020
Richard S. Eldridge		6/30/2020
Douglas G. Hawthorne		6/30/2020

PLYMOUTH-CARVER SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vacancy

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)

John M. Bateman; Robert S. Morgan; Thomas E. Mori
Zachary I. Potrykus; Michael G. Skowyra

SERGEANT (PROVISIONAL)

James P. Sauer

OFFICERS (PF)

Timothy J. Arnold; Laurie A. Bradley-Harrington;
Ryan T. Calter; Erik G. Dowd; Zachary T. Francis, Michael L. Fuller;
Michael R. Gallo; Michael A. LaNatra; Andrew W. Loring;
Martin J. McDonald; Craig A. Marshall; Jonathan D. Neal;
Roger Silva, Jr.; Michael R. Wager

SPECIAL OFFICERS

12/31/2019

Todd A. Bailey; Michelle E. Beck; Marks J. Brenner, Jr.;
Glenn C. Bushee; Batholomew B. Connors; Darren J. Martin;
Ashley L. ODeil; 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

Michelle E. Beck; Gail M. Fallon; Elizabeth A. Channell; Ashley L. Odell 12/30/2019

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

Sandra MacFarlane	Duration
Maurice Splaine	Duration
Town Administrator	Duration
Paul L. Armstrong	Duration
Michael A. LaNatra	Duration
John A. Rose III	Duration
John M. Riordan	Duration
Joseph F. Casna	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.	6/30/2021
Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	6/30/2022
David M. O'Connell	6/30/2021

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

D. Charles Wusenich, Chairman	3/31/2020
Michelle A. Vitagliano	3/31/2019
Adeine L. Silvia	6/30/2021
Paul M. Gallagher, Clerk	4/29/2020

RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT & LOAN OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

	Mary A.	
FC	MacKinnon	6/30/2020
BS	Joshua A. Warren	6/30/2020
	Eugene W. Wyatt,	
GE	Jr.	6/30/2020
CP	Vacancy	6/30/2020
CI	Sandra Richter	6/30/2020

RENT CONTROL BOARD

Joseph F. Casna, Jr., Chairman	6/30/2022
David W. Gavigan, Jr.	6/30/2021
VACANT	6/30/2020
James J. Farrell, Jr.	6/30/2021
Peter A. Dansereau	6/30/2022

RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR		
	Vacancy	6/30/2020
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
	Edmund F. Marks	6/30/2022
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	6/30/2022
	Jean Landis Naumann	6/30/2021
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		
	(Appointed by joint vote of Massachusetts Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional School District Committees)	
	Joy Blackwood	6/30/2018
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, TREES AND PARKS		
	Paul F. Basler	Indefinite
SUPERINTENDENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT/CHIEF OPERATOR		
	Robert Monaghan	Indefinite
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER		
	Matthew J. Darsch	Indefinite
SURVEY BOARD		
	Vacancy	6/30/2020
	Vacancy	6/30/2019
	Vacancy	6/30/2018
TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN		
	Kenneth Stevens	Indefinite
TOWN COUNSEL		
	Mead, Talerman and 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	Resigned effective 11/01/2019	4/30/2020
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE		
Matthew Wheble		6/30/2022
Robert A. Short		6/30/2022
James L. Scollins, III		6/30/2022
Jared D. Waitkus		6/30/2020
Tyler Bouchard		6/30/2020
Carle Ingeme		6/30/2021
Ryan Calter		6/30/2021
WIRE INSPECTOR		
Lionel B. Warner		6/30/2020
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
Paul B. Dahlen, Chairman		6/30/2021
Douglas E. Dondero, Vice Chair		6/30/2022
Lane Goldberg		6/30/2022
Paul F. Mahoney, Jr.		6/30/2022
Kevin Wrightington		6/30/2021
ASSOCIATES		
Dennis N. Randall		6/30/2021
ZONING AND SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE		
Vacancy		Duration
Vacancy		Duration
Paul L. Armstrong		Duration
Mark R. Guidoboni		Duration
John L. Haas		Duration
Robert Downey, ex officio		Duration
Jason Silva, ex officio		Duration

COMMITTEES APPOINTED JOINTLY

ADAMS CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BS	Vacancy	6/30/2021
CI	Vacancy	6/30/2021
CUC	Vacancy	6/30/2019
HC	Vacancy	6/30/2020
CI	Vacancy	6/30/2021
CI	Vacancy	6/30/2022
LT	Vacancy	6/30/2020

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1988 ATM, Art. 43; 1989 ATM, Art. 26; 1995 ATM, Art. 43)

CHAIRMEN OF: BS; KE; FC; CP

REPRESENTATIVE OF: SL and TA

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

BS	Bradford Randall	6/30/2022
FC	David Kennedy	6/30/2020
M	Vacancy	6/30/2021
FC	Carl L. Pike	6/30/2019
	Jarrold	
BS	Kwiatkowski	6/30/2022
	Town Administrator, ex-officio	
	Town Treasurer, ex-officio	

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (2005 STM, Art. 9)

HC	Craig N. Dalton	6/30/2020
KH	Donald Ducharme	6/30/2021
OS	Charles Comeau	6/30/2020
PB	Susan T. Boyer	6/30/2020
	Marilyn R.	
CC	Kozodoy	6/30/2021
	Christian A.	
CI	Hoffman	6/30/2020
CI	Anne Bromilow	6/30/2020
	Daniel P.	
RC	Shropshire	6/30/2019
	Mary A.	
FC	MacKinnon	6/30/2020

FUTURE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	6/30/2018
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FUTURE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

BOS	Elaine A. Fiore	Duration
	Gary P.	
CC	Langenbach	Duration
PB	Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	Duration
BOH	David Kennedy	Duration
	Christopher	
HC	Hoffman	Duration
	Matthew R.	
OS	Capozzi	Duration
STP	Paul Basler	Duration
BR	Rick Grady	Duration
CI	Mary O'Donnell	Duration
	Robert Downey ,	
TP	ex-officio	Duration
	Mary K. Guiney,	
CC	ex-officio	Duration

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

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

WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

BS	Lorraine Burgio	6/30/2020
FC	Deborah McLean	6/30/2022
	David M.	
M	O'Connell	6/30/2021

APPOINTING BOARDS OR MEMBERS

A	Alternate
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
LT	Library Trustees
M	Moderator
OS	Open Space Committee
PB	Planning Board
PC	Police Chief or designee
PD	Police Department
RC	Recreation Commission
RLT	Realtor
SC	Sewer Commission
SL	Silver Lake Regional
SR	Senior
STP	Street, Trees and Parks
TA	Town Administrator
TP	Town Planner
TT	Town Treasurer
WC	Water Commissioners

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOSHUA WARREN**

2019 will be remembered as a period of great challenges, opportunities and progress for the Town of Kingston. The Town's Master Plan has proven to be a living, breathing document. It is a tangible blueprint for achieving long-term economic prosperity in our community. That plan calls us to build our commercial tax base and to create affordable housing, while preserving the natural resources and beauty of the Town.

With an affirmative vote of Town Meeting, planning and design commenced on a \$28 million wastewater plant expansion and upgrades to our water distribution system. These important projects will allow the Town to build its commercial tax base and to support smart residential development projects. The cost of those projects will be paid for by the expanded user group and offset by \$6 million dollars in Mass Works Infrastructure Grants.

2019 was not without passionate discourse over important Town issues. Among them was a proposed solar project on Town-owned land known as the Offal Pits. Another was the sale of recreational marijuana in Kingston. Residents generated passionate and informed debates on those and other important issues. Ultimately, the solar developer withdrew their project plans and the Town issued its first Host Community Agreement which is the first step toward allowing the retail sales of recreational marijuana in Kingston.

There are several other projects that are well underway. Trammell Crow is in the advanced stage of design and permitting its 280-unit apartment project at Kingston Collection. That project, when completed, will breathe new life into the complex and generate significant new tax revenue. The site investigation at the Maple St. Fire Station location is now complete, a project that was paid for in full by a state grant. Applications are now being prepared for state grants to fund site clean-up. Once the site has been fully remediated, it will be redeveloped in strict accordance with the needs of the Town and with input from the Maple St. neighbors. This is yet another example of converting a non-performing asset of the Town into a valuable, revenue-generating asset which supports the stated goals of the Master Plan.

In 2019 Kingston bid farewell to three longtime employees: Peter Mooney, who served as a Wastewater Operator for 14 years; Kingston Intermediate School Principal, Lisa McMahon; and Kingston Police Officer Laurie Bradley-Harrington, who served 28 years. These dedicated civil servants will be missed, but their contributions to the Kingston community will be felt for many years to come.

Eleven-year veteran of the Kingston Police Department, K-9 Olyver, was laid to rest in April of 2019. During his career on the force, Olyver aided in the arrest of over 50 suspects, and supported law enforcement departments in 13 surrounding communities.

In an effort led by the Jones River Watershed Association (JRWA), Kingston also bid

farewell to the Elm St. Dam in 2019. Kingston's many contributions to the Revolutionary War effort, straight through the Industrial Revolution, were made possible because the Elm St. Dam captured and put to use the power of the Jones River. But all dams are not created equal. Those of colonial times were seasonal, taking advantage of high flows in winter and removed in spring to take advantage of the prolific fish runs. Industrial times brought concrete dams that could not be so flexible. These blocked the fish runs and stagnated the water creating more problems than benefit and posing a serious threat to the health of our community and the survival of our native and migrating aquatic species. Leveraging a \$125,000 commitment from the Town of Kingston, JRWA raised an additional \$1.7 million in state, federal, and private funds to remove the dam and restore a significant stretch of the Jones River to its natural state.

A special thanks and good luck to Kathy LaNatra, who left the Board at the beginning of 2019 to represent the 12th Plymouth District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

As we move forward into 2020, we face new and different challenges. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I want to assure you that no effort will be spared in bringing civility, collaboration and dedication back to Town Government. We have enormous opportunities before us. I ask all community members to join together as we fully execute the Town's Master Plan.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
THOMAS CALTER**

As I begin 2020 as your Town Administrator, I look forward to working with the many extraordinary professionals that are employed by the Town and to serving our citizens who have made Kingston their home.

I am pleased to report that after considerable employee turnover prior to my arrival, the workforce has stabilized, our mission is clear, and our future is bright. As a former executive, business owner, and Legislator, I measure professional success on one's ability to achieve stated objectives. Therefore, it is my duty to document the objectives to which I am committed to achieving in 2019 and beyond.

1. Economic Development

Create, facilitate, and realize economic opportunities that increase the commercial / industrial tax base for the town. Specifically, I will work with local businesses, the Mass Legislature, the Secretary of Economic Development, Mass Development Corp and the MBTA to increase our commercial tax base by 1.5 million dollars within 3 years and 2.5 million dollars within 4 years. In order to support growth in our economic target zone, we will actively support the expansion of our wastewater/system and our water distribution system.

2. Risk Management

Avoid risks of personal injury and noncompliance through continuous training by MIIA and through enhanced management control by department heads.

3. Staff Development

Recruit, train, and retain highly competent and motivated professionals capable of advanced skills development and cross training. Provide the opportunity for all employees to achieve their potential. This will be accomplished with ongoing staff training of department heads and administrative staff. The outcome will be a more efficient operation, better cost control and improved employee morale.

4. Budget process, Warrant and Town Meeting

Complete the budget and warrant at least 45 days before the 2020 Town Meeting. This will allow the Board to conduct public information sessions, build consensus with the FinCom and to address questions and concerns prior to Town Meeting. This will result in greater transparency, public trust in the process and shorter town meetings.

5. Labor Relations

After a challenging 2019, Labor relations have improved significantly. We will continue to manage to the letter of our Collective Bargaining Agreement's (CBA), address grievances fairly, negotiate expiring CBA's on time and in the best interest of the Town of Kingston and our valued employees. We will continue to work hard to build personal relationships with all employees which are based on mutual respect, fairness, kindness and a commitment to our common goals.

6. Grants and State Funding

Support department heads in pursuit of grant opportunities. Work with our legislative delegation to identify state budget earmarks and bonding opportunities. Generate a minimum of 2 million dollars a year in grants and legislative earmarks.

7. Enhanced Communication w/ Constituents

Maintain an open-door policy to address Constituent issues, questions and concerns. Upgrade the Town Website to include videos of features and benefits of our town. Organize pre-Town Meeting informational sessions in order to fully vet issues and to share data with interested citizens. Continue to televise Board and Committee meetings that provide valuable information to citizens.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I am pleased to submit this 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 payments of invoices 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, 2019, the free cash has been certified on September 25, 2019 at \$2,318,244, a 5.85% increase 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.

During this fiscal year we accomplished our self-imposed goal of enabling the Kingston Elementary and Intermediate Schools' invoices to be directly imported into our accounts payable system, greatly reducing the time and effort previously expended with duplicative data entry and increasing the efficiency and accuracy of the data.

I look forward to my new role next year as Finance Director/Town Accountant, which will oversee the Assessing Department, and will collaborate with the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to ensure that the financial operations of the Town of Kingston function efficiently to better serve the citizens of the Town of Kingston.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator's Office and all the Town's departmental directors and staff for their ongoing support and I would especially like to acknowledge Angela Kerstein for the invaluable assistance she offers every day with a smile.

ADAMS CENTER TRUSTEES

The Adams Center Trustees board was formed in 2013 to promote and use the newly renovated Frederick C. Adams Library Building. The building was beautifully restored to all its splendor and grandeur at the hands of concerned and dedicated residents using CPC funds as well as grants to bring about the renovation. Once the building was brought back to life the Town didn't have functional purpose for it. A library annex would have been the perfect use for the building. However, the Library Trustee's in their vision to build a new library shunned the idea in fear that the residents would not support funding for a bigger library if the Adams building was used as a library annex. Hence the Adams Center Trustee Board was formed to ensure that the building would not lay fallow. With a pittance of a budget the Trustees embarked on promoting the building as a Heritage and Cultural Center. Since March 2013, the Adams Center Trustees worked towards building a Heritage Center for the Town of Kingston. These volunteers gave huge amounts of their time, resources and even contributed monetarily to bring programming to the Adams Center. By using the building as a venue for small income producing private events, the Trustees were able to provide free shows and

events to the residents of Kingston. However, once the new library expansion project was voted down at the polls on December 5, 2017, the Library Trustees voted to turn the library public meeting room into a teen room, thus creating a shortage of public meeting space for the Town. This act was one reason for the creation of a new management plan for the Adams building. In February 2019 the plan was instituted and voted on by the Board of Selectmen. The management of the Adams building was then transferred to the Library Director. However, the management plan was amended to allow the Adams Trustees to continue to oversee and procure income producing private events to continue to provide free programming to the residents. As 2019 progressed it became apparent that the constraints, inadequacies and redundancies between the managing directorship and the Adams Center Trustees were counterproductive to a cohesive management plan. Therefore, in September 2019 the entire Adams Center Trustee Board regrettably resigned their positions, with their last official act being the placement of signage on the collection space naming it the Frey-Hoeg Historic Collections Room. The preservation and restoration of The Adams Center was and is an initiative that the citizens of Kingston have always supported and a building they are proud of and enjoy. It is the wish of all the former Adams Center Trustees who have served this endeavor that the building receives continued maintenance and historic preservation for the future enjoyment of the residents.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Affordable Housing Trust continues to identify and pursue opportunities to increase the number of affordable housing units in Kingston. The trustees have met with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Planner and various developers to establish and maintain a good working relationship. A consultant was hired to assist with planning and developing affordable homes, and provide important information to the residents about affordable housing.

The Trustees also worked with the Town Planner and consultants to prepare a new Housing Production Plan.

Housing generally counts as “affordable” if it: (a) does not require households within defined income ranges to spend more than 30% of their monthly gross income on rent and utilities or a mortgage payment; (b) remains affordable over time; and (c) is made available to income-eligible households in a non-discriminatory manner.

Many residents qualify for mortgages but are unable to locate housing within their price range in Kingston. Renters encounter a similar shortage of affordable units. There are federal and state guidelines on the level of household income required to qualify for affordable housing (those whose incomes are not more than 110% of median income, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)).

As of the most recent State report dated September 2017, Kingston had 204 affordable housing units out of a total of 4,881 housing units, for a 4.2% rate. The State goal is 10%, meaning Kingston has to work toward developing another 284 affordable housing units. Per the Kingston Master Plan, the greatest need for affordable housing are small families with very low incomes and larger families with low incomes. Local needs exist for studio units and single-room occupancy (SRO) units for single people with low incomes. There appears to be very little rental housing appropriate for single people without disabilities. Populations served by very small, affordable units range from young citizens entering the workforce to divorced or separated individuals with limited means, very-low-income women who formerly qualified as displaced homemakers and are now living alone, and very-low-income seniors. As the Town's population continues to age, however, growth in demand for affordably priced apartments will place further stress on Kingston's small inventory of elderly housing. In fact, Kingston already needs more deeply subsidized apartments for seniors because the incidence of housing cost burdens among low-income elderly homeowners is exceptionally high.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Kingston Agricultural Commission met monthly to plan agricultural related programs and events for Kingston residents. Funding for these programs was provided by the Sampson Fund and through a town-funded budget.

The Agricultural Commission hosted the yearly meeting of all the Agricultural Commissions in Plymouth County in January 2019 at the Kingston Senior Center.

A “Pizza Garden” program was presented by a 4-H representative in June to teach children about how to grow the ingredients of a pizza. Each child was given seeds and growing medium along with hands on assistance in planting the seeds.

The Agricultural Commission provided seeds to support the Seed Library at the Kingston Public Library.

A “Seed Saving” program was presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in August.

The Agricultural Commission worked with the Kingston Fun Committee to plan and promote community programs around agriculture.

The Agricultural Commission coordinated efforts in support of the Agricultural Fair and Library Brewfest held September 8. Both events were well-attended and plans are being developed to repeat these coordinated events in September 2020.

The Agricultural Commission looks forward to presenting additional programs in 2020.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Calls received: 2,166

Dogs

Impounded:	51
Returned to Owner:	40
Adopted:	3
Transferred:	7
Humanely Euthanized:	2
DOA:	0

Cats

Impounded:	34
Returned to Owner:	4
Adopted:	31
Transferred:	0
Humanely Euthanized:	0
DOA:	3

Other (non-domestic)

Bats:	3	Stray Parakeet:	1
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Collections

Animal Care Fund (donations):	\$6,809.00
Town of Kingston:	\$2,132.00
Spay/Neuter Deposit:	\$360.00
<u>Expenses</u>	\$8,675.97

Animal Bites reported/investigated

Dogs:	38	Cats:	7
Other:	0		

Other Notes of Interest: In addition to the handling and processing of the above animals, the Kingston Animal Control Team was busy throughout the year proudly providing pet food bank services to over 100 needy pet owners in the community, participated in the Annual National Police Night Out, hosted the Annual Rabies Clinic, sponsored a Children's Book Reading at the Recreation Center, conducted 6 Boy/Girl Scout Troop shelter tours, conducted 3 Doggie Day Care Kennel Inspections resulting in license renewal for each facility, attended May Town Meeting to present recommended changes to by-laws pertaining to staff/dog ratio at Dog Daycare Facilities & appeared before Plymouth District Court for various Civil & Criminal Hearings resulting from dog owners failure to comply with local and state by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna "Jo" Boudreau, ACO
Meghan Wrightington, AACO

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The annual census of farm animals was completed December 31, 2019. A total of 533 animals were recorded as follows: 384 chickens, 42 goats, 57 horses, 5 peacocks, 10 rabbits, 3 sheep and 32 waterfowl. Twenty-seven properties were inspected to assure

the animals are in good health and have been provided with adequate shelter, food and water. The report was sent to The MA Division of Animal Health, Department of Food and Agriculture to be used as a resource for emergency preparedness and planning.

For the year FY19 the Inspector received reports of 17 animal bites to humans, (13 dog and 4 cat) as well as 11 bites of dogs biting other dogs for a total of 28. As a result, 24 ten-day quarantines were issued to the biting animals that live in Kingston for suspicion of rabies. After completing the observation period, all the animals were released.

In addition, the following long term “strict confinement” quarantines were issued to Kingston pet owners at their residences: (12) 45-day dog, (6) 45-day cat, (1) 4-month cat. Sixteen animals were released from their extended quarantines having completed the term and appearing healthy. This total number of quarantines issued by the Animal Inspector was 43. This represents an increase of 87% from last year.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Mueller, Animal Inspector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors and staff are pleased to report a very productive and busy 2019. There has been an increase in sales of homes in Kingston this year and the number of foreclosures has continued to decrease. With several new developments starting the construction of several new homes in town. New Growth is expected to increase and there is more development to come in 2020 and beyond.

The Assessor’s Office has processed 14 commitments in 2019 for Real Estate, Personal Property, Boat and Motor Vehicle Excise. The Office has received and processed 792 Motor Vehicle Abatements, 31 Boat Abatements, 79 Real Estate and 25 Personal Property Abatements, as well as Building permits, 287 Sales and Property Transfers, 47 Senior Work Off, 29 clause 17D Senior/Widow exemptions, 37 clause 41C Senior exemptions, 8 Blind, 7 CPA and 130 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 continue 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 utilized by the taxpayers – schools for their children, police and fire protection and the upkeep of municipal roads just to name a few.

In November of 2018, at Special Town Meeting the Town voted to accept Article 15 in the amount of \$30,000 to conduct a full town wide relist of all Personal Property

accounts for businesses to be done in 2019. This project was completed in September of 2019. The Personal Property tax new growth for fiscal year 2020 is \$116,814, much of which is the result of the Article 15 project.

The Real Estate tax new growth for fiscal year 2020 came in at \$322,211, this is the result of new developments and lot splits, new construction, and additions throughout Town. Based on the ongoing projects which are already in the works and those proposed for the future. The Kingston Assessor's are expecting similar if not more new growth in 2020.

In November of 2019 the Department of Revenue certified the Town's assessed values and approved a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020 of \$16.28 per thousand, an eighteen-cent reduction from Fiscal 2019's Tax Rate.

We would like to congratulate Michael Martin for winning his election campaign to the Board of Assessors. He has become a valuable member of the board and the office. We would also like to thank Andrew MacInnis for his continued service to the Board of Assessors and his support of the office and its staff. We would also like to thank Daniel Harlow for volunteering his time to be on the Board. 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 of and assistance to the Board of Assessors and its office staff. We would also like to thank the taxpayers of Kingston for their continued support.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Committee of 2019 saw a complete turnover in membership, with five new members being appointed to serve the residents of Kingston. The new members of Capital Planning strive to continue the diligence of committees in the past by ensuring Kingston's capital expenditures are allocated appropriately.

The Capital Planning Committee is tasked with studying proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years. Those projects must also have a useful life of at least five years, and cost over \$10,000.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2019, the town's legislative body appropriated \$507,000 for capital expenditures. The majority of that sum, to the tune of \$323,928, was paid for by funds generated by the meals tax.

Among the capital expenditures approved at annual town meeting, the town's legislative body chose to approve the following expenditures:

- \$14,000.00 for one Smith Lane Fire Station Vehicle Exhaust System purchase and installation;

- \$45,500.00 to purchase and install two Smith Lane Fire Station Boilers/Pumps/Tanks;
- \$35,000.00 to purchase Assessing Visions version 8 software upgrade;
- \$72,500.00 to purchase 25 portable radios;
- \$25,000.00 to pay for the down payment and first full year of a 3 year lease for the purchase of a Ford F150 Fire Command Vehicle;
- \$100,000.00 to purchase two Ford SUV Patrol Cars;
- \$35,500.00 to pay for the second full year of a 5 year lease that purchases a Volvo Front End Loader;
- \$28,500.00, net of an \$8,000.00 trade-in allowance, to purchase a Mahindra Tractor;
- \$132,500 to pay for the third and final year of a lease that purchases two ambulances;
- \$19,400 to fund a lease purchase of the backhoe.

At the Special Town Meeting, in November of 2019, the town's legislative body allocated an additional \$45,811 towards capital expenditures. Those allocations included:

- \$15,000 for the purchase of Microsoft licenses;
- \$24,000 for well cleaning of the irrigation system at Opachinski Field;
- \$6,811 to cover Kingston's portion for a FEMA/AFG Grant for the purchase of a Breathing Air Compressor.

TOWN CLERK

The Office managed several sessions of Town Meeting and provided certified minutes. The By-Law changes were submitted to the Attorney General for approval and await response, including issues regarding Marijuana retail general and zoning by-law acceptance and updates.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act allows any city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt a property tax surcharge for the purpose of expending revenues from this surcharge and state matching funds for the acquisition of open space, for historic preservation, community housing and recreation. Since its adoption in 2005, the town has received \$2,765,720 in state matching funds. This year, in addition to funding the CPA from the state's Registries of Deeds, the legislature transferred an additional \$20 million from the state's FY 2019 budget surplus. Thus, for Fiscal Year 2021 we expect an increased match from the State CPA Trust Fund.

For Fiscal Year 2020 the Community Preservation Committee recommended, and the 2019 Annual Town Meeting approved three projects:

- \$8,000 from the town's CPA funds set aside for Historical Preservation for the hiring of a contractor to research, complete, submit and oversee the process that achieves National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) status for two of

Kingston's iconic buildings: The Faunce School (1844) and the Powder House (1804). NRHP Status would allow the town to apply for grants not otherwise available to preserve the structures and provide additional historical status to two of the town's historic buildings. Work will be done under the supervision of the Kingston Historical Commission.

- \$55,903 from the town's CPA funds set aside for Open Space, to restore and rehabilitate the Govoni Baseball Field, located behind the Reed Community Building. This field, constructed between 1923 and 1926 over the years has become unusable for local sports teams and activities. The project will include complete replacement of the infield with sod, work on the base lines and pitcher's mound as well as improvements to the outfield, and will be done under the supervision of Kingston's Board of Selectmen and Recreation Department.
- \$44,324 from the town's CPA funds set aside for Open Space to replace the fence systems at two town playgrounds: Gray's Beach Park and Captain Fred L. Bailey. These fencing systems installed over 20 years ago have fallen into disrepair due to time and use. Additionally, newer safety standards for playgrounds indicated that the old fencing systems were in need of upgrades to make them safer for our community. The project will be done under the supervision of Kingston's Board of Selectmen and Recreation Department.

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 the Coalition and utilizes its advice and counsel.

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 Meetings. 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). The Committee meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month. You may also contact the committee via email at cpc@kingstonmass.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kingston's Conservation Department and Conservation Commission were quite active with a number of exciting initiatives and projects in 2019. The Conservation

Department staff has aggressively pursued and obtained a significant amount of funding through state grants to support various projects throughout the Town. One of the most exciting projects continues to be the Gray's Beach Coastal Restoration, Retreat, and Improvement Project. Work continued on this Project through funding from a MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Coastal Resilience grant (\$39,824), to ensure the support for the establishment and restoration of the living shoreline that will greatly enhance the current coastal environment and habitats at the beach. This project was a collaborative effort across multiple town agencies with project assistance from the Department of Coastal Zone Management and biologists at the Horsley Witten Group. The project is a model for other coastal communities dealing with the challenges of coastal erosion and stabilization. The Commission is very pleased with the progress and looks forward to assisting throughout the project and beyond with monitoring, education, and outreach efforts. This project stands out due to the incredible collaborative efforts of many agencies, departments, and individuals, including town residents, who made it possible.

The Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that Town efforts to provide additional waterfront access for the residents of Kingston to the Jones River for saltwater fishing, canoeing and kayaking is closer to reality. During 2019, the Conservation Commission completed permitting and design for the construction of a walkway, permanent pier and float at Mulliken's Landing, while also working with the Waterfront Committee to secure funding sources for the construction phase of the project. To date, a Sampson's Fund grant in the amount of \$4,500.00 and a MassTrails grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of up to \$80,000.00 have been obtained through a collaborative effort by the Waterfront Committee, Conservation and the Recreation Department. An application for additional funding has also been submitted to the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) for the balance of funds needed to complete the project.

The Town of Kingston, through a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, completed the process of planning for climate change resiliency. The Conservation Department with assistance from Horsley Witten Group and in collaboration with the Police, Fire, Planning, Water, Health, Council on Aging Departments and the Jones River Watershed Association worked with members of the community to identify existing and future vulnerabilities in order to develop and prioritize actions for the Town of Kingston. The designation of a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community allows the Town of Kingston to qualify for additional grant programs.

The Conservation Department, at the request of residents, and in collaboration with the Streets, Trees and Parks Department and the Department of Coastal Zone Management, identified the need to re-evaluate and retrofit the existing stormwater management system located on Delano Avenue. The Conservation Department subsequently requested and received a Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant in the amount of \$44,083.00 to permit and execute stormwater management improvements in the

vicinity of Delano Avenue and Grandview Avenue. Completion of the project shall be completed by June of 2020.

During the past year, the Conservation Commission and Department spent a great deal of time reviewing projects under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Kingston Wetlands Protection By-Law. The Conservation Commission received 24 formal wetland filings that required public hearings including 15 Notices of Intent (NOI's), 8 Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA's) and 1 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD). The Conservation Commission also issued 11 Certificates of Compliance (COC's) for completed projects, and dealt with numerous enforcement matters. The Conservation Department worked on a number of 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 more collaborative and better management and maintenance of Kingston properties including conservation lands;
- Working with the Property management Team to develop an Operation and Maintenance Plan and Vegetation Management Plan for recreation and conservation properties;
- Completion of the construction of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) along Brook Street with funding from a Coastal Pollution Remediation grant (\$161,288.00);
- Completion of Water Quality and Assessment for a stormwater BMP project for the Jones River in the area of the Elm Street Dam under a MassDEP 604b Water Quality Management and Planning grant (\$36,250.00);
- Working with the Jones River Watershed Association and partners on completion of the Elm Street dam removal project;
- Working with the MA Division of Conservation Services, Wildlands Trust, Community Preservation Committee (CPC), and others to complete conservation restrictions on CPA-purchased conservation lands;
- Writing the annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) report in compliance with Kingston's permit, and administering Kingston's Stormwater Management Plan;
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,
James Parker
Kingston Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING

We are pleased to report continued and improved achievement in meeting the mission statement of the KCOA: "To advocate the independent lifestyle and quality of life of the senior community through the promotion of wellness, education, recreation and socialization." This accomplishment was the result of the enthusiasm and capabilities of our staff and volunteers.

Wellness:

Outreach is the informational and social services support and counseling to older adults not only at the senior center, but at their homes when necessary. All clients and issues are confidential and when coupled with the competency of our outreach counselor we have been able to provide significant assistance to our seniors in need of help.

OCES (Old Colony Elder Services) provides meals on wheels delivered to homes of those unable to easily leave their homes as well as daily congregate meals here at the center.

We also offer seven health programs each month-preventative mobile dental hygiene, diabetic shoes, hearing tests, VNA Town Nurse Clinic, mind joggers, pedicure and* Shine (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone).

In addition, there are 13 exercise classes per week such as 30/30, chair aerobics, circuit training, Jazz, & Stretch, Tai Chi, tap dance and Zumba.

From a food distribution standpoint, we offer CSFP which is the Community Supplemental Food Program, free food Fridays and the daily distribution of baked goods and other food (when available). We must take this opportunity to thank the BIG Y, Greater Plymouth Food Distribution Center which is part of the South Shore Community Action Council and the Stop and Shop for their very generous donations.

Education:

There is a diverse assortment of programs available to our seniors and others such as Computer assistance, attorney services, the Author Series which is a collaboration with the Kingston Public Library, and lunch and learn which includes timely topics such as eye health, Fire Department safety procedures, personal real estate property tax exemptions, frauds, spam and scams, vernal pools and more. PACTV also broadcasts our Board meetings on both a live and delayed basis through the month.

Recreation

Please see the exercises previously mentioned under the "wellness" section above. Also offered are seven card games each week: bingo, bridge, canasta, cribbage, LCR, mahjonn, pinochle and whist. There are also craft groups, drawing classes, a metal detecting club, needlers, oil painters and quilters.

Socialization:

Thursday congregate lunch is a home cooked meal prepared in the senior center followed by bingo. There are ever expanding daily coffee klatches.

The COA also provides other community services such as Elders at Risk, Emergency Preparedness, an emergency warming center and medical equipment acceptance and distribution when available. Transportation is also provided offering rides to and from the center, grocery shopping, post office, library, doctors' offices and more. Also, volunteers provide doctor and hospital transportation when the needs of our seniors require out of town visits. We provided over 8000 rides last year.

Aggressive goals and objectives were put in place before the year started and thanks to everyone pulling together, we are proud to say, mission accomplished. During the year, thanks to the Police Department we now have a new Police Liaison Programs Officer who provides tips and information to the seniors to protect them from the many illegal activities we see daily.

We must again thank the Fire and Police Departments for assisting in the kitchen and in serving the large amount of guests for our annual free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Without their hard work and humor, we would struggle to serve the large numbers of guests in attendance.

Many people do not understand or appreciate the importance of the Friends of the KCOA who work extremely hard to provide significant financial support. Without their generous contributions which allow expanded programs of many types such as outreach and other activities during the year we could not be as successful as we are due to budget limitations.

Our COA is extremely proud of our needlers group who donated over 1000 items to more than 35 different organizations and local families experiencing difficult times during the year. We also want to thank the Board for their support and especially the over 100 volunteers who worked over 7700 pay free hours. The COA could not possibly operate without their help.

In summary, thanks to everyone acting in a true team effort we were successful in attracting 9.8% more guests to the senior center than the previous year.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Kingston Cultural Council's primary purpose is to ensure that Kingston's share of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council is administered fairly and equitably, in the best interests of the Community. During the 2019 fiscal year, Kingston Cultural Council has continued to provide enrichment to our Community through grant programs that are offered to Kingston residents to enjoy.

This coming year we were able to grant fourteen out of twenty-one requests. The grants are for groups of all ages ranging from reading programs for children to presentations at the Council of Aging located at the Senior Center. This year we were able to award approximately \$6,100.00 in grants.

Our council was able to welcome one new member, with the expiration of appointments our council currently has six members. New members are always welcome! Feedback and input from the Community is always welcome anytime. It is our hope the residents of Kingston will continue to enjoy the programs supported by the Cultural Council.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

As the Board of Registrars reported, the Office managed successful elections without issue and reported to the State.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee consists of 7 volunteer members appointed by the Town Moderator. Finance committees exist so that a representative group of taxpayers can conduct a thorough review of municipal finance, including the annual operating budget, on behalf of all citizens.

The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee is to recommend action on financial issues in a fiscally responsible manner, while striving to maintain the integrity of required and desired government services. The Finance Committee works closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administration, the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committees in all financial matters, including the review and recommendations concerning the Town's Annual Operating Budget. The Finance Committee continuously strives to assist in the management of limited financial resources in a conservative manner, while supporting the providing of quality required and desired government services.

The town continues to maintain healthy reserve positions (i.e., free cash and stabilization fund balances), a strong AA+ credit rating, and excess levy capacity. The Town has achieved this through several years of conservative fiscal management, strong stewardship, and a lot of hard work. At the same time, controlled budget growth has allowed for the provision of increased government services for Town residents. The Finance Committee continuously evaluates and attempts to balance the Town's ability to provide these services against residents' ability to pay for the services.

