

# TOWN OF MILTON

*The*  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2015

## ***M. Joseph Manning***

*1924-2015*

*M. Joseph Manning was born in Milton and resided for all of his life at the family homestead on Adams Street in East Milton. As a young boy, he developed an affinity for the Milton Fire Department and for Milton civic matters, as his father was a fireman in the East Milton station just a few blocks from home.*

*Joe graduated from Milton High School in 1942 and joined the Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific Theatre. Upon returning home he entered Bentley College and graduated in 1950. He was a founder of the Milton Merchants, an athletic and civic association, and at this time he entered politics and was elected as a Town Meeting Member and a Park Commissioner. Several years later he was elected as a State Representative, a position he held for 30 years. During this time, he was also elected to the Milton Board of Assessors.*

*In all his civic endeavors, Joe was an advocate for fellow military veterans. He was a friend to the lofty as well as the humble. He was deeply devoted to the St. Agatha Parish.*


*M. Joseph Manning served his Town, his Country and his God with distinction and honor.*

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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH  
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**ALSO INCLUDES ELECTION RESULTS  
AND  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

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## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

**2015-2016**

<b>NAME AND OFFICE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
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### **SELECTMEN**

Kathleen M. Conlon	42 Reedsdale Road	2016
J. Thomas Hurley	714 Blue Hill Avenue	2017
David T. Burnes	24 Garfield Road	2018

### **TOWN CLERK**

Susan M. Galvin	104 Washington Street	2018
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### **TOWN TREASURER**

James D. McAuliffe	103 Wood Street	2016
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### **ASSESSORS**

William E. Bennett	37 Westvale Road	2016
Brian M. Cronin	293 Thacher Street	2017
James A. Henderson	121 Atherton Street	2018

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Rebecca M. Padera	44 Allen Circle	2016
Michael F. Zullas	69 Fairbanks Road	2016
Kristan M. Bagley-Jones	88 Pleasant Street	2017
Leroy J. Walker	452 Truman Parkway	2017
Kevin P. Donahue	203 School Street	2018
Sheila Egan Varela	70 Lyman Road	2018

### **REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Festus Joyce	104 Washington Street	2016
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### **PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Thomas McCarthy	15 Fairfax Road	2016
Kevin B. Chrisom	62 Courtland Circle	2017
Robert J. Kelly	65 Franklin Street	2018

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Anne T. Fidler	15 Cantwell Road	2016
Roxanne F. Musto	101 Milton Street	2017
Laura T. Richards	41 Thompson Lane	2018

## **TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Elizabeth J.D. Alvarez	48 Bradford Road	2016
Hyacinth Crichlow	70 Meadowview Road	2016
Raymond P. Czwakiel	34 School Street	2016
John W. Folcarelli	361 Centre Street	2017
Kristine R. Hodlin	112 Maple Street	2017
Frank D. Schroth	39 Avalon Road	2017
Andrea G. Gordon	163 Gun Hill Street	2018
Paul S. Hays	101 Audubon Road	2018
Herbert F. Voigt	56 Hinckley Road	2018

## **CONSTABLES**

Tamara Berton	251 Blue Hills Parkway	2016
Stephen Freeman	97 Cheever Street	2016
Eric Issner	193 Granite Street	2016
Fenol Jean-Baptiste	64 Brush Hill Road	2016

## **TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY**

Stephen J. Pender	40 Edward Avenue	2016
Paul F. Dolan	47 Quisset Brook Road	2017
Robert A. Mason	26 Quarry Lane	2018
Joseph M. Reardon	49 Grafton Avenue	2019
Steven D. Fruzzetti	170 Granite Avenue	2020

## **MODERATOR**

Brian M. Walsh	56 Pleasant Street	2016
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## **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Joseph F. Murphy	20 Mountain Laurel Path	2017
Philip J. Driscoll	967 Canton Avenue	2018
Lee B. Cary	22 Sias Lane	2019
Joseph A. Duffy, Jr.	6 Westbourne Street	2020

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Emily Keys Innes	300 Reedsdale Road	2016
Michael E. Kelly	132 Whittier Road	2017
Alexander Whiteside	79 Hillside Street	2018
Bryan W. Furze	630 Brush Hill Road	2019
Cheryl F. Tougias	660 Canton Avenue	2020



## PRECINCT ONE

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Bullis	David	P.	20	Austin Street
Donahue	Kevin	C.	17	Meetinghouse Lane
Fay	Earl	W.	45	Annapolis Road
Johnson	Lawrence		8	Churchill Street
Keel	Stefano		62	Churchill Street
Rene	Gabrielle		33	Belvoir Road
Scott	Jacqueline		37	Pagoda Street
Stone	Jeffrey	R.	15	Lufbery Street
Sumner	Mitchell		44	Lafayette Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Coull	Lisa	A.	41	Robbins Street
Edman	Eric	T.	5	Pagoda Street
Fleitman	Sheryl	G.	75	Crown Street
LaCasse	Kristen	A.	76	Decker Street
Larson	Malcolm	R.	147	Ferncroft Road
Murphy	Lisa		21	Mulberry Road
O'Toole	Ellen	D.	89	Hudson Street
O'Toole	Michael		89	Hudson Street
Palmer	Thomas	C.	79	Blue Hill Terrace Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Baltopoulos	Ruth	E.	117	Sumner Street
Cahill	Carolyn	A.	40	Essex Road
Driscoll	Philip	J.	967	Canton Avenue
Gancarski	Joan	L.	75	Oak Street
Kelman	David		9	Crown Street
McEttrick	Joseph	P.	10	Crown Street
McEttrick	Marion	V.	10	Crown Street
O'Malley	Joseph	Patrick	84	Decker Street
Shields	Julie	Callahan	38	Crown Street
Turner	Darnell	J. S.	42	Blue Hill Terrace Street

## PRECINCT TWO

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Davis	Margaret	Ann	39	Avalon Road
Fahy	Christian	Carter	21	Capen Street
Gray	Nicholas	S.	217	Hinckley Road
Hodlin	Kristine	R.	112	Maple Street
Lundeen	Chad	F.	23	Valley Road
McCarthy	Thomas		15	Fairfax Road
Nelson	Vicki	H.	481	Eliot Street
Padera	Rebecca	M.	44	Allen Circle
Resnick	William	M.	33	Gaskins Road
Sundstrom	Mimi		66	Allerton Road
Sutter	Jed		82	Capen Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Chinman	Michael		433	Eliot Street
DeNooyer	Ellen	M.	83	Capen Street
Friedman-Hanna	Karen	L.	3	Norway Road
Jackson	Peter	F.	14	Capen Street
Joyce	James	B.	95	Hinckley Road
Lieberman	Judith	A.	18	Capen Street
Milt	Robert	A.	4	Fairfax Road
Morash	Stephen	A.	47	Standish Road
Mullin	Peter	A.	19	Gaskins Road
Schroth	Frank	D.	39	Avalon Road

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Burnes	David	T.	24	Garfield Road
Fagan	Kathryn	A.	78	Capen Street
Felton	Deborah	M.	20	Willoughby Road
Heiden	Ruth	A.	314	Eliot Street
Kream	Reedy		102	Cliff Road
Rosmarin	Ada		32	Columbine Road
Stillman	Laurie	R.	29	Waldo Road
Voigt	Herbert	F.	56	Hinckley Road
Voigt	Ronit	G.	56	Hinckley Road
White	Elizabeth	R.	36	Ridge Road

#### *Ex-Officio*

Joyce, Brian A.	State Senator		95	Hinckley Road
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## **PRECINCT THREE**

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016**

Ahonen	John	W.	34	Thompson Lane
Botelho	Mark	D.	33	Coolidge Road
Fundling	James	H. Jr.	39	Sias Lane
Hays	Edward	L.	330	Randolph Avenue
Hiss	Robert	G.	273	Adams Street
Innes	Ewan	J.	300	Reedsdale Road
McNeil	Terrence	M.	21	Coolidge Road
Stout	Frank	J.	5	Artwill Street
Tangney	Nicholas	J.	349	Canton Avenue
Zullas	Michael	F.	69	Fairbanks Road

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017**

Cary	Lee	B.	22	Sias Lane
Conlon	Kathleen	M.	42	Reedsdale Road
Fitzgerald	William	J.	246	Reedsdale Road
Hunt	Peter	C.	48	Frothingham Street
King	Virginia	M. Donahue	377	Canton Avenue
Mathews	Nancy	S.	154	Reedsdale Road
Mathews	Philip	S.	154	Reedsdale Road
McLaughlin	Mary	G.	3	Herrick Drive
Needham	W.	Paul	7	West Side Road
Sheldon	John	E. Jr.	213	School Street

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018**

Boylan	Eugene	S.	22	Thompson Lane
Corcoran	Edward	J. II	70	Morton Road
Donahue	Kevin	P.	203	School Street
Giuliano	Frank	J. Jr.	61	School Street
Howe	Richard	V.	241	Adams Street
Innes	Emily	Keys	300	Reedsdale Road
McLaughlin	Brendan	F.	3	Herrick Drive
Neely	Richard	B.	23	Russell Street
Sargent	C.	Forbes III	25	Canton Avenue
Woodward	Mark	L.	80	Clapp Street

## PRECINCT FOUR

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Burns	Brian	J.	18	Manning Lane
Callahan	Sarah	E.	111	Elm Street
Craghead	S.	Elaine	113	Thacher Street
Erbe-Leggett	Jennifer	A.	5	Lincoln Street
Hollingsworth	E.	Piel	101	Audubon Road
King	Matthew	I.	35	Revere Street
Lamoureux	April	A.	249	Brook Road
MacLeod	James	F.	311	Thacher Street
Matthews	Scott	G.	11	Harold Street
Milbauer	Deborah	A.	16	Winthrop Street
Moll	Alison	L.	29	Winthrop Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Callahan	Thomas	M.	16	Orono Street
Carels	Margaret	E.	19	Gibbons Street
Casey	Kimberly		338	Thacher Street
Connelly	Frederick	E. Jr.	23	Wendell Park
Cronin	Brian	M.	293	Thacher Street
Geering	Ida	L.	89	Warren Avenue
Hamilton	Maura	J.	103	Dyer Avenue
Manning	Harriet		89	Wendell Park
Martland	Genevieve	Neely	110	Thacher Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Casey	Richard	Ben	338	Thacher Street
Cichello	Anthony	J.	55	Houston Avenue
Cronin	John	A.	130	Wendell Park
Cronin	Maritta	Manning	130	Wendell Park
Hannigan	Virginia	C.	20	Houston Avenue
Minsky	Ralph	R.	363	Thacher Street
Potter	Kathleen	A.	69	Saint Mary's Road
Quinn	James	Anthony	84	Elm Street
Shields	John	Michael	142	Houston Avenue

## PRECINCT FIVE

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Flight	Myrtle	R.	1372	Brush Hill Road
Henderson	James	A.	121	Atherton Street
Keating	Kevin	G.	28	Harland Street
Milliken	William	J.	387	Atherton Street
Motejunas	Gerald	W.	515	Atherton Street
Ng	Stephen	Redmond	10	Carberry Lane
Olivo	Ted		75	Crestview Road
* Pasquerella	Paul	J.	175	Milton Street
Stanley	Joanne	P.	36	Park Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Cochran	John	J.	505	Atherton Street
Daiber	Theodore	E.	399	Atherton Street
Stanton	Christine	M.	92	Margaret Road
Hurley	J.	Thomas	714	Blue Hill Avenue
Keating	Clare	F.	28	Harland Street
Murphy	Philip	D.	1050	Canton Avenue
O'Brien	Jeanne	Marie	1703	Canton Avenue

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Fanning	Richard	W.	1057	Brush Hill Road
Henderson	Andrew	George	121	Atherton Street
Jeffries	Marjorie	S.	1268	Canton Avenue
Keohane	Denis	F.	1035	Brush Hill Road
Mullen	James	G. Jr.	1475	Canton Avenue
Musto	Roxanne	F.	101	Milton Street
Powers	Jean	H.	1372	Brush Hill Road

\* *Resigned May 1, 2015*

## PRECINCT SIX

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Caldwell	Thomas	A.	103	Saint Agatha Road
Christensen	Janet	M.	24	Gordon Road
Curran	Thomas	E.	24	Sheridan Drive
Grogan	Joseph	P.	90	Forbes Road
Issner	Eric		193	Granite Avenue
Lynch	Bernard	J. III	34	Milton Hill Road
Mearn	Kevin	J.	37	Sheridan Drive
Stanton	Thomas	W.	88	Wharf Street
White	William	H. Jr.	73	Plymouth Avenue

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Burns	Jeanne	L.	64	Governors Road
Caputo	Charles	M.	15	California Avenue
Crowley	Elizabeth	M.	22	Lawndale Road
Evans	Janet	K.	27	Huntington Road
Killion	Richard	J.	282	Edge Hill Road
Lavery	Kathleen	Ryan	115	Governors Road
Mason	Marlene	F.	64	Waldeck Road
Shea	Richard	W.	41	Lawndale Road
Sweeney-Dumais	Maryellen		42	Sheridan Drive
Wallace	Janice	R.	10	Cabot Street
White	Jennifer	L.	73	Plymouth Avenue

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Affanato	Donald	P.	55	Rowe Street
Bennett	William	E.	37	Westvale Road
Connelly	Steven	A.	20	Cary Avenue
Fallon	Sean	P.	32	Cabot Street
Gallery	Daniel	J.	39	Pillon Road
Kiernan	John	A.	170	Cabot Street
Kiernan	Susan	A.	170	Cabot Street
Morrissey	Francis	C.	19	Augusta Road
Sorgi	Kevin	G.	40	Lochland Street
Sweeney	Richard	E.	24	Garden Street

## PRECINCT SEVEN

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Christiansen	Cindy	L.	59	Collamore Street
Cloonan	Steven	A.	3	Howard Street
Fruzzetti	Steven	D.	170	Granite Avenue
Johnson	David	A.	5	Howard Street
Maye	Mary	E. Kelly	52	Cedar Terrace Street
McGary	Lucas	J.	643	Adams Street
** Morrow	Matthew	A.	141	Church Street
O'Donnell	Kathleen	M.	12	Belcher Circle
Shirley	Christopher	J.	55	Courtland Circle
Viola	Lisa	Rask	25	Collamore Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Bulger	William	J.	44	Collamore Street
Doherty	Paul	P.	8	Thistle Avenue
Doyle	Arthur	J.	85	Belcher Circle
Galvin	John	Thomas IV	104	Washington Street
Greenwood	Todd	M.	86	Granite Place
* Joyce	Daniel	F.	87	Washington Street
Lyons	David	J.	39	Sheldon Street
McCurdy	Steven	J.	65	Belcher Circle
Reardon	Joseph	M.	49	Grafton Avenue

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Cidlewich	Stephen	M.	82	Belcher Circle
Conway	Laura	A.	67	Church Street
Duffy	Edward	L.	35	Granite Place
Fassel-Dunn	Melissa	S.	84	Franklin Street
Joyce	Festus		104	Washington Street
Kelley	Brian	T.	11	Hope Avenue
Maholchic	Michael		5	Bunton Street
Martin	Emily	R.	4	Hope Avenue
Wells	Virginia	F.	31	Granite Place

#### *Ex-Officio*

Galvin, Susan M., Town Clerk	104	Washington Street
McAuliffe, James D., Town Treasurer	103	Wood Street

\* *Moved August 28, 2015*

\*\* *Moved October 15, 2015*

## PRECINCT EIGHT

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Armstrong	Patricia		11	Bradford Road
Bagley-Jones	Kristan	M.	88	Pleasant Street
Cardoza	Abram		115	Pleasant Street
Curran	Lawrence	R. Jr.	29	Wyndmere Road
Driscoll	Terence	J.	331	Centre Street
Folcarelli	John	W	361	Centre Street
Folcarelli	Patricia		361	Centre Street
McCarthy	Veronica	J.	6	Hillcrest Road
Mitchell	Maurice	P.	22	Brae Burn Road
Walkowiak	Agnieszka		11	Gerald Road

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Colligan	Diane	M.	4	Bailey Avenue
Kelly	Margaret	A.	55	Cypress Road
Kelly	Thomas	F.	81	Fullers Lane
Kenney	Aileen	S.	17	Lodge Street
Martin	Barbara	C.	104	Nancy Road
Mason	Robert	A.	26	Quarry Lane
McNamara	Mary	E.	15	Brae Burn Road
O'Connell	Ryan	H.	24	Horton Place
Pender	Stephen	J.	40	Edward Avenue
Varela	Sheila	Egan	70	Lyman Road

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Buchanan	Gregory	T.	38	Hoy Terrace
Delaney	Amy	E.	150	Pleasant Street
Delaney	James	P.	150	Pleasant Street
Gordon	Andrea	G.	163	Gun Hill Street
Gordon	Marvin	A.	163	Gun Hill Street
Mann	George	W. Jr.	37	Gordon Road
Mantville	Brian		38	Rose Street
Mason	Barbara	A.	26	Quarry Lane
Murphy	Stephen	A.	43	Orchard Road
O'Connor	Thomas	P.	19	Bailey Avenue

#### *Ex-Officio*

Timilty, Walter F., State Representative	11	Beech Street
Walsh, Brian M., Moderator	56	Pleasant Street



## PRECINCT NINE

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016

Elliott	Patricia	A.	97	Brierbrook Street
Irwin	Janet	J.	120	Highland Street
Mulligan	Frank	O.	120	Governor Stoughton Lane
Mulligan	Mercedes		120	Governor Stoughton Lane
O'Connor	Elizabeth	A.	27	Clifton Road
Regan-Harrington	Tina	M.	4	Heather Drive
Shea	David		121	Harbor View Road
Sheffield	Robert	J.	38	Evergreen Trail
Welz	Ella		179	Highland Street
Whiteside	Alexander		79	Hillside Street

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017

Collins	Webster	A.	533	Harland Street
Dunphy	James	F.	90	Governor Stoughton Lane
Graham	Franc		287	Reedsdale Road
Irwin	Eugene	P. III	120	Highland Street
Murphy	Anne	L.	20	Mountain Laurel Path
Oldfield	Margaret	T.	237	Hillside Street
Shea	Richard	J.	246	Highland Street
Sheridan	Lynda-Lee		57	Clifton Road
Tougias	Cheryl	F.	660	Canton Avenue
White-Orlando	Judith		41	Deerfield Drive

### TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018

Agostino	Diane	DiTullio	147	Ridgewood Road
Dunphy	Katherine	Haynes	90	Governor Stoughton Lane
Fahy	Sean	P.	202	Old Farm Road
Haddad	Helene	White	77	Clifton Road
Hajjar	S.	John	89	Countryside Lane
Kelly	Mary	E.	86	Nahanton Avenue
Kelly	Michael	E.	132	Whittier Road
Lovely	F.	Beirne Jr.	76	Old Farm Road
Murphy	Joseph	F.	20	Mountain Laurel Path
Sweeney	Robert	C.	156	Whittier Road

#### *Ex-Officio*

Flynn, John P., Town Counsel	51	Buckingham Road
Lane, Branch B., Tree Warden	85	Highland Street

## **PRECINCT TEN**

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2016**

Carr	Henry	Whitney	676	Brush Hill Road
Furze	Bryan	W.	630	Brush Hill Road
Kernan	Timothy	S.	642	Brush Hill Road
Peterson	Maureen	Cronin	8	Loew Circle
Sloane	Priscilla	Hayden	55	Concord Avenue
Speck	Emily	L.	84	Beacon Street Circle

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2017**

Jean-Baptiste	Fenol		64	Brush Hill Road
King	William	F.	71	Concord Avenue
McLean	Leemichael		630	Brush Hill Road
Schmarsow	Emmett	H.	45	Aberdeen Road
Sloane	Joseph	G.	55	Concord Avenue
Trakas	Christopher	J.	50	Meadowveiw Road
Walker	Leroy	J.	452	Truman Parkway

### **TERM EXPIRES APRIL 2018**

Crichlow	Hyacinth		70	Meadowview Road
Morey	Carla	M.	15	Smith Road
Kasuba	Margaret	M.	13	Loew Circle
Keally	Mary	E.	674	Brush Hill Road
Lorden	Janet	S.	333	Brush Hill Road
Pavlicek	Glenn	H.	115	Smith Road
Penta	Anita	A.	115	Smith Road

**TOWN OFFICERS OF MILTON**  
**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Town Administrator**  
**ANNEMARIE FAGAN**

**Town Counsel**  
**Legislative Counsel**  
**JOHN P. FLYNN**

**Director of Public Works**  
**JOSEPH W. LYNCH**

**Chief of the Fire Department**  
**JOHN J. GRANT, JR.**

**Chief of the Police Department**  
**RICHARD G. WELLS, JR.**

**Town Accountant**  
**AMY DEXTER**

**Town Planner**  
**WILLIAM B. CLARK, JR.**

**Forest Warden**  
**JOHN J. GRANT, JR.**

**Keeper of the Lockup**  
**RICHARD G. WELLS, JR.**

**Dog Officer**  
**RICHARD G. WELLS, JR.**

**Superintendent of Streets**  
**BRIAN CARLISLE**

**Inspector of Plumbing, Sealer of Weights & Measures**  
**and Inspector of Gas Fittings**  
**MARK A. KELLY**

**Assistant Town Administrator**  
**MICHAEL BLANCHARD**

**Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director**  
**MARK WILLIAMS**

**Inspector of Wires**  
**DOMENIC FRANCESCHELLI**

**Building Commissioner**  
**JOSEPH PRONDAK**

**Tree Warden**  
**BRANCH B. LANE**

**Local Superintendent for the Suppression**  
**of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths**  
**BRIAN CARLISLE**

**Veterans' & Burial Agent**  
**Director of Veteran's Services**  
**MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM**

**Veterans' Graves Officer**  
**MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM**

**Airplane Noise Advisory Committee**

ROXANNE MUSTO, 101 Milton Street	2015
CHRIS ZAMBUTO, 96 Hilltop Street	2015
DAVID GODINE, 196 School Street	2015
ANTHONY COMPAGNONE, 48 Vose Hill Road	2015
WILFRED HYNES, 20 Reservation Road	2015
DARYL WARNER, 66 Martin Road	2015
MUNA KILLINGBACK, 351 Atherton Street	2015
DENIS KEOHANE, 1035 Brush Hill Road	2015
MICHAEL BLANCHARD, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
CAROLINE KINSELLA, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
CINDY CHRISTIANSEN, 59 Collamore Street	2015

**Bicycle Advisory Committee**

MICHAEL BLACKWELL, 357 Blue Hills Parkway	2015
LEE TOMA, 58 Aberdeen Road	2015
ERICK ASK, 10 Stoddard Lane	2015
HUGH STRINGER, 549 Eliot Street	2015
THOMAS BUCHAU, 8 Cantwell Road	2015
KURT A. FRASER, 35 Norman Street	2015
MAUREEN CONLON, 59 Reedsdale Road	2015
SALLY HAYWARD, 171 Church Street	2015

### **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

J. THOMAS HURLEY, 714 Blue Hill Avenue	2015
CHRISTOPHER HUBAN, 41 Magnolia Road	2015
WILLIAM RITCHIE, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
LEROY WALKER, 452 Truman Parkway	2015
AMY J. DEXTER, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
EDWARD L. DUFFY, 35 Granite Place	2015
MICHAEL HALE, 500 Brook Road	2015
KEVIN SORGI, 40 Lochland Street	2015

### **Commission on Disability**

JOSEPH PRONDAK, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
LESLIE COLLINS, 26 Briarfield Road	2015
DANIEL C. SACCO, 17 Garfield Road	2015
JOSEPH J. TIERNEY, 797 Brush Hill Road	2015
DIANE DITULLIO AGOSTINO, 147 Ridgewood Road	2015
RYAN O'CONNELL, 24 Horton Place	2015

### **Conservation Commission**

JOHN A. KIERNAN, 170 Cabot Street	2016
JUDITH DARRELL-KEMP, 232 Highland Street	2017
INGRID A. BEATTIE, 57 Ruggles Lane	2018
MICHAEL BLUTT, 40 Willoughby Road	2017
CRAIG MACNAUGHT, 14 Herrick Drive	2015
ARTHUR J. DOYLE, 85 Belcher Circle	2018

### **Council on Aging**

PAUL KELLEY, 19 Buckingham Road	2016
VIRGINIA HANNIGAN, 20 Houston Avenue	2016
JEAN LESLIE, 121 Otis Street	2015
MAUREEN CONLON, 59 Reedsdale Road	2016
LOUISE VOVERIS, 11 Brookside Park	2015
REGINA DOBSON, 10 Magnolia Road	2015
BARBARA JACKSON, 179 Clapp Street	2015
MARGARET FLAHERTY, 24 Brackett Street	2014
CAROLYN EVERETTE, 34 Pope Hill Road	2015
MARGARET FLAHERTY, 24 Brackett Street	2016

### **Cultural Council**

DAVID LEVY, 10 Warren Avenue	2017
TOSIN OLANIYAN, 222 Blue Hill Parkway	2017
VERONICA GUERRERO-MACIA, 16 Craig Street	2017
ELIZABETH NEVILLE, 5 Cliff Road	2017
AATIYAH PAULDING, 14 Belvoir Road #2	2017
LISA WHITE, 21 Cypress Road	2017
ELAINE CRAGHEAD, 113 Thatcher Street	2017
ALISON MOLL, 29 Winthrop Street	2017
CHRISTOPHER HART, 214 Brook Road #1	2017

### **Education Fund Committee**

ROXANNE MUSTON, 101 Milton Street	2015
MARY GORMLEY, 25 Gile Road	2015
JAMES MCAULIFFE, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
MEREDITH HALL, 41 Russell Street	2015
CHARLOTTE M. STREAT, 1085 Canton Avenue	2015

### **FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE**

THOMAS CALLAHAN, 16 Orono Street	2015
JOSPEH A. DUFFY, JR., 6 Westbourne Street	2015
ALEXANDER WHITESIDE, 79 Hillside Street	2015
WILLIAM CLARK, Fair Housing Officer	2015

### **FIRE SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE**

JOHN J. GRANT, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
THOMAS G. HESS, 229 Adams Street	2015
THOMAS F. KELLY, 81 Fullers Lane	2015
STEPHEN A. MORASH, 47 Standish Road	2015
BRIAN TUOHY, 62 Sias Lane	2015

### **Harbor Master**

RICHARD DOYLE

### **Historical Commission**

MEREDITH HALL, 41 Russell Street	2016
STEPHEN V. O'DONNELL, 65 Hills View Road	2017
BRYAN C. CHENEY, 34 Voses Lane	2017
JOSEPH M. CUNNINGHAM, JR., 140 Dudley Lane	2015
WALLACE SISSON, 278 Adam Street	2016
DUDLEY H. LADD, 198 Randolph Avenue	2017
LINDA WELD, 267 Adams Street	2015
EDWARD E. WENDELL, JR., 187 Randolph Avenue	2017

**Logan Community Advisory Committee Representative**

CHRISTOPHER ZAMBUTO, 96 Hilltop Street	2015
DAVID GODINE, 196 School Street (Alternate)	2015

**Massport Community Advisory Committee Representative**

CAROLINE KINSELLA, 525 Canton Avenue	2015
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**Metropolitan Area Planning Committee Representative**

TABER KEALLY, 674 Brush Hill Road	2017
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**Milton Village/Central Avenue Revitalization Committee**

EVERETT HAYWARD, 26 Eliot Street	2015
JOHN ZYCHOWICZ, 245 Atherton Street	2015
KATHERINE HAYNES DUNPHY, 90 Governor Stoughton Lane	2015
MICHAEL B. WILCOX, 42 Hillsvieview Road	2015
RUTH HEIDEN, 314 Eliot Street	2015
CHAD LUNDEEN, 23 Valley Road	2015

**Norfolk County Advisory Board Representative**

JOSEPH M. REARDON, 49 Grafton Avenue	2015
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**Registrar of Voters**

KEVIN P. DONAHUE, 84 Centre Lane	2016
DAVID J. LYONS, 39 Sheldon Street	2017
MARY SENNOTT BURKE, 123 Indian Spring Road	2018

**Sign Review Committee**

JOHN ZYCHOWICZ, 245 Atherton Street	2015
RAYMOND THILL, 457 Eliot Street	2015
LAWRENCE JOHNSON, 8 Churchill Street	2015

**Telecommunications Design Review Committee**

VIRGINIA DONAHUE KING, 377 Canton Avenue	2015
EDWARD L. DUFFY, 35 Granite Place	2016
KURT A. FRASER, 35 Norman Street	2016

**Town Government Study Committee**

JOHN A. CRONIN, 130 Wendell Park	2015
KATHY FAGAN BAUER, 78 Capen Street	2015
ROBERT HISS, 273 Adams Street	2015
PHILIP MATHEWS, 154 Reedsdale Road	2015
MARY MCNAMARA, 15 Braeburn Road	2015
PETER A. MULLIN, 19 Gaskins Road	2015
RICHARD NEELY, 23 Russell Street	2015
LEROY WALKER, 452 Truman Parkway	2015

**Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust**

J. THOMAS HURLEY, 525 Canton Avenue	2016
PHILIP MURPHY, 1050 Canton Avenue	2016
FRANK DAVIS, 65 Valley Road	2016
THOMAS CALLAHAN, 16 Orono Street	2016
JULIE D. CREAMER, 58 Frothingham Street	2016

**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Agent of Public Health**

**CAROLINE KINSELLA, B.S.N, R.N.**

**Inspector of Animals and Slaughter**

**STEPHEN BELL, MPH**

**APPOINTED BY THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**Superintendent of Cemetery**

**THERESE DESMOND**

**APPOINTED BY THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Librarian**

**WILLIAM ADAMCZYK**

**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONER**

**Superintendent of Parks**

**DAVID PERDIOS**



# APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN MODERATOR

## BRIAN M. WALSH

The following permanent and ad hoc committees and boards are appointed and reappointed by the Town Moderator, Brian M. Walsh. All appointments are filed with the Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin.

### PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

	TERM EXPIRES
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS (Permanent Members)</b>	
John S. Leonard, <i>Chairman</i> , 181 Whittier Road	2016
Brian M. Hurley, 56 Barbara Lane	2017
Virginia M. Donahue King, 377 Canton Avenue	2018
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS (Associate Members)</b>	
Jeffrey B. Mullan, 6 Fieldstone Lane	2016
Francis C. O'Brien, 411 Canton Avenue	2016
Emanuel Alves, 42 Emerson Road	2017
Steven M. Lundbohm, 111 Garden Street	2017
Nicholas S. Gray, Esq., 217 Hinckley Road	2018
Theodore E. Daiber, Esq., 399 Atherton Street	2018
<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>	
(Article 14 of the 1978 Town Meeting and Article 9 of the 1985 Town Meeting and Article 9 of the 2001 Town Meeting, Article 7 of the 2015 Town Meeting)	
William R. Lovett, Jr., 39 Buckingham Road	2015
David W. O'Brien, 36 Sheridan Drive	2016
Kathleen M. White, 349 Canton Avenue	2016
Christopher W. Heavey, 198 Canton Avenue	2017
<b>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE</b>	
(Article 5 of the 2011 Town Meeting, Article 4 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting)	
Theodore E. Daiber, 399 Atherton Street	2016
John P. Flynn, <i>Chairman</i> , 51 Buckingham Road	2016

## **LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

(Article 34 of the 2004 Town Meeting)

Marjorie S. Jeffries, 1268 Canton Avenue	2014
Ellen K. Anselone, 22 Morton Road	2015
Eugene S. Boylan, 22 Thompson Lane	2015
George E. Tougias, 660 Canton Avenue	2015
David S. Hall, 41 Russell Street	2016
G. Thomas Martinson, <i>Chairman</i> , 51 Columbine Road	2016
Frank L. Davis, 65 Valley Road	2016

## **PERSONNEL BOARD**

(Article 8 of the 1956 Town Meeting)

C. Forbes Sargent, III, <i>Chairman</i> , 25 Canton Avenue	2015
William J. Curran, Jr., 22 Edward Avenue	2016
Kay E. Brodesky, 60 Allerton Road	2018
Michael B. Reardon, 51 Briarfield Road	2019

## **WARRANT COMMITTEE**

Richard J. Boehler, 624 Randolph Avenue	2015
Nathan B. Bourque, 88 Wharf Street	2015
Jean S. Eckner, 3 Blacksmith Road	2015
Edward L. Hays, <i>Chairman</i> , 330 Randolph Avenue	2015
Charles C. Karimbakas, 16 Foster Lane	2015
Michael Maholchic, 5 Bunton Street	2015
Philip Mathews, 154 Reedsdale Road	2015
Steven J. McCurdy, 65 Belcher Circle	2015
LeeMichael McLean, 630 Brush Hill Road	2015
Paul J. Pasquerella, 175 Milton Street #14	2015
James C. Potter, 69 Saint Mary's Road	2015
Jonathan S. Schindler, 77 Big Blue Drive	2015
Kevin G. Sorgi, 40 Lockland Street	2015
Darnell J.S. Turner, 42 Blue Hill Terrace Street	2015
Elizabeth R. White, 36 Ridge Road	2015

## **FIRE STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Article 48 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting)

John J Grant, Jr., <i>Chairman</i> , 105 Lyman Road	2015
Stephen A. Morash, 47 Standish Road	2015
Thomas G. Hess, 229 Adams Street	2015
Thomas F. Kelly, 81 Fullers Lane	2015
Brian M. Tuohy, 62 Sias Lane	2015

## **GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Article 1 of the 2013 Fall Town Meeting-)

Kathryn A. Fagan, 78 Capen Street	2017
Robert G. Hiss, 273 Adams Street	2017
Mary E. McNamara, 15 Brae Burn Road	2017
Peter A. Mullin, 19 Gaskins Road	2017
Marvin A. Gordon, 163 Gun Hill Road	2017

## **DPW YARD STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Article 17 of the 2014 May Town Meeting, Fiscal year 2014-15)

Stanley G. Genega, <i>Chairman</i> , 3 Green Street	2015
Marvin A. Gordon, 163 Gun Hill Street	2015
Kevin Burke, 16 Wildwood Road	2015
Marie-Armel Theodat, 46 Clifton Road	2015
John Driscoll, 718 Randolph Avenue	2015

## **GENERAL BYLAW COMMITTEE**

(Article 43 of the 2015 May Town Meeting)

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

(Article 16 of the 2015 May Town Meeting)





# TOWN RECORDS



## 2015 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts) SS.

County of Norfolk

To any of the constables of the Town of Milton in said County:

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Milton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the several designated polling places in their respective Precincts in said Milton, to wit:

- In Precinct 1. Tucker School, Blue Hills Parkway
- In Precinct 2. Milton Senior Center, Walnut Street
- In Precinct 3. Cunningham Park Community Center, Edge Hill Road
- In Precinct 4. Milton Senior Center, Walnut Street
- In Precinct 5. Copeland Field House, Milton High School, Gile Road
- In Precinct 6. Cunningham School Gymnasium, Edge Hill Road
- In Precinct 7. Cunningham Park Community Center, Edge Hill Road
- In Precinct 8. Cunningham School Gymnasium, Edge Hill Road
- In Precinct 9. Copeland Field House, Milton High School, Gile Road
- In Precinct 10. Tucker School, Blue Hills Parkway

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015 next at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to Precinct Officers of their precincts their votes on the one ballot respectively the following Town Officers to wit:

One SELECTMAN and SURVEYOR OF THE HIGHWAY

for a term of three years

A TOWN CLERK for a term of three years

A TOWN TREASURER for a term of one year

One ASSESSOR for a term of three years

Two SCHOOL COMMITTEE members for a term of three years

One PARK COMMISSIONER for a term of three years

One Member of the BOARD of HEALTH for a term of three years

Three TRUSTEES of the PUBLIC LIBRARY for a term of three years

Two CONSTABLES for a term of one year

One TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY for a term of five years

One TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY for a term of one year  
One HOUSING AUTHORITY for a term of five years  
One HOUSING AUTHORITY for a term of three years  
One PLANNING BOARD member for a term of five years

Ninety-nine Town Meeting members as follows:

Precinct One: Ten for a term of three years, Two for a term of one year  
Precinct Two: Ten for a term of three years, One for a term of two years  
Precinct Three: Ten for a term of three years  
Precinct Four: Nine for a term of three years  
Precinct Five: Seven for a term of three years  
Precinct Six: Ten for a term of three years, One for a term of two,  
Two for a term of one year  
Precinct Seven: Nine for a term of three years  
Precinct Eight: Ten for a term of three years  
Precinct Nine: Ten for a term of three years  
Precinct Ten: Seven for a term of three years,  
One for a term of two years

#### QUESTION 1:

*Shall the town of Milton be allowed to assess an additional amount of real estate and personal property taxes, not to exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year, for the purpose of funding the payment of legally obligated medical expenses incurred by certain town of Milton public safety personnel resulting from injuries sustained in the line of duty or for debt issued for that purpose?*

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

For these purposes the polls will be open at each and all of said precincts at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And thereupon by adjournment of said meeting on the following Monday to wit, May 4, next at seven thirty in the evening at the Milton High School Auditorium, 25 Gile Road in said Milton, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

Articles 1 through 48 inclusive appearing in regular type on the following pages.

And you are directed to warn said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid to meet at the times and places and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting attested copies of the Warrant in each of the Post Offices of said Town seven days before the twenty-eighth day of April, and leaving printed copies thereof at the dwelling houses of said Town at least four days before said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before said twenty-eighth day of April, next.

Given under our hands at Milton this twenty-fourth day of March, two thousand fifteen.

Kathleen M. Conlon  
Denis F. Keohane  
J. Thomas Hurley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy: Attest

Stephen Freeman  
CONSTABLE OF MILTON



Commonwealth of Massachusetts) SS  
County of Norfolk)

Pursuant to the within Warrant, dated May 4, 2015, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Milton as within directed to meet at the time and places and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the same in the post offices of the Town and leaving attested copies at the dwellings of the inhabitants. Warrants were posted on April 21, 2015.

and delivered to the inhabitants on April 22, 2015.

Stephen Freeman  
Constable of Milton

# APRIL 28, 2015 - ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
<b>SELECTMAN AND SURVEYOR OF THE HIGHWAY- Vote for ONE</b>											
Denis F. Keohane	116	214	169	160	167	188	171	177	245	135	1742
* David T. Burnes	122	323	392	279	178	403	390	446	420	84	3037
Others	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	9
Blanks	10	15	17	10	9	9	19	8	10	7	114

<b>TOWN CLERK- Vote for ONE</b>											
* Susan M. Galvin	177	379	382	324	253	408	421	448	461	160	3413
Others	1	3	2	1	4	2	2	1	2	0	18
Blanks	72	173	195	124	97	191	158	182	213	66	1471

<b>TOWN TREASURER- Vote for ONE</b>											
* James D. McAuliffe	171	356	371	312	237	419	422	460	440	152	3340
Others	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	0	16
Blanks	77	196	207	135	116	181	155	170	235	74	1546

<b>ASSESSOR-Vote for ONE</b>											
* James A. Henderson	161	336	330	280	214	345	339	392	384	150	2931
Others	1	3	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	11
Blanks	88	216	249	167	139	256	239	239	291	76	1960

<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE-Vote for Not More Than TWO</b>											
* Kevin P. Donahue	128	260	354	254	172	319	346	325	410	95	2663
LeeMichael McLean	112	290	214	187	152	173	154	204	212	117	1815
* Sheila Egan Varela	134	306	281	242	162	359	332	373	288	114	2591
Others	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	9
Blanks	126	254	308	211	222	350	326	360	442	126	2725

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER- Vote for ONE</b>											
* Robert J. Kelly	100	239	284	240	154	278	327	184	354	98	2258
Brian Mantville	71	103	106	94	81	202	167	348	134	44	1350
Others	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Blanks	79	213	189	113	119	121	86	99	188	84	1291

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH-Vote for ONE</b>											
* Laura T. Richards	157	335	358	288	213	347	344	392	400	136	2970
Others	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	7
Blanks	92	220	221	159	140	254	235	239	275	90	1925

<b>TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY- Vote for Not More Than THREE</b>											
* Herbert F. Voigt	137	398	325	242	185	276	244	302	358	113	2580
* Andrea G. Gordon	150	324	303	249	224	290	267	315	377	112	2611
* Paul S. Hays	105	187	203	219	118	194	179	216	213	82	1716
Douglas B. Scibeck	77	143	132	113	81	216	280	209	184	57	1492
Others	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
Blanks	281	613	774	519	454	827	771	851	896	314	6300

<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CONSTABLE - ONE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TWO</b>											
* Eric Issner	117	280	287	238	185	347	380	370	349	107	2660
* Fenol Jean-Baptiste	128	246	218	203	154	202	207	229	270	118	1975
Others	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	7
Blanks	255	584	653	453	369	653	573	663	733	226	5162
<b>TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERY-FIVE YEAR TERM - Vote for ONE</b>											
* Steven D. Fruzzetti	140	298	311	256	202	312	332	352	355	132	2690
Others	1	1	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	8
Blanks	109	256	268	190	152	289	247	278	321	94	2204
<b>TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERY-ONE YEAR TERM- Vote for ONE</b>											
* Stephen J. Pender	145	313	322	266	207	343	345	414	396	128	2879
Others	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Blanks	104	242	257	181	147	258	234	217	280	98	2018
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY-FIVE YEAR TERM - Vote for ONE</b>											
* Joseph A. Duffy, Jr.	146	304	307	266	195	326	352	376	384	125	2781
Others	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	7
Blanks	103	250	272	181	159	275	227	255	291	101	2114
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY-THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for ONE</b>											
* Philip J. Driscoll	158	331	342	282	217	357	349	406	408	137	2987
Others	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	9
Blanks	91	223	236	164	137	244	230	225	267	89	1906

<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD - Vote for ONE</b>											
* Cheryl F. Tougas	158	357	341	277	220	330	339	368	380	144	2914
Others	0	1	4	3	1	2	4	2	2	1	20
Blanks	92	197	234	169	133	269	238	261	294	81	1968

PRECINCT 1 -	
THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN	ONE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TWO
* Ruth E. Baltopoulos	127
* Carolyn A. Cahill	136
* Philip J. Driscoll	139
* Joan L. Gancarski	123
* David Kelman	117
* Gabrielle Rene	122
* Jacqueline Scott	146
Others	0
Blanks	232

**PRECINCT 2 -**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN**

* Kathryn A. Fagan	362
* Deborah M. Felton	296
* Ruth A. Heiden	290
* Reedy Kream	285
* Ada Rosmarin	287
* Laurie R. Stillman	293
* Herbert F. Voigt	311
* Ronit G. Voigt	293
* Elizabeth R. White	297
* David T. Burnes	348
Lorraine C. Dee	184
Others	0
Blanks	2304

**PRECINCT 2 -**

**TWO YEAR TERM - Vote for ONE**

* Robert A. Milt	312
Others	2
Blanks	241

**PRECINCT 3 -**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN**

* Eugene S. Boylan	277
* Edward J. Corcoran II	292
* Kevin P. Donahue	314
* Frank J. Giuliano, Jr.	262
* Richard V. Howe	222
TIE Christopher Huban	204
* Emily Keys Innes	258
* Brendan F. McLaughlin	267
* Richard B. Neely	299
* C. Forbes Sargent III	264
TIE Mark L. Woodward	204
Others	1
Blanks	2926

**PRECINCT 4 -**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than NINE**

* Richard Ben Casey	231
* Anthony J. Cichello	220
* John A. Cronin	243
* Maritta Manning Cronin	246
* Virginia C. Hannigan	233
* Ralph R. Minsky	177
* James Anthony Quinn	165
* John Michael Shields	248
James L. Desmond	151
James C. Potter	130
* Kathleen A. Potter	166
Others	9
Blanks	1822

**PRECINCT 5 -**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than SEVEN**

* Marjorie S. Jeffries	211
* Denis F. Keohane	196
* James G. Mullen, Jr.	213
* Roxanne F. Musto	201
* Jean H. Powers	194
* Richard W. Fanning	144
* Andrew George Henderson	140
Mark Palie	98
Others	0
Blanks	1081

**PRECINCT 6 -**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN**

* Donald P. Affanato	299
* William E. Bennett	283
* Daniel J. Gallery	259
* John A. Kiernan	236
* Susan A. Kiernan	248
* Kevin G. Sorgi	299
* Richard E. Sweeney	265
* Steven A. Connelly	247
* Sean P. Fallon	255
* Francis C. Morrissey	230
Others	0
Blanks	3389

**PRECINCT 6 -**

**ONE YEAR TERM - Vote for ONE**

* Eric Issner	313
Others	0
Blanks	288

**PRECINCT 6 -**

**TWO YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TWO**

* Charles M. Caputo	340
* Elizabeth M. Crowley	300
Others	0
Blanks	561

**PRECINCT - 7**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than NINE**

* Stephen M. Cidlevich	282
* Laura A. Conway	319
* Edward L. Duffy	313
* Festus Joyce	232
Rita V. Joyce	216
* Brian T. Kelley	288
M. Joseph Manning	204
* Virginia F. Wells	265
* Melissa S. Fassel-Dunn	260
* Michael Maholchic	235
* Emily R. Martin	233
Others	10
Blanks	2372



**PRECINCT -8**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN**

* Gregory T. Buchanan	289
* Amy E. Delaney	300
* James P. Delaney	283
* Andrea G. Gordon	231
* Marvin A. Gordon	209
* Barbara A. Mason	272
* Stephen A. Murphy	266
* Thomas P. O'Connor	288
Andres J. Lessing	190
* George W. Mann, Jr.	210
* Brian Mantville	383
Others	0
Blanks	3389

**PRECINCT -9**

**THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than TEN**

* Diane DiTullio Agostino	284
* Katherine Haynes Dunphy	336
* Sean P. Fahy	327
* Helene White Haddad	335
* S. John Hajjar	321
* Mary E. Kelly	330
* Michael E. Kelly	300
* F. Beirne Lovely, Jr.	350
* Joseph F. Murphy	324
* Robert C. Sweeney	342
Melissa J. Petchell	257
Others	1
Blanks	3253

**PRECINCT - 10**

THREE YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than SEVEN						
* Hyacinth Crichlow	105					
* Margaret M. Kasuba	111					
* Mary E. Keally	118					
* Glenn H. Pavlicek	124					
* Anita A. Penta	104					
* Carla M. Follaco-Morey	76					
Cynthia Jeffrey-Schmarsow	74					
* Janet S. Lorden	95					
Others	0					
Blanks	775					

TWO YEAR TERM - Vote for Not More Than SEVEN						
* Fenol Jean-Baptiste	128					
Others	0					
Blanks	98					

**PRECINCT**

**TOTAL**

**9**

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**QUESTION 1**

* Yes	127	328	313	255	177	254	306	298	287	90	2435
No	96	163	233	165	144	268	233	291	330	63	1986
Blanks	27	64	33	29	33	79	42	42	59	73	481

STATISTICS APRIL 28, 2015-ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
REGISTERED VOTERS	1917	1938	1978	1954	1548	1996	1833	1942	1962	1407	18475
TOTAL VOTES CAST	250	555	579	449	354	601	581	631	676	226	4902
TIME RECEIVED P.M.	8:39 PM 8:55 PM 9:09 PM 8:37 PM 8:42 PM 8:42 PM 9:57 PM 8:34 PM 9:04 PM 8:32 PM										
PERCENTAGE	13.0%	28.6%	29.3%	23.0%	22.9%	30.1%	31.7%	32.5%	34.5%	16.1%	26.5%

The Town Clerk upon receipt of the returns from several precinct, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 10:25 PM.

At the Annual Town Election held Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Milton had the following number of Absentee Ballots.

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Applications Received	7	30	31	10	41	30	25	15	41	11	241
Ballots Cast	6	25	28	9	32	29	24	14	36	9	212

Of the total ballots cast, 89 were cast in person by the voter in the Town Clerk's office and 123 were cast by mail. Twenty-nine (29) ballots that were mailed were not returned.

The Absentee Ballots were distributed to there Precincts before the close of the polls.  
The Warden put them through the Ballot Boxes and they were counted with the ballots cast in the precincts.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk

## **PRECINCT OFFICERS – April 28, 2015**

### **PRECINCT ONE**

Alice M. Duzan, Warden  
Enid R. McNeil, Clerk  
Bridget Bowen, Inspector  
Carol Hahnfeld, Inspector  
Arlene M. Kelly, Inspector  
Grace F. Locker, Inspector

### **PRECINCT TWO**

Regina L. Kennedy, Warden  
Paula R. Sweeney, Clerk  
Lisa Clark, Inspector  
Elaine M. Coleman, Inspector  
William R. Lovett, Jr., Inspector  
Barbara A. White, Inspector

### **PRECINCT THREE**

Diane Gore, Warden  
Jean T. Donahue, Clerk  
Agnes G. Dillon, Inspector  
Ellen M. Pierce, Inspector  
Kevin G. Sorgi, Inspector  
Ralph G. Westhaver, Inspector

### **PRECINCT FOUR**

Alice W. Mercer, Warden  
Janice M. Rota, Clerk  
Stanley D. Dworkin, Inspector  
Kenneth C. G. Foster, Inspector  
Joseph P. McGovern, Inspector  
Denise M. Sullivan, Inspector

### **PRECINCT FIVE**

Joseph F. Murphy, Warden  
Robert J. Rota, Clerk  
Veronica J. McCarthy, Inspector  
Jacqueline Scott, Inspector  
Janet F. Zawatski, Inspector

**PRECINCT SIX**

John F. Fleming, Jr., Warden  
Susan Shea, Clerk  
Arthur J. Doyle, Inspector  
Paul J. Hopkins, Inspector  
John J. Monahan, Inspector  
Julia A. Swanson, Inspector

**PRECINCT SEVEN**

Dorothy Lorraine Tower, Warden  
James F. Thorne, Clerk  
Eleanor M. McDonough, Inspector  
Frances K. McInnis, Inspector  
Jean D. Mullen, Inspector

**PRECINCT EIGHT**

Richard B. Martin, Warden  
Lois F. Brown, Clerk  
June O. Elam, Inspector  
Ryan T. Joyce, Inspector  
Carole J. Kavey, Inspector  
Vanessa L. Martin, Inspector

**PRECINCT NINE**

William J. Neville, Warden  
Harriet Manning, Clerk  
Joanne M. Smigliani, Inspector  
Dorothy M. Weinkam, Inspector  
Sandra L. Wyse, Inspector

**PRECINCT TEN**

Philip R. Zona, Warden  
Emmanuel J. Feeney, Jr., Clerk  
Margaret M. Adams, Inspector  
Carol A. Queeney, Inspector  
Thomas J. Smigliani, Inspector  
Eileen R. Tangney, Inspector

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 4, 2015

Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

The Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, informed the Moderator that a quorum was present.

The following 44 Town Meeting Members were absent from the Town Meeting held May 4, 2015

**PRECINCT ONE:** Carolyn A. Cahill  
Ellen D. O'Toole  
Michael O'Toole  
Gabrielle Rene  
Jacqueline Scott  
Julie Callahan Shields

**PRECINCT TWO:** Michael Chinman  
Deborah M. Felton  
Brian A. Joyce (*Ex-Officio*)  
James B. Joyce  
Judith A. Lieberman  
Ada Rosmarin  
Mimi Sundstrom  
Herbert F. Voigt

**PRECINCT THREE:** Peter C. Hunt  
Nancy S. Mathews

**PRECINCT FOUR:** Kimberly Casey  
Alison L. Moll

**PRECINCT FIVE:** Gerald W. Motejunas  
Jeanne M. O'Brien  
Ted Olivo  
Jean H. Powers

**PRECINCT SIX:** Janet M. Christensen  
Thomas E. Curran  
Bernard J. Lynch  
Marlene F. Mason

**PRECINCT SEVEN:** John Thomas Galvin IV  
Daniel F. Joyce  
David J. Lyons  
Lucas J. McGary

**PRECINCT EIGHT:** Patricia Armstrong  
Gregory T. Buchanan  
Diane M. Colligan  
Abram Cardoza  
Patricia Folcarelli  
Brian Mantville  
Barbara A. Mason  
Robert A. Mason  
Agnes Walkowiak

**PRECINCT NINE:** Helene White Haddad  
David Shea

**PRECINCT TEN:** Carla M. Fallaco-Morey  
Fenol Jean-Baptiste  
Christopher J. Trakas

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, introduced student members of Milton High School Chorus to sing the National Anthem.

Mr. Walsh led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Rabbi Alfred H. Benjamin, religious leader of the Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills, to deliver the invocation.

Town Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, requested a moment of silence to recognize the dedicated service of the following four town meeting members who have passed since the last meeting.

**Dr. J. William Dolan**  
*Planning Board Member*  
*Town Meeting Member*

**Paul I. Kelley**  
*Council on Aging Board*  
*Town Meeting Member*

**John D. MacVarish**  
*Town Meeting Member*

The Moderator paid tribute to M. Joseph Manning who passed away in April. Representative Manning, dedicated more than sixty-eight years to serving the residents of Milton. Representative Manning was the longest serving Town Meeting Member in the history of the Town of Milton

**M. Joseph Manning**  
*House of Representatives in General Court*  
29 Years  
*Park Commissioner*  
9 Years  
*Board of Assessors*  
57 Years  
*Town Meeting Member*  
68 Years

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, introduced Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, who swore all Town Meeting Members into office.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recognized the newly elected Town Meeting Members. The fellow Town Meeting Members gave a warm round of applause.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, read the rules and procedures for the conduction of the Town Meeting.

At the request of the Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, a motion was made and seconded that on matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute, a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided by General Laws Chapter 39 Section 15.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 1** To hear and act upon the report of the Town Accountant and other Town Officers and Committees.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to accept the report of the Town Accountant.

UNANIMOUS VOTE



**ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five citizens to consider such proceedings of the Legislature and State Boards and Commissions as may affect the interest of the Town, and confer as they may think expedient with the Selectmen in regard to the employment of counsel to represent the Town in any such proceedings; the members of such committee to hold office until the final adjournment of the next Annual Town Meeting and until the appointment of any succeeding committee authorized at such meeting.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recognized Town Meeting Member-Precinct Three and Chairman of the Warrant Committee, Edward L. Hays. Mr. Hays provided Town Meeting Members with a presentation on the finances of the Town.

**ARTICLE 5** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for capital items; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,659,780 to fund the capital projects listed below:

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION		FY16
Fire	Building(s) improvement and repairs	145,000
Police	Prisoner Transport Van	51,000
Schools	Security camera upgrades	68,000
Schools	Virtualize servers	32,500
Town	Virtual server environment upgrades	13,800
DPW	Bucket Truck	180,000
DPW	Roadways	400,000
DPW	Catch Basin Cleaner	80,000
Parks	Utility Tractor	30,000
DPW/Cemetery	Reconstruct DPW locker rooms / Cemetery Garage	200,000
<b>Subtotal Recommended Bonded Capital Items</b>		<b>1,200,300</b>
Town/School	Financial Software (Phase 1)	160,000
Schools	iPads and iPad carts	186,780
Schools	HVAC control upgrades	38,000
Town	Computer hardware	27,200
Library	Computer hardware	25,000
Inspectional Svc.	Vehicle	22,500
<b>Subtotal Recommended Non-Bonded Capital Items</b>		<b>459,480</b>
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED CAPITAL ITEMS</b>		<b>1,659,780</b>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,659,780 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement of the Town's facilities and public safety equipment as described above, including costs incidental and related thereto; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to sell and issue bonds or notes of the Town, aggregating not more than \$1,200,300 in principal amount, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or any other applicable law and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from any other public or private funding source and that the sum of \$459,480 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

#### VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

**ARTICLE 6** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conducting a municipal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Committee appointed pursuant to Article 14 of the 1978 Annual March Town Meeting (the Town Audit Committee) to make recommendations to the Selectmen relative to the employment of a Certified Public Accountant for the foregoing purpose; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town authorized the Town Audit Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen relative to the appointment of a Certified Public Accountant for the purposes of this article, and that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

<b>AUDIT</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY16</b>
General Audit	58,200
GASB 45 Valuation	8,000
<b>TOTAL AUDIT</b>	<b>66,200</b>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$66,200 be raised from the tax levy.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE**

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recognized Town Meeting Member - Precinct Five and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, J. Thomas Hurley. Mr. Hurley acknowledged and thanked Denis F. Keohane for his service on the Board of Selectmen. Town Meeting Members gave Mr. Keohane a warm round of applause.

**DENIS F. KEOHANE**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**2012-2015**

Mr. Hurley welcomed newly elected Board of Selectmen member, David T. Burnes. Town Meeting Members gave Mr. Burnes a sincere round of applause.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recognized Richard B. Neely, Town Meeting Member - Precinct Three and Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee. Mr. Neely introduced the six articles brought forth by the Town Government Study Committee to Town Meeting.

A motion to amend Article 7 was made and seconded to add the phrase “more than one” after the word “No” and before the word “appointee” on the third sentence in the first paragraph. So that it would read: “No more than one appointee shall be an employee of the Town of Milton or a member of a Town of Milton governmental entity, with the exception of the Milton Town Meeting. The Audit Committee shall be assisted by the Town Administrator and/or other Town employees as requested by the Audit Committee in its work.”

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared the motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 7 by striking the phrase, “and auditing standards issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.” from paragraph two after the word “Circular A-133”. So that the last sentence would read: “Said audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.”

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting in Chapter 4 a new section as follows:

The Moderator shall establish and appoint a committee of five (5) persons for staggered terms not to exceed three years to be known as the Audit Committee. A minimum of three persons who serve shall have experience in accounting or auditing or financial management. No appointee shall be an employee of the Town of Milton or a member of a Town of Milton governmental entity, with the exception of the Milton Town Meeting. The Audit Committee shall be assisted by the Town Administrator and/or other Town employees as requested by the Audit Committee in its work.

The Audit Committee shall annually develop a scope of audit services, including the review of internal controls, to be performed by an independent licensed public accounting firm. Said audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*,

issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133 and auditing standards issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Committee shall develop and administer the selection process and shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of an independent licensed public accounting firm for the conduct of the annual audit of the Town's financial statements.

The Audit Committee, after the Board of Selectmen has received the annual audited financial statements and Management Letter (inclusive of the internal controls review and findings), shall review and discuss the results with the Board of Selectmen and other elected Boards and Town officials as appropriate.

The Audit Committee shall report to the Annual Town Meeting on the ongoing compliance with the Management Letter and internal control recommendations.

The Audit Committee shall annually review the performance and independence of the audit firm and report to the Board of Selectmen.

The Audit Committee shall not conduct any audit nor is it responsible for determining or certifying that the Town's financial statements are complete, accurate, fairly presented, or in accordance with GAAP or applicable law, nor is the Audit Committee responsible for guaranteeing the independent registered public accounting firm's report or to assure compliance with laws or regulations generally; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting in Chapter 4 a new section as follows:

The Moderator shall establish and appoint a committee of five (5) persons for staggered terms not to exceed three years to be known as the Audit Committee. A minimum of three persons who serve shall have experience in accounting or auditing or financial management. No appointee shall be an employee of the Town of Milton or a member of a Town of Milton governmental entity, with the exception of the Milton Town Meeting. The Audit Committee shall be assisted by the Town Administrator and/or other Town employees as requested by the Audit Committee in its work.

