



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



TOWN OF BOYLSTON

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The Wachusett Reservoir.

A view from the Scar Hill Road, Boylston, MA entrance.



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT of the **TOWN OF BOYLSTON** MASSACHUSETTS



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TOWN OF BOYLSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

Coordinates: 42° 23' 30"N 71° 42' 15" W

County: Worcester **State:** Massachusetts

Country: United States

Settled: 1705 **Incorporated:** 1786

Elevation: 443 ft

Population (as per 2020 census): 4,849

Density: 250/sq mi

Area:

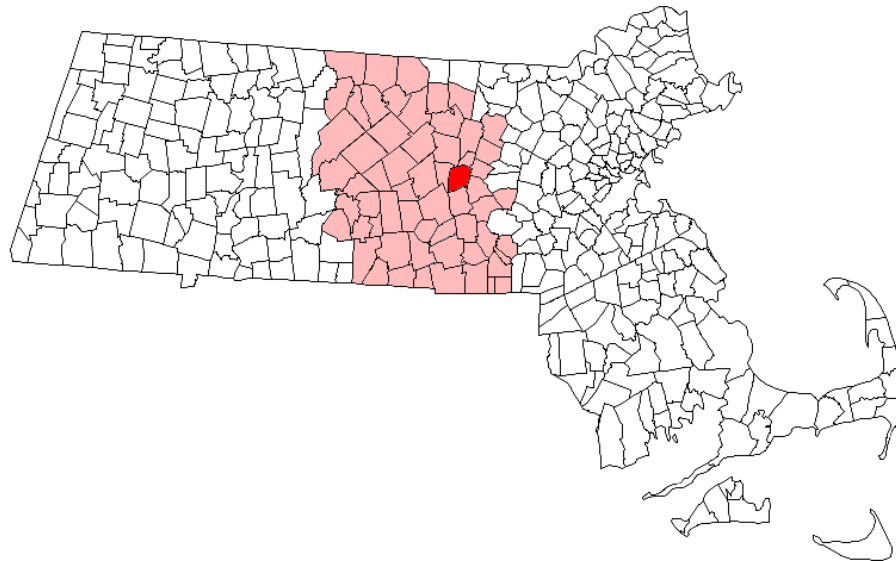
Total: 19.7 sq. mi

- **Land:** 16.0 sq. mi
- **Water:** 3.6 sq. mi

Time Zone: Eastern

Zip Code: 01505

Area Codes: 508 / 774



BOYLSTON TOWN GOVERNMENT

Type: Open Town Meeting

Town Administrator: April Steward

County-Level State Agency Heads

Clerk of Courts: Dennis P. McManus (D)

District Attorney: Joe Early Jr. (D)

Register of Deeds: Katie Toomey (D)

Register of Probate: Stephanie Fattman (R)

County Sheriff: Lew Evangelidis (R)

State Government

State Representative(s): Megan Kilcoyne (D)

State Senator(s): Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Governor's Councilor(s): Mary Hurley (D)

Federal Government

U.S. Representative(s): James P. McGovern
(D-2nd District)

U.S. Senators: Elizabeth Warren (D), Ed
Markey (D)

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Boylston's 2022 Annual Town Report is Dedicated to:

Hazel M. Jasiewicz – June 18th, 1934 – January 11th, 2022



Hazel M. (Troxell) Jasiewicz, 87, of Boylston and formerly of Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in the comfort of her home.

Born, raised, and educated in Frackville, PA, Hazel was a graduate of Frackville High School and Kutztown University, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. In the 1960's, she and Butch moved from Pottstown, PA to New England. They settled in Boylston, where they remained for the next sixty or so years. Hazel became a teacher and worked at Boylston Elementary for over thirty years, retiring in 1996.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading, spending time with friends and family, and watching New England and college sports teams. Hazel was also a wonderful storyteller and could make anyone laugh. Hazel and Eddie's house was the central gathering point for those near and far and everyone loved pulling up to the driveway, walking into the shed with a fire burning, lots of food on the tables and lots of great conversations. She will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved her.

Gary L. Anderson – December 28th, 1943 – June 19th, 2022



Gary L. Anderson, 78, of Boylston, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at UMASS Memorial Medical Center.

Gary was born and raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota; attending the Aberdeen School System before enlisting in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, where he served his country proudly. It was while he was in the military and stationed in Fort Devens when he met his beloved Carol. They were married on May 13, 1967, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Worcester, and settled in Boylston to begin their life together. Gary attended both Becker and Worcester State, graduating with degrees in Business.

Gary had an extensive career at National Glass, where he worked as a Glazer for forty years before retiring in 2010. He was also on the Pine Grove Cemetery Commission, was President and Secretary of North Worcester Fox and Coon Club in Holden and loved attending the fishing derbies. He was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Boylston. Gary enjoyed spending time in nature, be it hunting, fishing, or gardening. He loved woodworking and tinkering with everything, as he was skilled with his hands.

In Memoriam

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,
you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.*

Larri Alyson Parker - January 7th

Hazel M. Jasiewicz - January 11th

Richard A. Pierce - February 3rd

David P. Grossi - March 13th

Stanley Kozlowski, Jr. - March 24th

Roy Cathline - March 26th

Frederick C. Gothing - April 5th

Michael C. Denio - April 7th

Sandra L. Veilleux - April 9th

Beverly A. Hakenson-Oliver - April 27th

Janet L. Conroy-Quirk - April 28th

Diane J. Hersey - April 29th

Joseph Albert Alfred Jolin - April 30th

Margaret B. Tagliente - May 2nd

Brian F. Grimley - May 19th

Angelo R. Scola - June 5th

Michael G. Hall - June 6th

Gary L. Anderson - June 19th

Surjit K. Sidhu - July 16th

Thomas Francis Trudel - July 18th

Kenneth John Mosca - July 28th

James D. Lund - August 4th

David James Wright - September 20th

Valentina Khomiakova - October 13th

John Price Howe - October 17th

Thomas F. Gannon - November 6th

Meghan Michele Brescia - November 7th

Elizabeth A. Walsh - November 20th

Bruce A. Palmer - December 3rd

Doris Evelyn Oliver - December 25th

Volunteer to Serve

The Board of Selectmen seeks Boylston residents to serve in appointed positions on various boards, commissions, and committees. A file of names submitted will be established and made available to all Town departments for filling future vacancies.

Complete the form, indicate your areas of interest, and return with letter of interest, resume and/or list of qualifications to:

Boylston Board of Selectmen
Attn: Volunteer to Serve
Boylston Town Hall
221 Main Street
Boylston, MA 01505

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Background: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ I am a first-time volunteer requesting appointment to: (check all that apply)
 - ☐ I currently serve as a volunteer and:
 - ☐ I would like to be re-appointed to serve on the following: (check all that apply)
 - ☐ I **do not** wish to be reappointed to: (check all that apply)
-
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> ADA Committee | <input type="radio"/> Cultural Council |
| <input type="radio"/> Affordable Housing | <input type="radio"/> Earth Removal Board |
| <input type="radio"/> Agricultural Commission | <input type="radio"/> Election Worker |
| <input type="radio"/> Appeals Board (ZBA) | <input type="radio"/> Finance Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Board of Registrars | <input type="radio"/> Historical Commission |
| <input type="radio"/> Business Marketing Committee | <input type="radio"/> Historic District Commission |
| <input type="radio"/> Cable Advisory Committee | <input type="radio"/> Housing Production Plan Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Community Preservation Act Committee | <input type="radio"/> Master Plan Steering Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="radio"/> Memorial Day Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Council on Aging | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |

Elected Town Officials

Expiration of Appointment – June 30th
(Unless otherwise noted)

Moderator

Kimberly Rozak 2025

Board of Selectmen

Seth Ridinger (Chair) 2023

Jamie Underwood 2024

Matt Mecum 2025

Town Clerk

Dawn Porter 2023

Board of Assessors

Rebecca Dono Healy 2023

Van Baker 2024

Tom Martiska 2025

Board of Health

John Wentzell 2023

Robert Thibeault 2024

Sarah Barrette (Chair) 2025

Cemetery Commissioners

Gary Anderson 2023

Barbara Seed* 2023

Roger Wentzell (Chair) 2024

Don Parker 2025

Municipal Light Board

Steve Mero 2023

John McQuade 2024

Eric Johnson 2025

Planning Board

Peter Carso (Vice-Chair) 2023

Corinna Javier 2024

Kim M. Ames (Chair) 2025

Mark Johnson 2026

Homaira Naseem 2027

Richard Baker, Associate Member

Library Trustees

Brad Barker (Chair) 2023

Jean Therriault 2023

Susan Therriault 2023

Charles Oroszko 2023

Maria Zapp 2024

Prashant Bhablia 2024

Beth Wilson 2025

Arlene Murphy 2025

Parks and Recreation

Arielle Strzelewicz 2023

Claudine Underwood 2023

Alison LeBlanc 2024

Steven Nason 2024

Eric Hoffses (Chair) 2025

Boylston School Committee

Meagan Grill 2024

Lori-Anne Hart 2026

Jessica Moore Deglialbert 2026

*Appointed to cover the remainder of Don Parkers term

Appointed Town Officials

Expiration of Appointment – June 30th
(Unless otherwise noted)

Legislative Liaison

April Steward 2023

Civil Defense Director

Tree Warden

Gypsy Brown-Tail Moth Inspector

Right to Know Coordinator

Steve Mero 2023

Parking Clerk:

Dawn Porter 2023

Council on Aging Coordinator

Outreach Worker

Amy Gothing 2023

Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Janice Resseguie 2023

Fence Viewer and Surveyor of Hoops and Staves

VACANCY 2023

Town Accountant

Ninotchka Rogers 2023

Administrative Assistant to the

Board of Selectmen and

Town Administrator

Alison Kennedy 2023

Town Planner

Paul Dell' Aquila 2023

Central MA Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Improvement

Richard Baker, PB Rep. 2023

Howard Drobner 2023

Town Counsel

Stephen Madaus 2023

Treasurer / Tax Collector

Cheri Cox 2023

Assistant Treasurer / Tax Collector

Rosemary Buckley 2023

Highway Superintendent

Steve Mero 2023

Building Inspector

Tony Zahariadis 2023

Alternate Building Inspector

Jim Salmon 2023

Bentley Herget 2023

Robert Lanciani 2023

Joseph Mikielian 2023

Gas / Plumbing Inspector

Eric Johnson 2023

Brian Gaucher (Alternate) 2023

Jeremiah Johnson (Assistant) 2023

Wiring Inspector

John McQuade 2023

John Healy (Assistant) 2023

Michael O'Sullivan 2023

Sanitation Agent

Dennis Costello 2023

Tax Title Custodian

April Steward 2023

Boards and Committees

Expiration of Appointment – June 30th
(Unless otherwise noted)

ADA Committee

Amy Gothing	2023
Irene Symonds	2023
Ed McDonald	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Affordable Housing Committee

Paul Dell' Aquila	2023
VACANCY, Appeals Board	2023
VACANCY, At Large	2023
VACANCY, At Large	2023
VACANCY, At Large	2023

Affordable Housing Trust

Matt Mecum	2023
Jamie Underwood	2023
Seth Ridinger	2023
Eric Brose	2023
Stephanie Miczek	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Agricultural Commission

James Ricciardi	2025
Tricia May	2023
Georgiana Stowe	2024

Appeals Board

William Filsinger	2023
Robert Cotter	2023
Arlene Murphy	2024
Janet Lombardi	2025
VACANCY	2025
Bradford Wyatt	2026
Paul Dell' Aquila, Associate Member	2026

Board of Registrars

Cindy Sears	2025
Joanne LaChance	2023
Bonnie Johnson	2024

Business Marketing Committee

Town Administrator, Ex Officio	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Cable Advisory Committee

Thomas Martiska	2023
John Stoffel	2023
VACANCY	2023

Community Preservation Committee

Mark Anttila, Affordable Housing	2023
Ron Aspero, Conservation Com.	2023
Judith Haynes, Historical Com.	2023
Eric Hoffses, Parks and Recreation	2023
Corrina Javier, Planning Board	2023
Michael Dubrule, At Large	2024
Elaine Jones, At Large	2024
Tricia May, At Large	2025
Amanda Baer, At Large	2025

Conservation Commission

Joe McGrath	2023
Mark Coakley	2023
Louis Burkhardt	2024
Ron Aspero	2024
VACANCY	2024
Jeffrey Walsh	2025
VACANCY	2025

Boards and Committees

Expiration of Appointment – June 30th
(Unless otherwise noted)

Council on Aging

Dennis Goguen	2023
Warren Leach	2023
Eileen Melican	2023
Lydia Cerce	2023
Ed MacDonald	2023
Deborah Goodrich	2023
Karen Carter	2023
Merri Gerber	2023

Cultural Council

VACANCY	2023
Miyoshi Holden	2023
Shanleigh Evans	2023
Michael Csorba	2023
Linda Oroszko	2024
Kathy Evans	2024
Elena Scaplen	2024
Kristen Socha	2025
VACANCY	2025
VACANCY	2025
VACANCY	2025

Earth Removal Board

Mark Coakley, Conservation Com.	2023
Janet Lombardi, Appeals Board	2023
Jamie Underwood, BOS	2023
John Wentzell, BOH	2023
Homaira Naseem, Planning Board	2023

Feasibility Study Committee

John Annunziata, Police Chief	2023
Bob Bourassa, Facilities Tech	2023
Howard Drobner, Boylston Resident	2023
Joe Flanagan, Fire Chief	2023
Dennis Goguen, COA Representative	2023
Amy Gothing, COA Coordinator	2023
Matt Mecum, BoS Representative	2023

Finance Committee

Karen McGahie	2023
Howard Drobner	2023
Eric Brose	2024
Greg Cusimano	2024
David Butler	2025
Stephanie Miczek	2025