In recent years, the Finance Committee has strived to ensure that the Town does not need to tax up to the full level that Proposition 2½, new real estate growth, and other revenue increases would allow, nor have we supported utilizing any excess levy capacity. The Finance Committee believes in protecting high quality core services, but

also maintains that future annual budgets need to be sustainable. The need to continue to seek non-residential taxation sources of revenue to offset residential tax increases is important. Although the preservation of quality Town Services is of paramount importance, year-over-year cost growth rates in the town budget must be controlled to minimize future residential tax increases.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2019, the operating budget for FY'20 (July 2019-June 2020) was approved at \$49.3M, for an increase of \$1.2M, or 2.5% more than the final adopted FY'19 budgeted amount of \$48.1M. The \$49.3M budget was funded via \$35.7M of real estate taxes, \$6.9M of state aid, \$4.7M of local receipts such as automobile excise taxes and ambulance billings, and \$2M of other. The \$49.3M of budgeted expenses included \$24.8M for schools, \$6.8M for public safety including fire and police, \$6.0M for employee benefits including medical insurance, \$3.1M for general government, \$2.5M for debt service, and \$2.1M for public works.

In addition to the above "Town" operating budget, Town Meeting also approved FY'20 operating budgets of \$3.7M and \$2.0M, respectively, for the Wastewater and Water Enterprise Funds. These budgets are funded by wastewater and water fees paid by customers of the respective services.

Finally, Town Meeting also approved capital expenditures of \$517K for FY'20, including the final annual new ambulance lease payment of \$133K, two new police vehicles for \$100K, 25 new police portable radios for \$73K, and Smith Lane Fire Station improvements costing \$60K.

The Finance Committee will continue to work with the Town Administration in seeking opportunities to gain efficiencies and control costs while providing the highest level of government services within affordable parameters. We will continue to recommend conservative financial management and control practices that we believe contribute to the ongoing financial well being of the Town and its' residents. We thank all of the boards, committees, department heads, and local officials for working with us throughout the year as we attempted to assist in assuring stable financial conditions for the Town and residents now and into the future.

KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2019 the Kingston Fire Department responded to 2,628 calls for emergency service. Of these, 1,936 calls were for Rescue and Emergency Medical Services and 692 for fire and other incident types. Our current average response time remains steady at 5 minutes 41 seconds from the time a call is received until help arrives.

As our community and call volume continue to grow, we are continuously challenged by simultaneous calls. In 2019, 1,136 incidents were in the 2 or more category, 341 in the 3 or more category, and 104 in the 4 or more category. Mutual aid was provided to other communities 55 times and received 44 times.

There were no personnel changes in 2019, our staff remained Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, 4 Captains, 16 Firefighter EMT's/Paramedics and 5 Call Firefighters. Shifts are staffed at 5 per shift working 24-hour shifts on a rotational basis.

Our revenue from ambulance billing remained steady at just under 1.2 million dollars and in November after thorough evaluation, permit fees were raised to correspond with the area average.

Our commitment to providing high quality emergency responses to all types of emergencies continued throughout 2019. Our members attended advanced medical skills training, along with fire-rescue, technical rescue, dive rescue, hazardous materials and many other training programs both on and off duty. Continuous effective training is the key to safe and efficient job performance in all aspects of our mission. We continue to be guided by National Fire Protection Association Standards and the many other professional organizations that provide progressive training materials to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

In April Firefighter Cole Pike completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training Programs. With this, all new Firefighters have completed training and are Firefighter 1-2 certified.

In September Firefighter-Paramedics Douglas Costa, Christopher Ebert, and Matthew Gaskins volunteered and were trained along with other members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team and Air National Guard to perform search and rescue missions from helicopters. The MA-HART (Massachusetts Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team) was formed to provide additional search and rescue capabilities in our region. This all volunteer group performed over 70 hours of initial training and is required to continue refresher and additional skills training at least quarterly.

Working in conjunction with the Police Department and Regional School District, a grant was received that will allow the Police Department to purchase and install radio equipment within the Fire Department infrastructure purchased in 2018. This will provide increased capability for both the Police and Fire Departments in the regional schools and throughout Town. We are very proud of this joint effort and look forward to enjoying the results.

This year we were again fortunate to receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$82,567 for the purchase of a Breathing Air Compressor for the Pembroke Street Fire Station. The federal share of the grant was \$78,626 with the Town paying a 5% match of \$3,932. Additionally, with the purchase of the compressor we were able to procure an extended warranty at half price. At the November 12 Town Meeting voters approved a total of \$6,811 for the project. The unit is on order and is expected to be installed in early 2020.

Additional Grants received this year include:

- Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) of \$3,500 that will be used in conjunction with 2 other grants to update the Towns Storm Response and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Hazardous Materials Planning Grant of \$2,688 to purchase computer hardware and software for Hazardous Materials Response Planning.
- Protective Clothing Grant of \$2,507 for Fire Retardant / Particulate Filter Hoods that help reduce the chances of absorbing carcinogens.
- Student Awareness of Fire Prevention (SAFE) and Senior SAFE Grants of \$5,300 for School based and Senior Fire Prevention Programs.

Communication and Mobile Data Projects are progressing well. All mobile radios have been replaced through grant funding and combined with the portable radio purchase last year bring the Fire Department into compliance with all applicable standards and regulations. Additional Mobile Data Terminals are scheduled for installation in early 2020. Combined with new software and the numerous terminals already in service, personnel will have enhanced access to building pre-plans, hydrant locations, and a host of other valuable data that will assist in the response to all types of emergencies.

The apparatus and equipment remain in good condition. We have been successful in investing small amounts of money regularly to do such things as remove corrosion, paint, and rebuild and update components. This proactive approach not only maintains a fleet of high-quality duty ready apparatus but saves spending large amounts of money for unnecessary early replacement. This year our current 1994 Ladder Truck has become somewhat unreliable. The vehicle has broken down several times, has incurred repair costs exceeding \$30,000 and has been out of service for a combined 10 weeks. Plans continue for the replacement of this truck. Extensive consideration of the Towns current and future development plans will dictate the need for and design of the new vehicle. Currently we anticipate the truck will need to be replaced with a 100-foot tower ladder with a pump and water tank.

The new Ford F-150 Command Unit used by the Shift Commander was placed in service in December after a lengthy project to equip and upfit the unit. The new unit features a large slide out cargo tray with radios, lighting, hazardous materials monitoring equipment, a mobile data terminal, command console and numerous other pieces of equipment necessary to manage incidents.

As with the apparatus we try to take a proactive approach to the maintenance of our facilities. Unfortunately, this year mold was found at both stations and was traced to leaks both past and present as the primary cause. Each of the stations required extensive remediation to remove the mold and maintain a healthy environment for our employees. Funds for these projects were provided in large part by the Towns insurance company.

As part of the environmental evaluation within the stations there was a recommendation to install the last source capture vehicle exhaust unit at the Pembroke Street Station. These units prevent vehicle exhaust from entering the air and being inhaled by our personnel. With the help of the Town Administrator and Finance Committee, the funds were transferred from the reserve account and the installation is in progress.

Working with our Facilities Manager and the energy conservation grants program, all of the lighting at the Pembroke Street Station have been replaced with LED. This program negated the need to spend Town funds on this much needed project. Currently the program is funding the installation of additional insulation at the Pembroke Street Station, this project should be completed in early 2020.

As reported last year, we continue to assess and attempt to meet the challenges of the aging Smiths Lane Fire Station. With development plans for the south end of Kingston pending, we feel it is appropriate to evaluate plans for the area before making recommendations on the need to renovate or replace the current station. We must however invest in the building where necessary to keep it safe and in serviceable condition.

In February the Commonwealth of Massachusetts began the process of implementing OSHA Standards and Regulations with the Department of Labor Standards as the regulatory and enforcing agency. As reported last year, the Fire Department established a committee to evaluate and implement these standards. We are pleased to report that the standards as they apply to the Fire Department were successfully implemented with much of the credit going to the committee and our Health and Safety Coordinator Captain John Bartlett.

In conjunction with the OSHA implementation, we are taking a proactive approach to Health and Safety. It has been widely researched and understood that Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians are exposed to carcinogens, bio-hazards and psychological challenges on a regular basis. The primary way of preventing illness from these dangers is prevention, training and the addition of new equipment where needed. Over the past year the Department has been fortunate to receive grant funding to purchase equipment and implement many changes to keep our employees safe and healthy.

Fire Prevention Education for students at the Elementary and Intermediate schools, as well as for our Senior Citizens remains a year-round activity. These activities are supported by SAFE Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE Programs from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with combined funding of \$5,300 from the State and \$1,500 from the Town. Additionally, our partnership with the American Red Cross supports the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector installation program for Senior Citizens.

Our annual open house in October has remained very well attended by residents. Once again, this year many residents joined us for demonstrations, displays and lunch provided by Big Y, Papa Ginos and Stop and Shop. We thank our public and private sector partners for their continued support of this event.

At this writing, progress continues to be made on updating and refining the Storm Response and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Money received from 3 grants has allowed us to employ consultants Horsley-Whitton of Sandwich MA to assist in this task. The process consists of several parts including research, formatted task listing, work flow diagraming, and a final tabletop exercise with all of the stakeholders participating.

While it is not possible to list and outline every activity throughout a year, we hope this report has provided a summary of the many emergency and non-emergency activities our personnel are involved in. We are proud to serve the citizens of Kingston and are grateful for your continued support.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On May 31, 2019 the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station shut down and stopped producing power for the last time. Over the next few months the fuel will be removed from the reactor, cooled and placed in permanent dry cask storage on site adjacent to the existing facility. The reactor and buildings will be systematically dismantled over what is projected to be a six-year period. At the end of the process the existing facility will be gone leaving the spent fuel storage facility only.

Beginning in April, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved a plan to do away with the Emergency Planning Zone as we know it and plan only for on-site emergencies. This has met with some concern and resistance from surrounding communities. Despite concerns, the NRC approved plans continue to move forward. Until April of 2020, the EPZ communities will be conducting “business as usual” related to emergency planning. There has been legislation filed that would extend that deadline, so the final disposition is somewhat unclear.

Kingston along with the other EPZ communities are now in negotiations for the final funding amounts for our Emergency Management Agencies. Discussion topics include Fire and Rescue related mutual aid during the decommissioning process, removal of warning equipment such as sirens, and restoration of our facilities to “pre-EPZ” condition. Agreement should be reached in January of 2020.

Kingston, like many other EPZ communities will maintain their Emergency Management Agencies for the purpose of the “All Hazards” planning we currently conduct, we will simply remove much of the nuclear planning component. More information on the decommissioning process will be available as time moves forward and additional agreements are reached and public concerns addressed.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Kingston Board of Health is a five-member elected board charged with protecting the public health in town and maintaining a “Healthy Kingston” which is a part of the board’s mission. The department head and staff maintain the day to day operations of the board. The elected members meet up to twice a month with meetings, announcements and advisories posted on the town’s web site.

The Kingston Board of Health looks out for the best interest of community health by being proactive offering blood pressure clinics and flu vaccines for qualified individuals through the Cape Cod Visiting Nurses. Introduced in the past 18 months has been the informative program “Healthy Kingston” that shows regularly on PAC TV.

The board also implements programs, enacts and enforces the ever-changing tobacco and vaping rules, state laws and town regulations while promoting a healthy community. The board also carries out directives and policies of the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health and is a member of Region 5 Emergency Preparedness group. The fire chief acts as the KEMA emergency management director for the town.

The Board of Health is also involved in restaurant / retail food establishments and the permitting of those as well as caterers and other types of food vendors. The board also enforces regulations relating to public beaches, swimming pools, summer camps, tanning facilities and body art and micro blading operations. The board is also responsible in part and in cooperation with the Old Colony Planning Council administers the septic loan program that has proven quite useful in assisting local residents.

The board’s yearly highlights include the continuation of the “Healthy Kingston” program, wading through the new tobacco and vaping regulations, and getting a handle on cannabis and CBD regulations and continuing to prevent access to unhealthy choices made by our children. Our goals as noted include increasing the quality and quantity of our recycling programs in cooperation with the local recycling committee and continuing to review and enhance tobacco regulations and related products from reaching our children.

The Board of Health has a commitment to public health to and safety and maintaining a “Healthy Kingston.”

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 continued to plan for and work on helping the town celebrate its upcoming 300th anniversary in 2026. The Commission is in the process of creating special signage noting historic locations and structures, and updating a walking tour guidebook to introduce historic homes.

A key project was progress on the Old Burying Ground Preservation Master Plan, which Town Meeting funded in 2018 with CPA funds. A consultant hired by the Commission completed updated burial ground maps and a draft report including a historical section, landscape assessments, and gravestone assessments. Expected to be finished early in 2020, the master plan will provide guidelines to make this historic graveyard accessible to the public and for the restoration and continued maintenance of the cemetery. Time-phased recommendations for the OBG preservation were expected to be presented at a public forum in 2020.

The Commission presented one special program at the Adams Center to help celebrate Massachusetts's Archaeological Month in October. The second annual "Shards and Chard" evening included three archaeologists from the Public Archaeology Laboratory—two of whom discussed their findings of Native American cultural materials, features, and patterns of pre-contact life at the Halls Swamp site off Pottle Street, from an archaeological dig in 2013-15. Ancestors of the Wampanoags camped at the site as early as 8,000 to 3,000 years ago. A third investigator discussed recent historic findings during the Elm Street Dam removal project, which was completed in 2019.

The town's demolition application process came under the spotlight after a developer demolished a house at 138 Elm Street without permission in August. In that case, the Commission had previously deemed the structure historically significant and had turned down a demolition application. The Commission is working on improving the application process and communication gaps among the building inspector, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals with the Commission and other developers.

Additionally, the Commission celebrated the placement of Kingston's Squire William Sever House (2 Linden St) on the National Register of Historic Places. This is Kingston's third structure on the list, which includes the Major John Bradford House and the Frederic C. Adams Library (now the Adams Center).

The commission meets regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and may be contacted via email at khc@kingstonmass.org

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES REPORT

In Fiscal year 2019, 403 Electrical permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Wiring Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$37,170.00

In Fiscal year 2019, 234 Plumbing Permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Plumbing Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$22,095.00

In Fiscal year 2019, 336 Gas permits were issued and rough and final inspections were performed by the Gas Inspectors. The total fees received for the permits was \$23,765.00

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR
Building Statistics for Fiscal Year 2019

Single Family Dwelling	9
Commercial	6
Garage	4
Swimming Pools	3
Renovation / Alterations	304
Misc.	0
Shed / Barn	2
Mobile Homes	3
 TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	 674
TOTAL EST. CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 34,461,749.71
TOTAL BUILDING FEES COLLECTED	\$ 20,167,872.00

The mission of the Inspectional Services Department is to ensure that the built environment within the Town of Kingston is a safe place for citizens to live, work, do business, learn, worship and find entertainment.

The Inspectional Services Department has regulatory responsibility in many areas including land use, construction, zoning, local bylaws, architectural access and the enforcement and inspection on many State Codes and Regulations.

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

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

The inhabitants of Kingston and this department are blessed to have the dedicated Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspectors that serve to ensure 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.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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. We worked with the Kingston Public Library Foundation to offer technology training for residents age 8 through adult. There have been numerous sessions of the popular class Drawing with the Apple Pencil. 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 provides 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. For WIFI service outside the library, we offer 5 wireless hotspots that residents can check out with a library card, for use on-the-go or at home in case of problems with their usual internet service. Thanks to funding from Town Meeting, new public computers are being installed to replace our aging machines.

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 and A to Z (a business and marketing resource) saw steady use. Through our membership in the Old Colony Library Network, we were able to offer access to a large collection of online newspapers, including the Kingston Reporter, Patriot Ledger, Brockton Enterprise and many other local and national newspapers. We also offered the Novelist Plus database to help you find your next book or series. For children, we offer TumbleBooks, BookFlix, and TrueFlix databases, as well as Novelist K-8, which is a wonderful resource for finding just the right book for your child. Almost all of these databases and services are available from home through our website. Our collection of Launchpad tablets with pre-loaded themed games and puzzles for children, teens, and adults continued to be popular.

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 all of the Old Colony Library Network libraries as well as the Commonwealth eBooks Collection, which includes thousands of digital books, music, and videos. We offer the Hoopla and Overdrive/Libby platforms, all available on mobile devices as well as

computers. Through our OCLN membership, residents have access to the digital book collections five Massachusetts automated library networks, with more joining soon. A wide range of digital magazines are available through the RBDigital database (formerly Zinio).

Library of Things

We continued to develop our Library of Things, which now includes wifi hotspots; puzzles and board games; a seed library; a metal detector; a portable lcd projector and screen; a universal travel adapter compatible for use in over 150 countries; a bubble machine; a bocce set; a cornhole game; portable chargers and charging stations; a stud finder; a metal detector, and a yarn winder. More items are being added all the time.

Art Committee, Book 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. 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. We worked with the Recreation Department and Council on Aging to offer programs under the name Kingston Community Fun. We took part in the Kingston Farmers' Market and in 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.

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. We partnered with the Board of Health to introduce toys, books, and activities to encourage healthy habits for children. We were lucky enough to partner with several Kingston residents to offer chess programs and additional book groups for children.

Teen Services

Our Teen Room for teens ages 11 to 18 provides a dedicated space for learning, playing, studying, and socializing. It is equipped with a makerspace, homework cart, Virtual Reality equipment, an iMac, two iPads, games, and puzzles, among other fun and useful

resources. Kingston teens are using all of the digital resources, as well as attending programs, reading, studying, using the makerspace, and playing board games. The 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. We held our third Teen Summer Reading Program.

Archives

Our Archivist Susan Aprill oversaw the move of the Local History Collections to the Adams Center this year. With help from the Facilities Department and the Department of Streets, Trees, and Parks, almost all of the collections are now housed in a large climate-controlled space (the former children's room when the Library originally occupied the building.) The Local History Room provided services to the local I Scout troops, the Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center, the Kingston Historical Commission, the Adams Center, 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. Patrons used the room for researching family and house histories, as well as general Kingston history. Ms. Aprill is actively involved with the committee planning for Kingston's 300th anniversary.

Planning and Staff

With the Teen Room now a successful reality, we turned our attention to relieving the extremely crowded work conditions for library staff and to planning upgrades to the Children's Room. The staff spaces are nearly completed, some collections have been relocated in the adult areas, and we are actively working on funding for the planned upgrades to the Children's Room. We anticipate a combination of sources including Town Meeting, the Kingston Public Library Foundation, the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, and a federal grant.

Adams Center

We were asked to take over management of the Adams Center mid-way through 2109. We are pleased to report that there are programs and meetings in the Adams Center at least several times every week, and the number is increasing. Among the new programs are a monthly Movie Night and sessions of the Drawing with the Apple Pencil class.

Friends and Foundation

We worked with the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, who continued their program of book sales and other fundraisers to supplement library services, most notably through underwriting our discount museum pass program. The Friends also fund many programs and small projects. We worked with the Kingston Public Library Foundation to raise awareness and support for the Library and to enhance Library services. Most notably, the Foundation donated a digital sign that is now installed on the lawn along Summer Street. The lawn is used to promote library programs and services, as well as other municipal information.

Metrics

Library users borrowed our discount museum passes, which are paid for by the Friends of the Kingston Public Library, 552 times in FY2019. 33 volunteers donated 2,216 hours of work to the Library on a regular basis, with many others volunteering for specific events and projects. There were 68,971 visits to the Library this year, we were open 2,567 hours, we answered 11,901 reference questions, and users borrowed 122,693 items. Our patrons downloaded 12,044 digital magazines, eBooks, e-audiobooks, and online videos. We sponsored 206 programs for children attended by 3,771 children, 39 programs for teens attended by 290 teens, and 118 programs for adults attended by 2,455 people. As of June 30th, 4,795 Kingston residents and 352 nonresidents held active library cards.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

The 2019 Memorial Day parade was a great success! We had 22 Veterans participate in the parade. Several groups marched in the parade, including the Taunton City Band, local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. The U12 Champion softball team joined in along with KYSO Soccer players. Thank you to Stop & Shop for donating Hoodsies Ice Cream cups for the kids following the parade. Thank you also to the Kingston Police Department who provided parade detail and marched, and to the Selectmen who participated as well. Most importantly, thank you to the Kingston Community for attending and honoring our Veterans.

Jeanne Coleman, Chair

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Kingston.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2019.

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 district. OCPC is designated as; an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities, and the 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. OCPC is the designated staff of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (OCMPO) 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 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Updated Plan; the FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the FFY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2020-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); the Brockton Area Transit – 2019 Fare Analysis Study, and the 2019 Ridership Report. Additionally, the Council conducted numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities.

The Council provided technical assistance to our member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. Established by Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, the DLTA Program enables the Commonwealth's 13 Regional Planning Agencies to provide technical assistance to their member communities. Each year, OCPC receives an allocation of funds to provide this assistance. This assistance must focus on advancing municipal partnerships, planning for housing and planning for growth and is intended to encourage and enable municipalities to work together to achieve and/or enhance cost effective service delivery, or to create and sustain ongoing collaboration and consultation on issues affecting the municipalities, such as land use and planning for new economic and housing growth. Projects and activities should result in a measurable change in the municipalities, whether in law, regulation, program management, or practice.

Thirteen of the seventeen member communities have been designated Green Communities. These communities have been the recipients of \$8,862,261 from DOER since 2010. The Division of Energy Resources offers technical assistance funding to the Council to meet the annual reporting requirements of the Green Communities Program. The Council received \$44,265 in Municipal Energy Technical Assistance funding for designation grant, competitive grant and annual reporting requirements.

The Council received \$43,000 in Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant funding to assist the Towns of East Bridgewater and Avon seek designation and to provide technical assistance to the towns of Abington, Brockton, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plympton, Stoughton, and Whitman.

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 \$1.5 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 100,000 people age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with 1079 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 189 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 2019, the Council processed approximately \$389,255.50 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 2019, the Council elected Christine Joy of Plympton as Council President; David Klein, of Abington as Council Treasurer; and, Sandra Wright of Bridgewater as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella served as Executive Director of the Council until December 2nd when Mary Waldron succeeded Pat as the Executive Director.

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 (JTC) Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) Chair Maryellen Brett; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Josephine Schofield 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Downey, Delegate
Paul Basler, Alternate
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At Large

PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2019.

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 2019 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project treated over 15,000 acres for larval mosquitoes (larviciding). The pesticide used was B.t.i. (an environmentally selective bacterial agent). Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 3rd, 2019 and ended on September 17th, 2019. The Project responded to 17,584 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed an “Arbovirus

Surveillance and Response Plan” for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were initially at “Low Level Risk” for mammalian infection of West Nile (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). At the end of the season 6 towns (Bridgewater, Halifax, Plympton, Kingston, Middleboro and Carver) were at moderate risk for West Nile, all other towns remained at low risk. At the end of the season the towns of Carver, Lakeville, Middleboro, Marion, Rochester and Wareham were at critical risk for EEE. At high risk for EEE were Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Mattapoisett, Plympton, West Bridgewater and Whitman. The District’s remaining towns were at moderate risk for EEE. West Nile Virus activity in 2019 was significantly less than 2018. However, the district had two human cases of WNV. Mosquito surveillance is a coordinated effort between PCMCP and DPH. The District submitted 696 samples containing 23,300 mosquitoes to DPH for testing and 4 samples were positive for WNV. The positive samples were in Middleboro, Pembroke and Whitman. The Department of Public Health (DPH) also detected WNV in their mosquito samples. They had a total of 16 WNV isolations from the towns of Carver, Halifax, Lakeville and Kingston. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 53,248 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns.

The United States saw historic activity of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV). Nationwide there were 38 human cases of EEE in 10 states. Massachusetts had 12 human infections of EEEV, the most of any state. There was extensive EEEV activity within the district. One human case of EEE occurred within the district. PCMCP submitted 23,300 mosquitoes grouped into 696 mosquito samples for testing and 72 were positive for EEEV. The isolations were from Bridgewater, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanson, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Rochester and Scituate. DPH also detected EEEV in 92 of their 551 samples tested. Those detections were in the towns of Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts responded to the EEEV activity by conducting wide scale aerial adulticiding. In all, 6 applications occurred. Three of these applications were in the district. Applications of this kind are complex and involve a large number of state agencies including DPH, The Department of Agriculture and The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. The Project assisted with these applications in a number of ways, including supplying equipment and helping to document efficacy of the application.

PCMCP followed the “Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan” and responded to the EEEV by increasing our adulticiding and mosquito surveillance. The Project conducted wide area applications by truck in locations where EEE was detected. We also submitted for testing more than 247 extra mosquito samples.

The Health threat of EEEV 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 Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. We conducted surveillance at 8 sites in Plymouth, Wareham, Brockton, Pembroke, Middleboro, Rockland and Whitman. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2019 season we recycled 2,494 tires bringing us to a total of 9,290 tires for the program.

The figures specific to the town of Kingston are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Kingston residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Kingston 220 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 2307 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 5000 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 2019 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3035 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 *Cs. melanura*. In the Town of Kingston, the three most common mosquitoes were *Cq. peturbans*, *Cx. species* and *Cx. salinarius*

Education and Outreach: We continue to reach out to residents in a variety of ways. Our website has been recently updated and includes web pages for meetings and the annual budget. It also includes educational handouts to provide more information and better describe all the Project's services.

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.

Stephen Gillett
Superintendent

Commissioners:

Cathleen Drinan, Chairman

John Sharland –Vice Chairman/Secretary

John Kenney

Michael F. Valenti

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month in Room 200 in the Kingston Town House and consists of five members elected for five-year terms and one associate member appointed to a three-year term. Thomas Bouchard is the Board's Chairman, David Gavigan is the Vice Chair and Joanne Cullen is the Clerk along with Jonathan Barnett and Robert Gosselin make up the Planning Board. Richard Kenney serves as Associate Member. The Planning Board addressed 6 ANR plans this year, 5 Special Permits, 8 Site Plans, 1 Subdivision and endorsed 5 lot releases.

The Planning Office works with the Town Clerk's office, updating the Town of Kingston's website by posting the agendas of upcoming meetings as well as the meeting minutes thus making them accessible to the residents of the Town and providing information on projects and decisions made by the Planning Board. Subdivision Regulations, Zoning By-laws, The Affordable Housing Plan and Kingston's Master Plan are available on the website as well. The Planning Office is working diligently to comply with the Affordable Housing mandates, a well needed service.

The Town's Planning Office worked with the Zoning/Subdivision Committee as well as their designated consultants, Joel Bard and Robert Mitchell to codify the Town's Zoning Bylaw and restructure it in a way that makes it easier for the average citizen to interpret. This codified version of the Zoning Bylaw was voted on and approved at the 2019 Fall Special Town Meeting. Members of the Zoning/Subdivision Committee include the Town Planner, Robert Downey, the Town's Building Inspector, Jason Silva, Paul Armstrong, Mark Guidoboni, and John Hass.

This past year the Planning Office has worked closely with Kingston's regional planning agency, the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA), to seek economic opportunities for the Town. Kingston hosted the New England's first Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS) where members of EDA, OCPC, Kingston, Plymouth, and members representing the South Shore Workforce Board came together in collaboration of supporting local and regional priorities. The Planning Office in conjunction with the Selectmen's Office continue to work with the EDA on acquiring a grant for upgrading the Town's wastewater treatment plant.

In addition to its functions with the Planning Board, the Planning Office works with all of the town departments by coordinating comments for site plans and by being the primary contact for new residential and commercial development proposals.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019

Chief of Police (By Contract)
Maurice J. Splaine

Civil Service Lieutenants
Thomas A. Kelley, Robert C. Wells

Civil Service Sergeants
John M. Bateman, Ryan T. Calter, Robert Scott Morgan, Thomas E. Mori, Zachary I. Potrykus, James P. Sauer, Michael G. Skowrya

Civil Service Police Officers
Richard P. Allen, Timothy J. Arnold, Laurie A. Bradley-Harrington, Steven C. Berna, Matthew N. Donovan, Erik G. Dowd, Zachary T. Francis, Michael L. Fuller, Michael R. Gallo, Michael A. LaNatra, Andrew W. Loring, Craig A. Marshall, Martin J. McDonald, Jonathan D. Neal

Special Police Officers
Todd A. Bailey, Michelle E. Beck, Marks J. Brenner, Jr., Glenn C. Bushee, Bartholomew B. Connors, Darren J. Martin, Ashley L. Odell, Peter E. Pateline, Sean S. Percy, Mark S. Shubert

Public Safety Dispatchers

Michelle E. Beck, Gail M. Fallon, Victoria L. Goldberg, Jennifer L. Jackunas, Ashley L. Odell,
Stephen P. Perrault, John M. Sjostedt, Cody A. Weber

Matrons

Michelle E. Beck, Gail M. Fallon, Ashley L. Odell

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is my privilege to proudly present the 2019 Annual Town Report of the Kingston Police Department. This report outlines the many accomplishments and highlights from the past year. It was a year in which we mourned, a year we said good bye to long time employees, a year of new leadership within the ranks, a year in which we welcomed new colleagues, a year to reflect, and a year to carry on our work to deliver essential police services in the most sensible, cost effective, and fiscally prudent manner.

It is the mission of the Kingston Police Department to provide a safe environment that enhances the quality of life consistent with the values of our community. The police department coordinates public safety through patrols, investigations and active community partnerships. We are committed to providing the highest quality of police service to the citizens of Kingston. As you read further, you will see that members of the Kingston Police Department continue to demonstrate high levels of initiative, dedication, and commitment to their profession. We strive to cultivate partnerships within our community in order to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social and cultural demands. It is together we will accomplish this with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism.

During the course of the year, the department suffered the loss of several key and valuable long-term employees. Patrol Officer Laurie Bradley-Harrington retired. The department wishes her a long, happy, and healthy superannuation. The department also mourned the sudden death of veteran dispatcher Stephen Perrault. Stevie's death was unexpected. It hit the department hard. Nobody had a chance to say goodbye or tell him how much they cherished his friendship or thank him for his twenty-nine years of dedicated public service. He was respected and appreciated by all. He had a unique status in the public safety world. His one of a kind quips and irreplaceable perspective on things will never be forgotten. Those who knew Stevie will always cherish the following sayings. "I don't make this stuff up you know", "How's your day going so far?", "Have I got a call for you," or "Thanks for coming in, the pleasure was all mine." Actually Stevie, the pleasure was all ours. The legend will truly be missed.

Thomas Mori, Michael Skowyra, and Ryan Calter were promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. The promotions were based from scores from an open competitive exam administered by the Human Resources Division at Civil Service. The swearing in ceremonies were well attended by the fine men and women of the department. It was

nice to see the camaraderie and peer support from their colleagues. Being a sergeant is a tough job. I know they will succeed and lead the town well for years to come.

The department welcomes several new members. Cody Weber was hired as a public safety dispatcher. Heath Howell and Brian Hurley were appointed as student officers. They will start their training on February 17, 2020 at the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy. We look forward to their late spring graduation. They will then be assigned with a Field Training Officer (FTO) before hitting the streets in the summer as newly sworn police officers. Our department takes great pride in recruiting and hiring the very best candidates to serve the town. I'm confident that our newest additions will complement our organization very well.

Officers Timothy "TJ" Arnold and Matthew Donovan have accepted additional responsibilities as part-time School Liaison Officers (SLO). Officer Arnold is assigned to both the Kingston Elementary and Kingston Intermediate Schools. Officer Donovan is working at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School. Officer Donovan's salary is being funded through an appropriation authorized by a 2019 Plympton Annual Town Meeting warrant article vote. Both officers attended many hours of specialized SRO training in order gain the knowledge and expertise to provide the many complex and necessary services to the members of our school community. Officer Richard Allen continues his assignment as the full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Silver Lake Regional Schools. All of the school officers exemplify the community policing philosophy of the department with their approach to proactive problem solving while working in collaboration with our school partners to foster a safe and secure learning environment.

During the year, specially trained instructors of this department taught church members, town employees and school staff/students 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. The police department appreciates the support of both the town and school administration in providing this level of commitment to the safety of the school environment.

The Silver Lake Regional School District in partnership with the Kingston Police and Fire Department applied for funding under the Safer Schools and Communities "Local Equipment and Technology" grant offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR). The district was successful and was awarded money to upgrade many physical school building safety features and to modernize radio communication *technology*. The enhanced public safety radio communications will now be possible throughout the entire town, but most specifically, the Silver Lake Regional School Campus. This upgrade to microwave-based technology, along with our new portable radios, will vastly improve our daily communication abilities.

The department continues our strong community policing initiatives. In August, our National Night Out event was held for the fourth year on the campus of the Silver Lake Regional School District. The event continues to grow from our humble begins at the police station into a regional destination. National Night Out allows our community customers to positively interact with all the various components of our public safety family. In November, department members participated in “No Shave November” in order to raise funds and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project. In December, department members once again enjoyed our yearly tradition of serving our senior citizens a Christmas Dinner at the Council on Aging.

I would like to personally thank the members of the Kingston Police Department both sworn officers and civilian employees. Their collective efforts provide the professional delivery of police services to the citizens of Kingston. I would also like to recognize the teamwork of all the municipal departments as well as elected and appointed officials for their cooperation throughout the year. The police department’s daily interaction with these departments and individuals helps to provide the town with a true sense of community.

Respectfully submitted, Maurice J. Splaine, Chief of Police

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT: The Kingston Recreation Department’s Mission: *“Working together for the well-being of our community”*

Primary Responsibilities: The Recreation Department manages and implements hundreds of programs throughout the year, manages and oversees several Town properties, and works 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 Recreation Department collaborates with other Departments, and other community organizations to enhance the productivity and efficiencies among departments and to provide various collaborative opportunities for the residents of Kingston.

The Recreation Department Director along with the Town's Conservation Agent, Facilities Manager and Streets, Trees, and Parks Superintendent created the Property Management Team and work together to create proactive approaches, utilize combined department resources while providing enhanced department proficiency's to accomplish property management needs, and to plan future goals as part of the Standard Operating Procedures for several Town properties. Other collaborative programming has included working with the Conservation Department on projects, and programming such as Conservation Property Trail Hikes, Conservation/Recreation Property Clean-Up Days –Gray's Beach Park Coastal Stabilization and Site Improvement Project along with assisting with the Coastal Zone Management Operations and Maintenance Grant.

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, Science programs, Environmental/Conservation Programs, Foreign Language Programs, Sailing Programs, and 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, Kayak/Paddleboard and 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's jurisdiction. The Recreation Department designs and manages all marketing aspects of the programs, including, but not limited to flyers, posters, newspaper submissions, social media marketing where applicable, and the Recreation Department website.

The Department has managed over 29,548 registrations since the websites inception in 2013. There are more than 3,293 accounts and more than 7,863 members. Nearly 400 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 staff through the Recreation Website also assists with building use management of the Adams Center and the Faunce School.

The Recreation Department maintains and upgrades the facilities under their jurisdiction. 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 restroom building, 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 1,000 registrations. For the summer months the Recreation Department staffs more than 50 personnel, including Summer Program staff, and Gray's Beach Park staff. The Recreation Department also manages the use of the Reed Community Building by community groups, as well as the utilization of Camp Nekon, and the Faunce School.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee continued to work with town departments and boards to increase the percent of recycling at all facilities. Several educational articles about recycling were published in the Kingston Reporter.