The Audit Committee shall annually develop a scope of audit services, including the review of internal controls, to be performed by an independent

licensed public accounting firm. Said audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

The Committee shall develop and administer the selection process and shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of an independent licensed public accounting firm for the conduct of the annual audit of the Town's financial statements.

The Audit Committee, after the Board of Selectmen has received the annual audited financial statements and Management Letter (inclusive of the internal controls review and findings), shall review and discuss the results with the Board of Selectmen and other elected Boards and Town officials as appropriate.

The Audit Committee shall report to the Annual Town Meeting on the ongoing compliance with the Management Letter and internal control recommendations.

The Audit Committee shall annually review the performance and independence of the audit firm and report to the Board of Selectmen.

The Audit Committee shall not conduct any audit nor is it responsible for determining or certifying that the Towns' financial statements are complete, accurate, fairly presented, or in accordance with GAAP or applicable law, nor is the Audit Committee responsible for guaranteeing the independent registered public accounting firm's report or to assure compliance with laws or regulations generally.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Town Moderator, Brian A. Walsh, introduced Congressman, Stephen F. Lynch. Congressman Lynch provided Town Meeting with an update on initiatives; ongoing efforts to address the concerns of the Town of Milton with regard to the airplane traffic, health and noise impact with the FAA. Congressman Lynch; also addressed FEMA reimbursements for the Town of Milton for this winter's snow and storm related costs.

In closing, Congressman Lynch announced the appointment of Thomas J. Besinger, 30 Gordon Road, to West Point. Congressman Lynch also recognized two other Milton residents who are at the top of their classes at the United States Air Force Academy, Edward Luke Glinski, 378 Adams Street

who will graduate this June and Griffith R. Hiss of 273 Adams Street. Town Meeting Members gave a rousing round of applause.

**ARTICLE 8** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purpose of funding cost items not in departmental budgets for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for collective bargaining agreements reached before or after this Town Meeting between the Town and bargaining units representing Town employees, such sums to be allocated to departments; and to act on anything related thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$391,917 and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$189,205 be raised from the tax levy and the sum of \$202,712 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 9** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for the several categories classified as Employee Benefits; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation:

<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>FY 16</b>
Contributory Retirement	5,257,278
Group Insurance	10,534,759
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<u>15,792,037</u>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$15,792,037 be raised from the tax levy.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 10** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reimburse the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Employment Security for benefits paid to former employees of the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose set forth in this article and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$100,000 be raised from the tax levy.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 13 of the General Bylaws, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, as follows:

By striking out the section “Position Identification by Level, Department, Municipal Division and Personnel Code” and inserting in place thereof a new section as follows:

**POSITION IDENTIFICATION by  
LEVEL, DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL DIVISION,  
AND PERSONNEL CODE**

	Normal Work	
<u>Level</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Position, Title, Department and Division</u>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Assessors**

10		Chief Appraiser
6		Administrative Assistant
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk

**Information Technology**

10		Director
6		Assistant

**Central Business Office**

12		Town Accountant
6		Assistant Town Accountant
6		Principal Bookkeeper
6		Financial Analyst

**Consolidated Facilities**

10		Operations Manager
8		Electrician
8		Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
6		Office Assistant
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman
W3	40	Maintenance Man
W3	40	Maintenance Man/Painter



**Selectmen**

11		Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resource Director
10		Director of Planning & Community Development
7		Assistant Town Planner
7		Contract and Licensing Agent/Benefits Assistant
6		Executive Secretary

**Town Clerk**

6		Assistant Town Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk

**Treasurer-Collector**

6		Assistant Town Treasurer
5	37.5	Deputy Collector
5	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
4	20	Senior Administrative Clerk

**Veteran's Benefits**

Misc.		Veterans Agent/Director of Veterans Services
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**PUBLIC SAFETY****Inspectional Services**

10		Building Commissioner
7	25	Plumbing & Gas Inspector/Sealer of Weights & Measures
7	25	Wire Inspector
7	37.5	Local Inspector
7	20	Local Inspector
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/BOA

**Fire**

F3	42	Deputy Chief
F2	42	Lieutenant
F2	42	Fire Prevention Officer
F1	42	Fire Fighter
5	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk

**Police**

P3	40	Lieutenant
P2	40	Sergeant
P1	40	Police Officer
P1	40	Student Officer

7	22.5	Crime Analyst
7		Business Manager/ Civilians
6	30	Youth Counselor
4	37.5	Animal Control Officer
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Records Clerk
4	30	Senior Administrative Clerk – Payroll
3	40	Civilian Dispatchers
Misc.		Traffic Supervisor/Cadet/Seasonal

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Council on Aging**

9		Director
4	10	Outreach Worker
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
2	37.5	Van Driver
2	19	Van Driver

### **Personnel Board**

11		Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resource Director
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### **Planning**

4	22.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
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### **Youth**

9		Coordinator
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### **Cemetery**

9		Superintendent
4	32.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
W8	40	General Working Foreman
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman/Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Motor Equipment Repairman, Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W5	40	Working Foreman, Maintenance Craftsman, Sprayer Operator/Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator, Grade 1
W3	40	Maintenance Man, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)

### **Health**

9		Public Health Director/Nurse
6	22.5	Health Agent
5	25	Health Inspector
4	21.5	Senior Administrative Clerk

### **Library**

11		Director
L3	37.5	Assistant Director
L2.5	37.5	Adult Services Librarian
L2	37.5	Young Adult Librarian
		Children's Librarian
		Technical Services Librarian
	16	Assistant Children's Librarian
	12.5	Reference Librarian
LS5	37.5	Administrative Assistant
		Circulation Library Assistant
		Technical Library Assistant
LS4	37.5	Community Services Library Assistant
		Children's Library Assistant
		Library Assistant Technical Services
LS3	20	Library Assistant
	18	Library Assistant
	16	Library Assistant
Misc.		Library Page

### **Park**

9		Director of Parks and Recreation
6		Recreation Supervisor
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman,
		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W5	40	Working Foreman/Maintenance Craftsman
		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman
		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
W2	40	Laborer
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)

## PUBLIC WORKS

14		Director of Public Works
10		Assistant Director of Public Works
10		Town Engineer/Manager of Contracts
8		Manager of Street/Traffic Lights and Special DPW/Engineering Projects
7		Civil Engineer
6		Administrative Assistant
6		GIS and CAD Operator/Engineering Draftsman
5	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/Conservation
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/Water & Sewer
W8	40	General Foreman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Signal Maintainer
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman, Construction & Maintenance Craftsman, Senior Motor Equipment Repairman, Arborist Tree Surgeon, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman, Motor Equipment Repairman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W6	40	Working Foreman, Construction and Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Repairman-Helper, Arborist (Tree Surgeon) Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2 Public Works Emergency Man
W5	40	Working Foreman, Construction and Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Construction and Maintenance Craftsman Motor Equipment Repairman Helper, Apprentice Arborist (Tree Surgeon), Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
W3	40	Maintenance Man, Grounds Maintenance Man Water & Sewer System Maintenance Man Motor Equipment Repairman-Helper Apprentice Arborist (Tree Surgeon) Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
W2	40	Laborer
Misc.		Engineering Interns (seasonal)
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)

## UNCLASSIFIED

Town Administrator  
Police Chief  
Deputy Chief  
Fire Chief  
Consolidated Facilities Director  
Warrant Committee Clerk  
Registrar of Voters  
Park Recreation Employees  
Inspector of Animals

**VOTED.** The Town voted to amend Chapter 13 of the General Bylaws, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, exactly as set forth in this schedule, and to appropriate the sum of \$28,681 to fund wage adjustments effective July 1, 2015; said sum to be added to the salary accounts of the departments as shown in the following tabulations:

	<b>FY16</b>
Central Business Office	2,249
Consolidated Facilities	2,171
Council on Aging	1,047
Fire	2,836
Library	1,398
Personnel	702
Police	11,311
Public Works	
General	507
Vehicle Maintenance	94
Solid Waste General	38
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>639</b>
Selectmen	5,653
Town Clerk - Salary Other	239
Veterans Agent	300
Warrant Committee	136
<b>Total Chapter 13 Wage Adjustments</b>	<b>28,681</b>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$28,681 be raised from the tax levy.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 12** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for the several categories classified as “Public Safety”; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>FY 16</b>
<b>1 INSPECTIONAL SERVICES</b>	
Salaries & Wages	406,900
General Expenses	<u>17,273</u>
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b><u>424,173</u></b>
<b>2 FIRE</b>	
Salaries & Wages	4,590,764
General Expenses	228,267
Capital Outlay	<u>57,526</u>
<b>Total Fire</b>	<b><u>4,876,557</u></b>
<b>3 MILTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)</b>	
Salaries & Wages	750
General Expenses	785
Auxiliary Fire	4,380
Auxiliary Police	<u>4,700</u>
<b>Total MEMA</b>	<b><u>10,615</u></b>
<b>4 POLICE &amp; YOUTH</b>	
Salaries & Wages	6,141,264
General Expenses	492,620
Leash Law	81,248
New Equipment	<u>124,524</u>
<b>Total Police &amp; Youth</b>	<b><u>6,839,656</u></b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b><u>12,151,001</u></b>

and to meet said appropriation for Leash Law enforcement, the sum of \$1,400 be transferred from the Dog Licenses Surcharge Account received pursuant to Chapter 197 of the Acts of 1981, and that the sum of \$10,520 be raised from

funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash. The balance of \$12,139,081 is to be raised in the tax levy of the fiscal year.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 13** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for payment of legally obligated medical expenses incurred from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for Town of Milton public safety personnel resulting from injuries sustained in the line of duty; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing under applicable provisions of law or otherwise and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted no appropriation for the purposes of this article.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 14** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for the operation of the Town departments classified as General Government; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>FY 16</u>
<b>A BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
<b>1 CENTRAL BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	
Salaries & Wages	298,921
General Expenses	<u>5,771</u>
<b>Total Central Business Office</b>	<u><b>304,692</b></u>
<b>2 ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	
Salaries & Wages	29,250
General Expenses	<u>25,850</u>
<b>Total Election &amp; Registration</b>	<u><b>55,100</b></u>
<b>3 INSURANCE GENERAL</b>	
General Expenses	<u>950,703</u>
<b>Total Insurance General</b>	<u><b>950,703</b></u>

<b>4 LAW</b>	
Retainer	58,000
Professional & Special Services	197,000
Disbursements	5,000
Claims	1,000
<b>Total Law</b>	<b><u>261,000</u></b>

<b>5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	
Salary & Wages	135,530
General Expenses	326,273
<b>Total Information Technology</b>	<b><u>461,803</u></b>

<b>6 ANNUAL REPORTS</b>	
General Expenses - Town Reports	6,300
General Expenses - Warrant	0
<b>Total Warrant/Annual Reports/Bylaws</b>	<b><u>6,300</u></b>

<b>7 SELECTMEN</b>	
Salary - Chairman	1,800
Salary - Other Two Members	3,000
Salary - Town Administrator	156,969
Salary - Other	331,339
General Expenses	26,577
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b><u>519,685</u></b>

<b>8 VETERANS BENEFITS</b>	
Salaries & Wages	19,975
General Expenses	1,785
Benefits	120,020
<b>Total Veterans Benefits</b>	<b><u>141,780</u></b>

**TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2,701,063**

<b>B BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	
Salary - Chairman	1,800
Salary - Other Two Members	3,000
Salary - Other	215,249
General Expenses	23,753
Revaluation	115,000
<b>Total Board of Assessors</b>	<b><u>358,802</u></b>



**C TOWN CLERK**

Salary - Clerk	90,316
Salary - Other	129,482
General Expenses	45,070
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b><u>264,868</u></b>

**D TREASURER-COLLECTOR**

Salary - Treasurer	91,316
Salary - Other	203,804
General Expenses	85,370
<b>Total Treasurer-Collector</b>	<b><u>380,490</u></b>

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 3,705,223**

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$3,668,185 be raised from the tax levy, and the sum of \$136,555 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash and the sum of \$40,000 be transferred from Article 14 of the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting (Selectmen General Expenses.)

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator made a motion which was seconded to move the reading of Article 15.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Joseph P. McEttrick made a motion which was seconded to amend Article 15 by striking the second paragraph in Section 2, and inserting the following: "In the appointment of the Fire Chief, the Board of Selectmen shall continue to comply with Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws. In the appointment of the Police Chief, the Board of the Selectmen shall continue to comply with Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1989. Otherwise, notwithstanding any provision of any general or special law to the contrary, the powers and duties of the Town Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:"

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared the motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until May 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Annual Town meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk

## **ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING MAY 5, 2015**

Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, opened the Adjourned Town Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

The Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, informed the Moderator that a quorum was present.

The following 55 Town Meeting Members were absent from the Town Meeting held May 5, 2015.

**PRECINCT ONE:** Carolyn A. Cahill  
Ellen D. O'Toole  
Michael O'Toole  
Gabrielle Rene  
Jacqueline Scott  
Mitchell Sumner

**PRECINCT TWO:** Deborah M. Felton  
James B. Joyce  
Judith A. Lieberman  
Thomas McCarthy  
William M. Resnick  
Mimi Sundstrom  
Jed Sutter  
Herbert F. Voigt

**PRECINCT THREE:** Frank J. Giuliano, Jr.  
Peter C. Hunt  
Nancy S. Mathews

**PRECINCT FOUR:** Anthony J. Cichello  
S. Elaine Craghead  
Alison L. Moll

**PRECINCT FIVE:** Gerald W. Motejunas  
Stephen Redmond Ng  
Jeanne M. O'Brien  
Ted Olivo

**PRECINCT SIX:** Jeanne L. Burns  
Thomas E. Curran  
Richard J. Killion  
Bernard J. Lynch, III  
Francis C. Morrissey

**PRECINCT SEVEN:** John Thomas Galvin IV  
Daniel F. Joyce  
David J. Lyons  
Lucas J. McGary

**PRECINCT EIGHT:** Patricia Armstrong  
Abram Cardoza  
Diane M. Colligan  
Amy E. Delaney  
James P. Delaney  
Terence J. Driscoll  
Patricia Folcarelli  
Margaret A. Kelly  
Aileen S. Kenney  
Barbara A. Mason  
Robert A. Mason  
Stephen A. Murphy  
Ryan H. O'Connell  
Agnes Walkowiak

**PRECINCT NINE:** Helene White Haddad  
Janet J. Irwin  
Mary E. Kelly  
Frank O. Mulligan  
Mercedes Mulligan  
Anne L. Murphy  
David Shea

**PRECINCT TEN:** Fenol Jean-Baptiste

Town Meeting Member, Precinct Five, James G. Mullen, Jr. made a motion which was seconded to amend Article 15 by striking out Section 6 and replace with the following: “ Upon its passage, this act shall be subject to a vote of the voters of the Town of Milton at the 2016 Annual Town Election. If the voters shall vote in the affirmative then the act shall become law if the voters do not vote in the affirmative the act shall not become law.”

The Moderator declared the motion defeated by voice vote.

Seven town meeting members rose in their places to indicate they would like a standing vote (Town of Milton Bylaws Chapter 2 §5). The Moderator requested the town meeting members to be seated and appointed tellers; those in the affirmative and negative respectively rose and stood in their places until they were counted by the tellers. The tellers reported their count to the Moderator, who thereupon announced the vote as listed below.

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

NO: 158

YES: 57

**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation which would, without limitation: provide for a Town Administrator to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; provide the process of appointment; authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract of employment with the Town Administrator; set forth the term of office; establish the qualifications for the position; determine the powers and duties of the Town Administrator, including, without limitation, authority regarding appointment, supervision, discipline and removal of personnel, authority with respect to the annual operating budget, proposed capital outlay program and financial records, attendance at meetings of the Board of Selectmen, responsibilities regarding Town Meeting, authority regarding bargaining with Town employees over wages, hours and other terms

and conditions of employment, authority regarding use, rental, maintenance, repair and inventory of Town-owned property, and authority regarding procurement and awarding of contracts for services, supplies, materials, and equipment; provide for review by the Board of Selectmen of the job performance of the Town Administrator; provide limitations on holding any other public office, elected or appointed, and on engaging in any other business, occupation or profession during the term of office of the Town Administrator; provide for discipline of the Town Administrator, including without limitation suspension or termination; provide for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the office during temporary absence of the Town Administrator; and provide for filling a vacancy in the position of Town Administrator; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and to act on anything relating thereto.

VOTED. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation relating to the Town Administrator in substantially the following form provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

#### SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any provision of any general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a town administrator (the "Town Administrator") to serve for a definite term of not more than three (3) years and shall fix the compensation for such person, annually, within the amount appropriated by Town Meeting. The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of demonstrated executive and administrative qualifications. The Town Administrator shall be a person qualified by education, training and previous experience to perform the duties set forth herein. The Town Administrator shall not have served as a member of the Milton Board of Selectmen for at least twelve (12) months prior to public posting of the position. Town Meeting may, from time to time, establish, by by-law, such additional qualifications as may be deemed necessary and appropriate. The Town Administrator shall devote full time to the office and shall not hold any other public office, elective or appointive, and shall not be actively engaged in any other business or occupation during such service, in each case, unless the Board of Selectmen approves such action in advance and in writing. The Board of Selectmen shall provide for an annual review of the job performance of the Town Administrator that shall be a public record.

## SECTION 2.

The Town Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the Town, directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration of all Town affairs for which she/he is given responsibility.

Notwithstanding any provision of any general or special law to the contrary, the powers and duties of the Town Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) to supervise, direct and be responsible for the efficient administration of the Town's day-to-day operations for which the Town Administrator is given authority, responsibility or control, whether by this act, by-law, vote of Town Meeting, vote of the Board of Selectmen or otherwise;

(b) subject to the civil service laws and any collective bargaining agreements as may be applicable, to appoint, supervise and direct all department heads (except for the Consolidated Facilities Director) and Town employees, in each case who are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen. With respect to department heads only (except for the Consolidated Facilities Director), such appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen unless, within said fifteen (15) day period, the Board of Selectmen, by majority vote, has voted to reject such appointment or has sooner voted to affirm such appointment. Notwithstanding the "at will" nature of employment, the Town Administrator shall have authority to enter into employment contracts for periods not to exceed the maximum period of time allowed under State law with the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Deputy Police Chief and the Town Accountant that provide for other terms and conditions of employment, including removal. The Town Administrator shall provide for an annual review of such department heads and employees with respect to day-to-day and annual performance;

(c) to suspend or remove any person appointed by the Town Administrator; provided, however, with respect to any such removal that if such person is a department head, the Town Administrator shall first inform the Board of Selectmen with respect to such removal provided, however, that further conditions applicable to removal or suspension may be addressed by the terms of any contract between the Town Administrator and such department head;

(d) to be entrusted with the administration of the town personnel system, in conjunction with the Personnel Board, including, but not limited to, personnel

policies and practices, rules and regulations, including provisions for an annual employee performance review, personnel by-laws and collective bargaining agreements entered into by the town. The Town Administrator shall also prepare and keep current a plan establishing the personnel staffing requirements for each town department or entity, except the School Department;

(e) to fix the compensation of all appointed officers and employees within the limits established by appropriations of the Town Meeting;

(f) to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Selectmen unless she/he is unavailable for reasonable cause. The Town Administrator shall have a voice, but not a vote, at meetings of the Board of Selectmen;

(g) to keep the Board of Selectmen fully advised concerning the status of all matters that have been referred to the Town Administrator by the Board of Selectmen;

(h) to assure that full and complete records of the financial and administrative activities of the town are kept and to render, as often as may be required by the Board of Selectmen, a full report of all town financial and administrative operations during the period reported on, which report shall be made available to the public;

(i) to keep the Board of Selectmen fully advised as to the needs of the town and to recommend to the Board of Selectmen and other elected town officers and agencies for adoption such measures requiring action by them or by Town Meeting as the Town Administrator may deem necessary or desirable;

(j) to have full jurisdiction over the rental and use of all town facilities and real property except real property that is under the control of the School Committee, the Board of Library Trustees, the Board of Park Commissioners, the Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Milton Housing Authority or the Conservation Commission; provided, however, that the Town Administrator, together with the School Superintendent, shall supervise and oversee the Director of Consolidated Facilities, who shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all town buildings and facilities;

(k) to coordinate intra-governmental and inter-governmental affairs;

(l) to act as the administrative spokesperson for the Town;

(m) to formulate long-range and annual financial plans, including detailed projections of revenues and expenditures, and to prepare and present to the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee an annual operating budget for the town and to prepare and present to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Board of Selectmen a proposed capital budget for the town for the five (5) fiscal years next ensuing;

(n) to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen with respect to departmental and non-departmental expenditures, the Capital Improvement Plan submitted by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, the financial impact of Town Meeting warrant articles, and strategies and proposals for collective bargaining;

(o) to negotiate all contracts relating to the responsibilities of the Town Administrator outlined herein, including contracts with town employees (except employees of the School Department) involving wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment; provided, however, that all collective bargaining contracts shall be subject to ratification and execution by the Board of Selectmen;

(p) to appoint the chief procurement officer for the Town of Milton for purposes of M.G.L. c. 30B;

(q) to approve payment and expense warrants pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, § 56;

(r) to submit to the Board of Selectmen and to Town Meeting, if necessary, plans to reorganize, consolidate or abolish departments, commissions, boards or offices under her/his direction and supervision, or to establish new departments, commissions, boards and offices, or both, subject to enactment of home rule legislation if otherwise legally required;

(s) to see that all of the provisions of the General Laws, the By-laws, votes of the Town Meeting and votes of the Board of Selectmen that require enforcement by the Town Administrator or officers subject to her/his direction and supervision are faithfully executed, performed or otherwise carried out;

(t) to act upon all applications for temporary (duration of not more than forty-five (45) days) signs;

(u) to act upon all applications for utility grants of location and to conduct public hearings in connection therewith, in accordance with the statutory procedure established for a Board of Selectmen;



(v) to act upon all applications to use the Town's streets and ways for charitable or other walks or runs, any approval thereof being contingent upon approval by the Police Chief; and

(w) to perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be delegated to the Town Administrator by the Board of Selectmen.

The Town Administrator may delegate duties to any subordinate officer or employee to aid the Town Administrator in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities.

### SECTION 3.

The Town Administrator shall be subject to the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen. She/he shall render reports to the Board of Selectmen on a regular basis, including in such reports a summary of current activities, a list of both current and long range issues and objectives and programs in response thereto, and suggestions concerning the goals and objectives of the Town and the community.

### SECTION 4.

The Board of Selectmen may, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, terminate, remove or suspend the Town Administrator from office; provided, however, that further conditions applicable to termination, removal or suspension may be addressed by the terms of any contract between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

### SECTION 5.

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a qualified interim Town Administrator to serve until such time as the next Town Administrator is appointed but not for a period longer than twelve (12) months. The Board of Selectmen may, in its discretion, waive any one or more of the requirements or provisions set forth in Section 1 hereof with respect to the appointment of any interim Town Administrator.

In the event that the Town Administrator is unable to perform the duties of the Town Administrator for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days or more, the Board of Selectmen may appoint in writing a qualified town officer or employee to serve as Acting Town Administrator. The Acting Town Administrator shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Town Administrator until such time as the Board of Selectmen revokes in writing such appointment as Acting Town Administrator.

## SECTION 6.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

### VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws to establish an Information Technology Committee consisting of five (5) members, whose members shall be appointed as follows: three (3) by the Moderator, one (1) by the Board of Selectmen, and one (1) by the School Committee. The duties of said Committee shall include without limitation: to develop a strategic plan for Town-wide information technology; to provide advice and recommendations to Town boards, commissions, committees and personnel on strategic information technology planning and budget requests; to assist Town boards, commissions, committees and personnel in evaluating information technology needs; to submit recommendations on all software systems and equipment needs; and to provide guidance with respect to priorities among Town departments. The members shall serve for a three year term and may be reappointed. The Committee shall annually provide a report to the Town to be included in the Town's Annual Report; and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purposes of this article; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws to establish an Information Technology Committee consisting of five (5) members, whose members shall be appointed by the Moderator. The duties of said Committee shall include without limitation: to develop a strategic plan for Town-wide information technology; to provide advice and recommendations to Town boards, commissions, committees and personnel on strategic information technology planning and budget requests; to assist Town boards, commissions, committees and personnel in evaluating information technology needs; to engage consultant services as needed; to submit recommendations on all software systems and equipment needs; and to provide guidance with respect to priorities among Town departments. The members shall initially be appointed as follows: two (2) members for three (3) years; two (2) members for two (2) years; and one (1) member for one (1) year; and subsequently be appointed for three (3) year terms. The Committee shall annually provide a report to the Town to be included in the Town's Annual Report, and further that the Town vote no appropriation under this article.

### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 17** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for the operation of the several Boards and Committees classified as Boards and Special Committees; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

<b>BOARDS AND COMMITTEES</b>	<b><u>FY 16</u></b>
<b>A CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
General Expenses	<u>2,500</u>
Total Conservation Commission	<u>2,500</u>
 <b>B COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Salaries & Wages	211,710
General Expenses	34,071
Transportation Expenses	<u>10,019</u>
Total Council on Aging	<u>255,800</u>
 <b>C HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	
General Expenses	<u>2,240</u>
Total Historical Commission	<u>2,240</u>
 <b>D PERSONNEL BOARD</b>	
Salaries & Wages	46,975
General Expenses	<u>1,770</u>
Total Personnel Board	<u>48,745</u>
 <b>E PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Salaries & Wages	27,918
General Expenses	<u>2,850</u>
Total Planning Board	<u>30,768</u>
 <b>F WARRANT COMMITTEE</b>	
Salaries & Wages	9,035
General Expenses	<u>850</u>
Total Warrant Committee	<u>9,885</u>
 <b>TOTAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES</b>	<u><u>349,938</u></u>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$349,938 be raised from the tax levy.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 18** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015, for the operation, maintenance and improvements of Public Works; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>FY 16</u>
Public Works General	1,711,059
Vehicle Maintenance	538,784
Storm Water Management	<u>509,826</u>
Sub-Total Public Works	<u>2,759,669</u>
 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	
Collection of Refuse	482,304
Refuse Disposal	400,000
Curbside Recycling	601,375
Landfill Monitoring	20,000
Solid Waste General	70,365
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	-
Sub-Total Solid Waste Management	<u>1,574,044</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u><u>4,333,713</u></u>

and that meet said appropriation the sum of \$4,333,713 be raised from the tax levy. Of the total amount appropriated, the maximum sum authorized for salaries and wages is \$1,133,191. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized to sell at a private or public sale, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, equipment that is no longer needed by the department. It is further authorized to exchange or trade in old equipment for similar materials in the usual course of its operations to provide for replacement items.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 19** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015, for the Water enterprise fund; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate \$5,249,159 for the Water Enterprise Fund; that \$509,781 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Water Enterprise Fund for funding; that the fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in the Water special revenue fund be transferred to the Water Enterprise Fund; and that \$5,758,940 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	<u>FY2016</u>
WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:	
Rate / User Fee Revenue	5,587,440
Service and Miscellaneous Revenue	170,000
Investment Income	<u>1,500</u>
Total Revenue	<u>5,758,940</u>
WATER ENTERPRISE COSTS:	
Direct Costs:	
Salary & Wages	761,685
Expenses	488,000
Capital Outlay	365,000
Debt Service	477,650
MWRA Assessments	<u>3,156,824</u>
Subtotal Direct Costs	<u>5,249,159</u>
Indirect Costs	<u>509,781</u>
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE COSTS	<u>5,758,940</u>

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 20** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015, for the Sewer enterprise fund; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate \$6,855,253 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; that \$497,450 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for funding; that the fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in the Sewer special revenue fund be transferred to the Sewer Enterprise Fund; and that \$7,352,703 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	<u>FY2016</u>
SEWER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:	
Rate / User Fee Revenue	7,150,203
Service and Miscellaneous Revenue	200,000
Investment Income	2,500
Total Revenue	<u>7,352,703</u>
SEWER ENTERPRISE COSTS:	
Direct Costs:	
Salary & Wages	624,444
Expenses	204,000
Capital Outlay	775,000
Debt Service	181,556
MWRA Assessments	<u>5,070,253</u>
Subtotal Direct Costs	<u>6,855,253</u>
Indirect Costs	<u>497,450</u>
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE COSTS	<u><u>7,352,703</u></u>

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 21** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintaining, repairing, improving and constructing of ways under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, said sum or any portion thereof to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$933,685 for the purposes set forth in this article, that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer be authorized to issue, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, bonds or secured notes in the amount of \$933,685; that the Town vote to accept grants under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 in the amount of \$933,685, the said reimbursements from the state (100%) to be restored upon their receipt to the Town Treasurer.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 22** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to provide rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the town's water system, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and use federal, state, MWRA or other funds for this purpose, to determine how such appropriation shall be raised; whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the Town's water system, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$500,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (5) of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or any other public or private funding source.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

**ARTICLE 23** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to provide rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the Town's surface drain system, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and use federal, state, or other funds for this purpose; to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act of anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement of the Town's surface drain system, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(1) and 8(15) of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from any other public or private funding source.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

**ARTICLE 24** To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate to provide capital needs for the Town's sewer system, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and use federal, state, MWRA or other funds for this purpose, to see how such appropriation shall be raised; whether by borrowing under applicable provisions of law or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$485,000 for the purpose of financing the capital needs of the Town's sewer system, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$485,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (5) of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or any other public or private funding source.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2016, to accept on behalf of the Town, except with respect to real property that is located in a business district or on which a multi-family dwelling consisting of more than six 6) units is constructed or proposed to be constructed, any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2016, to accept on behalf of the Town, except with respect to real property that is located in a business district or on which a multi-family dwelling consisting of more than six(6) units is constructed or proposed to be constructed, any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town.

**VOICE VOTE**

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, and on such conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, temporary and/or permanent easements for the purpose of grading of private driveways, lawns and walkways, to the newly constructed sidewalks located on Town of Milton property, as part of the Safe Routes to Schools Program



administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Said easement areas are located within property on Canton Avenue, Brook Road, Voses Lane, and Elm Lawn, in the vicinity of the intersection of Brook Road and Canton Avenue, and are shown on a plan prepared by TEC, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Milton Department of Public Works; and, further, to see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the purposes of this article, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under applicable provisions of law, or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, and on such conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, temporary and/or permanent easements for the purpose of grading of private driveways, lawns and walkways, to the newly constructed sidewalks located on Town of Milton property, as part of the Safe Routes to Schools Program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Said easement areas are located within property on Canton Avenue, Brook Road, Voses Lane, and Elm Lawn, in the vicinity of the intersection of Brook Road and Canton Avenue, and are shown on a plan prepared by TEC, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Milton Department of Public Works; and, further, that the Town vote no appropriation under this article.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 27** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Health and Sanitation for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

BOARD OF HEALTH	FY 16
Salaries & Wages	179,285
General Expenses	3,000
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	182,285

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$182,285 be raised from the tax levy.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 28** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Public Library for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

VOTED. The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>FY 16</b>
Salaries & Wages	969,042
General Expenses	178,400
Old Colony Network	32,304
Books & Related Materials	114,000
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b><u>1,293,746</u></b>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,293,746 be raised from the tax levy.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh a recognized Town Meeting Member - Precinct Seven and Cemetery Trustee Chairman, Joseph M. Reardon

Mr. Reardon acknowledged and welcomed the two newly elected Trustee Members; Steven D. Fruzzetti and Stephen J. Pender. Mr. Reardon also praised outgoing Trustee Members Barbara C. Martin and Ann M. Walsh for the tremendous service to the town. Town Meeting Members gave Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Walsh a warm round of applause.

**BARBARA C. MARTIN**  
**Cemetery Trustee**  
**2010-2015**

**ANN M. WALSH**  
**Cemetery Trustee**  
**2001-2015**

Mr. Reardon also extended praise and thanks to the Milton Cemetery personnel for their distinction in affording families the opportunity to bury their loved ones without interruption despite the harsh winter conditions. Town Meeting Members gave a rousing round of applause.

**ARTICLE 29** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintenance and improvement of the Cemetery for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

CEMETERY	<u>FY 16</u>
Salaries & Wages	659,086
General Expenses	<u>151,714</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY	<u><u>810,800</u></u>

and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$789,872 be raised from the tax levy and that the sum of \$20,928 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

The Department is hereby authorized to sell or exchange old equipment to furnish additional funds for new equipment.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Town Meeting Member, Precinct One, Earl W. Fay made a motion to amend Article 30, which was seconded to add a third line item “Special Needs Program - \$1000” and reduce the General Expenses by one thousand dollars (\$1000) so that it would read:

PARKS AND RECREATION	<u>FY 16</u>
Salaries & Wages	334,273
General Expenses	121,858
Special Needs Program	<u>1000</u>
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	<u><u>457,131</u></u>

The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator recognized Town Meeting Member, Precinct 9, F. Beirne Lovely, who generously donated two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to the Park and Recreation Department for the specific purpose of the Special Needs Program. Town Meeting gave Mr. Lovely a stirring round of applause.

**ARTICLE 30** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 for the operation of Parks

and Recreation; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of the Park and Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18 of the General Bylaws of the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the continued use of the Park and Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18 of the General Bylaws of the Town and that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

PARKS AND RECREATION	FY 16
Salaries & Wages	334,273
General Expenses	121,858
Special Needs Program	1,000
<b>TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	<b>457,131</b>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$457,131 be raised from the tax levy.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until May 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Town meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk

**ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING  
MAY 7, 2015**

Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, opened the Adjourned Town Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, informed the Moderator that a quorum was present.

The following 78 Town Meeting Members were absent from the Town Meeting held May 7, 2015

- PRECINCT ONE:** Joan L. Gancarski  
Michael O'Toole  
Gabrielle Rene  
Julie Callahan Shields  
Jeffrey R. Stone  
Mitchell Sumner
- PRECINCT TWO:** Deborah M. Felton  
Nicholas S. Gray  
Brian A. Joyce (*Ex-Officio*)  
James B. Joyce  
Chad F. Lundeen  
Thomas McCarthy  
Rebecca Padera  
Mimi Sundstrom  
Herbert F. Voigt
- PRECINCT THREE:** Mark D. Botelho  
Peter C. Hunt  
Ewan J. Innes  
Nancy S. Mathews  
Richard B. Neely
- PRECINCT FOUR:** Brian J. Burns  
Thomas M. Callahan  
S. Elaine Craghead  
James F. MacLeod  
Kathleen A. Potter  
James Anthony Quinn
- PRECINCT FIVE:** John J. Cockran  
Denis F. Keohane  
Gerald W. Motejunas  
Stephen Redmond Ng  
Jeanne M. O'Brien  
Ted Olivo  
Joanne P. Stanley  
Christine M. Stanton

- PRECINCT SIX:** Jeanne L. Burns  
Charles M. Caputo  
Janet M. Christensen  
Thomas E. Curran  
Joseph P. Grogan  
Richard J. Killion  
Bernard J. Lynch, III  
Marlene F. Mason  
Jennifer L. White
- PRECINCT SEVEN:** William J. Bulger  
Steven A. Cloonan  
John Thomas Galvin IV  
David A. Johnson  
Daniel F. Joyce  
David J. Lyons  
Lucas J. McGary  
Joseph M. Reardon
- PRECINCT EIGHT:** Patricia Armstrong  
Gregory T. Buchanan  
Diane M. Colligan  
Lawrence R. Curran, Jr.  
Amy E. Delaney  
James P. Delaney  
Margaret A. Kelly  
Aileen S. Kenney  
George W. Mann, Jr.  
Barbara A. Mason  
Robert A. Mason  
Ryan H. O'Connell  
Walter F. Timilty (*Ex-Officio*)  
Agnes Walkowiak
- PRECINCT NINE:** Patricia A. Elliot  
Franc Graham  
Helene White Haddad  
S. John Hajjar  
Michael E. Kelly  
Frank O. Mulligan  
Mercedes Mulligan  
Tina M. Regan-Harrington  
David Shea

**PRECINCT TEN:** Carla M. Fallaco-Morey  
 Fenol Jean-Baptiste  
 Margaret M. Kasuba  
 Maureen Cronin Peterson

The Moderator recognized Milton Health Director/ Public Health Nurse, Caroline A. Kinsella. Mrs. Kinsella addressed Town Meeting to inform the body that the Board of Health received a one hundred and ten thousand three year grant to the recently establish Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition awarded by the Blue Hills Health Alliance. Town Meeting gave Mrs. Kinsella a rousing round of applause.

The Moderator recognized Stephen A. Morash, Town Meeting Member, Precinct 2, and Chairman of the Fire Space Needs Committee to provide Town Meeting with an update on the work of the committee.

The Moderator recognized Town Meeting Members Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Precinct 9 and Brian T. Kelley, Precinct 7. Mrs. Sheridan and Mr. Kelley are also two of the founding members of We Are Milton. Mrs. Sheridan and Mr. Kelley spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual We are Milton Music Festival and Fireworks on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ARTICLE 31** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of schools for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town appropriated the amount shown in the following tabulation:

SCHOOLS	FY 16
School Department	<u>\$40,747,500</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS	<u><u>\$40,747,500</u></u>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$40,172,758 be raised from the tax levy, and that the sum of \$574,742 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 32** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The sum of \$914,238 be appropriated for the purpose set forth in this article and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$914,238 be raised from the tax levy.

BLUE HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE	<u>FY 16</u>
	\$914,238
TOTAL	<u>\$914,238</u>

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 33** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of the Consolidated Facilities Department for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES	<u>FY 16</u>
Salaries & Wages	707,998
General Expenses	<u>233,526</u>
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES	<u>941,524</u>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$881,524 be raised from the tax levy, and that the sum of \$60,000 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 34** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Interest and Maturing Debt for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015, and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation:

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT	<u>FY16</u>
Interest	1,024,316
Maturing Debt	<u>\$3,008,378</u>
TOTAL INTEREST AND	
MATURING DEBT	<u>\$4,032,694</u>

and that to meet said appropriation the following sums be applied: \$126,003 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, \$160,331 from funds released from the



Overlay Reserve, \$570,540 from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash, and the remainder of \$3,175,820 from the tax levy.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 35** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Stabilization Fund, the Capital Stabilization Fund, and the Post-Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation:

STABILIZATION FUNDS	FY16
Stabilization Fund	0
Capital Stabilization Fund	0
Post Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund	0
GRAND TOTAL	0

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$0 is to be raised from the tax levy.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 36** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, which provides that a town may establish a separate trust fund to be known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits; to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purposes of this article; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, which provides that a town may establish a separate trust fund to be known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits, and that the Town appropriate the sum of \$536,251 for the purposes set forth in this article and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$389,023 be transferred from the Post-Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund, and the sum of \$ 147,228 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of Article 37.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Town Meeting Member Precinct 9, Diane Ditullio Agostino made a motion to which was seconded to amend Article 37 to refer back to the Board of Selectmen for further study.

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to enact legislation which, notwithstanding any general law or special law to the contrary;

1. Would authorize the Town to establish and maintain a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of funding debt service obligations of certain Town capital projects financed with debt issuance that would be exempt from the limitations imposed by proposition 2½ (Exempt Debt).
2. Would provide that for a specified number of years the Town's debt service for capital projects would exceed the Town's levy limit by the amount by which the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 debt service for capital projects exceeded the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 levy limit.
3. Would provide that for any fiscal year during which the Town's principal and interest on Exempt Debt borrowing for capital projects is less than the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 levy limit Exempt Debt, the difference between such principal and interest and the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 levy limit Exempt Debt would be deposited into said Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.
4. For any fiscal year during which the Town's principal and interest on borrowing for capital projects with Exempt Debt exceeds the amount of the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 levy limit Exempt Debt, the difference between such principal and interest and the Town's Fiscal Year 2015 levy limit Exempt Debt would be paid from the proceeds of said Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.
5. Would provide for a requirement that Town Meeting approve the specific capital project and related issuance of debt that would be subject to the provisions set forth in this article and as such would be excluded from levy limit requirements of proposition 2½,

provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MILTON  
TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PURPOSE STABILIZATION FUND

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Milton is authorized to establish and maintain a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of funding future debt service obligations of certain town capital projects financed with debt issuance that would be exempt from the limitations imposed by Proposition 2½ (Exempt Debt).

SECTION 2: For any fiscal year during which the town's future principal and interest on Exempt Debt borrowing for capital projects with Exempt Debt is less than the principal and interest on the town's Fiscal Year 2016 Exempt Debt, the difference between such principal and interest and the town's Fiscal Year 2016 Exempt Debt principal and interest shall be deposited into said Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.

SECTION 3: For any fiscal year during which the town's future principal and interest on borrowing for capital projects with Exempt Debt exceeds the amount of the principal and interest on the town's Fiscal Year 2016 Exempt Debt, the difference between such future principal and interest and the principal and interest on the town's Fiscal Year 2016 Exempt Debt shall be paid from the proceeds of said Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.

SECTION 4: Money in the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund may be expended only for the purpose of stabilizing the cost to the taxpayers for the future replacement or substantial restoration and improvement of three town fire stations and the town Department of Public Works facilities, and only for

projects approved by town meeting and for which the voters of the town have voted to exclude the principal and interest on debt service related to said projects from the limitations set forth in Proposition 2½, provided that the maximum principal amount of debt associated with the foregoing projects that may be payable from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund shall not exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

SECTION 5: The balance in the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund shall not exceed two and one-half percent of the town's annual operating budget for the then current fiscal year.

SECTION 6: Funding of the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund would be suspended when the balance in said Fund is sufficient to cover any future payments of principal and interest on Exempt Debt that would exceed the Fiscal Year 2016 Exempt Debt principal and interest. The Special Purpose Stabilization Fund would be closed when the balance in said Fund is zero.

SECTION 7: This act shall take effect upon its passage.

VOICE VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Town meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk

## **ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING MAY 11, 2015**

Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, opened the Adjourned Town Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, informed the Moderator that a quorum was present.

The following 70 Town Meeting Members were absent from the Town Meeting held May 11, 2015

**PRECINCT ONE:** Ruth E. Baltopoulos  
Joan L. Gancarski  
Kristen A. LaCasse  
Ellen D. O'Toole  
Michael O'Toole  
Gabrielle Rene  
Mitchell Sumner  
Darnell J.S. Turner

**PRECINCT TWO:** Michael Chinman  
Brian A. Joyce (*Ex-Officio*)  
James B. Joyce  
Reedy Kream  
Chad F. Lundeen  
Mimi Sundstrom  
Herbert F. Voigt

**PRECINCT THREE:** Mark D. Botelho  
Peter C. Hunt  
Nancy S. Mathews  
Mary G. McLaughlin  
Frank J. Stout

**PRECINCT FOUR:** Brian J. Burns  
Margaret E. Carels  
E. Piel Hollingsworth  
James F. MacLeod  
Harriet Manning

**PRECINCT FIVE:** John J. Cockran  
Denis F. Keohane  
Gerald W. Motejunas  
Stephen Redmond Ng  
Jeanne M. O'Brien  
Ted Olivo  
Christine M. Stanton

**PRECINCT SIX:** Donald P. Affanato  
Thomas E. Curran  
Janet K. Evans  
Joseph P. Grogan  
Richard J. Killion  
Bernard J. Lynch, III  
Janice R. Wallace

**PRECINCT SEVEN:** John Thomas Galvin IV  
Todd M. Greenwood  
David A. Johnson  
Daniel F. Joyce  
Festus Joyce  
David J. Lyons  
Michael Maholchic  
Lucas J. McGary  
Kathleen M. O'Donnell  
Joseph M. Reardon  
Christopher J. Shirley

**PRECINCT EIGHT:** Patricia Armstrong  
Gregory T. Buchanan  
Abram Cardoza  
Diane M. Colligan  
Margaret A. Kelly  
Brian Mantville  
Barbara A. Mason  
Robert A. Mason  
Maurice P. Mitchell  
Thomas P. O'Connor  
Agnes Walkowiak

**PRECINCT NINE:** John P. Flynn (*Ex-Officio*)  
Helene White Haddad  
S. John Hajjar  
F. Beirne Lovely, Jr.  
Tina M. Regan-Harrington  
David Shea  
Lynda-Lee Sheridan

**PRECINCT TEN:** Carla M. Fallaco-Morey  
Fenol Jean-Baptiste

**ARTICLE 38** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2014, in addition to the appropriation voted by the 2014 Annual Town Meeting under Article 33; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$396,090 for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2014; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$396,090 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 39** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 and to apply from the Overlay Reserve such amounts as the Town shall determine to meet in whole or in part such appropriation; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town appropriate the sum of \$597,445 for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$200,000 is to be raised from the tax levy and the sum of 397,445 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 40** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds previously established pursuant to votes of Town Meeting, and to determine: 1) the programs and purposes for which each such revolving fund may be expended; 2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to each such revolving fund; 3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend money from each such revolving fund; and 4) a limit on the total amount

which may be expended from each such revolving fund in the fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to continue the revolving funds created under Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws and established by votes of the Annual Town Meeting as indicated in the tabulation below. And that at the end of the fiscal year, those Boards and Commissions with the revolving funds indicated below shall make a full and complete report with detail of the total revolving fund revenue collected and funds expended to the Warrant Committee.

Annual Town Meeting	Department	Purpose	Revenue Source	Limit
March 1994 Article 37	Board of Park Commissioners	Maintenance and repair of Town parks and recreational facilities	Fees received from the use of Town parks and recreational facilities	\$75,000
May 1996 Article 31	Board of Library Trustees	Purchasing new books and other related materials	Fines for overdue materials and from charges for lost or damaged materials, printer use fees and receipts from the sale of trash stickers	\$85,000
May 2001 Article 29	Board of Selectmen	Operation, repair, rental and maintenance of the Senior Center	Fees received from rental of the facilities at the Senior Center	\$25,000
May 2004 Article 28	Board of Health	Operation of health programs and for the purchase of additional vaccine for Town of Milton residents	Fees and charges received from the operation of influenza and pneumonia clinics, a year round immunization program, other health programs	\$20,000
May 2008 Article 30	Board of Library Trustees	Operation, repair, rental and maintenance of the library facilities	Fees and charges received from rental of library facilities	\$25,000
May 2009 Article 40	Cemetery Department	Purchasing, storing and installing grave liners and other related materials and equipment	Fees for providing and installing grave liners	\$60,000
May 2011 Article 32	Conservation Commission	Purchasing and installation of trees, shrubs and plants, cleaning of waterways and removal of invasive species and improving drainage	Fees charged for fines imposed for the violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Milton Wetlands Bylaw.	\$15,000
January 2012 STM Article 5	Board of Selectmen	Building maintenance, repair and improvement	Revenue collected from rent or fees for occupancy or use of the former East Milton Library	\$6,000

UNANIMOUS VOTE



**ARTICLE 41** To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody, management and control from the Board of Selectmen for municipal dump purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, of the former Landfill access road, located adjacent to the land shown on Town of Milton Assessors' Maps, Section I, Block 38D, as Lots 10A, 6, 7, 8 and 9; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to transfer care, custody, management and control from the Board of Selectmen for municipal dump purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, of the former Landfill access road, located adjacent to the land shown on Town of Milton Assessors' Maps, Section I, Block 38D, as Lots 10A, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recused himself from Moderator in order to use his ex-officio status to weigh in on Article 42.

At the request of the Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, a motion was made and seconded that Town Council, Brandon Moss act as interim Moderator during preceding's on Article 42.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

UNANIMOUS

Town Meeting Member- Precinct 3, Virginia Donahue King made a motion which was seconded to amend Article 42 to strike out the words "public body" and inserting "Warrant Committee" in each of the five instances where "public body" appears in article.

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 42** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court to enact legislation which would provide that in circumstances where a quorum of a public body is a simple majority of the members of that public body, the quorum shall be a simple majority of the members serving on that public body, rather than a simple majority of the number of members of that public body as constituted. In this context a public body is a multiple member board, commission, committee, or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branch of the Town of Milton,

however created, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose, but shall not include a multiple member board, commission, committee or subcommittee whose members are elected by registered voters of the Town; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court to enact legislation which would provide that in circumstances where a quorum of a public body is a simple majority of the members of that public body, the quorum shall be a simple majority of the members appointed to that public body, rather than a simple majority of the number of members of that public body as authorized. In this context a public body is a multiple member board, commission, committee, or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branch of the Town of Milton, however created, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose, but shall not include a multiple member board, commission, committee or subcommittee whose members are elected by registered voters of the Town; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

#### VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 43** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Town Bylaw Review Committee consisting of five (5) members to review the Town's existing General Bylaws, with the exception of Chapter 10, known as the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 13, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, Chapter 15, known as the Wetlands Bylaw, and Chapter 21, known as the Stormwater Management Bylaw, and to make recommendations, if any, to Town Meeting as to additions, deletions and changes to, and organization of, such Bylaws, such Committee to report annually in the Town's Annual Report as to its activities and shall expire on the third anniversary of its first meeting, unless extended by vote of the Town Meeting; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTE.** The Town voted to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Town Bylaw Review Committee consisting of five (5) members to review the Town's existing General Bylaws, with the exception of Chapter 10, known as the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 13, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, Chapter 15, known as the Wetlands Bylaw, and Chapter 21, known as the Stormwater Management Bylaw, and to make recommendations, if any, to

Town Meeting as to additions, deletions and changes to, and organization of, such Bylaws, such Committee to report annually in the Town's Annual Report as to its activities and shall expire on the third anniversary of its first meeting, unless extended by vote of the Town Meeting.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 44** To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate to the Affordable Housing Trust; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Affordable Housing Trust and that the sum of \$5,000 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

The Moderator recognized Board of Selectman Chair, J. Thomas Hurley. Mr. Hurley thanked the members of the Warrant Committee for their tireless work. Town Meeting gave a standing ovation to the Warrant Committee Members.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 45** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws which would authorize the Town to establish a separate account classified as the Ulin Rink Operations Enterprise Fund, provided that such acceptance shall be effective on July 1, 2015; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws which would authorize the Town to establish a separate account classified as the Ulin Rink Operations Enterprise Fund, provided that such acceptance shall be effective on July 1, 2015.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 46** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general objectives of this petition.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MILTON TO ISSUE AN  
ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES OF A CERTAIN  
RESTAURANT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court  
assembled, and by authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 11 and 17 of  
chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the  
Town of Milton may grant an additional license for the sale of  
all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of a  
restaurant known as The Plate at Milton Market Place located  
on the second floor of 10 Bassett Street, and owned by  
Lombardi Enterprises, LLC or its successor in interest,  
provided that any successor in interest shall be subject to  
approval by the Milton Board of Selectmen and the Alcoholic  
Beverages Control Commission; provided however, that an  
application to transfer the license to a successor in interest shall  
be granted and approved according to the standard for a new  
license; and provided further that all procedures set forth under  
section 15A of chapter 138 shall be applicable thereto. The  
license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said  
section 17. The licensing authority shall not approve the  
transfer of the license to any other location.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh a recognized Town Meeting Member - Precinct  
Three and Planning Board Chair, Emily Keys Innes

Ms. Innes acknowledge and thanked outgoing member, Edward Duffy for all  
of his contribution to the Planning Board. Town Meeting Members gave Mr.  
Duffy a warm round of applause and standing ovation.

**EDWARD L. DUFFY**  
**Planning Board**  
**2000-2015**

Ms. Innes extended a warm welcome to newly elected Planning Board Member  
Cheryl F. Tougias.

**ARTICLE 47** To see if the Town will vote to declare a moratorium immediately on allowing neon and L.E.D. (light-emitting diodes) signs and similar illuminated signage, all other prohibited signage, and cloth advertising banners while a five-member committee, appointed by the Town Moderator, conducts a thorough study and review of the commercial signage bylaws appropriate for historic Milton and an examination of the legality of current signage.

This moratorium shall not in any way affect municipal signs and shall terminate after the committee concludes its study and recommendations for an updated sign bylaw are approved by the Town.

(This committee shall publicize its meetings and examine all issues regarding commercial signs including, but not limited to, the possibility of illegal signs existing at some locations, prohibiting additional new neon or LED signs, enforcement by fines or other penalties for current sign violations, the sign by-laws of similar towns-such as Hingham, Norwell, Wellesley, Winchester, the appropriate size, lettering, coloring of new signs, reduced time limits on banner signs, public notice of applications for waivers from sign by-law and the proper board for exemption, as well as any additional issue this committee determines should be reviewed).

Submitted By:	
Amy Lenane	99 Grafton Avenue
Michael L. Lenane	99 Grafton Avenue
Michael M. Lenane	243 Thacher Street
Barbara Lenane	243 Thacher Street
Kevin Lenane	36 Chesterfield Road
Brian McGuire	94 Grafton Avenue
Liz McGuire Tanquasso	94 Grafton Avenue
Courtney McGuire	94 Grafton Avenue
Jennifer Brennan Smith	90 Grafton Avenue
Bill Barrett	86 Grafton Avenue

**VOTED.** The Town voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Planning Board for further study, submitting a new article to, or reporting thereon, at the 2015 Fall Town Meeting.

VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 48** To see if the town will vote to amend Section 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaws, by adding the following subsection\_\_\_\_\_ to Section III:\_\_\_\_\_

## CONDOMINIUM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit for a Condominium Planned Unit Development (“Condominium Development”) upon satisfaction of all requirements specified in this Subsection and upon such other requirements, terms and conditions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Planning Board

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Subsection is to encourage diverse housing design in order to address one or more of the following concerns: historic preservation, protection of environmental features, preservation of areas of scenic beauty including scenic views from the street, a neighborhood’s unique character and history, significant difficulties of site access, and maintaining the Town’s percentage of affordable housing units. As used in this Subsection the word “lot” shall be deemed to include a combination of adjacent lots in one ownership.

### 2. Uses

Multi-unit residential use and the development of attractive open space that addresses one or more of the concerns described in Section 1. shall be permitted by a special permit for Condominium Development. Such residential use may be authorized for ownership of housing units. The number of units allowed shall not exceed four units per acre. If the site for the condominium development has more than one of the following characteristics an additional density bonus of one unit per acre may be allowed by the Planning Board, upon a showing that the increased density will facilitate a design that benefits the neighborhood and the Town:

- a) Distinctive scenic and/or historic features including a “scenic vista”, frontage on a scenic way that will be preserved by the proposed condominium development design; or proximity to public land with a trail open to public use with view of the development site, to protect the natural setting of the trail on public land;
- b) Historic structures that will be preserved as part of the development;
- c) A location adjacent to higher density housing than allowed in the residential zoning district by right;

- d) significant difficulties of access;
- e) Unusual topography suited to housing clusters rather than single family lots;
- f) Sensitive environmental features such as wetlands , streams or vegetation
- g) A design incorporating distinctive neighborhood characteristics.

An application for a Townhouse Development shall include a plan meeting the requirements for a site plan specified in Section VIII.D.2 and such other requirements as may be specified by the Planning Board, including statements of how the development addresses the objectives in Section 1. and how the development will impact the Town and the neighborhood. The site plan may be contained in one or more plans prepared in a form suitable for recording by a Registered Professional Engineer or a Registered Land Surveyor, and in accompanying text and material.

### 3. Special Permit Application

An application for a Town House Development special permit shall include the following plans (which plans may be combined) and other materials as may be required by the Planning Board:

- a) An existing conditions plan, including topographical plan with two-foot contours;
- b) A proposed conditions plan;
- c) A Wetlands Delineation Plan (if applicable);
- d) A Parking Plan;
- e) A Utility Plan, showing water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone and cable and drainage structures;
- f) If sewage treatment is to be provided on site, a sewage treatment plan;
- g) A Storm Water plan and drainage calculations;
- h) Site plans depicting building and accessory structures, roadways, sidewalks, street lighting, and parking and guest parking areas. The plans shall include detailed elevations of buildings with dimensions and square footage and exterior elevations;
- i) A Landscape and Hardscape Plan, including plans depicting the preservation of historic walls and historic structures, and other significant features of the site, including but not limited to walls, fences, significant landscape features and vegetation; and
- j) A Lighting Plan showing all exterior lighting.

#### 4. Buildings and Setbacks

A Townhouse Development may contain the following buildings and shall have the following setback and site requirements:

- a) A Town House Development may be developed to a density of four (4) units per acre and may be developed in a combination of buildings containing up to 3 units each, providing that each unit contains no more than 3 bedrooms.
- b) The primary faces of buildings shall be set back from any roadway at least 60 feet, from side yard lot lines at least 35 feet and from rear lot lines by at least 30 feet and shall be adequately buffered from neighboring residential properties with appropriate fencing, vegetation and landscape features. The fencing, vegetation and landscaped features shall be installed in accordance with a landscape plan and shall be maintained in good condition.
- c) Buildings shall be limited to the existing limitation of 2 ½ stories or 35 feet, provided that any existing building can be restored to its existing height.
- d) Buildings located proximate to a public way shall be situated in such a way as to present a front door appearance to the roadway unless such a design defeats the purpose of preserving a significant streetscape or view from the street or from a trail on public land.
- e) Building materials shall be of high quality and traditional materials such as stucco, brick, wood shingles and clapboard shall be favored, in traditional colors, unless there is a sound basis for different treatment.
- f) Lighting, including lighting installed for prevention of theft, shall be dark sky compliant and reasonably sited so as to prevent light overspill onto adjacent properties.
- g) Retaining walls, if necessary, shall be constructed of stone and masonry and be limited to no greater than 4 feet in height.

At least 30% of a lot used for a Townhouse Development shall be used for open space. Open space shall be designed as an integral part of the Townhouse Development and shall enhance the development and the area in which it is located. Open Space shall not include paved streets, sidewalks and parking areas, but may include sidewalks and other walkways that lead to and from open space and other amenities.



## 5. Street Design

A Townhouse Development shall have safe, attractive and convenient access to and egress from a public way with adequate capacity for all anticipated traffic, and which shall be suitable for access by police, fire and ambulatory services. Pedestrian walkways shall be designed to give pedestrians safe, attractive and convenient access to and from parking areas and other amenities on the site.

## 6. Parking

There shall be a minimum of 1.5 parking spaces for each unit located on the site, which may be provided within garages located within the buildings. There shall, in addition, be 0.2 spaces for guest and public parking, which shall be provided in pods of not more than 3 spaces per pod and which shall be interspersed throughout the site in such locations as may be determined to be adequate by the Planning Board considering all relevant circumstances. Any such exterior parking areas shall be designed, insofar as possible, to be compatible with the features of the surrounding land and shall be landscaped with trees, shrubs, flowers and other features.

## 7. Restrictions on Rental

In a Townhouse Development, units shall be developed as condominiums and each unit shall be separately owned and occupied, provided that the owner of one unit who occupies such a unit may own one or more units which may be occupied by family members and/or caregivers. Individual units may be rented for occupancy by unrelated tenants for terms of not less than 18 months and not more than 10% of all units may be rented at one time.