Historic District Commission

David Cole	2025
David Bottom	2023
Judith Bottom	2023
Brad Barker	2023
Catherine Richard	2024
William Manter (Chair)	2024

Historical Commission

David Bottom	2023
Judith Bottom	2023
Judith Haynes (Secretary)	2024
Patricia Bartram	2024
Bruce Filgate (Chair)	2025
Nancy Filgate (Treasurer)	2025

Homeland Security

Dennis Costello, BOH	2023
Steve Mero, DPW	2023
John Annunziata, PD	2023
Joseph Flanagan, FD	2023
April Steward, TA	2023

Insurance Advisory Committee

John Annunziata, PD	2023
Pamela Rudge (Dispatch)	2023
Joseph Flanagan, FD	2023
Steve Mero, DPW	2023
Alison Kennedy (Town Hall)	2023
Mike Lucia (Light Dept)	2023
Vacancy (Retirees)	2023
HR Administrator	2023

Boards and Committees

Expiration of Appointment – June 30th
(Unless otherwise noted)

Erica Hout (Library)	2023
April Steward, TA	2023
Cheri Cox, Treasurer	2023

Master Plan Steering Committee

Richard Baker (Chair), PB	2023
Matt Mecum (Vice Chair), BoS	2023
Dennis Goguen, Council on Aging	2023
Chris Miczek, At Large	2023
VACANCY	2023
Claudine Underwood, Parks and Rec	2023
Jeffrey Walsh, Conservation Com.	2023
Bill Filsinger, ZBA	2023
Lori Hart, BBRSD	2023
Mark Anttila (Secretary), At Large	2023
Van Baker (non-voting), Assessors	2023
Nancy Filgate, Historical Com.	2023

Memorial Day Committee

Betty Larkin	2023
Debra Larkin	2023
Scott Larkin	2023
Charles Gray	2023
VACANCY	2023

Senior Tax Rebate Committee

Alison Kennedy	2023
April Steward, TA, Ex Officio	2023
Dennis Goguen	2023
Cheri Cox, Treasurer, Ex Officio	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Storm Water Committee

Steve Mero, DPW	2023
Joe McGrath	2023
Chip Burkhardt, III	2023
April Steward, TA, Ex Officio	2023

Town House Committee

Steve Mero	2023
Robert Bourassa	2023
Alison Kennedy	2023
April Steward, TA, Ex Officio	2023

Town Report Committee

Alison Kennedy	2023
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Fire Department Roster

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Joseph Flanagan

Deputy Chief

Matthew Ronn

Captain

Don MacKenzie

Lieutenants

Roger Young

Scott McCubrey

Jason Bradford

Mike Buddenhagen

Paul Osterberg

Dan Buddenhagen

Mike O'Sullivan

Chaplain

Deacon Dick Martino

Firefighters / Emergency Medical Technicians

Mark Barakian	Firefighter	Bob O'Connell	Firefighter/EMT
Laura Carlson	EMT	Patrick Phelan	EMT
Jayden Chiasson	Probationary FF	John Phipps	EMT
Niccole Chiasson	FT Firefighter/EMT	Alan Portis	Firefighter/EMT
Tim Ciampaglia	Firefighter/EMT	Elise Probst	EMT
Ryan Colleton	Firefighter/FR	Mason Ronn	Firefighter/FR
Kevin Colomey	Firefighter/EMT	Ryan Schloerb	FT Firefighter/EMT
Tabitha Conway	EMT	Hawk Shawn	Firefighter/EMT
Jeff Dempsey-Holmes	Firefighter/FR	Aaron Sparks	EMT
Gwen Ferreira	EMT	April Steward	EMT
Corey Fisher	Firefighter/EMT	Peter Tuffs	Firefighter/FR
Chuck Hill	Firefighter/FR	Keegan Watson	Probationary FF
Kyle McCubrey	Firefighter/FR	Bill Weir	FT Firefighter/EMT
Megan Mercure	RN/EMT	Jacob Weir	Probationary FF
Joe Murray	EMT	Kelly Wilhide	EMT
Rory Nash	PA/EMT		

Police Department Roster

Chief of Police

John Annunziata

Executive Assistant

Christine Bissonnette

Sergeants

Robert Thomas, Jr.

Cody Thomasian

Mark Shepard

Detectives

Matthew Ryel

Patrolman

Russell Parker

Kenneth Johnson

Robert Barbato

Samuel Rivera

Jared Piche

Kevin Monaghan

Matthew Marderosian

David McNutt

Dispatchers

Pamela Rudge

Jennefer Schiavone

Sheila Crosbie

Lynn Purcell

Bonnie White

Kevin Colomey

Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectman is pleased to present the residents of Boylston with the Annual Report for calendar year 2022. The Board would first like to announce how very proud we are of our High school football team for winning the state championship in the fall. It was a wonderful experience to see the entire community come together in support of our team at Gillette Stadium.

The Board issued all necessary permits and licenses as required by statute. All State and Federal certificates were filed as required and the necessary personnel appointments were made. All business that came before our Board was handled with the best interests of the Town and its residents in mind. Selectman reviewed and finalized the FY22 Budget and the Warrant articles for both the Annual Town Meeting as well as a Special Town Meeting.

At our Annual Town Meeting, the Town unanimously approved a \$2,000,000 expenditure for a new public safety radio communication system. This system would replace the old system that is antiquated and does not cover the entire community. Considering a faulty emergency communication system to be dangerous to both our residents and our first responders, the BOS, in 2018 began this project. The Board also began exploring the prospect of constructing a new public safety building in town that would house both the police and fire departments, and possibly a senior center as well.

Beginning in 2020 the Board undertook two important endeavors. First, to begin the work of completing a new master plan for the Town, and second, to create a new Housing Production Plan to help Boylston gain control over Chapter 40B (affordable housing) housing development. Due in part to a *Local Initiative Program*, in conjunction with the newly approved Housing Production Plan, the Town was able to apply for, and receive, "Safe Harbor," in 2022. This means that a two-year moratorium will be placed on 40B projects in town. Moreover, the Board is also pleased to announce that the Master Plan committee has all but completed the Master Plan for the town and is waiting Planning Board approval.

In light of providing formal direction to the town's future development through a Master Plan, the Selectmen have discussed, and plan to create, a committee tasked with the job of overseeing the new Master Plan and ensuring that it is properly implemented. In an unfortunate note, our Town Planner, who would normally be tasked with overseeing many facets of these new plans, resigned his position to move on to a neighboring community. Our Planner left on good terms and we all wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors. As a consequence, the Board has resolved to hire a new, full-time Town Planner, to handle and oversee the various and multifaceted aspects of our ever growing town. The search for this position is ongoing.

The Board is also happy to announce, that after several years of hard work between the Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission, a parcel of land located on South Sewall St, known as Camp Harrington, finally came under the ownership of the Town. The property is

Board of Selectmen

designated as open space and recreation land and is currently under the care and custody of the Parks and Recreation Commission. This piece of land has been desired by residents for years and it is a great joy to have helped bring this about.

In 2022 we began to see the light at the end of the tunnel in regard to the COVID 19 pandemic. We held most of our meetings in person and some semblance of normalcy began to return.

The Board held 29 regular meetings and 17 executive session meetings in the year 2022 and attendance was recorded as follows:

Of regular meetings:

Seth Ridinger	29/29
James Underwood	27/29
Matt Mecum	28/29

Of executive meetings:

17/17
15/17
17/17

Respectfully submitted,

Seth M. Ridinger
Chair, Boylston Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

We take great pride in our employees here at Town Hall and will continue to work hard at improving our services to the residents of Boylston and endeavor to do so with a smile, providing excellent customer service to all who enter our doors. I would like to express my sincere congratulations, and thanks for their work and assistance throughout the year.

Once again, the Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Water Department, and the Municipal Light Department did outstanding work, as did the employees at the Library and Town Hall.

Below are some of the highlights of the year:

Personnel Changes & Accomplishments

During 2022 we had several personnel changes, including:

Pamela Frechette was hired as the Parks and Recreation Coordinator.

Amy Duhamel resigned as the Council on Aging Coordinator.

Paul Dell'Aquila resigned as the Town Planner.

Projects:

Hillside Updates – A new handicapped bathroom is almost completely installed in the lower level of the Town Hall. The records room is under a complete renovation and should be completed in 2023.

Road Repairs – We were able to pave a portion of Central Street and are hopeful to complete the remainder of the road in 2023.

There are still several roads in town that need repair or repaving, and we will continue to do as much annual paving as funds allow.

Town House – The Legion Hall received a face lift and the Council on Aging is now sharing the same space.

Economic Development – Northbridge partners broke ground on a 396,375-square-foot industrial project that will be situated on a 55.5-acre site at 80 Pine Hill Drive. Kraft Group also began construction of a 373,500-square-foot manufacturing facility for their Worcester-based packaging manufacturing division. In addition, PROCON, who designed and built the facility, is expected to complete a 300,000 square-foot warehouse on the same site which will be leased out in late spring 2023. These projects will continue to generate tax revenue when completed.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a comprehensive permit for a Local Initiative Project to be developed on an approximate 18.14 acre site located at 100 Shrewsbury Street. This project will consist of 63 units of rental housing and is slated to break ground in 2023.

Town Administrator

The various local boards and commissions deserve a great deal of credit for the many meetings and for the long hours they have spent deliberating on behalf of the residents.

Free Cash, Grants, Credits, and other Reimbursements –

We were again very fortunate to receive Grants and Credits that helped offset expenses in departments. We received approximately \$3,269,824.42 in various Grants, Credits, and Reimbursements.

Free Cash - As a result of our Department Heads using restraint on spending some new growth, and building department collections for permits, our Free Cash has been certified at \$3,218,891.

MIIA Credits - \$3,621 was received as credits on our Workers Compensation.
\$5,290 was received as credits on our Property/Liability Coverage.

Police Department- \$11,642.42 Dispatch Grant

Fire Department - \$12,500 Dept. of Fire Services Equipment Grant (January)
\$12,498 Dept. of Fire Services Equipment Grant (December)
\$2,700 FY22 MEMA EMPG Grant
\$2,700 FY23 MEMA EMPG Grant

Misc. – Cyber Security Grant to support local government efforts to improve overall cybersecurity posture through comprehensive online end-user training, evaluation, and threat simulation.

Other items of interest:

A new 3-year contract was signed with the Town Administrator.

FY22 Financial Audit – Has been completed and we will continue to work with Roselli, Clark, and Assoc. in 2023.

Due to the hard work of our Assessor's office and by the Town Accountant, our FY23 tax rate was certified by the MA DOR in November.

A Feasibility Study Committee has been formed to address the current needs of the Police and Fire Departments, as well as the senior population. A proposed plan for the three departments should be on track to be presented to the town at the spring Annual Town Meeting.

Upcoming Future Issues:

Expansion of economic development continues along the Route 140 Corridor

It continues to be a very busy year for all town departments, employees, boards and committees including the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Library Trustees, and

Town Administrator

the Board of Selectmen. As John Heywood said, “Many hands make light work”, and it is the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers, that give their time and efforts to unselfishly serve the Town of Boylston, which make the town such a desirable place to live and work.

With all the great things that are happening in Boylston, the future looks very bright. I want to thank the residents for giving me the opportunity to play a small part in helping to make Boylston what it is, and what it will become.

April C. Steward

Town Administrator

Town Counsel

It's an honor to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Boylston.

As Town Counsel I attend the Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meetings, and meetings of the Board of Selectmen. Upon request or assignment, I also attend meetings of other municipal boards or committees. My firm also serves as Labor Counsel for the Town. My office provides advice and counsel to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Building Inspector, Town departments, and board and committee members. My office defends the Town in any claims or complaints filed against it in court and, if authorized by the Board of Selectmen, prosecute claims on behalf of the Town. I prepare and review documents and contracts and to review and respond, on behalf of the Town, to all legal matters and claims.

In 2022, this office was involved in the following general matters:

- Assisted the Town Planner and Planning Board in the public hearing and written decision concerning an application for Special Permit under the Town's Senior Residential Development Bylaw for property located on Gulf Street.
- Assisted the Town's Insurance Defense Counsel relative to federal civil rights claim filed against the Town in U.S. District Court in Worcester by Boylston CP, LLC.
- Prepared documents for the Planning Board regarding a proposed release of lots from a recorded Subdivision Covenant for Barnard Hill Estates in consideration of the developer/applicant posting adequate security, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41, section 81U.
- Assisted the Town Administrator in obtaining a professional appraisal report for the parcel of Town-owned land known as Joslin's Lot, acquired by the Town in tax title foreclosure.
- Reviewed and assisted in the preparation of a Request for Proposals to be issued by the Town in accordance with the requirements of MGL Chapter 30B, section 16 for the sale of a parcel of land located off of Main Street, known as Joslin's Lot, said property to be subject to a permanent conservation restriction, as required by vote of Town Meeting.
- Reviewed and assisted in the preparation and issuance of a solicitation for qualifications from architects in accordance with the requirements of the Designer Selection Law and prepared an agreement for architectural services for a feasibility study relative to a proposed public safety facility for the Police and Fire Departments and a possible co-location with a new senior center.
- Prepared warrant articles, reviewed the warrant and motions, and attended the Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2022 at Tahanto Regional High School.