The Swap Shop at the Kingston Recycling and Disposal Center continues to be very popular with residents. Through continued education efforts, the Recycling Committee helps residents understand the rules of the Swap Shop and participate as both donors and volunteers to keep the shop tidy and accessible. More volunteers are always welcome.

The Recycling Committee continued to actively participate in the activities of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative and received assistance in monitoring and enforcing Kingston's recycling mandate.

The Recycling Committee also worked closely with the Board of Health and the Health Agent in enforcing Board of Health regulations regarding recycling activities and reporting of private haulers.

The Recycling Committee held an Earth Day event at the Recycling and Disposal Center in April and provided residents with reusable insulated shopping bags, purchased with grants, to increase recycling.

New Fix-It Clinics were held in May and November to offer hands-on training to residents on how to maintain their bicycles as well as lawn and garden equipment. Additional clinic will be held in 2020 and the training will be based on residents' needs and the skills of the volunteer coaches.

The Recycling Committee participated in the August Waterfront Festival and the Surprising Seas Forum in September.

The MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator, Todd Koep, has attended the monthly meetings of the Recycling Committee and has been most helpful in providing information and assistance. The chairman has attended MassDEP seminars. The Recycling Committee works closely with the Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks in coordinating recycling activities and applying for grants.

The Recycling Committee voted to pursue a ban on single-use plastic shopping bags and will conduct an information campaign in 2020 with the goal of having a town-wide vote on this ban at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The BOR successfully managed several elections during the year and is working to address the 6 elections currently scheduled for the upcoming election season in 2020. There is a potential for 2 additional elections pending. The Board meets on an irregular basis to address elections and voter registrations. There have been no issues and the Town Clerk's Office continues to provide professional services to the residents.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joy Blackwood

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 3,510 students through the continued support of the towns.

2019 brought some administrative changes to the districts. Ellen McLaughlin left Kingston Elementary School as Assistant Principal and the new Assistant Principal is Jake Galewski. Dr. Amy Somers-Quealy left after one year as principal at Kingston Elementary School and the new Principal is Dr. Kerri Whipple. Dr. Lisa McMahon retired after 10 years as principal of Kingston Intermediate School and Mike Bambery has stepped up to the new role after four years as Assistant Principal. The new Assistant Principal at Kingston Intermediate School is Kaitlin Bishop. We are excited to welcome these dedicated new administrators.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools 7 new professional staff were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed 8 new members to their professional staff to fill retirements and resignations. We thank our retiring staff for their years of dedication to our students and welcome our new staff to a wonderful community of learners.

The safety and security of our students and staff have remained a priority of the administration and school committees. Massachusetts offered grant funding for safety and security of the schools and Silver Lake was the recipient of funds. Additional security measures have been added to the schools particularly at the entrance to the buildings. Thank you to the Town of Kingston for funding a full-time School Resource Officer, Rich Allen, for the Silver Lake High School after funding a part-time officer for four years. During the spring town meetings a warrant article was placed on both the Halifax and Plympton warrant to try and fund a part-time School Resource Officer for the Middle School. Plympton's portion passed and there is now an eight hour a week School Resource Officer, Officer Donovan, at the Middle School. Hopefully next year the warrant articles will pass in both towns. The Kingston Police have also added an eight hour per week part-time School Resource Officer, Officer Arnold, to the Kingston Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Officer Arnold has been a most welcome addition and provided our students and staff with support and guidance and a welcome

sense of security. Plympton continues to fund Officer Smith who provides the DARE program as well as general safety and security to the building. Halifax supports the Elementary School through Officer McIntyre who is present at drop-offs and dismissal as well as occasional visits to the school.

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 budget. The PTO's, CASA, Kingston Foundation for Education and Boosters groups are instrumental in providing enrichment opportunities including field trips, technology, equipment and materials to our students. Without this dedicated pool of volunteers our students' opportunities would be greatly limited.

As our schools continue to age we truly appreciate the support of the towns and community to provide a safe and secure learning environment. There have been major building renovations at Halifax Elementary including a new roof, windows, siding and doors, and fire sprinkler system. Plympton has begun dealing with leaking roof concerns and general upkeep of maintenance costs. In Kingston we also have leaking roof concerns as well as general upkeep of the buildings. An MSBA grant was applied for the Kingston Elementary School and the two roof boilers were approved but the roof was not yet old enough to meet the criteria. The boilers are the first step in the process of the full renovation. At Silver Lake there have been a myriad of issues but the most distressing has been water infiltration through the roofs. Through the Capital Plan the Silver Lake District has been able to fund extensive renovations to the roof and facilities through the Excess and Deficiency fund. Through this conservative budgeting there has been no financial impact on the towns. Upkeep of our facilities and grounds has become a very real and pressing concern as part of our budget building process.

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 has been 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. The safety and security of our students and staff is a priority. Thank you for the support provided to our students and staff. It has been an honor and privilege to have worked for the districts during the last nearly 14 years.

KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kerri Whipple, Principal

Fall 2019 brought many wonderful changes to the Kingston Elementary School. As the new principal, I had the opportunity to hire a new Assistant Principal, Jake Galewski, and a new Secretary, Melissa Navega. The KES staff embraced the changes well and it has

been a wonderful year. It has also been so enjoyable working alongside Principal Michael Bambery and Assistant Principal Kaitlin Bishop from KIS.

KES implemented the KES Monthly Values to promote character development throughout the school. We started this in September and will continue through the year until June. Students are learning about what these values mean through morning announcements, literacy assemblies, and classroom teacher implementation. From September till June, the values are as follows: Respect, Trustworthiness, Perseverance, Responsibility, Teamwork, Caring, Curiosity, Citizenship, Fairness, and Mindfulness. Every Friday, students are recommended for "Surfing into Kindness" and it is based on them being recognized for demonstrating the value of the month. The students who exhibit the value for the week are recognized over the intercom during morning announcements, are sent to the office for a group photograph and their names are posted on the office bulletin board. Students have embraced this idea and really enjoy the recognition.

Early in the year the KES staff was trained on the Zones of Regulation, which is a systematic, cognitive behavioral approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing all the different ways we feel and states of alertness we experience into four concrete colored Zones (blue, green, yellow, red). The Zones provides strategies to teach students to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, manage their sensory needs, and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts. The program incorporates numerous visuals to teach students to identify their feelings/level of alertness, understand how their behavior impacts those around them, and learn what tools they can use to manage their feelings and states. The teachers have done an amazing job incorporating the Zone's into their daily teaching. A parent training was also offered to promote a home-school connection with the Zones applications and implementation.

We have transformed an unused office space in KES into the "Happy Face Place". This is a space designed to share and promote positivity and reinforce expected behaviors. All KES students have the opportunity to have access to this space throughout the day as they can be recommended by teachers and staff for exhibiting things such as the KES Values, showing perseverance with academic work, expressing kindness and gratitude, being a good friend, and so much more. The administration as well as the school's psychologist, adjustment counselor, and behaviorist are available to take students to the space when notified by the teacher or staff member and an appropriate time is determined. The students who have already accessed the space love what they have experienced. The space gives them the opportunity to engage in activities and positive incentives by themselves or with a few peers where they can play and create and continue to motivate and encourage each other to keep doing the right things and working hard. When students enter the space they sign in and identify the zone (blue, green, yellow, red) they are in. They are typically in green because they are so happy to be there and have been praised for having expected behaviors and going above and beyond! We may reflect on how the day is going and what got them to the space. The

students are able to select from many different types of high-interest activities to engage in for a small amount of time. Then students sign out with what zone they are in before transitioning back to their day. This is a great way to connect with students we may not always get the opportunity to connect with and allows us to continue to apply the Zones of Regulation and content.

KES has worked closely with the Kingston Police Department and now works with Officer Tim, Kingston's Resource Officer, once a week. The students and staff love having Officer Tim at school as he engages in lots of high fives, reading books to classes, center work, lunch and recess and much more. The KPD has been supportive and collaborative in helping KES train and participate in safety drills this school year.

Thanks to the Kingston Foundation for Education (KFE), we have continued to implement new technologies this school year. We implemented One School, One Book where each child and staff member received a copy of two different books. Teachers implemented the books at school and read it aloud which was shared on social media. Gooseberry Park was the fall book and Bat Boy will be read with the students in the spring. We have implemented more iPads and Chromebooks so students can access curriculums such as Lexia Core 5. The library has received lots of fun and hands on technologies such as Ozobots and Osmo kits. The students thoroughly enjoy learning about and using these technologies which are directly related to curriculum standards in Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Teachers are enjoying implementing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education throughout the day.

Our Occupational Therapy team initiated and implemented a project they call "KinderKarts" specific to our Kindergarten population. The KinderKarts are designed to bolster fine motor readiness skills in a user friendly and fun way that encourages a hands-on approach to attaining the developmental skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten. Students enter Kindergarten with varying fine motor exposure and experience and our therapists wanted to help the teachers bridge this gap to even the playing field. The KinderKarts are mobile carts which have 5 drawers each. Each cart contains games and activities in one of seven specific developmental skill areas: Hand Strength, Visual Perception, Pencil Grip, Scissor Skills, Upper Body Strength, Hand Manipulation and Bilateral Integration Skills. Children in each class are divided into five groups - one for each drawer - and each drawer contains enough materials for that group. Every classroom teacher elects when to use the Karts. Many teachers use them in lieu of "morning work" and some use them for indoor recess times. Each Kindergarten classroom is given a KinderKart on a 2 week rotation cycle. After 2 weeks, each classroom trades KinderKarts with another classroom. The Occupational Therapy staff swap materials in and out of the KinderKarts to keep the skill levels progressing and the activities engaging. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our Occupational Therapy team to support our Kindergarten teachers and students with the acquisition of the developmental fine motor prerequisite skills necessary to be successful in school.

The KES staff have embraced our new Mathematics program, enVision Mathematics 2020, a K-5 curriculum that is in full implementation for kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. Summer curriculum work was completed to develop curriculum maps and all teachers received training in the fall. Teachers continue to collaborate as grade levels to implement the program with alignment to the Massachusetts mathematics frameworks.

It has been a wonderful first year as Principal at KES. I am especially impressed with the dedication and commitment the staff put into making KES a great place for students, staff and the community. The staff have been amazing with implementing many new changes. We will continue to put Children First and bring the highest quality of education to our students.

**KINGSTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
MIKE BAMBERY, PRINCIPAL**

The Kingston Intermediate School began its twentieth year in September with an enrollment of approximately six hundred students in grades three through six. Our classes average between twenty-two and twenty-four students throughout our twenty-eight regular classrooms. In addition, we house three Silver Lake Regional School District programs. These students are integrated into all academic 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 four through six as well as ukulele, recorder and keyboard experiences. This was also the first year of our new band program that was offered to students in grades five and six.

Our staff pursues professional development opportunities as they relate to our school-wide focus achievement and social-emotional student learning 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. Our recent adoption of a new science program and the implementation of a new math program helps support our efforts to enhance student achievement across all grade levels. New technology continues to be added and utilized, specifically, additional Chromebooks to support one to one dedication, virtual reality tools, and numerous on-line resources to enhance and enrich the learning experiences for all students. The computer lab housed at KIS provide all our students with increased opportunities to develop their technology skills while addressing curriculum standards and assessments including MCAS 2.0 and STAR. 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 learning opportunities including the continuation of our High Five Program, 'No Bully Zone' assembly, several charity drives for our community and in-house grade-level programs. Through a partnership with the KPD we

were also able to add Officer Tim Arnold to the KIS community as a part-time School Resource Officer. 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 which demonstrates treating all people with kindness and respect. This year the students and staff participated in ‘Crazy Sock Day’ to raise funds to promote Down Syndrome awareness. The KIS community continued a long-standing tradition of providing families in need with twenty-five turkey baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday. The school will also be participating in The American Heart Association’s Kids Heart Challenge to raise funds to fight heart disease. The Student Council has also been working very hard all year to develop the first KIS talent show.

Once again the students and staff of Kingston Intermediate School continues to benefit from the strong support of our KPTO, Kingston Foundation For Education, School Council and the many community organizations which provide us with a vast array of educational and cultural programs. We are most appreciative of the continued support we receive 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.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael Bambery
Principal

**KINGSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Eric Crone, Chairman	Term Expires 2022
Mrs. Sheila Vaughn, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2022
Mrs. Jeanne Coleman	Term Expires 2020
Mr. Michael Cowett	Term Expires 2020
Mr. Michael Gallagher	Term Expires 2021

The Kingston School Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School.

**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 categories (Schools of Recognition, Meeting Targets, Partially Meeting Targets, Focused / Targeted Support, Broad / Comprehensive Support). This year, SLRMS was in the Partially Meeting Targets category.

SLRMS 2019 MCAS 2.0 scores in ELA shows 60% of our students scored in the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations range, and we were 8% above the state average. In Mathematics, 60% of our students scored in the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations range, and we were 11% above the state average. In 2019 Science MCAS, 60% of our students scored in the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations range, and we were 13% 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 for 2019:

- Ancient Civilizations II
- United States and Massachusetts Government and Civic Life
- Computer Science for Innovators and Makers (Grade Eight Elective)
- World Cultures

To communicate effectively with our community, we continue to utilize and expand the use of ParentSquare our communication platform. We use the ParentSquare 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 87% of the student body participates in extra-curricular activities or athletics at SLRMS. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire.

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 HIGH SCHOOL
MICHAELA S. GILL, 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 continue to focus 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 analyze assessment data. We will continue to work 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 2019 indicate that 99% of our students passed the ELA exam. Ninety seven percent of our students passed the Mathematics exam on the first testing period and 97% of our students passed the Physics MCAS exam.

The Class of 2019 met the graduation requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee and on June 1, 2019, 256 students graduated during our commencement ceremony. Graduates were joined by members of the Class of 1969, celebrating their 50th reunion, as well as proud family members and friends. A few days earlier, members of the Class of 2019 received \$160,000 in local scholarships and awards. Many students also received additional scholarships granted directly from the colleges and universities they enrolled in.

In May 2019, we had 256 students take 558 Advanced Placement exams. The average score across 18 AP exams was 3.51! Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to grow. The average SAT score for students in the Class of 2019 was 592 in Critical Reading and Writing, and 595 in Mathematics.

Our students are successful outside of the classroom as well. Members of the student body participate 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.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019**

Victoria Leigh Aldersley
Hannah Elizabeth Allen
Nicole Sandra Antoniou
Tristan Parker Arendt
Nicolas William Asnes*
Hayley Ann Barnett*
Stephanie Amber Bennett*
Matthew Robert Francis Bettie*
Collin Arun Billings*
Joseph Robert Bolton
Sarah Elizabeth Busby
McKenzie Marie Callanan
Emma Francesca Cardoso*
William Louis Cauchon
Jacqueline Ann Cazeault
Steven Vincent Cervantes*
Ann Elizabeth Chapman
Isabella Ferreira Coelho
Kaila Carey Collins
Amandajane Florence Cona
Sydney Jane Connors
Shea Newcomb Corkery
Maeja Marie Croce
Megan Sheila-Clare Dahlen
Sean Patrick Daly
Cameron Michael Danahy
Brendan Nicholas Dean
Anthony Michael DeChiara*
Carol Ann Donovan
John Michael Donovan
Lydia Paige Doty
Alanna Alexandra Duffy*
Ethan Patrick Duran

Derek Albert Dwyer, Jr.
Emilee Maria Dwyer*
Jacob Joseph Earle
Kaylee Marie Ellis
Madeline Elizabeth Emmetts
Megan Ruth Fay*†
Kayleigh Elise Fitzpatrick
Colleen Marie Foley*
Kelly Wells Ford*
Daniel Robert Forde
Heather Jean Fox
MacKenzie Elizabeth Franzini
Nora Katherine Frizzell
Victoria Rose Gibbons
Joshua John Gilbert
Sarah Elizabeth Gonick
Marshall Lee Graves
Heston Osborne Hall
Cole William Hansen
Alexander Matthew Heffernan
Rylee Elizabeth Herrmann
Colby William Hill
Brynn Desmond Hooper
Michael Connor Howard*†
Zachary Edward Howland
Jenna Lyn Hurlburt
Kristen Jessica Hurlburt
Derek Raymond Ingersoll
Cierra Rose Isakson*
Torin Howard Jensen
Alec Joseph Kayla
Justin Richard Keating*
Catherine Miriam Kelleher

Andrew Riley LaPlante Johnson
 Kelsie Brooke Larson
 Luke Harry Lawson
 William Patrick Lee
 Isabelle Christine Long
 Alexander Wright Loyd
 Amado Alberto Martinez
 Anthony Gerard Martocchio
 Jameson Cunningham McKeough
 Jake Richard McLean
 Patrick Shawn McMahon*
 Sean Foster McNeilly*
 Anthony Ryan McNiff
 Joseph James Mirisola*
 Taela Lucia Morris
 Katherine Margaret Morrissey*
 Emma Lisa Neenan*
 Michael Antoine Nessralla*
 Preston Christopher M Nichols
 Alison Marie Nolan
 Robert Charles Ohlson
 Kathryn Beth O'Neil
 Dominic John Pallone
 Victoria Isabel Parsons
 Kerry May Patterson
 Cassandra Melody Peck*
 Hannah Marie Peterson*†
 Shelby Marie Philbeck
 Isabella Caprice Reale
 Jamie Marie Reilly
 Kathryn Marie Reilly
 Caitlin Marie Rhoades
 Isabelle Pelagia Ruprecht*
 Noah Allen Sampson
 Araceli G Sandoval*

Hailey Nicole Sapir
 Emily Ann Schuele
 Claudia Rose Scigliano
 Caitlin Elizabeth Scully*
 Graham Carlton Shea*
 Connor Jude Shelley
 Meghan Bryce Sheridan
 Thomas John Smith
 Patrick Thomas Spillane
 Bradley James Sprunger*
 Jessica Lee Stas
 Morgan Lynn Suchecki
 Hannah Mae Sullivan
 Ryan Matthew Sullivan*
 Benjamin Thomas Aaron Supple
 Eleanor Elizabeth Swanson
 Riley Parker Terbush
 Kegan Patrick Thompson
 Ryan Tierney*
 Alexandra Frances Tonsberg*†
 Sarah Olivia Ventola
 Oceana Kathryn Vickers
 Evan Emerson Villa
 John William Walsh, Jr.
 Taryn Maria Walsh
 Jake Michael Waters
 Cole Edgar Whidden*
 Amber Lynne Whittemore*
 Mackenzie Elaine Wolfe
 Olivia Doris Young
 Brianna Eve Zewiey
 Catherine Maire Zigouras

*denotes NHS

†denotes outstanding service to class

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”.

<u>Inspections</u> -	33
<u>Scales</u> - 11 lb. to 100 lbs. -	68
101 lbs. to 1,000lbs. –	10
Truck Scales –	2
<u>Apothecary Scales</u> -	6
<u>Apothecary Weights</u> –	108
<u>Pharmacy Pill Counters</u> -	0
<u>Jewelry Scales</u> -	2
<u>Meters (Gasoline/Diesel) –</u>	110
<u>Complaints (Gasoline Meters) –</u>	1
<u>Total Fees Collected -</u>	<u>\$6,082</u>

I would like to thank staffs in the Selectmen’s Office and the Treasurer’s Office for their help and kindness.

Respectfully submitted,
Edmund Marks; Sealer of Weights and Measures

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Wastewater Treatment Facility processed a total of 117,311,215 gallons of wastewater during calendar year 2019. The Facility also received and treated 4,923,250 gallons of septage from licensed septage haulers. The Facility continues to produce an effluent of excellent quality. 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 968,400 gallons of liquid sludge (217 dry tons). The sludge is trucked off to a facility in Cranston, R.I. where it is burned. The sludge disposal cost for the year was approximately \$113,462.

Snowfall during the winter months kept Wastewater Department personnel busy shoveling out the Treatment Facility and the Department’s 15 pump stations in addition to their other duties. Department personnel assisted the Town with snow plowing. Wastewater personnel were also prepared to assist our E-One grinder pump customers if they experienced power outages as a result of storms or replacing defective grinder

pumps. Our office at Townhall will continue to assist all our customers with any issues related to the Wastewater Department.

Projects 2019

- The Wastewater Facility was issued a new 5-year Discharge Permit by The Department of Environmental Protection.
- 30 HP Variable Speed Drive Air Compressor with Integrated Dryer was purchased and installed to operate air diaphragm pumps at a reduced cost over older unit that now will work as backup.
- The installation of the new highly efficient heating boiler was finished along with supporting equipment associated with project.
- Replaced level control and pump control equipment at Rocky Nook and Jones River pump stations to insure reliable operation at both locations.
- Replaced level control equipment to the facilities Sequential Batch Reactors to insure proper operation of both units.
- High Pressure Relief Valves located throughout the collection system were inspected cleaned and repaired to insure proper operation of the relief valves.
- Replace Variable Drive Unit connected to SBR Blower number one.
- Continued to work with CDM on the Wastewater Facility Expansion Project.
- Peter Cobb after 15 years of service stepped away from his position as Sewer Commissioner his dedication to the board and to the town will be greatly missed.
- During 2019 Peter Mooney a long-time employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant retired, his experience and dedication will be greatly missed.
- Two new licensed operators were hired during the summer.

The Wastewater Facility has been in operation since November 2001. The Facility has consistently produced an effluent that is of excellent quality. There have been many modifications to the Facility over the years, designed with energy conservation in mind. Improvements to the Facility and pump stations were also designed to greatly reduce unscheduled overtime due to callouts. The staff continues to preform daily inspection of all 15 pump stations which includes weekends and all holidays.

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

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, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, new member Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman. Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

The historic challenges of 2018 for our recycling programs continued through 2019. Demand for mixed paper and cardboard, our largest volume commodities, continued their record slump due to the loss of the huge China market. Values for fibers, as well as metals were deeply impacted. The cost of single stream recycling soared to that of disposal. Uncertainty around household hazardous waste services informed our decision to bid out services for 2020, which will also be more costly.

The SSRC continues to help its Member Towns navigate this new normal by monitoring and reporting the changes locally and globally, seeking out the most advantageous vendor options and pricing, and aggressively helping with resident education to improve material quality.

Despite the cost increases, SSRC welcomed new Member Pembroke in July.

In FY2019, the SSRC raised \$116,450.74: \$72,750 from municipal member dues, \$904.80 in sponsorships, \$27,193.24 in grant funding, \$980.00 in donations, and \$116.93 in interest. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director, the Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. In addition to technical assistance, these activities saved /earned Member Towns \$189.766 in 2019.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids and administers a contract on behalf of its Member Towns for Household Hazardous Waste Collections. It coordinates multi-town collections for ten of our Member Towns, creating further savings. Member Towns saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assisted at eight of the twelve events, and administers the billing. The SSRC hired a Household Hazardous Waste Specialist to share the load of covering events.

The contract, in force through June, was similar to the State Contract with an additional 5% discount for larger volume collections. With fewer vendors and more demand, the terms for our Fall collections were the same as the State contract, FAC82.

2,046 residents attended our twelve collections in 2019. The reciprocity policy also enabled a record 372 residents attend other Member Towns' collections. This arrangement qualifies member towns for additional Recycling Dividend Program points, and earned them an extra \$23,100 in grant money through that program.

The total cost savings and benefits of the HHW program in 2019 is estimated at \$49,800.

General Recyclables – Major disruption in recyclables markets continued through the year. The SSRC helped our Towns' programs and residents adapt to more stringent quality standards through the services of our grant-funded Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, multimedia outreach, and guidance by the Executive Director. (see introduction for more)

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

- Organic (food) waste
- Textiles
- Tires
- Brush and compost management.
- Propane tanks

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

20th Anniversary Lecture - Executive Director Galkowski presented “From Single Use to Zero Waste: What’s new with recycling” at the South Shore Natural Science Center. A standing room only crowd attended. The show was part of the North and South River Watershed Association’s Water Watch Lecture Series.

MassDEP and the House of Representatives recognized the SSRC’s twenty years of service at the event.

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer (RECO) – The SSRC hired a dedicated field staffer with a 2-year, \$82,000 grant from MassDEP in 2017. She worked with municipal staff, haulers and directly with residents to improve recycling quality and quantity. This reduced staff time, and/or disposal and processing costs for the thirteen towns that enlisted her services, and provided outreach materials and signage.

In 2019, she completed projects in seven of our Member towns. The Report can be found [here](#). The 4 page Recommendation Summary (2 pages for curbside towns, 2 for drop-off towns) is [here](#).

Radio PSAs – With funding from MassDEP and Bay State Textiles, the SSRC re- aired 4 PSAs for 6 weeks on WATD FM. They covered plastic bags and food in recycling, textiles and composting. This helped our towns to qualify for MassDEP incentive grant funding.

Signage – All our Member towns have received “Do not bag recyclables”, and many took “No Food or Liquids in Recycling” signs for transfer stations and other public areas, through a MassDEP grant. Display of these signs helps our towns earn incentive grant money. See graphics at end of report.

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 62,000-page views in 2019, 19% more than in 2018. 74% of visitors were new.

Facebook: The SSRC posts waste reduction and recycling tips regularly on its Facebook page, which has 344 followers.

Press Contacts - The SSRC is a resource to and a presence in print, web and cable media. It was featured in or consulted for print articles, cable broadcasts and online media. They can be found in the News and media section of the website.

Resident Contacts – The Director fielded over 300 calls and emails from residents and businesses in 2019. She advised how to properly dispose of everything from adult VHS tapes to a pop-up camper.

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 recycling and disposal contracts, regulatory language, propane tanks, and much more.

Grant assistance - The SSRC helped the majority of 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 Town's for an additional \$36,400 Recycling Dividend Program funds, which provided a total of \$151,700 in grants to fourteen of our Towns.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly Updates, which are emailed to 625 subscribers, including many residents.

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. 2019's focus legislation concerned packaging, mattress and paint producer responsibility.

The Director represents the Board on the MassDEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire L. Galkowski, Executive Director

STREET, TREES AND PARKS & SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

The year starting off better than most as we only had a minimal snow amount for the entire season. Due to the lack of snowfall, the Snow & Ice budget did not need to be fully expended. Spring arrived as we swept all roadways and assisted the Recreation Department with the Gray's Beach project that added a new bathroom building, a stage and expanded the beach area. From the comments received from residents, it was a complete success. As summer began, we started a pilot program of contracting most of the landscaping duties to private contractors that allowed employees of this department to focus on the cleaning of catch basins and manholes as directed by DEP. More than 300 structures were cleaned, and repairs were made to those that needed it. Drainage improvements were completed on Winter St with the installation of a stormceptor system which helps remove any sediment from stormwater before emptying into the stream. A broken 12" storm drain line was repaired on Blair Drive with the assistance of the Conservation Commission.

In July, due to the heavy rainfall, the culvert that runs under Winter St. near Pine St failed, which caused the roadway to be shut down for an extended period while emergency repairs were made. Those repairs consisted of replacing the old 30" corrugated metal pipe which was built in 1952, with a new 48" concrete pipe with new precast concrete headwalls and new pavement was applied. This culvert will serve the Town for many decades to come.

The Transfer Station saw the addition of a Swap Shop that allows residents to place gently used items in it for other residents to take. Residents can drop off items during normal hours of operation. Recycling Committee Chairwoman Jean Landis Nauman was, and is, the driving force behind the shop and works tirelessly trying to keep it neat and clean. From the comments received from residents, it has been a great success. The City of Cambridge donated a used 30 cubic yard recycling roll-off container that we will use at the Pottle Street athletic complex next Spring to recycle all the plastic cans and bottles that our young athletes use. We screened last year's leaves and grass clippings that were brought to the station into great compost that any resident can take home for their gardens or lawns. A trash audit was performed by Department staff and members of the Recycling Committee in October that showed that more education is needed to be provided to the residents on exactly what items can be recycled as more than 30% of material disposed into the trash containers should have been recycled. Even though the recycling markets are depressed due to declining outlets for the material, it is of most importance for the residents to continue to recycle all items that can be recycled.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Over forty million dollars (\$40,822,510) was processed for fiscal year 2019. This involved mailing over fifty-five thousand bills for real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes, and water bills. Over 6,400 taxpayers received demand or warrant notices for unpaid taxes.

The Collector must file the required documentation for bankruptcies to protect the Town against discharged water/sewer charges. The office provides an array of services to the citizens including inquiries regarding tax bills, providing copies of official documents, including tax bills, sewer betterment balances, and various other questions.

Additionally, we provide tax information by collaborating with attorneys, real estate agents, banks, escrow companies and potential residents.

During fiscal year 2019 547 Municipal Lien Certificates were prepared guaranteeing the recovery of \$27,325 and an additional \$16,878 for delinquent motor vehicle excise taxes that resulted in \$71,528 deposited into the town general fund.

We wish to express our appreciation for the residents of Kingston. Your kindness and understanding throughout the year make our jobs enjoyable and we look forward to helping and working with each and every one of you. Our door is always open for your questions, your recommendations for improvements or if you'd like to stop by to say hello. Caroline Gavigan Wilson, Town Collector Jo-Ann Bray, Assistant Collector

Treasurers Report

Fiscal 2019 Debt Service		Fiscal Year	Fiscal 2019 Debt Service				To Maturity (7)			
Fund - Loan Identification		Notes	Maturity	Debt Service (6)	Subsidy (6)	Year End	Years	Debt Service (6)	Subsidy (6)	
				Principal		Principal	To	Principal		
				Interest & Fees		Balance	Payoff	Interest & Fees		
General Fund										
Grays Beach Drainage		(1)	2020	\$ 23,421	-	\$ 22,989	1	\$ 46,870	\$ -	-
Kingston Elementary School HVAC			2030	30,930	-	225,000	11	310,230	-	-
Landfill Closure			2021	15,884	-	29,200	2	45,952	-	-
MWPAT Series 14 CW-07-16			2029	19,298	-	172,467	10	210,917	-	-
MWPAT T5 Pool 12 97-1211-2		(1)(2)	2027	6,278	-	50,224	8	56,502	-	-
MWPAT T5 Pool 9 97-1211-1		(1)(3)	2024	23,827	6,210	111,690	5	135,517	20,170	20,170
MWPAT T5 Series 14 T5-97-1211-C		(1)(2)	2028	13,966	-	125,692	9	139,658	-	-
MWPAT T5 Series 16 97-1211-D		(1)(2)	2033	16,619	-	235,306	14	251,925	-	-
MWPAT T5 Series 16 97-1211-E		(1)(2)	2039	-	-	200,000	20	180,000	-	-
MWPAT T5 Series 16 97-1211-F Interim		(9)		-	-	200,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MWPAT T5 Series 5 97-1211		(1)(3)	2020	10,421	873	10,421	1	20,842	1,159	1,159
School (After Trackle Pond Plant Reallocation)		(1)(4)	2020	739,115	1,190,053	1,893,571	1	3,860,611	-	-
Senior Center		(1)	2020	106,000	-	100,000	1	208,000	-	-
Senior Center 2005 STM (After KES-HVAC)		(1)	2030	87,830	-	655,000	11	903,330	-	-
Town House			2022	153,620	-	286,000	3	448,180	-	-
Town House 2		(1)	2022	26,980	-	74,000	3	103,920	-	-
BAN Dated 2018-10-25 \$725,000 - Davis		(8)	2021	-	-	725,000	2	759,703	-	-
General Fund Total				\$ 1,274,189	\$ 1,197,136	\$ 5,116,560		\$ 7,682,156	\$ 21,329	21,329

The Town's fiscal year 2019 Silver Lake Regional School District assessment includes \$837,209 in debt service, which is exempt from prop 2 and 1/2.

See Notes after Grand Total of all funds

Treasurers Report

Fiscal 2019 Debt Service		of		Debt Service (6)		Subsidy (6)		Year End		Years		Debt Service (6)		Subsidy (6)	
Fund -	Loan Identification	Notes	Maturity	Principal	Interest & Fees	Principal	Interest & Fees	Principal	Balance	To	Payoff	Principal	Interest & Fees	Principal	Subsidy (6)
Water Enterprise Fund															
MWPAT	DWP-12-15 Trackle Pond Treatment Plan		2035	\$	270,308	\$	-	\$	3,632,206	16	\$	4,601,908	\$	-	-
Trackle Pond	Treatment Plant Reallocation		2020		18,786	-	-		18,440	1		37,595	-	-	-
Water Mains			2023		65,700	-	-		225,000	4		301,800	-	-	-
Water Mains	2007 ATM		2030		27,668	-	-		170,000	11		238,143	-	-	-
Water Mains	2009 ATM		2030		20,245	-	-		115,000	11		162,295	-	-	-
Water Meters	2007 ATM		2019		5,200	-	-		-			5,200	-	-	-
Water Storage	Facility		2023		82,232	-	-		286,600	4		382,996	-	-	-
Water Upgrade	Pembroke St		2030		29,690	-	-		220,000	11		303,390	-	-	-
Water Enterprise Fund Total				\$	519,829	\$	-	\$	4,667,245		\$	6,033,327	\$	-	-

See Notes after Grand Total of all funds

Treasurers Report

Fiscal 2019 Debt Service											
Fund - Loan Identification		Notes	Maturity	Debt Service (6)		Subsidy (6)	Year End	Years	Debt Service (6)		Subsidy (6)
				Principal	Interest & Fees		Principal Balance	To	Principal	Interest & Fees	
Waste Water Enterprise Fund								Payoff			
MWPAT Pool 11 CW-04-42		2036	\$	166,393	\$	-	\$ 2,290,539	17	\$	2,966,381	\$ -
MWPAT Pool 12 CW-04-42A		2037		243,519		-	3,497,155	18		4,580,875	-
MWPAT Series 4 98-43	(5)	2019		39,718		15,262	-	0		39,718	15,262
MWPAT Series 5 98-99	(5)	2030		50,834		37,352	670,000	11		570,406	378,722
MWPAT Series 5 99-17	(5)	2030		153,212		334,858	3,740,000	11		1,753,798	3,593,002
MWPAT Series 5 99-36	(5)	2030		91,511		69,370	1,245,000	11		1,056,466	704,745
MWPAT Series 6 00-10	(5)	2031		154,762		335,663	3,975,000	12		1,928,508	3,903,345
MWPAT Series 6 00-11	(5)	2031		58,059		42,060	795,000	12		701,901	459,974
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-05	(5)	2031		21,776		15,683	330,000	12		291,932	176,281
MWPAT Series 7 CW-01-06	(5)	2031		135,685		266,605	3,345,000	12		1,664,078	3,163,669
MWPAT Series 8 CW-01-05-A	(5)	2033		17,626		12,074	280,000	14		270,294	148,286
Sewer		2021		15,784		-	24,200	2		40,652	-
BAN Dated 2018-10-25 \$725,000 - Trt Plant	(8)	2021		-		-	-	2		1,631,911	-
Waste Water Enterprise Fund Total				\$	1,148,878	\$	20,191,894		\$	17,496,919	\$ 12,543,287

Total of All Funds		\$	2,942,896	\$	2,326,063	\$	29,975,700		\$	31,212,402	\$ 12,564,617
NOTES		(5) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest and a portion of loan principal									
(1) Exempt from levy limits of proposition 2 and 1/2		(6) Debt service listed is net of loan contract subsidies									
(2) No interest loan from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT)		(7) Debt service to maturity is after FY 2019 payments and reflects subsidies									
(3) Subsidy from MCWT pays interest		(8) Debt service to maturity assumes payoff in FY 2021									
(4) Loan subsidized by Massachusetts School Building Authority		(9) Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Interim loan. Terms not yet available.									