## 8. Affordable Housing

In a Townhouse Development, 10% of all units shall be perpetually reserved for households of low or moderate income up to 80% of area median income (“affordable units”) so as to qualify for inclusion in the state’s Subsidized Housing Inventory or successor inventory of such affordable units, except that in a Townhouse Development of fewer than 8 units, a contribution to the Town’s Affordable Housing Trust of a payment comparable to ten percent of the profit calculated as development costs minus sales, determined upon submission of a final cost/revenue calculation by a certified public account to the Town, when the project is fully built out.

If the Planning Board determines it is more advantageous for the Town to accept a payment to the Town’s Affordable Housing Trust, instead of units constructed, for a larger development, the calculation of the payment shall be based upon the diminished return on a development estimated by the developer, if he were to include the required return of affordable units in his development.

9. Notice and Procedure for Decision

The notice and procedural requirements set out in Section IX.B and C and the standard to be used in rendering a decision set out in Section IX.C shall be applied to special permits for Townhouse Developments under this Section. The Planning Board may grant a special permit for Townhouse Development where it finds compliance with the purpose of this Subsection and with the foregoing standards and requirements and finds that the Development will not cause any substantial detriment to the neighborhood or to the intent of the bylaw. A special permit may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Planning board may find necessary or appropriate.

10. Recording of Decision

The Special Permit issued by the Planning Board shall be recorded with the Registry of Deeds by the Applicant at the Applicant’s expense within thirty days after the Town Clerk has certified that the time for appealing the special permit has expired. A copy of the recorded document with the recording information shall be provided to the Town Planner promptly after recording.

Presented for consideration by the undersigned citizens of the Town:

Lisa Kane-Hamilton	590 Harland Street
Gerald Roche	1067 Brush Hill Road
Taber Keally	674 Brush Hill Road
Barbara Mullen	56 Brae Burn Road
Jane M. Tully	10 Big Blue Drive
Paul G. Hurley	1153 Brook Road
Elaine Hurley	1153 Brook Road
Diane Beliveau	22 Capen Street
Andrew Beliveau	22 Capen Street
Ira Gerstein	26 Capen Street

**VOTED.** The Town voted NO.

VOICE VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

**VOICE VOTE**

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk

**2015**  
**OCTOBER TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts) SS.  
County of Norfolk

To any of the Constables of the Town of Milton in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Milton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Milton High School Auditorium on Gile Road, in said Milton on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of October next at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles to wit:

Articles 1- 8

And you are directed to warn said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid to meet at the times and places and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting attested copies of the Warrant in each of the Post Offices of said Town fourteen days at least before the twenty-sixth day of October and leaving printed copies thereof at the dwelling houses of said Town at least fourteen days before the date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before said twenty-sixth day of October, next.

Given under our hands at Milton this fifteenth day of September, two thousand and fifteen.

J. Thomas Hurley  
David T. Burnes  
Kathleen M. Conlon

A True Copy: Attest

Stephen Freeman  
CONSTABLE OF MILTON

Commonwealth of Massachusetts) SS  
County of Norfolk)

Pursuant to the within Warrant, dated October 26, 2015, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Milton as within directed to meet at the time and places and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the same in the post offices of the Town and leaving attested copies at the dwellings of the inhabitants. Warrants were posted on October 8, 2015.

and delivered to the inhabitants on October 8, 2015.

Stephen Freeman  
Constable of Milton

## **OCTOBER TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2015**

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh opened the October Town Meeting held at Milton High School Auditorium, Gile Road at 7:40 P.M.

The Town Clerk, Susan M. Galvin, informed the Moderator that a quorum was present.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, led Town Meeting Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following 74 Town Meeting Members were absent from the Town Meeting held October 26, 2015

**PRECINCT ONE:** Joan L. Gancarski  
Kristen A. LaCasse  
Ellen D. O'Toole  
Michael O'Toole  
Gabrielle Rene  
Julie Callahan Shields  
Mitchell Sumner

**PRECINCT TWO:** Christian Carter Fahy  
Deborah M. Felton  
Karen L. Friedman-Hanna  
Peter F. Jackson  
James B. Joyce  
Chad F. Lundeen  
Thomas McCarthy  
William M. Resnick  
Laurie R. Stillman

**PRECINCT THREE:** Mark D. Botelho  
Peter C. Hunt  
Ewan J. Innes  
Nancy S. Mathews

**PRECINCT FOUR:** Kimberly Casey  
Richard Ben Casey  
April A. Lamoureux  
James F. MacLeod

**PRECINCT FIVE:** Gerald W. Motejunas  
Jeanne M. O'Brien  
Ted Olivo

**PRECINCT SIX:** Thomas E. Curran  
Janet K. Evans  
Daniel J. Gallery  
Joseph P. Grogan  
John A. Kiernan  
Susan A. Kiernan  
Richard J. Killion  
Bernard J. Lynch III  
Marlene F. Mason  
Francis C. Morrissey  
Thomas W. Stanton  
Janice R. Wallace  
Jennifer L. White  
William H. White Jr.

**PRECINCT SEVEN:** William J. Bulger  
Steven A. Cloonan  
Laura A. Conway  
Arthur J. Doyle  
John Thomas Galvin IV  
Todd M. Greenwood  
Michael Maholchic  
Emily R. Martin  
Lucas J. McGary  
Matthew A. Morrow  
Joseph M. Reardon  
Virginia F. Wells

**PRECINCT EIGHT:** Patricia Armstrong  
Gregory T. Buchanan  
Abram Cardoza  
Diane M. Colligan

Andrea G. Gordon  
Brian Mantville  
Maurice P. Mitchell  
Stephen A. Murphy  
Thomas P. O'Connor  
Walter F. Timilty  
Agnieszka Walkowiak

**PRECINCT NINE:** Webster A. Collins  
Helene White Haddad  
Michael E. Kelly  
Frank O. Mulligan  
Mercedes Mulligan  
Anne L. Murphy  
Joseph F. Murphy  
David Shea

**PRECINCT TEN:** Fenol Jean-Baptiste  
Margaret M. Kasuba

At the request of the Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, a motion was made and seconded to continue to follow the rules and procedures from the Annual Town Meeting held during May of this year.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

VOICE VOTE

The Moderator informed Town Meeting that going forward all recommendations and updated recommendations will be displayed on the large projecting screen on the stage. Legal procedures will be identified, updated, adopted and introduced in the May 2016 Town Meeting.

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, thanked the members of the DPW Yard Study Committee for their hard work and service to the Town.

**STANLEY G. GENGA, *Chairman***  
**MARVIN A. GORDON**  
**KEVIN BURKE**  
**MARIE-ARMEL THEODAT**  
**JOHN DRISCOLL**



Mr. Walsh recognized Chairman, Stanley G. Genega, to present the findings of the committee.

## **ARTICLE 1    AMEND CHAPTER 20 OF GENERAL BYLAWS – POLICE CHIEF SCREENING COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 20 of the General Bylaws by deleting the words “Board of Selectmen” wherever they appear and inserting in their place the words “Town Administrator”, and by deleting from the membership of the Police Chief Screening Committee the words “Executive Secretary of the Board of Selectmen” and inserting in their place the words “one member of the Board of Selectmen, designated by the Board of Selectmen”, such that Chapter 20 of the General Bylaws would read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 20**

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Section 1:        Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of police chief, the Town Administrator shall appoint a committee of six persons to be called the “Police Chief Screening Committee” (hereinafter the Committee) which shall be comprised of: (a) one member of the Board of Selectmen, designated by the Board of Selectmen; (b) a member of the Personnel Board; (c) a current sworn member of the Milton Police Department; and (d) three residents of the Town not in a paid service of the Town, either elected, appointed or hired, at least one of whom shall have had substantial experience in law enforcement or a related field. The Town Administrator shall fill vacancies on the Committee as they may occur. The Committee shall make all decisions by majority vote, including the election of the Committee Chair. No person appointed to the Committee shall be eligible for appointment to the then current vacancy in the office of police chief. The Committee shall be dissolved upon the swearing in of the newly chosen police chief.

Section 2:        Upon their appointment, and except in the situation described in the next paragraph herein, the Committee shall review applications for the office of police chief only from persons who satisfy the following requirements on the date of application for the position of police chief: (a) having at least eight years of experience in law enforcement work; and (b)

currently serving as a sworn member of the Milton Police Department in the permanent rank of sergeant or lieutenant with at least one year of prior service in either rank.

In the event the Committee shall receive by a publicly-announced first application deadline, fewer than six applications from persons fulfilling both requirements (a) and (b) as set forth in the previous paragraph, then the Committee shall review such applications already received from permanent sergeants and/or lieutenants of the Milton Police Department, together with applications from any other currently serving sworn members of the Milton Police Department (whether in the permanent rank of patrolman, sergeant, or lieutenant) having at least eight years of experience in law enforcement work and who submit applications for the position of police chief by a publicly-announced second application deadline.

Section 3: The Committee may, at their discretion, and subject to appropriation, employ the services of professional search consultants. In examining the qualifications of applicants, the Committee shall apply the following criteria (in addition to other reasonable criteria deemed appropriate by the Committee): (a) the results of a written examination or other assessment of leadership ability and management skills administered by a qualified testing agency or company recommended by the Committee and selected by the Town Administrator; (b) educational credentials; (c) experience in law enforcement and related fields; and (d) familiarity with problems of law enforcement in the Town of Milton. The Committee may interview as many of such applicants as the Committee deem necessary to form reasoned judgments.

Section 4: Upon completion of the process required under Sections 2 and 3, the Committee shall select three qualified finalists, prepare a written analysis of each, and forward a list of such qualified finalists to the Town Administrator. In the event one or more of said qualified finalists withdraws from consideration at any time prior to the swearing in of the newly chosen police chief, the Committee shall upon a request of the Town Administrator, select and forward as recommended additional qualified

finalists, equal in number to those finalists having withdrawn, to be added to the list of recommended finalists. In seeking additional qualified finalists, the Committee may reconsider applications already submitted and may set additional deadlines for late applications to be considered. All said additional qualified finalists must meet the requirements of Section 2.

Section 5: The Town Administrator shall investigate the qualified finalists recommended by the Committee and shall choose the police chief from the list of qualified finalists recommended by the Committee. The Committee and the Town Administrator shall conduct this selection process in an expeditious manner.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to amend Chapter 20 of the General Bylaws by deleting the words “Board of Selectmen” wherever they appear and inserting in their place the words “Town Administrator,” and by deleting from the membership of the Police Chief Screening Committee the words “Executive Secretary of the Board of Selectmen” and inserting in their place the words “one member of the Board of Selectmen, designated by the Board of Selectmen,” such that Chapter 20 of the General Bylaws would read as follows:

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Contingent upon approval by the legislature and signature by the Governor of legislation entitled “An Act Relative to the Town Administrator in the Town of Milton.”

VOICE VOTE

## **ARTICLE 2 HOME RULE PETITION – AMEND SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 272 OF THE ACTS OF 1989**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to amend Section 2 of Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1989 by deleting the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in their place the words “town administrator” and by deleting the word “are” and inserting in its place the word “is”, so that said Section 2 shall read:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of section ninety-seven of chapter forty-one of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of police chief in the Town of Milton, the town administrator of said town *is* empowered to fill such vacancy and all future vacancies by appointment of a police chief under a contract for a term of years not to exceed five years. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the town by-laws. Until the appointment of a

police chief in accordance with said procedures, said town administrator is empowered to appoint a current sworn member of the police department of said town as acting police chief to fill such vacancy.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

Provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to amend Section 2 of Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1989 by deleting the words “Board of Selectmen and inserting in their place the words “Town Administrator” and by deleting the word “are” and inserting in its place the word “is,” so that said Section 2 shall read:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of section ninety-seven of chapter forty-one of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of police chief in the Town of Milton, the Town Administrator of said town is empowered to fill such vacancy and all future vacancies by appointment of a police chief under a contract for a term of years not to exceed five years. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the town bylaws. Until the appointment of a police chief in accordance with said procedures, said Town Administrator is empowered to appoint a current sworn member of the police department of said town as acting police chief to fill such vacancy.”

Provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

Contingent upon approval by the legislature and signature by the Governor of legislation entitled “An Act Relative to the Town of Milton.”

VOICE VOTE

### **ARTICLE 3   Abandon Wind Turbine Project, Appropriate Remaining Amounts Borrowed, and Rescind the Unissued Balance**

To see if the Town will vote to (i) abandon the project for construction, erection, installation and maintenance of wind turbines on land owned by the Town of Milton (the Wind Turbine Project) as approved by the vote of the February 22, 2010 Milton Special Town Meeting under Article 4, (ii) appropriate for a

different purpose the remaining amount borrowed for the Wind Turbine Project and no longer necessary to pay costs of that project, and (iii) rescind the unissued balance of the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the Wind Turbine Project; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to (i) abandon the project for construction, erection, installation and maintenance of wind turbines on land owned by the Town of Milton (the Wind Turbine Project) as approved by the vote of the February 22, 2010 Milton Special Town Meeting under Article 4, (ii) appropriate the remaining amount borrowed for the Wind Turbine Project, as approved and no longer necessary to pay costs of that project, to pay costs approved by the votes of May 4, 2015 and May 6, 2013 Milton Annual Town Meeting of \$13,625.95 for Fire building improvement and repairs and \$350,000 for the reconstruction of the DPW locker rooms and the Cemetery garage, and (iii) rescind the unissued balance of the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the Wind Turbine Project.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### **ARTICLE 4 AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO RESCIND UNISSUED BORROWINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorized, but unissued balance of the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the East Milton Deck Project, so-called, as approved by the Town under Article 8 of the Warrant at the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and the unissued balances of the amounts authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of medical expenses, as approved by the Town under Article 14 of the Warrant at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and under Article 13 of the Warrant at the May 8, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to rescind the authorized, but unissued balance of the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the East Milton Deck Project, so-called, as approved by the Town under Article 8 of the Warrant at the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and the unissued balances of the amounts authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of medical expenses, as approved by the Town under Article 14 of the Warrant at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and under Article 13 of the Warrant at the May 8, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

## **ARTICLE 5 APPROPRIATE REMAINING AMOUNTS BORROWED THAT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY TO PAY COSTS OF THAT PURPOSE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the remaining amount borrowed for the below purposes, as approved and no longer necessary to pay costs of that purpose, to pay costs of improvements to the designated purposes as outlined below:

<b>Authorization Date</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Unspent Proceeds</b>	<b>Purpose Transferred To</b>	<b>Authorization Date</b>	<b>Article</b>
5/7/2012	7	DPW Equipment – sidewalk tractor	\$8,034.01	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	DPW Equipment - Madvac	\$2,089.45	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	DPW Access Security Gate	\$2,773.47	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	Truck Lift System Central Maintenance	\$25,000.00	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	Backup Generator for Town Hall & PMS	\$34,855.46	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	Upgrade to Town Hall Ethernet Cable	\$9,304.59	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	Replacement of Town Telephone System	\$87.24	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/7/2012	7	MHS Duct Work	\$67,149.86	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	F250 Truck	\$1,271.79	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	F250 Truck	\$118.21	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Replace Election Voting Booths	\$850.00	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Reconstruct Kelly Field Tennis Courts	\$27,144.92	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Leak Correlation Equipment	\$1,402.23	Water/Sewer Meter Replacement	5/5/2014	6

**VOTED.** The Town voted to appropriate the remaining amount borrowed for the below purposes, as approved and no longer necessary to pay costs of that purpose, to pay costs of improvements to the designated purposes as outlined below:



Authorization Date	Article	Purpose	Unspent Proceeds	Purpose Transferred To	Authorization Date	Article
5/7/2012	7	DPW Equipment – sidewalk tractor	\$8,034.01	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
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5/6/2013	8	F250 Truck	\$118.21	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Replace Election Voting Booths	\$850.00	Roadways	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Reconstruct Kelly Field Tennis Courts	\$27,144.92	Fire Building Improvements	5/4/2015	5
5/6/2013	8	Leak Correlation Equipment	\$1,402.23	Water/Sewer Meter Replacement	5/5/2014	6

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator, Brian M. Walsh, recognized Richard B. Neely, Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee. Mr. Neely asked fellow members Leroy J. Walker and Philip S. Mathews to present the research and recommendation of the committee to increase the Board of Selectmen from three to five members.

## ARTICLE 6 INCREASE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FROM 3 TO 5 MEMBERS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court to enact legislation which would provide that notwithstanding any other general law or special law to the contrary, that at the next annual town election after passage of such legislation, but not earlier than the 2017 Annual Town Election, the Milton Board of Selectmen shall consist of five (5) members, and which would provide, without limitation, a process for an election to fill the two (2) new positions, for no change to the term of office of then currently serving members, and for staggered terms of the five (5) members of the Board of Selectmen; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and to act on anything relating thereto.

**VOTED.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation relating to the membership of the Board of Selectmen in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

**AN ACT increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Milton from Three (3) to Five (5) Members**  
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court  
assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**

Notwithstanding any provision of any general or special law to the contrary, the number of members of the board of selectmen of the town of Milton shall be increased from three (3) to five (5). The board of selectmen shall annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

**SECTION 2.**

At the first Annual Town Election following acceptance of this act by the voters of the town, but in no event prior to the 2017 Annual Town Election, three (3) Selectmen shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in that election shall serve a three (3) year term, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a two (2) year term, and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a one (1) year term. Thereafter, as the terms of selectmen expire, successors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.

The terms of those members currently serving as selectmen at the time of adoption of this act shall be unchanged by the adoption of this act.

**SECTION 3.**

This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the Town of Milton at the next Annual or special Town election following its passage, in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the official ballot:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled, ‘An Act increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Milton from Three (3) to Five (5) Members’ be accepted?”

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, sections 1 and 2 of this act shall thereupon take effect, but not otherwise.

#### SECTION 4.

Section 3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

YES: 134

NO: 63

#### **ARTICLE 7 AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE GENERAL BYLAWS – AMPLIFIED MUSIC**

To see whether the Town will vote to amend Chapter 6 of the General Bylaws, known as the Police Regulations, by adding the following Section 42:

Section 42. There shall be no use of amplified music at a volume in excess of a level reasonably necessary for the user's purpose for amplification of the music. The purpose shall be zoning compliant. The volume shall be consistent with the rights of nearby residents to quiet enjoyment of their property. A test of the appropriateness of the loudness of amplified music shall be whether a conversation at normal conversational levels can be conducted by two persons with good hearing standing together on the lot of an abutter to the user during the use of amplified music. When the amplified music causes difficulty in conducting such a conversation, the use of amplified music shall be presumed to be in excess of a reasonable level. In the event that amplified music is used on a site, including use in conjunction with a sports event, the user shall take reasonable and appropriate steps, such as placement of speakers, to confine and direct the sound of the amplified music to the site of its use. In the event amplified music is presumed to be in excess of a reasonable level, the user may rebut the presumption by showing that the volume was reasonably necessary and did not exceed more than 10 decibels above ambient levels at lot lines. In the event that a non-regular user of amplified music has a reasonable need of amplified music which might be presumed to be in excess of a reasonable level, the Town Administrator or designee may issue a license for use of amplified music at a specified time, place and date upon reasonable terms and conditions, including a limitation on decibels above ambient levels.

**VOTED.** The Town voted the subject matter of this article be referred to the Planning Board for further study.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### **ARTICLE 8 AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE GENERAL BYLAWS – NON-CONFORMING DIMENSIONS**

To see whether the Town will vote to amend Section 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaws, by adding the following Paragraph 3 to Section IX.C: 3: On a lot established before 1938 in a Residence C district (including

a subsequent division of such lot by special permit pursuant to Section VI.A.3) on which a dwelling is maintained, the Board of Appeals may issue a special permit for enlargement or alteration of the dwelling within the set-back areas established by sections VI.B.3, VI.C.1 and 3 and VI.D.1 and for no more than three feet above the maximum height established by Section V.A.1 upon the standards set out in Section IX.C.1 and upon the following findings: The noncompliances in setbacks and heights (1) do not cause an adverse impact on blocking light to the windows, porches, decks and yards of neighboring residents or in reducing their privacy; (2) are the same or less than noncompliances in setbacks or heights of other dwellings within 300 feet; (3) are designed to be architecturally compatible with the dwelling and with the architectural character of the streetscape and immediate neighborhood; and (4) are reasonably necessary for dwelling purposes by the residents. The Board of Appeals may make a special permit subject to such conditions or limitations as it deems appropriate to allow alteration or enlargement without detriment to other residents or the character of the neighborhood.

**VOTED.** The Town voted the subject matter of this article be referred to the Planning Board for further study.

VOICE VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the October Town Meeting.

**VOTED.** The Town voted YES.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Susan M. Galvin  
Town Clerk



# DEPARTMENT REPORTS



## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The income and activities of the Milton Animal Shelter for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 were as follows:

Stray dogs taken in	90
Surrendered dogs	<u>5</u>
Total dogs entered:	95
Dogs adopted	15
Dogs returned to owners	75
Dogs died	0
Dogs euthanized	1
Dogs sent to rescue	<u>3</u>
Total dogs exited:	94

The census as of July 1, 2014 was 6 dogs.

The census as of June 30, 2015 was 7 dogs.

Shelter fees were collected in the amount of \$4,250.00

I responded to 233 domestic animal calls and 90 wildlife calls for a total of 323 animal related calls during the above time period. Some of these calls required the assistance of Milton Police Officers, who are invaluable to me.

This past year I have been working with Lt. Alba and Deputy Chief King on bringing the leash law (Town by-laws chapter 6, sec. 22) up to date. The new law will be voted on at the October town meeting.

Another issue that has come to light this past year is the number of backyard chickens kept in town. I have had 6 found abandoned and sick/injured that have been taken to the Animal Shelter for care. A strain of avian flu that affects domestic fowl is also expected to hit this area in the fall of 2015. Caroline Kinsella, Board of Health Director, and I have worked on a revision to the "Keeping of Animals in the Town of Milton" regulation to include domestic fowl. This revision will be voted on July 28, 2015, advertised in September and take effect October 1, 2015. This regulation will require owners of domestic fowl to report their name, address, contact information and the number of fowl on their property.

The invaluable assistance of the Milton Animal League is gratefully acknowledged, especially their help with adoptions and shelter coverage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Bersani  
*Milton Animal Control*

## **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

June 30, 2015

The Board of Appeals respectfully submits the following report for Fiscal 2015.

Fiscal Year 2015 was another busy year for the Board of Appeals. We received Forty-One (41) applications last year. This includes (2) 40B Applications. By Law we have to mail out notices to the abutters regarding the hearings and the filing of the decision with the Town Clerk. We bill the applicants for the postage that is used and that money is returned to the General Fund except for the 40 B Applications.

To file for a Variance or a Special Permit the application fee is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which money is also returned to the General Fund.

### **Applications**

41 Cases

34 Granted

4 Denied

2 Withdrawn

6 Continued

Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900.00) was collected in application fees and deposited with the Town Treasurer.

The Chairman would like to express his sincere appreciation to the dedicated members of the Board, Francis C. O'Brien, Brian M. Hurley, Virginia M. Donahue, Emanuel Alves, Steven M. Lundbohm, Jeffrey B. Mullan, Nicholas S. Gray and Theodore E. Daiber for their technical expertise and endless hours devoted to reviewing documents and attending hearings over the year and in substituting for members of the Board who were unable to be present at various hearings.

The Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Brian M. Hurley who retired from the Board of Appeals after many years of service. The Board would also like to thank Secretary, Mary Fitzgerald of the Board, Milton Building Commissioner, Joseph Prondak, all Department Heads, Town Employees, Boards and Committees for their continued support and assistance over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Leonard, *Chairman*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

### THE DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOLLOWS:

JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2015

#### TAX RATE

RESIDENTIAL	\$13.94
COMMERCIAL	\$22.40

#### EXPENSES FOR 2015 FISCAL YEAR

#### ESTIMATED STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

**A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES: \$221,406**

**B. STATE ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES:**

1. RETIRED EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$0
2. RETIRED TEACHERS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,261,291
3. MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS	\$75,665
4. AIR POLLUTION DISTRICTS	\$9,141
5. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL	\$13,579
6. RMV NON-RENEWAL SURCHARGE	\$37,780
<b>SUB-TOTAL, STATE ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,397,456</b>

**C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

1. MBTA	\$1,733,850
2. BOSTON METRO, TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$515
<b>SUB-TOTAL, TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,734,365</b>

**D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:**

1. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$4,771
<b>SUB-TOTAL, ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$4,771</b>



**E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:**

1. SCHOOL CHOICE SENDING TUITION	\$13,400
2. CHARTER SCHOOL SENDING TUITION	\$68,852
<b>SUB-TOTAL, TUITION ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$82,252</b>

**TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES, FISCAL 2015** **\$3,440,250**

**TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS &  
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES** **\$31,804,397.00**

**TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **\$68,134,681.25**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES** **\$99,939,078.25**

**OVERLAY ALLOWANCE FOR  
ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS** **\$458,983.25**

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE \$13.94  
COMMERCIAL TAX RATE \$22.40

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL VALUE	\$4,588,478,295	\$13.94	\$63,963,387.43
TOTAL COMMERCIAL VALUE	\$109,121,074	\$22.40	\$2,444,312.06
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL VALUE	\$4,284,100	\$22.40	\$95,963.84
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,701,883,469</b>		<b>\$66,503,663.33</b>
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$72,813,300	\$22.40	\$1,631,017.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,774,696,769</b>		<b>\$68,134,681.25</b>

**TOTAL OF ALL TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR**

**TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR FISCAL 2015** **\$66,503,663.61**

**TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL 2015** **\$1,631,017.90**

**TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **\$68,134,681.51**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ADDED TO THE 2015 REAL ESTATE TAX  
BILLS**

SEWER BETTERMENT	\$22,744.22
INTEREST	\$9,648.02
WATER LIENS	\$352,020.11
SEWER LIENS	\$522,984.05
PENALTY LIENS (INTEREST)	\$96,605.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,004,001.71</b>

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS - STATE**

CHERRY SHEETS	\$9,781,808.00
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**ESTIMATED TOWN RECEIPTS**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$3,300,000.00
OTHER EXCISE-MEALS	\$155,000.00
OTHER EXCISE	\$559.00
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISE	\$550,000.00
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$75,000.00
WATER (CONTRA)	\$5,470,950.00
SEWER (CONTRA)	\$7,215,147.00
TRASH (CONTRA)	\$850,000.00
FEES	\$150,000.00
RENTALS	\$9,000.00
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	\$420,000.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$130,000.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$850,000.00
FINES & FORFEITS	\$200,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$25,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$19,400,656.00</b>

**AVAILABLE FUNDS TOWN MEETING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
May 5,6,8 & 13, 2014

ARTICLE #12	\$1,400.00
ARTICLE #31	\$147,002.00
TOTAL	\$148,402.00

**EXCISE TAX**

**2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX**

COMMITMENT #4 , JULY 24, 2014	\$177,089.21
COMMITMENT #5, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014	\$127,385.63
COMMITMENT #6, NOVEMBER 19, 2014	\$53,030.70
COMMITMENT #7, JANUARY 20, 2015	\$21,808.94

**2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX**

COMMITMENT #1, FEBRUARY 3, 2015	\$2,744,400.00
COMMITMENT #2, MARCH 23, 2015	\$448,838.13
COMMITMENT #3, MAY 15, 2015	\$230,486.47

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Bennett, *Chairman*  
Brian M. Cronin  
James A. Henderson

## **REPORT OF THE MILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

June 30, 2015

The Milton Fire Department Auxiliary (the Auxiliary) provides volunteer support services to the Milton Fire and Police Departments. It is a unit of the Milton Emergency Management Agency. It also provides support service to the Milton Fire Department Mass Decontamination Unit when deployed at BID-Milton Hospital. The Milton Fire Department 'Decon' Unit 6KW diesel generator and water heater is kept 'at ready' by the Auxiliary for MFD use. A 3Kw generator was assigned to the Auxiliary by the LEPC to be used as needed. Several battery powered LED lights have been created by the Auxiliary Fire for use in emergencies.

The Auxiliary Support Service Unit contains seven portable generators; one vehicle-mounted generator; first aid equipment; AED; floodlights; 1500-watt roof-mounted lighting mast; electrical cables; mobile command post space; re-hydration supplies; a digital packet radio data link for MEMA communication; assorted tools; portable fire/police radios and chargers.

The 2014 Ford F150 pickup truck contains 2 portable generators, lights, radio, re-hydration and safety equipment as well as a computer similar to the units in other public safety vehicles.

The Auxiliary trailer-mounted 5Kw-generator with four lighting masts can provide four thousand watts of illumination. A second trailer carries four large portable generators (5Kw diesel; 6.2Kw, 5Kw, & 3Kw gasoline). They can run for several hours without refueling.

The Auxiliary staffs and maintains Engine No.5, a 1934 Maxim pumper. In FY-15 it took part in three parades and three special assignments.

Members responded to fifty assignments during FY-2015 including the following: three multiple alarm fires; three parades; six public service responses; National Night Out; DPW Open House; Celtic Music Festival (5 days, 3 nights); lighting details on Halloween Night on Blue Hill Parkway and Andrews Park; ten police assignments which included seven road races; provided assistance to Braintree Emergency Management in staffing the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant Evacuee Reception Center Drills. Quarterly CPR skills practice, AED operation and first aid basics classes were held by an Auxiliary Fire CPR Instructor.

During the blizzard "JUNO" assistance was provided by using the Auxiliary pick up truck in setting up shelter areas as well as transporting Milton Hospital employees who otherwise would have been unable to get to the hospital. This assignment took place over a period of five days. Members

assisted in providing rehydration supplies to the public safety agencies involved in the four day search near Brush Hill Road for a person reported missing

Two new Auxiliary members were accepted in FY-15 One member has requested a leave of absence to pursue her nursing training at BMC.

There are four Auxiliary Fire members on the Milton Local Emergency Planning Committee. (LEPC)

Members attended sheltering and dosimeter training sessions sponsored by MEMA.

In FY 2015 the Auxiliary Fire recorded over 2900 hours of volunteer service to the Town.

In 1993 The Auxiliary established The Milton Firefighters Memorial Archives in the Chemical Building. With support from the Milton Fire Department Historian, the Archives is now in its twenty second year. For over twenty five years the Auxiliary has had the primary responsibility for maintaining the 1881 Chemical Building. Members routinely check on the building and the Auxiliary equipment several times each week.

Scheduled Auxiliary meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. in the Chemical Building, 509 Canton Avenue. Anyone over 18 and interested in becoming a member may apply. He/she must be available for nighttime assignments with the Support Service Unit.

Our phone number is 617-898-4909. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Thanks go to Milton Fire Chief John Grant and the professional firefighters of the Town of Milton. The support of Chief Richard Wells and members of the Milton Police Department is most appreciated. Special thanks also go to Bryan Carroll and the staff at DPW Central Maintenance as well as Bill Ritchie and the staff from CFD.

Prepared by: John Fleming, *Captain*, MAFD

Approved by: Fire Chief John Grant, MFD,  
*Director*, MAFD

## **REPORT OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I herewith submit my report for the twelve month period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

The Milton Auxiliary Police, acting as a support group to the regular Police Department, provided traffic and crowd control for different Town events during the fiscal year.

Events included, but were not limited to, the Milton Junior Women's Club Road Race, the MAD Scramble Race, the Monster Dash Fun Run, the Breast Cancer Walk, Best Buddies Race, National Night Out and the Memorial and Veterans Day Parades. We also patrolled the town schools and Andrews Park on Halloween. This amounted to 98 volunteer hours to various agencies.

The time change in the Summer Concerts made it impossible for us to patrol them due to the time our officers get out of work.

The Auxiliary Department wishes to express our sincere appreciation to Chief Richard G. Wells, Jr. and Lieutenant Kevin P. Foley for their guidance and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Mark G. Williams

## **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee (“CIPC” or “Committee”) is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major tangible assets and projects which have a useful life of at least five years and a cost of \$10,000 or more. The CIPC consists of nine members including:

- 1 member from the Board of Selectmen
- 1 member from the Warrant Committee
- 1 member from the Planning Board
- 1 member from the School Committee
- 1 member from the Library Trustees
- the Town Accountant
- the Director of Consolidated Facilities
- 2 members from the community at large

All departments provide the CIPC with information concerning all anticipated capital needs requiring action during the ensuing five years. The CIPC considers the relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town. The Committee submits an annual report recommending a capital improvement budget for the next fiscal year to the Board of Selectmen (“the Board”) for its consideration and approval. The Board then submits its approved capital budget to the Warrant Committee, which then makes its recommendation to Town Meeting for appropriation.

The Town established a Capital Stabilization Fund at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 2004 with an initial appropriation of \$10,000. In subsequent years the Capital Stabilization Fund has been funded as follows:

### **Town of Milton**

#### **Capital Stabilization Fund**

	<b>ATM Appropriation Transfer</b>	<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 7/1/2003</b>			\$ -
ATM 5/3/04 Article 56	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
STM 11/5/07 Article 5	\$ 50,000		\$ 60,000
ATM 5/5/08 Article 48	\$ 115,595		\$ 175,595

ATM 5/3/10 Article 31	\$ 50,000		\$ 225,595
ATM 5/2/11 Article 30	\$ 131,196		\$ 356,791
STM 1/30/12 Article 3	\$ 27,732		\$ 384,523
Interest income FY 12		\$ 35,728	\$ 420,251
ATM 5/7/12 Article 29	\$ 134,983		\$ 555,234
Interest income FY 13		\$ 20,468	\$ 575,702
ATM 5/6/13 Article 8	\$ 142,056		\$ 717,758
STM 5/5/14 Article 1	\$ 302,850		\$ 1,020,608
Interest income FY 14		\$ 24,084	\$ 1,044,692
Interest income FY 15		\$ 17,019	\$ 1,061,711
ATM 5/5/14 Article 31	\$ (176,847)		\$ 884,864
<b>Totals as of 6/30/15</b>	<b>\$ 787,565</b>	<b>\$ 97,299</b>	<b>\$ 884,864</b>

In May 2014 the Town appropriated \$302,850 net proceeds of a bond premium to the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding FY 2015 and FY 2016 debt service. In May 2014 the Town voted to transfer \$176,847 of these net bond premium proceeds from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to fund a portion of the FY 2015 interest and maturing debt.

The May 2015 Annual Town Meeting (Article 5) voted to appropriate \$1,659,780 of capital items for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement of the Town's facilities and public safety equipment as described below, including costs incidental and related thereto. The Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, was authorized to sell and issue bonds or notes of the Town, aggregating not more than \$1,200,300 in principal amount.

#### *ATM*

<i>ARTICLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
5	FIRE	Building(s) improvement and repairs	\$ 145,000
5	POLICE	Prisoner Transport Van	\$ 51,000
5	SCHOOLS	Security camera upgrades	\$ 68,000
5	SCHOOLS	Virtualize servers	\$ 32,500
5	TOWN	Virtual server environment upgrades	\$ 13,800
5	DPW	Bucket truck	\$ 180,000
5	DPW	Roadways	\$ 400,000
5	DPW	Catch Basin Cleaner	\$ 80,000
5	PARKS	Utility Tractor	\$ 30,000
5	DPW/CEMETERY	Reconstruct DPW locker rooms/Cemetery garage	\$ 200,000
<b>Subtotal Bonded Capital Items</b>			<b>\$ 1,200,300</b>



5	TOWN/SCHOOL	Financial Software (Phase 1)	\$ 160,000
5	SCHOOLS	iPads and iPad carts	\$ 186,780
5	SCHOOLS	HVAC control upgrades	\$ 38,000
5	TOWN	Computer hardware	\$ 27,200
5	LIBRARY	Computer hardware	\$ 25,000
5	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	Vehicle	\$ 22,500
		<b>Subtotal Non-bonded capital items</b>	<u>\$ 459,480</u>
		<b>Total Capital Items</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,659,780</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Dexter, *Town Accountant*  
J. Thomas Hurley, *Board of Selectmen*  
Leroy Walker, *School Committee*  
Steven McCurdy, *Warrant Committee*  
Emily Keys Innes, *Planning Board*  
William Ritchie, *Director of Consolidated Facilities*  
John Folcarelli, *Library Trustee*  
Lorraine Dee, *Community-at-Large*  
Michael Hale, *Community-at-Large*

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

June 30 2015

The Trustees of the Milton Cemetery respectfully submit their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. During the year there were 229 interments and 358 graves sold. Income from the sale of graves totaled \$535,345.

The Board welcomes two new members who were elected in May of 2015, Stephen J. Pender and Steven D. Fruzzetti.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ann M. Walsh and Barbara Martin for their years of service.

Mrs. Walsh resigned for health reasons in December of 2014. During her 13 year tenure, she served as Chair twice and made many valuable contributions as a Board member.

Barbara Martin was appointed to serve the remainder of Anthony Sammarco's term and was later elected to serve until 2015. She was very generous with her time and talent.

For the first time in the 343 year history of the cemetery, the Trustees voted to restrict the purchase of burial rights to residents only when there is a death of a family member who is also a Milton resident. Each household has a one time right to purchase. Due to the limited number of graves available for sale, we are hoping to preserve the inventory for those families who need to make a burial of a loved one. Areas that will be open in the future are in the preliminary planning stages.

A project to electronically record over 30,000 burials of the cemetery was completed in April of 2015. The new computer software program will allow the cemetery to expand its ability to more efficiently retrieve and record information.

The purchase of a two acre parcel of land adjacent to cemetery property near the Gun Hill entrance was finalized. The purchase was made possible by a generous grant from the Copeland Foundation.

During the year, the cemetery received an additional grant from the Copeland Foundation for the purchase of trees. We are deeply indebted to the members of the Board of the Copeland Foundation for their funding of many beautification projects that would never be possible under our present appropriation.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department of Public Works, Building Department, Consolidated Facilities Department, Town Engineer, Police and Fire Departments, the Warrant Committee and all the other Town Departments and Committees who have lent invaluable support and cooperation during the year.

In conclusion, the Trustees would like to acknowledge that none of the department's successes would have been achieved were it not for the professionalism of the cemetery staff. Superintendent Therese Desmond is a leading cemetaryian whose expertise is sought after by many in the industry. We are fortunate to have her lead the department. Similarly, Head Working foreman Mark Chapman, his team and our office staff all work to make Milton Cemetery one of the best cemeteries anywhere. As the oldest garden cemetery in Massachusetts, the Town of Milton has a treasure in this 104 acre burial ground.

Respectfully,  
Joseph M. Reardon, *Chair*  
Paul F. Dolan  
Steven D. Fruzzetti  
Robert A. Mason  
Stephen J. Pender

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to implement the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Milton Wetlands Bylaw. Our jurisdiction extends to 100 feet beyond wetlands and floodplains, and 200 feet beyond the banks of rivers and perennial streams. The Commission consists of seven citizens of the Town — all of whom are volunteers. During 2015, Craig MacNaught completed his tenure as a Commissioner, for the second time. He first served on the Commission from 1990 until 1999, and he served a second term from 2013 to 2015. We were fortunate to have ready access to his expertise as a civil engineer, and we were the beneficiaries of his dedication to preserving the environmental resources of the Town. We thank him for his tireless service to the Commission and to the Town. Currently, there are two vacancies on the Commission and we are actively soliciting persons with specialized knowledge in the areas of hydrology and storm water drainage issues.

The Commission meets monthly (customarily, on the second Tuesday of each month) at Town Hall and performs periodic inspections of proposed projects and potential violations of the wetlands regulations within jurisdictional areas, as deemed necessary. The Commission has an annual budget of \$2,500 and technical and administrative support is provided by personnel from the Department of Public Works.

During 2015, the Commission held twenty-four public meetings, including twelve hearings at Town Hall and twelve site inspections, which are also public meetings. The Commission considered a number of applications, known as Notices of Intent, for proposed construction of new homes, additions, swimming pools, subdivisions, and sewer and septic system upgrades. The Commission also considered proposals by institutions, including schools, charitable foundations, golf courses and the Town of Milton. Moreover, the Commission worked with state agencies, including the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the MBTA, regarding projects effecting the public's transportation system and public access to natural resources.

Among other significant projects, the Commission addressed two applications for 40B Projects: one located at 711 Randolph Avenue/0 Meg Lane and the second at 131 Eliot Street/0 Central Avenue. The Commission denied the project application at 711 Randolph Avenue, based upon the Milton Wetlands By-Law which prohibits alteration of land within 25 feet of a wetland

boundary. However, the application for approval under the Wetlands Protection Act was deferred, pending consideration by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA did issue a comprehensive permit for a smaller project, but the applicant has appealed that decision and the applicant has not returned to the Commission for consideration under the state Wetlands Protection Act. Regarding the second project application for development at 131 Eliot Street, the proposal was divided into two phases: first to demolish the existing building and the second phase to construct a new residential building. The Commission issued two demolition permits: one allowing the private applicant to demolish the building and a second permit for the Town to demolish its portion of the existing structure. Following the issuance of the two demolition permits, the Commission heard, considered and denied a permit for the proposed residential building. The basis for the denial was the failure of the applicant to demonstrate improvement in the existing site conditions to the satisfaction of the Commission. The applicant appealed the denial of the project permit to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), where an order denying the permit was issued. However, that decision by the DEP has been further appealed by the applicant and the matter is currently pending before an administrative law judge.

Other projects which the Commission reviewed and approved include an improvement to the drainage system for storm water run-off from the Expressway, near the on- and off-ramps at Granite Avenue. Mass Highway has redesigned the drainage system which significantly improves the quality of the surface water from the Expressway that ends up in Milton's wetlands, the Neponset River and the Quincy Bay area. We also approved improvements to the Blue Hills Ski Area snow making equipment and water delivery service. The Commission worked with the DCR to ensure a limited impact on the forested lands surrounding the ski area. We also considered and approved changes in the public access to the Eustis Estate, which is being made into a museum. Finally, we did approve the installation of a cell tower adjacent to the on-ramp to Route 93, near Houghton's Pond. The Commission had initially denied the application for the installation of a cell tower, but after extended litigation, including an appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for Massachusetts directed the Commission to issue the permit, without further hearings.

Another project which was reviewed by the Commission was the preliminary application by Pulte Homes for resource area delineation for development of the Town Farm land, adjacent to Governor Stoughton Lane. Pulte requested, and the Commission granted permission to perform test pits

and soil borings in order to determine water levels and the presence of bedrock, in order to proceed with their design strategies. Those tests are on-going and no project proposal has been submitted, to date.

The Commission continues to monitor the availability and use of open spaces throughout the Town. We currently maintain an inventory of conservation lands and are committed to identifying open spaces which may become available for acquisition, in order to increase the inventory of protected open spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Kiernan, *Chairman*  
Judith Darrell-Kemp  
Ingrid Beattie  
Michael Blutt  
Arthur Doyle

## **REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

June 30, 2015

The Consolidated Facilities Department respectfully submits the following annual report for Fiscal 2015.

The Consolidated Facilities Department was in full operation as of 2012 and is currently staffed with the following support positions: An Operation Manager, Office Assistant, Licensed Electrician, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Maintenance Craftsman, Maintenance Man and Maintenance Painter. During contract negotiations two positions from the School Department; a HVAC Technician and Maintenance Man were permanently transferred in the department with the appropriate funding. The department will continue to recommend additional staff over the next few years, a Licensed Craftsmen and General Maintenance Helper to support the current licensed tradesmen if funding becomes available.

The Consolidated Facilities Department is responsible for maintaining twenty three (23) buildings within the town and approximately 925,000 square feet of space. The departments total staff oversight is 34 employees which includes the school department custodians. The department has 10 essential areas of responsibility: Facilities Engineering, Capital Projects, Long Range Planning, Routine Maintenance, Preventative Maintenance, Utility Consumption, Public Procurement, Landscaping, Snow Removal, and Custodial Care.

### **DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING UPDATES**

Transferred two school employees from the School budget into Consolidated Facilities Department: The two positions are: HVAC Technician and Maintenance Man. The funding will be transferred as of July 1, 2015

### **WINTER STORM UPDATE**

The Department survived this past winter's historic conditions. The entire department had to physically shovel certain sections of school/town roofs due excessive drifts and ice dams. The manpower on the roofs was done as a precautionary measure but some of our facilities, the Kidder Building, Art Center, COA, Animal Shelter and Police Station experienced damage due to ice dams. Many of the walkways, parking lots and roadways experienced minimal to major damage.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF CFD  
FY 16 (\$251,000)**

FIRE DEPARTMENT: BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (\$145,000)

SCHOOLS: SECURITY UPGRADES (\$65,000)

SCHOOLS: HVAC CONTROL UPGRADES TO ENERGY  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (\$38,000)

**SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE AT TOWN HALL**

Some of the solar panels on Town Hall fell off the roof due to snow and ice accumulations, as a precautionary measure, all of the panels were removed. We are still working with our insurance company on replacing the roof shingles and redesigning a new solar array system.

**GREEN COMMUNITIES UPDATE**

- 1. Achieved Green Community’s recertification for second term of five years.
- 2. Town vehicle policy was updated which will reduce the overall fuel usage in the vehicle fleet.
- 3. We identified 15 energy projects at a total project cost of \$340,000. Applied for competitive energy grant of \$240,000. Will also applied for a grant of \$100,000 to help offset any town out of pocket expenses. These projects involve conversion of the school parking lot lights from metal halide to led lighting, interior lighting projects and upgrades to refrigeration units.

Special thanks to all our Green Communities Team Members: Bill Clark, Henry Mclean, Jay Beaulieu, Emily Martin, and Diane Colligan for ongoing assistance and support

**CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES PROJECTS COMPLETED**

- TOWN WIDE: Ongoing roof repairs in many buildings
- TOWN WIDE: Secured Town and School electricity contract
- TOWN HALL: Repair of exterior sidewalks entering Town Hall
- TOWN HALL: New bathroom vanities and plumbing upgrades
- TOWN HALL: Install new H/C handles and upgrade master locks (phase 3)
- POLICE STATION: New vinyl stair threads and risers on two stairways
- POLICE STATION: Phase two (installation of exterior LED fixtures)
- COUNCIL ON AGING: Repair to exterior sidewalks at main entrance



## **SCHOOL DUDE WORK ORDER SYSTEM**

Since the implementation of our Web Based Work Order System our support personnel have completed over 5,400 work orders over the last 3 years. The department makes every effort to perform as many maintenance repairs and specialized services in-house so that a significant savings can be achieved by avoiding outside subcontracted labor and material markups of maintenance supplies. We also understand that by having in-house personnel we can respond to the needs to the town more efficiently and will achieve higher staff satisfaction from those who we service on a daily basis.

## **CLEANING CONTRACT**

The department signed a two year town cleaning contract for three buildings using an outside vendor

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Consolidated Facilities Department extends its sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. We would also like acknowledge Department Heads, Boards, and Committees for their support and assistance over this past year. We would like to recognize the Consolidated Facilities Staff and our School Custodians for all their dedication, hard work and continued professionalism.

We would like to recognize the following volunteer landscapers/clubs who help to maintain certain areas of the Town and School grounds. We extend our deepest appreciation for their time and efforts.

Amateur Garden Club, Coulter Landscape, Driscoll Landscaping and Malloy Landscaping

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Ritchie, CPE, CFA, CBO  
*Director of Consolidated Facilities*

## **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen

June 30, 2015

The Milton Council on Aging is pleased to submit its Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2015. This year, after many years of trying, the Milton Council on Aging was finally able to secure a full time van driver position. This full time van driver could not have come at a better time given the fact that the number of requests from elderly residents continues to grow. As seniors live longer, many of them are no longer able to drive safely and need to find other means of transportation. The senior residents of Milton are now able to get to many more appointments and trips with the addition of this full time position. This position would not have been possible without the support of the hundreds of residents who signed our petition, the support of the COA Board & the Friends of the COA Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Personnel Board, the Warrant Committee and Town Meeting. We are grateful for their support and understanding of the need for the new position.

This past year, we again so a marked increase in the number of “baby boomers” requesting programs and services from the COA. We do our best to try and accommodate their needs but many of the programs/classes need to be scheduled in the early evening or Saturdays as most of this group is still working. This is a challenge and one we have identified in our long term planning. It is noteworthy to mention that this group also pays high taxes and is looking for a little more from the town. They feel they no longer use schools, parks, etc. and now want to have services geared especially for them.

Again this year, we would like to acknowledge the financial support of the Friends of the Milton COA, the RUN Milton event, and the continued support of our friends at the Copeland Family Foundation. Our programs and services could not operate at the level they do without your generosity and support of our efforts.

The following is a brief overview of FY’15

### **INFORMATION & REFERRALS**

The COA staff answers an average of 75 phone calls on any given day. The calls relate to a wide range of requests and information. All calls are answered in a timely and courteous manner. Residents who call us are always treated with respect and we do all we can to help them. The COA Director is also available any time via cell phone for the police and fire in case of an emergency involving an elderly resident. This continues to be a growing need in the community.

It is also noteworthy to mention that the number of residents who now stop in at the Senior Center just to see what we are all about has seen a significant increase in the past year.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

In addition to a new full time van driver, we also were given a new 14 passenger van in 2015 thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Friends of the COA. Our old van was on its last legs and this new van is just wonderful. It seats 14 in comfort and delivers a smooth ride. The staff and seniors are so grateful to have this new van. This year, our requests for rides continued to grow with the largest increase again being medical appointments. There has also been an increase in requests from senior residents who just need a ride to the bank, post office, etc. We are now able to help with these requests with the addition of the full time driver.

## **OUTREACH**

The Outreach Team here at the Milton COA is the link between seniors, their family members, and the community at large as to the many services available in our area. Nancy Stuart and Alice Mercer spend many hours visiting seniors who are homebound and explaining to them a relaxed atmosphere just what we can offer to help them remain independent. Outreach continues to offer Monthly Support Groups which include:

Parkinson's Support Group  
Diabetes Support Group  
Low Vision Support Group

Weight Loss Support Group  
Caregivers Support Group

These support groups allow the participants to learn from others and from various experts in the field. It is safe environment where they can come and talk openly or just listen but know that there is support and understanding here at the COA. Special thanks to Nancy and Alice for going above and beyond to help our senior residents and their families.

This past February, our good friend and longtime COA Chair, Paul Kelley, passed. Paul was instrumental in the building of our Senior Center and a strong advocate for the senior residents of his town. He was a SHINE volunteer for many years and helped so many seniors secure the best health insurance and also saved them money. In addition to the many volunteer roles Paul held, he was our friend and supporter. In my role as Director, I could call on him anytime for help or just to listen to my concerns. This past June, we dedicated the community room at the Senior Center in honor of Paul. It is now officially the "PAUL IGNATIUS KELLEY FUNCTION ROOM". A fitting tribute to our friend who did so much to help the elderly residents of our town. Paul was

a living example of his BC High legacy, “A Man for Others.” We miss him dearly and his legacy continues to live on here at the Milton COA.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our good friend, Gini Hannigan, for assuming the role of Chair after Paul passed. Gini stepped in with grace and determination to move forward and make sure the COA continued in the right direction. We all appreciate her friendship and support during this difficult time. She is one special lady. In June, one of our newest Board Members, Michael Balfe was voted in as Chair. We all look forward to working with Michael as we continue our mission to enhance the quality of life of the senior residents of the town.

Special thanks to the COA staff and especially the van drivers for all they do above and beyond what is required to help and support our seniors. They are the best!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Sullivan  
*Director*

## **REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Milton Cultural Council is pleased to submit its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Milton Cultural Council is the local affiliate of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, formerly the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council.

### **Background**

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and a network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the Commonwealth. The program is the largest and most decentralized of its kind in the United States. The state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts provide an annual appropriation to the MCC, which then allocates funds to each local council. Decisions about which activity to support are made at the local level by the board of municipally appointed volunteers.

The duties of the Milton Cultural Council are to review and recommend action on local grant applications, report to the MCC, comply with MCC guidelines, communicate its role to the public, solicit community input, and assess local cultural needs. The Milton Cultural Council directs funds to individuals, organizations, and schools that are dedicated to productive and creative efforts in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences and that contribute to the cultural vitality and well-being of Milton.

Under the MCC initiative, local cultural councils with strong procedures, a high level of member training, and a clean approval record, qualify for streamlining. Streamlining allows communities to receive their state funds earlier in the year, reducing the long delay between grant requests and reimbursements. The Milton Cultural Council has maintained its streamlined status since at least 2001.

### **FY 2015 Activities**

#### **2015 Membership**

Local Cultural Council memberships are valid for 3 years. Membership can be renewed once, bringing the maximum consecutive years of service allowed by the MCC to 6 years. For FY 2016, The Milton Cultural Council consisted of 7 individuals, one of whom resigned due to relocation outside of Milton:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Elaine Craghead	Chair	5/11/2014	5/11/2017
Hart, Christopher	Treasurer	5/11/2014	5/11/2017
Levy, David	Secretary	6/26/2012	5/11/2017
Guerrero-Macia, Veronica	Member	5/11/2011	5/11/2017
Moll, Alison	Member	5/11/2014	5/11/2017
Olaniyan, Tosin	Member	5/11/2011	10/31/2015
White, Lisa	Member	5/11/2014	5/11/2017

*Table 1 - Milton Cultural Council Members FY15*

## **2015 Funding Resources**

Each year, local councils award more than \$2 million in grants to more than 5,000 cultural programs statewide. The Milton Cultural Council had funding resources for 2015 available as follows:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
State Allocation (MCC)	\$7,000.00
Available Remaining Balance	51.00
(Less Administrative Funds)	(152.00)

**Amount Available for Granting 6,899.00**

*Table 2 – FY15 Available Funds*

### **2015 Grant Applications and Funding**

For the FY 2015 granting cycle, the Milton Cultural Council received 22 grant applications. Of these, 17 were deemed to be qualified for funding. Those not qualified were lacking a Milton sponsor, did not serve a Milton audience, or did not meet Milton Cultural Council guidelines.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Cunningham School PTO	Museum of Science Traveling Assembly	\$650
MUSIC Dance.edu	From JAZZ to Hip Hop	\$300
O'Connor, Elyse	Musical Visits with Seniors	\$100
Manning, Jim	Reading Olympics	\$499
Maichack, Gregory	Pastel Paint Stunning Still Lives	\$400
Fuller Craft Museum	artKitchen Café Performance Series	Denied
Milton Farmers Market, Inc.	Summer Music for the Next 10 Years	\$700
Friends of the Milton Pub. Library	Concert: Two Old Friends	\$300
Sharon Community Chorus	Holiday and Pops Concert	\$100
Fuller Craft Museum	[SENSE]ation Days	Denied

<i>South Shore Art Center</i>	<i>SSAC 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts Festiva</i>	<i>Denied</i>
<i>Lewis, Stephen</i>	<i>Black leaders: International Poster Exhibit</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Applefield, Janet</i>	<i>Comating Hate and Prejudice</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Town of Randolph</i>	<i>2015 New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Denied</i>
<i>Massasoit Community College</i>	<i>8th Annual Massasoit Arts Festival</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>Timothy Steele</i>	<i>Milton Community Concerts</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Milton Performing Arts</i>	<i>Milton Elementary and Young</i>	
<i>Charitable Grp</i>	<i>Musicians Festivals</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Milton Art Center</i>	<i>Fall Music Series 2016</i>	<i>\$800</i>
<i>Milton Access TV</i>	<i>Advertising for the Great American Songbook</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Milton Access TV</i>	<i>The Great American Songbook</i>	<i>\$950</i>
<i>Neville, Beth</i>	<i>Outdoor Public Mural</i>	<i>Denied</i>
<i>Charles River Sinfonietta</i>	<i>Chamber Music—Jacob Litofflat</i>	<i>\$400</i>

*Table 3 – FY15 Milton Cultural Council Grants*

The Milton Cultural Council will be holding its granting meeting for the FY 2016 allocations on November 16th, 2016 in Milton Town Hall. As of this writing, we do not yet know the amount of the allocation from the Commonwealth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Craghead, *Chair*  
Christopher Hart, *Treasurer*  
David Levy, *Secretary*  
Lisa White, *Publicist*  
Veronica Guerrero-Macia  
Alison Moll

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I herewith submit my report of the Fire Department activities for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

### Alarms

The Fire Department responded to 3,725 incidents during this period.

### Fire Alarms and / or Requests for the Year

Fires (Buildings, Vehicles, Outside, etc)	187
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	2
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service (Includes auto accidents with injuries)	1931
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) (Wires down, Gas leaks, Hazmat, Bio-hazard, etc.)	200
Service Calls	338
Good Intent Calls (Dispatched / cancelled en route Investigations, Wrong location, etc.)	110
False Alarms and False Calls	545
Severe Weather / Natural Disaster	1
Special Incident Types (Inspections, Fire Drills, Fire Safety Education, Training)	411

I would like to thank our officers and firefighters for their loyalty to the Department and devotion to duty in serving our Townspeople. Also my thanks to our Department secretary, fire auxiliary and to the many department heads and employees who contribute their time and efforts to make this the fine Department that it is. A special thanks to our mutual aid neighbors in Metrofire, and Norfolk County.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Grant Jr., *Fire Chief*



## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health herewith submits their Annual Report for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

### **REPORT OF THE HEALTH DIRECTOR**

The mission of the Milton Board of Health is to achieve the highest level of wellness for all Milton residents by adopting reasonable health regulations, providing preventative health programming, and preparing and planning for public health emergencies. Under the guidance of the elected Board of Health, the Board's professional staff assesses the public health needs of the Milton community. The staff addresses those needs by enforcing state and local public health and environmental health regulations and by providing public health nursing services, health promotion activities, emergency preparedness and response planning, community health education and by reducing environmental health hazards. The Board of Health consists of three members elected by the citizens of Milton, a volunteer Medical Advisor, Dr. Anthony Compagnone, and a professional staff comprised of a full time Director/ Public Health Nurse, a part-time Health Inspector, part-time Clerk and a part time Health Agent. This year we were delighted to congratulate Laura Richards, Esq. on her re-election to the Board.

#### **Bioterrorism, Pandemic Flu, and Emergency Preparedness**

Increasing concern for emergency preparedness 24/7 requires that the Board of Health increase its emergency response capabilities.

Board of Health staff continued to be an integral part of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The LEPC meets during the year to develop response plans for emergencies, works with the Emergency Management Department, and reviews the Town's Emergency and Infectious Disease Plans. The Board of Health staff also continued its participation in the statewide region 4B for local response to bioterrorism preparedness. We received a grant for \$7,705.69 which was used for training and equipment to enhance local public health emergency preparedness. Our region consists of 26 communities surrounding Boston, with a total population just under one million. The goal of the regional system is to ensure adequate resources are available to prepare and protect residents from terrorist attacks, pandemic flu and natural disasters and to develop and implement plans, procedures and protocols to ensure effective and efficient coordination of public health and public safety resources. Regional representatives meet monthly to plan and develop a model for effective and efficient delivery of all public health services, not just emergency or bioterrorism response. The Board of Health also works closely with BID-Milton Hospital.