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- Represented the Town in the purchase of the property formerly known as Camp Harrington from the Greater Worcester Land Trust, said property being acquired for park purposes and the purchase prices subject to reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts PARC grant program.
- Reviewed and provide suggested revisions to the Council on Aging's proposed van use/rider rules and regulations.
- Worked with the Town Clerk to prepare the ballot question regarding acceptance of provisions of the Community Preservation Act, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44B.
- Worked with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator in preparing an Article, Motion, and proposed new bylaw to establish a Community Preservation Committee, for consideration at the Special Town Meeting.
- Reviewed and provided revisions to the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting and attended the Special Town Meeting on December 12, 2022 at Tahanto Regional High School.
- Reviewed and provided suggested edits to a proposed Request for Qualifications to seek statements of qualifications from professional architects to prepare a feasibility study for a potential public safety facility with potential for a Senior Center.
- Reviewed and provided suggested edits to a proposed Request for Proposals to seek a qualified firm or person to conduct a Compensation and Classification Study for the Town.
- Prepared a proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to be entered into by the Town and Boylston Water District for the joint use of a new wireless communication facility to be installed by the Town.

Relative to active litigation matters, my office is representing the Town in the following cases:

- **Boylston CP, LLC and Sewall Gravel Pit, LLC v. Town of Boylston Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Building Commissioner**, filed in Worcester Superior Court Department in May, 2021, Docket No. 2185 CV 00539. In this litigation, the Plaintiff is seeking to have the Town's Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw, requiring the production of affordable housing units or payments made to the Town in lieu of construction of affordable housing units, declared invalid by the Court. The matter is pending.
- **Boylston Sportsmen's Club, Inc. v. Town of Boylston**, filed in Worcester Superior Court, Civil Action No. 2285CV00046, on January 14, 2022, the lawsuit alleges unspecified damages for the alleged taking of and/or diminution in value of the plaintiff's land located in Boylston, arising from certain improvements to a public way as completed by the Town. The Town denies that it was required to adopt an order of taking in order to

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make the improvements or alterations within the existing public roadway layout, abutting the plaintiff's property, and that the Plaintiff has suffered no damages. The matter is currently pending.

- **Boylston CP, LLC vs. Kim Ames, Peter Caruso, Corinna Javier, Homaira Naseem, Mark Johnson, and Richard Baker, as they comprise the Town of Boylston Planning Board, Land Court Docket No. 22 000053.** This case was filed with the Land Court on February 2, 2022 and the Plaintiffs, Boylston CP, LLC, seek to have the court overturn the decision of the Planning Board in denying an application for Special Permit under the Town's Senior Residential Development Zoning Bylaw for property located on Gulf Street. Although there has been effort to settle this litigation, the case is currently in the discovery stage.
- **Eric J. Henderson v. John Annunziata, as Chief of Police for the Town of Boylston, Docket No.: 2268CV000082.** This case was filed in Clinton District Court and concerns the Police Chief's decision to suspend a resident's license to carry a firearm. On June 13, 2022, the resident appealed the Chief's decision to the District Court. In an order dated October 24, 2022, the Clinton District Court upheld the decision of the Town's Police Chief. On November 22, 2022, Mr. Henderson filed a Notice of Appeal regarding appellate review of the decision from the Massachusetts Appeals Court. On November 29, 2022, the Clinton District Court granted leave for Mr. Henderson to file his appeal. This matter is pending appeal.

I look forward to working with all Town departments, boards, commissions, and employees in 2023 and continuing to provide the Town with effective and efficient legal services.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Madaus
Town Counsel

Town Clerk

On June 22nd, 2022, the VOTES Act was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker. The VOTES Act is a comprehensive piece of legislature that includes reforms centered around access, equity, and best practice in voting laws. The VOTES Act made several permanent changes to Massachusetts' election laws, including allowing voters to vote by mail without an excuse; expanding early voting options; making sure that eligible voters who are incarcerated are able to request a ballot and vote by mail; and reducing the voter registration deadline prior to an election from twenty days to ten days. The Act also ensured that Massachusetts join the 30-state Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to keep voter registration rolls up-to-date.

This legislation modernizes elections and makes democracy more accessible and equitable. It is a huge win for voters' rights, and the public has certainly embraced the expansion of early voting and mail-in voting. That said, the creation of these voting opportunities has caused growing pains in Town Clerk's Offices statewide. The funding and staffing for these mandates has been challenging, perhaps especially in smaller towns like Boylston. The Town Clerk's Office is working hard to determine the best way to meet these challenges. We look forward to continuing to offer voting opportunities that not only meet, but exceed, Massachusetts State mandates.

As part of this effort to modernize and provide improved convenience to voters, the Town Clerk's Office implemented the use of electronic Poll Pads at all elections and at Town Meeting. Poll Pads are widely used throughout the State of Massachusetts and are an asset to the administration of Boylston's elections process. Ease of use, speedy check-in, and valuable report options are all benefits of using this new equipment. We are pleased with the Poll Pads and thankful that the Town is providing us the means to keep up with changing elections technology.

2022 saw high voter turnout for both the State Primary and State Election. The Regional School Committee Election appeared on the State Ballot for the first time. The addition of the six School Committee seats, and several ballot questions, increased the length of Boylston's ballot from one page to two pages. The two-page ballot can be anticipated to be the new normal for Boylston moving forward, increasing the time necessary to feed paper ballots through tabulators. At the State Election voters encountered the perhaps longest wait times in Boylston's voting history; we thank Boylston voters for their patience. This situation will be rectified prior to the 2024 Presidential Elections Voting Cycle through advance removal, advance processing, and the use of an additional tabulator on election days.

It important for the Town Clerk's Office to conduct an annual mass voter inactivation to ensure the accuracy of Boylston's voter rolls and street listing. Conducting this inactivation, and mailing address confirmation cards, is an important part of the process to remove voters from the census and voter rolls who no longer reside in Boylston. While this process is State-mandated, it appears that Boylston has fallen behind in this area. We were able to conduct a very thorough review of Boylston's census information and set the process in motion for important updates to our voter records. We are pleased to have made this key step towards improving census and voter registration accuracy for the Town.

The Community Preservation Act By-Law was passed at Boylston's Annual Town Meeting, approved by ballot question at the State Election, and a CPA Committee was established by vote at the Special Town

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Meeting held in December. We look forward to the appointment of committee members in early 2023.

Marriages remained level in 2022, deaths decreased from 2021 (getting back to what is a more typical number for Boylston), and births saw a significant increase – perhaps due to the increased residential building going on in town.

Work on our Records Management Program slowed in 2022, due to increased time constraints as a result of the State Elections Year. We continue to gradually move forward and will be able to order shelving in 2023 and pick up speed on this project again.

Our office hours remain 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 6 to 8 p.m., Monday evenings. We take pride in providing outstanding customer service to residents; when possible offering appointment times outside of business hours, delivering marriage and death certificates to residents, and providing off-site Notary Services. Suggestions as to how we can improve our service to residents, voters, and business owners are always welcome.

Vital Statistics

Births Recorded	51	Deaths Recorded	29
Intentions of Marriage Filed	22	Marriages Recorded	22

Population

Residents of Boylston as of December 31st, 2022...4,991

Licensing/Permits

Business Certificates Recorded/Renewed	50
Dog Licenses Issued	764
Kennel Licenses Issued	2
Raffle Permits Issued	9

Voter Information

Unenrolled	2,885	Democrat	678
Republican	481	Libertarian	17
United Independent Party	11	Conservative	3
Inter 3 rd Party	5	Green Rainbow	3
Socialist	1	We the People	1
MA Independent Party	1	American Independent	1
Pirate	1		

Registered Voters as of December 31st, 2022... 4,072.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn A. Porter, Boylston Town Clerk

Town of Boylston

Annual Town Election - May 9th, 2022

Notice to Town of Boylston Voters was given and Specimen Ballots were posted as required by law. The voting machine was tested at least three (3) days prior to Election as required by law. Voters of the Town of Boylston met at Hillside Gymnasium, Town Hall, 221 Main Street, for the Annual Town Election according to legal notice. The ballot box was examined by the Warden and the Town Clerk in view of the Constable. The polls were declared open by the Clerk at 1200 hours and were closed at 2000 hours.

There are 4,089 registered voters in Boylston; 253 turned out to vote. The counter on the ballot box, computer printout of results, and check-lists concurred that 253 ballots, including absentee ballots, were cast.

Board of Assessors (3 years)

Blanks	40
Write-Ins	0
*VAN BAKER	211
Other	<u>2</u>
Total	253

Board of Health (3 years)

Blanks	34
Write-Ins	0
*SARAH E. SCHEINFELD	217
Other	<u>2</u>
Total	253

Cemetery Commission (3 years)

Blanks	32
Write-Ins	0
*DON PARKER	221
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	253

Library Trustees (2 seats, 3 years)

Blanks	293
Write-Ins	0
*Beth Wilson	203
Other	<u>10</u>
Total	506

Municipal Light Board (3 years)

Blanks	14
Write-Ins	0
FRANCIS W. BRISSETTE	110
* ERIC W. JOHNSON	129
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	253

Board of Selectmen (3 years)

Blanks	32
Write-Ins	0
*MATTHEW MECUM	213
Other	<u>8</u>
Total	253

Planning Board (5 years)

Blanks	183
Write-Ins	0
* HOMAIRA NASEEM	60
Other	<u>10</u>
Total	253

Parks & Recreation Commission (2 seats, 3 years)

Blanks	35
Write-Ins	0
* ERIC HOFFESE	215
Other	<u>3</u>
Total	253

Town of Boylston

Annual Town Election - May 9th, 2022

Moderator (3 years)

Blanks	219
Write-Ins	0
* KIM KOHLER	22
Other	<u>12</u>
Total	253

Town of Boylston
Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee Election
November 8th, 2022
Official Results

Notice to Town of Boylston Voters was given and Specimen Ballots were posted as required by Law.
The voting machine was tested at least three (3) days prior to the Election as required by Law.
Voters of the Town of Boylston met at the Hillside Gymnasium, Town Hall, 221 Main Street,
for the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee Election according to Legal Notice.
The ballot box was examined by the Warden and the Town Clerk in view of the Constable.
The polls were declared open by the Clerk at 7:00 a.m. and were closed at 8:00 p.m.

There are 4,089 Registered Voters in Boylston; 2,633 turned out to vote.
The counter on the ballot box, computer printout of results, and check-lists concurred
that 2,633 ballots, including Absentee Ballots, were cast.
Voter Turnout was 64.39%.

Regional School Committee (4 Years Berlin)	
Michael Totman	1,648
Daniel Sirpenski (Write In)	127
Blanks	857
All Others	1
Total	2,633
Regional School Committee (2 Years Berlin)	
Julie Lee	1,477
Robert Holmes	1,255
Blanks	2,525
All Others	19
Total	5,276
Regional School Committee (4 Years Boylston)	
Jessica Moore Deglialberti	1,191
Lori-Ann Hart	1,378
Adam Wilbur	931
Daniel Sirpenski (Write In)	5
Blanks	1,762
All Others	9
Total	5,276
Regional School Committee (2 Years Boylston)	
Meagan Grill	1,821
Blanks	804
All Others	8
Total	2,633

Dawn A. Porter, Boylston Town Clerk, November 19th, 2022

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 2, 2022

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within The Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

1. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – May 2, 2022

on the **First (1st) Monday, of May AD, 2022 at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M., at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium or another location on the grounds thereof, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA**, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through thirty-one (31) of this Warrant; and at its adjournment, which shall be upon completion of Town Meeting action upon all articles listed on the Warrant.

2. ELECTION AND BALLOT – MAY 9, 2022

on **Monday, the ninth (9th) of May AD, 2022**, to vote by ballot at the Town's annual election, at the Boylston Town Hall, at the Hillside Municipal Complex located at 221 Main Street within the Town of Boylston, **with polls opening at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and closing at eight o'clock (8:00) P.M.** on the following:

***ARTICLE 31.** To vote by official ballot for the necessary Town Officers, namely:

One Selectman for three (3) years; One Moderator for three (3) years; One Assessor for three (3) years; One Board of Health Member for three (3) years; One Planning Board Member for five (5) years; One Municipal Light Board Member for three (3) years; Two Library Trustees for three (3) years; One Cemetery Commission for three (3) years; One Parks and Recreation Commissioner for three (3) years.

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on May 2nd, 2022. With 125 registered voters (3.05% turnout), the required quorum was met. Selectmen James Underwood and Seth Ridinger were present. Selectman Matt Mecum was unable to attend as he had contracted COVID-19. Also present were Town Administrator April Steward, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Dawn Porter.

Kimberly Kohler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Ms. Kohler stated that the calling of the meeting and officer's return of service were in order as required. She set the bounds of the hall, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and introductions were made.

A MOTION by the Moderator to waive the reading of Warrant was made and a second from the audience was made. Vote on the MOTION passed unanimously.

Ms. Kohler stated that the Town has traditionally entered into a consent calendar to group Articles 1-10 together. Seth Ridinger made a MOTION that Town Meeting consider and vote on Articles 1-10, inclusive, as a group. Second was made. Vote was taken on MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously.

***ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary Town officers; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officials and committees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ Counsel where, in their judgment, it may be necessary; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, and to issue a note or notes therefor and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Public Library to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

***ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, including the appointment of a Cemetery Superintendent, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Cemetery Commissioners

***ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

***ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Library grant-in-aid for the purpose of purchasing books and other items at the discretion of the Library Trustees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from jobbing during the current fiscal

year, be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expensed by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and for the purchase, sale, installation and servicing of merchandise and equipment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937; and for any out of state travel expense in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and if said sum and income shall exceed said expense for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and fix the compensation of the Municipal Light Board members for the year beginning July 1, 2022, as provided by Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows: Chairman - \$1,000.00 and two (2) members - \$1,000.00 each, a total of \$3,000.00, and such compensation to be paid from the operating account of the Municipal Light Plant; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any highway funds from State or Federal agencies, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with MassDOT – Highway Division, so-called, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance, in conformity with the provisions of Section 6A of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, for maintenance, repair, construction of Town roads and programs consistent with Chapter 90 funds, to be expended by the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that Town Meeting approve Articles 1-10, as printed in the Warrant. MOTION was seconded. Vote was taken and MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for the following Town Officers: three (3) Selectmen, Town Clerk, Moderator, three (3) Assessors, three (3) School Committee members, three (3) Board of Health members, three (3) Cemetery Commissioners, five (5) Planning Board members, all in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, and to instruct the Selectmen or other boards to fix a given compensation for the persons hired or appointed by such boards;

Selectmen, Chair	\$1,729	2 members each at \$ 1,440
Town Clerk	\$44,551	
Town Moderator	\$20	
Assessors, Chair	\$1,790	2 members each at \$ 1,195
Board of Health, Chair	\$351	2 members each at \$ 235
Cemetery Commission, Chair	\$269	2 members each at \$ 204
Planning Board, Chair	\$444	4 members each at \$ 71
Planning Board, Vice-Chair	\$70	
Planning Board Clerk	\$72	

Or act in any way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by James Underwood to approve the changes in the compensation of Town Officers as printed in the Warrant. MOTION was seconded by Seth Ridinger. Vote was taken and MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Personnel Plan and By-laws by replacing Schedules A, B and C with the following: or act in any other way thereon.: (proposed changes are in **bold**)

Section 15: Classification Schedule Amended May 2022 - Effective July 1, 2022

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Position Status</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Library Page	Hourly	1
Election Worker	Hourly	1
Town Meeting Checker	Hourly	1
Election Clerk	Hourly	1
Election Warden	Hourly	1
Clerical	Special Temp	1
Library Housekeeper	Special Part Time	1
Council on Aging Van Driver	Reg. Part Time	1
Council on Aging Van Scheduler	Reg. Part Time	2
Asst. Laborer	Special Hourly	2
Library Asst./Sr. Technician	Reg. Part Time	3
Laborer/Custodian	Reg. Full Time	3
On Call Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	3
On Call Firefighter	Hourly	3
Deputy Chief	Hourly	3 + \$500
Senior Library Assistant	Reg. Part Time	4
Asst. Town Clerk	Special Part Time	5
Police Service Aide	Hourly	5
Asst. Inspector/Electrician	Hourly	5
Assessor's Clerk	Reg. Part Time	5
Children's Librarian	Reg. Part Time	5
P&R Program Coordinator	Reg. Full Time	5
Equipment Operator/Laborer I	Reg. Full Time	6
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Part Time	6
Assistant Library Director	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. to Board of Assessors	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. to Highway Superintendent	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. to Chief of Police	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. to Planning Board	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. to Board of Selectmen	Reg. Part Time	7
Equipment Operator/Mechanic I	Reg. Full Time	7
Equipment Operator/Laborer II	Reg. Full Time	8
Working Foreman	Reg. Full Time	8
COA Co-ord./Community Outreach	Reg. Part Time	8
Admin Asst. to Health & Conservation	Reg. Part Time	8
Human Resources Administrator	Reg. Part Time	8
Town Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Full Time	9
Foreman	Reg. Full Time	9
Building Inspector	Salaried	10
Library Director	Salaried	11
Highway/Cemetery Superintendent	Salaried	12 + \$845
Facilities Technician	Reg. Full Time	13
Town Planner	Reg. Part Time	14
Town Accountant	Reg. Part Time	14
Fire Chief	Salaried	Contract
Police Chief	Salaried	Contract
Town Administrator	Salaried	Contract

Schedule B: Salary Compensation Schedule

Grade	Min	Mid	Max
1	\$13.91	\$15.25	\$17.51
2	\$14.11	\$16.70	\$19.24
3	\$15.30	\$18.05	\$20.78
4	\$16.46	\$19.42	\$22.35
5	\$17.81	\$20.95	\$24.08
6	\$19.25	\$22.65	\$26.05
7	\$20.83	\$24.46	\$28.10
8	\$22.44	\$26.41	\$30.35
9	\$24.29	\$28.52	\$32.73
10	\$26.22	\$30.81	\$35.42
11	\$28.37	\$33.30	\$38.23
12	\$30.56	\$35.91	\$41.26
13	\$33.00	\$38.79	\$44.57
14	\$35.61	\$41.87	\$48.11
15	\$38.51	\$45.24	\$51.95
16	\$41.57	\$48.84	\$56.10
17	\$44.89	\$52.77	\$60.64
18	\$48.39	\$56.93	\$65.45

Schedule C: Salary Compensation Schedule-

Job Title	Annual Salary
Chairman, Registrar of Voters	\$879
Director of Veteran's Services	\$254
Electrical Inspector	\$19,460
Assistant Electrical Inspector	\$1,339
Plumbing Inspector	\$14,348
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	\$1,192
Gas Inspector	\$7,084
Assistant Gas Inspector	\$607
Registrar of Voters	\$341
Health Agent	\$48,924
Dog Officer	\$2,752
Animal Inspector	\$1,755
Nurse	\$10,000
Vital Stat Clerk	\$200
Tree Warden	\$1,485

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town amend the Town's Personnel Plan and By-Laws as printed in the Warrant. MOTION was seconded. Vote was taken and MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$30,000 for the purpose of obtaining a salary compensation study; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town transfer \$30,000 from Free Cash to fund a salary compensation study. MOTION was seconded by Seth Ridinger. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$75,000 for the purpose of procuring a feasibility study, including preliminary design services, for a combined Police/Fire/Senior Center complex; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town transfer and appropriate \$75,000 from Free Cash to procure a feasibility study, including preliminary design services, for a combined Police/Fire/Senior Center Complex. MOTION was seconded. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of continuing building improvements at Town Hall; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town transfer and appropriate \$20,000 from Free Cash to continue building improvements at Town Hall. MOTION was seconded by Seth Ridinger. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$150 for the purpose of paying the following prior fiscal year bill; or act in any other way thereon.

- Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inv. MMA 34733 June 30, 2021, Police Dept. Ad, \$150.00

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

4/5th vote required to approve; MGL c. 44, sec. 64

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town transfer and appropriate \$150 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying a prior year fiscal bill as printed in the Warrant. MOTION was seconded by James Underwood. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$17,276 for the purpose of procuring new replacement heat pump units for Town Hall; and to meet this appropriation,

- the sum of \$102.39 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Fire Tools work, as previously appropriated by Article 31 of the May, 2016 Annual Town Meeting,

- the sum of \$174.69 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Fire Pickup Truck work, as previously appropriated by Article 3 of the November, 2018 Special Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$76.76 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Ambulance Laptops work, as previously appropriated by Article 17 of the June, 2020 Annual Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$9,053 be transferred from unexpended funds from the FEMA Grant Match work, as previously appropriated by Article 14 of the June, 2021 Annual Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$261.80 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Zero Turn Motor work, as previously appropriated by Article 16 of the May, 2018 Annual Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$3,200.99 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Sander Truck work, as previously appropriated by Article 6 of the November, 2018 Special Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$2,814.40 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Police/Fire Station Improvements work, as previously appropriated by Article 2 of the November, 2017 Special Town Meeting,
- the sum of \$1,592 be transferred from unexpended funds from the Police Dept. IT's work, as previously appropriated by Article 26 of the May, 2017 Annual Town Meeting,

or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town transfer and appropriate \$17,246 from unexpended funds as printed in the Warrant for the procurement of new replacement heat pump units for Town Hall. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$175,000 for the purpose of procuring a roadside mower for the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Highway Superintendent Steve Mero that the Town transfer and appropriate \$175,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of procuring a roadside mower for the Highway Department. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$70,000 for the purpose of roadway paving; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Highway Superintendent Steve Mero that the Town transfer and appropriate \$70,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of additional roadway paving. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or borrow the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purchase of a new Radio Communications System for the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Light Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

2/3rds vote required

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purchase of a new Radio Communications System for the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Light Department, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L.c.44 §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. A second was made.

Detective Sergeant Cody Thomasian spoke to the Article, explaining that he was tasked with this project in 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that Boylston's 25-40 year old equipment is beginning to fail and it is not operating effectively. He went on to say that the new radio communications system will benefit the Police, Fire, Highway, and Light Departments. Boylston's current system operates using a low band frequency, which would be replaced with a UHF system. UHF frequency is better for Boylston's terrain and infrastructure. It will enable direct and improved communication among town departments and neighboring communities. A significant portion of the cost of this new system is derived from infrastructure construction. Detective Sergeant Thomasian also noted locations of towers and antennae.

Detective Sergeant Thomasian answered many questions from voters including whether there was state or federal funding available for the project, cost information on a maintenance plan for the system, communication with schools, communication with state agencies, dead zone issues, lifespan of the system, long-term safety issues (radiation), departmental responsibility for upgrades and care, and timing of the purchase when considered along with the possible construction of a new Public Safety Building.

Eric Brose, Finance Committee, explained financing of the system and provided an estimate of cost to taxpayers.

The Town Moderator called for a vote. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$55,000 for the purpose of replacing computer servers, PCs and information technology infrastructure for the Police Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Police Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town transfer and appropriate \$55,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of replacing computer servers, PCs and information technology infrastructure for the Police Department. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing Police Officers' duty firearms.; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Police Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town transfer and appropriate \$10,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of replacing Police Officers' duty firearms. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$28,000 for the purpose of bringing the Police Station up to accreditation standards and for the procurement of office furniture for the Police Department.; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Police Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town transfer and appropriate \$28,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of bringing the Police Station up to accreditation standards and for the procurement of office furniture for the Police Department. A second was made.

Police Chief John Annunziata answered questions from voters including timing of this spending when considered alongside possible construction of a new Public Safety Building, information on accreditation standards, and cost of furniture in relation to the total cost of the Article.

Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6,000 for the purpose of purchasing replacement tires for both ambulances, or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Ronn that the Town transfer and appropriate \$6,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for the purchase of replacement tires for both ambulances. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Longely Hill Road, as laid out heretofore by the Board of Selectmen and according to the boundaries and measurements shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan Longley Hill Road Boylston, MA”, dated April 12, 2022, prepared by HST Group., and on file at the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by purchase, gift, or taking by eminent domain an easement for public street purposes in said way and to acquire any other necessary easements, including drainage easements as shown on the plan, sufficient to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Boylston; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Planning Board Recommendation: To be made at Town Meeting

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town vote to pass over Article 25. Richard Baker, Planning Board, made a second. Vote was taken to pass over Article 25. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10.05 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled “Accessory Apartment”, to allow for accessory apartments within an existing single-family home by special permit and to make other amendments thereto, or to act in any other way thereon.

REVISIONS TO SECTION 10.05 OF THE ZONING BY-LAWS
(Proposed additions underlined; deletions shown with ~~strike-through~~)

Section 10.05 Accessory Apartment

10.05.01 Purposes

The purposes of the Accessory Apartment bylaw are to:

1. Provide older homeowners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security, and services, thereby enabling them to stay more comfortably in homes and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave;
2. Add moderately priced rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households;
3. Develop housing units in single-family neighborhoods that are appropriate for households at a variety of stages in their life cycle; and
4. Protect stability, property values, and the residential character of a neighborhood.

10.05.02 Definition

Accessory Apartment - An Accessory Apartment is a self-contained housing unit which is either incorporated within an existing single-family dwelling with limited or no visual alterations to the exterior of the existing single-family home, or, in a detached, accessory structure to a single-family dwelling that is clearly subordinate to the single-family dwelling and has received a special permit pursuant to the criteria below.

10.05.03 Procedures

Application for a Special Permit may be made in accordance with Section 11.04.06 of this Bylaw and M.G.L. c.40A, Section 9. In any district in which an accessory apartment is allowed by Special Permit, the Planning Board, serving as the Special Permit Granting Authority as set forth in the regulations of the applicable zoning district, may grant a Special Permit for an accessory apartment provided that all of the following conditions are met.

At its discretion, the Planning Board may waive or modify any of the following upon petition of the applicant and upon finding such a waiver or modification is no more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing requirement and is in the best interest of the Town.

1. A plot plan and scaled architectural drawings of the existing dwelling unit and proposed addition (if any) shall be submitted, showing location of the building on the lot, location of septic system, and parking.
2. ~~The A detached~~ accessory apartment shall be located in an accessory structure on the same lot, such as a detached garage or barn, not further than 75' from the principal structure, and shall clearly be subordinate to the principal building.
3. The lot shall conform to the ~~area and yard~~ dimensional requirements in Section 9.
4. The accessory apartment shall not exceed 1,000 square feet, nor shall it contain more than two bedrooms.
5. The applicant shall be an owner occupant of the premises. As part of the special permit application, the owner shall certify in writing that he or she is, and shall remain, an occupant of either the principal single-family dwelling or the accessory apartment.
6. Not more than one accessory apartment shall be permitted on a lot.
7. The exterior appearance of the buildings shall remain, to the extent practicable, that of a single-family dwelling.
8. There shall be at least one off-street parking space to serve the accessory apartment, with access to the existing driveway serving the single-family dwelling.

9. The septic system serving the accessory dwelling shall meet current Title V regulations and the regulations of the Boylston Board of Health.

10. For properties located within the Boylston Historic District: Upon filing the application for a special permit for an accessory apartment, the Applicant shall forward a copy of the application to the Boylston Historical Commission.

11. The Special Permit shall provide that in the event that the title to the lot is transferred to a new owner, or the owner-occupant ceases to reside on the premises, the Special Permit expires automatically and the new owner(s), if they desire to rent an accessory apartment on the premises, shall be required to file a new application for a Special Permit in accordance with this bylaw.

12. No construction shall commence without issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector, and there shall be no use or occupancy of the accessory apartment until the Building Inspector has issued a certificate of occupancy.

Sponsor: Planning Board

2/3rds vote required

MOTION was made by Richard Baker, Planning Board, to pass over Article 26. A second was made. Vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously to pass over Article 26.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property and the fiscal year in which such surcharge shall commence; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION was made by Alison LeBlanc, Parks and Recreation Commission, that the Town vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; that the amount of such surcharge on real property shall be one percent (1%) of the annual real estate tax levy against real property commencing in fiscal year 2024 and that the Town hereby accepts the following exemption[s] from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59. A second was made.