VETERAN'S SERVICES

The role of Veterans' Agent is to assist all veterans, their spouses and dependents. There is a wide range of assistance provided from filing State Financial Assistance applications, Federal VA Disability and Pension applications, VA Burials and Death Benefits, VA Life Insurance and Survivor Claims, Real Estate Property Tax exemptions, State Annuity Applications, Social Security Benefit applications, Fuel Assistance and more.

Chapter 115 Benefits and VA Disability Compensation Benefits make up the majority of our work. Chapter 115 is a State Mandated Needs Based program providing Financial Assistance to Veterans who meet the eligibility requirements. During 2019, our office provided \$181,484 in Chapter 115 Financial Assistance benefits to Veterans in our Community. We received 75% reimbursement of these funds back from the State.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of VA Disability Compensation Claims filed. These claims take an extensive amount of work gathering medical evidence and detailed information. In the last year, we assisted many veterans who were successful in obtaining these benefits with a total increase of \$115,00 over last year in VA benefits. To date, 239 Kingston Veterans receive an average \$1575 in monthly VA compensation for an annual total over \$4.5 million.

We would like to extend our thanks to the many Community groups who help us care for our Veterans this year. At Thanksgiving, Halifax VFW Post #6258 provided 15 turkeys for needy Veterans and their families, the Kingston Collection Management Team for providing holiday gifts to several children of Veterans, and the Kiwanis Club of Kingston/Duxbury and Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association for their very generous donations to the Veterans gift account. In addition, we have several residents who make anonymous donations throughout the year.

This year we held a Veterans' Day Luncheon for 130 Veterans and their guests. This event has become a yearly highlight and would not be possible without the assistance of Gretchen and Rich Emmetts as well as the multiple student volunteers from Silver Lake High School. In addition, during Memorial Day weekend, we are thankful for the work of Kingston Boy Scouts in placing flags on all Veterans graves and Kingston Girl Scouts for placing the Sea of Flags in honor of the 55 Kingston veterans who gave their lives while serving in the Armed Forces.

Finally, it was with immense gratitude that we celebrated 23 years of commitment and service to Kingston Veterans as William Martin retired from the position of Veterans' Agent on November 1, 2019.

Bill, a retired US Navy Captain, spent endless hours assisting hundreds of veterans in any way he could. Bill was known to willingly drive veterans, who had no other options, to Boston and Brockton VA medical appointments. He often met with and took calls on weekends from Veterans who needed immediate assistance. Bill fought tirelessly on

hundreds of VA claims and had a very high success rate at winning those claims for our Veterans. Most of all, Bill provided a safe haven with a listening ear and good advice to Veterans in any challenge they were facing. We wish him a happy and long retirement.

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.

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, which resulted in recommendations that were presented and approved at Annual Town Meeting.

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 100 miles of pipe that supplied over 485 million gallons of water to consumers in 2019. This represents a decrease of 6 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 new residential developments in town.

In January 2019, the water department welcomed Eric Hillstrom as a pump operator. Mr. Hillstrom brought his treatment experience from the Town of Stoughton and has been a positive addition to the water department.

The water department began work to locate, identify and develop another well site. In addition, the design and planning of a new manganese treatment plant to service the main zone of town was initiated and SRF funding was received for this project. In conjunction with the MassWorks Grant program, the department is continuing improvements to the water distribution system.

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 programs in the Spring was completed in the high zone of town.

The geo-tech work for the settling of the Millgate Pump Station was completed and we continue to work on stabilizing the building.

The water department continues our ongoing meter conversion project; we now have over 4,073 radio-read meters in our system.

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 continues to support the goals of the Harbormaster's Office and advise the Board of Selectmen on Waterfront related issues for Kingston Bay, the Ah-de-nah, Jones River and Smelt Pond.

In 2019 the Waterfront Committee saw the resignation of two long term members: Charles Comeau and Michael Manteiga. Both members supported the KWC for many years and brought both insight and experience to the Committee. We thank them for their years of dedication to the town of Kingston.

The Board of Selectmen appointed our new Committee members: Robert Short and Carl Ingeme in the summer of 2019. They both bring extensive knowledge and experience to the Committee.

The Waterfront Committee has been an active voice for the Harbormaster and has helped with communication between the Harbormaster and different boards, committees, and town meetings throughout the year. Various projects are in production and we anticipate a very active 2020.

The Waterfront Committee looks forward to the continuing work with the Conservation Commission to bring updated trails and a new dock to the Jones River at Mulliken’s Landing. The Mulliken’s Landing project will further the outdoor recreation of our town and allow more opportunities to experience our extensive natural resources. This new project will allow greater access to paddle sports (kayak, canoe, paddle boarding) and fishing on an area of the Jones River that has been difficult to access in the past. We look forward to working with Conservation and other departments to bring this project into fruition.

The Kingston Waterfront Committee meets on various Mondays throughout the year. Specific dates and times of our meetings can be reached through the Selectmen’s Office.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

	Variances	Appeals/ Reviews	Special Permits	Comprehensive Permits – Request for Modification’
Granted	4	0	9	0
Denied	0	0	0	0
Denied without Prejudice	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	7	0	10	0

As of December 31, 2019, there is a comprehensive permit that is being continued into 2020. The total applications heard before the Board this year were 17.

Paul B. Dahlen, Douglas E. Dondero, Lane Goldberg, Kevin Wrightington and Paul F. Maloney, Jr. are the full members of the Board. Dennis Randall and Robert Mullen are Associate Members. The Board continues to deal with several issues related to growth and expansion for new and reconstructed homes in densely populated areas and requests from commercial business.

Minutes of Town Meetings and Elections

Town Meetings held on:

May 04, 2019

May 07, 2019

May 09, 2019,

November 12, 2019

Annual Town Election

April 27, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Kingston

**Town of Kingston
Annual Town Election
minutes ~ Saturday, April 27, 2019**

The Annual Town Election was held at the Kingston Elementary School for Precinct 1, 2, and 3 and at the Kingston Town Hall for Precinct 4, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Board of Selectman on March 19, 2019 and posted by Constable Robert Short on April 5, 2019.

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

The following Election Officers and Workers reported to their respective precincts. Assistant Clerk Diane Poirier and Administrative Assistant Janna Morrissey maintained an information table at (KES) Kingston Elementary School and assisted in polls 1,2 & 3. They recorded and produced Election results. Ms. Elise Keane managed the Clerk's Office at Town Hall for the day.

POLLWORKERS

PRECINCT 1

Warden	Jane C. Corr	(2:15- close)	U
Clerk	Priscilla W. Brackett		U
Deputy Warden	Maureen Twohig		D
Deputy Clerk	Hannah M. Creed		U
Inspector	Sandra M. Gallagher		U
Inspector	Joanne Guilfooy		U
Deputy Inspector	_____		D
Deputy Inspector	Ralph Boyns		U

Precinct 2

Warden	Joseph M. Mauriello		U
Clerk	Janet H. Holmes		U
Deputy Warden	Diane L. Hunt		U
Deputy Clerk	Linda M. Rohr		D
Inspector	Sandra F. Boyns		U
Deputy Inspector	_____		U
Deputy Inspector	Carmelina Spencer		U

Precinct 3			
Warden	Maureen C. Mauriello		U
Clerk	Janet E. Torrey		U
Deputy Warden	Jennifer M. Hall	(7:15-3:15)	U
Deputy Clerk	Mary A. Toland		U
Inspector	Lynne Welsh		U
Inspector	Olympia Allen	(7:15-2:15)	U
Deputy Inspector	Andrew P. McInnis	(2:15- Close)	U
Deputy Inspector	John H. Spencer		R
Precinct 4			
Warden	Mary E. Boutin		R
Clerk	Christine A. Favaloro		U
Deputy Warden	Frances A. Calderaro		U
Deputy Clerk	Barbara A. Gauthier		U
Inspector	Maureen L. Buitenhuis		U
Inspector	Edward H. Valla	(7:15-2:15)	D
Deputy Inspector	Marie B. Bouley	(1:15-close)	D
Deputy Inspector	Sandra A. Lootz		U
Deputy Inspector	_____		U

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

Ballots were distributed to Precincts by the Town Clerk. Lt Wells reported for the detail at Precinct 4 at 6:45am a.m. and remained there until 7:45 p.m. Sgt Zachary Portykus escorted the Town Clerk with Precinct 1,2, & 3 ballots to the Kingston Elementary School and remained on detail until 3:15pm and relieved by Detective Michael Skowrya who remained there until he escorted the ballots with the Town Clerk to the Clerk's Office from the Intermediate School for closeout of election until 7:00pm.

There were 410 ballots cast in Precinct 1,450 in Precinct 2,392 in Precinct 3, and 342 cast in Precinct 4. The total cast in all four precincts was 1,594 ballots.

The Town Clerk announced unofficial results to the public at 6:10 p.m.

OFFICE	PRECINCTS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
SELECTMAN					
(one for one year)					
Peter J. Boncek	166	170	150	109	595
Paul B. Dahlen	87	100	99	89	375
Jessica M. Kramer	202	232	192	172	798
Blanks	16	21	11	12	60
Write-ins	4	0	0		4
	<u>475</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>1832</u>

SELECTMAN					
(one for three years)					
*Elaine A. Fiore	245	283	235	225	988
Susan T. Munford	212	221	207	144	784
Blanks	16	17	8	10	51
Write-Ins	2	2	2	3	9
	<u>475</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>1832</u>

ASSESSOR					
(one for three years)					
John-Michael Fontes	165	155	126	142	588
Michael P. Martin	163	181	173	116	633
Bradford J. Randall	122	153	131	99	505
Blanks	25	34	22	25	106
Write-Ins	0	0	0		0
	<u>475</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>1832</u>

COLLECTOR OF TAXES					
(one for three years)					
*Caroline Gavigan Wilson	108	389	345	289	1131
Blanks	363	134	102	92	691
Write-Ins	4	0	5	1	10
	<u>475</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>1832</u>

PLANNING BOARD					
(one for five years)					
Joanne Cullen	223	226	208	180	837
Janet C. Stanford	173	201	154	127	655
Blanks	77	95	88	74	334
Write-Ins	2	1	2	1	6
	<u>475</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>1832</u>

S.L. REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(two for three years)

*Eric J. Crone	279	311	299	204	1093
*Christopher L. Eklund	198	261	199	188	846
Rosa D. Lopez	169	169	161	156	655
Blanks	301	305	244	215	1065
Write-Ins	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	950	1046	904	764	3664

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(two for three years)

*Eric J. Crone	299	344	319	241	1203
*Sheila Marie Vaughn	283	299	266	233	1081
Blanks	365	399	317	288	1369
Write-Ins	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
	950	1046	904	764	3664

WATER COMMISSIONER

(one for three years)

Robert J. Erlandsen	334	348	317	262	1261
Blanks	139	173	132	118	562
Write-Ins	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
	475	523	452	382	1832

BOARD OF HEALTH

(two for three years)

*Joseph F. Casna, Jr.	294	332	292	240	1158
*William J. Kaval	256	302	262	232	1052
Blanks	398	412	347	289	1446
Write-Ins	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
	950	1046	904	764	3664

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(one for three years)

Karen Q. Wheble	347	369	344	285	1345
Blanks	127	153	106	97	483
Write-Ins	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	475	523	452	382	1832

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(two for three years)

*Cynthia A. Fitzgerald	270	301	262	235	1068
Lisa S. Warren	261	303	275	231	1070
Blanks	417	440	364	297	1518
Write-Ins	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
	950	1046	904	764	3664

RECREATION COMMISSION

(one for three years)

*Laurie A. Graziano	323	352	328	276	1279
Blanks	150	171	122	106	549
Write-Ins	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	475	523	452	382	1832

SEWER COMMISSIONER

(one for three years)

*Elaine A. Fiore	268	297	251	233	1049
Peter J. Boncek	181	188	178	129	676
Blanks	24	37	21	20	102
Write-Ins	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
	475	523	452	382	1832

CONSTABLE

(two for three years)

*Brian J. Graziano	287	333	287	252	1159
*Robert A. Short	289	299	281	245	1114
Blanks	370	413	333	265	1381
Write-in	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	950	1046	904	764	3664

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

The Town Clerk's Office was locked at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted this day, 30th Day of April, 2019

Paul M. Gallagher, Town Clerk

I, Michael P. Martin, having been elected to assess taxes and estimate the value of property for the purpose of taxation for the Town of Kingston for the ensuing three years, do swear that I will truly and impartially according to my best skills and judgment assess and apportion all such taxes as I may during that time; that I will neither overvalue nor undervalue any property subject to taxation; and that I will faithfully perform all the duties of said office.

Date: May_____, 2019

Michael P. Martin

Annual Town Meeting Minute
Saturday, May 4, 2019; Session #1 of 3

Call to order at 9:17 a.m., there being 107 voters checked in Moderator Janet Wallace opened the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, held at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Brook Street in Kingston, Session # 1. The Moderator noted the Warrant has been properly posted and waived the reading of the Warrant. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Wallace then requested a moment of silence for all those residence and employees who passed away in the past year, especially of note, the recent passing of Mr. Stephen Perrault, long time fire and police dispatcher. She then reviewed the rules and regulations regarding behavior and participation according to Town Meeting Times. Ms Wallace also reviewed Motion to Reconsider, prior to the Town Meeting Article to change, noting that Motion to Reconsider opportunity remains during this Annual Town Meeting.

Tellers Paul Armstrong, Paul Basler and Thomas O'Brien were sworn in to service.

The following poll workers performed attendance checking and door monitor functions.

Priscilla W. Brackett	Diane L. Hunt	Janet H. Holmes
Janet E. Torrey	Hannah M. Creed	Joanne Guilfooy
Jane Corr	Fran Hamilton	Melissa A. Moquin
Ralph Boynes	Kathy Ivers	

Assistant Town Clerk Diane M. Poirier and Janna M. Morrissey Assistant to the Town Clerk supervised the check in and out.

On the opening motion by Josh Warren, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the following non-residents were approved to address the membership during the Town Meeting;

Jason Talerman Kate Feodoroff Joy Blackwood Jason Silva Matt Darsch
Tina Calisto Betti Meredith Rafiki Mary Guiney Carol McCoy Robert Downey
Sia Stewart Paula Rossi-Clapp Gloria Mitchell Peter D'Agostino (Elevated Roots)
Mike Ohl (CEI Engineers) Robert Betters (Attorney, Saxton Partners)
Don Smith (Attorney, Saxon Partners) Michael Frennette, (No Fossil Fuels)
Daniel Siebert (Next Grid Energy)

and further that all articles read in order as appear in warrant except Article 40, Article 41, Article 42, Article 43, Article 44 which will be read on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Following a second by Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Mr Bill Mirabito made a motion to Amend; to advance article 37 and 38 to be heard after the budget articles. There was a second by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Peter Boncek spoke against the amendment

stating it was unfair to move these articles as the vote was to remain in order other than those published to be moved.

The Moderator, following a voice vote, requested a hand count. On a 41 to 75 count, the motion to amend failed to pass.

Ms. Janet Stanford then made the following motion to Amend; removing Mr. Peter D'Agostino of Elevated Roost from the list of non-residents to speak. Ms. Stanford believes that given we haven't even heard the articles pertaining to a ban, prohibition and zoning it is inappropriate to hear from a potential retailer. Discussion followed by both those in favor and opposed to Mr. D'Agostino speaking.

The Moderator again, following a voice vote, requested a hand count. On a 40 in favor and 84 opposed the motion to amend failed.

On the main motion, with a second from the audience and no debate, the Opening Motion carried with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 1
Annual Reports

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: Sandra MacFarlane, BOS

Move: That the Town accept the reports of the various Town Officers, Boards and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

**** Following a second and no debate, the Motion on Article 1 carries unanimously***

ARTICLE 2
Supplementing FY 2019 Operating Budgets

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore, BOS

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$180,600.00, to supplement the appropriations to the FY 2019 Operating Budgets to the following accounts, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$180,600.00 be transferred from the accounts

as listed below and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets:

FROM		
Account	Description	Amount
01171-51113	Conservation Clerical Union	\$ 10,000.00
01910-51174	Health Insurance	\$ 61,600.00
01543-57772	Veteran's Medical/Ordinary Benefits	\$ 95,000.00
01510-51113	Board of Health Clerical Union	\$ 10,000.00
01510-51112	Board of Health W & P	\$ 4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$180,600.00

TO		
Account	Description	Amount
01424-52211	Street Lighting Electricity	\$ 19,000.00
01177-51112	Rent Control Board W & P	\$ 500.00
01177-54421	Rent Control Board Expenses	\$ 100.00
01151-52312	Legal Expenses	\$150,000.00
01192-54481	General Operations-Gasoline	\$ 9,000.00
01192-52344	General Operations-Telephone	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$180,600.00

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 1-3-1 Favorable Vote

Description: This article allocates funding to supplement the current year FY 19 budget for any anticipated shortfalls. The purpose is to transfer funds from one line item to another, for appropriation to the budget through June 30, 2019, each transfer being a separate appropriation.

Ms. Fiore addressed the audience and stated it is standing practice at every town meeting to offset increases to previous years budgets with savings realized. There was debate focused on the legal fees which were addressed by both Ms . Fiore, Mary MacKinnon, FinCom and Carol McCoy, Town Accountant. A motion to amend by Peter Boncek failed seeking to remove \$150,000 in legal fees . This issue was addressed by Ms. Fiore stating the money requested represents bills due and for the coming months to year end June 30, the Moderator called for a hand count.

**** The Motion to Amend \$150,000 did not carry ****
****The Main Motion carried on a hand count there being 103 in favor and 37 opposed. ****

ARTICLE 3
FY 2020 Operating Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Carl Pike

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$49,332,453.00 be appropriated to be expended for the operating budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, for Personal Services and for Expenses as printed in a document entitled “**Town of Kingston: FY 2020 Summary Budget**”, and to meet such appropriation that the sum of \$48,622,909.00 be raised and appropriated, the sum of \$343,785.00 be transferred from Water Enterprise Revenue, the sum of \$286,112.00 be transferred from Waste Water Enterprise Revenue, the sum of \$79,647.00 be transferred from the Septic Betterment Fund Balance.

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

Description: This article is the Town’s operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Pike, Chair of the Finance Committee was recognized by the Moderator to speak to the State of the Town financially. There was then considerable debate regarding the budget, including questions regarding Net Metering, staffing and appointments, along with personal services.

**** On the Main Motion on Article #2, the Motion carried with Minimal Opposition**

**** A Motion to Reconsider by Mr. John Creed failed Unanimously. ****
A brief break was taken at 10:45am and the body returned at 11:00 am

ARTICLE 4
FY 2020 Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Robert Kostka, Water Commissioners

The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of \$1,980,806.23 be appropriated to operate the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for the following expenditures of the Water Department; and to meet such appropriation \$1,637,022.54 to come from water enterprise revenues, and \$343,784.69 to be appropriated in the general fund and funded from the Water Enterprise Revenues:

Personal Services	\$ 580,878.00
Expenses	\$ 546,350.00
Debt Service	<u>\$ 509,794.54</u>
Sub-Total	\$1,637,022.54
Employee Benefits	\$ 176,014.25
Accounting Department	\$ 8,511.14
Collector Department	\$ 22,919.62
Treasurer Department	\$ 17,270.84
Town Admin/BOS	\$ 5,205.44
Audit	\$ 9,650.00
Data Processing	\$ 47,344.40
Insurance	<u>\$ 56,869.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 343,784.69
Total	\$1,980,806.23

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,637,022.54 be appropriated to operate the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for the following expenditures of the Water Department; and to meet such appropriation \$1,637,022.54 to come from Water Enterprise Revenue:

Personal Services	\$ 580,878.00
Expenses	\$ 546,350.00
Debt Service	<u>\$ 509,794.54</u>
Total	\$1,637,022.54

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article is the Water Department’s operating budget to be spent from the Water Enterprise Fund.

Mr. Kostka addressed the body following a second. He stated that the Finance Committee scrutinizes each budget very well and wished to move forward.

**** On the Main Motion, Article #4, the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 5
FY 2020 Water Department Surplus Revenue Appropriation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Bob Kostka, Water Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000, to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for water tank painting; and to meet such appropriation to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from water enterprise surplus revenue; and that the Board of Water Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article is to fund a capital project of the Water Department from the Water Department Enterprise Fund.

***** With no debate on Article #5, the Motion on Article 5 carried with a unanimous voice vote. *****

ARTICLE 6
FY 2020 Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore, Sewer Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,369,597.00 be appropriated to operate the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for the following expenditures of the Sewer Department; and to meet such appropriation \$1,070,750.00 to come from wastewater enterprise revenue, \$100,000.00 to come from Wastewater Surplus Revenue \$879,591.00 to come from Sewer Betterments, \$1,094,717.00 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and \$ 224,539.00 to come from the tax levy.

Personal Services	\$ 456,950.00
Expenses	\$ 713,800.00
Debt Service	\$2,198,847.00
Total	\$3,369,597.00

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

Description: This article is the Wastewater Department's operating budget to be spent from the Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund.

**** Following a second and no debate the Motion on Article 6 carried with minimal opposition. ****

Y 2020 Wastewater Department Surplus Revenue Appropriation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Elaine Fiore, Sewer Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$196,336.00 from Surplus Wastewater Revenue to be used for roof repair, inspections, equipment, analysis, design, upgrades and any unforeseen expenses needed to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to take any action to carry out these expenditures.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article is to fund the capital expenses of the Wastewater Department from the Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund.

With a second from Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Ms. Fiore explained this is surplus revenue being used for roof repairs.

**** With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 7 carried with minimal opposition. ****

ARTICLE 8

FY 2020 Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund Budget

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Tammy Murray, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the sum of \$500,000.00 be appropriated to the Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund for partial costs associated with the generation of electricity under the Town's Power Purchase Agreements to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F½ by the Board of Selectmen; and to meet such appropriation the sum of \$500,000.00 to come from the energy

Net Metering Tariffs with any funds remaining to be transferred pursuant to the authority granted by the enabling legislation.

FY 2020 RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTERPRISE FUND		
REVENUE		
Net Metering Tariffs from Eversource for		
Generation of Electricity		\$500,000.00
Wind Turbine		\$ -0-
Solar PV		\$ -0-
Lease Agreements		\$ -0-
	Revenue Total	\$500,000.00
EXPENSES		
Power Purchase Agreements Payments		
To Developers		\$500,000.00
Wind Turbine		\$ -0-
Solar PV		\$ -0-
Other (<i>Note: Town Energy use funded in Department Utility Budgets not in this Enterprise Fund</i>)		
	Expenses Total	\$500,000.00
	Net Surplus	\$ 0-

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article funds the Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund with appropriations from Eversource (NSTAR) reimbursements received for FY 2020. The Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund pays the wind and solar developers, based on the Town’s Power Purchasing Agreements (PPAs) with the developers. This article is specific to all power generated from the renewable energy projects located on the Town’s capped landfill that is sold back to Eversource (NSTAR) aka “The Grid”.

With a second from Mr. Andy Davis, there was limited questions and discussions pertaining to KWI (the leesee), profit, and litigation. Elaine Fiore stated that this article sets up an account and is not an authorization to pay any funds. Legal Counsel advised that we would be obligated to contracts but didn't wish to address current litigation by the Town.

Following a voice vote, the Moderator called for a hand count.

**** There being 102 in favor and 51 opposed, the Motion on Article 8 Carried. ****

The Moderator then requested Diane Poirier relieve the Town Clerk for the next Article.

ARTICLE 9
FY 2020 Elected Officials Compensation

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Mary MacKinnon

Move: That the salaries for elected officials be set as of July 1, 2019, as follows;

Elected Official	Stipend (included in FY20 operating budget)
Moderator	\$100
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$1,000
Other Selectmen, Each	\$800
Chairman, Board of Health	\$1,000
Other Health Board Members, Each	\$800
Chairman, Board of Assessors	\$1,000
Other Board of Assessors, Each	\$800
Chairman, Water Commissioners	\$1,000
Other Water Commissioners, Each	\$800
Chairman, Planning Board	\$1,000
Other Planning Board Members, Each	\$800
Chairman, Sewer Commission	\$1,000
Other Sewer Commissioners, Each	\$800

Elected Official	FY19 Budget	FY20 Recommended	Elected Officials Article
Collector	\$70,766.00	\$72,500.00	\$1,734.00
Treasurer	\$70,766.00	\$72,500.00	\$1,734.00
Town Clerk	\$68,208.00	\$72,500.00	\$4,292.00
	\$209,740.00	\$217,500.00	\$7,760.00

And further, the sum of \$ 7,760.00 to be raised and appropriated for said salaries; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote (Stipend Positions Only)
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

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

of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Planning Board Water Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners.

Following a second and request to support the Fincom motion, Josh Warren, Chairman of the BOS made a motion to amend by reducing the increase for the Town Clerk to 1,671. After lengthy debate and support from Fincom and members of the body , Mr Keating of Fincom offered a Motion to Move the question on the amendment by the Board of Selectmen . That Motion Carried Unanimously. The Motion to Amend failed.

****On the Original Main Motion, the Article carried on a unanimous voice vote.****

ARTICLE 10

FY 2020 Wage and Personnel By-Law; Amendments and Compensation Schedule

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Lorraine Burgio, Wage and Personnel Board

Move: That the Town amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law, including the classification and compensation Schedules A, B and C contained therein, as printed in a document entitled "Proposed Town of Kingston Wage and Personnel By-Law with 2020 Compensation Schedules;" and that the sum of \$49,518 be appropriated for this purpose; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$44,364 be raised and appropriated, the sum of \$3,236 be appropriated from Water Revenue, the sum of \$1,918 be appropriated from Wastewater Revenue, to fund such amendments; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Wage and Personnel – 3-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article provides for the classification and FY 2020 Compensation Schedules for municipal employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or employment contract.

**** With no discussion or debate, the Motion on Article 10 carried with minimal opposition.****

Following Article 17, presented later in the day, Ms. Susan Woodworth made a Motion to Reconsider Article 10. The Motion failed to carry on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11
FY 2020 Sampson Fund Appropriations

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Kenneth Stevens, Town Treasurer

Move: That the sum of \$28,844.50 be appropriated for Sampson Fund expenditures in Fiscal Year 2020 and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$25,629.36 be appropriated from the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund; and \$3,215.14 be appropriated from the unexpended balances of the following prior year appropriations from the Sampson Fund:

Article 4 of 2012 ATM	\$ 200.00
Article 5 of the 2017 ATM	\$ 790.25
Article 11 of the 2018 ATM	<u>\$ 2,224.89</u>
Total	\$3,215.14

And further, that the expenditures be under the supervision of the departments or organizations and for the purposes and in the amounts as follows;

<u>ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>PURPOSE</u>
<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>		
Jones River Village Historical Society	Bradford House Video	\$5,000.00
Kingston Agricultural Commission	Agricultural Fair Police Detail	\$ 500.00
Kingston Business Association	Waterfront Festival-Police/EMT	\$1,000.00
Kingston Conservation Commission	Construction Mulliken's Landing	\$4,500.00
Kingston Fire Department	Christmas Luminaries	\$3,000.00
Kingston Police Department	National Night Out	\$6,000.00
Kingston Public Library	Historic Room Display Cases	\$1,396.50
Kingston Recreation Department	Gray's Beach Movies	\$4,648.00
Kingston Board of Selectmen	Memorial Day Parade	
	Totals	\$28,844.50

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

Description: This article appropriates the interest earned from the Elizabeth B. Sampson Trust Fund for various projects recommended by the Trustees for FY 2020. Town Meeting can only approve or disapprove of the recommendations of the Trustees and cannot amend or substitute.

**** With a 2nd from the floor and no debate the Motion on Article 11 carried unanimously. ****

ARTICLE 12
FY 2020 Capital Equipment/Project Funding

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Jessica Kramer, Capital Planning Committee

Move: That the sum of \$488,500.00 be appropriated for the following capital expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$488,500.00 be transferred from Free Cash; said sum to be comprised of \$323,928.00 being equal to the amount of funds generated by the meals tax, and an additional \$164,572.00 as recommended, said expenditures to be under the direction of the departments named below.

Project	Description	Department	Recommendation
1	\$14,000.00 for one Smith Lane Fire Station Vehicle Exhaust System purchase and installation	Fire	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 3-1-0
2	\$45,500.00 to purchase and install two Smith Lane Fire Station Boilers/Pumps/Tanks	Fire	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
3	\$35,000.00 to purchase Assessing Visions version 8 software upgrade	Assessors	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
4	\$72,500.00 to purchase 25 portable radios	Police	Board of Selectmen – 3-0-1 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
5	\$25,000.00 to pay for the down payment and first full year of a 3 year lease for the purchase of a Ford F150 Fire Command Vehicle	Fire	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
6	\$100,000.00 to purchase two Ford SUV Patrol Cars	Police	Board of Selectmen – 3-0-1 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
7	\$35,500.00 to pay for the second full year of a 5 year lease that purchases a Volvo Front End Loader	Streets, Trees, and Parks	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 4-0-1 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
8	\$28,500.00, net of an \$8,000.00 trade-in allowance, to purchase a Mahindra Tractor	KES/KIS School	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0
9	\$132,500 to pay for the third and final year of a lease that purchases two ambulances	Fire	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 4-0-0

Description: Below are the recommendations from the Capital Planning Committee for various capital projects and equipment for Fiscal Year 2020.

Following a second from the floor, Mr. Paul Basler, Superintendent of Street, Trees and Parks and resident made a motion to amend the article to add the sum of \$19,400 to fund the first year of a seven year lease for a new John Deere 410 backhoe; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$19,400 be transferred from free cash.

Discussion ensued and Susan Boyer motioned to amend the article to reduce the number of radios for the Police Department to fund the tractor. Chief Splaine described the number and condition of the current radios. Paul Gallagher commented that "these radios are as important to an officer as their gun. The Motion to amend Mr. Baslers' motion failed on a unanimous voice vote.

****The Motion to add \$14,900 to fund a lease purchase of the backhoe carried with minimal opposition****

Following brief discussion by the body and a motion to move the question that carried unanimously

**** The Main Motion with amendment for backhoe carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition and a Motion to Reconsider failed unanimously. ****

ARTICLE 13
FY 2020 Equipment Purchase/Project Funding

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

Move: That the sum of \$425,000.00 be appropriated for the following equipment expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$425,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to be under the supervision of the departments or organizations and for the purposes and in the amounts as follows;

Project	Department	Description	Amount	Recommendation
1	Board of Selectmen	Town House Archives organization services	\$50,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 0-5-0
2	Town Clerk	Codification Services	\$15,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
3	School Department	KIS/KES One Time Equipment	\$50,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
4	Conservation	Stormwater Permit Compliance	\$75,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 1-4-0
5	Streets, Trees & Parks	Landscaping Services - Pilot program	\$30,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 1-4-0
6	School Department	Kingston Elementary School Roof Project	\$200,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
7	Historical Commission	Events/Signage for Kingston’s participation in Plymouth’s 2020	\$5,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 3-2-0

Description: Below are recommendations on funding equipment purchases and/or Projects not contained in the various budgets.

With limited debate and a Motion to Move the Question by Ms. Lisa Warren carried unanimously

**** The Motion on Article 13 carried with minimal opposition on a voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 14
Revolving Funds

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Tammy Murray, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town will vote to authorize the approval of limits on expenditures from each revolving fund, established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 53E ½, as printed in the Warrant.

FUND	Approved Total Expenditures	Recommendation
Recreation Programs	\$ 500,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Finance Committee – 0-5-0
Inspectional Services	\$ 125,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Finance Committee – 0-5-0
Senior Center Programs	\$ 50,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Finance Committee – 0-5-0
Adams Center Programs	\$ 50,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Finance Committee – 0-5-0

Description: A revolving fund is a fund or account whose income (such as user or program fees) remains available to finance its continuing operations or activities. It requires annual authorization. This article re-establishes the maximum amount of money that can be spent from each of the Town’s individual revolving funds that have previously been established for the Adams Center, Inspectional Services, Recreation Department and the Senior Center.

Following a second and no debate;

****The Motion on Article 14 carried with minimal opposition on a voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 15
Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 4, Article 20 for Conservation and Wetland Protection

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: Gary Lagenbach, Conservation Commission

Move: That the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4-Town Officers, Boards and Committees, Article 20, Section 4-20-5 Authorized Revolving Funds by adding additional funds to the table of Funds and establishing expenditures limits for the same, as printed in the Warrant.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Fiscal Years
Conservation Fund	Local filing fees	Conservation Commission	Support, manage and maintain Conservation properties	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Wetlands Protection Fund	Local filing fees	Conservation Commission	As authorized in Ch. 131, Sec. 40, Wetlands Protection Act	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years

And to establish an FY 2020 expenditure limit in the amount of \$15,000.00 for each such revolving fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article creates new revolving funds for support and management of Conservation properties in Town and for Wetlands Protection. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

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

Mr. Lagenbach addressed the article and informed the audience that these revolving funds will allow for the maintenance of open space. Following some discussion and debate and clarification of Conservation versus Wetland, Ms. Lisa Warren moved the Question which passed unanimously.

**** The Motion on Article 15 carried with minimal opposition. ****

ARTICLE 16
Community Preservation Committee Administrative Budget/Fund
Appropriations/Projects
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Community Preservation Committee

Moderator: This article will be divided into separate motions for each appropriation and expenditure.

Motion # 1 Mr. Craig Dalton, Historical Commission

Move: That the Town appropriate and reserve from Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation Fund annual revenue amounts, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Open Space Reserve, Historical Resources Reserve, Community Housing Reserve, administrative expenses, as follows:

Reserve:

Open Space	\$ 30,828.55
Historic Preservation	\$ 30,828.55
Community Housing	<u>\$ 30,828.55</u>
Total	\$ 92,485.65

Appropriate:

Administrative Expenses	
Personal Services	\$ 6,900.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,514.27</u>
Total	\$ 15,414.27
Total-Reserve and Expenses	\$107,899.92

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Community Preservation Committee – 6-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article appropriates and reserves from the Community Preservation Fund, 10% of each year's revenues for Open Space, Historic Preservation and Community Housing with the remaining revenue deposited into a fourth category, the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated fund balance. This article provides for the administrative expenses of the Committee, including but not limited to the Executive Secretary's stipend.

Following a second and explanation that this is an annual declaration by Mr. Dalton and that balances left over roll back into the funds.

**** The Motion on Section #1 of Article 16 carried with minimal opposition. ****
Motion # 2, Ms. Susan Woodworth, Recreation Commission Director

Move: That the Town appropriate \$ 44,324.00 from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Funds, for the purchase and installation of replacement playground fencing equivalent to best practice, as described in the American Society for Testing and Materials Public Use Playground Fencing Standard, at the Gray's Beach Playground and the Captain Fred L. Bailey Playground, as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston Board of Selectmen and Recreation Department, with all expenses subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 3-2-0 Favorable Vote
Community Preservation Committee – 5-0-1 Favorable Vote

Ms. Woodworth explained the section and the need for improvement guided by comments from a safety inspector hired by the Recreation Commission. There was concern for the estimate and need.