The Milton Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), along with the Towns of Canton, Dedham, Needham, Norwood, Wellesley and Westwood, participated in emergency preparedness trainings and drills.

## **Environmental Health**

Environmental health activities are determined by legal mandate, complaints, licensure, permit requirements, inquiries and regulatory enforcement of local and state regulations. Activities include the licensing and inspections of food establishments, housing code inspections and enforcement actions, swimming pools, solid waste handling practices, animal, insect and rodent control, and the abatement of general nuisances. Additional concerns include asbestos removal, lead in the environment, hazardous waste and indoor air quality. The Health Director and Health Inspector attended public health organization, state and national trainings this year on numerous environmental health topics.

## **Website**

The Board of Health's web page contains useful health information as well as meeting schedules and minutes, annual reports, regulations, application forms and lists, fee schedules, important web links and emergency preparedness information for residents and the Medical Reserve Corps. Please visit us at [www.townofmilton.org](http://www.townofmilton.org), click on 'Town Government', then 'Health Department'. We have also created a Facebook page and Twitter account to keep residents up-to-date on local public health and as a means of communication during emergencies.

## **Norfolk County Mosquito Control District**

*The threat of West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) continued this year. The Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project (NCMCP) continued to focus on source reduction, water management, larviciding, salt marsh management, mosquito trapping and testing, and ground-based nuisance spraying for mosquitoes based on residents' requests and mosquito activity monitoring.*

## **Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA)**

This organization is devoted to improving local public health practice and increasing educational and funding opportunities for local boards of health.

## **Tobacco Control**

*The Board of Health continued its enforcement of the Tobacco Control Regulations including vendor training aimed at preventing the sale of tobacco to minors. The BOH voted to increase the age to purchase tobacco to 21, and*

*ban the sale of flavored tobacco on November 17, 2014. The regulation took effect on April 30, 2015.*

**Public Health Outreach**

Our efforts in this area included distribution of educational materials, press releases and cable television releases on pertinent public health issues, including emergency preparedness. We also assisted in numerous requests for information on radon, lead paint, asbestos, Title 5 and septic systems, safe food handling practices, mosquito control, West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Rabies.

**Mercury Recovery Program**

The Board of Health offered a mercury collection program to prevent mercury from entering the waste stream. Items accepted at the Board of Health include thermostats, thermometers, button cell batteries, and elemental mercury. Also, a free digital thermometer was provided for every household that brought in fever thermometers.

**Medication and Sharps Disposal Program**

The police station provides a 24/7 medication disposal option for residents. The Board of Health also provides a sharps disposal program in our office. For a small fee, you can purchase sharps containers to dispose of them properly.

**Summary of Inspectional Services**

Food Establishments  
    (routine inspections, re-inspections & consultations) . . . . . 184

Housing Code Enforcement  
    (includes inspections, lead determinations & court actions) . . . . . 46

Misc. Inspections (tanning) . . . . . 1

Public Health and Environmental Complaints  
    (investigations and re-inspections) . . . . . 45

Recreational Camps for Children  
    (plan reviews, consultations and inspections) . . . . . 7

Septic System Installation Inspections. . . . . 8

Septic System Percolation Tests/Soil Evaluations. . . . . 5

Septic System Plan Reviews and Consultations . . . . . 5

Septic System Inspection Reports . . . . . 8

Swimming Pools (public and semi-public) . . . . . 57

## **Summary of Board of Health Permits Issued**

Burial Permits . . . . .	215
Disposal/Septic System Construction Permits . . . . .	4
Disposal/Septic System Installers . . . . .	7
Food Establishments . . . . .	76
Seasonal Food Permits . . . . .	10
Food – Catered Events . . . . .	5
Food - Temporary Events . . . . .	13
Food- Kitchen Plan Reviews . . . . .	4
Funeral Directors . . . . .	7
Indoor Skating Rinks . . . . .	1
Recreational Camps for Children . . . . .	7
Rubbish Haulers . . . . .	10
Septage Haulers . . . . .	5
Stables - Commercial . . . . .	1
Stables - Private . . . . .	5
Swimming Pools - Public and Semi-Public . . . . .	9
Tanning Facilities . . . . .	1
Tobacco Retailers . . . . .	9

## **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

The 2014-2015 influenza season was mild. We scheduled eight seasonal flu clinics and worked with the Milton Public Schools to offer an evening clinic for junior high and high school students. In addition, we also held an after school flu clinic at Fontbonne Academy. My other responsibilities include communicable disease surveillance, Direct Observation Therapy for active Tuberculosis patients, emergency planning and preparedness, town employee blood pressure screening at our employee health clinic, community health outreach, summer camp inspections to screen for proper immunizations, and public health nurse resource for the schools and community. I attend monthly Board of Health, LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), and MAPHN (Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurse) meetings and submit monthly reports.

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

A total of 146 Confirmed, Contact or Probable communicable diseases were reported during the year. A complete listing of the confirmed, probable and suspect cases according to case definitions from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are on file.

The Tuberculosis status of 13 Confirmed, 3 Contact and 9 Suspect latent TB residents was monitored throughout the year. These residents were followed at the tuberculosis clinic and prescribed medications as per protocol.

There was one case of Active TB which was monitored with Direct Observation Therapy to ensure medications were taken as directed.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

A total of 1200 doses of seasonal flu vaccine were administered at numerous clinics and schools. Our allocation of flu vaccine provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health was cut by 50% this year. This year the BOH had to increase the number of privately purchased vaccine that we would need to supply our flu clinics.

Two residents receive monthly Vitamin B-12 vaccines.

All recreational summer camps were inspected and health records for children and counselors were reviewed for current immunization status.

I participated in Celebrate Milton and in a three mile Community Walk organized by BID Milton Hospital.

I participated in a presentation for the fourth grade Milton school children about prevention and awareness of Lyme disease in the community.

The Milton Substance Abuse Prevention team collaborated with the Pierce Middle School to raise awareness about Substance and Alcohol Abuse. "Milton Goes Red" bracelets were distributed in the Pierce middle school and prizes were given out at all the lunches.

## **EDUCATION/PLANNING**

During the year continuing education credits were received for seminars attended at the annual conferences of MAPHN, MHOA. In addition, CEU's online were provided by Medscape, MAPHN, and the Local Public Health Institute.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Member of Region 4B Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Member of Region NC-7 Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Member of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association  
Member of CHNA 20  
Member of Inter-Agency Council of the South Shore  
Member of the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses  
Member of Health and Wellness Committee at Milton High School

Member of Airplane Noise Advisory Committee  
Appointed Mass Port CAC representative  
Co-Chair of Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Volunteer Treasurer for the South East Chapter of the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses State Organization.

Volunteer for Stand-Down a one day event, providing “Foot Care” for Veterans

This year with the assistance of a \$1500.00 grant from Blue Hills Community Alliance, Vicki McCarthy, Youth Counselor Emeritus and myself were able to start the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. This \$1500.00 grant enabled us to receive technical assistance to start this new coalition.

## **GRANTS**

Blue Hills Community Alliance awarded \$1500.00, for technical assistance to start the newly established Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Blue Hills Community Alliance awarded \$110,000, 3 year grant to the BOH to support the work of the town’s newly established Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

BID Milton Hospital awarded \$1000.00 to the BOH to purchase sharps containers, and create a resource guide for the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Blue Hills Community Alliance awarded \$5000.00 to develop a Tri-town Community Health Workers program. This program provides a Haitian and Vietnamese Community Health Worker medical interpreter to assist in our communities.

## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Local Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 1, governs the Keeping of Animals for both commercial and private uses. To ensure compliance with the local regulations, the Milton Board of Health inspected the three commercial stables in Milton. The inspections assess cleanliness and sanitation, bedding supplies for the animals, food storage practices, and most importantly, monitor the manure storage and handling. The inspections are critical to avoid the creation of nuisance conditions and breeding grounds for rodents and other pests.

The privately-licensed stables were also inspected pursuant to the Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture, Division of Animal Health and local regulations. In place of the official Barn Book used in past years, the

state now requires a census sheet to be completed which records the numbers and types of animals housed in the Town of Milton.

All biting and scratching incidents reported to the Board of Health were investigated to make sure that the animals involved were current on their rabies inoculations. The investigations included both animal-to-human contact, as well as animal-to-animal contact. Various types of quarantines were issued (isolation, strict confinement or close observation) depending on the circumstances of the contact and the immunization status of the animals involved. Follow-up was conducted prior to the end of the quarantine periods to authorize the release of the animal. During this fiscal year the following numbers of quarantines were issued:

10 days . . . . .	49
45 days . . . . .	21
6 months . . . . .	8

Due to the sharp rise in the incidence of rabies in our community and throughout the state, animals suffering from wounds of unknown origin receive the strictest quarantine. The time period varies from 45 days, if the animal has been properly vaccinated, to 6 months for an animal not up to date on its shots. Regular contact is required to assess the health status of all animals under quarantine and to make sure that they are properly quarantined as defined by the State Department of Food & Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Kinsella, R.N. R.E.H.S.  
*Health Director/Public Health Nurse/  
Animal Inspector*

In closing, the Board of Health and its staff would like to express its gratitude to each of the other Town Departments and agencies, without whose help our work would be more difficult.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T. Fidler, Sc.D, *Chairman*  
Roxanne Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, *Member*  
Laura T. Richards, Esq., *Secretary*

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Milton Historical Commission continues its efforts, in conjunction with other boards, committees and other groups in Milton to encourage the preservation of Milton's historic assets.

Maintaining level funding, the Commission has surveyed or documented an additional 91 buildings, which surveys are on file and available both at the Milton Library and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

While the Commission did not have to act on any demolition applications for historic properties, the Commission was consulted by owners, architects and developers about plans to renovate, redevelop or modify several buildings with historic value in an effort to avoid demolition. We were happy to work with those owners and developers to help preserve historic elements and with town boards and committees to guide these efforts. We look forward to continuing these kinds of discussions.

The Commission took a pro-active stance in appealing to the DCR to bring attention to the historic value of the Broderick Stable on Hillside St. and the need of further preservation efforts to secure this property.

The future of the Town Farm quadrangle and the Swift Hat Shop continue to be of great concern to the Commission. While efforts on both properties is moving extremely slowly, continuing neglect of maintenance of the buildings is seriously compromising their structures. The Selectmen have appointed a committee to study future uses and possible locations for the Swift Hat Shop and it is hoped that this independent group will be able to stimulate action on that element.

As in the past, the lack of availability of CPA funds leaves Milton at a disadvantage in controlling the fate of some of its historic assets. We still hope that this my change in the not to distant future.

Development and developers continue to threaten and encroach upon Milton's historic properties and vistas, particularly in the Brush Hill, Scott's Woods and Upper Canton Avenue neighborhoods. While development cannot be stopped entirely, creative approaches to land use going forward will enable preservation of some of the rural and agrarian aspects of these areas while still allowing some development and beneficial use of the land.



The Commission hopes that 2016 will see continued cooperation with Town boards, committees and other historic preservation minded individuals, groups and organizations, and that further involvement and generosity of private citizens will accomplish a wider appreciation of our historic assets and the importance of their preservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen O'Donnell, *Chairman*

Bryan Cheney

Meredith Hall

Dudley Ladd

Wallace Sisson

Linda Weld

Ted Wendell

## **REPORT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Technology Department is pleased to submit a report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Department continues to maintain and support all network infrastructures, servers, workstations and the telephony phone network.

This year the technology department continued to replace and upgrade obsolete computer workstations, printers and network hardware.

Software vendors Zobrio Systems and Pamet Systems upgraded all software modules.

Our staff continues to work with all department to keep all web pages active and updated.

Hardware upgrade was completed on the police street camera system.

The Information Technology Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and all Town Departments for all their cooperation and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Sgroi  
Information Technology Director

# REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

## **BUILDING**

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS	ALL OTHER	COMMERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JULY	125	116	0	116	9	2867857	75201
AUGUST	107	100	0	100	7	4540624	58554
SEPTEMBER	123	110	0	110	13	4950844	51609
OCTOBER	122	112	0	112	10	3309209	37494
NOVEMBER	87	82	0	82	5	5401930	61794
DECEMBER	85	79	0	79	6	3710091	45336
JANUARY	94	89	0	89	5	1258584	17238
FEBRUARY	36	35	0	35	1	1114609	9273
MARCH	59	56	0	56	3	2104801	20619
APRIL	113	104	0	104	9	2814785	33729
MAY	106	97	0	97	9	4944335	57105
JUNE	156	149	0	149	7	7097895	107547
TOTALS	1213	1129	0	1129	84	44115564	575499

## **ELECTRICAL**

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED
JULY	82	24210
AUGUST	63	11615
SEPTEMBER	79	14710
OCTOBER	72	11685
NOVEMBER	81	16900
DECEMBER	42	6240
JANUARY	62	12750
FEBRUARY	21	3325
MARCH	51	7035
APRIL	56	8300
MAY	57	8110
JUNE	94	17775
TOTALS	760	142655

**PLUMBING**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS</b>	<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>
JULY	62	8000
AUGUST	45	5800
SEPTEMBER	56	8610
OCTOBER	72	8895
NOVEMBER	58	9780
DECEMBER	60	8315
JANUARY	43	6340
FEBRUARY	24	3890
MARCH	31	4785
APRIL	32	4590
MAY	54	7845
JUNE	62	6940
TOTALS	599	83790

**GAS**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS</b>	<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>
JULY	35	2875
AUGUST	32	2135
SEPTEMBER	39	3720
OCTOBER	52	6005
NOVEMBER	46	4190
DECEMBER	57	4340
JANUARY	37	3905
FEBRUARY	17	2945
MARCH	15	700
APRIL	19	2010
MAY	39	3340
JUNE	44	3655
TOTALS	432	39820

The total of fees collected for the Inspectional Services Department in the amount of Eight hundred fifty-four thousand seven hundred forty-five dollars and no cents. (\$854,745) have been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer. The reimbursements to Contractors for cancelled permits totals \$247.00

**Fees by category:**

**Building Permits** – Five hundred seventy five thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars and no cents. (\$575,499)

**Miscellaneous fees** – One thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars and no cents. (\$1,656)

**Certificates of Inspection** – Seven thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars and no cents. (\$7,455)

**Wire Permits** – One hundred forty-two thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars and no cents. (\$142,655)

**Plumbing Permits** – Eighty-three thousand seven hundred ninety dollars and no cents. (\$83,790)

**Gas Permits** – Thirty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty dollars and no cents. (\$39,820)

**Reconciliation fees** – Eight thousand three hundred three dollars and no cents. (\$8,303)

**Fines** – Three thousand five hundred forty-four dollars and no cents. (\$3,544)

**Reinspection fees** – One hundred eighty dollars and no cents. (\$180)

**Canceled Permits** – Two hundred forty-seven dollars and no cents (\$-247)

I wish to extend to the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Town Administrator my sincere appreciation for their cooperation as well as the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, the Town Treasurer, the Town Clerk, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Public Works Department, Consolidated Facilities, School Department and Council on Aging with whom this office works very closely. The successful operation of the department also depends on the dedication and hard work of staff members Jay Beaulieu, Walter White, Mark Kelly, Domenic Franceschelli, Jack Calabro, Charles King, Mary Martin, and Mary Fitzgerald

## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

Pursuant to authority conferred by Milton Annual Town Meeting the Board of Selectmen requested the General Court to enact legislation on the following subjects:

1. to increase the authority of the Town Administrator;
2. to establish a special purpose stabilization fund for the purpose of funding future debt service obligations of certain Town of Milton capital projects financed with debt issuance that would be exempt from the limitations imposed by Proposition 2½;
3. to clarify the quorum requirement for certain public bodies; and
4. to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of a restaurant known as the Plate at Milton Market Place, 10 Basset Street.

At the end of 2015 the proposed legislation was pending in the General Court.

Committee members are thanked for their service to the Town of Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Flynn  
*Chairman*

## **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I have the honor of presenting the 142nd Annual Report of the Milton Public Library for the year ending June 30th, 2015.

Fiscal Year 2015 was another year of growth for the Milton Public Library. This growth stems from sustained concentration on improving and increasing our collections, particularly eBooks, and enhancing and expanding our programming and events.

The number of eBooks downloaded from the Library has steadily increased over the past several years (from under 400 in FY11 to close to 9,000 in FY15). This trend appears to be accelerating. We saw a ~30% increase in use over the last year. To meet the demand we will continue our efforts to increase our digital collections.

In FY15, the Milton Public Library increased funding to meet the needs of Milton residents for downloadable materials. We incorporated a system called 'patron driven collection development.' This is a data driven method that guides ordering by providing insights into popular eBook titles based on current waiting lists. This enables us to smartly increase our collection size and circulation and decrease users' wait times. In addition, the Milton Public Library joined the Commonwealth eBook Collection program, a collection that makes about 150,000 eBook titles available to our users.

We also concentrated on programming and events. In FY15, we focused on increasing the quality rather than the quantity of programs. Using our programming history we determined which events were the most successful and more highly attended and focused our efforts on those. Children's programming serves as a good example of the success of this effort. Our average program attendance rose from 22 per event in FY14 to 29 per event in FY15. We offered fewer programs and reduced staff resource requirements while achieving an all time high for annual attendance, 11,000 children. We saw similar success in programming for other age groups.

The Library was proud to offer the third and fourth installments of Milton Reads in FY15. The Milton Reads Committee selected Sherlock Holmes for the fall event. The committee had copies of one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories printed and freely distributed thanks to support from the Friends of the Library. Milton Reads Sherlock was successful, with good readership and great attendance for the programming. Milton Reads has evolved over the years. Most recently we switched the time of year for the event. It now occurs in the spring. Our most recent Milton Reads, 'The Boys in the Boat' by Daniel James Brown, was our most successful offering yet. We recorded the highest

readership, and had excellent attendance for our programming. We look forward to Milton Reads 2016 when we will implement another change, putting the book selection in the hands of our residents.

The Library underwent some staffing changes during FY15. Long time Library Assistant Phyllis Idell retired after many years of service to our Library community. Her presence will be missed at the front desk. Additionally, the Library welcomed a new Teen & Reference Librarian, Lilly Sundell-Thomas. Ms. Sundell-Thomas joined us at the end of the school year, and quickly got herself acquainted with the students and our Library.

Finally, I want to thank all of the people responsible for maintaining the Milton Public Library’s reputation as a model Library in the Commonwealth. The Library staff regularly goes above and beyond to provide excellent services to our community. I am very proud of them all. In addition to the staff, the Library is fortunate to have dedicated individuals who generously donate their time, energy, and funds in support of the Library. These include the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Milton Public Library, and the Milton Library Foundation. There are also many individuals who frequent the Library and spread the word promoting our services and offerings.

The Library stayed focused on its mission throughout Fiscal Year 2015. The following quote from our mission statement gets to the heart of what we strive to do:

*“The Milton Public Library enriches the community by connecting people to the world of ideas, information, and imagination to support their work, education, personal growth and enjoyment.”*

Libraries are changing. In FY16 the Library will develop in concert with the community a new strategic plan to meet those changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

William L. Adamczyk, *Director*

**Milton Public Library, FY 2015 Statistics**  
**Circulation of the Collection**

Books	193,174
Periodicals & Newspapers	5,888
Audio Recordings	20,779
Video Recordings	53,888
Downloadable ebooks	8,407
Downloadable audio books, videos, and music	10,112
Miscellaneous	<u>3,183</u>
Total Borrowing	295,431



### Interlibrary Loans & Non-Resident Use

Materials received from other libraries for use in Milton	31,351
Materials sent to other libraries	39,852
On-Site loans to residents of other towns.	41,619

### Services Provided

Total Hours the Main Library was open	3,122
Total number of Saturdays open	52
Total number of Sundays open	28
Number of reference questions answered	13,242
Number of Children's programs offered	383
Attendance at all Children's programs	11,246
Number of programs for teens offered	70
Attendance at all teen programs	1,226
Number of programs for adults offered	83
Attendance at all adult programs	2,387
Volunteers helping at the library	115
Estimated number of hours volunteered	1,915
People registered for a Milton library card.	18,231

### The Library Collection

<b>Materials Held</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Young Adult</b>	<b>Children's</b>	<b>Total</b>
Books	58,691	5,392	31,793	95,876
Newspapers & Periodical volumes	638	9	55	702
Audio Recordings	7,476	0	1,282	8,758
Video Recordings	7,423	0	1,656	9,079
eBooks	154,410	0	0	154,410
Other Digital Content	4,509	197	192	4,898
Microforms	136	0	0	136
Kits & miscellaneous	434	0	0	434
Total Items in Collection	233,717	5,598	34,978	274,293

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Library continues to enjoy an increased growth trend since the re-opening in 2009. Our services, programs and community involvement expand and improve as we are aptly led by our Director, Will Adamczyk's professionalism, enthusiasm and engaging personality. The Trustees recently voted our confidence in him with a contract extension for three more years.

In August the Board voted to remove the European Copper Beech and Sugar Maple trees on the property along Canton Avenue. This was a very difficult decision made after many discussions with the DPW, Arborists, the Milton Tree Warden, the Conservation Committee and the community. It was based on the safety concerns for our patrons and the poor health of the trees.

In consideration of the shortage of parking and traffic safety concerns, there will not be another tree planted in the space left by the beech tree but instead we are working on building a turnaround in the parking lot and adding a rose carpet. Additional changes to the landscape are still under discussion, however a *Stuartia* tree will be planted where the Sugar Maple tree was located.

The Trustees founded a new energy subcommittee focussed on ways to reduce our energy consumption and costs. We have been reviewing all Library policies since Will joined us, we recently approved updates to the 'Borrowing' policy and created a new 'Tutor Usage' policy.

Town Meeting approved to expand the Capital Committee to include a Library Trustee, John Folcarelli is currently serving in this role.

In June, the Trustees awarded a page scholarship to Sean Ng-Pac.

Brendan McLaughlin (former Board Chair) and Barbara Mason, both long time board members stepped down. The Trustees thank them both for their service to the Library and the town. Previous board member Andrea Gordon and new member Paul Hays joined the Board. Herb Voigt was re-elected to another term.

The Board of Trustees is proud to serve the Milton community as we work to maintain and improve the enjoyment and services the Library offers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Hodlin

*Chair of the Board of Library Trustees*

*\* The Annual report of the Treasurer is not included in this report (to be consistent with reporting by other departments).*

## REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (MAPC)

### 2015: A year of collaboration, engagement and visioning

In 2015, MAPC set into motion a new, five-year Strategic Plan to further *MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region*, the agency's regional plan for our 101 member cities and towns. Building on the successes of this past year, we are poised to lead the region in furthering our core planning work in 2016, from smart growth to social equity, climate change adaptation, regional collaboration and beyond.

A number of critically important region-wide plans achieved completion in 2015, including the statewide Food Policy Plan, our Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and our Regional Housing Plan and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, both key products from the multi-year Sustainable Communities planning grant. We also advanced three new, major work areas: master planning, climate resiliency, and civic engagement – critical initiatives for our cities and towns.

Our work was recognized by several national organizations this year, as well as by public and private organizations that are committed to supporting our efforts to create a more just, vibrant and livable region. We are honored to continue making Metro Boston a national model and regional resource on smart growth and inter-local coordination.

Join us online at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org) and on Twitter @MAPCMetroBoston if you'd like to get involved.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK

#### Smart Growth

As the regional planning agency for Greater Boston, MAPC works to improve Metro Boston's livability – its prosperity, safety, health, resilience, and equity. A key way we do that is with a wide range of direct services to our municipalities, tailored to each community's unique needs and character.

In our second year implementing MAPC's new Strategic Plan, we are engaging with even more municipalities to do larger and more comprehensive **master plan projects**, in such places as Ashland, Boxborough, Cohasset, Hanover, Melrose, Revere, Swampscott and Woburn, while starting and continuing downtown visioning projects in Stoneham and Natick and beyond. On the local and neighborhood level, we are engaged in economic development projects with Reading, Southeast Framingham, the Chelsea waterfront and planned Silver Line expansion corridor, along Route 1 in Foxborough, in the

Newton-Needham innovation district, and on Route 9 in Wellesley, with more projects to come.

This year, we also continued to place particular emphasis on empowering cities and towns to develop **Complete Streets**, which are roadways that are designed for everyone: safe, convenient and accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists, and comfortable and barrier-free for people of every age and mobility level.

Thanks in large part to our foundational work last year in helping municipalities to pass Complete Streets policies, which ensure that roads are inclusively designed, constructed, refurbished and maintained, this year we saw many cities and towns take up the work themselves, using the strong templates developed by MAPC in recent years and building on the momentum of Complete Streets' wider acceptance as a best practice in design. This year, to varying degrees, we worked with Ashland, Beverly, Framingham, Lynn, Norwell and Weymouth to get Complete Streets policies crafted at the local level, and we look forward to helping even more cities and towns do so during this year and after.

Parking is a critical link between land use and transportation, and parking policies have a tremendous effect on transportation choices and the built environment. **Effective parking strategies** can also help cities and towns meet their goals around affordable housing, reducing pollution, improving residents' health and attracting good development. MAPC assists communities in turning parking challenges into assets. This year, one of the biggest parking projects we undertook happened in Downtown Malden, which is poised for transformative change with the redevelopment of City Hall and police headquarters across from the Malden Center MBTA station, where the city has already permitted hundreds of new units of housing and ground-floor retail. Our team undertook a comprehensive study and produced an engaging action plan after surveying hundreds of residents, city employees, businesses and downtown patrons. Updates in pricing, enforcement and signage are already happening thanks to MAPC's recommendations, with more changes coming over the next year or two. We hope that our approach to the Malden project can be replicated in future parking studies across the MAPC region.

When it comes to transportation planning, MAPC advocates for a system that supports concentrated development in areas with existing infrastructure over investments that encourage sprawl. To that end, MAPC helped develop the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) **Long Range Transportation Plan** in 2015, which identifies goals and objectives for the transportation system from 2015 to 2040, and also sets funding priorities. The

greatest change the MPO made in this recent Long Range Transportation Plan is to focus more of the region's federal highway funding on roadway projects that preserve existing infrastructure, increase safety, encourage complete streets and support walking and biking, over increased highway capacity or expansion. Find out more about the MPO and Long Range Transportation Plan at [www.ctps.org/lrtp](http://www.ctps.org/lrtp).

In Framingham, our staff worked with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to develop a roadmap for bringing additional investment to the downtown area. Throughout the process, we relied heavily on **community engagement** techniques such as public forums, downtown business tours in partnership with local employers and community groups, social media, outreach to houses of worship, in-person canvassing, interviews on local cable access as well as Portuguese-language radio, and distributing flyers to families via the schools — helping to increase participation and ensuring that often-disenfranchised and under-represented groups such as parents, non-English speakers, lower-income residents, youth and the elderly were able to have a voice in the planning process. In the Fall of 2015, the zoning recommendations made by MAPC were approved at Town Meeting, paving the way for much of the vision crafted in the project. Learn more at [www.mapc.org/framinghamTOD](http://www.mapc.org/framinghamTOD).

We are hoping the zoning successes and inclusive civic engagement approaches used in Framingham can serve as a model for other **transit-oriented development** (TOD) projects in the year ahead, from Braintree to Natick Center and Dedham's Corporate Center station area.

In response to widespread demand for innovative strategies to improve traffic and commuting in the region, MAPC and MassCommute co-hosted a breakfast forum in October on **Transportation Demand Management**. Municipal leaders and employers gathered to discuss ways of working together on reducing congestion and improving our area's ability to attract and retain a competitive workforce through better transportation options. Staff from MAPC and MassCommute presented findings from two new research papers on transportation demand management. Visit [www.mapc.org/tdm](http://www.mapc.org/tdm) to view case studies and presentations from the forum.

In our ever-growing Public Health practice area, our team continues to bring the "photovoice" approach to **placemaking** opportunities, most recently in East Boston. There, we have partnered with NOAH, the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, to work with both youth and adults in the Eagle Hill neighborhood, where the community is seeking ways to slow down speeding vehicles and make intersections safer for those walking and bicycling.

The public health team is also working with the Lynn Health Department and the Lynn Housing Authority on a **smoke-free housing** initiative, working with residents and stakeholders in rolling out the new policy. The work, supported by a Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund grant given to the City of Lynn, aims to reduce health care costs through prevention, and the new smoke-free housing policy is expected to reduce chronic diseases like asthma and tobacco-related deaths.

As part of our Plan4Health grant, MAPC is working north of Boston to improve the distribution of **healthy foods in corner stores** and to promote “healthy checkout aisles” in grocery markets. Project partners include the Massachusetts Public Health Association, the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, and Mass in Motion and Wellness coalitions in Cambridge, Somerville, Malden, Melrose-Wakefield, Everett and Medford. Read more about our public health work and our “health in all policies” approach to planning work at <http://www.mapc.org/public-health>.

In December, MAPC, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) and the Massachusetts Food Policy Council put the finishing touches on the state’s first comprehensive food system plan since 1974. Working in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Massachusetts Workforce Alliance, our food plan team published the “**Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan**” in late 2015 with input from hundreds of stakeholders across the food system, from production to farming, manufacturing, access, wholesale, distribution and beyond. Find the full report — with recommendations for strengthening the state’s agricultural viability, improving access to fresh, local food, and creating a system more able to withstand the stresses related to climate change — at [www.mafoodplan.org](http://www.mafoodplan.org).

Across all our work, **climate change planning** is playing an increasingly larger role in local and regional projects. We are responding to the needs of individual communities in addressing the expected effects of climate change, in both seaside and inland communities. For example, we are working with the city of Quincy to develop a Coastal Adaptation Plan, which will examine the impacts of climate change on the natural environment, the city’s developed areas, its infrastructure and coastal areas, its local health, and the economy. The plan will identify strategies to change land use practices that will protect residents, especially the most vulnerable. We are doing similar climate change projections for Scituate and Duxbury. Read more at <http://www.mapc.org/environment>.

In the housing arena, we've had a particularly successful year in both completing long-term research and furthering **fair housing approaches** at the local level. We completed our Regional Housing Plan and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, both key products from the multi-year Sustainable Communities planning grant, this year; you can read more about them at <http://www.mapc.org/smart-growth/housing>. We also conducted housing analyses for Quincy, Canton, Ashland, Salem, and others in 2015, with several future planned housing production plans throughout the region in 2016. In late 2015, the Maynard Selectmen and Planning Board approved a Housing Production Plan developed by MAPC's housing planners after months of community input and a great change in local opinion from the start of the process. This "win" will serve as an excellent case study for future housing production plans.

This year, MAPC continued to grow and innovate our **Clean Energy** work. One critical new area for us is "green municipal aggregation," a model that brings new additional renewable capacity to the region. The program aggregates the community-wide purchase of electricity – including the city and all commercial and residential customers on basic service, unless they opt out – and leverages this to ensure renewable options are available to the entire region.

In FY15, MAPC developed the first procurement in the state that required renewable energy, with verifiable emissions reductions in addition to price savings. The City of Melrose opted to participate and their aggregation plan was approved in late September, making it likely to go into effect in early 2016. This procurement model has since been replicated in both Dedham and Cambridge, and their aggregation plans should soon follow suit. With the goal of scaling up the work, MAPC released its second aggregation RFP in late 2015, naming Somerville, Newton, Arlington, and Sudbury as participants and crafting it so that any of the 101 MAPC cities and towns will be able to contract with the selected aggregation broker. To learn more, visit [www.mapc.org/clean-energy](http://www.mapc.org/clean-energy).

This summer, MAPC piloted a notification program to help municipalities engage in "load shedding," which both reduces greenhouse gas emissions and extra capacity charges. The capacity for which municipalities are charged is determined during just a single hour each summer, meaning these charges can constitute as much as 30 percent of municipal electricity costs. As a result, anticipating and then reducing consumption (known as "load shedding") during this short window of time offers an opportunity for significant financial savings. One participant, the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, employed a real-time energy meter and sustained a 62 percent reduction in usage over 2.5 hours per load shed, translating to 2.1 tonnes of CO2 emissions avoided per



shed. 18 municipalities participated in the daily notification program, and MAPC is aware of at least 8 that implemented load sheds on the 5 “highly likely” days. We are expecting to expand the program next year.

MAPC staff worked this year to guide three communities through the lengthy process of attaining Green Communities Designation, opening up those municipalities to around \$500,000 in funding toward local clean energy and energy efficiency projects. The Commonwealth has designated a total of 155 Green Communities statewide, and they are collectively home to 54% of Massachusetts’s population. MAPC will continue working with communities to achieve this status going forward. To learn more about all our energy work, visit [www.mapc.org/clean-energy](http://www.mapc.org/clean-energy).

Earlier this year, our Clean Energy team and the Metro Mayors Coalition, coordinated by staff in our Government Affairs division, collaborated with state and regional leaders on a **Climate Preparedness Commitment** and launched a related Taskforce with short- and long-term action goals for 2016 and beyond. The group will help build municipal capacity on climate preparedness, take action on urban heat island issues such as reducing asphalt and adding grass and trees, help develop emergency plans for extreme heat days, focus on areas vulnerable to flooding from more frequent and extreme storm events, assist in making major infrastructure like the electrical grid, water and transportation systems more resilient, and protect major food distribution points that are currently vulnerable to climate change. Learn more at <http://www.mapc.org/metro-mayors-coalition>.

Our legislative staff also works each year to shore up support for the Shannon Grant, which works with at-risk youth in cities and towns struggling with gang violence and crime, and to staff the Metro Mayors Coalition, a group of 14 communities whose leaders come together to troubleshoot and share solutions to common problems. This year, the coalition continued to focus on strategies for **reducing gun violence in cities**, policies around ride-share programs such as **Uber and Lyft**, cohesively tackling climate change preparedness, and regionalizing emergency communications.

Zoning reform and housing production are two critical areas of focus for MAPC’s Government Affairs team this year and next. Other legislative goals for 2016 will center on creating parking benefit districts and allowing for regional transportation ballot initiatives around the region, as well as the economic development and solar net metering legislation, and ensuring continued stable funding for the Shannon Grant and District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA).



**Democratizing data** remains a core service MAPC provides to cities, towns, residents, journalists and researchers. After rolling out an enhanced version of the MetroBoston DataCommon in 2015 thanks to continued support from the Barr Foundation, MAPC went on to create a DataCommon for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission this year, launched officially at the first Central Massachusetts Data Day this summer. View the interactive tool, explore data indicators, and learn more at <http://cmrpc.org/centralmassdatacommon>.

MAPC's Data group is also continually making improvements in usability for the **Development Database** which tracks and forecasts Metro Boston's growth using information about thousands of residential, commercial and mix-use developments, including those planned, in construction and already completed. Much of the data was submitted by local planning staff and enhanced with MAPC research, and provides a unique insight into recent development patterns in the region. The Development Database relies on public contributions to stay up to date and usable as a resource for future planning projects; if you'd like to find out more or register as a user, visit <http://dd.mapc.org>.

Another data resource, our [www.housing.ma](http://www.housing.ma) Portal, puts thousands of housing data points in the hands of municipal leaders, reporters, scholars, and regular citizens, helping stakeholders to plan for the housing needed to create a vibrant and economically competitive Commonwealth. With information from the U.S. Census, local building permits, Zillow, MAPC projections and more, Housing.ma helps users to compare their city and town to neighbors, the region, or the state as a whole, and offers visualizations and context to help navigate the data. Designed for both citizen committees and experts, the portal can save time and precious public resources.

Finally, in addition to these new areas of work, our data staff continues to provide modeling and indicators training nationally, and trains users locally in accessing the latest Census figures and both DataCommon sites. Trainings are offered every month; find the next one at <http://metroboston.datacommon.org/>.

The state's Executive Office of Public Safety will continue engaging MAPC as fiduciary agent for the **Homeland Security Program** in Massachusetts, giving us oversight of the state's central, northeast, southeast and western Homeland Security regions. We provide management, administrative, and planning support to these four regions and their local advisory councils. We also work with our counterpart regional planning agencies (or RPAs) in those areas, including the Central Massachusetts

Regional Planning Commission, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We look forward to continuing our work with EOPSS and the Homeland Security Regions to enhance emergency preparedness capabilities at the state, regional, and local levels.

The Homeland Security Division has developed and implemented metrics to track our performance in meeting key goals of MAPC's Statewide Homeland Security Fiduciary contracts with EOPSS. Specifically, we are measuring our work in the areas of procurement and vendor payment processing, with the objective of efficiently and effectively completing these tasks. MAPC developed a tracking program for this effort and submits a biannual report to EOPSS outlining the status of these metrics. 97% of the 163 procurements that were conducted during calendar year 2015 were completed within the expected timeframe. 95% of the 189 payments to vendors that have been made in 2015 were within the expected timeframe. We look forward to continuing this metric tracking process in an effort to identify ways in which we can make our workflow even more efficient.

In 2012, NERAC completed the installation of and began using a six link **Microwave Communications System** that serves the major command and control networks for public safety in the Northeast Region, including the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPEREN), Northeast Central Medical Emergency Direction (CMED), and the Fire District 5, 6, 14, and 15 Control Points. This system provides point-to-point voice and data transmissions via a high-frequency signal between telecommunications towers, and replaced existing underground T1 (phone) lines which had to be leased from private telecommunications vendors. This transition from dependence on privately-owned infrastructure that had proven to be very unreliable in recent years to a user owned and operated system has been a tremendous enhancement to public safety communications over the past four years.

As a result of the success of the first six links, NERAC and MAPC's Homeland Security Division have spent the last two years carefully planning and managing the investment of over \$1 million into "Phase 2" of this system, which consists of six new links that were installed in 2015 at sites in Andover, Boston, Danvers, Middleton, Tewksbury, and Tyngsborough. These new links provide a communications backbone and connection to the Statewide CORE at Boston Police Headquarters for the four Fire District Control Points in the NERAC region, enabling them to seamlessly communicate with each other and serve as backup dispatch locations for each other during emergencies. As each of these Control Points functions as a mutual aid coordination center for fire and

EMS resources in 15 or more communities, providing them with these interoperable communications tools will allow them to organize multi-jurisdictional emergency response far more effectively.

Our municipal collaboration team also works to secure cost savings for public works, police, and fire departments across Eastern Massachusetts through our **collective purchasing program**. This year, orders for fire apparatus and ambulances totaled \$31.6 million, or 67 pieces of equipment. On the police and DPW side, total sales numbered \$23 million in 2015, or 526 units ranging from police vehicles to public works trucks.

With funding from the MetroWest Health Foundation, MAPC worked with five police departments in the MetroWest area (Framingham, Holliston, Marlborough, Natick, and Southborough) to secure the appropriate certifications and training to allow police officers to be equipped with naloxone doses while on duty. MAPC has worked to facilitate relationships between these departments and their local pharmacies or medical supply companies to not only purchase **naloxone doses** utilizing this grant funding, but to also explore mechanisms to allow for these doses to be replaced upon use or expiration. Through this initiative, 168 naloxone doses have been procured. Beginning in January 2016, MAPC will build on this work by helping first responders in Metrowest, together with medical and social service partners, develop an effective regional response to the opioid crisis.

MAPC and the City of Cambridge Community Development Department (CDD) partnered in February 2015 to develop post-emergency business continuity and emergency preparedness strategies for small businesses in Cambridge. Emergencies that small businesses face can include anything from a fire or climate-related power outage to a major weather event. To help businesses plan for such circumstances, MAPC and the Cambridge CDD recently held a series of five seminars for small business owners outlining the steps they can take to prepare their business for an emergency and recover quickly after one occurs. These seminars also served to launch the Cambridge CDD Business Emergency Preparedness Website, <http://camb.ma/bizeprep>, to the public. This site is a resource for businesses that showcases MAPC's best practice research and analysis on small business emergency preparedness efforts nationwide. These resources will help businesses prepare and make recovery plans to enable them to survive with minimal loss and/or disruption of productivity following an emergency.

Across all our departments and projects, community engagement is a core facet of our approach planning work. Our staff meets informally over lunch every few weeks to share new engagement strategies and to help one another

brainstorm helpful approaches to challenging projects. This year, we also unveiled a public web-based tool at [projects.metrofuture.org](http://projects.metrofuture.org) to visualize the breadth of our work across the region, and to help us showcase the successes of implementing the goals in our regional plan, “MetroFuture.” This “**MetroFuture in Action**” site allows any member of the public to see what MAPC is doing in their community, from housing to place-making, transportation, zoning, research, policy, outreach, and beyond. Visit this new <http://projects.metrofuture.org> to see what we are doing to implement the regional goals of MetroFuture where you live!

### **Metropolitan Area Planning Council TRIC Communities Town Report for Calendar Year 2015**

The Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC) is an independent membership organization within the Metropolitan Area Planning Council comprised of thirteen communities southwest of Boston. Sarah Raposa, AICP, Town of Medfield, is the Chair. The mission of TRIC is to support cooperative municipal planning that links the impacts of growth and development in each town to aggregate impacts felt throughout the region. TRIC includes the communities of Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Needham, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, and Westwood. TRIC takes its name from the three major rivers in the area: the Neponset, Charles, and Canoe Rivers.

In 2015, TRIC met monthly to review and discuss issues of inter-municipal significance. Participants at TRIC meetings can include Local Council Representatives, town planners, membership of Boards of Selectmen and Planning Boards, Town Administrators, and Chambers of Commerce, and interested citizen-planners.

Presentations of significance at TRIC meetings in 2015 included Community Benefit Districts, Parking Benefit Districts, the District Local Technical Assistance and the Planning for MetroFuture Technical Assistance grant programs, discussions with staff from the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization about transportation infrastructure priorities for the TRIC communities, discussions with the Commonwealth regarding the relevance of a Regional Coordinating Council, and review, discussion, and comment of the family of Boston Region MPO planning documents.

Current major growth and development issues of shared concern in these towns include the present-day realities of severe traffic congestion and gridlock now occurring on municipal roads adversely impacting our future prosperity, a desire to work cooperatively with the Commonwealth to institute assessment of

development impacts with a regional scope as opposed to assessment of impacts on a project-by-project basis that has a focus on a single municipality, our multi-year support to the reconstruction of Route 1A (Main Street), from the Norwood town line to Route 27 in Walpole (MassDOT project #602261)

The Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce remains a strong partner to the municipalities in maintaining strong regional advocacy links to state and federal transportation planning organizations.

The TRIC communities are continuing exchange of information with the intent of understanding how the development goals of communities interact with one another, and maintaining purposeful links to established working groups that are exploring transportation issues. The towns continue to advocate for local transit resources that will bring intra and inter municipal transit service, and while the advocacy from the towns continues, this is a difficult struggle because as each year passes, there are less and less financial resources from the state and federal funders to address local transit issues of the smaller towns in Greater Boston. TRIC is also building capacity in each community to understand and manage the transportation planning and engineering process used to develop bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Regarding the stalled infrastructure development at the Canton Interchanges Project, the thirteen TRIC communities respectfully offered the following perspective to the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization: There is a number of complex and extraordinary issues surrounding the Canton Interchanges Project. However, full completion of this project has been promised by senior public sector managers acting for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For the Commonwealth to state that commitments which have been made in the past are no longer supported may have the unintended outcome of placing continuing good faith collaboration between communities and private developers in jeopardy.

### **Inner Core Committee Annual Report 2015**

Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton\*, Needham\*, Newton, Quincy, Revere, Saugus, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown, Winthrop, the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

The Inner Core Committee (ICC) consists of 21 cities and towns within the metropolitan Boston area and was formed as forum through which issues of mutual concern could be explored and joint and cooperative action fostered. The Inner Core convened five times in 2015. Inner Core membership interacted with guest presenters and MAPC staff around the topics of transportation,

economic development, outreach and engagement, and policy. The subregion hosted guest speakers from the following organizations: the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Department of Transportation, the Metro North Regional Coordinating Council, the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative, Horsley Witten Group, Charles River Watershed Association, and staff from our member municipalities. Sessions also brought in MAPC staff from various departments and divisions, including: transportation, government affairs, community engagement, and land use.

#### Schedule of 2015 Meetings by Topic:

- April 9, 2015: Session on managing water resources through low impact development and green infrastructure.
- May 14, 2015: Session on transportation. Agenda included a presentation and discussion on the Long Range Transportation Plan draft, Unified Planning Work Program project ideas, the work of the Metro North Regional Coordinating Council, and a discussion on proposed changes to the Inner Core bylaws and a vote on the bylaws and election of our new co-chair.
- June 10, 2015: Annual meeting to discuss ideas for the subregion's FY16 work plan, and a discussion on the MAPC report on Boston's bid for the Boston 2024 Olympics.
- October 21, 2015: Hosting of a Citizen Planner Training Collaborative 40B Training.
- September 16, 2015: Outreach and Engagement Talkshop facilitated by the Community Engagement Division. Guests from Arlington, Boston, and Somerville presented on their experiences with engagement techniques used in the Arlington master planning process, GoBoston 2030, and Somerville by Design.
- November 18, 2015: Session on various MAPC policy initiatives and projects. Government Affairs staff provided a briefing on MAPC legislative priorities and other bills to watch; MassDOT introduced the Focus40 Capital Planning process; UPWP staff reviewed the updated MPO project selection priorities and the TIP and UPWP process; and MAPC transportation staff provided an overview of the LandLine Regional Greenway Network.

Subregion Leadership: James Freas, Acting Planning Director for the City of Newton, and James Erickson, Everett Planning Director, served as Co-Chairs until June 2015. In spring 2015, James Erickson transitioned out of the role, leaving one co-chair seat open. At the June 2015 annual meeting, the

subregion adopted bylaws changes that confirmed the transition to a co-chair model with staggered, two-year terms. James Freas continued as co-chair and the subregion elected John DePriest from the City of Chelsea to serve as the second co-chair. Jennifer Erickson, MAPC Regional Planner II and Equity Specialist, served in the role of Subregional Coordinator. The Coordinator conducted site visits to Inner Core cities and towns in spring 2015 in order to learn more about local planning efforts and topics of interest in each member community, continuing a schedule of visits that commenced in the 2014 calendar year. Learn more about the Inner Core and view materials from past meetings at [www.mapc.org/innercore](http://www.mapc.org/innercore). \*Milton and Needham maintain dual membership in the Inner Core and Three Rivers Interlocal Council subregions.



## **REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners is pleased to submit the following annual report for the period ending June 30, 2015.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining approximately 117 acres of town property, including areas at Kelly Field, Andrews Park, Mary C. Lane Playground, Shields Park, Gile Road Athletic Complex, Flatley Field, Crane Park, Turners Pond and Town Landing. The Park Department entered into an agreement with the School Department to permit the Pierce Middle School athletic field. The Park Department will also be responsible for funding and providing daily general maintenance and yearly turf maintenance program. The School Department agreed to reduce Gym Rental fee's in lieu of the increased cost to the Park Department for the upkeep of the field. Our recreation programs provide a wide variety of activities year round for both children and adults. We have continued to add new programs and improve on current ones. All recreation related programs offered by the Park Department are conducted through our self-supporting revolving account.

In FY 2015 the Parks and Recreation Department employed 148 young adults throughout the year to staff our various Recreation Programs and field maintenance crews.

Once again our Summer Band Concert series provided musical entertainment from June through August. These Wednesday performances provide a night of enjoyment for the seniors of the town as well as many young families. We would like to thank the following sponsors: Celtic Monument, Milton Rotary Club, Thacher Montessori School, The Copeland Family Foundation, Milton Early Childhood Alliance, State Representative Walter Timilty, Congressman Stephen Lynch Alfred Thomas Funeral Home, Fallon Ambulance, James G. Mullen Jr., State Senator Brian A. Joyce, Friends of the Milton Public Library and Dolan Funeral Home.

The Parks and Recreation popular Summer Recreation Program was held at Cunningham Park. The Board of Park Commissioners wishes to thank the Cunningham Foundation for their support and in particular facility manager Mr. Dave Wahlgren. This seven (7) week program was staffed with enthusiastic recreation counselors comprised of Milton teens. The fun and games happen every day from 8:30am. to 3:00pm. Participants, ages 7-13, were able to enjoy organized sports, games, special events on site, swimming at the park pool, arts and crafts and weekly field trips. The field trips included: the Museum of Science, Water Country water park, an all day trip to Canobie Lake Amusement



Park, a wet and wild trip to Water Wizz, a knock down trip to Boston Bowl and an exciting safari to the Franklin Park Zoo. Several other special events and activities took place on a daily and weekly schedule as well. Such as: the Paint Ball Competition Day at P&L Paintball (Bridgewater), five weekly movie days, Junior Olympic competition, weekly birthday parties, Dave and Busters, picture day, daily supervised swimming, day trips to Castle Island and George's Island, lunch and arcade play at the Charlie Horse, Talent Show, a Piñata Party, whiffle ball tournaments and much more. High intensity whiffle balls games are a part of every day. Total participation for the summer program was 181 children.

Once again we offered a number of sports clinics throughout the summer. Weekly clinics were offered on the following sports: boys' and girls' basketball, softball, Lacrosse, Mike Madden Soccer School and two weeks of golf lessons at Granite Links. NIKE Sports Camps hosted a two (2) week Lacrosse Clinic at the Gile Rd. Athletic Complex. Youth Tennis lessons were offered at the Cunningham Courts. This six-week instruction program was for children ages 5 – 12.

The Junior Tennis Lesson Program continued to be popular in its eight year. Lessons were offered in the fall and spring. Classes met once a week for six weeks at the Kelly Field Courts. Over 65 young aspiring players between the ages of 7 – 14 participated in both programs.

The Park Department sponsored several adult day trips this year including two visits to the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. A trip to New York City in the fall was a big hit. This day trip offered shopping, sightseeing and the option to see a Broadway Show.

Our 2014/2015 ID Recreation Program for middle school children continued to be very popular with a total membership of 604 students. This program is open to all middle school students who live in Milton and is responsible for providing safe recreational activities throughout the school year. Activities included numerous dances at Fontbonne Academy, a winter beach party at Coco Beach Indoor Resort, two trips to P&L Paintball, a frightening night trip to the Canobie Lake Park Scream Fest and an early spring Ski Trip to Wachusett Mountain. The Commissioners are very grateful to all the chaperones that have made this program such a tremendous success.

Once again the Fall Outdoor Basketball Program was a huge success. This youth basketball program runs from September to October at the Casey Outdoor Basketball Courts on Gile Road. The program is open to all children grades 3 thru 8. We had 280 boys and girls competing. There were five age divisions with a total of 28 teams competing. A Fall Outdoor Youth Instruction Clinic

was added for children in grades K-2. The goal of this program is to provide some basic instruction on the fundamentals of basketball.

The Milton Park Department is committed to offering the Special Needs children in our community a year round schedule of activities. We have been able to expand and improve our program with financial help from the Milton Junior Women's Club and The Cunningham Foundation.

The Gym Buddy Program took place for the 18th consecutive year on Wednesday evenings at the Glover School Gym. This program provides an opportunity for developmentally delayed and/or physically handicapped children to socialize and interact with their peers. Weekly activities include Zumba Night, a Halloween Costume Party, Movie Night, Parachute games, basketball, floor hockey, Christmas party with Santa, Rainforest Reptile Show, Cooking with Miss Debbie, Olympic Games, Bowling and a field trip to Plaster Fun Time in Braintree.

The popularity of our winter Youth Instructional Basketball Program for children in grades K – 3 continued to grow. The program runs from December to mid-February. It's held on Friday nights at the Cunningham, Collicot and Glover school gyms. Attendance remains strong at 212 boys and girls.

The 10th Annual Snow Ball Basketball League continued a very popular winter recreation program. This recreation basketball program was offered to children in grades 3 thru 8. The turn out was tremendous as 225 boys and girls competed on the hardwood floor from December to February.

The Blue Hills Ski/Snowboard Lesson Program was a huge success once again. Skiers can choose to ski on Saturday or Sunday. The program attracted 284 youngsters.

The 10th Annual February school vacation baseball clinic was another big success. The program is offered to children ages 5 – 12. This year's program was attended by 75 future ball players. Proceeds help fund our special needs programs.

In March we ran our 15th. Annual Easter Egg hunt at Cunningham Park. More than 308 families attended this year. The 21st. Annual Edward H. Baker Fishing Tournament was held at Turners Pond in June. More than 149 families and friends enjoyed this event.

The Spring Youth Basketball Program continued to be popular. The program ran from March through May with 228 boys and girls in grades 3 - 8 competing. This recreational basketball program consisted of a 10 game schedule with playoffs and a championship game at the end.

The Milton Youth Sports Advisory Committee (M.Y.S.A.C.) played another important role this year in assisting the Park Department with field projects. The group's mission is to identify field rehab projects and raise money to fund these projects. The following town organizations are active participants with this committee: Milton Park Department, National Little League, American Little League, Legion Baseball, Travel/Town Youth Soccer, Youth Lacrosse, Girls Softball and Youth Football.

Improvement projects to our parks and playgrounds this year included the ongoing turf maintenance program as well as the upgrade of fiber and play sand at all of our recreational facilities. The baseball infield at Shields Park was reconstructed in the fall.

In May, the Board of Park Commissioners reorganized with Thomas M. McCarthy as Chairman, Kevin B. Chrisom as Secretary and Robert J. Kelly as Member.

The Board of Park Commissioners wishes to thank our many volunteers who assist us throughout the year and who provide many hours of service to the community. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, to Annemarie Fagan, Town Administrator and other town departments and their administrative staffs for all of their support. In particular, we wish to extend our gratitude to our exceptional staff: David J. Perdios, Director of Parks and Recreation, Paul DiManno, Recreation Supervisor and to Bonnie Devore, Principal Clerk for their many hours of devotion to the recreational needs of Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. McCarthy, *Chairman*  
Kevin B. Chrisom, *Secretary*  
Robert J. Kelly, *Member*

## **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

During the twelve-month period, of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the Personnel Board held eleven regularly scheduled meetings at which all personnel matters brought to the attention of the Board were addressed and the Board made important decisions with respect to various Town positions within the Classification Plan as follows:

- Elimination of a Senior Administrative Clerk in the Central Business Office
- Creation of a Financial Analyst position in the Central Business Office
- Reorganization of a Senior Administrative Clerk/Water & Sewer position from the Central Business Office to the Department of Public Works
- Elimination of a Senior Administrative Clerk in the Selectmen's Office
- Creation of a Contract and Licensing Agent/Benefits Assistant in the Selectmen's Office
- Reclassification of the a Principle Clerk to a Senior Administrative Clerk in the Treasurer's Office
- Increase in hours for the Plumbing Inspector position from 20 to 25 hours/week in the Inspectional Services Department
- Creation of a Lieutenant position in the Fire Department
- Creation of two Police Officer positions in the Police Department
- Creation of a Van Driver position in the Council on Aging
- Creation of a Consolidated Facilities Intern Program
- Increase in hours for the Senior Administrative Clerk-Planning position from 22.5 to 27.5 hours/week in the Planning Department
- Increase in hours for a Library Assistant position from 14.5 to 18 hours/week in the Library
- Creation of a 16 hour/week Library Assistant position in the Library

On November 18, 2014, the Board voted to recommend to the Warrant Committee and Town Meeting a 1% wage adjustment effective July 1, 2015 and a 1% wage adjustment effective January 1, 2016 for Chapter 13 personnel under its jurisdiction for FY2016. The Board considered union contract

settlements, historical data and other related trends when voting this wage adjustment. Town Meeting approved the wage adjustment for Chapter 13 personnel for FY2016 as recommended.

The Personnel Board is committed to maintaining fair and equitable personnel policies and continues its efforts to ensure compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity policy. The Board reaffirmed its objective to assist and advise Department Heads in their equal opportunity efforts. This assistance includes recruiting, interviewing, and hiring.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank all of the governing boards, department heads and Town employees for their cooperation and support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Forbes Sargent III, *Chair*  
Michael B. Reardon  
William J. Curran, Jr.  
Kay E. Brodesky

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

Fiscal 2015 was a busy year for the Planning Board. We met twenty-seven times during the year. Our work was a combination of our regular business, such as conducting public hearings on applications for special permits and/or site plan approval and the work related to the preparation of the Town's Master Plan and a related zoning initiative.

At the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting members passed zoning to allow a landscaping business use within a residential zoning district. Thayer Nursery applied for this use in the fall of 2014, and a significant portion of the business of the Board was taken up by this application and the related public hearings – the original public hearing had to be restarted after the solar panels fell off the roof of Town Hall hours before the Planning Board meeting.

But the Thayer Nursery application was not the only business before the Board. We granted site plan approval for a new restaurant within the former East Milton Theater. We approved several ANR applications – these are situations in which the Subdivision Control Act does not apply because the lot meets certain conditions related to lot size and frontage on a public way.

For the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting, we evaluated two Citizens' Petitions, one related to signs and one to condominium development. We began a zoning initiative in June 2015. This was a proactive effort to look at these and a number of other zoning topics that had been of interest over the past few years. The first public workshop was at the end of June; two others were planned for July and August 2015, after the turn of the fiscal year.

In addition to its regular duties, the Planning Board completed the task of updating the Town's Master Plan this year. Autumn of 2014 concluded the final public input sessions, including participation in ¡CelebrateMilton!, two Open Houses in October, and gathered feedback from Town Meeting members at the October 2014 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board voted to accept the plan as the Town's official Master Plan under MGL Chapter 81D in June 2015. The Master Plan Committee was disbanded with the vote to accept the Master Plan, and Emily Innes stepped down as chair of the Master Plan Committee. The members of the Planning Board would like to thank Stephen Affanato, Dick Burke, John Cronin, Ellen DeNooyer, David DiFillipo, Bryan Furze, Tom Hurley, Taber Keally, John Kiernan, Glenn Pavlicek, John Sheldon, Enrique Silva, Wally Sisson, Cheryl Tougias, Paul Traverse for their service over the three years of the Master Plan process.

The Master Plan can be downloaded from the Town's website and is in three volumes – the first is the Plan, including the implementation plan; the second contains significant data about the town; and the third volume is a record of the public input collected during the course of the planning process and contains additional background information about many of the topics discussed during the process.

The Planning Board also voted to accept the updated Housing Production Plan. The Board of Selectmen led this planning effort, concurrent with the planning process for the Master Plan. Both documents should serve to guide the Town over the next 5-10 years.

The Town Meeting voted to establish a standing Master Plan Implementation Committee at the October 2014 Town Meeting. Members of this committee are appointed jointly by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, and are charged with reporting on the status of the implementation plan of the Master Plan to the Town Meeting, the Planning Board, and the Board of Selectmen on an annual basis.

The biggest change to the Planning Department this year was the addition of Tim Czerwienski as the new Assistant Town Planner in the autumn of 2014. His arrival has been a benefit both in terms of the capacity of the department and the work of the Planning Board throughout the year. In the spring of 2015, Emily Martin moved to the Selectmen's Office and Julia Getman joined the Planning Department as the new Clerk.