Elaine Jones, 250 Sewall Street, presented information on the Community Preservation Act and how it could benefit the Town. She reiterated that Town Meeting is only being asked to accept the provisions of the

Community Preservation Act. If the provisions of the Community Preservation Act are accepted, it will become a ballot question at the November State Election.

Elaine addressed voter questions including what percentage Boylston would be adopting, that the percentage cannot be increased without again being voted on at Town Meeting and then being voted in by ballot, the Assessors Office would collect the surcharge and the money would be kept in its own separate fund, and spending decisions would be made by Town Meeting based on Community Preservation Committee recommendations. A timeline leading up to the first round of project approvals in 2025 was discussed. The history of State contributions to communities that have adopted the CPA was discussed. Most voter comments were positive, expressing a desire to maintain Boylston's small-town character.

The Town Moderator called for a vote. Vote taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land located southeasterly of Main Street, adjacent to land of Worcester County Horticultural Society and shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors Plan 48, acquired by the Town by Foreclosure in a Tax Lien Case dated October 26, 1939 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 2760 Page 272 and further described as the "Joslin Lot" in a Collector's Deed dated August 1, 1934, recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 2620 Page 85, from the Tax Title Custodian for tax-title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of disposal by sale, for no less than a minimum sales price as determined by Town Meeting and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

2/3rds vote required

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of a parcel of land located southeasterly of Main Street, shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors Plan 48, and as further described in the printed Warrant, from the Tax Title Custodian to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of disposal by sale, for no less than a minimum sales price of \$10,000 and provided that said property shall be subject to a conservation restriction, such that it shall not be built upon. A second was made. After minimal discussion, vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 29. Citizen Petitioned Article:

Section 20 – Times/Hours of Construction to be amended as follows:

20.02 — The time for any construction activities within the Town shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. There shall be no construction activities on Saturdays, Sundays or Massachusetts State and Federal Holidays, except in the circumstances of a bona fide emergency for which the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Inspector, or Highway Department may issue an emergency exemption to this bylaw. For purposes of this bylaw, the term "construction activities" shall be defined as "any work relating to, preparatory to or incidental to the mobilization of or implementation of construction activities and shall include all work activity including, but not limited to, erection, excavation, site preparation, demolition, or exterior alterations or repairs on any building or other structure.

EXCEPTIONS to authorized hours of construction:

1. Any work performed by the legal homeowner on or at their current place of residence without contracted labor or contracted assistance,
2. Any work by a contractor, hired by and for the benefit of a legal homeowner on or at the homeowner's current place of residence.

Any person, company or property owner may seek a limited waiver from the time limitations for construction activity set forth herein by filing a written request for such a waiver with the Building Inspector. Any request for a waiver must be filed with the office of the Building Inspector at least five (5) business days prior to the proposed construction activity. Upon receipt of such a request the Building Inspector may, in his sole discretion, grant or deny a limited waiver from the time limitations for construction activity. The Building Inspector may grant a limited waiver, however, only upon a determination that either (i) there is no practical means or method for the requester to comply with the time limitations, and compliance with the same will result in an unreasonable and significant financial hardship to the requester, or (ii) a limited waiver from time limitations will have no detrimental impact upon the surrounding properties or neighborhood, due to the nature of the proposed construction activity, or the character of the neighborhood. Any limited waiver from the time limitations issued by the Building Inspector pursuant to this paragraph shall list the name of the requester, identify the property affected, define the proposed construction activity, include a specific date(s) or time period for the permitted construction activity to take place and include a date of expiration of the limited waiver. Under no circumstances will a limited waiver be issued for longer than 15 days. A copy of any limited waiver issued under this paragraph shall be filed with the office of the Town Clerk, with a copy to the Town Board of Selectmen, Town Planning Board and the Town Police Department.

The Building Inspector and the Police Department are empowered to enforce the provisions of this By-law and may seek enforcement actions in accordance with Section 18 herein. Any person who directly or indirectly engages in or allows construction activities in violation of this By-law will face a mandatory fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for every hour or portion thereof in which there is a violation, and will result in all work being immediately terminated.

Sponsor: Citizen's Petition

MOTION was made by Gerry Quam, 3 Smallwood Circle, that the Town vote on Citizen's Petition Article 29 as written in the Warrant. A second was made.

Voters expressed concerns that the Article would present challenges to contractors and possibly discourage business development in town. Concerns were also expressed over other implications of the Article. Voters did indicate an awareness of, and empathy for, ongoing construction noise, especially in the area of Sewall Street South.

MOTION was made to close debate.. A second was made. MOTION to close debate passed unanimously. Vote was taken. Town Moderator called for a standing count. Once standing, it was obvious that a count would not be necessary. MOTION failed.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or otherwise provide the sum of \$19,093,416 (Nineteen Million, Ninety-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and zero cents), or any other amount as may be necessary, to defray and pay all Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as the Town sees fit for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and to fix the compensation and salaries of all Town Officers, as shown in whole or in part by the Town Budget, so-called, shown in the Fiscal Year 2023 Report of the Finance Committee, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the various departments of the Town; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Eric Brose, Finance Committee, that the Town:

1. RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of EIGHTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$18,758,416.00);

2. TRANSFER the sum of: EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$85,000.00) from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to be applied to the Fire Department budget; AND
3. TRANSFER the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00) from available Free Cash;

to pay all Town debts and charges and to fix the compensation and salaries of all Town offices, all as shown in the Town Budget, so called, under the column "Proposed FY 2023 Budget" in the Report of the Finance Committee.

Thereby approving the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of:

NINETEEN MILLION, NINETY-THREE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$19,093,416.00).

A second was made. After one voter question, answered by Eric Brose, vote was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting. A second was made. Vote on the MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn A. Porter
Boylston Town Clerk

**Annual Town Meeting
May 2nd, 2022
Appropriations**

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of Funds	Detail
Article #13 Salary Compensation Study	\$30,000.00		Free Cash	\$30,000.00
Article #14 Police/Fire/ Senior Center Complex Feasibility Study	\$75,000.00		Free Cash	\$75,000.00
Article #15 Town Hall Building Improvements	\$20,000.00		Free Cash	\$20,000.00
Article #16 Payment of Prior Fiscal Year Bill	\$150.00		Free Cash	\$150.00

**Annual Town Meeting
May 2nd, 2022
Appropriations**

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of Funds	Detail
Article #17 Replacement Heat Pump Units For Town Hall	\$17,276.00		<p>\$102.39 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Fire Tools Work as Previously Appropriated by Article 31 2016 ATM</p> <p>\$174.69 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Fire Pickup Truck Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 3 2018 STM</p> <p>\$76.76 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Ambulance Laptops Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 17 2020 ATM</p> <p>\$9,053.00 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from FEMA Grant Match Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 14 2021 ATM</p> <p>\$261.80 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Zero Turn Motor Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 16 2018 ATM</p> <p>\$3,200.99 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Sander Truck Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 6 of 2018 STM</p> <p>\$2,814.40 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Police/Fire Station Improvements Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 2 of 2017 STM</p> <p>\$1,592.00 Transferred from Unexpended Funds from Police Department IT Work, as Previously Appropriated by Article 26 of 2017 ATM</p>	\$17,276.00

**Annual Town Meeting
May 2nd, 2022
Appropriations**

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of Funds	Detail
Article #18 Roadside Mower	\$175,000.00		Free Cash	\$175,000.00
Article #19 Roadway Paving	\$70,000.00		Free Cash	\$70,000.00
Article #20 Radio Communications System	\$2,000,000.00		Transfer From Available Funds or Borrow	\$2,000,000.00
Article #21 PD Computer Servers, PCS, and Information Technology Infrastructure	\$55,000.00		Free Cash	\$55,000.00
Article #22 Police Officers Duty Firearms	\$10,000.00		Free Cash	\$10,000.00
Article #23 Police Station Updates	\$28,000.00		Free Cash	\$28,000.00
Article #24 Ambulance Replacement Tires	\$6,000.00		Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account	\$6,000.00

**Annual Town Meeting
May 2nd, 2022
Appropriations**

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of Funds	Detail
Article #30 Town Budget	\$19,093,416.00	\$18,758,416.00	<p>\$85,000.00 Transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and Appropriated to Fire Department Budget</p> <p>\$250,000.00 Free Cash</p>	\$19,093,416.00

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Notice to Town of Boylston Voters was given and Specimen Ballots were posted as required by law. The voting machine was tested at least three (3) days prior to Election as required by law. Voters of the Town of Boylston met at Hillside Gymnasium, Town Hall, 221 Main Street, for the Massachusetts State Primary according to legal notice. The ballot box was examined by the Warden and the Town Clerk in view of the Constable. The polls were declared open by the Clerk at 7:00 a.m. and were closed at 8:00 p.m.

There are 4,071 registered voters in Boylston; 1,033 turned out to vote. The counter on the ballot box, computer printout of results, and check-lists concurred that 1,033 ballots, including absentee ballots, were cast. Voter turnout was 25.37%.

Governor - Democratic Party	
Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	81
Maura Healey	600
Blanks	19
All Others	1
Total	701
Lieutenant Governor - Democratic Party	
Kimberley Driscoll	275
Tami Gouveia	142
Eric P. Lesser	236
Blanks	47
All Others	1
Total	701
Attorney General - Democratic Party	
Andrea Joy Campbell	313
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	215
Quentin Palfrey	136
Blanks	35
All Others	2
Total	701
Secretary of State - Democratic Party	
William Francis Galvin	518
Tanisha M. Sullivan	173
Blanks	9
All Others	1
Total	701

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Treasurer - Democratic Party	
Deborah B. Goldberg	613
Blanks	87
All Others	1
Total	701
Auditor - Democratic Party	
Christopher S. Dempsey	248
Diana DiZoglio	396
Blanks	57
All Others	0
Total	701
Representative in Congress - Democratic Party	
James P. McGovern	638
Blanks	62
All Others	1
Total	701
Councillor - Democratic Party	
Paul M. DePalo	580
Blanks	121
All Others	0
Total	701
Senator in General Court - Democratic Party	
Robyn K. Kennedy	372
Joseph M. Petty	314
Blanks	15
All Others	0
Total	701
Representative in General Court - Democratic Party	
Meghan K. Kilcoyne	614
Blanks	86
All Others	1
Total	701

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

District Attorney - Democratic Party	
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	598
Blanks	103
All Others	0
Total	701
Sheriff - Democratic Party	
David M. Fontaine	563
Blanks	137
All Others	1
Total	701
Governor - Republican Party	
Geoff Diehl	200
Chris Doughty	129
Blanks	3
All Others	0
Total	332
Lieutenant Governor - Republican Party	
Leah V. Allen	121
Kate Campanale	198
Blanks	13
All Others	0
Total	332
Attorney General - Republican Party	
James R. McMahon, III	266
Blanks	65
All Others	1
Total	332
Secretary of State - Republican Party	
Rayla Campbell	261
Blanks	69
All Others	2
Total	332
Treasurer - Republican Party	
Blanks	319
All Others	13
Total	332

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Auditor - Republican Party	
Anthony Amore	243
Blanks	88
All Others	1
Total	332
Representative in Congress - Republican Party	
Jeffrey A. Sossa-Paquette	246
Blanks	83
All Others	3
Total	332
Councillor - Republican Party	
Gary Galonek	243
Blanks	89
All Others	0
Total	332
Senator in General Court - Republican Party	
Lisa Mair (Write-In)	8
Blanks	324
All Others	0
Total	332
Representative in General Court - Republican Party	
Michael A. Vulcano	249
Blanks	82
All Others	1
Total	332
District Attorney - Republican Party	
Blanks	330
All Others	2
Total	332
Sheriff - Republican Party	
Lewis G. Evangelidis	267
Blanks	64
All Others	1
Total	332

Town of Boylston
November 8th, 2022 STATE ELECTION
Official Results

Notice to Town of Boylston Voters was given and Specimen Ballots were posted as required by Law.
The voting machine was tested at least three (3) days prior to the Election as required by Law.
Voters of the Town of Boylston met at the Hillside Gymnasium, Town Hall, 221 Main Street,
for the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee Election according to Legal Notice.
The ballot box was examined by the Warden and the Town Clerk in view of the Constable.
The polls were declared open by the Clerk at 7:00 a.m. and were closed at 8:00 p.m.