**** The Motion on Section #2 of Article 16 carried with minimal opposition. ****
Motion # 3, Ms. Susan Woodworth, Recreation Commission Director

Move: That the Town appropriate \$55,903.00 from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Funds, for the restoration and rehabilitation of the infield at the

Govoni Baseball Field as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston Board of Selectmen and Recreation Department, with all expenses subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Community Preservation Committee – 5-0-1 Favorable Vote

Ms. Woodworth explained the lack of safe play area on the field due to disrepair. Mr. Brian Whidden, a Recreation Commissioner addressed the issue and stated that there has been a great deal of work done by private organizations over the years but are now beyond the scope of rakes and shovels. In restoring the fields he believes the Town will have opportunities in hosting revenue generating events.

**** The Motion on Section #3 of Article 16 carried with minimal opposition ****

Motion #4, Ms. Susan Woodworth, Recreation Commission Director

Move: That the Town appropriate \$8,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Funds, to hire a contractor to research, complete, submit and oversee the process that achieves National Historic Register status for the Faunce School (1844) and the Powder House (1804), as presented to Town Meeting and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. Said project to be under the supervision of the Town of Kingston Historical Commission, with all expenses

subject to final review and approval by the Community Preservation Committee prior to submittal for payment.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 0-5-0 Favorable Vote
Community Preservation Committee – 6-0-0 Favorable Vote

Lengthy debate on section 4 included questions and discussions regarding an application for registration on the National Register, access to grants, the upcoming 300th Kingston Anniversary and cost variances regarding historical restoration versus no historical.

**** The Motion on Section #4 of Article 16 carried on a majority voice vote. ****
**** A Motion to reconsider all sections of Article 16 failed with a unanimous voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 17
Fund Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 Contract

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to fund the Agreement By and Between the Town of Kingston and the Kingston Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 Association for FY 18, FY 19 and FY 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article funds the Police Sergeants' three (3) year contract. FY18's (previous year) increase is x%, FY19's (current year) is x% and FY20's (next year) x%.

**** There was no motion on Article 17 ****

ARTICLE 18
Transfer to Employment Liability Reserve Fund
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Sandra MacFarlane, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Employment Liability Reserve Fund.

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

Description: This article funds an account that is used when an employee is entitled to a payout of accrued and unused sick and vacation buybacks in the event of an employee's separation of service from the Town. The maximum allowed in this account at any time is \$50,000.00. The current account balance is \$10,178.33.

With a second, brief discussion followed pertaining to forecasting and budgeting in advance.

****The Motion on Article 18 carried with minimal opposition on a voice vote.****

ARTICLE 19
Transfer to Other Post Employment (OPEB) Health Insurance Liability Fund

Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Susan Munford, Finance Committee

Move: That the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Health Insurance Liability Trust Fund account.

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

Description: The Town is liable for an employee’s postemployment benefits, other than pensions (referred to as other postemployment benefits or OPEB), such as retiree health Insurance. The Town’s current liability is \$42,786,071.00 and the fund’s balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$369,897.54. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recommends that the funds accrue in the period of an active employee rather than the future cash flow/liability at retirement. The Town currently meets their yearly obligations.

**** With minimal opposition and little debate the Motion on Article 19 carried. ***

ARTICLE 20
Transfer to Stabilization Fund

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Alora Lanzillotta, Finance Committee

Move: That the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article transfers a sum of money from Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund. A stabilization fund is the Town’s “savings account”. It is a mechanism for setting aside money that may be used for unforeseen needs or for capital projects. Any use of the funds needs to be approved by two-thirds vote at an Annual or Special Town Meeting. As of December 31, 2018 the balance in the Stabilization Fund was \$ 2,431,541.03.

*** With no debate the Motion on Article 20 carried on a unanimous voice vote. ***

ARTICLE 21

Chapter 90 Funds

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Josh Warren, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town accept and expend Chapter 90 funds, so called for Fiscal Year 2020.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This is the annual article to appropriate the funds received from the State's share under Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws to be used for infrastructure improvements and repairs.

**** With no debate this annual warrant article, #21, carried with a unanimous voice vote.***

ARTICLE 22

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Elaine Fiore, Sewer Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriate Twenty Eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000) to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing an expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, including the construction and/or reconstruction of related pump stations, the extension of related sewer lines, the acquisition of any easements in land necessary to complete the improvements described above, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow this amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(14), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that all or any portion of the amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") and any appropriate official or officials of the Town are hereby authorized to execute any agreements with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that may be required in connection with any such loan obtained through the Trust. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the

amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. While the debt issued pursuant to the authority of this vote will be a general obligation of the Town pursuant to the General Laws, it is the Town's intent that the debt service on such debt be paid in the first instance from a combination of State and Federal grants, betterment assessments on new users, and connection fees, except to the extent any treatment capacity is reserved for Town purposes, in which case a portion of the annual debt service proportional to the amount of treatment capacity reserved for Town purposes during that same annual period shall be payable in the first instance from the General Fund.

***Board of Selectmen – 3-0-1 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 4-0-1 Favorable Vote
Sewer Commissioners – 3-0-0 Favorable Vote
Capital Planning - 4-0-0 Favorable Vote***

Description: This article allows for the funding of permitting and construction of an expansion on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This Project will be funded by the sewer customers requesting the additional sewer capacity, grants and the Town, IF the Town wants to reserve capacity for any potential future development on Town owned property in the sewered area. The Town has a signed MassWorks grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 which reduces the total cost of the Project.

Upon a second from Andy Davis, Ms. Fiore explained the article and reasoning for a plant expansion. There was a great deal of discussion to follow. Growth of residential taxes, lack of commercial/industrial growth, aging demographic, and the full capacity of the plant as it exists today were discussed. The objective would be to increase availability for growth.

Ms. Fiore discussed the loan details, a promise to cancel expansion without commitment from developers, and the current waiting list for development at all three Kingston exits. There were comments about developable land underutilized and rare opportunities for revenue supported by the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Plan Committee and the Sewer Commissioners.

A Motion to Move the Question by Ms. Susan Boyer carried with minimal opposition.

**** On a hand count, there being 154 in favor and 22 opposed the Motion Carried on Article 22.****

****A motion to reconsider failed.****

At 2:07pm a Motion by Jeffrey Keating of the Finance Committee to adjourn til Tuesday, May 7 failed.

ARTICLE 23

Water Manganese Removal Plant

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Robert Kostka, Water Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriates Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$6,992,000) to pay costs of (i) designing, constructing, equipping and permitting the Grassy Hole Manganese Removal Plant, the approximate amount of (\$6,370,000) and (ii) purchasing an additional filter for the Trackle Pond Manganese Treatment Facility, in the approximate amount of \$622,000, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow this amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(4), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. All or any portion of the amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") and any appropriate official or officials of the Town are hereby authorized to execute any agreements with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that may be required in connection with any such loan obtained through the Trust. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Capital Planning Committee - 4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article allows for the funding of permitting and construction of a Manganese Removal Plant at the Grassy Hole well and purchase of an additional filter for the manganese treatment facility at Trackle Pond.

Mr. Kostka explained the article and the need to address manganese levels and lower pressure areas in town.

**** The Motion on Article 23 carried on a 2/3rds voice vote called by the Moderator.****

**** A Motion to Reconsider by Jeanne Coleman failed to carry with minimal support.****

ARTICLE 24

Lease of Town-Owned Property

2/3rd Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Joshua Warren, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town solicit and accept proposals for the lease of two parcels of Town-owned land located on Map 75, Lot 11 and Map 95, Lot 3 to erect, operate and maintain billboard or outdoor advertising structures and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article allows the Selectmen to enter an agreement to lease two town-owned parcels along Route 3 (Cranberry Rd) and Route 44 (Monks Hill Rd) for the installation and operations of electronic billboard signs. Estimated yearly income is \$175,000.00. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** The Motion on Article 24 carried with a 2/3rds voice vote and a Motion to Reconsider failed with minimal support.****

There was a Motion by Mr. Eric Suchecki to move Article 26 out of order and be heard before Article 25. There was confusion however, Mr. Suchecki believed that the Zoning article should come before the lease request. The Board of Selectmen deliberated and withdrew with no explanation both Articles 25 and 26. The Moderator declared the withdrawals were not debatable.

The following present the articles as posted in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 25

Lease of Town-Owned Property

2/3rd Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town solicit and accept proposals for the lease and development of all or part of two parcels of Town-owned land located off Raboth Road with Parcel ID number 082-005-000 and 082-006-000 and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 3-0-2 Favorable Vote

Description: This article allows the Selectmen to enter into an agreement for lease and development of two town-owned parcels (Offal Pits) located off Raboth Road. A developer is interested in developing the land for solar arrays with an estimated yearly income of \$75,000.00. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** ARTICLE 25 is Withdrawn by the Board of Selectmen.****

ARTICLE 26

Amendment to Zoning Map

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Kingston to incorporate Parcel ID number 082-005-000 and 082-006-000 into Section 4.17 Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations of the Kingston Zoning Bylaw.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 3-0-2 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will only be moved if the parcels described in Article 25 are voted to accept proposals for lease and development. The parcels will be added to the Zoning Map for installation of a solar field on the Offal Pits.

**** ARTICLE 26 is Withdrawn by the Board of Selectmen.****

ARTICLE 27

Amendment M.G.L. Chapter 64G Section 3A-Local Room Occupancy Excise

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Tammy Murray, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town amend its Local Room Occupancy Excise, as authorized under M.G.L. Chapter 64G Section 3A, to 6%.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will authorize the increase to the local room occupancy excise tax allowed by statute, from 4% to 6%. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

There was brief discussion pertaining to the increased tax and the impact on local rentals . A Motion to Move the Question by Lisa Warren met minimal opposition.

**** The Motion on Article 27 carried on a majority voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 28

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 64G Section 3D(a)-Short-Term Rental Community Impact Fee

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D(a), authorizing the imposition of a community impact fee upon the transfer of occupancy of professionally managed short-term rental units located within the Town of Kingston at a rate of 3%.

Board of Selectmen – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 0-0-0 Favorable

Description: This article will authorize the Town to charge a community impact fee on short-term rentals that are professionally managed.

**** There was no Motion on Article 28. ****

ARTICLE 29

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 32B Section 20-Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town re-accept the provision of General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, allowing the establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This M.G.L. was accepted by the Town in 2010, but has been revised by Municipal Modernization Act, which requires re-acceptance to utilize statutory

enhancements. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** With no debate, the Motion on Article 29 carried with minimal opposition. ****

ARTICLE 30

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53F½ -PEG Access and Cable Related Fund

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Tammy Murray, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operations for fiscal year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will set up a fund for cable franchise fees collected and other cable-related monies negotiated in the cable television agreements. This funding currently is paid directly to PACTV and the new guidelines from the Department of Revenue requires it to go first to the Town, then to the access provider (currently PACTV), as assigned by the Town. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** With no debate and minimal opposition the Motion on Article 30 carried. ****

Article 31 was moved out of order by the Board of Selectmen on the Opening Motion. The Article will be heard on Tuesday night, the 7th of May.

There was a Point of Order by Mr. John-Michael Faunce on what constitutes enough debate. The Moderator takes into question any and all debate before declaring.

ARTICLE 32

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 83 Section 16G-Deferral of charges

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Elaine Fiore, Sewer Commissioners

Move: That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 16G adopting a mechanism for the Sewer Commissioners to enter into deferral and recovery agreements for deferral of charges for the use of the common sewers.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will provide the Sewer Commissioners a mechanism to enter into an agreement to defer charges for use of common sewers (sewer user fees) based on the requirements in Chapter 83 Section 16G. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

Ms. Fiore addressed questions pertaining to reason for the article and criteria. Taxes can be recovered on the passing of a property owner that has filed an application and criteria includes income and a tax deferral in place.

**** With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 32 carried. ****

ARTICLE 33
Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 4 Article 11

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town will vote amend Article 11 of Chapter 4 of its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 4-11-7, entitled Meeting Schedules, as follows:

All Boards, Commissions and Committees that meet more than twice a year shall establish and provide notice, via the Town website or other similar means, a meeting schedule setting forth the dates for prospective meetings. Such schedule shall be established at least once every six months. Such schedule shall not be exclusive and additional non-scheduled meetings on public hearings or emergency and time-sensitive matters may be noticed as may be necessary. Additionally, if a Board, Commission or Committee has no business on a schedule meeting date, it need not hold a meeting.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will create a By-Law requiring all Town Boards, Committees and Commissions that meet more than twice a year to establish at least a six month schedule of meetings in advance. The tentative meeting schedule will be placed on the Town website.

A friendly amendment to correct the motion as read was accepted. There was no debate and the by-law will take effect as of July 1 or subsequent to approval by the Attorney General.

**** The Motion on Article 33 carried with minimal opposition.****

On a Motion by Paul Gallagher, the Town Clerk, at 2:55pm with minimal opposition voted to Adjourn until 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Kingston

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2019; Session #2 of 3

Call to order at 7:07p.m., there being over 100 voters checked in Moderator Janet Wallace opened the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Session # 2, held at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Brook Street in Kingston . The Moderator noted the Warrant has been properly posted and waived the reading of the Warrant. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then reviewed the rules and regulations regarding behavior and participation according to Town Meeting Times. Ms Wallace also reviewed Motion to Reconsider, prior to the Town Meeting Article to change, noting that Motion to Reconsider opportunity remains during this Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Wallace mentioned for fact that William Bradford held the first Town Meeting here in Plymouth County in 1622. She announced that the order in which articles will be heard this night will start with Article 41, then 40 thru 45, return to Article 31and then 34-39. At 7:09pm there were 373 registered voters.

Tellers Paul Armstrong, Paul Basler and David Pepe were sworn in to service.

The following poll workers performed attendance checking and door monitor functions.

Jane C. Corr	Priscilla W. Brackett	Joanne Guilfooy
Melissa A. Moquin	Gretchen Emmetts	Hannah M. Creed
Janet H. Holmes	Janet E. Torrey	Lorraine Carlson
Ralph Boynes	Kathy Ivers	Gretchen Emmetts

Assistant Town Clerk Diane M. Poirier and Janna M. Morrissey Assistant to the Town Clerk supervised the check in and out.

Police Chief Maurice Splaine was recognized to address the body. He motioned to amend the opening motion to add Joanna Boudreau to address Article 35 submitted by her as the Animal Control Officer, who is not a resident. Chief Splaine acknowledged Ms Boudreau would have the information pertinent if questions should arise.

**** The Motion to amend carried unanimously on a voice vote.****

ARTICLE 41 (Petition)
Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 6, Public Peace and Safety

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: David Cowing, Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote to amend the Town of Kingston General Bylaws, Chapter 6, Public Peace and Safety, by removing Article 7, Marijuana in its entirety and replacing with the following with the following:

Article 7 – Recreational Marijuana Establishments Prohibited

Consistent with G.L. c. 94G §3(a)(2), “marijuana establishments” as defined in G.L. c. 94G §1, as may be amended from time to time, shall be prohibited within the Town of Kingston.

Board of Selectmen – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Planning Board – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This is a petition article to amend the General By-Law regarding Marijuana Retailers.

Mr. Cowing addressed the audience. He stated: In 2016, the majority of voters in Kingston voted against Marijuana legalization in the State Election, which failed Statewide. The Town attempted to incorporate a ban into its General By-Laws at last year's Town Meeting and he believed that confusion and an amendment caused it to fail. He now proposes thru a petitioned article to reconsider the vote of last year. There was lengthy and spirited debate on both sides of the pros versus cons of a ban. At one

point there was a vote on whether to allow, Mr. Peter D'Agostino, representing Elevated Roots, a proposed retailer of Marijuana in the Town to address the audience.

****The proposal to allow Mr. D'Agostino to speak failed on a Majority Voice Vote.****

Mr. Bradford Randall then addressed the audience after he attempted to cede his time to Mr. D'Agostino regarding the illicit market and ramifications pursuant to a ban. After brief debate a Motion by Jeanne Coleman to "Move the Question" was denied by the Moderator. Continued debate included references to safety, impact, infrastructure, revenue, and traffic. Mr. Bill Kavol opposed the motion and informed the public that the Board of Health, which he is a member, did as well. Ms. Coleman again motioned to "Move the Question" which carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

On the Main Motion, the Moderator asked for a hand-count.

****There being 242 in favor and 133 opposed the Motion Carried. ****

**** A Motion to Reconsider did not carry on a majority voice vote.****

ARTICLE 40 (Petition)

Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 4.21-Marijuana Establishments

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: David Cowing, Petitioner

Move: That contingent upon the Attorney Generals approval of Article 41, that the Town vote to delete in its entirety, Section 4.21 “Marijuana Establishments” from the Town of Kingston Zoning Bylaws.

Board of Selectmen – 1-1-3

Description: This is a petition article to amend the Zoning By-Law regarding Marijuana Retailers.

Upon reading and a second of the motion, Ms. Kate Feodoroff, Counsel for the Town, informed the body of the recent actions by the Attorney General. There is a contingency on this article pertaining to the AG approving Article 41.

There was lengthy and spirited debate including a thorough and pointed presentation by Mr. Cowing. There followed both favorable and opposing views which addressed the opiate crisis and safety. A response by the Board of Selectmen stating a 1-1-3 vote by their Board was met with disappointment.

An initial hand count vote failed given 251 in favor of the motion and 139 opposed. The Motion required a 260 in favor given the 2/3rds required for a Zoning By-Law or amendment. Following a Motion to Reconsider carried on a 241 in favor and 141 opposed. A subsequent Motion to Move the Question by Mr. Peter Boncek was not allowed.

Additional debate continued. The Finance Committee Chairman Mr. Carl Pike mentioned the Fincom voted on each article as residents.

**** A motion to Move the Question carried unanimously ****

**** On the Main Motion, a hand count of 263 in favor and 148 opposed, the motion failed given the 2/3rds requirement rule. It would have required 271 votes in favor.**

A Motion to Reconsider was ruled out of order **

ARTICLE 42

***Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 4.21-Marijuana Establishments and
General By-Law, Chapter 6, Article 7-Public Peace and Safety***

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Thomas Bouchard, Planning Board

Section # 1 (Zoning By-Law)

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston Zoning By-Laws to amend Section 4.21.-Marijuana Establishments and Attachment 4 Table of Use Regulations, as printed in the warrant.

4.21.1. Purpose

(b) To minimize and mitigate adverse impacts of Marijuana Establishments on adjacent properties, public ways, residential neighborhoods, historic districts, schools, playgrounds ~~and other locations where minors congregate~~, and other land uses potentially incompatible with said facilities, by regulating the siting, design, and placement of Marijuana Establishments.

4.21.3. General Requirements

(i) Parking and loading for a Marijuana Establishment shall be in accordance with Section 6.4 and Section 6.5 as well as the ~~establishments~~ establishment's applicable zoning. Off Street Parking, Access, and Loading of Kingston's Zoning By-Law. However, the SPGA may require a greater number of parking spaces and/or loading bays if it finds, based on the application materials submitted to the SPGA regarding operation of the Marijuana Establishment, that the minimum requirements are not sufficient.

4.21.4. Location

(p) The Zoning District in which Marijuana Retailers may be located ~~is~~ are the Commercial District, ~~the Industrial District,~~ the Industrial District, and the Commercial/Industrial Park District.

(q) No Marijuana Retailer may be located within 1,000 feet for commercially zoned properties or 500 feet (for industrial and Commercial/Industrial Park properties) of the real property comprising ~~any of the following:~~ of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, pre-existing preschools, pre-existing licensed daycare center, public playground, public libraries, or pre-existing state certified educational centers serving children seventeen years or younger.

~~01) A public or private school;~~

~~02) Licensed Daycare center; or~~

~~03) A similar facility in which minors commonly congregate (e.g. library, playground, etc.).~~

~~(r)~~ No Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperatives, Marijuana Cultivators, Marijuana Product Manufactures, and Marijuana Testing Facilities may be located within 500 feet of the real property comprising ~~any of the following:~~ of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, pre-existing preschools, pre-existing licensed daycare center, public playgrounds, public libraries, or pre-existing state certified educational centers serving children seventeen years or younger.

~~04) A public or private school;~~

~~05) Licensed Daycare center; or~~

~~06) A similar facility in which minors commonly congregate (e.g. library, playground, etc.).~~

~~(s)~~ (r) The distance under this section is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the protected uses identified in Section (4)(b), (4)(c), or (4)(d) above to the nearest point of the property line of the proposed Marijuana Establishment.

4.21.5. Application Process and Requirements

(u) ~~05)~~ A map depicting all properties and land uses within a one thousand-foot (1,000') radius (minimum) of the project site, whether such uses are located in Kingston or within surrounding communities, including, but not limited to, ~~all educational uses daycare, preschool and afterschool programs, playgrounds, libraries, public parks, houses of worship, and housing facilities owned by a public housing authority ,~~ a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, pre-existing preschools, pre-existing

licensed daycare centers, public playgrounds, public libraries, or pre-existing state certified educational centers serving children seventeen years or younger.

10) Traffic ~~Impact Report~~ Study;

And

To see if the Town will vote to amend Attachment 4 Table of Use Regulations as follows:

PRINCIPAL USE	DISTRICT									
	R40	R20	RM	TCD	3ADD	C	I	CIP	CD	R80
COMMERCIAL USES										
Marijuana Retailer (see Notes 1 and 4 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	NP SP	NP SP	NP	NP
Marijuana Testing Facility (see Notes 1, 4 and 5 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	SP	NP	NP

PRINCIPAL USE	DISTRICT									
	R40	R20	RM	TCD	3ADD	C	I	CIP	CD	R80
INDUSTRIAL USES										
Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperative (see Notes 1, 4 and 5 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	NP	NP
Marijuana Cultivator (see Notes 1, 4 and 5 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	NP	NP
Marijuana Product Manufacturer (see Notes 1, 4 and 5 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	NP	NP
Marijuana Testing Facility (see Notes 1, 4 and 5 below)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	SP	NP	NP

Note: NP = Not Permitted; SP = Special Permit

The Motion was seconded and following debate included compromise, restrictions and impact on AG decision and the attempt to rectify community response. The Motion clarifies and cleans up the original intention of previous years Town Meeting. Legal Counsel addressed the potential reaction by the Attorney General. There was argument from opponents of Marijuana Retailers that this is a compromise with sensibility. Mr. Anthony Andrews made a Motion to Amend;

Amend 4.2.1.4 "distance from 1,000 feet to 800 feet

The Moderator ruled the amendment in order and a second followed. Mr. Andrews felt the State Law requiring only 500 feet was sufficient. Debate followed with majority being opposed to the amendment. A motion to Move the Question by Janet Stanford was ruled out of order by the Moderator for limited debate. Opposition continued with limited support for amendment based on safety and limited resources for traffic. It was noted that any development would require a Special Permit allowing the Planning Board sole discretion. A motion to amend by Brian Spires from 1,000 feet to 100,000 feet was ruled not included.

**** The amendment from 1,000ft to 800 ft did not carry with a majority voice vote.****

**** On the Main Motion, Section #1 carried on a 307 to 20 hand count meeting the 2/3rds required.****

**Section # 2 (General By-Law)
Thomas Bouchard, Planning Board**

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston General By-Laws to amend Chapter 6-Public Peace and Safety, as printed in the warrant.

Article 7 - Marijuana

6-7-2. Retail Establishments: Limits the total number of Marijuana Retail establishments to 20% of the number of retail liquor establishments. The number of Marijuana Retail Licenses issued in the Town of Kingston shall be limited to twenty (20%) percent of licenses issued in the Town of Kingston for retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold, which shall be calculated by rounding up to the next whole number.

6-7-3. Hours: Limits the hours of operation of Marijuana Retail establishments to 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – 7 days a week.

6-7-4. Fine: Allows for fines Any violation of this Article shall be of \$300 per offense, each day of violation to be considered a separate offense. This section may be enforced through the procedures specified in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D.

***Board of Selectmen – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote***

Description: This article would establish specific areas in Town where a Marijuana establishment may be located.

The Motion by Mr. Bouchard on Section #2 was seconded and he continued stating that this motion cleans up the language and clarifies language in the General By-Law.

**** The Main Motion carried with a minimal opposition voice vote. ****

**** A Motion to reconsider Section #2 by Mr. Michael Cowett failed on a majority voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 43 (Petition)
Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 4.21.4
Craig Dalton, Historical Society

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Craig Dalton, Petitioner

Move: That subsection (q) of section 4.21.4, Location, of the Kingston Zoning Bylaw, as recently amended by Article 42, be amended by inserting "Public parks" after the word "public libraries" in the first and second sentences; and that subsection (u) 05 of section 4.21.5, Application Process and Requirements, of the Kingston Zoning Bylaw, as recently amended by Article 42, be amended by inserting "public parks" after the word "public libraries".

Description: This is petition article to amend the Zoning By-Law regarding Marijuana Retailers.

There was considerable debate over what constitutes a park and what parks would be included. Neither the Planning Board nor the Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks was able to define what and where Kingston Parks are included. Mr. Bouchard, for lack of definition, he was trying to open up more space.

Mr. Bradford Randall made a motion to amend to include Grays Beach Park, Sampson and Pawtuxet Parks be formerly expressed in the article. Mr. Dalton did not oppose the amendment. Continued debate followed in opposition. There was concern that it may limit the number of parks not yet defined.

****After considerable debate Mr. David Kennedy motioned to Move the Question which carried with minimal opposition. ****

**** The Motion to Amend to remove "public parks" and insert the three parks mentioned failed on majority voice vote. ****

On the Main Motion, there was debate on defining public parks and a Motion to Table was called by Mr. Peter Boncek. The Moderator explained that the article can come back during this scheduled Town Meeting and continuance.

****On a hand count, there being 96 in favor and 179 opposed the Motion to Table failed to carry.****

Minimal discussion followed and questions regarding Host Agreements were addressed. A hand count was taken

**** On a hand count there being 203 in favor and 73 opposed the Main Motion carried.****

**** A Motion to Reconsider by Jeanne Coleman failed on majority voice vote called by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 44 (Petition)
Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 4.21.4-Location

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: David Cowing, Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote to amend the Town of Kingston Zoning Bylaws Section 4.0 Use Regulations to add a new subsection in 4.21.4 "Location", which would prohibit any recreational Marijuana Establishments as defined in G.L. c. 94G §1 including cultivator, testing facility, product manufacturer, retailer or any other type of marijuana-related business within a one hundred (100) foot distance from any residential zone and/or residential use in the Town of Kingston. The distance under this section is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the proposed Marijuana Establishment to the nearest point of the residential zone, and/or residential use.

Board of Selectmen – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This is petition article to amend the Zoning By-Law regarding Marijuana Retailers.

Mr. Cowing presented the petition article for a compromise to protect homes and creates a buffer. He continued with a lengthy statement. There was then an amendment by Bradford Randall as follows:

Move: That the Town vote to amend the Town of Kingston Zoning By Laws Section 4.0 Use Regulations to add a new subsection in 4.21.4 "Location," which would prohibit any recreational Marijuana Establishments as defined in G.L. c. 94G Section 1 including marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of marijuana related business within a one hundred (100) foot distance from the primary building on any lot in a Residential District in the Town of Kingston. The distance under this section is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the proposed Marijuana Establishment's primary building to the nearest point of the primary building on any lot in a Residential District in the Town of Kingston.

*** A Motion to Call the Question carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition****

*** The Motion to amend did not carry on a Majority Voice Vote. ****

Brief discussion continued thereafter and there was a motion to Move the Question which carried unanimously.

**** On a hand count, there being 185 in favor and 88 opposed the motion requiring 2/3rds carried****

****A Motion to reconsider article 44 failed with a majority voice vote.****

A Motion to adjourn was ruled out of order as the Moderator hoped to continue and complete the next Article.

ARTICLE 45

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 64N Section 3- Marijuana Tax Provision

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Kingston.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will adopt the M.G.L. that will give the Town the authority to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** With a second, a minor friendly amendment as the article was read and minimal opposition, the Motion on Article 45 Carried. ****

*** It was entered into the record, that Ms. Jessica Kramer submitted the following signed declaration:**

Madame Moderator, I would like it to be clear that I have recused myself from the BOS for all marijuana zoning articles (40, 42, 43 and 44) due to a perceived conflict of interest. So, I am a recusal, not an absention.

On a Motion from the floor by Mr. David Cowing, at 10:47 pm with minimal opposition voted to Adjourn until 7:00p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

**Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Kingston

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 9, 2019; Session #3 of 3

Call to order at 7:06 p.m., there being 104 voters checked in Moderator Janet Wallace opened the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Session # 3 held at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Brook Street in Kingston. The Moderator noted the Warrant has been properly posted and waived the reading of the Warrant. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then reviewed the rules and regulations regarding behavior and participation according to Town Meeting Times. Ms Wallace also reviewed Motion to Reconsider, prior to the Town Meeting Article to change, noting that Motion to Reconsider opportunity remains during this Annual Town Meeting.

Tellers Paul Armstrong, Paul Basler and David Pepe were sworn in to service.

following poll workers performed attendance checking and door monitor functions;

Jane C. Corr	Priscilla W. Brackett	Joanne Guilfooy
Janet H. Holmes	Hannah M. Creed	Barbara A. Gauthier
Janet E. Torrey	Lorraine Carlson	

Assistant Town Clerk Diane M. Poirier and Janna M. Morrissey Assistant to the Town Clerk supervised the check in and out.

Mr. William Martin, Veterans Agent was recognized to present Article 31.

ARTICLE 31

Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 22G & 22H-Property Exemptions

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: William Martin, Veterans Agent obo: Board of Assessors

Move: That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 5 Clauses Twenty-second G and H, as printed in the warrant.

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

Description: This article will allow the Town to give tax exemptions to surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and Veterans. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

Mr. Martin addressed the acceptance of this Mass General Law and defines and changes eligibility from 5 years to 2 years of service and includes former POWs and surviving parents of those killed in action.
With no debate;

**** The Motion on Article 31 carried with minimal opposition. ****

The Moderator then acknowledge Mr. Martin for his Naval Service and his 23 years of service as the Town of Kingston Veterans Agent.

ARTICLE 34

Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 4 Article 22

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Joshua Warren, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston General Bylaws to amend Article 22 of Chapter 4 of its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 4-22, as printed in the warrant.

4-22-1 Composition and Term of Office: The Town shall establish a Recreation Commission consisting of five (5) Commissioners elected by ballot and each to serve a three (3) year term with no more than two (2) being elected in any given year. The terms of the Recreation Commissioners serving as the date of the adoption of this bylaw shall expire at the end of the third year of said current terms.

4-22-2 Purpose: The Recreation Commission are policy advisors to the Recreation Department. The Commission will offer advice to the Recreation Department on the department's functions and the properties under the Department's control and stewardship are managed.

4-22-3 Annual Report: The Commissioners shall prepare an annual report outlining all projects, reports, and recommendations undertaken during the year and the Recreation Department will submit to the Board of Selectman.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will establish a By-Law for the composition and purpose of the Recreation Commission which was instituted at a previous Town Meeting.

With no debate;

**** The Motion on Article 34 carried with minimal opposition.****

ARTICLE 35

Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 10, Article 5-Animal Control

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: Elaine Fiore obo Animal Control

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston General Bylaws to amend Chapter 4, Article 5 of its General Bylaws, as printed in the warrant.

B. There shall be at least 50 square feet of fenced outdoor animal use area for every dog at the Canine Daycare Facility which provide protection from the weather.

A Canine Daycare Facility shall also maintain ~~one~~ two staff persons on the premises for every 25 15 dogs in the facility.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will amend the By-Law to make the mandatory number of staff per number of dogs for Canine Daycare Facilities. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

Ms. Fiore, having read the Motion for Ms. Joanna Boudreau, Animal Control Officer and non-resident then ceded her time to Ms. Boudreau. Ms. Boudreau then discussed the popularity of Day Care and that staffing levels were considered insufficient and this By Law amendment would address concerns.

**** With no debate, the Motion on Article 35 carried with minimal Opposition.****

ARTICLE 36

Granting of Easement

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore, Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual easements, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This article will allow the town to grant an easement to allow access to a Town owned parcel of land for future development. This parcel abuts Colony Place in Plymouth. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

**** There was no Motion on Article 36 ****

***ARTICLE 37 (Petition)
Amendment to General By-Laws; Section 2-9-9***

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: William F. Mirabito Jr, Petitioner

Move: That the Town amend Section 2-2-9 of Town By-Laws to now read:

“Conduct Governed by Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law. The conduct of the meeting, not specially provided by law or these by-laws, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law, so far as the same applicable to a town meeting. The following special provisions from Town Meeting Time apply for those who wish to speak, or take any other action relative thereto:

- (a) There shall be no congregating in the aisles. When people wish to speak they should rise in place and address themselves, not to the meeting or to any particular member, but to the moderator, who will call them by name if he or she knows it, or ask their names if he or she does not.
- (b) The moderator shall decide who has the floor, and in what order. No one is to speak without leave of the moderator. It is the duty of the moderator to ensure the debate is fair to proponents and opponents of each motion.
- (c) No one is to speak impertinently or beside the question, superfluously or tediously. Cross-examination of town officials is out of order.

Board of Selectmen – 3-1-1 Favorable Vote

Description: This is a petition article to amend the General By-Law regarding Town Meeting.

There was brief debate in opposition to this article away from the petitioner suggesting it would move Town Meeting along faster.

**** There was a Motion to Move the Question which carried with majority voice vote. ****

**** The Main Motion on Article 37 failed on a Majority Voice Vote ****

**** A Motion to Reconsider did not carry on with a minimal opposition voice vote. ****

ARTICLE 38 (Petition)
Amendment to General By-Laws; Section 2-2-11

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: William F. Mirabito Jr, Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote to replace Section 2-2-11 of Town's General ByLaws with the following:

"Motions to Reconsider. Motions to Reconsider shall not be permitted."

Board of Selectmen – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Description: This is a petition article to amend the General By-Law regarding Town Meeting.

Mr. Mirabito addressed his reasoning for the article. He believes it is abused based on its original intention. There was limited debate both favorable and unfavorable discussion.

**** The Main Motion did not carry on a majority voice vote. ****

**** A Motion to Reconsider was ruled out of place as the recount supercedes the MTR. ****

There was a motion to consider a hand count. The Moderator then allowed the hand count.

**** There being 62 in favor and 51 opposed and the Main Motion Carried. ****

**** On the Motion to Reconsider the article the Moderator declared a does not carry. ****

There was again a request to hand count with 7 voters standing in favor.

**** There being 50 in favor and 68 opposed the Motion to Reconsider failed. ****

There was additional discussion including definition of Motion for Rescission.

**** A Motion to rescind was withdrawn****

The Moderator polled the audience for their feelings on proposing a Pro and a Con microphone. The Majority favored on an unofficial vote.