Finally, the membership of the Board changed for a second year in a row. Edward Duffy stepped down after 15 years of service on the Board and many more years in service to the Town. Cheryl Tougias, the third woman to serve on the Planning Board, was elected to his seat. At the May 2015 Town Meeting, Alexander Whiteside stepped down as chair after three years and Emily Innes became chair.

The Planning Board thanks Planning Director William Clark and Tim Czerwienski, Julia Getman and Emily Martin for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

Emily Keys Innes, *Chair*  
Michael E. Kelly, *Secretary*  
Alexander Whiteside  
Bryan W. Furze  
Cheryl Tougias

## **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I herewith submit my report for the twelve month period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

### **ALL CATEGORIES INCLUDING ATTEMPTS**

Homicide	0	Sudden Deaths	13
Rape	0	Fire Alarms	511
Robbery	5	Burglar Alarms	1,582
Assault & Battery	26	Domestic Complaints	186
Breaking & Entering	57	Youth Disturbance	253
Larceny	200	Neighbor Disturbance	217
Auto Theft	6	Trespassing Complaints	10
Arson	2	General Service	1,110
Vandalism	71	Notification	63
Sex Offenses	9	Warrant Service	63
Narcotics	16	Animal Complaints	240
Other Crimes	12	Dog Bite/Animal	7
OUI	16	Annoying Phone Calls	23
Protective Custody	18	Stolen MV Recovered	9
Other MV Violations	137	Zoning Violation	6
Suspicious Activity	1,321	Assist Other Departments	372
Missing Persons	50	Suicide & Attempts	9
Medical Service	1,943		

### **MOTOR VEHICLE STATISTICS**

Property Damage Accidents	562
Personal Injury Accidents	94
Hit and Run Accidents	84

### **Appointments**

Two new patrol officers were appointed:

Bart T. Forzese – October 11, 2014

Tracy L. Manion – November 3, 2014

### **Resignations**

Patrol Officer Michael S. Delaney resigned effective November 25, 2014 to join the Quincy Police Department after serving 2 ½ years with this department.



It is not an easy time for policing in America. In many parts of the country, issues of trust and communication between police and citizens has sparked debate, and in too many cases, unrest. In Milton, we pride ourselves in the daily communication and vital partnerships that exist with our citizens, schools, neighborhood and geographical partners. The success of our mission and the essential quality of life we enjoy is a credit to both the Milton Police Department and the community.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Milton, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, our support personnel such as our cadets, civilian staff and traffic supervisors and to our police and fire auxiliary who generously donate their time.

I have been honored to serve as your Police Chief for eight years. Each and every day the men and women of the Milton Police Department do their very best to protect the citizens of Milton. Your Police Department is a highly educated, enthusiastic and dedicated agency. As Chief, I find their effort to be impressive and carried out in the highest manner of policing traditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Wells, Jr.  
*Chief of Police*

## **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

June 30, 2015

No other municipal department affects the lives of every citizen more than the Department of Public Works. Often taken for granted, the DPW's wide array of services continuously and directly impact the quality of life of every Milton resident - 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the year-round, and year after year. These services affect public health, safety, education, as well as more subtle aspects such as economic vitality, and the aesthetic appeal of our town. In delivering these services the Milton DPW is comprised of nine major service groups; Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste and Recycling, Forestry, Highway, Alarm Traffic and Street Lighting, Fleet Maintenance, and Administration/Engineering. In fact the total value of the five budget areas under the direct management of the Department of Public Works is second in total value to only the School Department, four times the Fire Department, five times the Police Department, and five times greater than all other municipal departments combined. This does not even include approximately \$8.0 million in capital investment in water, sewer, and roadway reconstruction projects that were carried out between FY15 and into FY16. It is with great pride that our employees diligently and consistently provide these valuable services for our customers.

During Fiscal Year 2015, the Department of Public Works, like most other municipal departments, continued to work under a level funded budget. Though the most severe strains of the extended downturn in the regional and national economies continued to abate somewhat during FY13, FY14, and FY15 impacts on municipal revenues and (therefore) to municipal services were ostensibly diminished. For seven years in a row the DPW continued to operate under "level funding" or "level dollar" budget for all of its operational areas. That is to say that the DPW received nearly the same amount of money to carry out its mission during FY15 as it did in FY09, FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, and FY15. In each of these past six years there have been significant cost increases in utilities, fuel, supplies, materials, contractors, and labor. With these items factored into the equation, the net effect has been a recurring and incremental reduction in monies available for services, which has ultimately and directly affected the public during each of the six prior years.

Statistics show that the Milton Department of Public Works consistently ranks as one of the smallest in both budget and staffing levels when compared to other Massachusetts communities. This is particularly noteworthy in that, given the geographic location, population size, demographics, the roadway water and sewer system miles, and the relatively large array of services

provided by the department that Milton ranks closer to the top-middle of Massachusetts communities when it comes to DPW responsibility for service. One can conclude that Milton residences garner very good value in service for the comparably low level of financial investment made by the town for these services.

Even given the challenges of limited funding and staffing, the DPW has continued to strive to provide the necessary services that residents have become accustomed to. However, the DPW continues to fall short in meeting the challenges of maintaining the town's equipment, a fully functioning roadway network, a clean and safe drinking water system and an efficient sewer collection system. It is bad enough not exceeding the public's expectation for service; it is worse to defer capital investment, year after year, on vital and valuable municipal systems like water, sewer, roadways, and municipal equipment. But, due to financial sensitivities, for very many years, that is exactly what is happening here in Milton which is a similar problem in many Massachusetts communities.

Deferring investment in critical infrastructure systems only accelerates further deterioration in these systems, which makes their eventual failure or replacement only that much more catastrophic and costly in the future.

To its credit the townspeople, however, for the past seven years, have graciously softened the impact by regularly funding capital improvements within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems. However, historically no such capital investment has been established for the roadway network, one of the most valuable "infrastructure assets" that the town owns.

Milton's spring 2014 Town Meeting created a DPW Yard Study Citizens Committee to oversee a facility needs assessment, space allocation assessment, and feasibility study for facilities for the Department of Public Works (DPW), Consolidated Facilities Department (CFD), Park/Recreation Department (P&RD), and for a centralized records archive facility. During the winter and spring months of 2015 the consultants completed its data collection and early stages of the study effort. Preliminary indications are that a need of between \$20 million and \$30 million exists to bring the facility up to modern standards. Delivery of the consultant's report is expected in summer of 2015 with a presentation being made to the Board of Selectmen and Town meeting in the fall of 2015.

Considerable progress was made in addressing the severe issues associated with Milton's high-pressure service areas of the water system. Concerns for these issues were heightened as a result of the Town of Canton taking back a portion of the piping system which has historically served to balance Milton's water tank levels, and provide safe and reliable drinking water in remote parts of town.

- The Water System Master Plan is complete. The water master plan had to be completed by February 18th 2014. It was.
- A calibrated water system model, with great detail and testing on the High Service Area (areas affected by the Canton piping), has also been completed. The calibrated water system model had to be completed by March 4th 2014. It was.
- Fall Town Meeting, 2014 approved a \$5.4 million bond issue to carry out the necessary improvements to the high pressure water system.
- Design development and construction planning for water system improvements were made throughout the summer and fall of 2014. Final construction documents for replacing three existing water tanks with two new tanks, a new Pressure Regulating Station, and nearly 15,000 feet of new water piping improvements were completed and bid in early spring of 2015.
- Construction on the water piping improvements began in the spring of 2015. Construction of the PRV Station will begin in the summer of 2015, and tank construction will begin in early fall of 2015.
- All construction of the water system improvements must be completed by November 15th 2016 (FY17).

During FY14 the DPW identified that a home that had been connected to the municipal sewer but was not being charged for sewer services. Upon further investigation it was found that the one property was not an isolated case and that there were a good many customers connected to the sewer yet had never been billed. A program was developed to conduct a thorough investigation. The investigation was active through the later part of FY14. It was hoped that the program would continue, in earnest, during FY15. However, the effort gain only marginal ground due to staffing and other project related pressures. To date dozens of properties have been added to the sewer billing rolls resulting in the recapture of more than \$130,000 in past sewer revenue PLUS the addition of approximately \$30,000 per year in new annual sewer billing. It is envisioned that a periodic review of past record keeping practices and past billing practices will be in place as a standard operating procedure for years to come.

During FY12's capital planning effort, The DPW completed the first Pavement Management System for the Town's roadway system. The Pavement Management System evaluated the condition of every section of every roadway and analytically projected the pavement's life, maintenance/repair/reconstruction methods and costs, on a life-cycle basis. The end result established what the recurring capital investment needs to the Town are in order to maintain (neither

gain upon nor lose ground on) the overall roadway system condition. This is a vital financial planning tool that has (for the first time) quantified (what anecdotally has been known to be) to what extent Milton's roadway systems is deteriorating. The Pavement Management System has identified the gap between annual roadway reconstruction needs and the funding made available through the Town's CH90 allocation. This document demonstrates that the Town ought to be investing nearly \$1.97 million dollars annually in order to simply maintain the roadway system in its current condition. The Town's annual CH90 allocation from the state averages approximately \$600,000 per year, less than 1/3 of the actual need! Year after year the Town losses ground with regard to pavement condition and pavement life, which greatly accelerates roadway deterioration which greatly increases reconstruction cost by between six and ten times in the future. The roadway system is the single most valuable asset owned by the Town and is used by every single citizen of the community on a regular basis. Given pressures of other funding needs the Town was not able to add any capital funding for roadway improvements in FY15.

**WEATHER** – Every month of FY15 was warmer than average with the exception of October, 2014 which was only marginally cooler than average; and January, February, and March, of 2015, all of which were significantly colder than average. February 2015 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> coldest on record. May 2015 was the warmest on record. And August 2015 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> warmest on record. Overall, FY15 was about 7.5 degrees warmer than average.

Five months of the year were drier than normal; seven months were wetter. Overall FY15 was wetter than normal, with 6.06 inches more precipitation than an average year. Winter 2014-2015 was the sixth wettest winter on record September 2014 was the driest September on record. October 2014 was the fourth wettest on record.

At 128.8 inches of total snowfall, December-February provided the snowiest three-month period on record. This is particularly remarkable given that there was zero inches of snowfall in December 2014. At 126.5 inches of total snowfall, January-February 2015 provided the snowiest two month period on record.

***The following is a weather and climatological summary provided by Blue Hill Observatory:*** The winter (December-February) season was notable for starting warm and wet and ending with bitter cold and record snow, and the winter snowfall total was unprecedented in the 130-year history of the Observatory. The 24-hour mean temperature for the winter of 25.3° F was 2.0 degrees colder than the 120-year average for February. However, the individual months were very different from each other with December more than five

degrees warmer than average, January two degrees colder than average and February nine degrees colder than average. This was the coldest winter since 2002-2003 when the 24-hour mean temperature was 24.8° F. The maximum temperature for the season was 63° F on December 1st, and the coldest temperature was -8° F on February 16th.

The big weather story of the winter was the record setting snowfall, which started late with very little snow in December and finished with record snow, including three of the 13 largest snowstorms in the Observatory's history occurring in a three week period from late January through mid-February. The largest was the Blizzard of 2015, which was the second largest snowstorm in 130-years dropping 30.8 inches of snow from 26-28 January. Two other large storms occurred on 7-10 February, which brought 27.7 inches, and on 14-15 February, which brought another 21.6 inches. These three storms alone brought about 2/3 of the winter's snowfall. The total snowfall of 128.8 inches was more than seven feet of snow more than the long-term mean for winter of 43.5 inches, making this the snowiest winter on record, surpassing the previous record of 117.4 inches in the winter of 1947-1948. The total snowfall for January and February alone was 126.5 inches, which is a new record for those months combined, and this is already a new record snowfall for any calendar year surpassing 125.2 inches for all of 1996. The snow depth on the summit of Great Blue Hill reached a high of 46 inches on February 15th, which is also a new record that surpassed the previous record of 43 inches in March 1969. The mean wind speed for the winter months was only 13.3 mph, which tied for the second slowest wind speed for any December-February period on record. Winter was notably cloudy with only 42 percent of the possible bright sunshine being observed, which was six percent less than the 120-year average of 48 percent.

**ENGINEERING** – In fiscal year 2015, the Engineering Department continued to provide professional engineering support and services to the citizens of Milton. The Engineering Department designed and managed all of the Department of Public Works capital projects, ranging from watermain replacement and sewer inflow/infiltration reduction, to roadway, sidewalk and drainage improvements. The Department also oversaw the DPW permitting function, reviewing and issuing a total of 321 street opening/right-of-way permits. Further, the Engineering Department continued its support to other town departments and boards, including the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Traffic Commission, the Board of Appeals, the Police and Fire Department, the School Department, the Park Department, the Conservation Commission, and the Cemetery Department, and the Board of Selectmen.

In addition to construction and development related work, the Engineering Department also continues to maintain the Town of Milton's record

information, including the assessors parcels (tax maps), street line and layout information and utility locations, and continues to assist residents, realtors, surveyors and engineers with production of record maps and information, especially through the Engineering Department's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) function.

***SEWER CAPITAL PROGRAM*** – In FY 2015, the Engineering Department continued forward with the Town's sewer master plan, better known as the Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Reduction Plan. Infiltration can be defined as groundwater that enters a sewer system through means which include, but are not limited to defective pipes, pipe joints, connections, or manholes. Infiltration does not include, and is distinguished from inflow. In contrast, inflow is characterized as water (other than sanitary flow) that enters a sewer system from point sources which include, but are not limited to, roof leaders, sump pump connections, area drains, and cross connections between the municipal drainage system and the sanitary sewer system.

The I/I reduction plan consists of two major parts, a sewer infrastructure investigation portion and a sewer rehabilitation portion. The investigation identifies sources of I/I and the rehabilitation portion repairs and improves the system from the targeted defects. Together both portions aim to systematically eliminate stormwater and groundwater infiltration and inflow into the Town's sewer system over a ten year period. The additional pipe flow that occurs from inflow and infiltration sources can dramatically increase the volume of sewerage that the Town sends to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for treatment and disposal. Removing the I/I flows in the sewer system results in reducing the overall cost for the treatment of our sewerage. This year, the Engineering Department, working in conjunction with Weston & Sampson Engineers, designed and procured "Year 10" rehabilitation.

The Year 10 Rehabilitation contract was bid on June 1, 2015 and will be awarded to the low bidder, Inland Waters, Inc. of Johnston, Rhode Island. The contract, to be completed in FY 2016 / 17 will consist of a variety of trenchless construction techniques to rehabilitate targeted sewer areas. Under this project, approximately 14,176 feet of sewer pipe will be cleaned, inspected, tested, and sealed, and 700 vertical feet of sewer manholes will be rehabilitated. Approximately 9,200 feet of sewer pipe will be lined in addition to other miscellaneous services and repairs.

Furthermore, in FY 2015, the Town began television investigation of an additional 50,000 linear feet of pipe and inspection of 295 manholes. This investigatory work for "Year 11" will result in a design and rehabilitation contract to be undertaken in FY 16 / 17.



**WATER CAPITAL PROGRAM** – In FY 2015, the Engineering Department oversaw design and the start of construction for three major water capital improvement projects. The three projects, totaling approximately \$5,150,000, included replacement of watermain, replacement of two water storage tanks, and the installation of a pressure reducing valve on the town’s high pressure zone MWRA feed. The projects were undertaken as “Year 1” of the Town’s new water system capital improvements plan, aimed largely at eliminating Milton’s reliance on an old transmission watermain located in Canton while also bolstering fire flows and allowing water stored in the new storage tanks to fluctuate with demand.

The three projects were awarded as follows

For the replacement of watermains on Canton Ave, Harland St, Sumner Street, Unquity Road, Hillside Street and Forest Street;

SB General Contracting, Inc. of Walpole, MA - \$2,331,352.92

For the installation of a pressure reducing valve, vault and appurtenances on Metropolitan Avenue;

A. Vozzella and Sons, Inc. of Brockton, MA - \$294,231.63

For the demolition of three existing water storage tanks and the installation of two new storage tanks on Chickatawbut Hill and Great Blue Hill;

R. Zoppo Corporation of Stoughton, MA - \$2,523,000.00

**DRAINAGE CAPITAL PROGRAM** – In FY 2015, the Engineering Department oversaw construction of a contract titled “*Drain Line Cleaning and Television Inspection Project, Contract D15-1.*” The project was designed and bid by the Engineering Department, and consisted of 2000 lineal feet of root cutting as well as the heavy cleaning and television inspection of 11,700 lineal feet of drain pipes on Canton Avenue, Central Avenue, and Thacher Street. The work was performed by Rapid Flow, Inc. of Chelsea, MA.

**ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM** – In FY 2015, the Engineering Department designed and oversaw the rehabilitation of approximately several miles of sidewalks and roadways in the Town of Milton. The fall of 2014 saw the topping of Central Avenue (Eliot Street to Brook Road) and Pleasant Street (Edge Hill Road to Brae Burn Road), having been milled and bindered in the previous fiscal year. In the spring of 2015, Milton Street (west) was milled and paved through the State offered “Winter Rapid Recovery Assistance Program, and resurfacing and sidewalk projects got underway on Robbins Street, Big Blue Drive, Spafford Road, and Highland Street (Canton Avenue to Fletcher Steele Way), all of which will be completed in the fall of 2015.



## **OTHER FY 2015 PROJECTS –**

***MassWorks Grant - Eliot St*** – In November 2012, the Town of Milton was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which aims to promote economic development and housing growth throughout the state. The project includes streetscape and lighting improvements along Eliot Street (between Central Avenue and Adams Street), the installation of a “bump-out” and decorative street clock at the intersection of Eliot Street and Central Avenue, and the removal of three utility poles in the Eliot Street and Central Avenue intersection (undergrounding the overhead utility wires). In FY15, the project design was completed and a construction contract was awarded to D’Alessandro Corporation of Avon, MA in the amount of \$903,452.40. Under an extremely tight funding deadline, construction of the project began in December of 2014, but was quickly halted by abnormally cold temperatures and snow. The project picked up promptly in the spring of 2015 and was substantially complete by the end of FY 2015, meeting the grant expiration date.

***Glover School - Safe Routes to School*** – In fiscal year 2014, the Engineering Department worked in conjunction with State Transportation officials to secure funding for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in the vicinity of Glover School through the “Safe Routes to School” program. The project includes curbing and sidewalk improvements along Canton Avenue, Brook Road and in the intersection of Canton Avenue and Brook Road to help move walking and biking students through these areas and onto Glover School more safely. In FY 2015, numerous design public hearings were held and, with great feedback from school parents and the community, numerous changes were incorporated into the final design to create a project that all stakeholders were happy with. In addition to design work completing, the Engineering Department began undertaking the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project, as both temporary construction easements and permanent sidewalk easements would be required for this federally-funded project. Securing of right-of-way is expected to be complete prior to the end of the state fiscal year so that the project can be advertised for construction. Work on the project is expected to begin in the spring of 2016.

***Blue Hills Parkway – Traffic and Roadway Improvements*** – During Fiscal Year 2015, the Engineering Department, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, oversaw the design of improvements to the Blue Hills Parkway and Blue Hill Avenue interchange. The project will essentially result in the reconstruction of Blue Hills Parkway between the limits of Eliot Street and Mattapan Square, including the addition or replacement of traffic

signal controls at five major intersections, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, street lighting and roadway pavement improvements. This project will be funded by the DCR, who owns and operates Blue Hills Parkway, but will be managed by the Town of Milton Department of Public Works; an arrangement formalized through an agreement with the DCR at the project's inception. The project will have tremendous local and regional benefits by coordinating traffic signals in both Milton and Boston along this major traffic artery and moving cars through the interchange much more efficiently. In addition, the project will make the interchange much safer for pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists. Lastly, the project will provide an important connection between the new Neponset River Trail Bikeway and the bike paths on both Truman Highway and Blue Hills Parkway leading to the Blue Hills Reservation. Construction is expected to begin in the spring/summer of 2016.

***Central Avenue Reconstruction*** – During Fiscal Year 2015, the Central Avenue Reconstruction project was completed. This project was designed by the Milton Engineering Department, and included the installation of nearly 8,000 feet of granite curb, 650 square yards new asphalt sidewalks from Valley Road to Maple Street, reconstruction of 3,800 square yards of existing asphalt sidewalk, installation of gutter inlets (drainage basins to accommodate the narrower roadway / new gutter lines), construction of concrete wheelchair ramps, intersection safety improvements and the installation of pedestrian refuge islands at Hinckley Road and Valley Road, milling and paving 26,500 square yards of roadway, roadway line striping, and street signs.

***Churchills Lane/Bradlee Rd Drainage Design*** – In FY 2015, the Engineering Department continued designing new drainage and roadways systems for Churchills Lane (between Adams Street and Brook Road) and Bradlee Road. Previous inspection and survey enabled the engineering department to create a base drawing, from which to prepare the design. The proposed project will consist of installing over 2660 feet of drainage pipe, 12 manholes, and 20 catch basins. The project was originally set to be bid in FY 2015, however, the Engineering Department learned of plans by National Grid to replace the gas mains along both roadways. As both Bradlee Road and Churchill's Lane will be resurfaced as part of these projects, it made sense to allow the gas company to perform their work prior to beginning work. This project is currently set to be bid in FY 2016 with construction beginning in the summer of 2016.

***Grant Proposals and Awards*** – In FY15, the Department of Public works both applied for and received numerous grants, mostly for environmental projects, as follows:

*Metropolitan Area Planning Council – Technical Assistance Grant – Neponset Stormwater Partnership*

In FY 2015, the DPW applied for and was awarded a technical assistance grant from MAPC to continue the work under the “Neponset Stormwater Partnership.” This partnership, which includes Milton along with nine other communities, was originally created through a “Communities Innovation Challenge” Grant in 2014. The goal of this new grant project is to continue collaboration with local communities who all will be facing similar mandates and regulations for the management of stormwater under the Environmental Protection Agency’s NPDES program, and to examine potential efficiencies that could be gained through collaborative efforts. The communities awarded the grant were: Milton, Canton, Dedham, Medfield, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, and Westwood.

*Metropolitan Area Planning Council – Technical Assistance Grant – Milton Stormwater Utility*

In FY 2015, the DPW also applied for and was awarded a technical assistance grant from MAPC to continue the study of creating a stormwater utility. This study also began under the previous “Communities Innovation Challenge,” and the MAPC grant looks to further this effort and begin to look at potential rate structures and required stormwater bylaw changes.

*Coastal Pollution Remediation Grant – Unquity Brook*

In FY15, the Milton DPW partnered with the Neponset River Watershed Association to apply for, and was awarded a Coastal Pollution Remediation Grant in the amount of \$19,345 to look for nonpoint sources of pollution in Unquity Brook. Efforts over the years to determine sources for elevated bacteria levels in the Brook, affecting the smelt habitat, has turned not turned up any concrete leads. This grant will allow more targeted sampling efforts to identify potential stormwater flows or illicit discharges responsible for the bacteria and conceptually identify ways to remediate them.

*Department of Environmental Protection – Sustainable Materials Recovery Program*

In FY15, the Department of Public Works was awarded \$9,500 by the MA DEP for its efforts in having implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize re-use, recycling, and waste reduction. The Milton DPW earned points towards the grant for maintaining a pay-as-you-throw sticker program, for running a recycling center where books, media, mercury bearing items, electronic and bulky items are accepted, for accepting automotive wastes from residents at the DPW Yard, and for charging residents for certain bulky

items collected at the curb. The \$9,500 grant funds can be used for a variety of potential expenditures by the Town, approved by DEP, to further promote or improve the Town's waste reduction performance.

***Highway Operations*** – During the winter sanders were dispatched 32 times and the plowing equipment went out in partial or full force 19 times. Very little snow fell in December making nearly all of those events controlled by salt and sand only. Then record setting snowfall began late in the season (January 26<sup>th</sup>) resulting in record snow accumulations. Three of the largest snowstorms in the Town's history occurred in a three week period from late January through mid-February. The largest was the Blizzard of 2015, which was the second largest snowstorm in 130-years dropping 30.8 inches of snow from January 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. Then came the large three-day storms, which occurred on February 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, which brought 27.7 inches. Finally, on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, a third storm brought another 21.6 inches. A single storm the size of any one that we had would take its toll on employees, contractors and equipment. Getting three significant storms such as we did had serious consequences. We suffered loss of personnel due to injury and illness. We suffered multiple and serious equipment failures including equipment that could no longer be operated. We suffered significant questions of where to put the snow and how to widen roadways and maintain public safety to the greatest extent possible. Mutual aid forces from New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland as well as National Guard troops were deployed in Milton to assist with the clean-up. A hearty well done is extended to our dedicated DPW employees and contractors, who worked endless hours, at great peril, all in the interest serving the citizens of Milton.

DPW personnel continue to play an integral role in the operation of the Town. As well as offering support to other departments including, Schools, Park, Consolidated Facilities, Building, Health, Fire Police, and Cemetery. Daily operations of this work group is to make repairs to the roadway and sidewalk surfaces, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, line painting, street sign installation and patching of all utility trenches and pot holes.

One of the most successful changes in day to day operations continues to be the systematic cleaning and evaluation of storm water catch basins. The program is a collaboration of Operations and Engineering personnel. There has been a significant reduction in catch basin cleaning requests and repairs to significantly deteriorated structures are being repaired in a timelier manner. The field reports are aiding the Engineering Division in record keeping and CIP planning both of which form an integral part of Milton's NPDES (Federal EPA) storm water permit.

***Water Operations*** – DPW personnel responded to 645 service calls. Sixty-three of those calls were attributed to water main and service leaks. Approximately twenty-five of the leaks were water mainline breaks and the remainder was house service related leaks. Eighteen hydrants were replaced throughout the system and an additional thirty-two were repaired and serviced.

***Sewer Operations*** – The DPW maintains 8 pumping stations and nearly 100 miles of sewer mainline piping and several thousand manholes. Historically, sewer personnel respond to approximately 5 back-ups per month. During FY15 those calls were reduced to approximately 2 per month. These emergency service calls occur on a rather continual basis throughout the entire year. A return to more acceptable staffing levels has allowed a regular daily inspection of every sewer pump station, and the ability to reduce emergency service calls by carrying out preventive maintenance on a more regular basis. Continued daily visits and diligent maintenance, of pump stations has resulted in reliability and reduced repair frequency and overall repair costs.

***Forestry and Tree Maintenance*** – Disease, age, wind storms and snow have been major factors in the dwindling tree stock throughout town. The Town continues to lose nearly five times the number of trees than we are able to replace each year. A total of 512 requests for forestry work were made, but only 93 resulted in work orders being opened for actual tree work. Of that total most trees were simply pruned. However, 67 trees were sufficiently deteriorated and required removal. Only twelve new trees were planted. Grant opportunities for tree planting funding ended several years ago. The DPW's entire tree planting effort is a result of insurance loss recovery or donations made under the Tree gift program which was established when grant programs ended.

***Alarm / Traffic and Street Light Service Group*** – The Department replaced 347 defective streetlight bulbs and photocells. Fifty-seven failed street light fixtures were replaced in their entirety. The streetlight outages are discovered in three ways. Called in by residents, an email report, or the streetlight crew was working at night and noticed it.

The Department also decorated East Milton Square for Christmas. This service group also installed all of the festive celebration banners on the utility and light poles across town.

Repairs were made to fifteen traffic light fixtures damaged by automobile accidents. The cost for seven of these damage repairs were recovered by the Town through collection from the insured drivers through the Town's accident recovery program.

Continue with the maintenance of 3300 streetlights, the municipal fire alarm system and 17 signalized traffic intersections.

**Central Vehicle Maintenance** – Central maintenance is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all DPW, Town Hall, Police, Fire and Council on Aging vehicles. There is continued concern that, as other departments acquire more and more vehicles, that the financial impact is felt directly by the Central Vehicle Maintenance budget as it is expected to pay for maintenance and provide fuel for these (never before existing) new vehicles. This issue needs to be brought forward and a formal policy put in place that better controls “fleet creep”, or any increase in fleet size without the retirement of older vehicles from those departments. Alternatively, the Central Vehicle Maintenance budget should be increased as the fleet size of other departments increase.

With an aged fleet, the technology of new vehicles, and environmental concerns, the personnel of the Central maintenance garage have done an outstanding job keeping the fleet on the road and running efficiently. The garage has 2 full time mechanics working to keep about 150 vehicles maintained and running.

**FY15 SOLID WASTE REVENUES**

**Trash Sticker Revenue**

Store sticker sales	\$732,769
Annual trash stickers	\$77,881
Town Hall trash sticker sales	\$46,416
Library sticker sales	\$16,800
<b>Subtotal (all trash stickers)</b>	<b>\$873,866</b>

**Recycling Revenues**

Large items	\$990
Recycling bins	\$2,994
Compost bins	\$882
Recycled paper receipts	\$0
Scrap Metal receipts	\$7,734
<b>Subtotal (assorted fees)</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>

**TOTAL ALL SOLID-WASTE RELATED REVENUE** **\$886,466**  
**(up 5.5% from FY14)**

**Solid Waste** – Municipal solid waste comprises approximately two million dollars a year in the municipal budget. Approximately ½ of the operational cost is offset by revenue generated by the “pay as you throw” sticker program. Solid waste contracts typically run for at least 5 years, given that high capital investment (Equipment and third-party disposal contracts) is necessary for a contractor to “gear-up” to support the contract which typically require five-year

return on investments. During the prior year Milton's Board of Selectman reconvened (1st put in place in 2012) the appointed Solid Waste Advisory Committee whose charge was to review the Town's current solid waste policies, to review the level of service and performance of the current solid waste vendor, to review the industry trends and standards, and to consider if a regional approach is advantageous, and to consider if an extension of the existing solid waste contract or issuance of a new RFP made sense, and to reach consensus in forwarding a solid waste program recommendation to the Board of Selectman.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee was comprised of members that reach a reasonable cross-section of town residents and stakeholders including; a member of the Board of Selectman, a member of the Warrant Committee, a member from the Board of Health, a member from Sustainable Milton, a citizen at-large member, a business community member, the Town Administrator or her designee, and two ex-officio members from the DPW staff. To assist the town in this endeavor, the DPW applied for, and successfully received a Technical Assistance Grant from the DEP. This grant provided 80 hours (free of cost) for technical expertise in the area of solid waste. The DEP grant provided excellent expert consultation with cost avoidance of nearly \$10,000.

The work of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee resulted in two RFP's being issued; one for the collections services for refuse and recycling materials, and one for the disposal and processing of refuse and recycling materials. This proved to be a wise approach as the Town has entered into a five year solid waste contract that saves nearly a million dollars over the life of the contract. The new contracts commenced on July 1st (FY15) and are with Sunrise Scavenger for collection services and with Recycling Solutions for process and disposal of refuse and recycling materials. After some (expected) initial adjustment of people getting use to a two-day collection program, the new program has been highly successful.

It is important to note that the savings realized under the current solid waste contract is the result of several factors. However, the greatest single contributing factor in the contract savings is attributed to a single and unique circumstance. A vast portion of the savings is attributed to the fact that one vendor happened to have lost a portion of the City of Boston solid waste contract. That circumstance allowed the Town of Milton to take advantage of that contractor's availability of manpower and equipment on a two days per week basis (when their services were not being used in Boston). By doing so, the contractor was able to greatly discount his services costs, which allowed Milton to save a considerable amount of money by shifting to a two-day-per-week collection schedule. That savings is guaranteed for FY15 – FY19. The town needs to be aware that circumstance such as these may (and could likely) change when



Milton next goes out to bid again in 2018 / 2019. Only time will tell, but we should all be cautious that solid waste costs could increase dramatically in FY20 and beyond.

***Collection of Solid Waste*** – During FY15, Town residents generated approximately 5,281 tons of municipal solid waste (i.e. trash) which was picked up curbside. This amount is 535 tons (or 11%) more than the amount of solid waste collected in FY14. This increase is considerable especially in light of the fact that for ten years straight Milton's solid waste collection tonnage had decreased from the previous years. Given that solid waste revenue rose by 5% and that ½ of the total cost is borne by sticker sales, an increase in tonnage of 11% makes sense. As always, the DPW continues to focus on providing the best customer service regarding curbside pickups to Milton residents by maintaining a diligent contract compliance stance with Sunrise Scavenger, our solid waste contractor.

***Collection of Recyclable Materials*** – FY15 was the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Town's curbside recycling program. FY15 represents the fourth full year that all recyclables were collected in a single stream (single stream recycling officially began in February of 2011). Milton residents continue to be diligent recyclers: Milton's overall recycling rate is near 40%. This rate recognizes a decrease from rates of the past several years, but Milton still consistently ranks among the highest rates in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Town residents recycled approximately 3,394 tons of single stream material curbside. This figure does not include electronics, books, scrap metal, and large appliances (all of which are collected at the DPW recycling center facility), nor does it include yard-waste collection.

***Collection of Yard waste*** – During FY15, the DPW provided 16 weeks of yard waste pickup for residents; 15 weeks for yard waste and one week for holiday trees. The total yard waste tonnage collected from curbside services was approximately 3633 tons, approximately 75% more than FY14, which was 20% lower than FY13.

***Recycling Center*** – Although the Recycling Center at 629 Randolph Avenue is only open the first Saturday of every month from 9am-noon, it remains a popular destination for Milton residents. The Recycling Center continues to collect books, clothing, propane tanks, mercury-bearing items (thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, and non-alkaline batteries), non-Freon white items, and Freon items such as air conditioners, refrigerators, and de-humidifiers. The Recycle Center collected a total of 58.69 tons of scrap metal, 219 air conditioners, 253 computers, 176 computer monitors, 645 televisions, and 67 refrigerators.



***Household Hazardous Waste Collection*** – The DPW sponsored a single-day drop-off event on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The event was highly successful in that 771 town citizens’ vehicles pass through the collection point; that is a decrease of nearly 5% as compare to FY14 (which was nearly double of FY13 and FY12). These residents were able to properly dispose of adhesives and glues, aerosol cans, engine degreaser, brake and transmission fluid, hobby and art supplies, household cleaners and spot removers, non-alkaline batteries (these are found in camcorders, cordless power tools, cordless phones and laptop computers), oil-based paints, photo chemicals and chemistry sets, poisons, insecticides, pesticides, and weed killers. A total of 440 gallons and 9,117 pounds of hazardous waste was collected and properly disposed of. The event was so successful (and a valuable environmental protection measure) that the DPW will do all it can to preserve this service in FY16 and future years.

***DPW Award / Open House*** – The DPW Open House celebrates National Public Works Week and the thousands of men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. More than 800 Milton residents enjoyed hotdogs and cotton candy as they learned about what the Milton DPW does every day to maintain our roads, water, sewage and solid waste systems. Children explored DPW trucks and equipment, honking the big horns, and marveled at the recycling magic of BJ Hickman. The eleventh annual “Larry DeCelle Friend of the DPW Award” was presented to Beth Israel Deaconess – Milton Hospital “... for their undying commitment to the Milton Community and for their partnership in Emergency Management, and especially for provision of critical support services to the Department of Public Works during weather emergencies and throughout the entire year”. BikeMilton ([www.bikemilton.org](http://www.bikemilton.org)) conducted its used bike sale and the proceeds from the sale were used to promote safe cycling in Milton. Sustainable Milton had the most active booth by promoting a “new lease of life to unwanted items”. Other displays promoted water conservation, use of rain barrels, use of composters, the DPW’s GIS System and general information about the many DPW programs that are available to the public.

***Personnel*** – Personnel strength within the department continues to be attributed to the skill, knowledge, and dedication of its labor force. There were no retirements from the DPW during FY15. There were no employee resignations and no new hires.

***THE CHALLENGES AHEAD*** – The Department of Public Works has been downsized through attrition since 1973. Eight years ago the DPW again saw attrition of its workforce ranks with the elimination of key service positions. The DPW’s wider use of automated methods for providing service information; use of the Town’s website, automated phone messaging, local

community access television and targeted e-mail notifications all have proven to be effective means of communicating DPW information and has done so while improving administrative efficiency. The new GIS Work Order system, which began implementation during FY14, and continued to grow during FY15 has improved upon that. The new GIS Work Order system became will be fully operational during FY15.

The highest priority of the Department of Public Works in FY16 will be focused on meeting the funding gap between needed and available funds necessary to properly maintain the condition and reliability of the Town's most crucial infrastructure. Progress in this area was made in FY13, FY14, and FY15 but an occasional "funding patch" is not a solution to a systematic concern for our Town's valuable assets.

Considerable diligence with regard to value effectiveness, cost containment, and accountability in the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste areas will continue. Together these three areas of operation account for \$13.6 million, or 85%, of the entire DPW budget. As such, these areas of concentration offer the greatest opportunity for potential operation savings and/or revenue generation.

The Town will continue to strive to meet the financial burdens imposed by the unfunded mandate caused by the Federal EPA requirements of NPDES II. The five-year permit, under which the town has functioned, expired in December 2008. Since the expiration the EPA has required that communities simply follow the terms and requirements of the first five-year permit. The town has done so. However, great concern is growing as the EPA and state officials continue to "hash-out" the programs of the new permit. Based upon the most recent information, communities will be expected to continue with all of the programs of the old permit PLUS several new programs; all of which will be very expensive and further strain the work burden of the department. The new permit was expected to be issued in the middle of spring of FY11; then spring of 2012, then winter of 2012. However sweeping concerns for municipal cost burden (nationwide) resulted in delay in the new permit being issued. The most current information is that EPA will not be issuing the new NPDES Permit until sometime early in 2016. Milton will continue to explore cost control and funding methods that may be available to support this mandate. Under consideration is the creation of a stormwater utility enterprise that could raise funds AND dedicate them to the stormwater system.

With continued pressure exerted by funding limitations, the DPW's ability to provide the same service with less is becoming more and more challenging. The Department continues to monitor and evaluate the need to alter or limit some services being provided in order to meet the necessary financial

constraints of the town. We have established a workforce and funding levels sufficient to provide a modest level of service and maintenance to the Town. The challenge ahead is to continue to find new ways to become more efficient with the continuous funding pressures and reductions we will be facing.

The Department looks forward to meeting these challenges in the same way past challenges have been met, through creativity, teamwork, hard dedicated efforts of its' workforce, and the cooperation of all town officials. In that spirit, I express my sincere appreciation for the efforts and support of the DPW field employees, engineers and management staff; the Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee, Capital Improvement Committee, Personnel Board, other Town Departments, Town Meeting; and the residents of Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Lynch  
*Director of Public Works*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of the Milton Contributory Retirement System for the year ending December 31, 2014 is submitted herewith.

As of December 31, 2014 the system had an enrollment of 367 active members and 269 pensioners and survivors receiving benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Cleary, *Chairman*

Amy J. Dexter, *Secretary*

Robert J. Byron

Richard J. Madigan

John E. King

### Annual Statement of the Milton Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

#### ASSETS & LIABILITIES

1	1040	Cash	231,517.01
2	1100	Short Term Investments	
16	1198	PRIT Cash	
		630,869.03	
17	1199	PRIT Fund	107,655,474.71
18	1350	Interest Due and Accrued	
18	1398	Accounts Receivable (A)	0.00
20	2020	Accounts Payable (A)	0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>108,517,860.75</u>

#### FUNDS

1	3293	Annuity Savings Fund	20,990,802.73
2	3294	Annuity Reserve Fund	5,679,334.08
3	3295	Military Service Fund	4,634.98
4	3296	Pension Fund	1,448,267.17
5	3298	Expense Fund	0.00
6	3297	Pension Reserve Fund	<u>80,394,821.79</u>
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS AT MARKET VALUE</b>	<u>108,517,860.75</u>

**Annual Statement of the Milton Retirement System  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>1</b>	<b>Annuity Savings Fund:</b>	
	(a) 4891 Members' Deductions	1,955,209.14
	(b) 4892 Transfers from Other Systems	264,024.65
	(c) 4893 Member Make Up Payments and Redeposits	69,232.13
	(d) 4900 Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00
	(e) Investment Income Credited to Members' Accounts	21,886.69
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>2,310,352.61</u>
<b>2</b>	<b>Annuity Reserve Fund:</b>	
	(a) Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	167,514.19
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>167,514.19</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Pension Fund:</b>	
	(a) 4898 3(8)(c) Reimbursements from Other Systems	225,596.90
	(b) 4899 Received from Commonwealth for COLA and Survivor Benefits	56,988.27
	(c) 4894 Pension Fund Appropriation	5,009,570.00
	(d) 4840 Workers' Comp. Settlements	0.00
	(e) 4841 Recovery of 91A Overearnings	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>5,292,155.17</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Military Service Fund:</b>	
	(a) 4890 Contributions Received from Municipality	0.00
	(b) Investment Income Credited	4.63
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>4.63</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Expense Fund:</b>	
	(a) 4896 Expense Fund Appropriation	0.00
	(b) Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	704,720.22
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>704,720.22</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Pension Reserve Fund:</b>	
	(a) 4897 Federal Grant Reimbursement	0.00
	(b) 4895 Pension Reserve Appropriation	0.00
	(c) 4822 Interest Not Refunded	0.00
	(d) 4825 Miscellaneous Income	0.00
	(e) Excess Investment Income	7,221,548.17
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>7,221,548.17</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>15,696,294.99</u>

**Annual Statement of the Milton Retirement System  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>1</b>	<b>Annuity Savings Fund:</b>	
(a)	5757 Refunds to Members	53,638.97
(b)	5756 Transfers to Other Systems	100,693.35
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>154,332.32</u>
<b>2</b>	<b>Annuity Reserve Fund:</b>	
(a)	5750 Annuities Paid	1,026,119.52
(b)	5759 Option B Refunds	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>1,026,119.52</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Pension Fund:</b>	
(a)	5751 Pensions Paid Regular Pension Payments	3,982,083.97
	Survivorship Payments	547,594.98
	Ordinary Disability Payments	45,812.16
	Accidental Disability Payments	1,382,956.20
	Accidental Death Payments	325,830.36
	Section 101 Benefits	75,272.40
(b)	5755 3(8)(c) Reimbursements to Other Systems	130,143.37
(c)	5752 COLA's Paid	98,007.82
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>6,587,701.26</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Military Service Fund:</b>	
(a)	4890 Return to Municipality for Members who Withdrew Their Funds	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Expense Fund:</b>	
(a)	5118 Board Member Stipend	0.00
(b)	5119 Salaries	112,408.44
(c)	5304 Management Fees	550,787.47
(d)	5305 Custodial Fees	0.00
(e)	5307 Investment Consultant Fees	0.00
(f)	5308 Legal Expenses	15,715.62
(g)	5309 Medical Expenses	0.00
(h)	5310 Fiduciary Insurance	5,369.00
(I)	5311 Service Contracts	17,614.00
(j)	5312 Rent Expense	0.00
(k)	5320 Education and Training	0.00
(l)	5589 Administrative Expenses	1,639.56

(m)	5599 Furniture & Equipment	0.00
(n)	5719 Travel Expense	1,186.13
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>704,720.22</u>

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>8,472,873.32</b>
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**Annual Statement of the Milton Retirement System  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)**

Investment income received from:

(a)	Cash (from Schedule 1)	0.00
(b)	Short Term Investments (from Schedule 2)	
(c)	Fixed Income Securities (from Schedules 3A and 3C)	
(d)	Equities (from Schedules 4A and 4C)	
(e)	Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)	2,931,434.97
(f)	Commission Recapture	

<b>4821</b>	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<u>2,931,434.97</u>
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**Plus:**

4884	Realized Gains (Profits)	4,644,853.58
4886	Unrealized Gains (Increase in Market Value)	6,686,934.44
1550	Interest Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities at End of Current Year	0.00
		<u>14,263,222.99</u>

**Less:**

4823	Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed Income Securities	0.00
4885	Realized Losses	0.00
4887	Unrealized Losses (Decrease in Market Value)	6,147,549.09
1550	Interest Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities Prior Year	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>

<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME/ (LOSS)</b>	<b>8,115,673.90</b>
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Income Required:

	Annuity Savings Fund (from Supplementary Schedule)	21,886.69
	Annuity Reserve Fund	167,514.19
	Expense Fund	704,720.22
	Military Service Fund	4.63
		<u>894,125.73</u>

<b>TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED</b>	<b>894,125.73</b>
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	Net Investment Income	8,115,673.90
	Less Income Required	<u>(894,125.73)</u>

<b>EXCESS INCOME /(LOSS) TO PENSION RESERVE FUND</b>	<b><u>7,221,548.17</u></b>
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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To the Residents of Milton:

June 30, 2015

From July 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, the membership of the Board of Selectmen (the “Board”) consisted of J. Thomas Hurley, Denis F. Keohane, Secretary, and Kathleen M. Conlon, Chair. On April 28, 2015, David T. Burnes was elected to a three year term, replacing Mr. Keohane. On April 29, 2015, the Board elected J. Thomas Hurley to serve as Chair and David T. Burnes to serve as Secretary. We thank our former colleague, Denis F. Keohane, for his service on the Board and wish him well.

### ***FY 2016 Budget***

The Board worked with the Warrant Committee and the School Committee to hold off a Proposition 2 1/2 operating override for another year. The Board supported a plan presented by the Warrant Committee to use a limited amount of free cash for operating expenses in the FY16 budget with the expectation that an operating override will be sought for the FY17 budget. The Town Administrator and senior management officials prepared a five-year financial plan that will assist future budget deliberations.

The Board placed a limited Proposition 2 1/2 override question on the April 28, 2015 ballot and asked the voters to pay for the ongoing medical expenses of a firefighter who was injured in the line of duty in 2007 through an override. The Town is legally obligated to pay all medical expenses relating to the firefighter’s injury during his lifetime. The expenses averaged approximately \$425,000 per year in each of the last four years. For several years, the Town borrowed to pay these expenses. However, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue objected to the Town borrowing any additional money to pay for the firefighter’s medical expenses. In order to avoid paying these costs through the operating budget (which would mean a reduction in funding for one or more Town departments), the Board obtained special legislation that authorized us to ask Milton’s voters to approve a special property tax assessment to pay the firefighter’s medical expenses. We are grateful to the voters for passing the ballot question. The funds assessed for the purpose of paying the firefighter’s medical expenses will be segregated in a special purpose fund maintained by the Town Treasurer.

### ***Board of Selectmen Initiatives***

The Board’s most significant achievement in FY15, and one that will have lasting impact, was to move Milton to a strong Town Administrator form of government. Working with the Town Government Study Committee (“TGSC”), the Board consulted with Mr. Charlie Cristello of the Massachusetts



Municipal Association and Selectman Colleen Corona of the Town of Easton. The Board took a more aggressive approach than the TGSC had recommended in 2013, proposing to turn over all hiring decisions to the Town Administrator and to charge the Town Administrator with managing the day to day operations of the Town, including the preparation of budgets, personnel management, approving payroll and vendor warrants, and negotiating contracts. In May of 2015, we won Town Meeting's approval of a warrant article authorizing the Board to seek legislation to create a strong Town Administrator position.

The winter of 2015 was one for the history books. Between late January and mid-March, approximately 150 inches of snow fell on Milton. At an emergency meeting on February 12, 2015, the Board declared a local public safety emergency, banning on-street parking and authorizing Public Works and other public safety personnel to take extraordinary actions for storm cleanup and future storm preparations, including requesting assistance from the National Guard. Snow farms were established at various locations including Kelly Field and Milton High School. The Board rescinded its public safety emergency declaration on March 24, 2015. By then, the Town's snow and ice budget shortfall had grown to \$1,055,106. The Board thanks all Public Works, Fire and Police personnel who assisted with clean-up efforts and responded to emergencies as a result of the harsh winter.

The topic of affordable housing remained at the forefront in FY 2015. A proposal to construct 276 units of rental housing at 1259, 1357 and 1383 Brush Hill Road was abandoned by the developer. However, HD/MW Randolph Avenue, LLC applied to the Milton Board of Appeals for a comprehensive permit under M.G.L. c. 40B to build 90 units of rental housing at 693-711 Randolph Avenue. 131 Eliot Street LLC applied to the Milton Board of Appeals for a comprehensive permit under M.G.L. c. 40B to construct 57 units of rental housing at 131 Eliot Street (the site of the Hendries building). The Board of Selectmen retained Attorney Kathleen O'Donnell to represent us and our department heads before the Milton Board of Appeals with respect to both applications. Members of the Board and the Town Administrator attended multiple public hearings on both applications. Both projects were permitted, although the Board of Appeals reduced the number of units at 693-711 Randolph Avenue from 90 to 35.

The Board and the Planning Board worked together to prepare and approve a Housing Production Plan ("HPP") for Milton that will assist the Town in its efforts to increase the number of affordable housing units. We thank our outside consultant, Karen Sunnaborg, for her significant contributions to the drafting of the HPP. On October 28, 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development approved Milton's HPP.

The Board sought a substantial appropriation from free cash to the Affordable Housing Trust to enable the trustees to move forward with various housing initiatives. Because of the record snowfall and the resulting large deficit in the Public Works budget for snow and ice removal, the Warrant Committee was able to recommend that Town Meeting appropriate only \$5,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust. We are grateful to Town Meeting for approving this appropriation of seed money for the trust.

In an effort to resurrect a former proposal to build a mixed-use residential and commercial development at 131 Eliot Street in lieu of the 40B proposal, the Board took several actions. We obtained special legislation authorizing us to transfer the Town's land at 0 Central Avenue to Carrick Realty Trust ("Carrick"), an affiliate of 131 Eliot Street LLC, for the construction of a mixed-use development. We took a small parcel of land located in the middle of the property by eminent domain. Although we awarded a bid to demolish the structure on the Town's land at 0 Central Avenue, the former ice cream factory building was not demolished and is still standing. Lengthy proceedings before the Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission delayed the demolition and redevelopment of the property. The Board engaged in extensive negotiations with the principals of Carrick in an effort to produce a mixed-use development as an alternative to a residential development. As of this writing, the negotiations are ongoing.

The Board approved the Town Administrator's reorganization proposal for certain staff of the Selectmen's office, the Central Business office and the Treasurer's office.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR") agreed to extend the term of the Town's lease of the Max Ulin skating rink for one additional year. Curry College continues to manage the rink on behalf of the Town. The Board continues to seek a twenty-five (25) year lease. The Board appointed a committee to prepare an application to assist the Board in preparing application materials to be submitted to DCR.

Residents' complaints about airplane noise and pollution increased during FY2015. The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") proposed to add two new RNAVs for runway 4L at Logan Airport, which would place even more air traffic over Milton. On June 29, 2015, the Board filed a comment letter in response to the FAA's proposal. The Board objected to the 4L RNAV proposal and sought relief from Logan Airport's current overuse of runway 4R for arrivals and runways 27 and 33L for departures. The Board appointed Cindy L. Christiansen to succeed Christopher Zambuto as the Town's representative to the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee. We appointed Caroline Kinsella, the Town's public health director, as our representative to the newly formed Massport Community Advisory Committee.

The Board and the Milton Animal League entered into a non-binding memorandum of understanding which sets forth next steps for the construction of a new animal shelter. In March, the Board appointed an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee comprised of eight residents.

The potential sale and development of a portion of the Town Farm/Governor Stoughton Trust property moved forward. Shortly before the fiscal year began, a resident of the Town informed the Board, acting in our capacity as Trustees (the “Trustees”) of the Governor Stoughton Trust (the “Trust”), that the Town Farm may be the site of Native American burials. The potential purchaser, Pulte Homes of New England LLC (“Pulte”), and the Trustees retained an archaeologist to test the site. In November of 2014, the archaeologist reported that no Native American artifacts were discovered. However, a few months later, an issue arose with respect to Pulte’s interpretation of a 100 foot buffer between the site and adjoining properties that is contemplated by the 2011 purchase and sale agreement. At this writing, that issue has not been resolved.

The Board supported Historic New England’s application to the Board of Appeals for a special permit to convert the historic Eustis Estate on Canton Avenue into a house museum.

At the request of Mary Ann Sullivan, Director of the Council on Aging, the Board voted unanimously to name the large meeting room at the Senior Center in memory of the late Paul Kelley, a former Chair of the COA’s board of directors. The Board also supported the COA’s request for funding a full-time van driver position.

In August of 2014, the Board, accompanied by members of the Board of Park Commissioners and the Historical Commission, toured the Town Landing, Milton Yacht Club facilities and the former Swift Hat Shop building. The Board wishes to preserve the Swift Hat Shop building if possible. In March of 2015, we appointed the Swift Hat Shop Preservation Committee.

The Board met with the Town Moderator, the Town Clerk and the Chairs of the Warrant Committee and the Town Government Study Committee to discuss potential improvements to Town Meetings.

The Board met twice with the Chair of the Fire Space Needs Committee to discuss its planning efforts.

The Board met with representatives of the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to accept grants on its behalf and hear about the coalition’s plans to combat alcohol and substance abuse.

The Board renewed cable broadcast licenses for Comcast and Milton Access Television.

In our role as water and sewer commissioners, the Board adopted a more equitable plan for calculating water rates for large multi-family properties. The new system provides relief to residents of the condominium building at 88 Wharf Street and others who had previously been billed for water at the highest tier without regard to consumption levels of individual unit owners.

In FY14, after learning that some properties were connected to the Town's sewer system but had never been billed for sewer service, the Board adopted a policy that authorizes the Public Works Department to collect sewer fees for a period of up to six (6) years. The policy set forth a procedure by which a homeowner could appeal to the Assistant Town Administrator and then to the Board. During FY15, the Board heard one appeal and upheld the Assistant Town Administrator's and the Public Works Department's finding that the homeowner was liable for previously unbilled sewer charges. The Department of Public Works continues to work on identifying properties to be added to the sewer rolls.

The Board and residents of the Brush Hill Road neighborhood attended numerous meetings at Curry College to discuss plans for Curry's new dormitory.

### ***Retirements***

The Board thanks the following Town employees who retired during FY 2015 for their many years of dedicated service to the Town:

Wendy Drysdale	School Department
Diane Gore	Treasurer's Office
Ruth Mahoney	School Department
Anne Mearn	School Department
Thomas Monahan	Cemetery Department
Michael O'Neil	Cemetery Department
Janet Potts	School Department
Paula Rizzi	Selectmen's Office

### ***Condolences***

The Town mourned the loss of former State Representative M. Joseph Manning. Mr. Manning's service to the Town of Milton was unparalleled. He served as State Representative for 30 years and as Assessor for 57 years and was Milton's longest-serving Town Meeting Member.

## *Appointments*

The Board appointed Tim Czerwienski to the position of Assistant Town Planner, Emily Martin to the position of Executive Secretary to the Board, and Barbara C. Martin to the position of Licensing Agent and Benefits Administrator.

At a joint meeting, the Board and the Milton Housing Authority appointed Philip Driscoll to fill the vacancy on the Milton Housing Authority that was created by the resignation of Catherine Shea.

## *Congratulations*

At the Board's July 1, 2014 meeting, Town Clerk Susan Galvin swore in four new patrolmen: John Larson, Travis Weekes, Ryan O'Rourke and Patrick Nee. At the Board's September 23, 2014 meeting, Officers Bart Forzese and Tracy Mannion were sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Board congratulates these new officers and wishes them well in their careers with the Milton Police Department. The Board congratulates Officer Travis Weekes, who received the Robert P. Dana Distinguished Service Award for Law Enforcement.

Members of the Board were honored to participate in scouting ceremonies throughout the year at which Timothy Eberhardt and Christian Jamal became Eagle Scouts. We congratulate these scouts on their wonderful achievements.

## *Thanks*

The Board of Selectmen thanks the many employees of the Town and all of the volunteers who serve on boards and committees or otherwise volunteer their time to the Town. In particular, we thank Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan, Assistant Town Administrator Michael Blanchard, Director of Planning and Community Development William Clark, Contracts and Licensing Agent and Benefits Administrator Barbara Martin and Executive Secretary Emily Martin.

We are also grateful to the assistance given to us from time to time throughout the year by our legislative delegation: U.S. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano, State Senator Brian A. Joyce, State Representative Walter F. Timilty, Jr. and State Representative Daniel R. Cullinane.

Paula Rizzi, the Board's longtime Executive Secretary, retired on June 30, 2015. She is greatly missed by all of her friends at Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen thanks Ms. Rizzi for her many years of dedicated and exceptional service to the Town of Milton and wishes her well in her retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thomas Hurley, *Chair*  
David T. Burnes, *Secretary*  
Kathleen M. Conlon, *Member*

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as your Town Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2015. I am honored to serve the Town of Milton and its residents. Some of the major issues of concern in fiscal year 2015 are outlined in this report.

### **Financial**

I worked closely with the Chair of the Warrant Committee on the development and planning process for the FY2016 budget. The Warrant Committee and Town Administration requested that all Town Departments develop and submit three budgets scenarios for FY2016: 1) a level dollar budget with appropriation requests the same as FY2015; 2) a level service budget which should include the cost of those items necessary to maintain service at a level equal to FY2015 and 3) a two percent (2%) reduction from level dollar. The Warrant Committee developed a number of budget scenarios including two override scenarios and a number of different options using one time funds. Free cash as of June 30, 2014 was certified at \$2,981,240. After much discussion and deliberation, it was the consensus of the Warrant Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator that approximately \$510,090 of the free cash be used to balance the FY2016 budget with the understanding that an override would be needed in FY2017. In an effort to move to a strong Town Administrator role, I met with all Town-side department heads, including department heads not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, in an effort to balance the budget in a fair and equitable manner. I presented this Town-side balanced budget to the Warrant Committee which created ways to formulate the budget without severe service delivery implications, and a method of controlling costs so that cuts could be absorbed. This process was embraced by all departments and I appreciated the spirit of cooperation. In addition departments were asked to outline one time money requests to the Warrant Committee. With a balance of \$2,471,150 of free cash remaining, the Warrant Committee was able to fund a number of one time requests made by departments. The FY2016 budget of \$104,172,083 was approved by Town Meeting in May 2015.

### **Growth and Development**

In May 2015, Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation which would expand and strengthen the role of the Town Administrator which would promote accountability and empower the Town Administrator to handle the daily management of municipal

operations, excluding the schools, resulting in greater Town government efficiency.

Town Meeting also approved an appropriation of \$160,000 to complete phase one of a new financial software system to improve and gain efficiencies. The Town is currently in the early stages of discussion with the software vendor to develop an implementation plan.

In an effort to maximize payroll functions a Town-wide paperless and bi-weekly payroll system will be implemented in January 2016.

The Town continues to implement Phase 2 of the East Milton Parking and Access Project some of the short term goals of the East Milton project were the closing of Adams Street, retiming the signal lights in the Square, and reviewing the on-street parking schemes in the Square. The required 25% Public Hearing is scheduled for early Fall 2015.

The Town received notice from Massachusetts Housing Partnership (“MHP”) that H&W Apartments filed an amended Site Approval Application for a proposed 40B development that would include ninety (90) rental units off Randolph Avenue. The Town sent a detailed comment letter opposing the project’s siting, design, and traffic issues to MHP. The Zoning Board of Appeals closed the Public hearing in June of 2015 and approved a 35 unit development in early July 2015.