There are 4,089 Registered Voters in Boylston; 2,633 turned out to vote.
The counter on the ballot box, computer printout of results, and check-lists concurred
that 2,633 ballots, including Absentee Ballots, were cast.
Voter Turnout was 64.39%.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor			Question 1	
			Add'tl Tax on Income Greater than \$1 Million	
Healy and Driscoll	(D)	1,458	Yes	1,113
Diehl and Allen	(R)	1,111	No	1,445
Reed and Everett	(L)	42	Blanks	75
All Others		1	Total	2,633
Blanks		21		
Total Votes Cast		2,633		
Attorney General			Question 2	
			PET I: Dental Benefits (Law)	
Andrea Joy Campbell	(D)	1,389	Yes	1,701
James R. McMahon, III	(R)	1,183	No	849
All Others		0	Blanks	83
Blanks		61	Total	2,633
Total Votes Cast		2,633		
Secretary of State			Question 3	
			PET D: Alcohol Retail Reform (Law)	
William Francis Galvin	(D)	1,597	Yes	1,077
Rayla Campbell	(R)	948	No	1,436
Juan Sanchez	(GR)	52	Blanks	120
All Others		0	Total	2,633
Blanks		36		
Total Votes Cast		2,633		

Treasurer			Question 4	
Deborah B. Goldberg	(D)	1,664	REF: Repeal Driver's License Law	
Cristina Crawford	(L)	694	Yes	1,222
All Others		14	No	1,334
Blanks		261	Blanks	77
Total Votes Cast		2,633	Total	2,633
Auditor			Question 5	
Anthony Amore	(R)	1,206	Community Preservation Act	
Diana DiZoglio	(D)	1,126	Boylston	
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	(GR)	60	Yes	1,508
Daniel Wierner Riek	(L)	53	No	1,054
Dominic Giannone, III	(WP)	38	Blanks	71
All Others		11	Total	2,633
Blanks		139		
Total Votes Cast		2,633		
Representative in Congress			Question 6	
James P. McGovern	(D)	1,526	PPQ REP: Single Payer Health Care	
Jeffrey A. Sossa-Paquette	(R)	1,051	12th Worcester District	
All Others		0	Yes	1,314
Blanks		56	No	1,104
Total Votes Cast		2,633	Blanks	215
			Total	2,633
Councillor			Question 7	
Paul M. DePalo	(D)	1,455	PPQ REP: Committee Votes Online	
Gary Galonek	(R)	1,050	12th Worcester District	
All Others		1	Yes	1,964
Blanks		127	No	416
Total Votes Cast		2,633	Blanks	253
Senator in General Court			Total	2,633
Robyn K. Kennedy	(D)	1,420		
Lisa K. Mair	(U)	989		
All Others		10		
Blanks		214		
Total Votes Cast		2,633		

District Attorney		
Joseph D. Early	(D)	1,902
All Others		47
Blanks		684
Total Votes Cast		2,633
Sheriff (Worcester County)		
Lewis G. Evangelidis	(R)	1,617
David M. Fontaine	(D)	917
All Others		0
Blanks		99
Total Votes Cast		2,633
Representative in General Court		
Meghan K. Kilcoyne	(D)	1,518
Michael A. Vulcano	(R)	1,046
All Others		0
Blanks		69
Total Votes Cast		2,633

Dawn A. Porter
Boylston Town Clerk
November 19th, 2022

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 12, 2022
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** on **Monday the twelfth (12th) day of December, 2022, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M.**, at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston, MA, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through five (5) of this Warrant; and if necessary, at its adjournment which shall be Tuesday, the thirteenth (13th) day of December, 2022 at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium;

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on December 12th, 2022. With 91 registered voters (2.22% turnout), the required quorum was met. Selectmen Matthew Mecum, Seth Ridinger, and James Underwood were present. Also present were Town Administrator April Steward, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Dawn Porter.

Kimberly Kohler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Ms. Kohler stated that the calling of the meeting and officer's return of service were in order as required.

A MOTION by Seth Ridinger to waive the reading of the Warrant was made and a second from the audience was made. Vote on the MOTION passed unanimously.

The Moderator set the bounds of the hall, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and introductions were made.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Radio Communications System for the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Light Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Finance Committee Member David Butler that the Town transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Radio Communications System for the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Light Department. Dave explained that by doing this rather than borrowing, the Town would save a minimum of \$40,000 in the first year with similar savings in following years. Being able to pay for the project rather than borrow is the result of fees collected from several large construction projects happening within Boylston. MOTION was seconded.

Kimberly Kohler opened the floor for questions and commentary. Voters expressed concern regarding lack of transparency surrounding the project. Many voters expressed their disapproval of the wording set forth in last May's Annual Town Meeting Warrant, noting that it was not specific with regard to the location of one of the telecommunications towers which is being constructed off Stiles Road. Stiles Road neighbors expressed concern for public safety as the tower is set to be constructed in a densely populated area and

they asked why letters about the project were not mailed to abutters. Selectman James Underwood indicated that notice was given to Boylston residents in the form of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, which was properly served. He also noted the many meetings held by the Board of Selectmen regarding the project dating back prior to COVID. Voters asked about the permitting process for the project and its status. Town Counsel Stephen Madaus explained that the Building Inspector issued a building permit for the project this week and the Town has a contractor in place. He also noted that the Town had received a letter from the attorney for abutters who are challenging the municipal exemption used for the project as set forth in the Town's Zoning By-Laws.

Discussion was contentious, but a MOTION was made and seconded to move the Article. The MOTION passed, but the vote was contested by residents who weren't familiar with Town Meeting guidelines and felt that they were not given a fair opportunity to vote.

Town Counsel agreed that Town Meeting By-Laws provide for a motion to reconsider, requiring a 2/3 affirmative vote. The Town Moderator entertained a MOTION for reconsideration of Article 1, which was seconded. In a counted vote, 40 for reconsideration and 50 against, the MOTION to reconsider did not pass.

The original MOTION approving Article 1 passed.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,351.25 for the purpose of paying the following prior fiscal year bills; or act in any other way thereon.

- Coastal Medical Billing, Invoice #34810, dated June 30,2022, for \$1,351.25

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation:

MOTION was made by James Underwood that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,351.25 for the purpose of paying a prior fiscal year bill: Coastal Medical Billing, Invoice #34810, dated June 30, 2022. MOTION was seconded.

Finance Committee Member Howard Drobner stated the Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$11,000 for unexpected repairs to both ambulances, equipment replacement, and to purchase additional medication to be carried on both ambulances; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Finance Committee Recommendation:

MOTION was made by Fire Chief Joe Flanagan that the Town transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$11,000.00 for unexpected repairs to both ambulances, equipment replacement, and to purchase additional medication to be carried on both ambulances. MOTION was seconded.

Finance Committee Member Howard Drobner stated that the Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I of the General Bylaws by inserting in Section 4 a new subsection 4.8 after subsection 4.7 therein, to be entitled “Community Preservation Committee”, which shall establish and authorize a Community Preservation Committee to operate in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation:

MOTION was made by Seth Ridinger that the Town amend Article 1 of the General Bylaws by inserting in Section 4 a new subsection 4.8 after subsection 4.7, to be entitled “Community Preservation Committee”, which shall establish and authorize a Community Preservation Committee to operate in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws. MOTION was seconded.

Voter Christi Stille, Scar Hill Road, made a MOTION to amend Article 4 to ensure that one of the four at-large members be appointed by the Board of Selectmen from among the Boylston Library Trustees or the Boylston Library Foundation. MOTION was seconded.

There ensued a brief discussion and then Dawn Porter read the amended MOTION in full.

MOTION did not pass.

Vote was then taken on the original MOTION, which did pass.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$34,000 for the purpose of conducting a facility assessment at Boylston Elementary, or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee

Finance Committee Recommendation:

MOTION was made by Matt Mecum to pass over Article 5 as Northbridge Partners, who have a building project on Pine Hill Drive, have generously offered to fund the study. MOTION was seconded.

The Moderator called for a vote and the Article was passed over.

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting. A second was made. Vote on the MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn A. Porter
Boylston Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting
December 12th, 2022
Appropriations**

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of Funds	Detail
Article #1 Radio Communications System	\$1,300,000.00		Available Funds	\$1,300,000.00
Article #2 Payment of Prior Fiscal Year Bill	\$1,351.25		Available Funds	\$1,351.25
Article #3 Ambulance Repairs, Equipment Replacement, Purchase of Medication	\$11,000.00		Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account	\$11,000.00

Finance Committee

For the Fiscal Year ending in June 2022 the town budget increased by 3.7% to \$18,087,464. The increase in the budget was due to a number of factors, including increases in pension and group health for town employees, the addition of 2 new police patrolmen, 2 EMT/Firefighters, and various increases across many of our departments. Increases in the school budget were primarily driven by mandated and unfunded special education costs and employee salary increases, which are the largest portion of the school budget.

During FY2022, the town captured \$457,225 in new growth tax revenue thanks to new construction, which helps to lower the tax rate. The additional revenues also help the town to budget additional money towards additional line items and meet the increases in the school budget.

The free cash amount for FY2021, which was available for spending on capital projects in FY2022, was \$1,004,193. During the annual town meeting in June 2022, the town voted to appropriate funds towards a salary survey for town services positions, a communications system for our public safety and government services departments, the town's Master Plan and specifically funding a study for a new Fire/Police/Senior Center building, repairs and upkeep of town owned properties, a roadside mower, additional paving funding, and a significant contribution to lower the tax rate.

Free cash comes from a variety of sources, among them unspent budget line items, excess income from excise taxes, higher than expected new growth, and the sale of town-owned land. For FY2022, a large portion of the free cash came from building permits primarily from large building projects on Route 140, unspent town budgets and an unexpected increase in income from excise taxes. Additionally, our new assessors have recovered funds previously unavailable to us. Boylston has been fortunate to have a relatively large free cash balance relative to the overall size of the budget. This free cash is available for spending on capital projects in the upcoming fiscal year and will be appropriated during the annual town meeting. However, due to the robust cost of vehicles and equipment for the fire, police, and highway departments, town building construction and repairs, and other one-time purchases, the free cash funds do not cover all of the towns needs each year.

The finance committee is committed to sound fiscal principles. Specifically, regarding free cash, the finance committee strongly advises against using free cash and stabilization funds for operating expenses. Free cash is a one-time infusion of cash and is only used for capital expenses. It cannot cover ongoing budget operating expenses, which arise every year, and which must be paid out of reliable cashflow.

Lastly, the tax rate for FY2022 was \$15.84, a decrease from FY2021 when it was \$16.98.

Boylston is considered a wealthy town in the commonwealth, and therefore Boylston does not receive a significant amount of state funding. The advantage to this is that when the state

Finance Committee

legislature votes to reduce allocations to local budgets, Boylston is not as adversely affected as towns that receive significant state funding. The disadvantage is that Boylston doesn't receive much in state support towards its annual budget.

Finance Committee

The Boylston Finance Committee held 6 meetings during the FY2023. Of those, the following attended all 6 –Karen McGahie, Greg Cusimano, Howard Drobner, and Eric Brose; David Butler and Stephanie Miczek attended 5.

Please contact the chairman or other members of the finance committee for in-depth questions about the town's budget. You can reach Eric Brose at frederick.brose@yahoo.com.

Members Term Expirations:

- David Butler – 2025
- Steph Miczek – 2025
- Karen McGahie – 2023
- Howard Drobner – 2023
- Eric Brose – 2024
- Greg Cusimano - 2024

Board of Assessors

The Assessors have the responsibility of ensuring that all real and personal property in the Town of Boylston is assessed at fair and full cash value.

The Board of Assessors is comprised of Rebecca Dono Healy, Chair, elected 2020, Van Baker, Vice Chair, elected 2021, and Tom Martiska, Member, elected 2022. Amy Evanowski served as Principal Assessor for the year, and Jack Valleli served as the Administrative Assistant.

For Fiscal 2022, the tax rate fell \$1.14 to \$15.84 per thousand dollars of value. Fair market valuation for real and personal property in the Town increased by \$96,788,870, an increase of 11.3% from 2021.

<u>FY</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
2022	\$965,706,055.00	\$15.84	\$16,296,783.92
2021	\$868,917,185.00	\$16.98	\$14,754,213.80
2020	\$837,658,560.00	\$16.54	\$13,854,872.58
2019	\$785,566,400.00	\$16.04	\$12,600,485.05
2018	\$712,768,100.00	\$16.73	\$11,924,610.31
2017	\$696,181,200.00	\$16.12	\$11,222,440.94
2016	\$648,226,700.00	\$16.37	\$10,611,471.09
2015	\$600,295,400.00	\$17.41	\$10,541,142.91
2014	\$594,147,100.00	\$17.39	\$10,332,218.06
2013	\$594,959,400.00	\$17.20	\$10,233,301.68

Over the course of 2022, the Assessors held nine regular meetings, which were attended by all Board members.

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2022

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe)	\$ 18,600,055.05
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIle)	3,303,271.13
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 15,296,783.92
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(c) Ic above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	85.6399	13,100,150.45	827,029,405.00	15.84	13,100,145.78
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	9.9710	1,525,242.32	96,290,430.00	15.84	1,525,240.41
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	1.8750	286,814.70	18,107,400.00	15.84	286,821.22
SUBTOTAL	97.4859		941,427,235.00		14,912,207.41
Personal	2.5141	384,576.44	24,278,820.00	15.84	384,576.51
TOTAL	100.0000		965,706,055.00		15,296,783.92

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Assessors

Thomas Martiska, Assessor , Boylston , tmartiska@aol.com 508-869-6543 | 10/13/2021 12:43 PM

Comment:

Van Baker, Assessor , Boylston , vanbaker514@yahoo.com 508-869-6543 | 10/13/2021 11:02 AM

Comment:

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Reviewed By: Amy Handfield
Date: 10/15/2021
Approved: Andrew Nelson
Director of Accounts: Deborah A. Wagner

Deborah A. Wagner

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/15/2021

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2022

II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)		18,473,652.81
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	0.00	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	0.00	
3. Final Awards	0.00	
4. Retained Earnings Deficit	0.00	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	8,252.00	
6. Revenue deficits	0.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	0.00	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00	
10. Other :	0.00	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		8,252.00
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		57,877.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		60,273.24
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		18,600,055.05

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	507,524.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		507,524.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	1,942,686.00	
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	0.00	
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	0.00	
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	0.00	
TOTAL IIIb		1,942,686.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col (c))	636,188.81	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	216,872.32	
TOTAL IIIc		853,061.13
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2021	0.00	
1b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2021	0.00	
2. Municipal light surplus	0.00	
3. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		0.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		3,303,271.13

IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		18,600,055.05
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	3,303,271.13	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	15,296,783.92	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		18,600,055.05