ARTICLE 39 (Petition)
Change the Format of Town Meeting

Majority Vote: No Quorum Required

Motion By: Mr. Daniel Harlow, obo Mr. Peter Boncek, Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act providing for the Town of Kingston to modify the format of its Town Meeting as follows: i). Annual and Special Town meetings will allow for certain articles, to be identified in advance of Town Meeting, to be voted on by Official Ballot in order to increase voter participation for the most important articles affecting town residents. ii) The specific criteria for which articles will go to Official Ballot be determined by the Selectmen when drafting the petition to the legislature, but at a minimum should include: A provision that allows registered voters to petition for an article to go to Official Ballot. A set of general guidelines on the types of articles that may or may not go to Official Ballot. iii) Town Meeting will continue to be conducted in a manner similar to the current Town Meeting format

Board of Selectmen – 0-4-0 Unfavorable Vote

Description: This is petition article to amend the General By-Law regarding Town Meeting.

There was considerable debate with concern from both pro and con voters with confusion, disinformation, freedom, trust, and time. A motion to call the question was ruled out by the Moderator as voters had been recognized. Mr. Joshua Warren discussed the struggle to get participation. There were concerns about failures at the polls for the budget to pass and will create havoc on the operation of the town.

There was a motion to amend by Jeanne Coleman to strike " but at a minimum should include: A provision that allows registered voters to petition for an article to go to official ballot. Additional discussion followed. There was concern the motion to amend and main motion is too vague. There were numerous opponents to the motion with little debate. A motion to table was then considered by Mr. Paul Sardella. The Moderator ruled a hand count to Table indefinitely. She ruled The Motion to Table super cedes the motion to amend and the main motion and requires a 2/3rd vote.

*** A Motion to Table carried on a hand count with 104 in favor and 13 opposed ***

The Moderator thanked , Lt Wells, Sgt Potrykus, Officer Loring and Lt. Kelley and recognized the Cart representatives, Mona Leviton and Catherine Zelinski along with the tellers and checkers for their dedication and commitment.

**On a Motion from the floor at 8:39pm with minimal opposition voted to Adjourn
sin die.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk**

Attachments:

Text of Address - State of the Town, Carl Pike
The Annual Budget Book FY 2020

Town of Kingston – Town Meeting – May 4, 2019 – Finance Committee Update

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen! For those who do not know me, I'm Carl Pike, and I have been your Finance Committee Chairman for the past year. Thank-you for being here to participate at this Town Meeting, the legislative body of our Town Government. And Thank-You to my fellow Finance Committee Members, Michelle our Executive Secretary, Janet our appointing authority, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator's Office, Department Managers, the School Committees and Administrations, and Other Boards and Committees who all have helped us this past year.

I first would like to briefly describe the process that we generally follow in preparing your Kingston annual budget. Town departmental managers develop detailed initial expense budget requests based upon service requirements and objectives for the next fiscal year. Union negotiated salary rates, benefits, increase amounts, etc., are a major factor in determining these expense budget requests, as labor costs account for a significant portion of the budget. The Town Administrator and Town Accountant develop initial revenue estimates as a starting point in developing a balanced budget. They then conduct detailed reviews of the expense budget requests with department managers to develop a consolidated and balanced "preliminary Town budget" that is passed on to the Finance Committee for further review and analysis. The Finance Committee reviews the revenue estimates, meets with individual departments to review the expense budgets in detail, and develops a "preliminary Finance Committee recommended budget". The Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, and a representative of the Board of Selectmen then meet to attempt to resolve any differences that may exist between the "preliminary" budgets. The result of these efforts over the past 6 months or so is the FY'20 budget that is being presented to you today for your review, analysis, and approval if you so choose.

It should be emphasized that budgeting is seldom an easy process in any organization. There are almost always limited financial resources and conflicts as to how those limited resources should be utilized. In the Kingston budget process, many individuals with different agendas and points of view work together in a collaborative manner to generate a budget that supports Town services in an effective and financially responsible manner. Compromises often are necessary whereby individual positions are subjugated for the common benefit of all. Your FY'20 budget is the result of many hours of work by many people working together in a positive manner. Throughout the process, we all try to treat others with respect and understanding, while recognizing that differences are sure to arise. We strive to overcome the various obstacles that develop and work towards a balanced budget

that we all can live with. Your Finance Committee believes that this FY'20 budget supports the services that Town residents desire and deserve in a fiscally responsible manner.

I believe it appropriate to mention just a few budget amounts and percentages. The total departmental expense budget for FY'20 is effectively \$48 million, for an increase of \$1.45 million, or 3.1% over that of FY'19. Education accounts for 52%, public safety 14%, and employee benefits 12%, respectively, of the \$48 million budget. Think about it; schools, police, fire, and employee benefits account for 78% or \$38 million of the budget. I believe that these are the most important and basic services that we expect from Town government. Furthermore, it should be noted that the budget includes \$2.5 million of debt payments. Thus, the remainder of the budget for all other Town services is \$7.8 million. Think about the fact that the total budget for Facilities, the Library, Public Works, Human Services, Culture and Recreation, and General Government is limited to less than \$8 million.

Where does the revenue in the budget come from to pay for \$48 million in expenses? \$36 million, or 75%, comes from property taxes, \$7 million, or 14%, comes from state aid, and \$5 million, or 10%, comes from local receipts such as automobile excise taxes and ambulance fees. It should be noted that our regional school district costs included in the budget have been reduced prior to assessment by approximately \$4.4 million from Kingston's share of educational state aid to Silver Lake.

In addition to the \$48 million budget for education and other Town services, our Water and Wastewater enterprise funds have operating expense budgets totaling \$5.7 million. These budget appropriation requests are in warrant articles 4 and 6. Water and Wastewater user fees cover the expenses of these departments.

In summary, the FY'20 Total Budgeted Expenditure amount is \$54 million. And this \$54 million total is financed by \$36 million from property taxes, \$7 million from state aid, \$6 million from resident user fees, and \$5 million from other local receipts.

And now I will make just a few general comments. Kingston finances are generally in good shape. We have an excellent Standard and Poor's credit rating. Our "Free Cash" has been certified at over \$2 million each of the last five years, and there will be a remaining free cash balance of \$500K at the end of this Town Meeting. Our excess levy capacity is \$854K and should increase further as the FY'20 budget tax levy is \$504K less than the allowed 2.5% increase (the Finance Committee believes strongly that annual tax levies should be \$500K to \$1 million less than Proposition 2 ½ allows). Our two stabilization funds, general and capital, have a combined balance of \$3 million. We continue to invest in capital assets with planned capital expenditures of \$489K included in article 12. We continue to play catch-up with the funding of the Town's pension liability, and should be fully funded by FY'28. We

have provided \$400K towards the funding of the Town's future retiree health benefits liability. All of these items are of importance to bond rating agencies in the determination of our credit rating, which in turn determines the cost of Town borrowings for significant projects.

We on the Finance Committee are often asked questions concerning the Town's tax rate. Let me emphasize that the tax rate is nothing more than the result of the calculation of the amount of Tax dollars that need to be raised to pay for budgeted Town service expenses divided by the total value of Town properties, both residential and non-residential. The actual property taxes that you pay are the result of the tax rate being applied to your property assessed value.

We hear much discussion concerning whether taxes are reasonable or too high. Most Towns and Cities struggle to find a balance between the cost of government provided services and the residents' ability to pay. We as your Finance Committee strive to balance the cost of the services that Kingston residents desire with the goal of also maintaining affordable tax rates and sustainable budget direction for future years. I encourage all residents to let Finance Committee members, the Board of Selectmen, and Town and School management personnel know throughout the year your attitudes concerning Kingston services, budgets, and tax rates. And provide specifics as to where you desire more or fewer services, and where you think too little or too much is spent. Remember, it is always a balancing act between services desired and financial resources. This issue is dealt with continuously by your elected and appointed officials.

We all need to remember that democracy is a government of the people, but that majority votes rule in the decision making process. We need positive and proactive debates on budgets and other items involving Town finances. And after votes are taken and decisions made, we need to move on in a professional manner with a goal of making things work the best we can for all residents. We need to come together and find ways to understand and support one another as we implement the decisions of the majority. Please remember that whether we are Republican, Democratic, or Independent voters, whether we are conservative, liberal, or middle of the road folks, we are all residents of Kingston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the USA. Let us find ways to work together for the general benefit of all. And I believe strongly that when we work in a collaborative manner, we often can find common ground and compromises can be made that initially looked impossible. Let us all remember the 75/75 rule. Issues and differences arise in all aspects of our personal lives, in the business world, and in government operations. Whenever two individuals, groups, or entities have differences, neither will end up with 100% of what they desire. However, perhaps by listening, understanding both points of view, and compromising, both can get to 75% of what is required to feel good about the final outcome. This is what I call a win/win situation. I would also ask you to consider that strong and effective leaders must sometimes make hard decisions and recommendations that may not be what is

desired by the 10 or 20 percent minority, but that are absolutely necessary for the benefit of the 80 or 90 percent majority. I challenge our leaders to make these tough decisions, and the rest of us to accept and support the tough decisions as best we can.

Thank-You all for your time, support, and understanding.



Annual Town Meeting May 4, 2019

FY20 Budget Summary

Revenues - FY20						
LEVY LIMIT	FY 17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Incr	% Incr
Base Levy Limit Prior Year	\$ 29,125,974	\$ 30,485,612	\$ 32,374,414	\$ 33,554,184	\$ 1,179,770	3.64%
Plus 2.5%	\$ 728,149	\$ 762,140	\$ 809,360	\$ 334,776	\$ (474,584)	-58.64%
New Growth	\$ 631,489	\$ 1,126,662	\$ 370,410	\$ 420,000	\$ 49,590	13.39%
Override						0.00%
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 30,485,612	\$ 32,374,414	\$ 33,554,184	\$ 34,308,960	\$ 754,776	2.25%
DEBT EXCLUSION						
Town	\$ 1,071,610	\$ 1,019,328	\$ 1,014,276	\$ 1,008,878	\$ (5,398)	-0.53%
SLRSD	\$ 811,311	\$ 841,860	\$ 837,209	\$ 842,862	\$ 5,653	0.68%
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 1,882,921	\$ 1,861,188	\$ 1,851,485	\$ 1,851,741	\$ 256	0.01%
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$ 32,368,533	\$ 34,235,602	\$ 35,405,669	\$ 36,160,701	\$ 755,032	2.13%
Excess Levy Capacity	\$ 1,691,149	\$ 1,897,433	\$ 854,382	\$ 504,079		
TAX LEVY	\$ 30,677,384	\$ 32,338,169	\$ 34,551,287	\$ 35,656,622	\$ 1,105,335	3.20%
State Aid	\$ 5,537,276	\$ 5,596,625	\$ 5,695,999	\$ 5,695,999	\$ -	0.00%
State School Bldg Assistance	\$ 1,190,052	\$ 1,190,052	\$ 1,190,053	\$ 1,190,053	\$ -	0.00%
Local Receipts	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 4,275,000	\$ 4,428,900	\$ 4,739,279	\$ 310,379	7.01%
Non-Town Net Metering	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ (200,000)	-10.00%
Free Cash	\$ -	\$ 200,000			\$ -	0.00%
Municipal Waterways	\$ -	\$ 40,000			\$ -	0.00%
Title 5 Receipts	\$ 71,202	\$ 71,202	\$ 71,202	\$ 79,647	\$ 8,445	11.86%
EST RECEIPTS	\$ 13,048,530	\$ 13,572,879	\$ 13,386,154	\$ 13,504,978	\$ 118,824	0.89%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 43,725,914	\$ 45,911,048	\$ 48,791,823	\$ 49,665,679	\$ 873,856	1.79%
Expenditures - FY20						
DESCRIPTION:	FY 17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Incr	% Incr
General Government	\$ 2,672,472	\$ 2,919,195	\$ 3,007,523	\$ 3,135,388	\$ 127,865	4.25%
Public Safety	\$ 5,789,564	\$ 6,165,521	\$ 6,530,915	\$ 6,825,731	\$ 294,816	4.51%
Education	\$ 21,647,799	\$ 22,668,687	\$ 24,168,020	\$ 24,816,158	\$ 648,138	2.68%
Public Works	\$ 1,856,837	\$ 1,944,017	\$ 2,066,793	\$ 2,116,446	\$ 49,653	2.40%
Human Services	\$ 634,703	\$ 663,723	\$ 787,567	\$ 807,186	\$ 19,619	2.49%
Culture and Recreation	\$ 905,241	\$ 857,434	\$ 932,028	\$ 988,074	\$ 56,046	6.01%
Debt Service	\$ 2,539,291	\$ 2,477,893	\$ 2,465,493	\$ 2,486,403	\$ 20,910	0.85%
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,008,699	\$ 5,373,673	\$ 5,785,248	\$ 5,967,067	\$ 181,819	3.14%
Non-Town Net Metering	\$ 1,620,223	\$ 1,901,443	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ (200,000)	-10.00%
Insurance	\$ 372,725	\$ 382,379	\$ 376,100	\$ 390,000	\$ 13,900	3.70%
DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 43,047,554	\$ 45,353,965	\$ 48,119,687	\$ 49,332,453	\$ 1,212,766	2.52%
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED						
Town Allocated Costs - Water	\$ (274,919)	\$ (316,147)	\$ (326,392)	\$ (343,785)	\$ (17,393)	5.33%
Town Allocated Costs - Sewer	\$ (244,263)	\$ (284,316)	\$ (278,472)	\$ (286,112)	\$ (7,640)	2.74%
Non-Appropriated Liabilities	\$ 605,322	\$ 521,082	\$ 669,952	\$ 686,460	\$ 16,508	2.46%
Town's Share Sewer Constr	\$ 231,926	\$ 232,419	\$ 233,545	\$ 224,539	\$ (9,006)	-3.86%
W & P Article				\$ 44,364		
Elected Officials				\$ 7,760		
OTHER	\$ 318,066	\$ 153,038	\$ 298,633	\$ 333,226	\$ (17,531)	-5.87%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 43,365,620	\$ 45,507,003	\$ 48,418,320	\$ 49,665,679	\$ 1,247,359	2.58%
EXCLUDING NON-TOWN NET METERING			\$ 46,418,320	\$ 47,865,679	\$ 1,447,359	3.12%

FY2020 BUDGET SUMMARY & COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Dept#	Dept		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
114	MODERATOR	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	100	100	100	100	-	0.00%
		Total	100	100	100	100	-	0.00%
122	SELECTMEN	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	325,173	454,945	363,920	297,272	(66,648)	-18.31%
		<i>Expenses</i>	78,359	65,534	65,200	70,450	5,250	8.05%
		Total	403,532	520,479	429,120	367,722	(61,398)	-14.31%
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	6,500	5,355	6,763	6,763	-	0.00%
		<i>Expenses</i>	240	504	750	750	-	0.00%
		Total	6,740	5,859	7,513	7,513	-	-
132	RESERVE FUND	<i>Expenses</i>	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
		Total	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	-
133	CAPITAL PLANNING	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	208	-	447	447	-	0.00%
		Total	208	-	447	447	-	0.00%
135	ACCOUNTANT	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	165,343	127,775	149,792	164,634	14,842	9.91%
		<i>Expenses</i>	2,851	2,381	4,420	5,850	1,430	32.35%
		Total	168,194	130,156	154,212	170,484	16,272	10.55%
141	ASSESSOR	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	119,059	111,759	118,925	147,083	28,158	23.68%
		<i>Expenses</i>	13,689	10,119	14,400	15,950	1,550	10.76%
		Total	132,747	121,879	133,325	163,033	29,708	22.28%
142	REVALUATION	<i>Expenses</i>	48,360	16,084	50,000	20,000	(30,000)	-60.00%
		Total	48,360	16,084	50,000	20,000	(30,000)	-60.00%
145	TREASURER	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	180,275	186,869	194,429	142,308	(52,121)	-26.81%
		<i>Expenses</i>	25,102	24,223	33,462	15,075	(18,387)	-54.95%
		Total	205,377	211,092	227,891	157,383	(70,508)	-30.94%
146	COLLECTOR	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	116,612	124,732	126,775	132,858	6,083	4.80%
		<i>Expenses</i>	31,019	36,633	31,025	33,675	2,650	8.54%
		Total	147,631	161,366	157,800	166,533	8,733	5.53%
151	LEGAL	<i>Expenses</i>	215,867	277,197	150,000	150,000	-	0.00%
		Total	215,867	277,197	150,000	150,000	-	0.00%
152	WAGE & PERSONNEL	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	6,500	6,630	6,763	6,763	-	0.00%
		Total	6,500	6,630	6,763	6,763	-	0.00%

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Dept#	Dept		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
154	HUMAN RESOURCES/ PAYROLL							
		<i>Pers Svcs</i>	-	-	-	137,208	137,208	
		<i>Expenses</i>	-	-	-	26,900	26,900	
		Total	-	-	-	164,108	164,108	
155	DATA PROCESSING	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	53,802	66,675	71,414	75,494	4,080	5.71%
		<i>Expenses</i>	104,390	182,257	198,931	178,294	(20,637)	-10.37%
		Total	158,192	248,932	270,345	253,788	(16,557)	-6.12%
158	TAX TITLE	<i>Expenses</i>	29,891	29,712	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
		Total	29,891	29,712	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
161	TOWN CLERK	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	141,717	149,241	157,021	164,162	7,141	4.55%
		<i>Expenses</i>	4,818	11,265	7,902	9,877	1,975	24.99%
		Total	146,535	160,506	164,923	174,039	9,116	5.53%
163	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	29,110	12,171	24,480	31,000	6,520	26.63%
		<i>Expenses</i>	27,257	17,093	22,600	17,600	(5,000)	-22.12%
		Total	56,366	29,264	47,080	48,600	1,520	3.23%
171	CONSERVATION	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	82,568	104,266	104,646	95,422	(9,225)	-8.81%
		<i>Expenses</i>	3,183	3,483	3,768	4,425	657	17.44%
		Total	85,750	107,749	108,414	99,847	(8,568)	-7.90%
175	PLANNING	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	125,987	98,795	123,060	103,394	(19,666)	-15.98%
		<i>Expenses</i>	4,938	5,212	5,300	8,261	2,961	55.87%
		Total	130,925	104,008	128,360	111,655	(16,705)	-13.01%
176	ZONING BD OF APPEALS	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	6,500	6,630	6,763	6,763	-	0.00%
		<i>Expenses</i>	277	166	277	350	73	26.35%
		Total	6,777	6,796	7,040	7,113	73	1.04%
177	RENT CONTROL	<i>Pers Svcs</i>	266	126	-	500	500	
		<i>Expenses</i>	-	-	-	100	100	
		Total	266	126	-	600	600	
178	GREEN ENERGY	<i>Expenses</i>	106	-	400	400	-	0.00%
		Total	106	-	400	400	-	0.00%
187	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	<i>Expenses</i>	-	-	-	500	500	
			-	-	-	500	500	0.00%

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Dept#	Dept		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
192	GENERAL OPERATIONS							
		Pers Svcs	81,026				-	
		Expenses	198,230	143,506	142,000	122,000	(20,000)	-14.08%
		Total	198,230	143,506	142,000	122,000	(20,000)	-14.08%
195	FACILITIES							
		Pers Svcs	60,937	230,430	259,250	311,160	51,910	20.02%
		Expenses	382,216	407,324	432,540	501,600	69,060	15.97%
		Total	443,153	637,754	691,790	812,760	120,970	17.49%
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		2,672,472	2,919,195	3,007,523	3,135,388	127,865	4.25%
210	POLICE							
		Pers Svcs	2,924,787	3,099,330	3,351,534	3,436,406	84,872	2.53%
		Expenses	192,390	193,033	202,300	195,010	(7,290)	-3.60%
		Total	3,117,178	3,292,363	3,553,834	3,631,416	77,582	2.18%
220	FIRE							
		Pers Svcs	2,075,279	2,203,986	2,316,383	2,494,547	178,164	7.69%
		Expenses	291,615	351,868	329,908	347,887	17,979	5.45%
		Total	2,366,894	2,555,854	2,646,291	2,842,434	196,143	7.41%
241	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES							
		Pers Svcs	132,778	130,783	140,395	148,331	7,936	5.65%
		Expenses	1,911	2,025	2,025	2,325	300	14.81%
		Total	134,689	132,808	142,420	150,656	8,236	5.78%
244	SEALER-WEIGHTS & MEASURES							
		Pers Svcs	7,951	8,110	8,364	8,364	-	0.00%
		Expenses	913	817	1,075	875	(200)	-18.60%
		Total	8,864	8,927	9,439	9,239	(200)	-2.12%
292	ANIMAL CONTROL							
		Pers Svcs	70,223	75,071	69,222	79,644	10,422	15.06%
		Expenses	4,214	3,602	4,500	5,645	1,145	25.44%
		Total	74,437	78,673	73,722	85,289	11,567	15.69%
295	HARBORMASTER							
		Pers Svcs	60,470	66,482	77,677	81,822	4,145	5.34%
		Expenses	27,033	30,421	27,525	24,875	(2,650)	-9.63%
		Total	87,504	96,903	105,202	106,697	1,495	1.42%
	PUBLIC SAFETY		5,789,564	6,165,528	6,530,908	6,825,731	294,823	4.51%
300	SILVER LAKE							
		Assessment	8,886,266	8,852,825	9,334,649	9,698,200	363,551	3.89%
		Debt Exclusion		841,860	837,209	842,863	5,654	0.68%
		Total	8,886,266	9,694,685	10,171,858	10,541,063	369,205	3.63%
325	KES/KIS							
		Reg Day	7,770,132	7,864,251	8,108,649	8,465,433	356,784	4.40%
330		Special Education	4,887,488	4,962,550	5,716,513	5,638,662	(77,851)	-1.36%
		Total	12,657,620	12,826,801	13,825,162	14,104,095	278,933	2.02%
350	VOC EDUCATION							
		Expenses	103,914	147,201	171,000	171,000	-	0.00%
		Total	103,914	147,201	171,000	171,000	-	0.00%
	EDUCATION		21,647,800	22,668,687	24,168,020	24,816,158	648,138	2.68%

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Dept#	Dept		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
422	STREETS, TREES & PARKS							
		Pers Svcs	637,408	613,516	743,971	778,033	34,062	4.58%
		Expenses	261,779	178,237	318,998	303,425	(15,573)	-4.88%
		Total	899,187	791,753	1,062,969	1,081,458	18,489	1.74%
423	SNOW & ICE							
		Pers Svcs	60,412	68,194	85,000	85,000	-	0.00%
		Expenses	348,876	438,145	275,000	275,000	-	0.00%
		Total	409,289	506,338	360,000	360,000	-	0.00%
424	STREET LIGHTING	Expenses	37,325	43,285	38,000	45,000	7,000	18.42%
		Total	37,325	43,285	38,000	45,000	7,000	18.42%
433	SOLID WASTE							
		Pers Svcs	150,692	179,382	201,790	213,914	12,124	6.01%
		Expenses	360,344	423,260	404,034	416,074	12,040	2.98%
		Total	511,036	602,641	605,824	629,988	24,164	3.99%
	PUBLIC WORKS		1,856,837	1,944,017	2,066,793	2,116,446	49,653	2.40%
480	NON-TOWN NET METERING (NFF)	Expenses	1,620,223	1,901,443	2,000,000	1,800,000	(200,000)	-10.00%
		Total	1,620,223	1,901,443	2,000,000	1,800,000	(200,000)	-10.00%
	NON-TOWN NET METERING		1,620,223	1,901,443	2,000,000	1,800,000	(200,000)	-10.00%
510	BOARD OF							
		Pers Svcs	116,075	130,115	126,381	94,818	(31,563)	-24.97%
		Expenses	13,869	13,063	16,525	21,200	4,675	28.29%
		Total	129,944	143,178	142,906	116,018	(26,888)	-18.82%
541	COUNCIL ON AGING							
		Pers Svcs	198,156	228,070	263,306	308,728	45,422	17.25%
		Expenses	24,819	33,278	29,325	30,310	985	3.36%
		Total	222,975	261,348	292,631	339,038	46,407	15.86%
543	VETERANS BENEFITS							
		Pers Svcs	31,180	44,381	46,330	46,130	(200)	-0.43%
		Expenses	249,594	214,817	305,500	305,800	300	0.10%
		Total	280,774	259,198	351,830	351,930	100	0.03%
549	COMM ON DISABILITIES	Expenses	1,010	-	200	200	-	0.00%
		Total	1,010	-	200	200	-	0.00%
	HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES		634,703	663,723	787,567	807,186	19,619	2.49%
610	LIBRARY							
		Pers Svcs	474,891	488,030	526,739	562,648	35,909	6.82%
		Expenses	131,322	131,033	134,797	132,836	(1,961)	-1.45%
		Total	606,213	619,063	661,536	695,484	33,948	5.13%
620	ADAMS/ HERITAGE CTR	Expenses	6,738	8,004	8,100	9,900	1,800	22.22%
		Total	6,738	8,004	8,100	9,900	1,800	22.22%

FY2020 BUDGET SUMMARY & COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Dept#	Dept		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
630	RECREATION	Pers Svcs	237,026	175,687	190,667	214,515	23,848	12.51%
		Expenses	54,126	54,524	70,875	67,325	(3,550)	-5.01%
		Total	291,152	230,211	261,542	281,840	20,298	7.76%
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Expenses	138	156	250	250	-	0.00%
		Total	138	156	250	250	-	0.00%
692	LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT	Expenses	500	-	100	100	-	0.00%
		Total	500	-	100	100	-	0.00%
699	COOPERATIVE EXT	Expenses	500	-	500	500	-	0.00%
		Total	500	-	500	500	-	0.00%
	CULTURE/RECREATION		905,241	857,434	932,028	988,074	56,046	6.01%
710	DEBT	Expenses	2,539,291	2,477,893	2,465,493	2,486,403	20,910	0.85%
		Total	2,539,291	2,477,893	2,465,493	2,486,403	20,910	0.85%
	RETIREMENT OF DEBT		2,539,291	2,477,893	2,465,493	2,486,403	20,910	0.85%
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	Pers Svcs	4,957,015	5,298,085	5,708,998	5,885,817	176,819	3.10%
		Expenses	51,685	75,588	76,250	81,250	5,000	6.56%
		Total	5,008,700	5,373,673	5,785,248	5,967,067	181,819	3.14%
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		5,008,700	5,373,673	5,785,248	5,967,067	181,819	3.14%
945	INSURANCE (PROP/LIAB)	Expenses	372,725	382,379	376,100	390,000	13,900	3.70%
		Total	372,725	382,379	376,100	390,000	13,900	3.70%
	RISK MANAGEMENT		372,725	382,379	376,100	390,000	13,900	3.70%
	GRAND TOTAL		43,047,556	45,353,972	48,119,680	49,332,453	1,212,772	2.52%
			Total		48,119,680	49,332,453		
			Less: Non-Town Net Meter		(2,000,000)	(1,800,000)		
			Adjusted Budget		46,119,680	47,532,453	1,412,772	3.06%
Increase when NFF is removed								
			FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Recommended	\$ Increase	% Increase
	Pers Svcs		8,679,008	9,197,636	9,862,307	10,376,231	513,923	5.21%
	Expenses		12,720,748	13,487,649	14,089,353	14,140,064	50,711	0.36%
	Education		21,647,800	22,668,687	24,168,020	24,816,158	648,138	2.68%
	Total		43,047,556	45,353,972	48,119,680	49,332,453	1,212,772	2.52%

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20		
PERSONAL SERVICES & FRINGE*	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
General Government	1,501,680	1,686,500	1,714,548	1,823,331	108,783	6.34%
Public Safety	5,271,488	5,583,762	5,963,575	6,249,114	285,539	4.79%
Public Works	848,512	861,091	1,030,761	1,076,947	46,186	4.48%
Human Services	345,411	402,566	436,017	449,676	13,659	3.13%
Culture & Recreation	711,917	663,717	717,406	777,163	59,757	8.33%
Employee Benefits	4,957,015	5,298,085	5,708,998	5,885,817	176,819	3.10%
	13,636,023	14,495,721	15,571,306	16,262,048	690,742	4.44%
OPERATING EXPENSES**						
General Government	1,170,793	1,232,695	1,292,975	1,312,057	19,082	1.48%
Public Safety	518,076	581,766	567,333	576,617	9,284	1.64%
Education	21,647,800	22,668,687	24,168,020	24,816,158	648,138	2.68%
Public Works	1,008,325	1,082,926	1,036,032	1,039,499	3,467	0.33%
Human Services	289,292	261,158	351,550	357,510	5,960	1.70%
Culture & Recreation	193,324	193,717	214,622	210,911	(3,711)	-1.73%
Debt Service	2,539,291	2,477,893	2,465,493	2,486,403	20,910	0.85%
Employee Benefits	51,685	75,588	76,250	81,250	5,000	6.56%
Non-Town Net Metering Project	1,620,223	1,901,443	2,000,000	1,800,000	(200,000)	-10.00%
Insurance	372,725	382,379	376,100	390,000	13,900	3.70%
	29,411,533	30,858,251	32,548,374	33,070,405	522,031	1.60%
TOTAL	43,047,556	45,353,972	48,119,680	49,332,453	1,212,772	2.52%

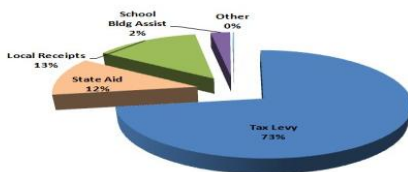
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**Does not include Other Amounts to be raised on the Tax Recap

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Increase	% Increase
General Government	2,672,472	2,919,195	3,007,523	3,135,388	127,865	4.25%
Public Safety	5,789,564	6,165,528	6,530,908	6,825,731	294,823	4.51%
Education	21,647,800	22,668,687	24,168,020	24,816,158	648,138	2.68%
Public Works	1,856,837	1,944,017	2,066,793	2,116,446	49,653	2.40%
Human Services	634,703	663,723	787,567	807,186	19,619	2.49%
Culture & Recreation	905,241	857,434	932,028	988,074	56,046	6.01%
Debt Service	2,539,291	2,477,893	2,465,493	2,486,403	20,910	0.85%
Employee Benefits	5,008,700	5,373,673	5,785,248	5,967,067	181,819	3.14%
Non-Town Net Metering Project	1,620,223	1,901,443	2,000,000	1,800,000	(200,000)	-10.00%
Insurance	372,725	382,379	376,100	390,000	13,900	3.70%
	43,047,556	45,353,972	48,119,680	49,332,453	1,212,772	2.52%

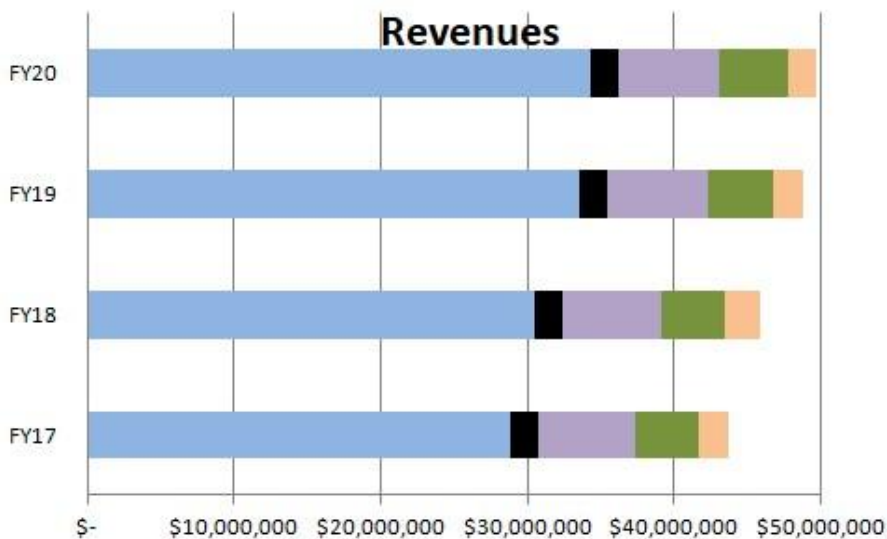
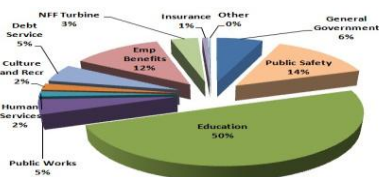
FY20
WHERE DOES EACH \$1 OF REVENUE COME FROM?

REVENUES	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Tax Levy	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.73
State Aid	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.11
Local Receipts	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.13
School Bldg Assist	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00



FY20
HOW IS EACH \$1 SPENT?

EXPENDITURES	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
General Government	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.07
Public Safety	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14
Education	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
Public Works	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
Human Services	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Culture and Recr	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Debt Service	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05
Emp Benefits	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12
Insurance	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
Other	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
Total	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00



FY20 INCREASES (DECREASES)

Major dollar changes to the operating budget, year over year comparison.