The East Milton Business district will be welcoming two (2) new restaurants, The Plate II (10 Bassett Street) and Novara (565 Adams Street) this coming Fall of 2015 after extensive renovation efforts at both location during the last year.

The Town closed out a \$1m MassWorks grant that helped provide new street lighting, drainage, and sidewalks on Eliot Street between Adams Street and Central Avenue. The project’s budget was assisted by a private mitigating contribution from the Milton Hill House Apartments.

## **Real Estate**

The Town is continuing to operate the Ulin Rink with the assistance of Curry College who manages the day-to-day operations. The Town was granted a special one year permit by the Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2015. The Town negotiated and signed a new 1 year management agreement with Curry College to manage rink operations through the end of the extended Special Permit, April 2016. Curry College has continued to undertake facility improvements to make the facility more energy efficient and make for a more pleasant experience for skaters and visitors. Public skating times are exactly as required in the permit with DCR.



## **Personnel Changes**

In an effort to realign duties and responsibilities to provide better customer service and improve efficiencies, a re-organization plan involving the Selectmen's Office, the Central Business Office, the Department of Public Works, and the Treasurer/Collector's Office, was undertaken in FY2015. The goals of this re-organizational plan was to: 1) Combine all Water & Sewer functions under one umbrella, the Department of Public Works, to better integrate workflows, streamline processes, provide more efficient operations, and to better coordinate activities; 2) Improve customer service by streamlining resident's Town Hall business and alleviating residents being inconvenienced by visiting multiple departments to conduct cash related activities; 3) Address financial management recommendations by the Department of Revenue as outlined in the Town of Milton's Financial Management Review; 4) Improve service to employees by streamlining Human Resource functions within one department.

This re-organization resulted in department staff changes and re-alignment of duties in the Central Business Office, Treasurer/Collector' Office, Department of Public Works and Selectmen's Office.

Robert Bushway was hired as the Chief Appraiser for the Board of Assessors in August 2014.

Aldo Binda was hired as a W3 Laborer in the Department of Public Works in August 2014.

Tim Czerwienski was hired as Assistant Town Planner in December 2014.

Bonnie Devore was hired as Senior Administrative Clerk in the Parks Department in February 2015.

Stephen Muse was hired as a Firefighter in the Milton Fire Department in March 2015.

Barbara Martin was hired as Licensing and Contract Agent/Benefits Assistant in the Board of Selectmen's Office in April 2015.

Margaret Walsh was hired as Senior Administrative Clerk in the Milton Police Department in May 2015.

Julia Getman was hired as Senior Administrative Clerk in the Planning Department in June 2015.

Joseph Marinelli was hired as a Cadet in the Milton Police Department in June 2015.



Stephen Bell was hired as Health Agent in the Health Department in June 2015.

We welcome our new Town employees and wish them many successful years of service to the Town.

Thomas Monahan retired from his position as W5 Laborer in the Parks Department in July 2014 after 28 years of service to the Town.

Michael O'Neill retired from his position as W8 Laborer in the Cemetery Department in August 2014 after 35 years of service to the Town.

Diane Gore retired from her position as Assistant Town Treasurer in March 2015 after 26 years of service to the Town.

Paula Rizzi retired from her position as Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen in June 2015 after 34 years of service to the Town.

We appreciate their many years of dedicated service to the Town and wish them good health and happiness in the future.

**Collective Bargaining**

The Town has approximately 743 full and part-time employees. The following tabulation illustrates the collective bargaining groups, exclusive of school unions:

<b>Union</b>	<b>Contract Expires</b>
Milton Public Employees Association	6/30/16
Milton Police Superior Officers Association	6/30/16
Milton Police Association	6/30/16
Milton Firefighters, Local 1116	6/30/16
Southeastern Public Employees Association	6/30/16
Milton Public Library, Staff Association, M.L.S.A.	6/30/16
Milton Professional Management Association	6/30/16

There are approximately 30 non-union, non-school employees who are represented by the Personnel Board.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks and appreciation to the department heads, town employees and officials, the members of the boards and committees and to the citizens of Milton who have assisted me throughout the year. Special thanks to Assistant Town Administrator Michael Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen Emily Martin, Contract & Licensing Agent Barbara Martin, Director of Planning and Community Development William Clark, and Assistant Town Planner Tim Czerwienski for their dedication and

assistance during this year. Paula Rizzi retired on June 30, 2015 as the Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen after 34 years of service to the Town of Milton. Ms. Rizzi's strong work ethic and commitment to public service is to be commended. Ms. Rizzi has been an inspiration and a role model to many Town employees. I wish Ms. Rizzi all the best in retirement. I hope she has a long and peaceful retirement, spending time with family and friends. Finally, I thank the Board of Selectmen for its guidance, direction and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Annemarie Fagan  
*Town Administrator*

## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The Town of Milton was presented with a wide variety of legal issues in 2015. Town Counsel work was involved most often in conferences and telephone conferences with and advice to Town personnel, and issues involving the Board of Selectmen, contracts, DPW, land use (building, conservation, planning and subdivision, and zoning), litigation, the Town Administrator, and Town Meeting.

Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to acquire temporary and permanent easements for the Safe Routes to Schools Program; amended the General By-Laws to provide for an Audit Committee and an Information Technology Committee; authorized the Moderator to appoint a By-Law Review Committee; accepted a statute which allows the Town to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; authorized the Board of Selectmen to submit home rule petitions (1) to increase the authority of the Town Administrator, (2) to authorize the Town to establish a special purpose stabilization fund for funding future debt service obligations of certain Town capital projects, (3) to clarify a quorum requirement of a majority of members appointed to a public body, (4) to increase the Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members; and (5) to amend the legislation regarding filling a vacancy in the position of Chief of Police by providing that the Town Administrator is empowered to fill such vacancy; and amended the General By-Laws to provide in part that the Town Administrator shall appoint a screening committee and shall fill a vacancy in the position of Chief of Police, to make the By-Law consistent with the pending legislation.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued a Superseding Order which upheld an Order of Conditions issued by the Conservation Commission regarding the property at 131 Eliot Street. The Land Court granted summary judgment upholding the Landscaping Business Use Zoning By-Law amendment voted by Town Meeting. An appeal by abutters from that judgment is pending in the Appeals Court.

Thirteen cases were pending at the end of 2015. Two cases were pending in the Norfolk County Superior Court; one challenging two orders issued by the Building Commissioner to remove or make safe the building at 131 Eliot Street, Milton, and one contesting a tax taking of property on Harland Street. An appeal was pending at the Housing Appeals Committee from the grant, with conditions, by the Board of Appeals of a comprehensive permit for property behind 711 Randolph Avenue. A case was pending in the Appeals Court involving an employment contract with Kevin Mearn. A case was pending in the Land Court challenging the vote of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding Section III.L, Planned Unit Town House Development.

Two cases were pending at the Appellate Tax Board involving assessment of the Thayer Nursery property and assessment of the abutting property at 23 Parkwood Drive. One case was pending in the Appeals Court, three cases were pending in the Norfolk County Superior Court, and one case was pending in the Land Court, involving various issues between the owners of the Thayer Nursery property and the owners of the property at 23 Parkwood Drive. One case was pending in the Land Court involving a challenge to the landscape business use special permit issued by the Planning Board for the Thayer Nursery property.

M. Joseph Manning and J. William Dolan, M.D., passed away in 2015. Joe Manning's career was the essence of public service, spanning over sixty (60) years in service to his country as a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, and service to Milton as a State Representative, an Assessor, and the longest serving Town Meeting member in recent history. He was extremely conscientious, thoughtful and practical in his work. Above all he was extremely responsive to his constituents and never forgot the public component of public service. Bill Dolan, a prominent orthopedic surgeon, somehow managed to find the time to devote thirty-three (33) years of service to the Town of Milton as a Planning Board member and a Town Meeting member. His extraordinary vision helped to produce long range planning resulting in tasteful property development which enhances the Town of Milton while respecting the character of the surrounding land. Both gentlemen combined passion for their work with keen intelligence, respect for the citizens who came before them, and a refreshing sense of humor. May they rest in peace.

Our firm, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehan, LLP, is a law firm of thirty lawyers. Partners David DeLuca, Geoffrey Wermuth and Brandon Moss, Associates Doris MacKenzie Ehrens, Lauren Galvin, Bryan Le Blanc, and Karis North, and Paralegals Bryanne Tartamella and Paula Rivera also worked on Town Counsel matters in 2015. It is an honor to represent the Town of Milton. We thank the Board of Selectmen, Annemarie Fagan, Paula Rizzi, Emily Martin, Barbara Martin, and all Town of Milton employees, boards, commissions and committees for the courtesy and assistance which you extended to us throughout the year.

We wish Michael Blanchard good luck in his new career. We thank Paula Rizzi for her inestimable service to the Town of Milton and for her always gracious help to us, and we wish for her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Flynn  
*Town Counsel*

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE (TGSC)**

The Town Government Study Committee had a very productive year with seven articles submitted and approved by Town Meeting for improvements to our form of government. The Committee held nineteen meetings in 2015, exclusive of subcommittee meetings.

The genesis of the seven articles was the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue review issued in the fall of 2013 as well as ideas from residents, town meeting members, and town officials received over the past three years. The Committee also conducted research of the best practices in place in comparable towns in Massachusetts and interviewed officials in other towns in regard to several of the changes proposed.

The two major changes recommended by the Committee and adopted by Town Meeting have to do with increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen and increasing the power and responsibilities of the Town Administrator. Both changes require approval by the Massachusetts Legislature and the increase in the size of the Board of Selectmen would also require approval by the voters of Milton. Boards of selectmen have been increasing in size in Massachusetts based upon workload increases caused by the increased complexity of local government, by material increases in population, budget, and by added laws and regulations at the federal and state levels of government. Our research showed that 89% of towns with a population greater than 20,000 have five member boards of selectmen. The goal is to have our Board of Selectmen function more like a board of directors focusing on policy and long range strategic issues with the Town Administrator assuming a greater role in running town government. This goal becomes the basis behind our second major recommendation to strengthen the Town Administrator position. Our recommendation calls for the Town Administrator to assume broader financial and operational management responsibilities, including coordination and preparation of the Town's budget for submission to the Warrant Committee as well as long range financial planning and modeling. Another major change in responsibility would be that the Town Administrator will be responsible for the appointment of more than 100 positions, including department heads such as the Police Chief and Fire chief now appointed by the board of selectmen.

The Committee had five other recommendations approved by Town Meeting including:

- a. Converting the existing "standing" audit committee to a bylaw authorized permanent committee. The audit committee is strengthened by clearly articulating the scope of its responsibilities and

independence with an annual requirement to report to Town Meeting on compliance by Town Departments with the annual management letter and internal control recommendations.

- b. Establishing a permanent Information Technology committee under the bylaws, responsible for the full evaluation of all town computer technology and contracts. The proposed committee will need to address where Town departments are with information technology, a detailed plan on how to bring the departments up to date, and a detailed plan on how to adopt new technology into town departments.
- c. Establishment of a post employment benefits liability trust fund and continued funding of the trust fund. This trust fund would primarily address the retirement health insurance costs which the town has historically funded on an as you go basis and instead should be funded during an employee's working career to cover the costs to be incurred during retirement. Adoption of this recommendation will help the town to comply with governmental accounting and state requirements and is a sound financial practice.
- d. Defining a quorum of an appointed town committee to be a simple majority of its appointed members rather than the number of members authorized. This recommendation is intended to address periods when appointed committees have less than the full complement due to vacancies. This would enable these committees to continue to conduct business and operate smoothly on behalf of the citizens and the town so long as there is a quorum of the appointed members present. The Town Meeting approved this article and it has been submitted to the legislature for approval.
- e. Appointment of a bylaw review committee by the Moderator for the purpose of reviewing existing bylaws and to propose changes including additions and deletions. It has been noted that the existing bylaws first adopted in 1934 provide limited information, lack an index or list of locally adopted statutes and special acts and include a tremendous amount of unnecessary jargon. The Committee will have a three year term, unless extended by Town Meeting.

The Committee continues to evaluate changes needed in the town's financial management which is currently fragmented. Improved reporting, annual and multiyear budgeting, cash forecasting all need to be made a part of a regular process. The Committee is considering the value of creating a Chief Financial Officer for the town to provide the improvements needed.

The Committee is also reviewing again the issue of consolidation involving the DPW, Park and Cemetery work groups to provide better efficiency and allocation of resources. This review includes consideration of an expansion of the duties and responsibilities of the Consolidated Facilities Department. A key objective of this analysis will be to insure that critical functions performed by each separate department will continue to be performed at a high level.

The Committee is also reviewing the role and need for the Personnel Board due to changes over the last fifty years such as the advent of collective bargaining in the public sector as well as more recent changes forthcoming with the implementation strong Town Administrator that has personnel management duties incorporated into its responsibilities.

The Committee expresses appreciation to all Boards, Committees, and Department staff for their cooperation and assistance and in particular would like to thank Paula Rizzi and Barbara Martin of the Selectmen's office for their administrative assistance.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Neely, *Chair*

John A. Cronin

Kathy Fagan Bauer

Marvin Gordon

Robert Hiss

Philip Mathews

Mary McNamara

Peter A. Mullin

Leroy Walker

## REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The report of the Traffic Commission for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 is herewith submitted.

During this period we were asked to make recommendations on existing or anticipated traffic problems in all areas of the town. The Commission reviewed issues relative to East Milton Square, Route 28 and numerous side streets and other locations in town. Many complaints that continue to be received by us are related to speed, the majority of which pertain to side streets. We have done numerous traffic counts and speed studies. In the vast majority, the volume of traffic is the problem, not speed.

The parking and traffic improvements proposed for East Milton are critical. The Square is the main hub of business in Milton while also serving as a primary commuter route into and out of Boston. We are eager to see the deck project, with all of the recommended infrastructure improvements, move forward.

Second to East Milton, the Central Avenue Business District is an important part of Milton slated for change. Public parking especially, as well as a new loading zone for the district, remain our priority.

In closing, we realize that for all of the amenities and wonderful aspects of our community, daily traffic is not one of them. The members of the Traffic Commission continue to seek ways to alleviate gridlock and ease the flow of traffic in Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Wells, Jr., *Chairman, Chief of Police*  
Joseph Lynch, *Director, Department of Public Works*  
John J. Grant, *Chief, Fire Department*  
Lt. Mark L. Alba, *Traffic & Safety Officer*  
William F. Ritchie, *Consolidated Facilities*  
William B. Clark, Jr., *Town Planner*  
John P. Thompson, *Town Engineer*



## **REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The past year was a busy one for the Department of Veterans' Services. Veterans' Services assisted a significant number of Milton veterans and/or their dependents with the processing and obtainment of federal, state and local benefits to which they were entitled.

Elderly veterans and/or their dependents were assisted with an array of state and federal financial or medical benefits. A priority was placed on ensuring that they had sufficient heat and food as well as access to needed medical care and outside activities. Younger veterans were temporarily assisted financially as well as provided with educational and employment advice, referrals and advocacy.

The Baker administration appointed Francisco Urena as the state's new Secretary of Veterans' Services. Secretary Urena is a former Veterans' Service office and has been pro-active assisting homeless veterans and their families. As an Iraq veteran, Secretary Urena has an understanding and appreciation of the issues facing younger veterans and has established programs and other resources available to this particular segment of the veterans' community. During the past year this office worked in partnership with DVS and other outside agencies to ensure that veterans of all eras have access to whatever resources were needed.

Obviously veterans have certain issues that are unique to the veteran population: however, they are also affected by many of the same issues as other Milton residents. This office has developed an extensive network of veteran centered and non-veteran specific organizations and resources to assist Milton's veterans deal with many of the issues they face

I would like to thank Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the town's veterans and their willingness to address and resolve these issues in dignified and creative ways.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Cunningham, *Director*  
*Milton Veterans' Services*





# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2015 arranged as follows:

1. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015
2. Combined Balance Sheet of all Funds as of June 30, 2015
3. Combined Balance Sheet – Enterprise Funds as of June 30, 2015
4. Balance Sheet detail – Special Revenue, Capital Projects and Trust/Agency Funds
5. Schedule of Capital Improvement Funds

All bills and vouchers on which monies have been paid from the Treasury and all trust funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer and Library Trustees have been examined and found to be correct.

I wish to thank the Central Business Office Staff, the Board of Selectmen, all Town Departments and the Warrant Committee for all of their help during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Dexter  
*Town Accountant*

General Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	YTD Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Real & Personal Property Taxes	67,675,698		67,675,698	68,144,229		468,531
Motor Vehicle & Boat Excise Taxes	3,300,559		3,300,559	3,654,137		353,578
Local Meals Tax	155,000		155,000	172,838		17,838
Penalties & Interest	550,000		550,000	617,972		67,972
P.L.O.T. (Payments In Lieu Of Taxes)	75,000		75,000	104,041		29,041
Cemetery Fees	420,000		420,000	418,302		(1,698)
Licenses & Permits	850,000		850,000	1,101,184		251,184
Other Departmental Revenue	139,000		139,000	137,325		(1,675)
Trash & Recycling Fees	850,000		850,000	893,872		43,872
Fees	150,000		150,000	170,257		20,257
State & Local Aid	9,758,084		9,758,084	9,687,170		(70,914)
Fines & Forfeits	200,000		200,000	179,922		(20,078)
Investment Income	25,000		25,000	43,820		18,820
Misc. Non recurring	-		-	423,310		423,310
<b>YTD General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>84,148,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,148,341</b>	<b>85,748,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,600,038</b>

**Expenditures:**

Selectmen	505,012		505,012	481,290		23,722
Unallocated Wage Set Aside	-		-	-		-
Audit	58,200		58,200	58,200		-
Warrant Committee	10,449		10,449	8,175		2,274
Reserve Fund	846,090	(846,090)	-	-		-
Central Business Office	364,158	(7,544)	356,614	334,645	11,000	10,969
Assessor	365,181		365,181	355,694		9,487
Treasurer/Collector	352,567		352,567	344,613		7,954
Law	261,000	34,049	295,049	295,049		-
Personnel Board	46,994		46,994	46,994		-
Information Technology	357,303		357,303	357,245		58
Town Clerk	253,034	9,873	262,907	259,627	2,310	970
Elections & Registration	69,380		69,380	61,931		7,449
Conservation Commission	2,500		2,500	1,637		863
Planning Board	33,546	18,512	52,058	43,405	538	8,115
General Insurance	950,647	250,000	1,200,647	1,000,407	200,240	-

**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	YTD Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
Consolidated Facilities	787,479	4,137	791,616	778,675	8,912	4,029
Warrant/Annual Reports/Bylaws	6,300		6,300	4,615		1,685
Police	6,431,456	58	6,431,514	6,403,655	11,846	16,013
Leash Law	75,692		75,692	75,670		22
Fire	4,970,105	67,430	5,037,535	5,032,635	4,617	283
Inspectional Services	402,184		402,184	390,799	90	11,295
Milton Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)	10,615		10,615	9,623		992
Schools	39,357,890	110,190	39,468,080	39,445,979	22,101	-
Blue Hills Regional	882,674		882,674	855,492		27,182
Public Works - General	1,964,326	1,435,370	3,399,696	2,929,792	469,576	328
Public Works - Vehicle Maintenance	483,461	7,227	490,688	442,770	592	47,326
Solid Waste Management	1,935,871	(120,390)	1,815,481	1,643,479	9,640	162,362
Cemetery	767,123	9,630	776,753	728,401		48,352
Board of Health	190,371		190,371	145,781	1,865	42,725
Council on Aging	211,296	2,901	214,197	209,212	2,413	2,572
Veteran's Benefits	141,780		141,780	111,357		30,423
Library	1,195,611		1,195,611	1,192,376		3,235
Parks & Recreation	428,883		428,883	413,213		15,670
Historical Commission	2,240		2,240	1,800		440
Debt Service	4,302,984		4,302,984	4,287,874		15,110
Other	18,756,637	(179,683)	18,576,954	18,570,794		6,160
YTD General Fund Expenditures	87,781,039	795,670	88,576,709	87,322,904	745,740	508,065
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(3,632,698)	(795,670)	(4,428,368)	(1,574,525)	(745,740)	2,108,103
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES	979,921		979,921	979,921	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(2,652,777)	(795,670)	(3,448,447)	(594,604)	(745,740)	2,108,103

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
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	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TRUSTS AND AGENCY	LONG-TERM ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS ALL FUNDS
ASSETS							
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	9,399,686	5,495,357	6,430,742	3,947,851	16,733,386	0	42,007,022
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIVABLES	2,979	175,799	0	82,403	0	0	261,181
INTERFUND RECEIVABLES(Due from Water/Sewer)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	164,426	0	0	0	0	0	164,426
EXCISE TAX RECEIVABLE	485,628	0	0	0	0	0	485,628
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	30,684	0	0	0	0	0	30,684
REAL ESTATE TAX RECEIVABLE	950,427	0	0	0	0	0	950,427
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE	0	0	0	192,747	0	0	192,747
TAX LIENS	2,079,981	0	0	0	0	0	2,079,981
USER CHARGES RECEIVABLE	0	0	0	1,408,089	0	0	1,408,089
UTILITY LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	0	0	0	49,486	0	0	49,486
AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR BONDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER ASSETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAX FORECLOSURES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	13,113,811	5,671,156	6,430,742	5,680,576	16,733,386	35,461,042	83,090,712
LIABILITIES							
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/IBNR	916,462	215,466	57,779	50,173	689,268	0	1,929,149
PAYROLL PAYABLE	886,100	147,842	0	33,494	0	0	1,067,437
INTERFUND PAYABLES (Due to General Fund)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BONDS PAYABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEFERRED REVENUES	3,247,056	175,799	0	1,732,725	0	35,461,042	35,461,042
ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE	0	0	1,327,064	0	0	0	5,155,580
OTHER LIABILITIES	176,342	0	0	191,500	0	0	1,327,064
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS	1,015,873	0	0	0	0	0	367,842
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	(1,343)	0	0	0	0	0	1,015,873
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,240,469	539,107	1,384,843	2,007,892	689,268	35,461,042	46,322,642
FUND EQUITY							
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES-CURRENT YR	745,739	0	0	988,956	0	0	1,734,695
RESERVE FOR EXPENDITURES - FY 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESERVE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES (FREE CASH)	0	0	0	50	0	0	50
RESERVE FOR OVERLAY SURPLUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESERVE FOR DEPOSITS & PETTY CASH	17,716	300	0	439,802	0	0	457,817
RESERVE FOR SUBS YR BUDGET	2,785,481	0	0	0	0	0	2,785,481
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESERVED FOR SNOW & ICE DEFICITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	3,324,386	5,131,748	5,045,889	2,243,875	16,044,118	0	31,790,026
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	6,873,322	5,132,048	5,045,899	3,672,684	16,044,118	0	36,768,070
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	13,113,811	5,671,156	6,430,742	5,680,576	16,733,386	35,461,042	83,090,712

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 BALANCE SHEETS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
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	SEWER ENTERPRISE	WATER ENTERPRISE	TOTAL ENTERPRISE
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	1,685,621	2,262,230	3,947,851
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT'S RECEIVABLE	192,747	0	192,747
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIVABLES	0	82,403	82,403
USER CHARGES RECEIVABLE	933,479	474,610	1,408,089
UTILITY LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	25,958	23,527	49,486
AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR BONDS PAYABLE	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,837,805</b>	<b>2,842,771</b>	<b>5,680,576</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	33,260	16,913	50,173
PAYROLL PAYABLE	15,730	17,764	33,494
INTERFUND PAYABLES	0	0	0
BONDS PAYABLE	0	0	0
DEFERRED REVENUES	1,152,184	580,540	1,732,725
NOTES PAYABLE	0	0	0
OTHER LIABILITIES	84,000	107,500	191,500
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,285,175</b>	<b>722,718</b>	<b>2,007,892</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	705,146	283,811	988,956
RESERVE FOR EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH	0	50	50
RESERVE FOR DEPOSITS	202,549	237,253	439,802
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	644,936	1,598,939	2,243,875
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,552,630</b>	<b>2,120,053</b>	<b>3,672,684</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>2,837,805</b>	<b>2,842,771</b>	<b>5,680,576</b>



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FUND #	Fund Name	Cash	Receivables	Total Assets	PAYROLL PAYABLE	PAYABLE ACCRIBNR	PAYABLE	Deferred Revenues	ANTICIPATION NOTES PAY	Reserve For Petty Cash	Unreserved Fund Balance	Total Fund Equity	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance
012	SCHOOL LUNCH	573,064		573,064	31,777	14,773				300	526,214	526,514	573,064
201	SENIOR CENTER		520	520							520	520	520
202	RECYCLING GIFT		0	0							0	0	0
203	FAIR HOUSING GIFT		0	0							0	0	0
204	INS RECOVERY/SELECTMEN	21,735		21,735							21,735	21,735	21,735
205	GRAVELINERS CH 44 S63E1/2	58,676		58,676							58,676	58,676	58,676
206	SPEC NEEDS GIFT		0	0							0	0	0
207	CELEBRATE MILTON/WE ARE MILTON		0	0							0	0	0
208	ULIN RINK	12,070		12,070							12,070	12,070	12,070
209	MILTON ACADEMY GIFT		0	0							0	0	0
210	HILLSIDE AVE SALE OF LAND		0	0							0	0	0
211	PREMIUM SALE OF BONDS	138,152		138,152							138,152	138,152	138,152
212	E. MILTON LIBRARY REVOLVING	24,698		24,698							24,698	24,698	24,698
213	RGN LICENSE FCC	313,288		313,288							313,288	313,288	313,288
214	DOG LICENSE SURCHARGE	8,264		8,264							8,264	8,264	8,264
215	CONCOM SPEC PROJ	62,961		62,961							62,961	62,961	62,961
216	CONCOM GIFT	8,901		8,901							8,901	8,901	8,901
217	SPEC BIKE ACCT	14,205		14,205							14,205	14,205	14,205
218	CONSERVATION FUND	2,210		2,210							2,210	2,210	2,210
219	NEPONSET RIVER GIFT	10,000		10,000							10,000	10,000	10,000
220	GREEN COMMUNITIES		0	0							0	0	0
221	LIBRARY GIFT - PROGRAMS	57		57							57	57	57
222	FULLER HOUSING	20,914		20,914							20,914	20,914	20,914
223	CHNA SUB ABUSE GRANT(STATE)	727		727							727	727	727
224	POLICE PRIVATE WORK	135,413	175,799	311,212	47,785	6	175,799				(65,177)	(65,177)	135,413
225	CONMI OF MA TREASMS	14,494		14,494							14,494	14,494	14,494
226	INDUSTRY RECOVERY/FIRE	81		81							81	81	81
227	INDUSTRY FIRE GIFT	32		32							32	32	32
228	FIRE GIFT	131,279		131,279							131,279	131,279	131,279
229	DETAIL WORK/FIRE	4,435		4,435	1,859						2,576	2,576	2,576
230	COOMES MUSEUM GIFT	1,598		1,598							1,598	1,598	1,598
231	SPECIAL SERVICES/BLDG DEPT	12,179		12,179							12,179	12,179	12,179
232	FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT F007		0	0							0	0	0
233	COOP TREE PLANT	6,636		6,636							6,636	6,636	6,636
234	COMPOST BINS	625		625							625	625	625
235	RES LIQ DAM WASTEMANAGEMENT	6,746		6,746							6,746	6,746	6,746
236	FEMA FIRE GRANT		0	0							0	0	0
237	WATER LOSS DPW		0	0							0	0	0
238	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION		0	0							0	0	0
240	BURIAL RIGHTS	225,475		225,475							125,611	125,611	225,475
241	VACCINATIONS 53E 1/2	34,139		34,139							32,302	32,302	34,139
242	HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPARE	2,451		2,451							0	0	2,451
243	SPECIAL NEEDS VAN	6,878		6,878							5,774	5,774	6,878
244	SENIOR CENTER GIFT	2,593		2,593							2,356	2,356	2,593
245	MILTON ACADEMY GIFT		0	0							0	0	0
246	LIBRARY GIFT	69,359		69,359							59,611	59,611	69,359
247	GILE RD MAINTENANCE	11,285		11,285							11,285	11,285	11,285
248	LIBRARY FACILITIES RENTAL	46,009		46,009							41,534	41,534	46,009
249	SPECIAL NEEDS GIFTS PARKS	15,731		15,731							15,731	15,731	15,731

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		Cash							Petty Cash				
250	PARKS GIFTS	5,609		5,609							5,609		5,609
251	RECREATION REV CH 118	179,522		179,522	6,070	11,373					162,079		179,522
252	KELLY FIELD	8,108		8,108							8,108		8,108
253	ANDREWS PARK GIFT	2,750		2,750							2,750		2,750
254	RENTAL REV 44 53E PARKS	18,743		18,743		531					18,212		18,743
255	PIERCE FIELD LIGHTS	0		0							0		0
256	SOLAR PANELS GRANT	0		0							0		0
257	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,052		2,052							2,052		2,052
258	ELDER AFFAIRS	1,412		1,412	1,238	174					0		1,412
259	CEMETERY GIFT REVOLVING	18,165		18,165							18,165		18,165
260	POLICE DARE	6,560		6,560		3,173					3,387		6,560
261	COMMUNITY POLICING	0		0							0		0
262	FEDERAL CLUCKITEST	16,996		16,996							16,996		16,996
263	BULLERY PROFFESTS FED GRANT	2,594		2,594							2,594		2,594
264	FIRE RESOLVING	12,372		12,372		1,439					10,933		12,372
265	FIRE HAZMAT GRANT	23,031		23,031	237						22,794		23,031
266	FIRE SAFE GRANT	8,530		8,530	181	345					8,003		8,530
267	FIRE MOLD/DEPLOYMENT	4,493		4,493							4,493		4,493
268	ATM 08 FIRE MEDICAL	262,290		262,290							262,290		262,290
269	PARKS GILE ROAD FIELDS GIFTS	21,335		21,335							21,335		21,335
270	DPW OTHER GIFTS/GRANTS	1,889		1,889							1,889		1,889
271	FEDERAL SAMHSA GRANT	0		0							0		0
272	MASSWORKS GRANT	0		0							0		0
273	WALTER BAKER GIFT	(567,526)		(567,526)							(567,526)		(567,526)
274	COPELAND GIFTS	0		0							0		0
275	BRING OUT THE MUSIC PROJECT	4,235		4,235							4,235		4,235
276	YOUTH HEALTHY COMM PROJ	1,429		1,429							1,429		1,429
277	SALE OF LAND CENTRAL AVE	0		0							0		0
278	POLICE OTHER GRANTS	0		0							0		0
279	EQPS NEPONSET PATROL	0		0							0		0
280	POLICE STERILIZATION	0		0							0		0
281	POLICE 911 SUPPORT GRANT	30,912		30,912							30,912		30,912
282	POLICE STATE FITNESS GRANT	0		0							0		0
283	POPS POND BRIDGE MAINT GIFT	0		0							0		0
284	POLICE LEPC	701		701							701		701
285	POLICE LEPC	1,743		1,743		73					1,670		1,743
286	ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANT	3,218		3,218							3,218		3,218
287	TOWN GREEN BENCHES	11,443		11,443							11,443		11,443
288	HINKLEY ROAD	5,513		5,513							5,513		5,513
289	SAFETY EQUIP FY09 FIRE	0		0							0		0
290	FIRE FEMA	0		0							0		0
291	INSURANCE RECOVERY WIRE	22,055		22,055							22,055		22,055
292	PINE TREE DEM#0104	2,608		2,608							2,608		2,608
293	PWED WHARF ST. PROJECT	4,867		4,867							4,867		4,867
294	E. MILTON PARKING STUDY	0		0							0		0
295	LIBRARY INCENTIVE	136,149		136,149		2,758					133,391		136,149
296	TURNERS POND GIFTS	14,251		14,251							14,251		14,251
297	ARTS LOTTERY/MA CULTURAL COUNCIL	7,319		7,319							7,319		7,319
298	CURRY COLLEGE GIFT	1,678		1,678							1,678		1,678
401	DRUG FREE SCHOOLS	0		0							0		0

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		Cash							Petty Cash				
402	TITLE I	14,456		14,456	1,195	11,131					2,131	2,131	14,456
403	SPEED PROF DEVELOP	0		0	0						0	0	0
404	SPEED 194-42	0		0	0						0	0	0
405	SPEED EARLY CHILDHOOD	0		0	0						0	0	0
406	TITLE V	0		0	0						0	0	0
407	ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY	0		0	0						0	0	0
408	TEACHER QUALITY	(895)		(895)							(895)	(895)	(895)
409	MCAS	(0)		(0)							(0)	(0)	(0)
410	AGEED SCHOOL HEALTH	76		76							76	76	76
411	MALINTERVENTION	(589)		(589)							(589)	(589)	(589)
412	PREMAN GRANT	2		2							2	2	2
413	MENTOR PRIVATE GRANT	176		176							176	176	176
414	INFLEXION GRANT	759		759							759	759	759
415	SPEED CORRECTIVE ACTION	0		0	0						0	0	0
416	KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION	8		8							8	8	8
418	KINDERGARTEN FULL DAY	340		340							340	340	340
421	COMMUNITY SERVICE	0		0	0						0	0	0
422	SAFE SCHOOLS II	0		0	0						0	0	0
423	TITLE 1 SUMMER CARRYOVER	0		0	0						0	0	0
427	SERV	0		0	0						0	0	0
429	MCAS FY10	0		0	0						0	0	0
430	IDEA	0		0	0						0	0	0
431	MCAS SUMMER B	0		0	0						0	0	0
432	EARLY CHILDHOOD	0		0	0						0	0	0
433	LEARN & SERV	(307)		(307)							(307)	(307)	(307)
434	ARRA SFSF	0		0	0						0	0	0
435	TITLE I CO	0		0	0						0	0	0
436	BYSB	0		0	0						0	0	0
437	PIERCE GRANT/LOWES	0		0	0						0	0	0
440	TITLE 1 FY 2011	0		0	0						0	0	0
443	EDUCATION JOBS GRANT	(0)		(0)							(0)	(0)	(0)
444	MVAA GRANT	0		0	0						0	0	0
446	REG. DISSEMINATIN GRANT	(0)		(0)							(0)	(0)	(0)
447	EC SPEED PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT	0		0	0						0	0	0
450	BLUE HILLS CHARITY PRIV GRANT	0		0	0						0	0	0
452	PROF PRACT INNOV GRANT	0		0	0						0	0	0
454	LEP SUPPORT	7,556		7,556		7,556					0	0	7,556
456	BLUE HILLS INTO THE FIELDS	483		483		483					0	0	483
459	CREATIVITY AND INNOV. GRANT	1,060		1,060		1,060					0	0	1,060
502	SUMMER SCHOOL	219,216		219,216		466					218,750	218,750	219,216
503	ADULT SCHOOL	48,997		48,997		239					48,758	48,758	48,997
504	ATHLETIC REVOLVING	102,088		102,088		2,088					100,000	100,000	102,088
505	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	660,362		660,362	31,730	8,152					620,480	620,480	660,362
506	COPELAND FAMILY FUND	171,088		171,088	413						170,675	170,675	171,088
507	SPEED GIFTS	0		0	0						0	0	0
508	LOST BOOKS	22,426		22,426							22,426	22,426	22,426
509	PRESCHOOL	42,991		42,991							42,991	42,991	42,991
510	RENTAL #4 SE	167,733		167,733	7,464	4,527					169,742	169,742	167,733
511	INTER PRESCHOOL	33,516		33,516							33,516	33,516	33,516
512	BUS REVOLVING	151,335		151,335							151,335	151,335	151,335

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513	EDUCATION FOUNDATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
515	STUDENT ACCOUNTS	39,912	0	39,912	0	1,765	0	0	0	38,147	38,147	39,912
516	STUDENT ENRICHMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
517	WELCOME TO PIERCE	39,124	0	39,124	0	125	0	0	0	38,999	38,999	39,124
518	CIRCUIT BREAKER	355,931	0	355,931	0	0	0	0	0	355,931	355,931	355,931
519	MHS ACCREDITATION FUND	241,679	0	241,679	0	0	0	0	0	241,679	241,679	241,679
520	SCHOOL DEPT GIFTS	24,276	0	24,276	0	750	0	0	0	23,526	23,526	24,276
521	MUSIC DEPT	67,444	0	67,444	0	0	0	0	0	67,444	67,444	67,444
522	ALTERNATIVE EVENING PGM	50	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
523	MIDDLE SCHOOL PASS	19,640	0	19,640	0	0	0	0	0	19,640	19,640	19,640
524	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
525	MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	1,005	0	1,005	0	0	0	0	0	1,005	1,005	1,005
526	HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	(0)	(0)
528	MEDICAID	293,037	0	293,037	1,188	0	0	0	0	291,850	291,850	293,037
529	PIERCE SPORTS	4,777	0	4,777	0	116	0	0	0	4,661	4,661	4,777
530	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN B	266,670	0	266,670	0	0	0	0	0	266,670	266,670	266,670
531	COLLEGE SHELTER COORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
532	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PY 15	18,217	0	18,217	16,406	168	0	0	0	1,613	1,613	18,217
533	GLOVER ENRICHMENT EXT. DAY	16,581	0	16,581	0	588	0	0	0	15,995	15,995	16,581
534	CUNNINGHAM EXT. DAY	378	0	378	0	0	0	0	0	378	378	378
535	TUCKER EXT. DAY	4,668	0	4,668	0	0	0	0	0	4,668	4,668	4,668
536	SPEED PRIVATE TUITIONS	175,988	0	175,988	0	0	0	0	0	175,988	175,988	175,988
537	AP ADVANCED PLACEMENT	6,181	0	6,181	0	0	0	0	0	6,181	6,181	6,181
538	BOKS - REEBOK FOUNDATION	683	0	683	0	0	0	0	0	683	683	683
539	PMS DRAMA CLUB	6,974	0	6,974	300	1,055	0	0	0	5,619	5,619	6,974
540	GENERAL MUSIC	18,644	0	18,644	0	17,838	0	0	0	807	807	18,644
541	MHS - PLAY	5,377	0	5,377	0	0	0	0	0	5,377	5,377	5,377
542	FIELD TRIPS	3,102	0	3,102	0	0	0	0	0	3,102	3,102	3,102
601	HEALTH MED RES	577	0	577	0	0	0	0	0	577	577	577
602	SUS/GIFT - M.C. SUB ABUSE	1,955	0	1,955	0	0	0	0	0	1,955	1,955	1,955
603	HEALTH H1N1 CLINICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
620	MIA LOSS CONTROL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
630	CONSERVATION CH 44 53E1/2	79,000	0	79,000	0	0	0	0	0	79,000	79,000	79,000
640	PLANNING BD APP REVIEW	2,900	0	2,900	0	0	0	0	0	2,900	2,900	2,900
641	MGL CH 40B COMP PERM APPS	3,361	0	3,361	0	0	0	0	0	3,361	3,361	3,361
642	HO/MW RANDOLPH AVE 40B	10,353	0	10,353	0	3,000	0	0	0	7,353	7,353	10,353
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE												
		5,495,357	175,799	5,671,156	147,842	215,466	175,799	0	300	5,131,748	5,132,048	5,671,156
013	HWY STATEAID REIMB	(7,991)	0	(7,991)	0	2,420	0	0	0	(10,411)	(10,411)	(7,991)
301	NSTAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT	326,035	0	326,035	0	7,034	0	0	0	319,001	319,001	326,035
304	LAMB PLAYING FIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
305	SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
306	LIBRARY DESIGN/RENOVATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
307	DPW CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	587,521	0	587,521	0	0	0	0	0	587,521	587,521	587,521
308	DPW STREETWAYS IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
309	SURFACE DRAIN REHAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
310	MADER604(B) WATER QUALITY GRANT	3,701	0	3,701	0	0	0	0	0	3,701	3,701	3,701
311	IT EQUIPMENT	47,846	0	47,846	0	0	0	0	0	(37,451)	(37,451)	47,846
312	PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS	27,145	0	27,145	0	0	0	0	0	27,145	27,145	27,145
313	WRRRP 2014	(93,368)	0	(93,368)	0	0	0	0	0	(93,368)	(93,368)	(93,368)

TOWN OF MILTON  
BALANCE SHEET DETAIL - SPECIAL REVENUE, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TRUST/AGENCY FUNDS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

FUND #	Fund Name	Receivables		Cash	Total Assets	PAYROLL PAYABLE	PAYABLE	Deferred Revenues	ANTICIPATION NOTES PAY	Reserve For		Unreserved Fund Balance	Total Fund Equity	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance
						ACCR IBNR				Petty Cash				
314	LIBRARY GEOTECH SURVEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
315	POLICE GENERATORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
316	FIRE TRUCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
317	FIRE JAWS OF LIFE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
319	POLICE EMERG. RADIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
324	WIRE PICK UP TRUCK	2,274	2,274	0	2,274	0	0	0	2,274	0	2,274	2,274	2,274	2,274
325	SCHOOL PICK UP TRUCK	3,677	3,677	0	3,677	0	0	0	214,752	0	(211,075)	(211,075)	(211,075)	3,677
326	SCHOOL DUCT WORK	66,358	66,358	0	66,358	0	0	0	85,000	0	(18,642)	(18,642)	(18,642)	66,358
327	PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY FIELDS	13,625	13,625	0	13,625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,625
330	WIND TURBINE GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
331	WIND TURBINE BORROWING AUTH.	363,626	363,626	0	363,626	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	363,626
332	E. MILTON SQ DECK PROJECT	(10,162)	(10,162)	0	(10,162)	0	0	0	0	0	(10,162)	(10,162)	(10,162)	(10,162)
333	CEMETERY CAPITAL PROJECTS	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	46,389	0	0	0	0	3,611	3,611	3,611	50,000
335	LIBRARY CONSTR/RECONSTR	314,015	314,015	0	314,015	0	0	0	0	0	314,015	314,015	314,015	314,015
336	SURFACE DRAIN REHAB 2012	194,568	194,568	0	194,568	1,936	0	0	0	0	192,632	192,632	192,632	194,568
337	SURFACE DRAIN REHAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
338	SEWER PAVING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
340	CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	884,864	884,864	0	884,864	0	0	0	0	0	884,864	884,864	884,864	884,864
342	BLUE HILLS/MATT SQ DESIGN	1,287,866	1,287,866	0	1,287,866	0	0	0	0	0	1,287,866	1,287,866	1,287,866	1,287,866
351	UNDISTRIBUTED SBP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
352	GLOVER ELEMENTARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
353	NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
354	TUCKER ELEMENTARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
355	COLLICOT & CUNNINGHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
356	HIGH SCHOOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal School Building Projects														
370	SEWER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	(5,454)	(5,454)	0	(5,454)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
371	SEWER I/I ATM 10 ART 21	469,000	469,000	0	469,000	0	31,500	0	0	0	(36,954)	(36,954)	(36,954)	(5,454)
372	RANDOLPH AVE. SEWER	3,648	3,648	0	3,648	0	0	0	0	0	469,000	469,000	469,000	469,000
374	WOODLAWN RD.	151,142	151,142	0	151,142	0	0	0	0	0	3,648	3,648	3,648	3,648
375	SEWER MITIGATION I/I	623,408	623,408	0	623,408	0	0	0	0	0	151,142	151,142	151,142	151,142
380	WATER SYSTEM REHAB	81,288	81,288	0	81,288	0	0	0	0	0	623,408	623,408	623,408	623,408
381	WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS	15,949	15,949	0	15,949	0	0	0	0	0	81,288	81,288	81,288	81,288
382	METER READERS/REPLACEMENT	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	(52,551)	(52,551)	(52,551)	15,949
383	METER STORAGE TANKS	842,015	842,015	0	842,015	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
387	WATER MWRA CAP A19 2010-ATM	175,447	175,447	0	175,447	0	842,015	0	0	0	175,447	175,447	175,447	842,015
388	MWRA CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
389	MWRA CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
390	MWRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
395	RENEWABLE ENERGY	12,695	12,695	0	12,695	0	0	0	0	0	12,695	12,695	12,695	12,695
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS														
		0	0	6,430,742	6,430,742	0	57,779	0	1,327,064	0	5,045,899	5,045,899	5,045,899	6,430,742
803	ML PEABODY POOR FUND	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
804	SELECTMEN SCHOLARSHIP	12,471	12,471	0	12,471	0	0	0	0	0	12,471	12,471	12,471	12,471
805	HUGO'S GAZEBO	8,792	8,792	0	8,792	0	0	0	0	0	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792
806	GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP	6,786	6,786	0	6,786	0	0	0	0	0	6,786	6,786	6,786	6,786
807	KANE SCHOLARSHIP	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
808	TUELL HOLLOWELL SCHOLARSHIP	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
810	SCHOOLMAN SCHOLARSHIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOWN OF MILTON  
BALANCE SHEET DETAIL - SPECIAL REVENUE, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TRUST/AGENCY FUNDS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

FUND #	Fund Name	Receivables		Total Assets	PAYROLL PAYABLE	PAYABLE ACCR IBNR	Deferred Revenues	ANTICIPATION NOTES PAY	Reserve For		Unreserved Fund Balance	Total Fund Equity	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance
		Cash							Petty Cash				
811	EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP	10,007		10,007						10,007	10,007	10,007	
812	MILTON FOUNDATION		207	207						207	207	207	
813	EAE LEVINE SCHOLARSHIP	7,700		7,700						7,700	7,700	7,700	
814	MHS SCHOLARSHIP		0	0						0	0	0	
815	CEMETERY PERP CARE TRUST	1,304,554		1,304,554						1,304,554	1,304,554	1,304,554	
816	CPC CURRENT RECEIPTS	380,816		380,816						380,816	380,816	380,816	
817	CEMETERY FLAPORTA	2,526		2,526						2,526	2,526	2,526	
818	CEMETERY BEQUEST FUND	158,883		158,883						158,883	158,883	158,883	
820	LIBRARY OAKLAND HALL	53,119		53,119						53,119	53,119	53,119	
821	LIBRARY NJ KIDDER	122,138		122,138						122,138	122,138	122,138	
822	LIBRARY PUBLIC TRUST	186,483		186,483						186,483	186,483	186,483	
824	LIBRARY BLUE HILLS BANK CHECKING	13,766		13,766						13,766	13,766	13,766	
825	LIBRARY STACKPOLE MEMORIAL	14,536		14,536						14,536	14,536	14,536	
826	LIBRARY HARRY HOYT	92,135		92,135						92,135	92,135	92,135	
827	LIBRARY EXPANSION	216,741		216,741						216,741	216,741	216,741	
828	ANTHONY SAMMARCO	5,586		5,586						5,586	5,586	5,586	
829	HISTORIOGRAPHY	4,993		4,993						4,993	4,993	4,993	
830	LIBRARY BARON HUGO	1,670		1,670						1,670	1,670	1,670	
832	MILTON ART ASSOCIATION	9,214		9,214						9,214	9,214	9,214	
835	SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP	7,363		7,363						7,363	7,363	7,363	
859	COPELAND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	308,977		308,977						308,977	308,977	308,977	
860	RABBI KORFF SHOLARSHIP	9,320		9,320						9,320	9,320	9,320	
861	GOVERNOR STOUTHTON TRUST	357,057		357,057						357,057	357,057	357,057	
862	STABILIZATION FUND	3,736,056		3,736,056						3,736,056	3,736,056	3,736,056	
863	PERKINS PARK FUND	163		163						163	163	163	
864	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	212,768		212,768						212,768	212,768	212,768	
865	HUGO'S GAZERO	5,104		5,104						5,104	5,104	5,104	
866	SF GIBBONS SCHOOL FUND	(737)		(737)						(737)	(737)	(737)	
867	KANE SCHOLARSHIP	(265)		(265)						(265)	(265)	(265)	
868	TUELL HOLLOWELL SCHOLARSHIP	(669)		(669)						(669)	(669)	(669)	
869	ED DONATION EXCISE	19,075		19,075						19,075	19,075	19,075	
870	SCHOOLMAN SCHOLARSHIP	49,610		49,610						49,610	49,610	49,610	
871	EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP	1,830		1,830						1,830	1,830	1,830	
872	LEVINE SCHOLARSHIP	1,489		1,489						1,489	1,489	1,489	
873	MILTON HIGH SCHOLARSHIP	173,881		173,881						173,881	173,881	173,881	
874	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	2,012,281		2,012,281						2,012,281	2,012,281	2,012,281	
875	CEMETERY CPC RECEIPTS	203,670		203,670						203,670	203,670	203,670	
876	CEMETERY LA PORTA	119		119						119	119	119	
877	CEMETERY INC SPEC	3,473		3,473						3,473	3,473	3,473	
878	CEMETERY BEQUEST FUND	265,782		265,782						265,782	265,782	265,782	
879	OAKLAND HALL LIBRARY	0		0						0	0	0	
880	LIBRARY NJ KIDDER	0		0						0	0	0	
881	REED PARK TRUST	1,391		1,391						1,391	1,391	1,391	
882	HEALTH CLAIMS TRUST	6,250,205		6,250,205	689,268					5,560,937	5,560,937	6,250,205	
883	350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	43,687		43,687						43,687	43,687	43,687	
884	POST EMPLOY BEN STABILIZATION	389,024		389,024						389,024	389,024	389,024	
885	LEO COOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND	61,593		61,593						61,593	61,593	61,593	
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY		16,733,386	0	16,733,386	0	689,268	0	0	0	16,044,118	16,044,118	16,733,386	
TOTALS		28,659,485	175,799	28,835,284	147,842	962,513	175,799	1,327,064	300	26,221,765	26,222,065	28,835,284	

TOWN OF MILTON  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

FUND	PROGRAM TITLE	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2014	REVENUE	BOND OR LOAN PROCEEDS	EXPENDITURES	INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2015
013	CH. 90 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	(313,547)	902,144		599,008			(10,411)
301	NSTAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	232,840	148,523		62,362			319,001
305	SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN	108			108			0
307	DPW CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	630,597			43,076			587,521
308	DPW STREETS/WAYS IMPROVEMENTS	998,683			998,683			0
310	MA DEP WATER QUALITY GRANT	3,701						3,701
311	IT EQUIPMENT	71,520			108,971			(37,451)
312	PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS	29,145			2,000			27,145
313	WRRP	0	93,368		186,736			(93,368)
324	WIRE PICK UP TRUCK	2,274						2,274
325	SCHOOL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	0			211,075			(211,075)
326	SCHOOL FACILITIES	67,194			85,836			(18,642)
327	PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY FIELDS	13,625						13,625
331	WIND TURBINE	363,626						363,626
332	E. MILTON SQ DECK	0	151,301		161,463			(10,162)
333	CEMETERY PLOW TRUCK	50,000			46,389			3,611
335	LIBRARY CONSTR/RECONSTR	314,015						314,015
336	SURFACE DRAIN REHAB 12	521,690			329,058			192,632
340	CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	1,044,692	17,019				176,847	884,864
342	BLUE HILLS/MATTAPAN SQ	0	1,575,000		287,134			1,287,866
351	FY05 CAPITAL ARTICLES	2,589,208					2,589,208	0
352	GLOVER ELEMENTARY	406,935					406,935	(0)
353	NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	1,963,328					1,963,328	(0)
354	TUCKER ELEMENTARY	147,444					147,444	(0)
355	COLICOT & CUNNINGHAM	(6,903,144)				6,903,144		0
356	HIGH SCHOOL	1,916,264			107		1,916,157	0
370	SEWER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	0			36,954			(36,954)
371	SEWER I/ ATM 2010 ARTICLE 21	469,000						469,000
372	RANDOLPH AVE. SEWER	3,648						3,648
373	WOODLAWN RD. PLANNING	151,142						151,142
374	SEWER MITIGATION I/	387,855	235,553					623,408
375	SEWER SYSTEM REHAB	81,288						81,288
380	WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,402			53,953			(52,551)
381	METER READERS/REPLACEMENT	3						3
387	MWRA CAPITAL2010-11ATM	175,447						175,447
395	RENEWABLE ENERGY	12,695						12,695
	TOTALS	5,432,679	3,122,908	0	3,212,913	6,903,144	7,199,919	5,045,899

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

June 30, 2015

The following is the financial report of my office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

JAMES D. MCAULIFFE, TREASURER  
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MILTON

### CURRENT ASSETS

A. Cash/Checks on hand	\$150.00
B. Non-Interest Bearing Operational Funds	\$1,872,731.67
C. Interest Bearing Operational Funds	\$1,511,709.47
D. Liquid Investments	\$27,740,026.17
E. Term Investments	\$6,074,454.54
F. Trust Funds	<u>\$4,944,269.15</u>
G. All cash and investments:	<u>\$42,143,341.00</u>



**Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services**  
**Bureau of Accounts ~ Automated Statement of Indebtedness**

City/Town/District of : Milton

**FY2015**

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Buildings	6,514,000.00	0.00	523,000.00	5,991,000.00	259,471.00
Departmental Equipment	1,962,277.00	0.00	303,277.00	1,659,000.00	68,309.00
School Buildings	14,120,000.00	4,780,000.00	6,200,000.00	12,700,000.00	555,413.00
School - All Other	594,905.00	0.00	60,905.00	534,000.00	23,983.00
Sewer	4,067,264.00	0.00	152,611.00	3,914,653.00	28,874.00
Solid Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	2,979,000.00	0.00	461,000.00	2,518,000.00	181,623.00

SUB - TOTAL Inside	\$30,237,446.00	\$4,780,000.00	\$7,700,793.00	\$27,316,653.00	\$1,117,673.00
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Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	4,751,303.00	0.00	339,379.00	4,411,924.00	95,026.00
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	2,290,059.00	0.00	494,958.00	1,795,101.00	1,168.00
Other Outside	2,091,648.00	0.00	154,284.00	1,937,364.00	66,593.00

SUB - TOTAL Outside	\$9,133,010.00	\$0.00	\$988,621.00	\$8,144,389.00	\$162,787.00
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TOTAL Long Term Debt	\$39,370,456.00	\$4,780,000.00	\$8,689,414.00	\$35,461,042.00	\$1,280,460.00
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Please complete all sections of this report and return it to the Public Finance Section no later than September 30, 2015.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that this information is complete and accurate as of this date.

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that long and short term debt as identified in this Statement of Indebtedness is in agreement with the general ledger controls in my department and are also reflected on the balance sheet.