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/15/2021

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2022

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2021	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2022
==>	1. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,130,852.00	922,000.00
	2. OTHER EXCISE		
==>	a.Meals	0.00	0.00
==>	b.Room	0.00	0.00
==>	c.Other	0.00	0.00
==>	d.Cannabis	0.00	0.00
==>	3. PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	80,511.00	35,000.00
==>	4. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	595,939.00	595,000.00
	5. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
	6. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
	7. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
	8. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SOLID WASTE FEES	0.00	0.00
	9. OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
	10. FEES	40,024.00	35,000.00
	a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00
	b.Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals	0.00	0.00
	11. RENTALS	55,081.00	15,000.00
	12. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
	13. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
	14. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
	15. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
	16. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	0.00	0.00
	17. LICENSES AND PERMITS	246,693.00	207,500.00
	18. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==>	19. FINES AND FORFEITS	6,141.00	13,000.00
==>	20. INVESTMENT INCOME	4,440.00	20,000.00
==>	21. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
==>	22. MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	75,577.00	100,000.00
	23. MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	67,066.00	186.00
	24. Totals	2,302,324.00	1,942,686.00

Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the above-indicated fiscal year tax rate recapitulation form by the City / Town / District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Ninotchka Rogers, Accountant , Boylston , nrogers@boylston-ma.gov 508-869-2093 | 9/2/2021 1:48 PM

Comment:

* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City / Town / District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or departmental revolving funds per Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. Written documentation should be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2022 estimated receipts to FY 2021 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2022

APPROPRIATIONS									AUTHORIZATIONS	
									MEMO ONLY	
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash (See B-1)	(d) From Other Available Funds (See B-2)	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1)	(f) From Enterprise Funds (See A-2)	(g) From Community Preservation Funds (See A-4)	(h) *** Departmental Revolving Funds	(i) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
06/07/2021	2022	18,087,464.00	17,620,591.68	250,000.00	216,872.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	9,053.00	0.00	9,053.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	80,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	21,300.00	0.00	21,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	8,835.81	0.00	8,835.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/07/2021	2021	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		18,473,652.81	17,620,591.68	636,188.81	216,872.32	0.00	0.00	0.00		

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates.
** Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source.
Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.
*** Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

Clerk
I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City / Town / District Council.
Dawn A. Porter, Town Clerk , Boylston , dporter@boylston-ma.gov 508-869-2234 | 9/8/2021 3:31 PM
Comment:

Annual Report of the Tax Collector

July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022

FY 2022 Real Estate:	
Commitments	14,938,496
Collections/Transfers	14,854,455
Abatements & Exemptions	29,746
Refunds	42,080
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	19,998
BALANCE 6/30/22	76,377

FY 2021 Real Estate:	
Balance 07/01/2021	177,669
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	161,290
Abatements & Exemptions	4,889
Refunds	3,452
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	14,943
BALANCE 6/30/22	0

FY 2022 Personal Property:	
Commitments	384,577
Collections/Transfers	383,283
Abatements	249
Refunds	652
BALANCE 6/30/22	1,698

FY 2021 Personal Property:	
Balance 07/01/2021	3,463
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	1,598
Abatements	1,865
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	0

FY 2022 Motor Vehicle:	
Commitments	1,045,648
Collections/Transfers	959,391
Abatements	22,311
Refunds	14,422
BALANCE 6/30/22	78,368

FY 2021 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	53,651
Commitments	135,203
Collections/Transfers	175,969
Abatements	17,544
Refunds	16,414
BALANCE 6/30/22	11,755

FY 2020 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	11,313
Commitments	-
Collections/Transfers	5,259
Abatements	893
Refunds	846
BALANCE 6/30/22	6,007

FY 2019 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	3,468
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	953
Abatements	73
Refunds	73
BALANCE 6/30/22	2,515

FY 2018 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	3,590
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	613
Abatements	0
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	2,977

FY 2017 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	2,949
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	134
Abatements	0
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	2,815

Annual Report of the Tax Collector

July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022

FY 2016 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	1,439
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	0
Abatements	0
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	1,439

FY 2015 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	1,772
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	0
Abatements	0
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	1,772

FY 2014 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	1,143
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	0
Abatements	0
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	1,143

FY 2013 Motor Vehicle:	
Balance 07/01/2021	2,208
Commitments	0
Collections/Transfers	0
Abatements	2,208
Refunds	0
BALANCE 6/30/22	0

RECAPITULATION OF TAX REVENUE	
Balance Outstanding 7/1/2021	262,665
Commitments	16,503,923
Collections/Transfers	16,542,943
Abatements & Exemptions	79,777
Refunds	77,940
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	34,941
BALANCE 6/30/2022	186,866

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri Cox

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector

TOWN OF BOYLSTON

SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2022

Bank and Investment Accounts

June 30th, 2022

Balances

Cash and Equivalents:

Cash on Hand			100.00
Clinton Savings Bank	Municipal Light	Checking	348,216.61
Clinton Savings Bank	Municipal Light	Depreciation	143,567.89
Unibank	Municipal Light	Checking	495,150.66
Unibank	Town	Money Market	799,168.88
Clinton Savings	Town	Depository	5,233,260.72
Eastern Bank	Town	Money Market	389,320.83
Clinton Savings Bank	Town	Collector's Depository	114,369.82
Unibank	Town	Unipay Collections	145,411.07
Unibank	Town	Unipay Building	56,485.76
MMDT	Town	Cash Pool	100.00
Clinton Savings Bank	Town	Arts Council	11,225.82
Clinton Savings Bank	Town	ARPA - CD	700,200.12
Clinton Savings Bank	Town	Escrow	15,662.55
Total Cash and Equivalents			8,452,240.73

Investments:

Bartholomew - Commonwealth Financial Network	Town / Municipal Light	1,898,661.12
Bartholomew – Commonwealth Financial Network	OPEB	190,911.50
Total Investments		2,089,572.62

Total Cash and Investments	10,541,813.35
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Respectfully submitted:

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Town Treasurer / Tax Collector

Salaries of Town Employees – Calendar 2022

Light Department:

Barakian	Mark	\$134,767.64
Harmon	Kevin	\$116,184.94
Johnson	Eric	\$1,000.00
Johnson	Shane	\$114,537.54
Lacroix	Jenifer	\$41,742.40
Lucia	Michael	\$120,952.10
McQuade	John	\$1,000.00
Mead	Shawna	\$40,772.55
Mero	Steven	\$1,000.00
Miller	Sheila	\$28,456.30
Seed	Barbara	\$11,442.20
Trudeau	Paul	\$77,235.54
		\$689,091.21

Highway Department:

Barber	Stuart	\$71,334.33
Bartlett	Cody	\$8,792.25
Bradford	Joshua	\$5,488.00
Burkhardt	Noah	\$6,998.00
Deal	James	\$70,630.70
Fallon	Frances	\$1,624.50
MacConnell	Darrin	\$55,326.98
Mero	Steven	\$98,292.93
Pupkar	Jill	\$44,655.00
Regnier	Walter	\$46,620.05
Schmidlein	Nathan	\$15,392.13
Stowe	Richard	\$6,621.88
Whalen	James	\$1,625.00
		\$433,401.75

Board of Health/Conservation:

Bailey	Andrea	\$1,250.00
Costello	Dennis	\$49,561.88
Muckenstrom	Ann Marie	\$350.00
Rich	Melanie	\$47,948.55
Scheinein	Sarah	\$289.75
Thibeault	Robert	\$288.00
		\$99,688.18

Cemetery:

Anderson	Gary	\$218.66
Parker	Donald	\$218.66
Wentzell	Roger	\$218.66
		\$655.98

Selectmen and General Administration:

Bourassa	Robert	\$83,636.88
Kennedy	Alison	\$42,689.62
Mecum	Matthew	\$1,579.97
Ridinger	Seth	\$1,580.84
Steward	April	\$98,716.72
Underwood	James	\$1,436.34
Vander Baan	Jeffrey	\$16,867.64
		\$246,508.01

Assessors:

Baker	Van	\$1,177.24
Healy	Rebecca	\$1,765.00
Martiska	Thomas	\$1,177.24
Valleli	Jacob	\$37,848.80
		\$41,968.28

Library:

Ambrosino	Leah	\$7,754.55
Bowker	Allyson	\$28,660.74
Francis	Deborah	\$4,959.77
Hout	Erica	\$64,168.32
Lyerly	Maggie	\$1,312.50
Nix	Alexi	\$44,038.40
Stretton	Larissa	\$34,459.36
Uva	Isabella	\$2,372.25
		\$187,725.89

Town Clerk:

Porter	Dawn	\$42,581.43
Walker	Rebecca	\$14,261.99
		\$56,843.42

Dog Officer/Animal Inspector

Golas	Steven	\$3,771.34
		\$3,771.34

Accountant

Rogers	Ninotchka	\$26,377.01
		\$26,377.01

Tax Collector/ Treasurer:

Buckley	Rosemary	\$35,332.01
Cox	Cheri	\$82,293.46
		\$117,625.47

Salaries of Town Employees – Calendar 2022

Fire/Ambulance

Bedard	Michael	\$125.25
Bradford	Jason	\$76,853.27
Buddenhagen	Daniel	\$15,973.01
Buddenhagen	Michael	\$1,213.88
Carlson	Laura	\$4,644.63
Chiasson	Nicole	\$60,082.75
Ciampaglia	Timothy	\$9,568.79
Colleton	Ryan	\$82.00
Conway	Tabitha	\$5,647.76
Demnsey-Holmes	Jeffrey	\$836.46
Economou	Philip	\$3,846.20
Ferreira	Guinevere	\$308.38
Fisher	Corey	\$1,234.12
Flanagan	Joseph	\$116,645.68
Hill	Charles	\$1,823.89
Kenney	Kathryn	\$576.29
Loganathan	Anusha	\$212.40
MacKenzie	Donald	\$84,751.83
McCubrey	Scott	\$133.25
Murray	Joseph	\$2,905.25
Nash	Rebecca	\$926.40
O'Connell	Robert	\$710.08
Osterberg	Paul	\$3,404.07
O'Sullivan	Michael	\$7,490.37
Phelan	Patrick	\$2,146.78
Phipps	John	\$1,744.28
Portis	Alan	\$1,117.13
Probst	Elise	\$3,387.61
Ronn	Mason	\$240.71
Ronn	Matthew	\$5,764.47
Schloerb	Ryan	\$35,202.15
Shawn	Hawk	\$2,717.14
Sotelo	Emily	\$725.60
Sparks	Aaron	\$145.12
Weir	William	\$63,871.42
Wilhide	Kelly	\$1,307.94
Young	Roger	\$624.10
		\$518,990.46

Parks & Recreation

Byron	Crystal	\$1,384.93
Frechette	Pamela	\$12,984.27
		\$14,369.20

Dispatch:

Colomey	Kevin	\$1,388.80
Crosbie	Sheila	\$2,612.68
Dorian-Schiavone	Jennefer	\$68,955.14
Purcell	Lynn	\$67,101.05
Rudge	Pamela	\$77,795.54
White	Bonnie	\$52,394.84
		\$270,248.05

Police:

Annunziata	John	\$125,903.33
Barbato	Robert	\$91,556.61
Bissonnette	Christine	\$47,758.29
Johnson	Kenneth	\$152,891.64
Marderosian	Matthew	\$74,361.44
McNutt	David	\$33,900.25
Monaghan	Kevin	\$102,281.64
Parker	Russell	\$86,150.60
Piche	Jared	\$85,348.62
Rivera	Samuel	\$101,851.92
Ryel	Matthew	\$103,559.70
Shepard	Mark	\$126,874.56
Thomasian	Cody	\$121,315.88
Thomas	Robert	\$151,645.97
		\$1,405,400.45

Police Revolving:

Brown	James	\$416.00
Carpenter	Brent	\$416.00
Coggans	Joseph	\$3,536.00
Cunningham	Michael	\$832.00
Doyle	Jeremy	\$1,404.00
Frick	Michael	\$728.00
Hatstat	Frederick	\$624.00
Hatstat	Nicholas	\$832.00
Horne	Randy	\$832.00
Kasaras	Marc	\$624.00
McShea	Brendan	\$416.00
Mitchell	Matthew	\$14,248.00
Monaco	Nicholas	\$2,496.00
Mortimer	Patrick	\$208.00
Murphy	Michael	\$988.00
Noone	Robert	\$3,640.00
Ribaudo	Peter	\$1,716.00
Walker	Dominic	\$416.00
		\$34,372.00

Salaries of Town Employees – Calendar 2022

Voter Registrars:

Aspero	Jeanne	\$1,349.63
Cass	Carolyn	\$527.25
Groleau	Mary	\$391.88
Gross	Lynette	\$413.25
Johnson	Bonnie	\$832.00
LaChance	Joanne	\$323.00
Porter	Dawn	\$323.00
Sears	Cynthia	\$323.00
Villani	Gail	\$441.75
Wheeler	Wendy	\$292.13
		<u><u>\$5,216.89</u></u>

Council on Aging

Duhamel	Amy	\$32,112.60
Gonyea	Mark	\$5,019.18
Lohnes	Kathleen	\$17,881.00
Lupien	Sandra	\$1,500.00
Macumber	Robert	\$8,995.82
Susanin	Laura	\$138.00
		<u><u>\$65,646.60</u></u>

Inspectors

Gardner	Nina	\$35,118.08
Gaucher	Brian	\$1,772.50
Healy	John	\$1,319.50
Johnson	Eric	\$21,120.00
McQuade	John	\$19,176.54
Salmon	James	\$1,200.00
Zahariadis	Anastasios	\$60,489.20
		<u><u>\$140,195.82</u></u>

Tree Warden:

Mero	Steven	\$1,441.00
		<u><u>\$1,441.00</u></u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$4,359,537.01

Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Year Ending June 30th, 2022

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Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Group – June 30th, 2022