DEPT	DESCRIPTION	FY18	FY19	FY18 TO FY19 CHANGE		FY20	FY19 TO FY20 CHANGE	
EDUCATION								
330	KES/KIS	Special Education	4,962,550	5,716,513	753,963	15.19%	5,638,662	(77,851) (1.36%)
325	KES/KIS	Reg Day	7,864,251	8,108,649	244,398	3.11%	8,465,433	356,784 4.40%
300	SILVER LAKE	Assessment	8,852,825	9,334,649	481,824	5.44%	9,698,200	363,551 3.89%
					1,480,185			642,484
Created new department								
154	HR	New Dept	-	-	-		137,208	137,208 100.00%
154	HR	New Dept	-	-	-		26,900	26,900 100.00%
122	SELECTMEN	Move 1 FTE to HR	454,945	363,920	(91,025) (20.01%)		297,272	(66,648) (18.31%)
145	TREASURER	Move 1 FTE to HR	186,869	194,429	7,560 4.05%		142,308	(52,121) (26.81%)
								45,339
PUBLIC SAFETY								
210	POLICE	Wage increases	3,099,330	3,351,534	252,204 8.14%		3,436,406	84,872 2.53%
220	FIRE	Wage increases	2,203,986	2,316,383	112,397 5.10%		2,494,547	178,164 7.69%
					364,601			263,036
OTHER								
480	NON-TOWN NET METERING (NFF)	Expenses	1,901,443	2,000,000	98,557 5.18%		1,800,000	(200,000) (10.00%)
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	Retire \$71k, Health \$78k	5,298,085	5,708,998	410,914 7.76%		5,885,817	176,819 3.10%
155	DATA PROC	Reduce consultant	182,257	198,931	16,674 9.15%		178,294	(20,637) (10.37%)
195	FACILITIES	\$21k for clerical	230,430	259,250	28,820 12.51%		311,160	51,910 20.02%
195	FACILITIES	\$35k prop repairs	407,324	432,540	25,216 6.19%		501,600	69,060 15.97%
630	RECREATION	Incl Clerical PT to FT	175,687	190,667	14,980 8.53%		214,515	23,848 12.51%
141	ASSESSOR	Incl W&P PT staff	111,759	118,925	7,166 6.41%		147,083	28,158 23.68%
422	STREETS, TREES & PARKS	Wage increases	613,516	743,971	130,455 21.26%		778,033	34,062 4.58%
610	LIBRARY	Wage increases	488,030	526,739	38,709 7.93%		562,648	35,909 6.82%
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	Outreach staffer	228,070	263,306	35,236 15.45%		308,728	45,422 17.25%
								1,195,410

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY20
OPERATING BUDGET**

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$	%	% of
REGULAR DAY	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	Incr	Incr	Budget
1101 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	139,350	134,350	134,350	125,350	139,850	14,500	11.57%	0.54%
1201 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	1,006,644	1,015,187	1,020,874	1,026,274	1,051,869	25,595	2.49%	4.05%
1241 UTILITIES/MAINT-SUPT			20,725	21,925	22,275	350	1.60%	0.09%
2101 SUPERVISION	721,942	753,073	763,478	798,621	810,529	11,908	1.49%	3.12%
2201 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	871,878	914,261	887,377	896,790	932,082	35,292	3.94%	3.59%
2300 TEACHING	9,710,926	10,104,840	10,331,245	10,535,436	10,827,714	292,278	2.77%	41.66%
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEV.	64,900	57,900	57,900	63,400	72,100	8,700	13.72%	0.28%
2400 TEXTBOOKS	24,914	28,613	79,406	83,238	75,126	(8,112)	-9.75%	0.29%
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	319,064	255,697	274,075	319,555	341,830	22,275	6.97%	1.32%
2500 LIBRARY	236,341	234,060	208,715	231,838	209,217	(22,621)	-9.76%	0.80%
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	9,603	8,600	8,707	5,207	11,207	6,000	115.23%	0.04%
2700 GUIDANCE	882,239	917,562	974,017	1,096,775	1,141,288	44,513	4.06%	4.39%
3200 HEALTH	108,050	120,780	126,105	134,749	142,786	8,037	5.96%	0.55%
3300 TRANSPORTATION	942,543	958,611	999,440	1,038,431	1,102,315	63,884	6.15%	4.24%
3400 FOOD SERVICES			59,958	61,157	63,335	2,178	3.56%	0.24%
3500 ATHLETICS	57,800	67,700	37,600	39,000	47,100	8,100	20.77%	0.18%
4110 CUSTODIAL	1,049,709	1,074,115	1,113,709	1,103,791	1,137,459	33,668	3.05%	4.38%
4120 HEATING	-					-	0.00%	0.00%
4130 UTILITIES	922,860	853,860	796,860	840,035	910,035	70,000	8.33%	3.50%
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	124,750	118,000	114,000	104,000	104,000	-	0.00%	0.40%
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	413,175	427,700	404,090	404,090	448,375	44,285	10.96%	1.73%
4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	143,600	154,280	167,960	178,460	178,866	406	0.23%	0.69%
5100 RETIREMENT*	843,047	863,449	923,517	967,524	966,657	(867)	-0.09%	3.72%
5200 INSURANCE	2,802,896	3,165,803	3,303,789	3,381,415	3,352,339	(29,076)	-0.86%	12.90%
5300 LEASE	5,880	5,880	8,000	8,400	8,400	-	0.00%	0.03%
5400 DEBT SERVICE	-					-	0.00%	0.00%
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	70,450	3,900	-	13,400	40,197	26,797	199.98%	0.15%
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	17,698	500	-	2,250	59,020	56,770	2523.11%	0.23%
	21,490,258	22,238,721	22,815,897	23,481,111	24,195,971	714,860	3.04%	93.1%
\$ Incr (Decr)	462,869	748,463	577,176	665,214	714,860			
\$ Incr (Decr)	2.20%	3.48%	2.60%	2.92%	3.04%			

SPECIAL EDUCATION

2210 SUPERVISION	274,157	279,342	295,142	301,461	309,893	8,432	2.80%	1.19%
2300 TEACHING	1,121,866	1,113,068	1,356,951	1,343,507	1,309,983	(33,524)	-2.50%	5.04%
2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	91,505	29,725	19,385	17,819	25,507	7,688	43.14%	0.10%
2330 TRANSPORTATION	61,510	61,510	77,000	77,000	151,000	74,000	96.10%	0.58%
	1,549,038	1,483,645	1,748,478	1,739,787	1,796,383	56,596	3.25%	6.9%
\$ Incr (Decr)	62,307	-65,393	264,833	-8,691	56,596			
\$ Incr (Decr)	4.19%	-4.22%	17.85%	-0.50%	3.25%			

GRAND TOTAL

	23,039,296	23,722,366	24,564,375	25,220,898	25,992,354	771,456	3.06%	
\$ Incr (Decr)	525,176	683,070	842,009	656,523	771,456			
\$ Incr (Decr)	2.33%	2.96%	3.55%	2.67%	3.06%			

* Retirement reflects Plymouth County not MTRB

Note: This budget does not reflect grant funded programs. It also does not reflect the district's capital improvement program.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY20

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are the costs apportioned to member towns to fund the district budget (after all other revenue sources have been applied).

A) Operating Budget

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
Halifax	4,127,189	4,334,516	4,280,676	4,456,412	4,594,943	138,531	3.11%
58.37% KINGSTON	7,917,310	8,074,955	8,852,825	9,334,649	9,689,121	354,472	3.80%
Plympton	1,896,784	1,981,506	2,042,304	2,174,763	2,316,518	141,755	6.52%
	13,941,282	14,390,976	15,175,805	15,965,824	16,600,582	634,758	3.98%

B) Capital Construction of MS/HS*

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
Halifax	529,727	511,156	478,296	480,982	475,150	-5,831	-1.21%
56.30% KINGSTON	842,607	811,311	841,860	837,209	851,941	14,733	1.76%
Plympton	176,576	163,451	169,862	184,877	186,126	1,248	0.68%
	1,548,910	1,485,918	1,490,018	1,503,068	1,513,218	10,150	0.68%

* Excluded debt maturing in 2027

C) Total Assessments (portion of budget funded by 3 member towns)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
Halifax	4,656,916	4,845,672	4,758,972	4,937,394	5,070,093	132,699	2.69%
58.19% KINGSTON	8,759,917	8,886,266	9,694,685	10,171,858	10,541,063	369,205	3.63%
Plympton	2,073,360	2,144,957	2,212,166	2,359,640	2,502,644	143,003	6.06%
	15,490,192	15,876,894	16,665,823	17,468,892	18,113,799	644,908	3.69%
\$ Incr (Decr)	831,046	449,694	784,829	790,019	644,908		
\$ Incr (Decr)	5.67%	2.90%	4.94%	4.74%	3.69%		
KINGSTON % Incr (Decr)	8.70%	1.44%	9.10%	4.92%	3.63%		

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
The minimum amount each community is required to pay based on property values, ability to pay, MRGF and more.							
Halifax	3,562,595	3,588,081	3,300,567	3,373,178	3,451,273	78,095	2.32%
58.95% KINGSTON	7,019,243	6,890,206	7,127,711	7,449,145	7,638,529	189,384	2.54%
Plympton	1,708,586	1,742,820	1,694,228	1,758,395	1,868,520	110,125	6.26%
	12,290,424	12,221,107	12,122,506	12,580,718	12,958,322	377,604	3.00%
\$ Incr (Decr)	667,865	(69,317)	(98,601)	458,212	377,604		
\$ Incr (Decr)	5.75%	-0.56%	-0.81%	3.78%	3.00%		
KINGSTON % Incr (Decr)	8.82%	-1.84%	3.45%	4.51%	2.54%		

ANALYTICS

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
Foundation Budget	19,669,150	20,069,649	20,068,372	20,701,667	20,690,369	(11,298)	-0.05%
Req'd Net School Spending	19,945,091	20,069,649	20,139,240	20,701,667	21,156,115	454,448	2.20%
Operating Budget	23,039,296	23,722,366	24,564,375	25,220,898	25,992,354	771,456	3.06%
Minimum Contributions	12,290,424	12,221,107	12,122,506	12,580,718	12,958,322	377,604	3.00%
Chapter 70 (State Aid)	7,654,667	7,874,772	7,901,795	8,120,949	8,197,793	76,844	0.95%

KES/KIS (FY20)								
REGULAR DAY	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr	% Budget
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	38,600	38,600	38,600	38,600	39,450	850	2.20%	0.27%
1200 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	266,173	269,865	267,520	268,917	276,412	7,495	2.79%	1.88%
2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	497,801	512,146	529,774	548,560	545,627	(2,933)	-0.53%	3.84%
2300 TEACHING	4,707,986	4,835,731	4,931,828	4,996,490	5,200,235	203,745	4.08%	35.00%
2351 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	17,500	19,400	19,500	19,500	19,700	200	1.03%	0.14%
2400 TEXTBOOKS	130,440	88,300	54,817	12,300	141,800	129,500	1052.85%	0.09%
2451 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	116,988	125,705	61,520	105,430	103,817	(1,613)	-1.53%	0.74%
2500 LIBRARY	189,486	202,817	205,282	209,738	226,882	17,144	8.17%	1.47%
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	6,800	7,576	3,300	2,800	2,300	(500)	-17.86%	0.02%
3100 ATTENDANCE	100	100	100	100	100	-	0.00%	0.00%
3200 HEALTH	110,193	120,969	129,462	136,302	145,629	9,327	6.84%	0.95%
3312 TRANSPORTATION	568,313	589,219	615,950	639,692	698,641	58,949	9.22%	4.48%
3400 FOOD SERVICE	2	2	2	2	2	-	0.00%	0.00%
4110 CUSTODIAL	387,646	410,044	401,990	424,995	427,554	2,559	0.60%	2.98%
4120 HEATING	164,285	142,285				-	0.00%	0.00%
4130 UTILITIES	305,500	294,000	436,285	422,000	412,000	(10,000)	-2.37%	2.96%
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	10,300	8,272	9,892	9,700	11,350	1,650	17.01%	0.07%
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	224,132	230,313	227,129	211,950	237,594	25,644	12.10%	1.48%
4229 RENTAL REVENUE	(100,000)	(80,001)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	-	0.00%	-0.35%
4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	56,346	45,778	45,000	39,000	20,000	(19,000)	-48.72%	0.27%
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	16,500	11,100	4,000	5,250	2,840	(2,410)	-45.90%	0.04%
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	-	2,000	4,200	6,350	3,500	(2,850)	-44.88%	0.04%
	7,715,089	7,874,219	7,936,150	8,047,677	8,465,433	417,756	5.19%	59.30%
\$ Incr	452,845	159,130	61,931	111,527	242,050			
% Incr	6.24%	2.06%	0.79%	1.41%	2.94%			
SPECIAL EDUCATION	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr	% of Budg
2210 SUPERVISION	94,586	98,049	99,168	101,498	104,682	3,184	3.14%	0.71%
2230 TEACHING	789,118	861,076	805,152	889,813	942,617	52,804	5.93%	6.23%
2270 GUIDANCE	226,306	237,765	246,015	395,921	437,523	41,602	10.51%	2.77%
2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	150,000	150,000	406,530	420,892	427,811	6,919	1.64%	2.95%
2330 TRANSPORTATION	566,596	590,044	683,018	660,000	806,890	146,890	22.26%	4.62%
2900 PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	2,277,810	2,362,444	2,719,002	3,248,389	2,919,138	(329,251)	-10.14%	22.76%
	4,104,414	4,299,378	4,958,885	5,716,513	5,638,661	(77,852)	-1.36%	39.50%
\$ Incr	(36,119)	194,965	659,506	757,628	(163,120)			
% Incr	-0.87%	4.75%	15.34%	15.28%	-2.81%			
OUT OF DISTRICT VOCATIONAL	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr	% of Budg
TUITION PAID TO OTHERS	198,000	198,000	198,000	171,000	171,000	-	0.00%	1.20%
GRAND TOTAL	12,017,503	12,371,598	13,093,035	13,935,190	14,275,094	339,904	2.44%	100.00%
\$ Incr								

ADD'L FUNDING	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
FREE CASH/1-TIME PURCHASES	25,000	90,000	104,950	50,000	50,000

ENROLLMENT	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
KES + KIS	1,092	1,104	1,046	1,060	1,048
Avg Class Size		21	20	20	21

STATE REQUIREMENTS	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ Incr	% Incr
Foundation Budget	10,093,731	10,429,935	10,044,496	10,556,980	11,303,607	746,627	7.07%
State Aid ("Chapter 70")	4,210,705	4,238,245	4,297,805	4,329,465	4,361,765	32,300	0.75%
Minimum Contribution	6,560,727	6,554,360	6,257,338	6,612,112	7,303,959	691,847	10.46%
Req'd Net School Spending	10,771,432	10,792,605	10,555,143	10,941,577	11,665,724	724,147	6.62%

DEFINITIONS

Foundation Budget	Minimum amount that the town must spend (in total) to provide an adequate education for all students in the district
Chapter 70	State aid received by the town that directly supports public education
Minimum Contribution	Minimum amount the town must appropriate each year to meet required net school spending. Amount is based on income, property values, MRGF and other variables determined by the State.
Required Net School Spending	Amount that must be spent locally on Education per State [Local Contribution + State Aid]. May be adjusted if above/below preliminary contribution calculation.
Out of District Vocational	Kingston students pursuing vocational education outside of Silver Lake (e.g., Norfolk County Agricultural school)
Programs with Others	Tuition paid for Kingston students (age 3 -21) attending an Out of District programs.
Circuit Breaker	A program (started in 2004) that reimburses local school districts for a portion of their costs for educating severely high-needs special education students. Reimbursement eligibility only starts after the town spends 4 times the state average foundation budget per student. The circuit breaker program was originally designed to cover 75% of the costs above that threshold, but for several years the reimbursement rates have been well below 75% because the funding is not made available in the state budget. And, administrative, overhead, and transportation costs are not reimbursable under this program. [Reference: MGL 71B, §5A]

PROPERTY TAXES

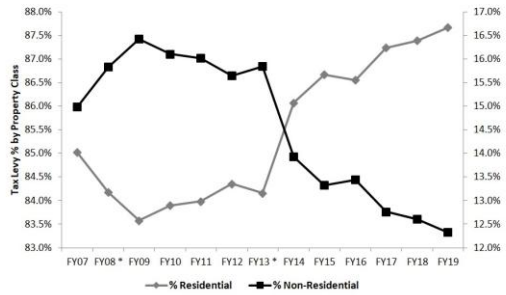
In most communities property taxes are the principal source of revenue to support the town's operating budget. Massachusetts limits the ability of cities and town to raise local revenue via the restrictions included in Proposition 2½. However, there are notable exceptions allowing a property tax levy to grow well beyond 2.5% in a single year. As a revenue source, property taxes are considered more stable than other revenues such as motor excise, sales, or income taxes because they are less likely to be influenced by economic events. During economic downturns, the town's cash flow may be impacted but ultimately because property taxes may be liened, collection is nearly guaranteed.

For Kingston, over 73% of the general budget is funded through property taxes. Of the total taxes raised in FY19, 87.7% was borne by residential taxpayers while the commercial, industrial, and personal property classes, in aggregate, dropped to 12.3%. The tax burden shift away from business-type property classes to residential homeowners continues to widen. For FY19, the average statewide tax levy allocation was 71.6% residential/open space and 28.4% commercial/industrial/personal property.

TAX LEVY % BY PROPERTY CLASS

	% Residential	% Non-Residential	Total Tax Levy	Tax Rate	Shift to Residential
FY07	85.0%	15.0%	\$20,759,837	\$10.31	
FY08 *	84.2%	15.8%	\$23,199,340	\$11.88	(0.85%)
FY09	83.6%	16.4%	\$23,846,411	\$12.50	(0.60%)
FY10	83.9%	16.1%	\$24,525,220	\$13.54	0.32%
FY11	84.0%	16.0%	\$25,497,601	\$14.65	0.09%
FY12	84.4%	15.6%	\$25,946,344	\$15.33	0.37%
FY13 *	84.2%	15.8%	\$27,392,537	\$16.41	(0.20%)
FY14	86.1%	13.9%	\$27,294,265	\$16.68	1.91%
FY15	86.7%	13.3%	\$28,035,558	\$16.94	0.60%
FY16	86.6%	13.4%	\$29,704,999	\$17.61	(0.12%)
FY17	87.2%	12.8%	\$30,677,382	\$16.50	0.68%
FY18	87.4%	12.6%	\$32,338,169	\$16.45	0.15%
FY19	87.7%	12.3%	\$34,551,287	\$16.46	0.28%

* Denotes an override approved in this year



AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY TAX BILL

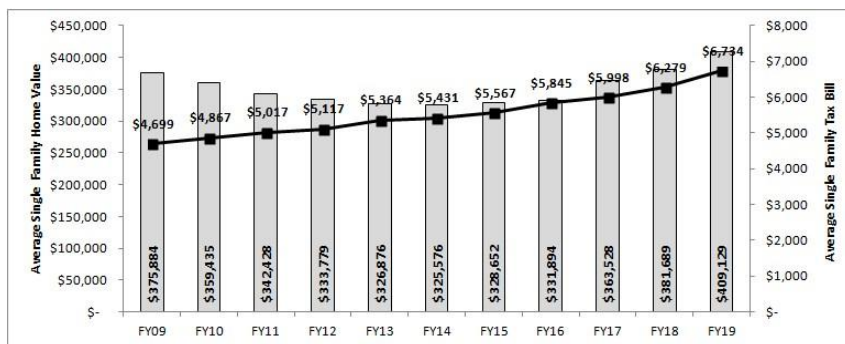
The average single family home value and resulting tax bill are important indicators when analyzing the obligation to fund local government services. It is important to understand the wide differences in communities and their reliance on property taxes. For example, a number of Cape and Island communities have relatively high assessed values yet lower tax burdens. This is due to the large number of seasonal properties and lower demand for services. Some communities maintain a large commercial or industrial tax base allowing the burden to be spread more widely across property classes thereby reducing the impact on residential homeowners. In Kingston, the town maintains a relatively modest commercial/industrial tax base. This means that the cost of funding services falls chiefly on the residential taxpayers. For FY19, Kingston's average single family tax bill of \$6,734 was in the top 24% of the state (up from 29% last year), the top third of Plymouth County, and is 12.2% higher than the statewide average of \$6,004 (up from 7.5% in FY18).

Average Single Family Tax Bill

Single Family Home AVERAGE VALUE					Single Family Home AVERAGE TAX BILL					
FY	Kingston	State	Over / (Under)	% Incr Value	Residential Tax Rate	Kingston	State	Over / (Under)	State Ranking Hi to Lo	% Incr Taxes
2003	\$ 220,221	\$ 266,350	\$ (46,129)		\$ 14.30	\$ 3,149	\$ 3,206	\$ (57)	118 of 340	
2004	\$ 313,525	\$ 307,361	\$ 6,164	42.37%	\$ 10.95	\$ 3,433	\$ 3,412	\$ 21	112 of 340	9.02%
2005 *	\$ 328,685	\$ 352,820	\$ (24,135)	4.84%	\$ 11.27	\$ 3,704	\$ 3,588	\$ 116	102 of 340	7.89%
2006	\$ 382,994	\$ 385,794	\$ (2,800)	16.52%	\$ 10.23	\$ 3,918	\$ 3,801	\$ 117	104 of 338	5.78%
2007	\$ 407,319	\$ 406,673	\$ 646	6.35%	\$ 10.31	\$ 4,199	\$ 3,962	\$ 237	96 of 339	7.17%
2008 *	\$ 388,218	\$ 403,705	\$ (15,487)	(4.69%)	\$ 11.88	\$ 4,612	\$ 4,110	\$ 502	89 of 338	9.84%
2009	\$ 375,884	\$ 391,762	\$ (15,878)	(3.18%)	\$ 12.50	\$ 4,699	\$ 4,250	\$ 449	90 of 337	1.89%
2010	\$ 359,435	\$ 373,702	\$ (14,267)	(4.38%)	\$ 13.54	\$ 4,867	\$ 4,390	\$ 477	90 of 338	3.58%
2011	\$ 342,428	\$ 361,629	\$ (19,201)	(4.73%)	\$ 14.65	\$ 5,017	\$ 4,537	\$ 480	88 of 338	3.08%
2012	\$ 333,779	\$ 358,687	\$ (24,908)	(2.53%)	\$ 15.33	\$ 5,117	\$ 4,711	\$ 406	92 of 338	1.99%
2013 *	\$ 326,876	\$ 354,292	\$ (27,416)	(2.07%)	\$ 16.41	\$ 5,364	\$ 4,846	\$ 518	90 of 338	4.83%
2014	\$ 325,576	\$ 354,133	\$ (28,557)	(0.40%)	\$ 16.68	\$ 5,431	\$ 5,020	\$ 411	92 of 338	1.25%
2015	\$ 328,652	\$ 367,968	\$ (39,316)	0.94%	\$ 16.94	\$ 5,567	\$ 5,214	\$ 353	96 of 337	2.51%
2016	\$ 331,894	\$ 381,611	\$ (49,717)	0.99%	\$ 17.61	\$ 5,845	\$ 5,419	\$ 426	95 of 336	4.98%
2017	\$ 363,528	\$ 397,434	\$ (33,906)	9.53%	\$ 16.50	\$ 5,998	\$ 5,618	\$ 380	100 of 336	2.63%
2018	\$ 381,689	\$ 414,419	\$ (32,730)	15.00%	\$ 16.45	\$ 6,279	\$ 5,843	\$ 436	96 of 334	7.43%
2019	\$ 409,129	\$ 434,682	\$ (25,553)	12.54%	\$ 16.46	\$ 6,734	\$ 6,004	\$ 730	79 of 331	12.27%
				% Increase in Value since 2009					% Increase in Taxes since 2009	
				8.84%					43.31%	

* Denotes year that an override was approved.

FY19 Rank	Town	Avg Tax Bill
1	Weston	\$ 20,016
331	Hancock	\$ 830



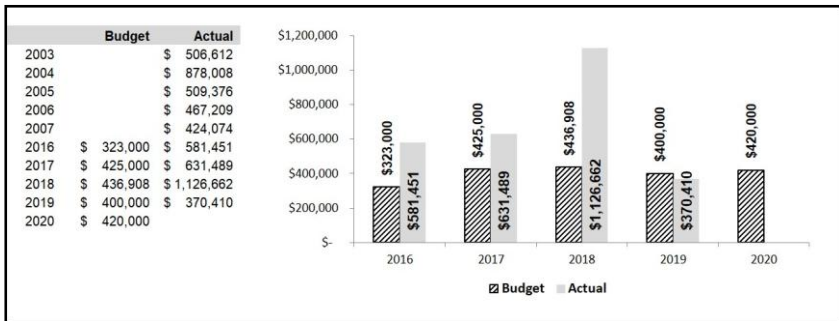
WHY DO SOME TAX BILLS INCREASE MORE THAN 2 ½ %?

While Proposition 2½ limits a community’s ability to raise taxes more than 2.5% over the prior year’s levy, there are exceptions to the rule. If a community authorizes an override, debt exclusion, or capital exclusion, then those actions could increase the tax impact above 2 ½%. New growth that is added to the levy can also increase the levy beyond 2 ½%.

The limitations of Proposition 2½ apply to the total amount taxed by the town; it does not limit any individual property tax increase or decrease. Depending on relative property value changes and the tax burden shift between “residential” versus “commercial/industrial/personal property” classes, actual taxes on a single property can change by amounts greater than 2.5%.

NEW GROWTH

New growth is the additional tax revenue generated by new construction, renovations and other increases in the property tax base during a calendar year. It does not include value increases caused by normal market changes/adjustments. The additional tax revenue is then incorporated into the calculation of the next year’s levy limit. Kingston has seen steady new growth over the past several years. In FY18, the atypical growth added to the levy was attributable to the town-wide “measure and list program”. In that year, the amount of growth added to the tax roll was significantly higher than the estimates provided during the FY18 budgetary process. FY19 new growth was lower than anticipated. FY20 is projected to increase due to the assessment of personal property taxes on second homes and businesses that were not previously taxed.



LOCAL RECEIPTS

Local Receipts are revenues, other than real and personal property taxes, that are generated and collected at the local level. They include motor vehicle excise, local option meal/room excises, fees, fines, charges for licenses and permits, investment earnings, and other similar non-tax type items. For FY20, a modest increase in local receipts has been projected to support the operating budget.

Motor vehicle excise is the town's largest* locally administered receipt and continues to show year-over-year increases. Proposition 2½ set the rate of \$25 per \$1,000 in automobile value. In the first year of ownership, the rate of \$25 per \$1,000 is assessed on 90% of the value of the vehicle; in year two, it is 60%; in year three, it is 40%; in year four, it is 25%; and in year five and thereafter, it is 10%. The actual billings are prepared by the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) and then turned over to the town for printing, distribution, and collection.

** Non-Town Net Metering is the largest single receipt. However, this reflects a Power Purchase Agreement not a department that is managed by the Town. As such, it should not be included in the town's general operating budget. The finance committee has requested that special legislation be filed to accomplish this and roll back any tax levy impacts.*

Local Receipts						
	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Motor Excise	\$ 1,924,254	\$ 2,072,589	\$ 2,166,161	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 2,166,161	\$ 2,300,000
Meals Tax	\$ 248,807	\$ 280,947	\$ 313,367	\$ 250,000	\$ 313,367	\$ 305,000
Other Excise (Boat, Farm, etc)	\$ 95,221	\$ -	\$ 47,346	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 89,500
Excise - Penalty & Interest	\$ 166,598	\$ 144,698	\$ 151,967	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 135,000
PILOT	\$ 10,082	\$ 9,898	\$ 9,621	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
Charges for Services	\$ 550,716	\$ 627,607	\$ 707,696	\$ 758,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 1,100,000
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 758,704	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dept Receipts - Other	\$ 277,932	\$ 339,582	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 421,249
Licenses and Permits	\$ 923,745	\$ 1,034,930	\$ 664,803	\$ 800,000	\$ 674,372	\$ 339,030
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 30,506	\$ 25,617	\$ 24,276	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Investment Earnings	\$ 12,794	\$ 18,186	\$ 27,467	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 6,733	\$ 33,694	\$ 30,439	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 40,000
Misc Recurring	\$ 78,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Misc Non-Recurring	\$ 68,618	\$ 92,034	\$ 91,449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 4,394,619</u>	<u>\$ 4,679,783</u>	<u>\$ 5,094,667</u>	<u>\$ 4,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,428,900</u>	<u>\$ 4,739,279</u>
Non-Town Net Metering	\$ 1,728,355	\$ 1,869,511	\$ 1,765,458	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000
Total Local Receipts	<u>\$ 6,122,974</u>	<u>\$ 6,549,294</u>	<u>\$ 6,860,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,428,900</u>	<u>\$ 6,539,279</u>
<i>Incr (Decr) over prior year</i>	3.81%	6.96%	4.75%	2.07%	-1.84%	-0.15%

STATE AID

“State aid” also known as “local aid” is funding that flows from the state budget to city and town budgets, helping to fund vital local services such as public education, public safety, health and human services, and more. For Kingston, less than 12% of overall revenue comes from state aid.

Levels of wealth range widely across the 351 communities of our Commonwealth yet each of them is tasked with providing vital public services. To this end, local aid is distributed to help offset the inequality of local services that would otherwise exist if cities and towns had to fund their budgets chiefly with local property tax revenue. There are many reductions to state aid, known as assessments, which are automatically withheld by the state. These include funds to support Plymouth County, Old Colony Planning Council, regional transportation services, mosquito control, and charter school tuitions.

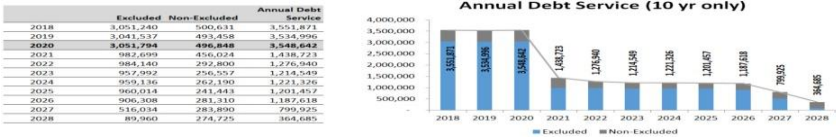
State aid is segregated into three categories: general, public education (“Chapter 70”), and program specific aid. Towns must allocate this aid according to the ascribed programs for which it is receiving funds such as education, veterans benefits, and transportation while the general aid (“UGGA”) may be used for any lawful purpose.

For Kingston, state aid revenue is, and has been, relatively flat over the past several years. It is not keeping pace with the rate of inflation. At the same time our community is seeing large decreases to state aid due to the charges for services automatically withheld from the local distributions (i.e., “assessments”).

DEBT SERVICE

Debt service is the annual repayment cost of the principal and interest on bonds issued by the Town and backed with the full faith and credit of our community. These amounts must be funded in each annual budget. In other words, these amounts cannot be reduced on town meeting floor as debt service is an obligation that the town must satisfy to its creditors. Shown below is a 10-year look into the town’s long-term debt portfolio.

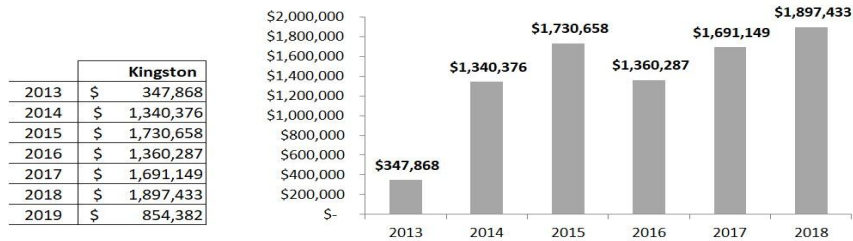
Effective use of debt allows a town to invest in its infrastructure and other capital needs by spreading the cost out over a longer period of time. Excluded debt exists only for the duration of the project for which it was authorized and temporarily increases the town’s allowable levy limit. Authorizing excluded debt requires affirmative town meeting action and affirmative voter acceptance. Non-excluded debt is authorized within the levy limit and requires only town meeting authorization.



EXCESS LEVY CAPACITY

Excess levy capacity is the amount, in taxes, that the town could have levied but did not. This amount is computed each year as allowed under Proposition 2 ½. This amount does not accumulate; each year it is re-calculated and stands on its own. When excess levy capacity increases, typically it is the result of not spending as much as is being generated in revenues. When excess levy capacity decreases, it is the result of spending beyond the levy limit in a given fiscal year.

In FY18, the \$1M reduction in excess levy capacity was the result of expenditures authorized at the November 2018 Town Meeting; specifically collective bargaining agreements.



FREE CASH

Free cash is a revenue source which results from:

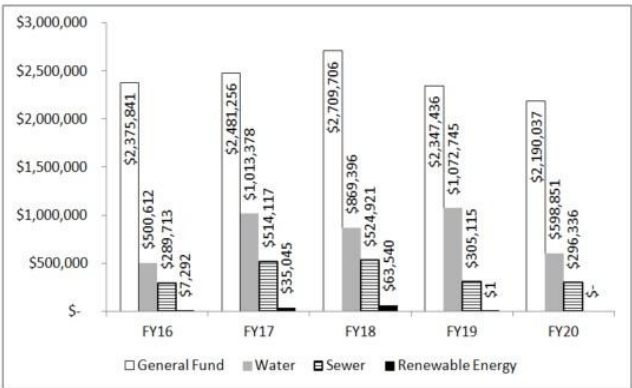
- + revenues collected in excess of budget estimates,
- + any unspent amounts left in departmental budgets,
- + any remaining free cash from the previous year,
- less any deficits or other items that the town needs to have liquid assets available to cover

The term “free” simply means these funds are not currently earmarked or designated for a purpose.

Why does Free Cash get certified? The certification provides enhanced assurance that the cash on hand is a liquid asset that is not designated for any other purpose or not needed to cover other deficits/known issues. Every year free cash is certified by the Department of Revenue and is not available for appropriation (i.e., use at town meeting) until certified. The amount certified does not accumulate from year to year.

Since there is no guarantee that this amount will recur each year, every attempt is made to use these funds for one-time purposes and not to fund the operating budget.

Certified Free Cash					
	as of 6/30/14	as of 6/30/15	as of 6/30/16	as of 6/30/17	as of 6/30/18
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
General Fund	\$ 2,375,841	\$ 2,481,256	\$ 2,709,706	\$ 2,347,436	\$ 2,190,037
Water	\$ 500,612	\$ 1,013,378	\$ 869,396	\$ 1,072,745	\$ 598,851
Sewer	\$ 289,713	\$ 514,117	\$ 524,921	\$ 305,115	\$ 296,336
Renewable Energy	\$ 7,292	\$ 35,045	\$ 63,540	\$ 1	\$ -
	\$ 3,173,458	\$ 4,043,796	\$ 4,167,563	\$ 3,725,297	\$ 3,085,224
Increase (Decrease) over prior	-1.41%	27.43%	3.06%	-7.88%	-17.18%



Year End June 30	Total Budget	General Fund Budget *	Free Cash	% Total Budget
2006	\$37,718,583	\$ 32,643,906	\$ 1,275,645	3.38%
2007	\$37,968,699	\$ 32,110,657	\$ 942,515	2.48%
2008	\$42,954,903	\$ 35,476,611	\$ 695,281	1.62%
2009	\$42,571,232	\$ 35,566,543	\$ 493,888	1.16%
2010	\$41,331,864	\$ 34,965,286	\$ 526,595	1.27%
2011	\$43,872,327	\$ 35,758,523	\$ 709,932	1.62%
2012	\$45,842,716	\$ 38,602,145	\$ 1,105,804	2.41%
2013	\$48,296,192	\$ 40,450,761	\$ 2,374,390	4.92%
2014	\$48,098,722	\$ 41,400,929	\$ 2,375,841	4.94%
2015	\$50,075,726	\$ 43,063,166	\$ 2,481,256	4.96%
2016	\$52,595,858	\$ 45,496,131	\$ 2,709,706	5.15%
2017	\$55,062,234	\$ 47,189,982	\$ 2,347,436	4.26%
2018	\$57,250,527	\$ 49,153,990	\$ 2,190,037	3.83%
2019	\$58,336,461	\$ 51,058,508		

* Total budget per tax recap less CPA and Enterprise funds

This town meeting proposes to use free cash for a variety of purposes. The articles and purposes are summarized below. Town Meeting approval dictates how much free cash is actually authorized for spending each year.

FREE CASH [6/30/18 Certified]
Uses of Free Cash

FY20

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2018

\$2,190,037

For FY	ATM/STM	Date	Art#	Description	Amount
FY19	STM	11/13/2018		Police Union Contract	\$307,790
FY19	STM	11/13/2018		Fire Union Contract	\$315,474
FY19	STM	11/13/2018		Assessors Consultant	\$30,000
FY19	STM	11/13/2018		Fire Dept - Portable Radio Grant Match	\$3,845
Authorized at November 2018 Town Meeting					\$657,109
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		KES Roof	\$200,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Storm Water Management	\$75,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Town House Archives	\$50,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Schools	\$50,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Facilities Landscaping Contract	\$30,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Town Clerk Codification Services	\$15,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Transfer to Stabilization	\$100,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Transfer to OPEB Trust	\$50,000
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Accrued Liability reserve	\$10,000.00
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Capital Plan	\$488,500.00
FY20	ATM	5/4/2019		Historical Committee - 2020 Celebration Activities	\$5,000.00
Proposed at May 22, 2019 Town Meeting					\$1,073,500
Total					\$1,730,609
ENDING BALANCE					\$459,428

STABILIZATION FUNDS

A stabilization fund is a tool available to a municipality to accumulate funds for a future purpose or to have available in the event of an emergency or economic downturn. The town maintains two stabilization funds; the general stabilization and capital projects stabilization fund. Each year, town meeting has supported an ongoing commitment to increase these reserves by appropriating a fixed amount of free cash. Not only do these reserves provide future financial flexibility to withstand short-term events but maintaining healthy reserves signal a strong financial management commitment to the bond rating agencies.

In December 2014, the finance committee developed financial policies that were subsequently adopted by the select board. The reserves policy for the general stabilization fund set a minimum and target threshold of 5% to 7% of the adjusted omnibus budget.