Accounting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Delivery By U.S. Mail</b>	<b>Phone/Fax</b>	<b>FedEx, UPS, Other Delivery</b>
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PO Box 9569	(617) 626-4110	100 Cambridge St.
Boston MA 02114-9569	Fax (617) 626-3916	Boston MA 02114

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
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RANs - Revenue Anticipation	0.00			0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sewer	0.00	31,500.00	0.00	31,500.00	0.00
Water	0.00	910,515.00	0.00	910,515.00	0.00
Other BANs	0.00	385,049.00	0.00	385,049.00	0.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation	0.00			0.00	
Other Short Term Debt	0.00			0.00	

TOTAL Short Term Debt	\$0.00	\$1,327,064.00	\$0.00	\$1,327,064.00	\$0.00
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GRAND TOTAL All Debt	\$39,370,456.00	\$6,107,064.00	\$8,689,414.00	\$36,788,106.00	\$1,280,460.00
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Authorized and Unissued Debt					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2015
Wind Turbines	03/04/10	4	6,200,000.00	1,350,000.00	4,850,000.00
Sewer Capital Needs	05/03/10	21	500,000.00	472,000.00	28,000.00
Medical Expenses FY 2012	05/02/11	14	850,000.00	350,000.00	500,000.00
Water System Improvements	05/03/11	19	500,000.00	170,000.00	330,000.00
Medical Expenses FY 2013	05/08/12	13	850,000.00	0.00	850,000.00
Water Rehab	05/08/12	18	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00
Surface Drain	05/10/12	19	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00
Various Capital	05/06/13	8	3,173,255.00	2,723,255.00	450,000.00
Water System Rehab	05/09/13	26	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00
Surface Drain	05/09/13	27	300,000.00		300,000.00
Police Town Security Cameras	05/06/14	6	85,297.00	85,297.00	0.00
					\$8,808,000.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	\$9,435,285.00
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TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	\$18,243,285.00
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Please Complete Additional Sections if Needed

Authorized and Unissued Debt - Additional Sheet(s)					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2015
School Technology Smart Boards	05/06/14	6	105,552.00	105,552.00	0.00
School Technology Chromebooks	05/06/14	6	109,200.00	109,200.00	0.00
Water Trench Shoring System	05/06/14	6	50,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00
Water Air Compressor	05/06/14	6	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
Water Utility Truck	05/06/14	6	47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00
Water Meter Replacement	05/06/14	6	600,000.00	31,500.00	568,500.00
Sewer Utility Truck	05/06/14	6	46,500.00	0.00	46,500.00
Sewer Truck	05/06/14	6	46,500.00	0.00	46,500.00
School Roadway	05/06/14	6	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00
Sewer Meter Replacements	05/06/14	6	600,000.00	31,500.00	568,500.00
Water Rehab (MWRA)	05/08/14	19	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00
Sewer Capital Needs	05/08/14	21	485,000.00	0.00	485,000.00
Surface Drains	05/08/14	20	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
Water Improvements	10/27/14	2	5,400,000.00	842,015.00	4,557,985.00
Various Capital	05/04/15	5	1,200,300.00	0.00	1,200,300.00
Water Rehab	05/05/15	22	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00
Surface Drains	05/05/15	23	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
Sewer	05/05/15	24	485,000.00	0.00	485,000.00
SUB -TOTAL Additional Sheet(s)					\$9,435,285.00

**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS, STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DETAIL**

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Sewer Ref 96-30 4/29/99 WPT	100,926.00	0.00	32,629.00	68,297.00	5,477.00
Sewer Ref 10/26/04 WPT	126,490.00	0.00	14,054.00	112,436.00	5,046.00
High School 3/1/05	2,750,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	2,500,000.00	135,000.00
High School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	(2,500,000.00)	0.00
Glover School 3/1/05	550,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	500,000.00	27,000.00
Glover School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.00
Middle School 3/1/05	1,650,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	1,500,000.00	81,000.00
Middle School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	(1,500,000.00)	0.00
Tucker School 3/1/05	550,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	500,000.00	27,000.00
Tucker School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.00
Surface Drain 8/15/07	350,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	325,000.00	14,438.00
Surface Drain 8/15/07	350,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	325,000.00	14,438.00
Surface Drain 8/15/07	350,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	325,000.00	14,438.00
Fire Equipment 8/15/07	136,000.00	0.00	34,000.00	102,000.00	5,185.00
Library Plans 8/15/07	94,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	83,000.00	3,778.00
School Construct 1/15/09	2,657,000.00	0.00	178,000.00	2,479,000.00	106,866.00
Library Addition 1/15/09	6,090,000.00	0.00	446,000.00	5,644,000.00	240,841.00
Sewer 5/21/09 MWRA	103,840.00	0.00	51,920.00	51,920.00	0.00
Surface Drain 2/1/12	450,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	425,000.00	9,550.00
Surface Drain 2/1/12	450,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	425,000.00	9,550.00
Surface Drain 2/1/12	449,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	424,000.00	9,522.00
Surface Drain 2/1/12	449,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	424,000.00	9,522.00
Police Lock-Up Rehab 2/1/12	24,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	21,000.00	405.00
School Remodeling 2/1/12	108,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	102,000.00	2,292.00
Wind Turbines 2/1/12	1,207,000.00	0.00	70,000.00	1,137,000.00	25,409.00
Fire Truck 2/1/12	402,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	378,000.00	8,484.00
Cemetery Plow 2/1/12	18,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	240.00
Police Radio 2/1/12	48,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	32,000.00	640.00
Woodland Sewer Ref 12/11/13	133,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	121,000.00	3,842.00
Woodland Sewer Ref 12/11/13	351,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	320,000.00	10,195.00
Surface Drain Ref 12/11/13	293,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	267,000.00	8,509.00
Glover School Ref 12/11/13	678,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	618,000.00	19,684.00
High School Ref 12/11/13	2,276,000.00	0.00	201,000.00	2,075,000.00	66,088.00
Middle Sch Ref 12/11/13	184,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	169,000.00	5,363.00
Tucker Sch Ref 12/11/13	230,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	209,000.00	6,676.00
Collicott Sch Ref 12/11/13	1,707,000.00	0.00	166,000.00	1,541,000.00	49,223.00
Fire Station Ref 12/11/13	48,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	43,000.00	1,357.00
Police Station Ref 12/11/13	18,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	15,000.00	493.00
Roads/Traffic Sig Ref 12/11/13	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	0.00	1,204.00
Ladder Truck Ref 12/11/13	254,000.00	0.00	44,000.00	210,000.00	6,906.00
Parks Imp Ref 12/11/13	33,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	27,000.00	854.00
Sewer Generator 2/15/14	42,007.00	0.00	4,007.00	38,000.00	1,655.00

Public Finance Section  
(Revised July 2006)

DPW Truck 2/15/14	25,530.00	0.00	2,530.00	23,000.00	986.00
DPW Truck 2/15/14	25,530.00	0.00	3,530.00	22,000.00	1,006.00
DPW Sidewalk Tractor 2/15/14	165,867.00	0.00	14,867.00	151,000.00	6,383.00
DPW Madvac 2/15/14	35,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	31,000.00	1,390.00
DPW Security Gate 2/15/14	20,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	810.00
DPW Lift System 2/15/14	45,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	42,000.00	1,680.00
DPW Paving 2/15/14	200,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	184,000.00	7,675.00
Town Hall Generator 2/15/14	174,200.00	0.00	23,200.00	151,000.00	7,660.00
Town Hall Ethernet 2/15/14	70,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	61,000.00	3,090.00
Town Hall Phone Syst 2/15/14	300,450.00	0.00	100,450.00	200,000.00	15,022.00
School Truck 2/15/14	35,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	32,000.00	1,365.00
HS Duct Work 2/15/14	250,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	233,000.00	9,368.00
HS Duct Work 2/15/14	390,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	364,000.00	14,560.00
HS Duct Work 2/15/14	40,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	37,000.00	1,528.00
Cemetery Road 2/15/14	50,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	46,000.00	1,930.00
Town Hall Boiler 2/15/14	19,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	760.00
DPW Truck 2/15/14	30,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	28,000.00	1,120.00
DPW Truck 2/15/14	30,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	28,000.00	1,120.00
DPW Truck 2/15/14	41,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	38,000.00	1,555.00
DPW Flatbed 2/15/14	186,700.00	0.00	14,700.00	172,000.00	7,055.00
DPW GIS System 2/15/14	35,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	31,000.00	1,472.00
Dam Const/Locker Rm 2/15/14	85,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	79,000.00	3,208.00
Central Ave Reconst 2/15/14	1,000,000.00	0.00	68,000.00	932,000.00	37,402.00
Kelly Field Courts 2/15/14	150,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	139,000.00	5,635.00
School Security Syst 2/15/14	100,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	93,000.00	3,768.00
School Field Upgrade 2/15/14	100,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	91,000.00	3,820.00
School Track Repair 2/15/14	15,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	14,000.00	560.00
Tucker Network Hrdwr 2/15/14	46,339.00	0.00	6,339.00	40,000.00	1,947.00
HS Network Hrdwr 2/15/14	178,566.00	0.00	19,566.00	159,000.00	7,326.00
School Computers 2/15/14	220,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	198,000.00	8,965.00
Sewer Backhoe 2/15/14	69,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	62,000.00	2,660.00
Voting Booths 2/15/14	25,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	21,000.00	1,065.00
Town Hall Office Imp 2/15/14	15,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	12,000.00	615.00
Cemetery Garage 2/15/14	300,000.00	0.00	61,000.00	239,000.00	15,000.00
High School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	2,322,000.00	0.00	2,322,000.00	0.00
Glover School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	491,800.00	0.00	491,800.00	0.00
Middle School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	1,474,400.00	0.00	1,474,400.00	0.00
Tucker School 3/1/05 ref 1/26/15	0.00	491,800.00	0.00	491,800.00	0.00
TOTAL	30,237,445.00	4,780,000.00	7,700,792.00	27,316,653.00	1,117,676.00
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Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance					
	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Septic 11/15/02 WPT	23,648.00	0.00	3,284.00	20,364.00	1,104.00
Water Mains 5/19/05 MWRA	67,718.00	0.00	67,718.00	0.00	0.00
Water Mains 5/18/06 MWRA	135,436.00	0.00	67,718.00	67,718.00	0.00
Water Mains 5/17/07 MWRA	203,154.00	0.00	67,718.00	135,436.00	0.00
School Project SBA 12/13/07	4,751,303.00	0.00	339,379.00	4,411,924.00	95,026.00
Water Mains 12/4/08 MWRA	264,800.00	0.00	52,960.00	211,840.00	0.00
Medical Expenses 1/15/09	165,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	150,000.00	6,502.00
Medical Expenses 1/15/09	213,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	197,000.00	8,434.00
Water 5/21/09 MWRA	374,318.00	0.00	74,863.00	299,455.00	0.00
Water 11/16/09 MWRA	451,983.00	0.00	75,331.00	376,652.00	0.00
Medical Expenses 2/1/12	1,690,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	1,570,000.00	50,552.00
Water 6/6/13 MWRA	765,000.00	0.00	85,000.00	680,000.00	0.00
Leak Detection 2/15/14	27,650.00	0.00	3,650.00	24,000.00	1,168.00
TOTAL	9,133,010.00	0.00	988,621.00	8,144,389.00	162,786.00
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Short Term Debt Report by Issuance					
	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Various Capital 5/6/14	0.00	385,049.00	0.00	385,049.00	0.00
Water Improvements 10/27/14	0.00	842,015.00	0.00	842,015.00	0.00
Water Trench Shoring 5/6/2014	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Water Air Compressor 5/6/2014	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00
Water Meter Replacements 5/6/2014	0.00	31,500.00	0.00	31,500.00	0.00
Sewer Meter Replacements 5/6/2014	0.00	31,500.00	0.00	31,500.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	1,327,064.00	0.00	1,327,064.00	0.00
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# **SCHOOL REPORTS**



# **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2014-2015**

## **The Students and the Schools**

The school year began under the leadership of Superintendent Mary Gormley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources Janet Sheehan and Assistant Superintendent for Business Glenn Pavlicek.

Our district includes four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. We also include two pre-K classrooms as well as the Milton Community Schools which runs before and after school programs as well as vacation and summer camps. Our district offers Adult Education courses throughout the year as well as private music instruction for students, school vacation camps, a thriving Saturday Academy and Summer Enrichment opportunities.

As of June of 2015, Milton's total enrollment was 3,999 students in our public schools, a figure that increased by 55 students from the previous June, based on the SIMS data submitted to the state.

During the 2014-15 year, as in the past, the Milton Public Schools educated high-performing students. Our high school students are consistently accepted at highly competitive colleges and universities at a rate that is significantly higher than most other school districts. Our middle school students continue to thrive under the "team" model, which breaks the large number of students in Grades 6-8 at each level down into smaller teams to give students a more personalized experience. In addition, our elementary school students are thriving in both French Immersion and the STEM/Innovation Pathway program.

In the past year, we reinforced our district's core values which are: High Academic Achievement for All Students, Excellence in the Classroom, Collaborative Relationships and Communication, Respect for Human Differences, Risk Taking, and Innovation for Education.

In September of 2014, the administration announced the appointment Dr. Angela Burke, the district's new Technology Administrator. In addition, Martha O'Keefe McKenna was appointed as the district's new Parent Liaison. Both of these positions were created as a result of the Advancement Initiative, with funds approved by the School Committee, Warrant Committee and Town Meeting. The start of the school year also saw the hiring of Patricia Lesenechal, who was appointed the new Residency Coordinator, filling the vacancy left by Doreen Walsh.



In April of 2015, the Milton School Committee voted to approve the permanent appointment of two administrators. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources Janet Sheehan and Collicot Elementary School Principal Holly Concannon were both initially named as interim appointments for these positions, but were permanently appointed to these positions as a result of this vote. Tracy Grandeau was appointed to the position of Director of Pupil Personnel upon the retirement of Karen Clasby.

The winter of 2014-15 was one that saw historic snowfall. The Milton Public Schools, along with much of the region, were buried under nearly two feet of snow for several weeks during January and February. The inclement weather became a logistical challenge, which required flexibility on the part of our staff, our students, our custodians, coaches, students and families. Our buildings remained, for the most part, unaffected by the snowfall and school cancellations were kept to a minimum, but it was necessary to add seven make-up days to the end of the school calendar in June.

There were also leadership changes on the Milton School Committee. In the spring of 2015, both Lynda-Lee Sheridan and Mary Kelly, two long-serving school committee members, stepped down from the school committee. Newly-elected members Sheila Varela and Dr. Kevin Donahue began their terms at the end of April. During the reorganizational meeting at the end of April Michael Zullas and Becky Padera were elected chair and vice chair, respectively.

### ***Collicot Elementary School***

The Collicot Elementary School and its 654 students began the 2014-15 school year under the leadership of Principal Holly Concannon. During the school year, Collicot teachers underwent a variety of Professional Development courses, including a year-long Readers' Workshop coaching of grade K and 5; Readers' Workshop for grades 1-4 (sustaining best practices), as well as Summer Institutes 2014 and 2015 focusing on best practices in literacy (Nuts and Bolts of Readers'/Writers' Workshop, Looking At Student Work and Beyond the Nuts and Bolts). Other PD included:

- Writing to Text (K-2)(3-5)
- Unpacking the Math Standards
- Everyday Math (EM4 training)
- TEQ online PD
- MassCue
- FOSS Science
- STEM in Grade 3 English Innovation Pathway (Creative Computing Curriculum)
- Google
- Handwriting Without Tears

Collicot introduced several new curricula for students during the 2014-15 school year, including Handwriting/Keyboarding Without Tears in grades K-2; Lucy Calkins' Units of Study for Reading K-5; FOSS in grade 3-5; Creative Computing Curriculum in grade 3 (English Innovation Pathway); Research Common Core aligned math programs (Everyday Math EM4 adopted for 2015-16); and leveled reading material (literature and informational) and mentor texts purchased to bring book rooms in all four schools up to date.

Collicot began several initiatives, including research and draft standards-based report cards; grade-level facilitators support coordinators in leading analysis of math assessment results; Beyond the Bell Programming (Saturdays and After School); Summer Reading program for struggling students in conjunction with MSE; and a partnership with the MPL on a Summer Reading Challenge.

Several grants were given to the Collicot school during the year, including thousands of dollars in grants for technology, literature, rugs and gardening supplies from Donors Choose. The Milton Foundation for Education provided the following grants:

- MFE Monster Dash funded: Various kindergarten enrichment materials; First Grade Back to the Roots AquaFarms; Second Grade AeroGrow Gardens; Third Grade Owl Talks from MA Audubon; Fourth Grade Snap Circuit: Sounds; Fifth Grade Science from Scientists Funding; All grades: outdoor classroom supplies
- MFE STEAM fundraiser provided funding for: Perfecta Poster Maker, Kindergarten robotics materials
- Other MFE Grants:
  - Collicot teacher Alysa Buchanan awarded a grant for Outdoor Classroom supplies
  - Collicot teacher Alysa Buchanan awarded \$500 grant from High Mowing Seeds for Outdoor Classroom supplies
  - Collicot Principal and Adjustment counselor awarded a "Buddy Bench."
  - Collicot teachers awarded literature, math materials, etc.

As in the past, Collicot faculty worked to develop home/school partnerships. This includes our annual Science Fair, a STEM Information Night held for all Kindergarten parents and rising first graders, and Outdoor Classroom efforts, spearheaded by parent volunteers. The art department held the annual Passport to the Arts exhibit that featured work of every student in their school. Field trips and cultural events included a partnership with Mass.

Audubon for outdoor classroom sessions led by a naturalist, several Museum of Science in-school programs, “Owl Talks,” with Mass Audubon for all third graders, Grade 4- Symphony (sponsored by MPACE), and Science from Scientists Program for all fifth graders on a bi-weekly basis.

### ***Cunningham Elementary School***

The Cunningham Elementary School and its 497 students began the 2014-15 school year under the leadership of Principal Jonathan Redden. During the school year, Cunningham teachers underwent a variety of Professional Development courses, Readers’ Workshop for grades 1-4 (sustaining best practices), as well as Summer Institutes 2014 and 2015 focusing on best practices in literacy (Nuts and Bolts of Readers’/Writers’ Workshop Looking At Student Work and Beyond the Nuts and Bolts). Other PD included:

- Writing to Text (K-2)(3-5)
- Unpacking the Math Standards
- Everyday Math (EM4 training)
- TEQ online PD
- MassCue
- FOSS Science
- STEM in Grade 3 English Innovation Pathway (Creative Computing)
- Google
- Handwriting Without Tears

Cunningham introduced several new curricula for students during the 2014-15 school year, including Handwriting/Keyboarding Without Tears in grades K-2; Lucy Calkins’ Units of Study for Reading K-5; FOSS in grade 3-5; Creative Computing Curriculum in grade 3 & 4 (English Innovation Pathway); Research Common Core aligned math programs (Everyday Math EM4 adopted for 2015-16); and leveled reading material (literature and informational) and mentor texts purchased to bring book rooms in all four schools up to date.

Cunningham began several initiatives, including research and draft standards-based report cards; grade-level facilitators support coordinators in leading analysis of math assessment results; Beyond the Bell Programming (Saturdays and After School); Summer Reading program for struggling students in conjunction with MSE; and a partnership with the MPL on a Summer Reading Challenge.

Several grants were given to the Cunningham school during the year, including thousands of dollars in grants for technology, literature, rugs, gardening supplies from Donors Choose. The Milton Foundation for Education provided the following grants:

- MFE Monster Dash funded: Various kindergarten enrichment materials; First Grade Back to the Roots AquaFarms; Second Grade AeroGrow Gardens; Third Grade Owl Talks from MA Audubon; Fourth Grade Snap Circuit: Sounds; Fifth Grade Science from Scientists Funding; All grades: outdoor classroom supplies
- MFE STEAM fundraiser provided funding for: Perfecta Poster Maker, Kindergarten robotics materials

Cunningham faculty developed several home/school partnerships. This includes the Science Fair, a STEM Information Night held for all Kindergarten parents and rising first graders, and Outdoor Classroom efforts, spearheaded by parent volunteers. The art department held the annual Passport to the Arts exhibit that featured work of every student in their school. Field trips and cultural events included a partnership with Mass. Audubon for outdoor classroom sessions led by a naturalist, Grade 4- Symphony (sponsored by MPACE), several Museum of Science in-school programs, “Owl Talks,” with Mass Audubon for all third graders, and Science from Scientists Program for all fifth graders on a bi-weekly basis.

### ***Glover Elementary***

The Glover Elementary School, under the leadership of principal Dr. Sheila Kukstis, began the 2014-school year with 564 students, as Glover staff and families welcomed the relocation of the STEP program to Glover in August 2014.

Professional development for both new and veteran teachers began in August and continued throughout the year. Kindergarten teachers took part in professional development over the year in the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment program rolling out a new Kindergarten report card based on this assessment program. Grade 1 and Grade 3 teachers worked with coaches in Readers’ Workshop. Grades 3, 4 and 5 teachers were being trained in two new FOSS science units and had two full professional days of professional development. Grade 3 English rolled out the STEM program Creative Curriculum (SCRATCH) and had a half-day of professional development. In addition, district-wide professional development days were provided on two early release days.

Over the past year, grants were awarded to Glover School by the Milton Foundation for Education for a Diversity book grant awarded to the Diversity Committee. Additional grants were awarded to teacher Marie Laure Brown for a classroom microphone system and to Nurse Maureen LeBlanc for a set of books that addresses children’s health issues.

Over the 2014-2015 school year there were many enrichment opportunities for Glover students. This year, we introduced to Grade 5 students the First Lego League, an afterschool activity that works with students to develop coding and research skills. Ten Glover students participated in this culminating in a regional qualifying event at North Quincy High School in December. The art department held the annual Passport to the Arts exhibit that featured work of every student in their school. Among the other enrichment activities were:

- First Lego League
- Musical Theatre
- Morning Mindfulness
- Future Problem Solvers (Grades 4 & 5)
- ACE (Grade 5)
- Treble Chorus (Grade 5)
- BOKS
- Outdoor Classroom lessons
- Book author Jerry Pallotta

In addition, we continued the Book Swap, which invited students to bring in up to five already read books and swap them for five books brought in by other students, the Grade 5 tiles project .

Glover School is fortunate to have an active and involved family base. Family/School Partnerships are critical to the school and working with our families is a priority. During 2014-2015 there were many examples that demonstrate this, including an active PTO that supported school needs; Veterans' Day "flag garden"; Science Fairs; Math Night; Meet the Artist; Mystery Reader; Math Games; Book Fair; Math League- Grades 3, 4 & 5; Outdoor Classroom Committee; Junior Achievement in a Day; and Winter Traditions Quilt. There was also a STEM Information night for rising first graders and their parents in March 2015.

Each grade level participated in a field trip that extended the learning beyond the walls of the school. Field trips last year for each grade level included: Grade 1- Fire house visit, Franklin Park Zoo, Grade 2-Wheelock Theatre, Grade 3- Plymouth Plantation, Grade 4- Symphony (sponsored by MPACE), Grade 5-Pierce Players, Tour of Milton; and Science Museum in school (each grade level had its own presentation)

Glover School is fortunate to work with the community in and around Milton. Among the community partnerships we enjoyed last year were a continued partnership with Milton Academy, which includes student volunteers, ice skating party at the Milton Academy rink and Sports Night on the Milton Academy fields. In October and May, we celebrated Walk/Bike to School Days (SARIS). We also

hosted representatives from the Milton Garden Club, Blue Hills Neponset River Project, Blue Hills- Tick presentation, an Owl Talk from the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, funded by the Milton Foundation for Education through Sam's Fund (Grade 3), SunAware Program (Melanoma) presentation.

Glover students continued their goal of staying engaged in the community. During the year, our students participated in Donations to Cradles to Crayons; holiday gifts drive for Milton Residents' Fund; and a food drive for the Milton Food Pantry.

Glover students succeeded both in and out of the classroom during the year. Our Future Problems Solvers team, coached by Lori Henry sent a team of six Glover students to the state level competition. Six Glover students were chosen to perform in the statewide Treble Chorus at the Seaport Hotel in March, 2015

Glover staff also earned recognition at the state and local level. Grade 1 teacher Susan Bonner was named Teacher of the Year, and Grade 1 teacher Lea Franklin presented STEM professional development sessions for educators at the Endicott College at National Science Teachers Association conference and at a STEM Summit at the DCU Center in Worcester.

### ***Tucker Elementary School***

The Tucker Elementary School, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Elaine McNeil Girmai, began the school year with 384 students. The 2014-2015 school year brought the start of our pilot preschool program-KRP (Kindergarten Readiness Pilot). This program was funded through the Advancement Initiatives identified by the school committee-namely Early Literacy and Closing Proficiency Gaps.

Professional development for both new and veteran teachers began in August and continued throughout the year. Among the PD offerings were:

- Preschool & Kindergarten teachers took part in TS Gold professional development over the year
- Kindergarten also worked on developing a new Standards based report cards for use during the 2015-2016 academic year
- Grade 1 and Grade 3 teachers worked with coaches in Readers' Workshop.
- Grades 3, 4 and 5 teachers were being trained in two new FOSS science units and had two full professional days of professional development.
- Grade 3 English rolled out the STEM program Creative Curriculum (SCRATCH) and had a half-day of professional development.

- In addition, district-wide professional development days were provided on two early release days.

The Milton Foundation for Education gave out several grants to Tucker school over the past year, including funding for a Grade 5 Museum of Science Presentation, the School Nurse Scrub Club (hand washing program), a Special Kids Book Series (which provides nurse's office with resources to help school community understand common medical and emotional childhood conditions), a Social Thinking Materials (SLP focus.) In addition, Tucker School was also awarded a Harvard Community Spirit Grant by a local community member to support our presentation of healthy eating using vegetables from our outdoor classroom garden at our annual Spring Fair.

Over the 2014-2015 school year there were many enrichment opportunities for Tucker students. Among the other enrichment activities were the Girls Running Club, Morning Mindfulness, BOKS, STEM sessions on aviation, the Spelling Bee Club, the Outdoor Classroom Partnership. The art department held the annual Passport to the Arts exhibit that featured work of every student in their school.

The Site Council, Diversity Committee and PTO partnered to provide many academic and cultural arts presentations to our students this past year. These included the Science Fair, the Math Night, Meet the Artist, Publishing Party featuring children's author Heddrick McBride, MCAS/PARCC Pep Rallies, English & French Book Fairs, Junior Achievement in a Day and Field Day. The site council also continued to add to the Tucker Reads webpage offering now over 50 videos of students, faculty and families reading favorite children's stories in English, French and Spanish. There was also a STEM Information night for rising first graders and their parents in March 2015.

Each grade level participated in a field trip that extended the learning beyond the walls of the school. Field trips last year for each grade level were: Kindergarten-Community Helpers (Milton Library, Fire & Police Department visits), Grade 1/2-Trailside Museum, Grade 3- Plymouth Plantation, Grade 4-Boston Symphony Orchestra (sponsored by MPACE), Grade 5-Pierce Players, Tour of Milton

Tucker School is fortunate to work with the community in and around Milton. Among the community partnerships we enjoyed last year were volunteers from Milton Academy, celebrating Walk/Bike to School Days (SARIS), letters written to veterans through Milton Council on Aging, Planting More Partnership program, which donates fresh vegetables to the Milton Food Pantry from June-September with the support of students and families



## ***Pierce Middle School***

The 2014-2015 school year at Pierce Middle School began with an enrollment of 915 students and under the leadership of Principal Dr. Karen L. Spaulding in her third year as Principal.

### ***Science MCAS***

The Pierce Middle School's CPI for Science MCAS has been steadily climbing for the last 4 years. With a CPI of 80.4, the Pierce Middle School was above the State for the first time in 5 years. The percent of students scoring in the Proficient and Advanced categories was up 6% since the year before. In addition, the percent of students in the Failing/Warning category was cut in half.

### ***Professional Development***

Wiggins' and McTighe's (2007) *Schooling by Design* continued to serve as the framework for a number of professional development experiences at the Pierce Middle School. These included a professional book group, full school work around identifying goals for students, choice sessions led by teacher leaders, and a teacher leader group focused on coordinating efforts to develop and implement measures of student growth (district determined measures). In addition, teachers participated in content focused and pedagogy focused professional development facilitated by curriculum coordinators as well as FOSS/Delta Education, ACCEPT, and Primary Source. Finally, with the support of a MA DESE grant, professional development was conducted in partnership with the Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State University.

### ***Grants Awarded***

The Pierce Middle School was the recipient of a MA DESE Creativity and Innovation Grant of \$14,000 to redesign a STEM curriculum to better align it with 21st Century Creativity and Innovation learning standards. This grant created a partnership between the Pierce Middle School and the Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State University.

New England Dairy Council gave PMS a "Smoothie Grant." Funds from this grant were used to purchase equipment to make healthy smoothies for students during breakfast and lunch. Middle school texts were purchased with funds from the French Consulate. These texts included novels to be used during readers' workshop. The New England Dairy Council gave Pierce a grant to fund a Breakfast Cart. Funds supported the establishment of a breakfast café complete with breakfast cart and high tables and chairs.

### ***New Curricula***

A number of curriculum initiatives continued this school year, which kept up the positive growth. Teachers continued to meet regularly to align learning



objectives in each curriculum area with the Massachusetts DESE Common Core Curriculum Frameworks. Teachers in each curriculum area also worked towards establishing common assessments. The science department continued its work in curriculum alignment as it was its first year of full implementation of the curriculum units purchased by the MPS School Committee's Advanced Budget. With the support of the MPS School Committee, the Pierce Middle School was finally able to hire an additional health teacher and implement a new schedule that provides physical education and health for every student. The health teachers worked thoughtfully to select the Michigan Model Health Curriculum, which was purchased and implemented this school year.

Pierce Middle School continued its efforts to end bullying. In February, internet safety expert Katie Greer presented to 4th and 5th grade students and then to our 6th grade students. That same evening, she did parent/community presentation at Milton High School. Ms. Greer is a former Intelligence Analyst for the Massachusetts State Police and a former Internet Safety Coordinator for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Katie has presented to hundreds of schools, organizations, and conferences (law enforcement and otherwise) during the last 7 years.

### *Pilot Programs*

This year, former Pierce Middle School student, Kate Stockbridge, set out to achieve an important task- empower young women at the Pierce Middle School as part of the "BOLD" program by arming them with media literacy skills and daring them to challenge gender bias and stereotypes, find their voice, and thus be BOLD female leaders of tomorrow. Also, the Pierce Middle School piloted a new summer content institute series for students. The purpose of these experiences is to provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in an subject area of interest. There were two offerings this summer: the Pierce Patriots Basketball Clinic, which offered students a chance to improve your basketball skills. We also offered "Make it Move- LEGO Mindstorms Robotics Challenge." In this institute, students were challenged to design, build, and program robots that move using motors and rotation sensors. In five projects, students apply mathematics and science knowledge to create robots that measure distance, measure speed, move without using wheels, maximize power to move up an incline, and move and turn to create regular polygons.

### *Home/School Partnerships*

This year the PTO hosted a number of informative events for parents, which brought in local experts. Topics included supporting students' study skills, planning for high school and beyond, and raising confident adolescents. In addition in celebration of Heart Month (February), they ran a very successful community event, training attendees in CPR, first aid, and babysitting safety.

Finally, Pierce students participated in a federally funded program, Safe Routes to School, encouraging students to walk or ride their bicycles to school. Benefits of the program include good health, clean air (less traffic), safer streets, and lower transportation costs.

### *Field Trips/Cultural Events*

Pierce Middle School hosted a very successful Global Celebration and Talent Show. Students performed and families enjoyed tasty treats from around the world. The 8th grade went to Hale Reservation where they participated in team building experiences and the high ropes course. MPACE funds supported Neil Nichols, geography game show host, and Historia Antiqua, a traveling ancient history museum. In addition, art students visited the Museum of Fine Arts, thanks to the support of MPACE and the Pierce Middle School PTO. Drama students saw the play, “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” at the Huntington Theatre. Pierce Middle School students got to visit with the cast, including Malcolm Jamal Warner and Julia Duffy, and were treated to, according to Mr. Deschenes, “wonderful bits of wisdom, insight, and advice”. Further, one of the cast members had been very active in the Civil Rights movement, working closely with Dr. King, and shared her experiences and insights on issues of racism, tolerance, and acceptance.

### *Academic Achievements by Groups or Individuals*

In October of 2014, the Pierce Middle School honored students who achieved a 280 on at least one MCAS test. All of these students were honored at the annual Pierce 280 Clubs Luncheon and were recognized by Superintendent Mary Gormley and Assistant Superintendent Janet Sheehan. One of our Grade 8 students won the Grand Prize in the 2014 Ringling College Art & Design Storytelling Contest. In this national competition, Celebrating Stories with Images and Words, students chose to tell their story through words and illustration or video. The winner and her art teacher Ms. Sherman, were treated to a trip to Universal Studios in Florida for an awards ceremony and a series of art workshops. Also, one of our students on the Monster Dash T-Shirt Design Contest. His artwork was featured on the t-shirts for the 2014 Monster Dash.

Additionally, nine Pierce students made the All 2014 State Treble Chorus, 21 Pierce students were accepted by audition to the 2014 South Eastern MA School Bandmasters Association Junior Festival. Several students were selected for the Eastern District Music Festival. This year’s 2015 Pierce Middle School Geography Bee Winner went on to compete in the State Geography Bee. During our 3rd Annual Pierce Middle School Science Fair in March of 2015, students in grades 6,7, & 8 submitted their research, engineering, and investigative science projects for display. Investigative projects were judged and medals awarded. Three students placed at the Pierce Middle School Science Fair and

so moved onto the Massachusetts Regional State Science Fair. Three Pierce students were recognized for winning the Eversource Challenge. These students wrote letters to their parents that encouraged energy efficient and sustainable practices at home and were honored at a luncheon at Long Wharf in Boston on May 30. Four Pierce students received Honorable Mention in the 2015 Massachusetts Marine Educators and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Marine Art Contest for Grades K-12. Ms. Nicole Hoyceanyls' Future Problem Solving team took first place in the Action Plan Presentation competition at the State Bowl. In addition, one team took 2nd Place in the Overall Team Competition. Also, 32 students earned medals or recognition on the National Mythology Exam and National Latin Exam. The Forbes House Museum received 460 essays as part of their annual Lincoln Essay Contest, and three Pierce Middle School students were recognized!

Five students from the Pierce Middle School were recognized by the Cool Science awards for their art/science talent this year. Two students had their work displayed throughout the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, and two additional students were also recognized. Eight Pierce Middle School students who submitted either artwork and/or a written piece to the selection committee received the Cambridge Science Festival Curiosity Challenge Award and were honored at a special ceremony at MIT in April 2015 and had their work published in a book. Four Pierce students were honored by the Olga & Eugene Guttman Annual Visual Arts 2015 Contest- Lessons of the Holocaust: Why I Must Stand Up and Speak Out for their essays and/or artwork. Two students from Pierce were recognized for honorable mention in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition.

### *Staff Recognition*

Math teacher, Mr. Moonan, was selected to receive the Raytheon Math Moves U Math Hero Award. This award is given each year to 32 teachers across the United States for "their effective, innovative methods to promote student enthusiasm and achievement in math" [[www.mathmovesu.com](http://www.mathmovesu.com)]. Ms. Nicole Hoyceanyls was recognized as this year's MFE Teacher of the Year. In addition, Ms. Nicole Hoyceanyls was named as a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

### *Community Engagement*

Families Helping Families Student/Faculty Fundraiser- Students and faculty played a game of Flag Football, raising \$508 to purchase gift cards for the holidays for Pierce families in need.

Jeans for Teens- Students collected softly worn jeans for teens. This program was a great success as we collected more than 1000 pairs of jeans.

Your Brother's Keeper – Students collected hundreds of new toys during the Holidays; toys were to be distributed by the organization Your Brother's Keeper.

Food Drive – Milton Food Pantry – Hundreds of canned / boxed goods were collected in student homerooms and delivered to the Milton Food Pantry for distribution to needy Milton families.

Milton Animal Shelter- Students participated in the Pierce Middle School 3 on 3 Co-ed Basketball Tournament to raise much needed supplies for the Milton Animal Shelter.

#### *Grant/Programs Supported by the Milton Foundation for Education*

The Pierce Middle School received a number of grants for teachers. They include: The Science of Music (Ms. Hoyceanyls, Ms. Boissonneault, and Mr. Stoodt); Virtual Museum (Mr. Mills); Tumbling Mats (Ms. Queally and Mr. O'Leary).

In March of 2015, several Pierce Middle School teachers- Mr. Stoodt, Mr. Forge, Mr. DeMaggio, Mrs. McEvoy, and Mr. Clements and elementary teachers- Madame Brown, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Fender, Ms. Atwood, and Madame Bourass-Elzein along with Christie Chiappetta, 6-8 Science Coordinator, Bernadette Moonan, preK-5 Science Coordinator, and Dr. Karen Spaulding, Pierce Middle School principal gathered at the Christa McAuliffe Center for Education and Teaching Excellence at Framingham State University to participate in a professional development workshop. While there, these teachers and administrators used the Planetarium as a tool for learning about the apparent motion of objects in the night sky. In addition, they participated in a simulation of space flight in the Center's full-size mockups of both Houston's mission control and a space station interior. This professional development experience was funded by the Pierce Middle School's Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Creativity/Innovation Initiative grant, which was awarded this year. In the coming months, Pierce teachers and administrators will continue to develop and revise space engineering experiences for 7th grade students in partnership with the Center's staff.

#### ***Milton High School***

There were 997 students attending Milton High in the 2014-15 school year under the leadership of Principal James Jette and Assistant Principals Michelle Kreuzer and Brian Mackinaw. Following are highlights from the academic year:

***Humanities:*** During the 2014-15 school year, Speech was introduced as a required course. Ten sections of the semester-long course were offered, with

the vast majority of enrolled students in their sophomore year. The course presents multiple aspects of public speaking and provides practical experience through participation. As part of their SMART goal, English teachers created units and lessons that focused on writing skills, with an emphasis on explanatory writing within the context of critical analysis of literature. History teachers also emphasized writing in their courses, focusing on persuasive essays. They worked to improve students' ability to provide accurate, relevant and specific supporting evidence to support a claim.

A change in scheduling policies allowed for collaboration time within the school day for our English and History teachers. The newly designed schedule allowed teachers to work together to create common assessments, units of study that reflected 21st century learning goals. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement US History participated in a series of debates in May, after they completed their AP exam. Students competed against each other, and former students of the Debate team acted as judges. In April of 2015, juniors taking American History traveled to the House of Blues to participate in an interactive performance that focused on the history of the Blues. The program mixed narration and music, and using both they told the story of the Blues. Students in Grades 9 and 10 experienced live performances of Romeo and Juliet (grade 9) and Macbeth (grade 10). Both plays are taught in the course curriculum, so all students read the play and then saw the live performance. All three of these outstanding opportunities were graciously funded by MPACE. Our US History partnership with John F. Kennedy Library included a budget simulation for juniors in the American Experience Course. MHS students worked with students from five other schools in the greater Boston area to create and balance a mock federal budget. Four Milton High School students participated in the YWCA's INIT Initiative Program for Student Leadership. This program provides a ten month course of study on leadership, and our candidates attended a one week retreat over the summer and then worked with members of the INIT staff throughout the school year. This program is offered via a scholarship from the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association (MICA). In October, we welcomed more than 400 students from the Sakae Higashi School in Japan. Each visitor was paired with a Milton student as they attended classes and shared lunch. The trip to Milton High School is a highlight of each year's trip because it is the only time during their visit that the Japanese visitors are able to visit an American school and converse with people their age. During Family Literacy Month in November, students in all our English classes at the High School were asked to have a discussion about a book they were reading in class. Each teacher created a lesson plan to launch the conversation, and it varied from reading at home together to discussing specific themes within the book. The Humanities Department was funded for 60 new Chromebooks, and they were

used almost every day in our English or History classes. Chromebooks allow teachers to put technology into the hands of students, and teachers created a variety of student-centered units, including research assignments, analysis of online documents and methods in writing and editing.

**Math:** At Milton High School, mathematics teachers collaborated throughout the year to develop and implement critical thinking tasks aligned with the common core standards. Led by Math Department Head Courtney Walsh, teachers provided opportunities for students to engage in real-world problem solving throughout each of the high school mathematics courses. On the Grade 10 Mathematics MCAS exam, 90% of tenth grade students scored “Advanced” or “Proficient”. More specifically, 71% scored “Advanced” and 19% scored “Proficient”. The mathematics department offered SAT Math preparatory courses on Saturdays and during the school day during the Fall and Spring semesters. The courses helped to prepare both juniors and seniors for the exam. The mean SAT Mathematics score for the 2015 college-bound seniors was 537. Milton High School student participation in Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics and computer science exams continued to be high, with 121 mathematics or computer science exams taken. Of the exams, 76% earned qualifying scores of 3 or better.

The MHS Mathematics team participated in the Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League throughout the school year and sent four members to represent the high school in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Annual Invitational Math Meet. The Calculus Project, a program geared to increase the number of marginalized youth who enroll in and successfully complete Calculus Honors or Advanced Placement Calculus, completed its first year. The Calculus Project included a summer enrichment class taught by MHS mathematics teachers and access to a free tutoring center, staffed with a high school mathematics teacher, throughout the school year.

**Science:** Milton High School welcomed Amy Tom as the new science department head at the start of the 2014-15 school year. At the high school all teachers have compared the current 2006 frameworks in place to the draft standards that encompass frameworks from the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Teachers have begun to incorporate new topics, along with science practices, to work with the draft frameworks before a final vote is placed at the state level. The science department is currently working on a proposal for an Engineering STEM elective. Our goal is to develop a pilot curriculum to be offered for the Fall 2016 semester. Based on student interest, we hope to increase the number of engineering electives offered at MHS over the next three years. All biology teachers are implementing curriculum work developed by MIT and UPenn. The Biograph curriculum engages students in



building models and manipulating simulations involving biology content labs. There are 5 units designed by the universities, who continue to offer any necessary support to the teachers for implementation of these lessons in their classrooms. All physics classes worked with the Cambridge Science Fair during the spring 2015 semester by participating in “Einstein in the Classroom.” Graduate students from Harvard spent a day at MHS teaching students about Einstein and his work in physics. The graduate students developed lab models for students to engage in during their visit. Last spring, all students were invited to hear Dr. Sohur, of MGH and Harvard Medical School, speak to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. Dr. Sohur prepared a presentation that gave students background information on his journey into medicine, along with suggestions on how to engage doctors into working with the students as interns. Dr. Sohur expressed to the students he would continue to offer his time for any questions they may have beyond the presentation time shared together.

***World Languages:*** The MHS World Languages department reported that approximately 83% of Milton High students are currently enrolled in World Languages classes (Spanish, French, French Immersion, and/or Latin). World Languages Advanced Placement Exams: Languages is the highest area of achievement at 95% qualifying scores at the High School. For the second consecutive year, all French and Spanish AP students passed the test. Latin scores doubled last year. The success of our AP students is particularly noteworthy as the College Board recently updated all French, Latin and Spanish curricula. These changes reflect the general evolution of the field of World Languages instruction towards a holistic and functional approach to language proficiency. A growing number of World Languages students are taking the Advanced Placement exams.

Milton High was the first public High School in Massachusetts to offer the DELF French exam in 2012. For the third consecutive year, 100% of the French students who took the exam passed it. The DELF (Diplôme d’Études en Langue Française) is an official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of Education certifying a level of fluency in French. This certification is officially recognized by the European Consortium for Foreign Languages, and constitutes the equivalent of the American TOEFL. Such certification is useful for school records, as well as college and job applications in French-speaking countries. Latin students participate and receive awards every year in the National Latin Exam, the Medusa Mythology Exam and the National Classical Etymology Exam at the High School and Middle School levels. It is also noteworthy that the 2014-15 school year was our first year administering the National Spanish Exam. Seven students signed up to take the exam and the

results were impressive. More than 157,000 students took the exam across the country. Three students received Honorable Mention, which is given for scoring at or above the national average, and three eighth-grade students received the Gold Medal, which is given for scoring in the 95th percentile or higher. In April 2015, Milton High School Latin students took part in the annual Classic's Day held at the College of the Holy Cross. Students participated in events such as a trivia competition, costume contest, and a chariot race (winning the second place trophy!) The students were able to engage with peers from other high schools who share an interest in Latin and the Classics.

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The World Languages Department celebrated Foreign Language week once again. Games, competitions, international fairs and special activities were organized district-wide. Spanish students also celebrated the Day of the Dead and Cinco de Mayo in all schools. In March, 400 French high school students celebrated the 2015 Fête de la Francophonie in the Charles C. Winchester Auditorium of Milton High School. All 280 French students from Milton High School and 120 of their peers from Taunton, Franklin and Westerly (RI) participated in the *matinée*. This event was jointly organized by the World Languages Department of Milton High School and the French Consulate of Boston. The General Consul of France, Monsieur Fieschi, the General Consul of Canada, Monsieur Annable, as well as a representative from the Delegation of Quebec, were present.

Véronique Tadjó, an award-winning writer, academic, artist and author, visited Milton in October 2014 as part of a collaboration between the Milton Public Schools and Boston University. She stopped at Glover, Tucker, Cunningham and Collicot Elementary Schools, where she read stories and answered questions from students in each of the French Immersion Grade Two classrooms. This event was organized by Milton Public Schools World Languages Director Martine Fisher, along with two Boston University professors — Professor Barbara Brown, Director of the Outreach Program African Studies Center, and Professor Cazenave from the Department of Romance Studies. Ms. Tadjó is the author of several books for young people.



Elementary Spanish students had the opportunity to discover traditional crafts from Latin America and practice their language skills with wood carvers from Mexico during a springtime cultural event. Spanish teachers helped their young students to take full advantage of this event through a combination of geographical, cultural, linguistic and artistic activities.

The Massachusetts Foreign Language Association awarded Caroline Morton, a Cunningham second-grade French Immersion teacher, the 2015 New Teacher Commendation. This award recognized new teachers who demonstrated excellence in teaching as well as involvement in school community and professional activities. MaFLA, which received a great number of nominations this year, announced that Ms. Morton was selected by the MaFLA Awards Committee for the strength of her teaching and service.

**Advanced Placement:** Milton High School's Advanced Placement Program continued to have success during the 2014-15 school year. 30% of MHS students who took the AP last year were students of color. We had 37% students of color in our junior and senior class last year. More than 50% of our juniors and seniors take AP classes. Even with our open enrollment for AP, students are consistently getting more and more qualifying scores year after year 429 qualifying scores (73%) At Milton High School, World Languages is also our highest area of achievement at 95% qualifying scores, and Sciences is our lowest at 54% qualifying scores. Overall, we have 73% qualifying scores while nationally, that percentage is at 58%. Our low income subgroup is at 57% qualifying scores. Nationally, that percentage is at 39% in 2014.

**Extracurricular:** Milton High School students achieved local, state and national recognition in a myriad of extracurricular clubs and activities.

- In March of 2015, 13 Milton High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference at Bentley University. The students gained valuable insight and tips from industry leading executives, participated in leadership activities, networked with future business leaders from across the state and competed in business events. MHS students earned third place in the Economics and Marketing; and won the state championship in Desktop Publishing. These students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois at the end of June.
- Milton High School celebrated its diversity with more than 300 people in attendance at the second-annual International Festival, sponsored by the MHS Diversity Committee. Spectators enjoyed entertainment, artifacts and great food from around the world.

- Our Milton High Debate Team traveled to high schools throughout the state to compete under the direction of the new coach, Kacy Dotoli.
- A group of five Milton High School students competed in a statewide LifeSmarts competition at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and qualified to attend the 2015 Lifesmarts National Championship in Seattle, Washington.
- The Milton High Turkey Trotters came in first place for raising the most money toward Best Buddies Massachusetts at the Milton 5K Gobbler for Best Buddies.
- The Robotics Club, Milton Static, competed against schools in the First Tech Challenge (FTC) meets throughout the year in hopes of making the state meet in the Spring. Milton Static participated in the state meet for the past two years. In February of 2015, the team hosted an annual Robotics Competition at Milton High School – various teams from Massachusetts and New Hampshire attended to participate in the competition.

**Music:** There were many concerts given by the various choral and instrumental ensembles of Pierce Middle School and Milton High School. There were in-school assemblies at all of the elementary schools, highlighting skills learned in general music. One highlight of the year was the Milton High School production of *Legally Blonde*, directed and choreographed by Rebecca Damiani and musically directed by Dr. Noreen Diamond Burdett. Eighty students from the Milton High School music performing ensembles traveled to Philadelphia for a cultural trip. They attended, symphonic concerts, and visited many cultural and historical sites. The performing groups at Pierce Middle School competed at the Great East Festival and received platinum and gold medal ratings. The Pierce Players presented *Oklahoma* in January of 2015 and *Bye Bye Birdie* in June of 2015.

**Visual Arts:** In February of 2015, our high school art teachers were notified that MHS students had earned two Gold Keys, one Silver Key and six Honorable Mentions in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. In addition, another MHS student won an Honorable Mention for his Personal Essay in the Writing Competition. The following month, a Milton High School junior was named a National Medalist in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in the Drawing & Illustration category. Only 33 students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were awarded the Gold Key in this contest, which received more than 300,000 submissions. This prestigious competition is sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. In addition, two students received Art All-State Nominations and was one was named the Art All-State Junior.

Students in Painting and Sculpture Class and AP Studio Art were selected for a Water Conservation Exhibition at the Massachusetts State House and a private tour with Walter Timilty. This Water Conservation Education program extended into the high school media classroom, where students have created informational posters, street signs, photographs, paintings and public service announcements. Both Sharon High School and Milton High School were selected to have their posters on display at Doric Hall in the Massachusetts State House.

### ***Special Education***

The 2014-15 school year saw a number of planning initiatives in the Special Education department successfully come to fruition. Each was the result of extensive collaborative planning sessions with staff during the previous school year. In May of 2015, Pupil Personnel Services Administrator Karen Clasby announced her retirement.

During the 2014-15 school year, the Pupil Personnel Services Department in collaboration with administration planned for a few new initiatives:

#### **Special Education Program Evaluation**

- The Milton Public Schools decided to hire Public Consulting Group (PCG) to conduct a district wide review of special education programs during the first half of the 2015-16 school year.
- The purpose of the review is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of special education programs throughout the district.
- Upon the completion of the review in 2016, the district will create a detailed, long range plan that outlines steps needed to improve programming and services.

#### **STEP I program**

- The STEP I program moved from Cunningham Elementary School to Glover Elementary School at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.
- The STEP 1 program is designed for students with significant emotional and social needs.
- The decision to move the STEP I program allowed for students to have additional space and the opportunity to participate in the general education setting to a greater extent.

### ***Guidance Department:***

Graduates from the Class of 2015 planned to attend the following colleges and universities. We are also proud to announce that one of our students will be attending the US Naval Academy in Bethesda, MD, two students have enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps; and one student has enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

**Anna Maria College**, Paxton, MA, **Babson College**, Wellesley, MA, **Barnard College**, New York, NY, **Bates College**, Lewiston, ME, **Boston Architectural College**, Boston, MA, **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA, **Boston University**, Boston, MA, **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA, **Bridgton Academy**, North Bridgton, ME, **Bridgewater State University**, Bridgewater MA, **Bunker Hill Community College**, Boston, MA, **Choate Rosemary Hall**, Wallingford, CT, **Clarkson University**, Potsdam, NY, **Coastal Carolina University**, Conway, SC, **Connecticut College**, New London, CT, **Curry College**, Milton, MA, **Daniel Webster College**, Nashua, NH, **Dean College**, Franklin, MA, **Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA, **Eastern Nazarene College**, Quincy, MA, **Emerson College**, Boston, MA, **Emmanuel College**, Boston, MA, **Endicott College**, Beverly, MA, **Fairfield University**, Fairfield, CT, **Fitchburg State University**, Fitchburg, MA, **Framingham State University**, Framingham, MA, **George Washington University**, Washington, DC, **Hartwick College**, Oneonta, NY, **Indiana University/Bloomington**, Bloomington, IN, **Ithaca College**, Ithaca, NY, **Johnson & Wales**, Providence, RI, **Keene State College**, Keene, NH, **LA College of Music**, Los Angeles, CA, **Lafayette College**, Easton, PA, **Lasell College**, Newton, MA, **Loyola University/Maryland**, Baltimore, MD, **Manhattan College**, Riverdale, NY, **Manhattanville College**, New York, NY, **Massasoit Community College**, Brockton MA, **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada, **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences**, Boston, MA, **Merrimack College**, North Andover, MA, **Mount Ida College**, Newton, MA, **New York University**, New York, NY, **Nichols College**, Dudley, MA, **Northeastern University**, Boston, MA, **Oakwood University**, Huntsville, AL, **Oklahoma State University**, Stillwater, OK, **Pace University**, New York, NY, **Plymouth State University**, Plymouth, NH, **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ, **Providence College**, Providence, RI, **Quincy College**, Quincy, MA, **Quinnipiac University**, Hamden, CT, **Regis College**, Weston, MA, **Roxbury Community College**, Boston, MA, **Sacred Heart University**, Fairfield, CT, **Saint Anselm College**, Manchester, NH, **Santa Barbara City College**, Santa Barbara, CA, **Seton Hall University**, South Orange, NJ, **Simmons College**, Boston, MA, **St. Bonaventure University**, Allegany, NY, **St. Joseph's University**, Philadelphia, PA, **Stonehill College**, Easton, MA, **Suffolk University**, Boston, MA, **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY, **Temple**

**University**, Philadelphia, PA, **Toni & Guy Hairdressing School**, MA, **Trinity College**, Hartford, CT, **Tufts University**, Medford, MA, **Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA, **University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT, **University of Maine/Orono**, Orono, ME, **University of Maryland/College Park**, College Park, MD, **University of Massachusetts/Amherst**, Amherst, MA, **University of Massachusetts/Boston**, Boston, MA, **University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth**, North Dartmouth, MA, **University of Massachusetts/Lowell**, Lowell, MA, **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI, **University of New Hampshire**, Durham, NH, **University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA, **University of Rhode Island**, Kingston, RI, **University of Scranton**, Scranton, PA, **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA, **University of Southern Maine**, Gorham, ME, **University of Tampa**, Tampa, FL, **University of Vermont**, Burlington, VT, **Villanova University**, Villanova, PA, **Wentworth Institute of Technology**, Boston, MA, **Western New England University**, Springfield, MA, **Westfield State University**, Westfield, MA, **Wheaton College**, Norton, MA, **Wofford College**, Spartanburg, SC, **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, MA, **Yale University**, New Haven, CT.

### ***District MCAS***

In December of 2015, our district received MCAS data results from the previous spring. We learned that Milton High School and Collicot Elementary School were designated as Level One Schools. Cunningham, Glover, Tucker and Pierce Middle School were designated as Level 2 Schools.

### ***Athletics***

***Fall Sports Highlights:*** The following student athletes were named to the Patriot Ledger All-Scholastics for the fall season: Lloyd Hill (golf), Bridget Mitchell and Collette O’Leary (girls cross country), Olivia Taber (volleyball), Kendall Staley (girls soccer), Jonathan Cardoso (boys soccer) and Jonathan Pierre (football)

Milton High School’s Volleyball, Football and Girls Soccer teams advanced to tournament play at the end of the fall season. In addition, the golf team finished the season with a league record of 9-6-1 overall, with 8-2-1 League record. Milton High competed in the Bay State Conference Championship and MIAA DII South Sectional. Lloyd Hill finished 2nd with a round of 71, qualifying him for DII State Championships at The Glen Ellen Country Club, where he shot an 84 and placed 21st in the State of Massachusetts of DII High School Golf.

***Winter Sports Highlights:*** The following winter track athletes were chosen as Patriot Ledger All Scholastic Winners in March of 2015: Bridget Mitchell (girls indoor track), Colette O’Leary (girls indoor track), Meg Corcoran (girls

basketball), Myles McDermott (boys basketball), Elena Kapolis (girls hockey), Hannah O'Leary (girls hockey), Sarah Park (girls hockey), Owen Bligh (boys hockey) and Lloyd Hill (boys hockey).

The girls basketball team, led by Coach Donovan, qualified for the MIAA playoffs for the first time in over 10 years. The ski team sent Shayla Kelley to represent Milton High School in the Mass. State Alpine Championships held at Mount Wachusett, where she competed against 141 of the best female racers in the state. The Girls Indoor Track Team sent freshman Bridget Mitchell to compete in the 2015 New Balance Nationals Indoor championships, held in New York City, where she raced against the nation's best high school athletes in the Freshman Mile, after having qualified during the season with the MHS Girls Indoor Track team.

*Spring Sports Highlights:* The following spring athletes were named to the Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic team in June of 2015: Colette O'Leary (girls track), Kingston Iwuala (boys track), the Boys 4×100-meter relay team of Koby Osazea, David Perkins, Ludwig Frederique and Derek Perkins; Colin Rooney (baseball) and Jason Turner (baseball)

The Milton HS Varsity Rugby team won the MYRO State Championship by beating Brookline HS in the final game. Milton High School Crew team's Boys Varsity four won gold at the MPSRA Championships in Lowell. The crew team also captured the Overall Points Trophy for all Boys fours events for the MPSRA State Title having earned, in addition to the V1 gold, a silver in each of the V2, V3 and V4 as well as the novice 4 event. The girls put forth a strong performance as well with Bronze/third in the Girls V2, V3 and V4 plus a 4th in the girls V1 out of 16 teams! The Milton High Baseball Team made tournament this year, but lost 3-2 in the first round of the MIAA DII South Sectional Tournament. The Girls Tennis team made it the first round of the MIAA DII South Sectional MIAA Tournament, but lost to Falmouth High School. The Boys Tennis team qualified for the DII South Sectional Tournament, but lost to Sharon High School in the first round. In Boys Track, the relay team finished the season as the second-best 4×100 relay team in the state at the All State Track Meet at Fitchburg State University. This team broke the school record with a time of 42:80 and qualified to compete in The New England Interscholastic Track Outdoor Championship in Saco Maine. The Girls Track Team also competed at the All-State Meet in Fitchburg, with several athletes placing in the top 10 in their events.

### *Milton High School Athletic Hall of Fame*

The Class of 2014 induction ceremony was held in November of 2014 at the Copeland Field House, followed by a reception at the Hoosic Club. The



2014 induction ceremony added another 11 individuals and six teams to the “Hall of Fame.” This year’s inductees are: John Bibinski 1980, Molly Golden 2007, Pamela Kelley 1982, John Kantaros 1968, Jamie McCormack 1999, Alex Lazar Norrman 2003, Bob Norton 1971, Donald Shea 1943, Kevin Ryan 1993, John Vercollone 1968, Carl Wallin 1957, Baseball 1979, Boys Basketball 1990, Field Hockey 1986, Lacrosse 2000, Softball 2005, Wrestling 1964. The MHAHOF ceremony was organized by the the Board of Directors: Michael Goodless, Chairperson; Dennis Duggan, Vice-Chairperson; Thomas Herget, Treasurer; and members Dyann Crowley, Bill Donovan, Margaret Gibbons, Sean McDonagh and Dick Ryan.

### ***Pre-School Services:***

In October of 2014, the Milton Public Schools announced the district-wide Kindergarten Readiness Pilot which will begin this fall and will be housed in the Tucker Elementary School. This unique and creative district-wide pilot program is targeted for students four years of age who do not currently attend pre-school. Ten-week sessions were at Tucker from 8:30am-10:30am from October to June. Students worked on Literacy, Math, Social, Science, and life skills throughout the school year. The Kindergarten Readiness Pilot is for Milton students who are four years of age by September 1st, 2014 and who are toilet trained. The program is cost-free, with the goal of providing kindergarten readiness skills to four-year-olds and resources for parents/guardians. Students may be able to attend more than one ten-week session, depending on enrollment.

In addition, the MPS continued to offer a Pre-School program for young students identified with special education needs, as well as for typically developing students chosen by lottery to serve as peer role models. Children are deemed eligible for special education if they have a disability, which is determined through an evaluation process by a team. This team includes parents and/or guardians, educators, therapists and specialists. Pre-School programs are mandated by law for disabled children between the ages of three and five years old. Milton’s pre-school is housed at the Collicot Elementary School but serves children from all over town.

The integrated classrooms are inclusive environments that include both disabled and non-disabled Peer Role models learning together. Parents/Guardians of the Peer Role models are charged tuition to attend and students with diagnosed disabilities attend free of charge.

There is also a Pre-K program offered at the Milton High School campus, which is run as a “classroom laboratory” with high school students participating, along with certified preschool teachers. Students attend **three** half day sessions, in either morning or afternoon.

### ***Milton Food Service***

In September of 2014, the Milton Public Schools once again celebrated its seventh-annual Massachusetts “Harvest for Students Week” at Milton High School. Our Food Service Director, Jacqueline Morgan, has honored for her commitment to the Farm-to-School movement, which encourages districts throughout the Commonwealth to promote local harvest and serve fresh, nutritious meals prepared with foods produced locally by farms in Massachusetts. This wonderful program is featured each month on our lunch menus.

The Food Service team continues to work with Whole Foods staff members, who bring in a chefs to teach the Food Service staff new and creative food dishes, focusing on newly-mandated offerings by USDA, which include dark leafy greens, orange vegetables and beans.

The New England Dairy & Food Council announced that the Pierce Middle School had been chosen to receive a \$1,864.00 grant to support its new school breakfast initiative and the Tucker School received \$1,000.00 grant for breakfast in the classroom. Pierce Middle School was selected for these competitive grants. The grant program, Fuel Up to Play 60, offers schools funds to help them increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity opportunities for students. The school used the funds to purchase a new Vita mix Blender to make smoothies for both breakfast and lunch. They are also able to use it for hummus and other bean dips. Tucker School has been offering breakfast in the classroom as a trial for all of our Grade 2 students and our all day Pre-K program.

The nutrition interns, from Framingham State University, continue to teach nutrition and “My Plate” to all of our grade 3 students across all four elementary schools and have educated our high school athletes on pre and post nutrition. 300 athletes attended a volunteer afternoon to learn how to prepare for the big game and eat correctly after the win. We also had one of our interns develop allergy books for each of the school nurses and each of our school managers. Now binders are available to look quickly at food labels to see allergens and ingredients of each food item.

### ***Milton Community Schools***

MCS continued to grow in 2014/15 providing enrichment opportunities outside of school hours at each elementary school with separate programs for kindergartners, allowing the development and application of age-appropriate activities for all students.



Over 320 students attended the Early School Arrival Programs that operated at each elementary school from 7 am until the start of school. MCS also offered Morning Mindfulness Workshops at each school, introducing elementary students to introspective meditation, focusing on breath awareness and the use of mindfulness to calm down, focus, and help in conflict resolution.

Over 675 students attended the After School Enrichment (ASE) programs, and parents had the option of choosing ASE for one day or class per week or every school day up until 6 pm. Students took part in classes including Karate, Computer, Creative Writing, Sports, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Homework Club, and Piano Playtime. New this year, ASE added Beginners Chinese and Fencing lessons.

The Karate program continues to attract large numbers of students. Over the past 20 years MCS's "Milton Ja Shin Do" has trained hundreds of Milton youths in the discipline and skill needed to progress through levels and earn advanced belts.