Stabilization Fund

FY	Kingston		
	Total Budget	Stabilization	% Total Budget
2001	\$ 25,650,670	\$ 909,876	3.55%
2002	\$ 27,483,538	\$ 1,143,776	4.16%
2003	\$ 30,266,025	\$ 1,066,606	3.52%
2004	\$ 31,523,754	\$ 1,282,931	4.07%
2005	\$ 34,178,287	\$ 1,324,802	3.88%
2006	\$ 37,718,583	\$ 1,555,823	4.12%
2007	\$ 37,968,699	\$ 1,485,751	3.91%
2008	\$ 42,954,903	\$ 1,274,497	2.97%
2009	\$ 42,571,232	\$ 1,149,194	2.70%
2010	\$ 41,331,864	\$ 1,290,879	3.12%
2011	\$ 43,872,327	\$ 1,322,543	3.01%
2012	\$ 45,842,716	\$ 1,475,806	3.22%
2013	\$ 48,296,192	\$ 1,563,915	3.24%
2014	\$ 48,098,722	\$ 1,690,959	3.52%
2015	\$ 50,075,726	\$ 1,959,148	3.91%
2016	\$ 52,595,858	\$ 2,186,795	4.16%
2017	\$ 55,062,234	\$ 2,306,894	4.19%
2018	\$ 57,250,527	\$ 2,431,343	4.25%
2019	\$ 58,336,461	TBD - Fall 2019	TBD

RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTERPRISE FUND - FY20

REVENUE	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
NET METERING - WIND TURBINE	\$ 480,024	\$ 556,872	\$ 536,519	\$ 538,692	\$ 351,347	\$ 479,157	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
NET METERING - SOLAR				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LEASE AGREEMENT - WIND TURBINE	\$ 56,550	\$ 56,549	\$ 82,631	\$ 12,539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LEASE AGREEMENT - SOLAR				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER			\$ 1,298					
	<u>\$ 536,574</u>	<u>\$ 613,421</u>	<u>\$ 620,448</u>	<u>\$ 551,231</u>	<u>\$ 351,347</u>	<u>\$ 479,157</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

EXPENSES	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
CONTRACT SERVICES-WIND TURBINE	\$ 424,726	\$ 473,771	\$ 452,079	\$ 538,692	\$ 313,077	\$ 479,157	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
CONTRACT SERVICES-SOLAR				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER			\$ 28,191	\$ 34,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 424,726</u>	<u>\$ 473,771</u>	<u>\$ 480,270</u>	<u>\$ 573,605</u>	<u>\$ 313,077</u>	<u>\$ 479,157</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 111,848	\$ 139,650	\$ 140,178	\$ (22,374)	\$ 38,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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OTHER	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Transfer to General Fund (75%)	\$ 83,886	\$ 104,737	\$ 105,133	\$ (16,780)	\$ 28,702	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus (Deficit)*	<u>\$ 27,962</u>	<u>\$ 34,912</u>	<u>\$ 35,044</u>	<u>\$ (5,593)</u>	<u>\$ 9,567</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* Represents 25% of surplus remaining after transfer to General Fund

Note:

This is the enterprise fund budget for the Kingston Wind Independence (KWI) turbine. An enterprise fund, by its inherent nature, generates its own revenue and covers its own expenses thereby not impacting the general fund. Therefore, it does not impact the amount of taxes being raised in the town's FY20 operating budget.

The FY20 recommendation of \$500,000 is the upper limit for which expenditures can be authorized. This estimate is based upon historical operation of the turbine and anticipated Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) activity.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Kingston

Special Town Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Call to order at 7:06 pm., there being 116 voters checked in Moderator Janet Wallace opened the 2019 Special Town Meeting, held at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Brook Street in Kingston. The Moderator noted the Warrant has been properly posted and waived the reading of the Warrant. She then requested Bill Martin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance along with Honor Guard and Colors by Boy Scout Troop 49. Ms. Wallace then recognized Mr. Martin on his retirement after serving the Town in many capacities, but most importantly his contribution as the Veterans Agent for over 43 years. Mr. Martin is a Navy Veteran with a distinguished career, Having served in Vietnam and Desert Storm. The Moderator then recognized Mary McKinnon who presented a plaque on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 49 for his many years of contribution to the Boy Scouts of Kingston.

Ms Wallace then announced that after serving for a number of years, she would not be seeking re-election in April.

She then reviewed the rules and regulations regarding behavior and participation according to Town Meeting Times and that after a vote at last Town Meeting, Motions to Reconsider will no longer be allowed.

Tellers Paul Armstrong, Craig Dalton, and Karen Joyce were sworn in to service.

The following poll workers performed attendance checking and door monitor functions.

Priscilla W. Brackett	Diane L. Hunt	Janet H. Holmes
Janet E. Torrey	Hannah M. Creed	Joanne Guilfooy
Jane Corr	Olympia Allen	Joseph Mauriello
Ralph Boynes	Maureen Mauriello	Sandra Boyns

Assistant Town Clerk Diane M. Poirier and Janna M. Morrissey Assistant to the Town Clerk supervised the check in.

On the opening motion by Josh Warren, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the following non-residents were approved to address the membership during the Town Meeting;

Jason Talerman	Kate Feodoroff	Jason Silva
Matt Darsch	Tina Calisto Betti	Arthur Boyle
Mary Guiney	Carol McCoy	Robert Downey
Sia Stewart	Paula Rossi-Clapp	

Robert Betters (Attorney, Saxton Partners)
 Robert Mitchell (Planning Consultant)
 Joel Bard (KP Law)
 Daniel Palotta, Chairman Plymouth County Commissioners,
 Michael Ohl (Comprehensive Environmental)

and further that all articles read in order as appear in Warrant.

Following a second by Mr John Creed, the opening motion carried with a unanimous voice vote

Mrs. Susan Sherman called for a ***Point of Order*** from the floor. After being recognized by the Moderator she questioned the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the Clerk on whether this Special Town Meeting was necessary or could the warrant articles wait for the Spring Town Meeting. Jay Talerman, Town Counsel addressed the question saying that the meeting was legitimate and that the Board of Selectmen have the right to call when they feel necessary. The Town Clerk stated the cost for a Town Meeting is approximately \$7,000.00

ARTICLE 1
Kingston Police Lieutenants' Contract

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to fund the Agreement By and Between the Town of Kingston and the Kingston Police Lieutenants' for FY20, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 1
 Majority Vote: Quorum-100
 Motion By: Elaine Fiore
 Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$19,581.48 from Free Cash to fund the Agreement By and Between the Town of Kingston and the Kingston Police Lieutenants' for FY20 to the following accounts:

DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	AMOUNT
Police	01210-51125-Lieutenant's Contracted	
Police	01210-51131-Overtime	

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee-4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Description: This article funds the Police Lieutenants' three (3) year contract. FY20's (current year) 2%, FY21's 2% and FY22's 2%.

Elaine Fiore addressed the article. She stated there was additional information in the supplemental handout and this would cover the Lieutenants for the past three years. This contract provides parity to surrounding communities based on performance and responsibilities. She explained on questioning that the comparison was based on like jobs, and duties regardless of the title and structure differences in hierarchy to those compared. John Creed made Motion to Call the Question,

The Motion on Article 1 carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 2

**Kingston Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30
Contract**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to fund the Agreement By and Between the Town of Kingston and the Kingston Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 for FY18, FY19 and FY20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article funds the Police Sergeants' three (3) year contract. FY18's increase is 1.5% for a total of \$42,795.62, FY19's is 2% for a total of \$50,736.02 and FY20's 2% for a total of retro pay of \$32,879.10 with \$34,684.15 needed for the FY20 operational budget going forward.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 2

Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Elaine Fiore

Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote to transfer \$161,094.89 from Free Cash to fund the Agreement By and Between the Town of Kingston and the Kingston Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 for FY18 through FY20.

DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	AMOUNT
Police	01210-51120 – Mass C.O.P.S.-Sgt	\$123,798.34
Police	01210-51131 - Overtime	

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee-4-0-1 Favorable Vote

Ms. Fiore addressed the article and stated that after 3 years of negotiation , as with the Lieutenants contract, the Superior Officers contract represents parity in compensation to surrounding communities and increases the base pay, raises and stipends. There was little to no debate.

The Motion on Article 2 carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

ARTICLE 3
Prior Years' Bills

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be expended for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from various Town Departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article will pay outstanding invoices from prior years for services that have already been provided.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 3

9/10ths Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,409.75 for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from various Town Departments; and to meet this appropriation, the following sums be transferred as follows:

DEPARTMENT	REASON	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Board of Health	Envirotech Labs-Grays	\$70.00	Free Cash
Recreation Dept	Konica Minolta-Copier	\$63.40	Free Cash
Board of Health	VNA/Cape Cod	\$451.25	Free Cash
Police Department	Town Police Details	\$1,339.20	Free Cash
Information	Library Phones Network	\$1,006.50	Free Cash
Zoning Board of	Public Hearing	\$210.40	Free Cash
Solid Waste	Oil removal at Transfer	\$160.00	Free Cash
Water Department	Electric Fence Repair	\$109.00	Water Enterprise Fund/

said expenditures to be under the direction of the respective departments; and further that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums.

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

After a second by Andy Davis, Ms Fiore explained that these bills were incurred prior to the fiscal year end 2019 but unpaid.

The Motion on Article 3 carried on a voice vote with minimal opposition.

***ARTICLE 4
Supplementing FY 2020 Operating Budgets***

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to supplement the FY 2020 appropriations and revenue sources for the operation of the Town of Kingston, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article allocates funding to supplement the current year FY 20 budget for any anticipated shortfalls.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 4
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Jess Kramer
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00, to supplement the appropriations to the FY 2020 Operating Budgets to the following accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets:

Account	Description	Amount
01543-51112	Wage/Personnel Salaries-Veteran's	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00

***Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee – 0-5-0 Favorable Vote***

Ms Kramer presented the article and explained that given the retirement announcement by Mr Martin as Veterans Agent, the Town would be required under Mass General Law to provide a fulltime Agent. These funds would be used to hire an interim agent, contractor and/or allow for administrative overtime during the balance of the fiscal years. There was a great deal of discussion and debate over the hiring of a new agent, a job description, and salary. Some suggested putting off until the spring Annual Town Meeting, allowing time for Wage and Personnel to formulate a job description and set a salary. Lisa Warren called for the Question, which carried on a majority voice vote.

With a majority voice vote, Article 4 carried.

Mr John Creed called for reconsideration and was reminded by the Moderator that reconsideration is no longer allowed following last year's amendment to the by-laws.

ARTICLE 5

Supplementing FY 2020 Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund Budget

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury a supplemental sum of money to be expended pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for costs associated with the generation of electricity under the Town's Power Purchase Agreements to be expended by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 80 of the Acts of 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article allocates funding to subsidize the current year FY 2020 Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund budget for any anticipated shortfalls that may occur as a result of electricity bills incurred due to the recent non-operation of the windmill facility at 8 Cranberry Road.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 5

Majority Vote: Quorum 100

Motion By: Josh Warren

Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00, to supplement and/or subsidize the appropriations to the FY 2020 Renewable Energy Enterprise Fund (established under M.G.L. Chapter 44, §53F ½, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate budget.

Account	Description	Amount
	Electricity	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Mr Warren presented the article and explained that given that KWI was no longer producing revenue to the Town, the Town would be required to fund electric bills generated by the Windmill and suggested we would be reimbursed in settlement. The Town is pursuing compensation from KWI on the lease and potential

decommissioning at the site. Jay Talerman, Town Counsel said that it is attempting to resolve with no town impact. There was a suggestion that the Board of Selectmen give regular updates on the progress made in negotiations.

With minimal opposition the Motion on Article 5 carried on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6
FY 2020 Capital Equipment/Project Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury or borrow a sum of money to be expended for the capital equipment and capital projects for the various Town departments and to trade or dispose of any used equipment of those departments in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: Below are the recommendations from the Capital Planning Committee for various capital projects and equipment for Fiscal Year 2020.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 6
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Bradford Randall
Capital Planning Committee

Move: That the sum of \$60,811.00 be appropriated for the following capital expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$60,811.00 be transferred from Free Cash, said expenditures to be under the direction of the departments named below.

Project	Department	Description	Amount	Recommendation
1	IT	Purchase of Microsoft Licenses	\$15,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 3-0-0 (\$15,000)
2	Recreation	Well Cleaning of the Irrigation System at Opachiniski	\$24,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 3-0-0

Project	Department	Description	Amount	Recommendation
3	Fire	Kingston's portion for FEMA/AFG Grant for the purchase of a Breathing Air Compressor, Total Project \$82,567	\$6,811.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0 Capital Plan Committee – 3-0-0

At the request of Daniel Harlow, the Moderator allowed the three items to be separated.

With no debate;

the motion on the first item, for Microsoft Licenses, carried with minimal opposition.

With considerable discussion regarding the second item for maintenance of wells at Opachinski, debate regarding winterization and purging of sprinkler heads;

the motion on the 2nd item for Recreation carried with minimal opposition

With debate and discussion regarding the awarding of 95% of cost for the compressor with a 5% match from the town;

the motion on the 3rd item for the Fire Department carried on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7

FY 2020 Equipment Purchase/Project Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury or borrow a sum of money to be expended for the purchase or lease of equipment and for projects of the various Town departments; and to trade or dispose of any used equipment of those departments in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: Below are recommendations on funding equipment purchases and/or Projects not contained in the various budgets.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 7
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the sum of \$68,550.00 be appropriated for the following equipment expenditures and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$68,550.00 be transferred from Free Cash to be under the supervision of the departments or organizations and for the purposes and in the amounts as follows:

Project	Department	Description	Amount	Recommendation
1	Library	Computer Replacement	\$9,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
2	Board of Health	Public Awareness & Advertising	\$1,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
3	Board of Selectmen	Kingston’s portion of the Plymouth County Grant Writer Program	\$18,750.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 2-3-0
4	Board of Selectmen	Employee Liability Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0
5	Board of Selectmen	Asbestos abatement at the Reed Center	\$9,800.00	Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Finance Committee – 5-0-0

With a second from John Creed, Ms Flore described each item and its purpose. Mr Peter Boncek requested the Finance Committee address the 2-3-0 vote on the Grant writer. Ms Mary McKinnon addressed the issue and stated that some felt that Kingston should prefer knowing it has partners and who they are, at this point only Kingston has shown interest. On a motion to move the question by David Kennedy, with minimal opposition;

The moderator called for a hand count when a voice vote was inconclusive....

There being 89 in the affirmative and 35 opposing, the Motion on Article 7 carried.

ARTICLE 8
Upgrade Water Distribution System in South Kingston

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of funds, to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing an upgraded water distribution system, including the construction and/or reconstruction of related pump stations, the extension of related water lines, the acquisition of any easements in land necessary to complete the improvements described above, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article allows for the funding of permitting and construction to upgrade the water distribution system in the south end of Kingston.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 8
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Robert Kostka
Water Commissioners

Move: That the Town appropriate One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing an upgraded water distribution system, including the construction and/or reconstruction of related pump stations, the extension of related water lines, the acquisition of any easements in land necessary to complete the improvements described above, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow this amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(4), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Board of Selectmen – No Vote
Finance Committee – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote
Capital Plan Committee – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Mr Kostka defined the article to be a revitalization of the Mall, the Town had applied for and received grants for economic development that could be applied. There was additional discussion regarding the apartments proposed at the Sears site and fire suppression systems. Additionally there was debate regarding the

location of the upgrade, high pressure needs in the south end of town and the opinion of the Water and Fire departments on allowing any development to satisfy their needs without town involvement. There were concerns that Town Meeting approved funding for a new plant at last town meeting and it was suggested that the pressure in the south would be addressed with that construction. Mr Kostka denied that point. There were questions regarding right of ways and easements under train tracks if it is placed on Marion Drive. There were concerns that this article was providing services to private development. Mr John Creed call to Move the Question and faced minimal opposition. Having called for a hand count by the Moderator;

The Motion on Article 8 carried on a 105 in favor and 31 opposed.

ARTICLE 9
Acceptance of Stabilization Fund Provisions

To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, which allows dedication without further appropriation, of all or a percentage of particular fees, charges or receipts to a Stabilization Fund established under said Section 5B, such acceptance to be effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: In Article 43 of the Annual Town Meeting on April 2, 2011, the citizens voted unanimously that (contingent upon the affirmative vote of the prior Article 42 imposing a local meals excise tax) to establish a Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. C.40 §5B, said fund being established for the sole purpose of making capital purchases or for expenses related to capital purchases. Unfortunately, in 2011, M.G.L. C40 §5B did not contain language wherein a municipality could dedicate such receipts. However, the law was amended to be effective as of November 7, 2016, allowing dedication, without further appropriation, all or a percentage not less than 25 per cent, of a particular fee, charge or other receipt to any stabilization fund established pursuant to §5B. What this means is that currently, no specific dedication of the meals excise tax revenue to fund capital stabilization fund exists. The Town has interpreted said Article that Meals Excise Tax receipts be used solely for capital planning purposes. By re-accepting the law, specifically the fourth paragraph, revenue dedication to a stabilization fund will be authorized.

Motion for ARTICLE 9
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Jessica Kramer
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote to accept the fourth paragraph of G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, which allows dedication without further appropriation, of all or a percentage of particular fees, charges or receipts to a Stabilization Fund established under said Section 5B, such acceptance to be effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020.

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee-5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Previous Town Meeting did not authorize annual dedication of meals tax. For accounting and auditing purposes.....with no debate;

The Motion on Article 9 carries on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10

Capital Stabilization Fund-Dedication of Meals Tax Revenue

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, to dedicate, without further appropriation, to the existing Capital Stabilization Fund, all receipts derived from the Meals Excise Tax (G.L. C64L, §2(a)), effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This provision will transfer the meals excise tax to the Capital Stabilization Fund for every year. The Town voted to establish the Capital Stabilization Fund in 2011 and referenced that it was contingent upon the affirmative vote on the meals excise tax. That article never specifically dedicated the meals tax revenue to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 10

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion by: Jessica Kramer

Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, to dedicate, without further appropriation, to the existing Capital Stabilization Fund, all receipts derived from the Meals Excise Tax (G.L. C64L, §2(a)), effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Finance Committee-5-0-0 Favorable Vote

Capital Planning Committee-3-0-0 Favorable Vote

This article provides for the current year dedication of meals tax. With no debate;

The Motion on Article 10 carried on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11
Transfer from Municipal Waterways Improvement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Municipal Waterways Improvement Fund, a sum of money to be expended for: (1) the replacement of a boat, engine, and trailer, and (2) the design, engineering, permitting and construction on site to increase parking and to add a retaining wall: and (3) any unforeseen expenses for the Harbormaster department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: Replace an 18ft. inflatable boat that is leaking along with the engine and trailer and design, engineering, permitting and construction on site to increase parking and add a retaining wall. Additional money, not already allocated in the operating budget, to fund, repairs and/or replacement equipment and/or areas that may unexpectedly become damaged from winter storms or during the boating season.

Motion for ARTICLE 11
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Jared Waitkus
Waterfront Committee

Move: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$88,000.00 for the purchase of an inflatable boat, engine, trailer: and the design, engineering, permitting and construction on site to increase parking and any unforeseen expenses; and to meet this appropriation, said sum to be transferred from the Municipal Waterways Improvement Fund, with said expenditures to be under the direction of the Harbormaster; and further that the Town Accountant be authorized to allocate such sums.

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Finance Committee-5-0-0 Favorable Vote
Capital Plan Committee-2-1-0 Favorable Vote
Waterfront Committee 7-0-0 Favorable Action

Mr. Waitkus presented the article and stated that the funding is sourced through the Waterways Fund which is collection of excise tax, docking fees, and shellfish licensing. This year the Harbormaster is requesting to replace a rescue and expansion of parking facilities and construction of a retaining wall.

There being no debate;

The Motion on Article 11 carried on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12
Special Fund for Non-Town Net Metering

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation to allow the Town of Kingston to establish a Special Fund to account for revenues and expenditures of Non-Town Net Metering projects, said Legislation to read substantially as follows:

An Act Authorizing the Town of Kingston to establish a Special Fund to process activity produced by Non-Town Net Metering

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

Section 1. There shall be established in the Town of Kingston a special fund, to which the provisions of section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws shall generally apply, except as provided herein, for the receipt of all funds received by the Town in connection with the operation of any renewable energy facility that is owned and operated by third parties, including but not limited to the funds received for: the sale of actual energy produced; and the sale of energy credits received ("Receipts"). Funds deposited in said revolving fund may be expended by the Selectmen to satisfy obligations under any third-party power purchase agreements. Following payments of all amounts due under third party power purchase agreements established pursuant to the general authorizations of this Act, remaining funds shall be deposited into the general fund for any municipal purpose.

Section 2. There shall be no annual expenditure limit for this fund and the Town's General Bylaws need not be amended to reference this fund.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Description: Currently the Town's operating budget carries both the revenues and expenditures associated with activity derived from the power purchase agreement(s) from windmills on non-town owned land. This type of activity should be accounted for in a revolving fund. As M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ does not specifically allow non-departmental revolving funds, special legislation must be requested in order to establish a revolving fund for our non-town net

metering. Once this legislation passes at the State level, there will be no need to include estimated activity in the Town's Operating Budget.

Motion for ARTICLE 12
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Mary McKinnon
Finance Committee

Move: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation to allow the Town of Kingston to establish a Revolving Fund under MGL Chapter 44, §53E ½ for activity produced by Non-Town Net Metering. Said Legislation to read, as printed in the Warrant.

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

Ms McKinnon referenced the supplemental handout. She stated that the line item is not related to Town operations. The Power Purchase agreement is with No Fossil Fuels and this article would remove it from the Budget and discontinue reflecting it as a town collection and expense.

With no debate;

The Motion on Article 12 carried with a Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 13

Establish Police Building Stabilization Fund and Dedication of Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stabilization Fund pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, entitled Police Station Building Stabilization Fund, said fund being established for the sole purpose of funding the design and construction of a new Police Headquarters Building, and further, to dedicate, without further appropriation, to said fund, all receipts derived from the Marijuana Tax (G.L. c. 64N, Section 3, which provision was accepted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 2019), effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: In order to offset the costs of designing and constructing a new Police Headquarters Building, a stabilization fund for that purpose should be established, which fund will be subsidized with receipts from the newly established Marijuana Tax and any other appropriation the governing body authorizes to transfer into it.

Motion for ARTICLE 13
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion by: Josh Warren
Police Station Building Committee

Move: That the Town vote to establish a Stabilization Fund pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, entitled Police Station Building Stabilization Fund, said fund being established for the sole purpose of funding the design and construction of a new Police Headquarters Building, and further, to dedicate, without further appropriation, to said fund, all receipts derived from the Marijuana Tax (G.L. c. 64N, Section 3, which provision was accepted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 2019), effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020.

Board of Selectmen- 2-1-1

Mr Warren stated that this would allow for revenue from Marijuana sales to be set aside for the future design, development and construction of a new Police Building. Debate surrounded the lack of support of a new building at recent meetings and the concern for the restriction of spending or allocating for different purposes. There was additional concern that there is continuous concern for rising taxes and the need for new revenue and proposing a set aside at this time is not beneficial. After a successful motion to move the question and no additional debate;

The Motion on article 13 failed on a resounding 2/3rds majority voice vote called by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14

Authorize Investment of OPEB Fund under Prudent Investor Rule

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Custodian-Trustee of the OPEB Fund established under G.L. c. 32B, § 20 to invest monies in the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established in G.L. c. 203C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: Under the Municipal Modernization Act, M.G.L. C32B §20 fund assets may only be invested as allowed by M.G.L. C44 §54 (the legal list), unless the governing body of the governmental unit authorizes investment under M.G.L. C.203C (the “prudent investor rule”). M.G.L. C44 §54 is more restrictive than the prudent investor rule. When the Town voted to re-accept C32B §20 in Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting, no language to accept the prudent investor rule was included.

Motion for ARTICLE 14
Majority Vote: Quorum 100
Motion By: Elaine Fiore
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote that the Custodian-Trustee of the OPEB Fund established under G.L. c. 32B, § 20 be authorized to invest monies in the OPEB Fund pursuant to the prudent investor rule established in G.L. c. 203C.

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

Ms Fiore stated this article would allow the Treasurer more flexibility and options for Investment of Town Funds.

With minimal opposition and no debate the Motion on Article 14 Carried.

ARTICLE 15
Amendment to General By-Laws; Chapter 4 Article 14-Agricultural Commission

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8L and amend the Town of Kingston General By-Laws by amending Section 4-14-2 of the General By-Law by adding the following sentence at the end of such section, or take any other action relative thereto:

The Commission may promote and develop agricultural resources of the municipality and may accept, buy, hold, manage, license or lease land for agricultural purposes, subject to the provision of G.L. c. 40, §8L, as may be amended.

Description: This amendment will expand the role of the Agricultural Commission.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 15
Majority Vote: No Quorum Required
Motion By: Elaine Fiore
Agricultural Commission

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston General Bylaws to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8L and amend Article 14 of Chapter 4 of its General Bylaws, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen- 3-0-1 Favorable

Ms Fiore advised review of supplemental documentation. This article allows for more control and opportunity. Additional debate surrounded increased government interference.

The Motion on Article 15 Carried on a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 16
Acceptance of Reformatting to Zoning By-Laws

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law to recodify, reorganize, clarify and amend the By-Law all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk entitled "Town of Kingston Massachusetts Zoning By-Law" dated November 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article will revise the Zoning By-Laws by reformatting, codifying and pagination in order to provide a modern, legal and concise document which correlates with Kingston's needs.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 16
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Thomas Bouchard
Planning Board

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston Zoning-Bylaws, as printed in the supplemental documents.

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board-0-0-0 Favorable Vote

Mr Bouchard ceded his time to Town Planner, Robert Downey. Mr Downey presented the article and stated that the Zoning and Subdivision Committee suggested this replacement after the last codification in 1994. There was an attempt to allow the Consultant to speak which was denied by the Moderator. With no debate;

The Motion on Article 16 carried with a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 17
Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 4.6

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws as follows:

Add to Section 4.6, Town Center District, the following section of uses to be allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board:

4.6.3.7 Mixed use/residential

- a. Commercial uses at street level and residential/multifamily on stories above street level
- b. No dwelling unit may be on the street level of any building
- c. The minimum square footage for residential units shall be 600 square feet for one bedroom units, 720 square feet for two bedroom units, and an additional 100 square feet for each additional bedroom.

Add to Section 4.8, Commercial District, the following uses to be allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board

4.8.3.8 Mixed use/residential

- a. Commercial uses at street level and residential/multifamily on stories above street level
- b. No dwelling unit may be on the street level of any building
- c. The minimum square footage for residential units shall be 600 square feet for one bedroom units, 720 square feet for two bedroom units, and an additional 100 square feet for each additional bedroom.

And further, to allow the above sections be renumbered in accordance with the reformatting as approved under Article 14 of this warrant.

Description: This Article will add to the commercial and Town center zoning districts a mixed use by Special Permit. This will allow residential units above street level, creating affordable housing close to amenities within existing structures and parcels.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 17

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Thomas Bouchard
Planning Board

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston Zoning-Bylaws, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board-4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Again, Mr. Bouchard ceded his time to the Town Planner, Robert Downey. Mr. Downey stated that this allows for the creation of mixed use and applies to the Master Plan. It would increase residential development. There was considerable discussion on the location of this proposed development and the 3A design district, Town Center and Commercial district would be impacted. Concern for lack of parking and increased traffic were noted.

On a call by the Moderator the Motion on Article 17 carried on a 2/3rd voice vote.

ARTICLE 18
Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 7.7.2.1

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by replacing the initial sentence of Section 7.7.2.1, as presently formatted, with the following:

7.7.2.1 Special Permit may be granted within the reasonable discretion of the SPGA for certain Uses, Structures and dimensional variation as authorized in this Bylaw, subject to its determination that the following conditions for such Special Permit have been met and pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Bylaw. When reviewing a Special Permit application for any particular use, the SPGA through its authority to grant said special permit, may waive or modify dimensional and similar requirements in the zoning district in which the relevant property is located, provided that the SPGA determines that the proposed design is of high standards and that any departures from such requirements will not violate the intent of the Zoning Bylaw.

Description: This Article will replace the existing Zoning By-Law language for Special Permits. The new language will allow greater flexibility to the Special Permitting granting authority to consider petitions when otherwise would not have been possible.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 18
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Thomas Bouchard
Planning Board

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston Zoning-Bylaws by replacing the initial sentence of Section 7.7.2.1, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen-3-1-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board-4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Mr. Downey again addressed the body and stated that this article would allow for more flexibility when considering set backs and frontage. There was concern that it allows for too much control by the ZBA and Planning Board. Michael Martin

received support in his comment that ZBA By-Laws are our shield and this takes power from Town Meeting. Town Counsel assured the body that variance requests still exist.

On a hand count by the Moderator, 39 in favor and 64 opposed the motion did not carry .

ARTICLE 19

Amendment to Zoning By-Laws; Section 6.6 – Outdoor Advertising

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Kingston Zoning-Bylaws by amending Section 6.6 of the Zoning By-Law to make the changes to, and add the following subsections listed below, with all such changes indicated by underlined and struck-through text, as follows:

By making the following changes in 6.6.2

General Requirements

6.6.2.2 Except for signs erected pursuant to Section 6.6.5.1(b):
(a) any illuminated sign or lighting device shall employ only lights emitting a light of constant intensity and shall be designed, located, erected and maintained only for purposes of illuminating the subject sign and/or premises, and (b) the illumination of signs shall be permitted only between seven (7) o'clock in the morning and eleven (11) o'clock in the evening, except during such hours as such establishments are open to the public.

By adding a new subsection to Section 6.6.5.1

b Signs located in the Commercial/Industrial Park District within 500 feet of Route 3 which are expressly authorized by the Town and the State pursuant to 700 CMR 3.00, as may be amended.

By adding the following subsection to Section 6.6.6 Prohibited Signs

6.6.6.16 The restrictions set forth in Sections 6.6.6.7, 6.6.6.8, 6.6.6.9, 6.6.6.13, 6.6.6.14, and 6.6.6.15 shall not apply to signs erected pursuant to Section 6.6.5.1(b).

Description: This Article would amend the Zoning By-Law regarding signs erected in the Commercial/Industrial Park District within 500 feet of Route 3 which are expressly authorized by the Town and the State pursuant to 700 CMR 3.00.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 19

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town amend the Town of Kingston Zoning-Bylaws by amending Section 6.6 of the Zoning By-Law, as printed in the warrant.

***Board of Selectmen-4-0-0 Favorable Vote
Planning Board-0-0-0 Favorable Vote***

There was no Motion on Article 19.

***ARTICLE 20
Granting of Easement***

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual easements in, along, and upon portions of the Town's land situated on Nick's Rock Road in Plymouth and Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, said land being the parcels designated as "Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston Remnant of Kingston Map 95-Lot 3" ("Lot 3") and "N/F Town of Kingston Plymouth Map 102 Lot 100A" ("Lot 100A") on a plan entitled "Access, Grading & Utility Easement Land in Kingston & Plymouth", dated September 27, 2016 (the "Easement Plan"), said easements consisting of (a) a perpetual easement in the area shown as "Future Roadway Extension" on the Easement Plan (the "Roadway Easement"), which may be used for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Towns of Plymouth and Kingston, including but not limited to ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian use, installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing roadways, sidewalks, curbing, drainage, utilities, signage, and other such facilities, removing all trees and other vegetation located thereon, grading and sloping, landscaping, and for all other uses incidental thereto, and (b) a temporary construction easement within the remaining portions of Lot 3 and Lot 100A for purposes of gaining access to and facilitating the installation of improvements within said Roadway Easement, and grading and sloping with respect thereto, and (c) an easement to install, maintain, and replace landscaping within the remaining portions of Lot 3 and Lot 100A, provided however that the grant of the easements shall be contingent upon the imposition of a renewable restriction to be recorded on the property to which the easements are appurtenant, satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen, prohibiting any residential use on that property, and provided further that the easements shall be on such other terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen may determine, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article will allow the town to grant an easement to allow access to a Town owned parcel of land for future development. This parcel abuts Colony Place in Plymouth. Please refer to the separate handout, Town Meeting Supporting Documentation for additional information.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 20
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Joshua Warren
Board of Selectmen

Move: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual easements, as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen – 4-0-0 Favorable Vote

Mr Warren presented the article and stated that this easement allows for future development in Kingston with access through Colony Place in Kingston. There was considerable debate and concern that there were no definitive plans for the project. Questions pertaining to the supply of water, sewer and emergency services were addressed.

On a hand count requiring a 2/3rds majority, 64 in favor and 35 opposed the motion failed.

ARTICLE 21

Petitioned Article-Street Acceptance

To see if the Town will vote to accept the roads known as Fountain Knoll Lane, Bog View Road, Smith Fuller Way and Crimson Harvest Drive all as shown on the plan entitled “Tall Timbers Estates (Phase IV) Planned Residential Development in Kingston, MA” dated January 8, 2007 as revised, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of easement, or fee simple ownership of the land identified in the plans and accompanying materials, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This article will make the above listed streets public ways.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 21

2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100

Motion By: Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote to accept the roads known as Fountain Knoll Lane, Bog View Road, Smith Fuller Way and Crimson Harvest Drive all as shown on the plan entitled “Tall Timbers Estates (Phase IV) Planned Residential Development in Kingston, MA” dated January 8, 2007 as revised, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of easement, or fee simple ownership of the land identified in the plans and accompanying materials

Board of Selectmen – No Vote

Planning Board – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

There was no motion on article 21

ARTICLE 22
Petitioned Article-Conservation Land Proposal

To see if the Town will vote a Conservation Land Proposal for protection of certain town-owned land, Per Code 91 – Vacant, selectman, municipal land/Kingston parcels 082-005, 082-006, 088-001, 088-003, 088-004, 088-005, 088-006. 088-007 to transfer certain parcels to the care and control of the Conservation Commission under the M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C; for conservation purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Description: This is a petitioned article regarding Town Owned Land being moved to Conservation protection.

MOTION FOR ARTICLE 22
2/3rd Majority Vote: Quorum-100
Motion By: Petitioner

Move: That the Town vote a Conservation Land Proposal for protection of certain town-owned land, Per Code 91 – Vacant, selectman, municipal land/Kingston parcels 082-005, 082-006, 088-001, 088-003, 088-004, 088-005, 088-006. 088-007 to transfer certain parcels to the care and control of the Conservation Commission under the M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C; for conservation purposes.

Board of Selectmen – No Vote
Conservation Commission – 0-0-0 Favorable Vote

There was no motion on Article 22

On a Point of Order, Paul Gallagher, Town Clerk, addressed the body and thanked Janet Wallace for her service on what could be her last meeting as Town Moderator as she announced her retirement. Speaking to her service, he gave praise to her for being fair, patient, honest, scrupulous and a protector of the majority. The body gave her a standing ovation.

**On a Motion Elaine Fiore and seconded from the floor at 10:55pm with a
unanimous voice vote the Meeting was Adjourned sin day.**

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Gallagher
Town Clerk

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