Director Pam Dorsey worked with Emma Snellings, an educator from the Massachusetts Audubon Trailside Museum, to bring Nature Explorers to Milton elementary students. Each week students learned about and experienced nature up close with visiting birds and critters from the Trailside Museum. The students learned about native wildlife, food chains, animal adaptations and conservation through stories, games and activities, and kept nature observation journals.

The December, February and April Vacation Camps once again ran at the Cunningham School; between 75 - 156 students attended each week. They took part in seasonal art, craft, and cooking projects and participated in sports and games with a special event or performance each week.

Camp Cunningham attracted 146 students, most of whom attended all eight weeks. Camp ran from 8:30am – 3:30pm, with daily options of Early Camp Arrival starting at 7:00am and After Camp until 6:00pm. Campers swam at the Cunningham Pool, enjoyed making and eating weekly cooking projects, and participated in traditional summer camp activities, special events like carnival day, and field trips to places including McCoy Stadium to cheer for the Pawtucket RedSox. Camp Cunningham's nurse provided coverage for the Special Education summer services program also held at the Cunningham/Collicot campus.

The Milton Community Schools office is located at Milton High School. Director Pam Dorsey and the MCS office also handled the collection of MPS' Full Day Kindergarten tuition and coordinated processing and depositing funds from all fee-based MPS programs and departments except Food Service.

## ***Adult Education***

The Adult Education program offers two sessions of night courses during the school year. The Fall 2014 semester educated 76 students among 19 courses. The Spring 2015 semester educated 70 students among 12 courses. Popular courses include Zumba (introduced in Spring of 2015) Boot Camp, Knitting, Photography, and various computer classes such as Intro to Word and Intro to Excel.

The Adult Education program also runs SAT Prep and Driver's Education classes for high school students. The SAT Prep courses run in the Fall and Spring, preparing students for the November and May SAT examinations given by the College Board. Driver's education classroom courses and driving hours run continuously throughout the year, preparing hundreds of students to test for their driving licenses.

## ***Community Partnerships***

Every year, our schools partner with a variety of organizations to enhance the educational experiences of our students. In 2014-15, we continued to maintain strong bonds with some of our more traditional partnerships as well as form several exciting new relationships.

As in the past, we have worked closely with Fuller Village as part of a program where Fuller Village residents volunteer in our classrooms, assisting our teachers by reading to students and helping with small tasks and errands. Our partnership with Fuller Village has been an excellent one for all parties.

In November, we continued our tradition of assisting the Milton Food Pantry during the holiday season. Not only does each school organize their own food drive, but we also "loan" some of our high school athletes to help unload some of the heavier items being delivered to the Pantry this time of year.

We continue our relationship with the Milton Foundation for Education. This group runs a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year including the annual Monster Dash in October in the fall of 2014 and the Celebration for Education in Spring of 2015. Proceeds from the events are earmarked to fund enrichment initiatives in all six of Milton's public schools. Some examples include outdoor classroom supplies, robotics materials, master music classes, media production workshops and artists-in-residence.

We worked with the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association to organize and participate in the town wide Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. This annual event features musical performances, an essay and poetry contest and an appearance by the Milton High Gospel Chorus.

We were fortunate to have the support of MPACE, another local group (Milton Partnership for Arts & Cultural Enrichment), which awards grants to fund cultural activities through a voluntary check-off box on local excise tax bills.

We also continue to collaborate with the Milton Council on Aging (COA) and the Milton Selectmen's Office by participating in the Senior Tax Work Off Program. Several of the participants in this program fulfill their hours by helping in our schools as volunteers. The Milton COA also maintains a wonderful long-standing partnership with the Tucker school known as the Pen Pal Program. Students at Tucker are partnered with a senior citizen and the pairs correspond throughout the school year. In the springtime, the COA hosts a luncheon where the two groups meet in person.

Our partnership with the Milton Public Library continued this year. In November of 2015, with the help of the elementary principals and PTO presidents, Marti McKenna, Sara Truog and Lori Henry held successful Family Literacy Events for parents and guardians in all four elementary schools. This group held a coffee hour at Cunningham and Collicot and contributed to the evening PTO meetings at Glover and Tucker, where Ms. Truog and Ms. Henry spoke about the importance of family literacy and presented the "Cool Tools That Kids Can Use" with their MPL cards. The group also distributed handouts on the Cool Tools and MPL bookmarks.

We also continued to maintain strong relationships with the following local, national and international groups: Milton Police Department; The Milton Fire Department; Citizens for Diverse Milton; Milton Hospital; Sustainable Milton; American Red Cross (Haiti); Milton Alumni Assoc.; Dr. Knight & the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research at Children's Hospital; Curry College; Cradles to Crayons; and Safe Routes to School.

### ***Special Issues***

**PARCC:** In the spring of 2015, students in the Milton Public Schools participated in a field test of the new PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) exam. This exam was created to address the need to prepare students for college and career and to answer the call for an exam aligned with the new Common Core State Standards. The PARCC is slated to replace the current MCAS exam and this field test was an excellent opportunity for the district to gain familiarity with the test, its components and how well our students are prepared. The following, taken from [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org) outlines the priorities and technology based design of the exam:

State leaders in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers share one fundamental goal: building their collective capacity to dramatically increase the rates at which students graduate from high school prepared for success in college and the workplace.

PARCC's next-generation assessment system will provide students, educators, policymakers and the public with the tools needed to identify whether students — from grade 3 through high school — are on track for postsecondary success and, critically, where gaps may exist and how they can be addressed well before students enter college or the workforce. The PARCC assessment has six priority purposes, which are driving the design of the system. The priority purposes of PARCC Assessments are:

- Determine whether students are college- and career-ready or on track
- Assess the full range of the Common Core Standards, including standards that are difficult to measure
- Measure the full range of student performance, including the performance high- and low-performing students
- Provide data during the academic year to inform instruction, interventions and professional development
- Provide data for accountability, including measures of growth
- Incorporate innovative approaches throughout the assessment system

PARCC uses technology throughout the design and implementation of the assessment system. The overall assessment system design included a mix of constructed response items, performance-based tasks, and computer-enhanced, computer-scored items. The PARCC assessments were administered via computer, and a combination of automated scoring and human scoring was employed.

***Science from Scientists:*** During the 2014-15 school year, the Science from Scientists program expanded into the fifth grades in all four elementary schools. This unique program provides hands on lessons, materials, supplies and curriculum that is standards based. The model includes a full menu of lessons that can be chosen by the district. Science from Scientists provides a Scientist to co-teach with the classroom teacher bi-weekly to deliver a 45 minute lesson. The person who comes to the classroom bi-weekly will be the same person for the entire year, creating a relationship between the instructor and students. Watching an actual scientist teach in the classroom on a regular basis has been an excellent professional development opportunity for teachers and a fantastic learning opportunity for our students. In addition, Science from Scientists

offers a rich PDP program that our teachers can take advantage of. The program allows teachers to earn PDPs by creating and implementing follow-up science lessons in their classroom. Funding for the Science from Scientists program during the 2014-2015 school year was shared by the Milton Public Schools and the Milton Foundation for Education.

***Textile Recycling:*** Beginning in the fall of 2014, the Town of Milton and the Milton PTO's began a partnership with Bay State Textiles to promote textile recycling and generate revenue for the PTOs by hosting donation boxes at Glover, Cunningham, Collicot, Pierce and Milton High School.

Bay State Textiles pays a rebate to the PTOs of \$100 per ton for unwanted textiles. This has resulted in nearly \$4,000 in funding for our PTOs. The focus of the textile recycling program is to spread awareness to the problem of textile waste, educate on acceptable items for textile recycling while keeping the revenue generated in the Milton school community. Donated items are accepted in any condition as long as they are clean and dry. Keeping these items out of the trash also helps to reduce the trash fees in Milton. Statistics say the average American discards 70 pounds of textiles a year, in Milton that equates to 945 tons.

***Diversity Event:*** The Milton High School Diversity Committee hosted an outstanding and educational community event called 50 Years Later, a forum discussion of the challenges and successes of creating a safe environment for our culturally diverse society. This evening event in February drew a large audience to hear our distinguished guests: Fletcher Wiley, Kenneth Guscott, William Cowan and Keith Motley.

***Iron Chef Jr:*** Iron Chef Junior: The Milton Public Schools hosted its own version of the popular cooking show in November of 2014. Six teams of three elementary school students will be joined by local chefs to prepare a meal from a "secret basket" of ingredients. This event was held Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Milton High School cafeteria. The following chefs donated their time for this event: Lola Sotomayor Ellis from *Ester*, Lauren Barone from *The Seasoned Palette*, Tony Terienzo from *Abby Park*, Tim Doherty from *Blue Hills Grille* and Gabe Quinones from *Whole Foods Dedham*.

### ***Accolades:***

In August of 2014, Nicole Hoyceanyls, a sixth grade science teacher at Pierce Middle School, learned that she was a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

James Moonan, a math teacher at Pierce, was selected as one of the winners of the “Math Moves U Math Hero” award sponsored by Raytheon. Both Mr. Moonan and Pierce Middle School were awarded \$2,500 as part of this award. Each year, only 32 teachers nationwide are chosen as “Math Heroes” for their effective, innovative methods to promote student enthusiasm and achievement in math. In the fall of 2014, Pierce Middle School Principal Dr. Karen Spaulding was selected by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to serve on the Educator Effectiveness Cabinet. This Cabinet seeks to inform the development of new policies and initiatives at the state level and only a small number of educators were chosen statewide to serve as part of this cabinet.

In front of a packed gymnasium, Milton High School teacher Dan Jarboe was surprised with an incredible award for teaching – a Patriots hat, T-shirt and a pair of tickets to the AFL Championship Patriots/Colts game at Gillette Stadium as part of the New England Patriots’ “Do Your Job,” campaign. Mr. Jarboe was recommended by a Milton High School parent for his dedication to his students.

In May of 2015, Nathan (Ted) Randall, Social Studies Teacher at Milton High School and Mary Lou Bradley, Nurse at Tucker Elementary were named the Norfolk County Teachers Association Honor and Service Awards recipients respectively. The pair has given over 35 years of service to the Milton Public Schools and were honored at the NCTA Banquet to be held on June 2nd at Lombardo’s in Braintree

In May of 2015, the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association awarded Caroline Morton, a Cunningham second-grade French Immersion teacher, the 2015 New Teacher Commendation. This award recognizes new teachers who demonstrated excellence in teaching as well as involvement in school community and professional activities. MaFLA, which received a great number of nominations this year, announced that Ms. Morton was selected by the MaFLA Awards Committee for the strength of her teaching and service.

In April of 2015, the Milton Foundation for Education’s Teacher of the Year ceremony was held in the Charles C. Winchester Auditorium. The following teachers were honored:

Collicot: John Doyle

Cunningham: Emily Hyde

Glover: Susan Bonner

Tucker: Rina Chen

Pierce Middle School: Nicole Hoyceanyls

Milton High School: Larry Jordan

Mary Grassa O’Neill Leadership Award: Holly Concannon

**Faculty:** The following staff and faculty retired from the Milton Public Schools at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year: Mary Ellen Burke, Collicot 1st Grade; Nathan Randall, MHS History; Ludmila Nivoroshkin, PMS, World Languages; MaryLou Bradley, Tucker Nurse; Karen Clasby, District Special Ed Director; Jeanne Roulleau, PMS World Languages; Pat Kurpeski, Collicot Kindergarten; Kathy Roche, PMS Special Education Teacher, Virginia Goodwin, MHS Aide; and Teresa Cunningham, Collicot Lunch Aide. We are very grateful to these individuals for their commitment to the Milton Public Schools.

## **REPORT OF THE BLUE HILLS REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

The Blue Hills Regional District School Committee is pleased to submit its Annual Report to the residents of the Town of Milton.

Blue Hills Regional Technical School continues its steadfast commitment to providing the highest caliber academic and technical instruction to students in grades nine through twelve, and to adults receiving postgraduate training. The nine towns in the district include Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, and Westwood.

Mr. James P. Quaglia serves as Superintendent-Director. Mr. Festus Joyce serves as the Milton representative on the Blue Hills Regional District School Committee. The Committee meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room (207A) at the school at 800 Randolph St., Canton. The public is invited to attend.

The following members comprised the 2014-2015 District School Committee:

AVON: Mr. Francis J. Fistori

BRAINTREE: Mr. Eric C. Erskine (Elected to the position on Nov. 4, 2014)

CANTON: Mr. Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.

DEDHAM: Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr. (Elected Secretary on June 16, 2015)

HOLBROOK: Mr. Robert McNeil

MILTON: Mr. Festus Joyce

NORWOOD: Mr. Kevin L. Connolly

RANDOLPH: Vice Chair Marybeth Nearen (Elected Vice Chair on June 16, 2015)

WESTWOOD: Chairman Charles W. Flahive (Elected Chairman on June 16, 2015)

Blue Hills Regional had forty-seven John and Abigail Adams Scholars from the Class of 2015. Among them were Milton students Parker Done, Kayana Williamson, and Alana Wilson. Recipients receive four years of free tuition at any Massachusetts state college or university.

Each month, two exceptional Blue Hills students noted for their school spirit, industriousness, positive attitude and maturity are chosen to be Students of the Month. They are featured on the Blue Hills web site ([www.bluehills.org](http://www.bluehills.org)) on the home page. One of the distinguished honorees in 2015 was Parker Done of Milton, a member of the Class of 2015 who studied Drafting / CAD.



The annual Pierce Middle School assembly took place on Thursday, October 23, 2014 with guest speakers from Blue Hills Regional informing the eighth-grade students at Pierce of the exceptional educational opportunities available at Blue Hills. The presenters were Marybeth Joyce, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid; Kim Poliseno, Coordinator of Co-Operative Education; Ryan Kiff, BHR alumnus and Auto Technology faculty member; and Kara Dentler, a senior in Health Assisting.

On November 19, 2014, Blue Hills Regional hosted its annual Open House. The extremely well-attended event allowed the public to visit classrooms and technical areas, speak with students, teachers, and administrators, and gather information about the school.

At the Senior Scholarship and Awards Night on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, dozens of outstanding seniors received scholarships, tool awards and grants. Blue Hills is grateful to all the individuals and various civic and municipal organizations that generously recognized these deserving young men and women.

Twenty-one students (10 juniors and 11 seniors) in the Health Assisting program at Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton were awarded certificates of completion at Beth Israel Deaconess-Milton Hospital in May 2015 after finishing their externships in the Geriatric Patient Care Assistant program at the hospital. This was the first year that Blue Hills students had externships at BID-Milton. An externship is defined as “an experiential learning opportunity” for students in their chosen career area. Doing externships at local healthcare facilities is part of the curriculum of the Blue Hills Regional Health Assisting program.

In sports, Blue Hills had nearly three dozen exceptional athletes named as All-Stars in the fall, winter and spring sports. Coaches Brian Gearty and Nicole Flynn were named Mayflower League Coaches of the Year in golf and girls’ track respectively. The school was honored to host two major sports events - the Mass. Vocational Track Meet and the Mayflower League Meet - in the spring of 2015. Blue Hills successfully participated in the Coaches vs Cancer fundraising effort with the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Graduation was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Twelve students from Milton graduated: Shahni Barker, Justin Bynum, Ashli Carter, Anthony Chambers, Parker Done, Kathryn Looney, Evanni Moore, Andrew Murphy, Elizabeth Schaub, John Shea, Kayana Williamson, and Alana Wilson.

The Practical Nursing Program (Postsecondary Programs Division) is a full-time program of study provided to adults on a tuition and fee basis. The

Practical Nursing students are prepared upon graduation to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing) through the State Board of Registration in Nursing. Thirty-three men and women graduated from the Practical Nursing program at its 26th Annual Commencement on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. Among them was Christine Mahoney of Milton.

As of October 1, 2014, enrollment at Blue Hills Regional was 870 students. There were 52 students from Milton.

Blue Hills Regional is proud to offer various services to district residents – and in some cases, the general public – from a variety of technical programs. This practice allows students to utilize their training in practical, hands-on situations that supplement their classroom work. Furthermore, these professional-quality services are available at well below commercial cost. Over the years, residents and civic or municipal groups in Milton have saved considerable money by having Blue Hills Regional students perform work for them.

Students in Cosmetology offer a full range of services for hair, skin and nails by appointment. All members of the public are welcome. Students in the Adult Cosmetology class also welcome customers in the evening.

Full-course lunches prepared by students are served to the public during the school year in the Blue Hills Regional restaurant, the Chateau de Bleu. The restaurant is usually open five days a week. Bakery goods are available for purchase, and the facility can also be used for civic group meetings.

Design and Visual Communications offers services which include graphic design and large format printing and mounting, banners, posters, lawn signs, window graphics and wall graphics.

The Early Education Center features a preschool program for youngsters who are two years, nine months old to kindergarten-entrance age. It is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The program also provides a learning environment for Blue Hills students studying Early Education and Care.

Each year, Blue Hills Regional's Construction Technology students build residential projects. District residents are invited to submit applications for these projects, which must last the full school year and have significant educational value.

Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing and Auto Technology students do automotive projects for community residents on a departmental-approved appointment basis.

Electrical offers services which include residential wiring, smoke detectors, telephone voice and data wiring, CATV and public building wiring for municipal structures.

Graphic Communications offers services which include business cards, menus, company letterhead, silk screening (including T-shirts), pamphlets, booklets and programs.

Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology produces items such as fire pits, custom railings, landscaping trailers and custom ornamental metal projects.

Blue Hills Regional offers outstanding academic and technical instruction at the high school, post-secondary and continuing education levels. The school provides services to district and non-district residents, has valuable partnerships with businesses and industries, and provides placement into post-secondary and apprenticeship programs for residents of the Blue Hills Regional School District, which includes Milton. Blue Hills Regional takes pride in helping build a skilled workforce and contributing to the economic growth of the nine Blue Hills Regional District communities, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Festus Joyce  
*Milton Representative*  
*Blue Hills Regional Technical School District*





# **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**



## **REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Warrant Committee herewith presents to the Town Meeting and to the voters and taxpayers of the Town estimates and recommendations for action on articles submitted to the Annual Town Meeting convening on Monday, May 4, 2015.

The Warrant Committee recommends that Town Meeting vote appropriations totaling \$100,357,306, excluding revolving funds and bond issues. Together with non-appropriated expenditures (state assessment and mandates) of \$3,814,777, the total recommended budget of \$104,172,083 will require the support of the maximum allowed levy of \$70,830,078. This will produce an estimated increase of 3.96% in residential property taxes. For the average resident, with a home currently valued at \$565,278, the proposed budget would result in an estimated tax increase of \$311. A one-time credit of \$797,487 related to the School Building project was applied to the debt exclusion in FY15. This one-time credit accounts for 1.17% or about \$92 of the estimated increase.

This year brought a few surprises. The first of these for the Warrant Committee was the news of an unprecedented \$2,981,240 of free cash, and the eventual realization by mid-January that, as a result, we would not be preparing a contingent budget for Town Meeting's support and an override ballot question for the Town's vote. The second, following soon after, was the unremitting, record-breaking snow. Both of these events helped form the budget we present in this warrant, but more importantly, its broad outline was sketched in consultation with, and the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, both ably aided by appointed officials of the Schools and Town. This budget is a compromise (as many are) but was designed (as many are not) as the first year of a two-year plan to ensure delivery of stable services to the Town while respecting all of us taxpayers.

Last spring and still this fall, as noted in the last two Warrants, we expected at least a \$2,000,000 shortfall for FY16, requiring two budgets: one to balance meager resources against severe cuts in service; and a contingent budget to restore operational capacity. In preparation, the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee asked Town departments to submit three budgets each, reflecting level service, the contractual base and a 3.25% cut below that. The free cash certification of \$2,981,240 revealed a boom in local revenue. This allowed a ten percent, yet conservative, increase in the Town Accountant's estimate of FY16 local receipts. In light of this we quickly dialed back our cut budget request to 2%. As we started seeing budgets in December, we noted slower growth in some Salary and Wage lines and, notably in the School Department and Department of Public Works budget requests, overall restraint. Even so, we received level service requests totaling \$82,196,827, a hefty \$4,825,540 (6.2%) over last year's budget, not including debt service, state assessments, Water and Sewer Enterprise costs, etc. Most of the budget is driven by labor contracts, and a small amount of third-party contracts for things ranging from trash collection to software

maintenance. Holding general expenses level, the contractual basis of these budgets still came to \$80,016,316, only \$2,645,029 (but still 3.4%) above last year's budget. Revenue from property taxes (without the debt exclusion portion which can only go to exempt debt service) will increase \$2,031,248 to \$68,281,179 or 3.06%. The percentage is larger than 2.5% due to new growth. This illustrates the structural deficit in Massachusetts' municipal finance: before any work is done on the fiscal 2016 budget, it's already behind \$613,781. But financing just the contractual increase doesn't keep the lights on, doesn't keep up with inflation, and doesn't provide any flexibility to meet new or greater service requests from the Town's residents and taxpayers. A contractually-based budget can be a useful tool, and it essentially proscribed the limits of the Town's departmental budgets for the fiscal years of 2011 through 2014. But this regime is not sustainable, as basic costs will rise, such as this year's 35% increase in electricity charges. After those four years following the last operational override, no flexibility, or waste for that matter, remains in any departmental budget. Some level of funding above contractual obligations has become necessary to deliver level service, as proved to be the case last year. Of course other sources of revenue can help, primarily state aid and local revenues, and although they don't always increase, they did indeed this year.

The budget recommended by the Warrant Committee is balanced within the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. It is based on an estimated 3.95% increase in available revenue (vs. 2.12% for FY15) excluding Water and Sewer Enterprise funds, and use of the Stabilization Funds. Without the receipt of free cash, available revenues would have increased by only 0.6%. The increase in available revenue over FY15 is almost solely due to a substantial receipt of revenue generally considered to be non-recurring. The free cash total certified in FY15 is comprised of the following items:

Funds turned back from department budgets totaling \$547,861 when expenditures were less than the appropriation are as follows:

- \$107,496 turned back from the Department of Public Works for contracts unrealized and Solid Waste savings from a decrease in tonnage hauled;
- \$96,150 unallocated wage set-aside primarily for the Firemen's union yet unsettled contract;
- \$56,968 turned back from Veteran's cash benefits;
- \$50,490 turned back from the Reserve Fund;
- \$236,757 comprised of individually smaller amounts returned by departments for positions funded but not filled for the entire year; and other expenditures not made from local receipts in excess of those estimated (including Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, Penalties/Interest on Taxes, and Licenses and Permits;)

Revenues in excess of budgeted estimates totaling \$2,433,379 are:

- \$629,376 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax;
- \$552,677 excess real estate taxes;
- \$323,408 Licenses and Permits;

- \$192,993 Payment on a towing contract largely in arrears;
- \$142,262 Penalties and Interest on Taxes;
- \$108,307 Net State Aid, non-appropriated;
- \$83,921 Fines and Forfeits;
- \$170,574 Cemetery Fees, Trash services, Meals Tax and other smaller accounts.
- Non-recurring revenue totaling \$229,861 included \$95,305 of insurance credits.

Two issues framed our considerations of FY 2016's potential budget structure. First, on the ballot this April 28, 2015 is an override question to provide for the durable funding of medical expenses for the continuing care of a Milton firefighter grievously injured in the line of duty. This well-designed funding mechanism will result in a variable debt exclusion of up to \$500,000 annually. Second is an unfunded Environmental Protection Agency mandate for storm water management that is estimated to cost the Town \$1.3 million annually beginning in FY17. Fortunately, the DPW already budgets \$500,000 toward these requirements through basic good policy. However, the balance of \$800,000 will need to be raised in the budget next year, forming the basis of an operational override as no budget could accommodate a fraction of this charge.

Rising costs and inflation affect the Town in much the same manner as an individual living on a fixed income. It is for that reason, and the fact that other sources of recurrent revenue remain relatively flat and comparatively small, that we rely routinely on the rise of property taxes to the maximum allowed limit. Occasionally that limit needs to be increased; tailored and small overrides almost every other year would be fiscally ideal to ensure the stable delivery of necessary services to the Town. Overrides should be proposed *before* they are generally perceived as critical, but then less than dire circumstance might prevent their success. Free cash (more on this subject later under Reserves) should be irrelevant to the timing of an override proposition. Practical and political considerations don't necessarily have to be mutually exclusive; the Warrant Committee trusts the residents of the Town to vote funding as necessary while we work on our task of oversight.

As the Warrant Committee looks ahead to the FY17 budget process, we expect to face steep cuts in services without a contingent budget and a successful override in its support. We expect to have early discussions with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to determine the amount of a potential override. A continuation of the cooperation the Warrant Committee enjoyed this year with the elected Committees and Boards will help us make the right recommendations for Milton's future health and fiscal fitness. Some of the Town's attributes that helped earn its AAA credit rating no doubt include healthy levels of free cash and reserves, and a willingness to continue their funding. Most important for the credit rating, though, and the continued smooth delivery of services and education, is the Town's willingness, periodically, to overcome the structural deficit inherent in Massachusetts' municipal finances under Proposition 2 1/2 and pass an override.



## **I. The Town's FY16 Budget**

### **A. Revenues**

The principal areas of income are property taxes, new growth, state aid, local receipts, Water and Sewer Enterprise revenues and available funds.

- Proposition 2 1/2 limits the increase in the tax levy limit to 2.5% per year. The increase for FY16 is \$1,656,248, or 2.5% of the FY15 total of \$66,249,931.
- New growth is added to the levy limit increase to obtain the total amount raised from the property tax. In many cities and towns, commercial development is the primary source of new growth and residential increases are generally not a significant factor. In Milton, however, where we have little new commercial development, a steady residential increase is critical for budget stability. We are estimating new growth at \$375,000 for FY16, an increase of \$75,000 from that estimated in the 2014 Annual Town Meeting warrant for FY15. The Board of Assessors raised the estimate for FY16 on the basis of building activity and expected completion dates. The actual growth figure for FY14 of \$377,324 rebounded from an unexpected low of \$250,682 for FY13. The average for the previous three years is in excess of \$350,000.
- State aid is determined by the legislature. This year the Governor's budget proposed a gratifying increase to net local aid of \$287,796, including a surprising drop in assessments. Last year in response to the uncertainty faced by many communities the House and Senate leadership released consensus figures for local aid much earlier than usual. Generally the Warrant Committee doesn't know what State aid will be at the time of printing, and recommends a conservative approach. This year is the first for a new governor, by reputation more of a budget hawk perhaps than the legislature. We are optimistic that the numbers will hold, but believe that they can't slide more than a third. Table A (below) includes only the income (no assessments) from the State, including the Library offset account.
- Local Receipts can be categorized into two parts: Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds indirect costs paid to the Town; and everything else. Following the receipt of the free cash certification last fall, the Town Accountant increased the estimate for non-Water & Sewer local receipts by \$590,000, almost 10%. Forecasting local receipts is a difficult business; the largest component, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, is notoriously volatile. The safest and most conservative approach will necessarily lead to higher certifications of free cash in rising times yet protect the Town in a downturn.
- Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund revenues are raised through the rates. As in previous years, the Town Accountant and DPW Director have worked to ensure that the appropriate attributions of services on the Town's budget are billed to the Water and Sewer Enterprise accounts. These charges are reflected as income to the Town, under the heading of Water & Sewer Indirect Costs, part of Local Receipts.
- Available funds include an annual release from the Overlay Reserve, withdrawals from stabilization funds and free cash.

**Table A (change in income from FY15 to FY16)**

Property Taxes	2,033,572
Change in New Growth	(2,324)
Local Receipts	590,000
Water & Sewer Indirect	52,207
Total State and Federal Aid	176,342
<b>Total Change in Income</b>	<b>2,849,797</b>

Table A summarizes the increase in income available to meet all increases in expenditures. It does not include any change in the debt exclusion. It also does not include the amount raised by the rates in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds for direct costs, appropriated in Articles 19 and 20. Nor does it include funds from reserves, which will be discussed below.

### **B. Reserves**

There are two Reserve accounts that the Town has treated as sources of revenue to help fund the operating budget – free cash and the Overlay Reserve. To the extent that free cash and releases from the Overlay Reserve are not recurrent, their use for funding operations is problematic.

Free cash in general is the difference between the revenue collected by the Town and the expenditures (including encumbrances) made by the Town at the end of the fiscal year. Free cash was certified by the Department of Revenue at \$2,981,240, an increase of \$976,040 from last year's sum of \$2,005,200. The sources of FY15 free cash are described above.

The Overlay Reserve is managed by the Board of Assessors, which released \$341,484 for use in the FY15 budget. For FY16, the Board of Assessors released \$160,331, a decrease of \$181,153. Its ability to release such funds is dependent upon the disposition of cases before the Appellate Tax Board, but has averaged \$164,000 over the past ten years.

Free Cash and Overlay Reserve funds were totaled and appropriated as follows: (See departmental comments for greater detail.)

Free Cash	2,981,240
Overlay Reserve	160,331
<b>Total Free Cash plus Overlay Reserve</b>	<b>3,141,571</b>

### **Use of funds for operating expenses:**

Direct budget support	510,090
Overlay Reserve, below average release	160,331
Debt Service in lieu of contributions to, withdrawals from Capital Stabilization Fund	60,450

**Use of funds for one-time items:**

Reserve Fund FY15 (Snow and Ice)	713,315
School Department	541,742
Article 13 Medical Expenses	300,000
Article 5 Capital Equipment	272,700
Fire-Wage Set-aside FY14 and FY15	202,712
OPEB Liability Trust Fund	147,228
Board of Assessors	115,000
Consolidated Facilities	60,000
Cemetery	20,928
Treasurer	11,925
Fire Department	10,520
Selectmen	9,630
Affordable Housing Trust	5,000

**TOTAL**

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**3,141,571**

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The term “free cash” came about in the 1920s to identify the sum of revenues above budgeted expectations and the savings from appropriations not fully spent. The Department of Revenue defines an annual certification of free cash between 3% and 5% as healthy. By that definition, Milton is healthy for likely the first time ever this year. Healthy amounts of free cash are usually the result of conservative revenue projections and well-funded departmental budgets, but budgets aren’t designed to produce free cash; they are built to avoid negative free cash. While free cash can rightfully be celebrated as an indicator of fiscal health, it can create a budgetary mirage; a false sense of security. It is akin to found money used to pay the cable bill instead of a one-time treat. What happens the next month? Use of free cash on operating expenses will create a hole in the budget if the free cash doesn’t show up again, and the use of any non-recurring revenue can create long-term problems. The Warrant Committee grappled with this situation just last year when we started the year down by \$871,000; free cash substituted for monies carefully banked in the stabilization fund for budget support in FY14. Nothing like that was immediately available to fill that size hole in FY15, perhaps the thought was that by 2015 there would surely be an override to replace those funds. In the end, we directed \$400,000 of free cash to direct operational budget support in FY 15. This year we propose to use slightly more: \$510,090. More troubling is our creeping reliance on free cash to fund the annual “one-time” needs of the Schools: \$440,000 in FY14; \$500,000 in FY15; and \$541,472 for FY16. The use of free cash in FY14, 15 and 16 is remarkably similar.

Aware of what path the Town could go down in relying on free cash for operational support, we knew that combined with greater local revenue free cash could get us through, and it did. But we have also lost the opportunity to use that free cash for much-needed capital spending. The Town has a growing list of capital needs, all of them competing goods: financial software for greater accountability; security and productivity; snow plows and garages to house them; deferred maintenance projects;

and 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to meet the demands of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education in our schools. An over-reliance on free cash instead of override relief will surely cause budgetary distress. To avoid this, the Board of Selectmen and the School and Warrant Committees have agreed that an override for FY17 is essential.

The Town of Milton has three other reserve funds – the Stabilization Fund, the Capital Stabilization Fund and the Post-Employment Benefits Fund. The first two have been built up slowly in order to provide a cushion in the event of dire operational or capital needs. As of March 17, 2015, the balance in the Stabilization Fund was \$3,705,242, the balance in the Capital Stabilization Fund was \$873,442 and the balance in the Other Post-employment Benefits Stabilization Fund was \$389,023. This latter amount is proposed for transfer to an OPEB Liability Trust Fund in Article 36.

Prior Warrant Committees strongly recommended that the Town not tap into these funds. Unscheduled withdrawals, without a plan to restore the funds withdrawn, can be detrimental to the Town's bond rating. Qualifying for the best rates in exempt debt minimizes the impact of debt exclusion overrides on the taxpayer. Of course, receiving the lowest possible interest rates on bonds issued for non-exempt debt benefits the budget as well. In 2013, the Town was gratified to receive an upgrade to the highest (AAA) rating possible from Standard and Poor's. This proved fortuitous, as the Treasurer was able to refinance \$6,260,000 of older exempt debt in December 2013, and secure a new bond issue of \$4,541,839 for two years' worth of capital projects in February 2014. Just this past January, the Treasurer refinanced \$5 million of bonds for the School Building Project and saved the Town more than a million dollars over the next ten years. In the fall of 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services delivered and presented to the Town a Financial Management Review. Though they acknowledged that the Town's reserves are at historically high levels, they cautioned that credit agencies are now advocating for reserve levels, including free cash, close to ten percent of the total budget. Our reserves, without free cash, are under 5%.

While acknowledging these standards, the Warrant Committee believes that though increasing the Stabilization funds each year by formula and policy is desirable, we cannot recommend any appropriation this year to the "Rainy Day Fund," when our Snow and Ice deficit is well above a million dollars at this writing. We are not proposing a withdrawal, but we have redirected a planned contribution of \$294,457 to the Snow and Ice line. We will also forego a recommendation for any increase to the Capital Stabilization Fund. The debt service on non-exempt debt is still above the Town's policy limit by \$60,450, which we propose to fund with free cash rather than a withdrawal from the Fund. The policy limit is 1.9% of the property tax and should be reviewed for adequate capacity.

Article 30 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant established the Post-Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund to be used to reduce the Town's unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits (GASB 45). This year, we propose

transferring the assets of this fund to a new OPEB Liability Trust Fund through the approval of Article 36, abetted by an additional appropriation of \$148,227. In addition, when the unfunded retirement liability is closed in FY2025, we continue to recommend that the difference (of approximately \$5M annually) be allocated as an additional funding source for this trust. Based on our initial projections, between these two methods the unfunded GASB 45 liability would be closed in FY2043.

**Table B: Total Change in Amount Available from Reserves**

Total Change in Income (Table A)	2,849,787
Free Cash	976,040
Overlay Reserve	(181,153)
Capital Stabilization Fund	(50,844)
<b>Total Change in Amount</b>	
<b>Available for Appropriation</b>	<b>3,593,830</b>

**C. Expenditures: Requests**

Anticipating inadequate conventional revenues for FY16, the Selectmen and the Warrant Committee requested that all Town departments submit a contractually based budget that also held general expenses to the same level as the previous year, and a budget effecting a 2% cut. However, as discussed above, we also requested a level service budget in order to identify better the need for restorative funding in a contingent budget.

Table 10 summarizes the level service amounts that the departments requested and that the Warrant Committee recommends for FY16. The table inside the front cover of this Warrant compares the recommended FY16 appropriations to the FY15 appropriations.

All Town and School Department union contracts expired at the end of FY13. All were settled in FY14 except for the Firemen’s contract, the negotiations for which have moved to arbitration. Article 8 is a set-aside covering an estimated \$391,917 increase for the Firemen’s union that has not settled for FY14, FY15, or FY16. This sum represents three years of raises, the third compounded on the second, and the second compounded on the first. Article 11 includes a \$28,681 increase for Chapter 13, non-union, non-school employees as voted by the Personnel Board for FY15. In addition, we are recommending that the Town Clerk and Treasurer receive raises of \$1,336 each, consistent with non-union personnel for FY16, as has been past practice. These monies have been added to their departmental budgets in Article 14.

There are five other articles for which appropriations were requested.

Article 13 asks for \$300,000 for Firefighter medical expenses in FY16. We will revise this recommendation to “no appropriation” if the override ballot question is approved by the Town.

Article 16 seeks \$50,000 to fund the initial activities of the IT Committee established by the same article. The Warrant Committee voted no appropriation.

Article 36 establishes a Liability Trust Fund for Other Post-Employment Benefits, with a transfer and appropriation of funds.

Article 38 is a supplemental appropriation to FY2015's Reserve Fund for Snow and Ice costs.

Article 44 seeks an appropriation to the Affordable Housing Trust.

There are four debt articles in this year's Warrant.

Article 5 is a standing borrowing and spending article for capital needs. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee has recommended that the Town appropriate \$1,659,780 for capital items. The Warrant Committee can recommend only \$1,473,000 at this time. Should the override for Firefighter medical expenses on the April 28 ballot pass, the Committee will revise its own recommendation to the full amount as indicated by the Capital Improvement Planning recommendation.

Article 22 is a standing borrowing article for improvements to the Town's water system. As in past years, an interest free loan is available from the MWRA to cover the cost of the program.

Article 23 is a standing borrowing article for improvements to the Town's surface drain system in accordance with a ten-year master plan to bring the surface drain system up to current standards. FY16 is the tenth year, but the last three years have collectively underfunded the \$5 million plan by \$800,000.

Article 24 is a standing borrowing article for improvements to the Town's Sewer system. The MWRA provides an interest free loan for this purpose and an outright grant of 45% of the program's cost.

Article 34 will authorize the payment of principal and interest on the Town's existing bonded debt exclusive of Enterprise fund debt. This year's appropriation for the payment of principal and interest is \$4,032,694. \$2,548,899 of this debt payment will be funded with debt exclusion overrides for the School Building Project and the Library Building Project. Additionally, \$126,003 may be withdrawn from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of paying the second year's interest on a non-exempt bond from the premium received in February 2014 and placed in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

#### **D. Budget Process**

When the Warrant Committee begins its budget process, it first allocates budgets into two categories: those we can control and those we cannot control. In the latter category are those items that are essentially bills, such as health insurance, retirement, law, audit, Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, veteran's benefits, debt service, State assessments, the current overlay and the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. In the former are all the other budgets.

We then break the departments out into further categories to aid in our deliberations: Education; Health; Safety and Public Works; Administration and Finance; Benefits and Insurance; Public Services; Capital and Debt; and Reserves and non-appropriated expenditures.

**Education** includes the Milton Public Schools and the Blue Hills Regional Assessment.

**Health, Safety and Public Works** includes the departments under Article 12 and three others: the Board of Health; the Department of Public Works; and the Consolidated Facilities department.

**Administration and Finance** consists of those departments that help other departments to function, those that have legally mandated tasks, the five volunteer boards that have legal functions in the Town, and employee benefits. The departments include the Central Business Office, Audit, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, Election and Registration, General Insurance, Information Technology, Law, Personnel Board, Planning Board, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Reports, Treasurer/Collector and the Warrant Committee.

**Benefits and Insurance** includes the budgets related to health insurance, retirement, unemployment and veterans benefits.

**Public Services** include those departments that provide services directly to the public. These departments include the Cemetery, the Council on Aging, the Historical Commission, the Library and Parks and Recreation.

**Capital and Debt** includes the Capital and Interest and Maturing Debt budgets.

**Reserves and non-appropriated expenditures** include State and County Assessments (which are bills and are deducted from state aid prior to receipt), the Library grant (which is equal both in income and expenditure), the overlay reserve, the Reserve Fund, the Stabilization Fund, the Capital Stabilization Fund, and the GASB45 Stabilization Fund, the balance of which this year will be transferred to a new Trust Fund for Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability (OPEB).

**Water and Sewer** In the fall of 2014 the Town voted to establish separate accounts for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds, which are now appropriated separately and apart from the Department of Public Works in Articles 19 and 20. Funds are raised through the rates rather than through the tax levy.

The Warrant Committee developed six budget scenarios in early January to stimulate discussion, solicit opinion, and develop consensus. Two featured overrides for this year's budget, and four demonstrated the effects of using varying amounts of free cash in direct operational support, the level of budget cuts required, and capital investment opportunities lost in each. Though the Warrant Committee still favored an override effort this year, the plan that drew the most support from the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee called for an override next year including the storm water mandate, preceded this year by budget cuts of \$1,150,000 from level service requests and the use of \$1,000,000 of free cash for direct operational support. The School Committee voted for this two-year plan, taking on a \$500,000 cut. Then the Board of Selectmen voted it, taking on \$650,000 in cuts.

Then the snow came. Meetings were canceled. More snow came. \$300,000 in savings was found in the Group Insurance budget, freeing up that much free cash for the Snow and Ice budget. More snow, more cancellations. Original budget cut targets for Town

budgets were made nonetheless just in time for the Warrant Committee’s budget announcements on the evening of February 25. This would not have been possible without the aid of the Town Administrator. The Warrant Committee had asked for the Board of Selectmen’s priorities for the budget, and the Town Administrator reflected those in devising an equitable and thoughtfully applied program of cuts, not just for the budgets controlled by the Board of Selectmen but for the independent Town budgets as well. It was a fine demonstration of the efficiency a “strong” Town Administrator can bring to the budget process. Article 15 proposes the eventual empowerment of the Town Administrator with greater executive authority and responsibilities.

The “all-evening” budget meeting was held again this year in the library at the High School. The Warrant Committee is grateful to the School Committee for their accommodation.

**Table C: All Evening Meeting Funds Available**

Revenues Available	
(from all sources excluding W&S)	91,497,850
Departmental Requests	
(contractual, level dollar general expenses)	90,297,291
<b>Total Available to Appropriate for FY16</b>	<b>1,200,559</b>

Subsequent to February 25, an increase in state aid was announced at \$287,796, Water and Sewer budgets were determined with an additional \$4,456 added to their indirect costs, and \$389,023 was added to revenues from a stabilization fund to form a new Trust.

Table D shows the amounts added to each department at those meetings including the \$681,275 of additional revenue detailed above.

**FY 16 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

Department	25-Feb-15	25-Feb-15	16-Mar-15	18-Mar-15
	Operations	One Time	Both	Both
School Department	376,342			120,000
Blue Hills			15,439	
Police	26,384			
Fire	51,211			
DPW	(3,229)			
Consolidated Facilities	22,262	60,000		
Inspectional Services	9,967			
Board of Health	1,000			
Board of Assessors	2,100			
Central Business Office	898			
Information Technology	13,116			
General Insurance	56			



Group Insurance	(350,000)			
Planning Board	728			
Selectmen	(600)			
Town Clerk	4,550			
Treasurer/Collector		(7,530)		
Warrant Committee	(300)	300		
Cemetery	17,477			
Council on Aging	36,243			
Library	63,071			
Park Department	38,000			
Reserve Fund FY 15		594,457	118,858	
Chapter 13		(1,232)		
Capital-Not Bonded			272,700	
Article 13 Medical Expenses	300,000			
Affordable Housing Trust			5,000	
Stabilization Fund	(294,457)			
OPEB Trust Fund		536,251		
GASB45 Stab. Fund		(147,228)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>309,276</b>	<b>660,000</b>	<b>396,000</b>	<b>516,558</b>
				<b>1,881,834</b>

The breakdown between the controllable and non-controllable budgets, excluding Water and Sewer direct costs, is outlined in Table E below.

**Table E: Controllable vs. Non-Controllable budgets**

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Non-Controllable Total	25,995,464	26,963,144	3.72%
Controllable Total	62,180,739	64,104,527	4.70%
	<b>88,176,203</b>	<b>92,067,671</b>	<b>4.41%</b>

## E. Budget Impact

As mentioned above, the Governor’s budget brought an increase of \$287,796 in operational revenues from the State over last year’s budgeted amount. This again allowed us to disengage a like amount of free cash from operational support and direct it to the mounting snow and ice deficit estimated on March 12 at \$1,055,000. Covering that, we also were able to restore \$120,000 in cuts to the School Department, the only department cutting personnel.

We have not quite weathered the storm financially. Though we believe that Milton will pass the override for the medical expenses of Firefighter Pickens to “take care of our own,” we have reserved \$300,000 to pay some of those bills in FY 16 should it fail. If those funds are freed of that commitment, the Warrant Committee has voted to fund the technology request from the School Department for \$186,780 that was recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, and will consider reserving the balance to ameliorate the damage of the winter.

The departmental budgets are tight, but fair. They will provide Town departments with sufficient funding to maintain staffing, meet wage increases, and reasonably fund general expenses. Although \$658,729 in requests went unmet, Town departments received positive allocations above their contractual base of \$285,440, enabling the hiring of a van driver for the Council on Aging and a part-time assistant to the Library. Additional hours for the staff of Inspectional Services and the Library were also funded. Consolidated Facilities received \$60,000 for sundry minor repairs throughout the Town and Schools. Though the School Department's budget was supported by \$541,742 from free cash for its one-time items within its budget, and received \$496,342 in additional operational funds, it is still in a deficit situation, with an unmet request of \$380,000 projecting the elimination of 4.3 positions. Some of this may be restored through override funding next year, but at the moment the dislocation of staff means a disruption to the educational programs of the Schools. However, the third year of the School's "Advancement Budget" was funded including 13 positions and two that are one year appointments funded with free cash. It should be noted that the statement above about the Town (including the Fire Department) is true only with the approval of Article 8. That article provides for a wage set-aside for Fire Department union employees of \$391,917 and will allow the Fire Department to meet current service levels in FY16. In the end, the Warrant Committee recommended \$781,782 funding above contractual levels, split between the School and Town departments 63% to 37%, exactly reflective of the relative size of their budgets.

## **II. Non-budget Articles**

There are 13 other articles that are non-budgetary in nature for FY16. The comments for these articles provide additional background information. Three of these articles, along with two others that sought appropriations, were placed in the Warrant by the Town Government Study Committee (TGSC), which has undertaken the Town's response to the recommendations of the Financial Management Review of Milton by the Department of Revenue.

Article 7 from the TGSC would establish a permanent Audit Committee with a change in the General Bylaw of the Town.

Article 15 the Board of Selectmen submitted this article jointly with the TGSC to address the keystone recommendation of the Department of Revenue. Its approval will allow the Board of Selectmen to ask the legislature to enact legislation that imbues the office of Town Administrator with greater executive authority, duties and responsibilities.

Article 25 seeks annual authorization for the Selectmen to accept easements. The same article passed last fall.

Article 26 seeks easements in the Glover School area. The language is stronger than the previous article to satisfy the requirements of the Federal and State Departments of Transportation.

Article 37 would establish a new hybrid way to raise funds for capital projects (as much as \$14.4 million by 2022) without increasing the debt exclusion above its FY 16 level.

Article 41 transfers control of a road.

Article 42 from the TGSC seeks to avoid quorums becoming super majorities on appointed boards and committees.

Article 43 from the TGSC would establish a Bylaw Review Committee.

Article 45 hopes to protect the interests of the taxpayer and the Max Ulin Rink with the adoption of an Enterprise Fund.

Article 46 seeks approval for the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature for authorization to issue a liquor license.

Article 47 is a citizens' petition concerned with signage issues in commercial zones, asking for a moratorium and a new committee.

Article 48 is a citizens' petition asking for a change in the Zoning Bylaw to establish a process for the grant of Special Permits for Condominium Planned Unit Developments.

### **III. Acknowledgements**

The Chair extends his thanks to all of the appointed and elected officials of the Town who assisted in the preparation of this Warrant: Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan, Town Counsel John Flynn, Board of Selectmen Chair Kathleen Conlon and the members of that board and staff of their office-notably Paula Rizzi, Town Accountant Amy Dexter, Town Treasurer James McAuliffe, Chief Appraiser Robert Bushway, School Superintendent Mary Gormley, School Assistant Superintendent for Business Glenn Pavlicek, School Committee Chair Leroy Walker and the members of that committee, Planning Board Chair Alexander Whiteside and Planning Director William Clark. The Chair is grateful for the collective wisdom, humor and commitment of the whole Warrant Committee, especially Paul Pasquerella, our departing Secretary. The Chair would like to thank in particular Julia Getman, the Warrant Committee Clerk, for her assistance with the Warrant and throughout the winter.

Respectfully submitted, March 25, 2015

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## **REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2015 OCTOBER TOWN MEETING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Warrant Committee is pleased to present Town Meeting and the voters and taxpayers of the Town our recommendations for action on eight articles submitted to the October Town Meeting convening on Monday, October 26, 2015.

Article 34 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as voted by Town Meeting, established a schedule of spring and fall Town Meetings to replace the previous annual May and floating Fall/Winter Special Town Meetings. Always scheduled for the fourth Monday in October, our fourth annual October Town Meeting is October 26, 2015 at the Milton High School Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. If needed, a second night will be held October 27, 2015, also at the Milton High School Auditorium and also beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The first five articles of the Warrant, submitted by the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer, are necessary housekeeping items. The sixth article, submitted by the Town Government Study Committee (TGSC) is of more consequence. It seeks an increase in the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. The April 2013 Report of the Town Government Study Committee states: "This committee was reestablished by the Board of Selectmen in November 2011 to 'study the operation of all departments and offices of Town Government with its goal being to recommend changes, if any that would affect economics or increase efficiency...'" One of the subject areas the committee reviewed was "the Town's governance and alternative forms of government adopted by Massachusetts communities." This article is the product of the TGSC's research of that subject, and the tenth article they have brought to Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen preferred delaying implementation of this article and they have agreed to an effective date of 2017. Another debate, as to whether this question should be decided by the voters or our representative Town Meeting, has been settled. The Charter for the Town of Milton mandates a town-wide vote on articles related to the election of town officers. Therefore, provision is made in the recommendation for this question to be placed on a ballot: "Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled, 'An Act increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Milton' be accepted?"

October Town Meeting was institutionalized in large part to provide a reliable but alternate opportunity to address zoning and other non-budget articles. Zoning articles comprised but two of six articles presented to the 2012 meeting and three of fifteen presented to the 2013 meeting. Last year, six of sixteen were zoning articles. Over these years, as a new Master Plan for the Town was considered, the Planning Board was often encouraged to craft general zoning bylaws to address a variety of issues rather than merely react to the latest pressure or developer's proposal. However, a common caution to the adoption of any zoning initiative was whether it might be compatible with

the Master Plan. The Town of Milton Master Plan was presented to the Town last fall and approved with amendments and accepted by the Planning Board this past summer. Additionally, Article 13 of the 2014 October Town Meeting established a Master Plan Implementation Committee charged with reporting to Town Meeting in October. The Master Plan contains twenty key recommendations, some of which require new zoning bylaws. An additional recommendation characterized by the Master Plan as “low hanging fruit” is to amend the zoning bylaw for accessory dwelling units - as though it was easily done. Under the objective “Develop capacity to be proactive and plan for the long term future,” the Planning Board is asked to “review, update and revise Town bylaws so that they reflect the Master Plan Vision and Goals.” The Planning Board did its job and it was with no great surprise, though with considerable trepidation, that the Warrant Committee received nine articles from the Planning Board of the fifteen submitted to the Warrant. Five weeks later, two articles were recommended to the Warrant Committee, the other seven withdrawn. This is no failure, but a reminder of the difficulty of the work. In answer to the charge of the Master Plan, the Planning Board laid a fine foundation for its future efforts. This ambitious and broad agenda needed far more time for peer review and the public participation process. Complex and thorny issues attend any proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw. Time and caution will yield more durable results; we are not disappointed. The articles withdrawn concerned mixed-use condominium zoning, accessory dwelling units, bed and breakfast establishments, inclusionary zoning, non-conforming business use zoning, lighting and signs. All of these subjects merit the efforts of the Planning Board working with the first goal of the Master Plan in mind: to preserve Milton’s physical character.

Preserving Milton’s character, physical and otherwise, is the reason to support an override from time to time such as the one that will be presented to the Town next spring. It has been a long time coming. Seven years is the longest span between successful operational overrides since 1989. Since the last operational override vote in 2009 for the fiscal year 2010 budget, Milton has been both smart and fortunate. Our schools were supported with upwards of a million dollars of federal stimulus money in the early years of the great recession. A change in the percentage contribution for employee participation in the Town’s healthcare benefit has led to greatly restrained growth of a \$10 million annual expense. Flat dollar budget policies for general expenses across the Town departments for the fiscal years of 2011 through 2014 have left nothing to cut. Conservative estimates of local revenue have been happily outstripped by a recovering economy leading to surprisingly large certifications of free cash the last three years. FY 2015 local revenue grew 7.5% above FY 2014, a significant increase. The Chief Appraiser of the Town has reported a preliminary new growth figure for FY 2016 of \$553,000 compared to \$377,000 the previous year. These are robust numbers that testify to the underlying economic health of the Town, but growth also puts additional pressure on town and school services. Last year, with a late start and \$3 million free cash in hand, the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Warrant Committee agreed to use enough free cash in direct operational budget support to postpone an override one more year. However, this is not a sustainable fiscal practice and is generally disapproved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and other municipal fi-

nance officials. Use of any free cash for recurrent expenses robs the Town of funds for much-needed capital projects. The Town will likely have substantially less free cash available for FY 2017 and will also confront an unfunded federal mandate to spend an additional \$800,000 annually on storm-water management. Salary and wage expense for FY 2017 is uncertain as all union contracts across town expire at the end of this fiscal year next spring. Salary, wage and benefits comprise about 84% of all departmental costs and can only be trimmed by lay-offs. The other 16% of departmental costs (about \$13 million) is in general expense. There's no water left in this sponge. School department general expenses for FY 2016 were budgeted at \$7,317,250. Six years ago they were at \$7,235,711. Net local aid (state support) is unlikely to increase much for 2017. This year net state aid finally recovered to the dollar level of FY 2009 and seems to be stuck at about 6% of the Town's revenue. This is not the robust funding mechanism that was postulated in 1980 when Proposition 2½ took effect. Anticipating all these difficulties, the Town Administrator requested preliminary budgets of all departments by October 1<sup>st</sup>, two months earlier than usual. A balanced, or non-contingent (no override) budget will have unfortunate consequences for all constituents. The most important safeguard for the preservation of Milton's character and the continued smooth delivery of services and education, is the Town's willingness, periodically, to overcome the structural deficit inherent in Massachusetts' municipal finances under Proposition 2½ and pass an override.

The basis for our recommendations and background on the articles are discussed below and/or in the comments to the articles.

#### **Article 1: Amend Chapter 20 of General Bylaws—Police Chief Screening Committee**

#### **Article 2: Home Rule Petition – Amend Section 2 of Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1989**

Both of these articles are required to achieve consistency with the terms of Article 15 (Town Administrator) approved at Annual Town Meeting May 2015.

#### **Article 3: Abandon Wind Turbine Project, Appropriate Remaining Amounts Borrowed and Rescind the Unissued Balance**

In 2009 the Town commissioned an energy consultation firm, KEMA, to prepare a feasibility study and cash flow projections for possible wind turbine projects next to the Quarry Hills golf course. Their report in November 2009 predicted energy credits of about \$800,000 annually to offset the costs of the project over twenty years. At 3% financing, the net present value to the Town was calculated to be slightly more than four million dollars. The abandonment of the wind turbine project due to an adverse decision by an arbitrator is a disappointing loss for the Town, as well as the monies spent, \$986,374 on site preparation, utility connections, electrical engineering and legal fees.

#### **Article 4: Authorize Treasurer to Rescind Unissued Borrowings**

The Department of Revenue had cautioned the Town against further bonding of

recurrent medical expenses, so when the Town received a certification of \$2,238,335 free cash in the fall of 2012 an opportunity arose to appropriate \$1 Million for medical expenses rather than issuing previously authorized bonds. The article for this appropriation was followed in the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by an article to authorize a petition to the General Court that resulted eventually in the override ballot item last spring. In addition, the Town received \$300,000 in 2013 from the State for these medical expenses.

#### **Article 5: Appropriate Remaining Amounts Borrowed that Are No Longer Necessary to Pay Costs of that Purpose**

The \$180,081 sum available for repurposing in this article is a real savings to the Town and the department heads who oversaw the projects deserve our thanks: Town Clerk Susan Galvin, DPW Director Joseph Lynch, Director of Parks and Recreation David Perdios and Director of Consolidated Facilities William Ritchie.

#### **Article 6: Increase the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 Members**

Though the TGSC had begun thinking about alternative forms of government in 2013 the change this article proposes stems from the Financial Management Review performed by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services for the Town of Milton and published in September 2013. Expansion of the Board of Selectmen was the second of thirty-two recommendations. The first was to reinforce centralized management through empowerment of the Town Administrator. This was accomplished by the approval of Article 15 at last spring's Annual Town Meeting.

#### **Article 7: Amend Chapter 6 of the General Bylaws – Amplified Music**

This article is a start on the Master Plan's request for a noise bylaw. It was originally conceived as an amendment to Chapter 10 (Zoning) of the General Bylaws. Issues of enforceability by Inspectional Services prompted a switch at filing to Chapter 6 (Police Regulations). The issues remain and the recommendation of the Warrant Committee is to send it back to the Planning Board for additional study.

#### **Article 8: Amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws – Non-Conforming Dimensions**

The zoning template laid down on the Town in 1938 specifies 7,500 square feet with a minimum frontage of 75 feet for lots in a Residential C zone. Many existing lots were smaller than that and are now identified as "pre-existing non-conforming lots." This article seeks to clarify the options and protections available to homeowners on such lots when seeking a building permit for extensions or alterations of their dwellings. That such clarification is necessary is unclear to the Warrant Committee at the time of printing. Furthermore, if it proves necessary, the draft recommendation of the Warrant Committee would amend the relevant regulatory Section IV (Non-Conforming Uses of Building and Land) rather than Section IX. C, the Special Permit process under the Board of Appeals.

## Acknowledgements

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Respectfully submitted,  
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## INTERESTING FACTS AND STATISTICS ABOUT MILTON

Area of Town . . . . .	8,448 acres, or 13.2 square miles
Area of Water Surface . . . . .	149 acres or .23 square miles
Area of D.C.R. Reservation in Town . . . . .	1,838 acres, or 2.87 square miles
Business Area East Milton (exclusive of streets) . . . . .	11.65 acres
Business Area Milton Village (exclusive of streets) . . . . .	16.42 acres
Business Area East Side of Granite Avenue at Neponset River . . . . .	6.15 acres
Length of Public Streets . . . . .	86.6 miles
Length of State Highways . . . . .	15.44 miles
Length of Metropolitan Park Roadways . . . . .	7.078 miles
Extent of Town North and South . . . . .	5.339 miles
Extent of Town East and West . . . . .	5.094 miles
Elevation of crest of center line Adams Street . . . . .	143 feet
Elevation of Adams Street at Granite Avenue . . . . .	49 feet
Elevation of Adams Street at Eliot . . . . .	36 feet
Elevation of Canton Avenue at Town Hall . . . . .	111 feet
Elevation of Canton Avenue at Blue Hills Parkway . . . . .	48 feet
Elevation of Randolph Avenue at Reedsdale Road . . . . .	125 feet
Elevation of Randolph Avenue at Hillside Road . . . . .	158 feet
Elevation center line Brush Hill Road near Robbins Street . . . . .	206 feet
Elevation center line Brush Hill Road at center line Canton Avenue . . .	209 feet
Elevation summit Great Blue Hill . . . . .	640 feet

All elevation figured from Boston Base, which means low tide water at Charlestown Navy Yard

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