								Exhibit A-1
	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	4,746,713.25	2,347,123.73	282,056.79	988,553.78		195,436.29		8,559,883.84
Investments				225,099.02		1,756,830.49		1,981,929.51
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	1,697.59							1,697.59
Real estate taxes	76,377.45							76,377.45
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(279,394.90)							(279,394.90)
Tax liens	105,243.38							105,243.38
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	108,791.38							108,791.38
Other excises								0.00
User fees								0.00
Utility liens added to taxes				1,988.94				1,988.94
Departmental		193,129.35				25,468.00		218,597.35
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	123,192.15							123,192.15
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							4,305,000.00	4,305,000.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	4,882,620.30	2,540,253.08	282,056.79	1,215,641.74	0.00	1,977,734.78	4,305,000.00	15,203,306.69

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Group – June 30th, 2022

								Exhibit A-1
	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants payable	120,674.81	87,241.51		227,133.73		1,941.00		436,991.05
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll	114,035.75	3,135.79		21,537.31		7,148.00		145,856.85
Withholdings	(1,215.24)							(1,215.24)
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	(201,319.86)							(201,319.86)
Tax liens	105,243.38							105,243.38
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	123,192.15							123,192.15
Motor vehicle excise	108,791.38							108,791.38
Other excises								0.00
User fees								0.00
Utility liens added to taxes				9,248.80				9,248.80
Departmental		193,129.35				25,468.00		218,597.35
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Deposits receivable				83,169.12				83,169.12
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings	374.04			2,080.86				2,454.90
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds						(18,307.96)		(18,307.96)
Notes payable								0.00
Bonds payable							4,305,000.00	4,305,000.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	369,776.41	283,506.65	0.00	343,169.82	0.00	16,249.04	4,305,000.00	5,317,701.92

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Group – June 30th, 2022

								Exhibit A-1
	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	7,400.00							7,400.00
Reserved for expenditures								0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	958,190.12							958,190.12
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service	1,183.67							1,183.67
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	3,546,070.10	2,256,746.43	282,056.79	872,471.92		1,961,485.74		8,918,830.98
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	4,512,843.89	2,256,746.43	282,056.79	872,471.92	0.00	1,961,485.74	0.00	9,885,604.77
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	4,882,620.30	2,540,253.08	282,056.79	1,215,641.74	0.00	1,977,734.78	4,305,000.00	15,203,306.69

EXHIBIT B

2022 Annual Report

TOWN OF BOYLSTON	EXHIBIT C
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022	
Description	2022 Amount
Taxes	
Personal Property	384,228
Real Estate	15,009,818
Excise	1,110,570
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	599,930
Total Taxes (Net of Refunds)	17,104,547
Licenses, Fines, Permits and Fees	
Fees-Treasurer/Collector	353
Fees-Town Clerk	9,023
Fees-Municipal Liens	5,875
Fees-Rental	46,981
Fees-Police Reports	25
Fees-Fire	11,414
Fees-Assessors	325
Fees-Cable TV	549
Fees-Planning	100
Fees-Police Alarms	-
Selectboard Licenses	15,208
Board of Health Permits & Fees	42,413
Building Permits	2,065,701
Plumbing Permits	18,999
Electrical Permits	51,446
Fire Permits	410
Gas Permits	8,054
Earth Removal Permits	19,079
Court Fines	10,764
Police Off-Duty Surcharge	9,209
Misc. Fines	-
Library Fines	-
Total Licenses, Fines, Permits and Fees	2,315,926
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	
Penalties and Interest-Property Taxes	26,963
Penalties and Interest-Tax Liens	2,593
Penalties and Interest-Excise Taxes	17,153
Total Interest on Penalties and Taxes	46,709
State Revenue	513,355
Earnings On Investments	4,619
Other	
Other Reimbursements	283,447
Sale of Inventory	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	48,161
Total Other	331,608
Transfers from Other Funds	6,995
Total Revenue	20,323,759

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

					EXHIBIT - D
Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOTICES	1,900.00	178.64	2,078.64	2,078.64	-
	1,900.00	178.64	2,078.64	2,078.64	-
SELECTMEN SALARY	4,476.00		4,476.00	4,476.00	-
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	97,709.00		97,709.00	97,709.01	(0.01)
HR ADMIN	17,744.00		17,744.00	16,695.75	1,048.25
TOWN PLANNER	40,930.00	7,194.13	48,124.13	48,124.13	-
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	46,845.00		46,845.00	46,870.70	(25.70)
TOWN AUDIT	19,000.00		19,000.00	18,500.00	500.00
SELECTMEN GENERAL EXPENSES	21,065.00	(178.64)	20,886.36	15,705.07	5,181.29
	247,769.00	7,015.49	254,784.49	248,080.66	6,703.83
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	400.00	(108.50)	291.50	160.00	131.50
	400.00	(108.50)	291.50	160.00	131.50
RESERVE FUND	100,000.00	(31,491.65)	68,508.35	-	68,508.35
	100,000.00	(31,491.65)	68,508.35	-	68,508.35
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SERVICES	38,768.00	(10,944.33)	27,823.67	25,460.28	2,363.39
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	12,713.00	1,500.00	14,213.00	13,524.44	688.56
	51,481.00	(9,444.33)	42,036.67	38,984.72	3,051.95

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

					EXHIBIT - D
Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
ASSESSORS SALARIES	4,059.00	-	4,059.00	4,059.00	-
ASSESSORS CLERICAL WAGES	28,304.00	(23,180.67)	5,123.33	-	5,123.33
ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	27,015.00	1,872.64	28,887.64	28,887.64	-
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR	47,204.00	(44,493.00)	2,711.00	2,711.00	-
ASSESSORS APPRAISAL EXPENSE	4,500.00		4,500.00	2,100.00	2,400.00
ASSESSORS PROPERTY REVALUATION	30,000.00		30,000.00	29,500.00	500.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSES	46,638.00	47,204.00	93,842.00	68,487.94	25,354.06
	187,720.00	(18,597.03)	169,122.97	135,745.58	33,377.39
TREASURER SALARY	81,235.00	-	81,235.00	81,235.00	-
TREASURER CLERICAL WAGES	35,305.00	-	35,305.00	34,335.28	969.72
TREASURER EXPENSES	43,581.00	-	43,581.00	40,519.63	3,061.37
	160,121.00	-	160,121.00	156,089.91	4,031.09
TOWN COUNSEL EXPENSES	90,000.00	42,597.71	132,597.71	132,597.71	-
	90,000.00	42,597.71	132,597.71	132,597.71	-
TAX TITLE EXPENSE	10,050.00	-	10,050.00	2,856.00	7,194.00
	10,050.00	-	10,050.00	2,856.00	7,194.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	37,634.00	-	37,634.00	37,634.00	-
TOWN CLERK CLERICAL	14,446.00	-	14,446.00	12,850.19	1,595.81
TOWN CLERK EXPENSES	4,660.00	-	4,660.00	3,383.18	1,276.82
	56,740.00	-	56,740.00	53,867.37	2,872.63

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	EXHIBIT - D
					Unexpended Balance
ELECTION/REG SALARIES	3,281.00	23.50	3,304.50	3,304.50	-
ELECTION/REG EXPENSES	9,450.00	94.20	9,544.20	9,544.20	-
	12,731.00	117.70	12,848.70	12,848.70	-
CONSERVATION SALARY	24,441.00	-	24,441.00	22,946.25	1,494.75
CONSERVATION EXPENSES	750.00	-	750.00	423.03	326.97
STORM WATER MGMT EXPENSE	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
	50,191.00	-	50,191.00	48,369.28	1,821.72
EARTH REMOVAL EXPENSE	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00
	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SALARIES	633.00	-	633.00	-	633.00
PLANNING BOARD OFFICIAL CLERK	68.00	-	68.00	-	68.00
PLANNING BG ADMIN ASST WAGES	9,649.00	44.42	9,693.42	9,693.42	-
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	2,050.00	-	2,050.00	1,271.44	778.56
	12,400.00	44.42	12,444.42	10,964.86	1,479.56
MUNICIPAL OFFICE EXPENSE	43,910.00	6,500.00	50,410.00	50,655.37	(245.37)
	43,910.00	6,500.00	50,410.00	50,655.37	(245.37)
TOWN REPORTS	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	1,649.75	750.25
	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	1,649.75	750.25
TOWN HOUSE EXPENSE	14,550.00	-	14,550.00	10,001.22	4,548.78
	14,550.00	-	14,550.00	10,001.22	4,548.78

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	EXHIBIT - D
					Unexpended Balance
TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES	23,220.00	201.62	23,421.62	23,421.62	-
	23,220.00	201.62	23,421.62	23,421.62	-
POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	1,155,723.00	(99,228.32)	1,056,494.68	1,049,854.65	6,640.03
POLICE OVERTIME	60,000.00	102,500.00	162,500.00	162,114.60	385.40
POLICE EXPENSES	178,453.00	-	178,453.00	178,420.99	32.01
	1,394,176.00	3,271.68	1,397,447.68	1,390,390.24	7,057.44
FIRE SALARIES & WAGES	446,961.00	-	446,961.00	448,163.79	(1,202.79)
FIRE OVERTIME	5,000.00	21,628.23	26,628.23	26,628.23	-
FIRE EXPENSES	74,580.00	8,000.00	82,580.00	81,667.47	912.53
	526,541.00	29,628.23	556,169.23	556,459.49	(290.26)
DISPATCH SALARIES & WAGES	259,561.00	(39,034.06)	220,526.94	210,358.28	10,168.66
DISPATCH OVERTIME	12,448.00	40,030.48	52,478.48	52,478.48	-
DISPATCH EXPENSES	14,974.00	-	14,974.00	9,674.13	5,299.87
	286,983.00	996.42	287,979.42	272,510.89	15,468.53
BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARY	59,886.00	-	59,886.00	59,713.84	172.16
BUILDING INSPECTOR CLERICAL WAGES	27,115.00	-	27,115.00	24,233.55	2,881.45
BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSES	9,250.00	-	9,250.00	8,299.68	950.32
	96,251.00	-	96,251.00	92,247.07	4,003.93
GAS INSPECTOR WAGES	7,467.00	-	7,467.00	7,467.04	(0.04)
GAS INSPECTOR EXPENSES	850.00	-	850.00	770.00	80.00
	8,317.00	-	8,317.00	8,237.04	79.96

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	EXHIBIT - D Unexpended Balance
PLUMBING INSPECTOR SALARY	15,087.00	-	15,087.00	15,086.96	0.04
	15,087.00	-	15,087.00	15,086.96	0.04
WIRING INSPECTOR SALARY	20,193.00	-	20,193.00	20,193.04	(0.04)
WIRING INSPECTOR EXPENSES	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	616.30	383.70
	21,193.00	-	21,193.00	20,809.34	383.66
DOG OFFICER SALARY	2,672.00	-	2,672.00	2,672.04	(0.04)
DOG OFFICER EXPENSES	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	-	1,100.00
	3,772.00	-	3,772.00	2,672.04	1,099.96
PARKING CLERK SALARY	260.00	-	260.00	260.00	-
	260.00	-	260.00	260.00	-
TREE WARDEN SALARY	1,442.00	-	1,442.00	-	1,442.00
TREE WARDEN EXPENSES	32,500.00	-	32,500.00	32,500.00	-
	33,942.00	-	33,942.00	32,500.00	1,442.00
SCHOOL DIST ASSESSMENT	9,173,970.00	-	9,173,970.00	9,173,970.00	-
SCHOOL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	1,105,371.00	-	1,105,371.00	1,105,371.00	-
	10,279,341.00	-	10,279,341.00	10,279,341.00	-
VOCATIONAL TUITION	598,708.00	-	598,708.00	528,206.24	70,501.76
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	105,218.00	-	105,218.00	88,292.40	16,925.60
	703,926.00	-	703,926.00	616,498.64	87,427.36

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	EXHIBIT - D Unexpended Balance
HIGHWAY SALARIES & WAGES	429,894.00	-	429,894.00	374,421.71	55,472.29
HIGHWAY EXPENSES	345,850.00	-	345,850.00	343,488.18	2,361.82
HIGHWAY BUILDING EXPENSES	25,250.00	-	25,250.00	24,893.88	356.12
	800,994.00	-	800,994.00	742,803.77	58,190.23
SNOW & ICE OVERTIME	30,000.00	4,030.02	34,030.02	34,030.02	-
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL EXPENSES	185,000.00	133,502.08	318,502.08	318,502.08	-
	215,000.00	137,532.10	352,532.10	352,532.10	-
STREET LIGHTS	8,500.00	-	8,500.00	8,110.36	389.64
	8,500.00	-	8,500.00	8,110.36	389.64
CEMETERY SALARIES & WAGES	656.00	-	656.00	655.98	0.02
CEMETERY EXPENSES	4,200.00	-	4,200.00	4,176.83	23.17
	4,856.00	-	4,856.00	4,832.81	23.19
BOH SALARIES	797.00	-	797.00	569.50	227.50
BOH CLERICAL WAGES	22,381.00	-	22,381.00	22,458.84	(77.84)
VITAL STATISTIC WAGES	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	-
ANIMAL INSPECTOR WAGES	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
SANITATION INSPECTOR SALARY	48,509.00	-	48,509.00	48,525.42	(16.42)
BOH EXPENSES	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	1,379.91	3,620.09
BOH SPECIAL PROJECTS	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	1,295.31	2,204.69
	82,187.00	-	82,187.00	76,228.98	5,958.02

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	EXHIBIT - D Unexpended Balance
TRI TOWN HAZARDOUS WASTE	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	2,716.30	83.70
	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	2,716.30	83.70
NURSE SALARY	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	3,225.00	6,775.00
	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	3,225.00	6,775.00
COA COORDINATOR SALARY	64,410.00	-	64,410.00	49,610.30	14,799.70
COA EXPENSES	5,635.00	108.50	5,743.50	5,743.50	-
COA VAN EXPENSES	7,000.00	-	7,000.00	3,691.51	3,308.49
	77,045.00	108.50	77,153.50	59,045.31	18,108.19
VETERANS AGENT SALARY	246.00	-	246.00	-	246.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	5,000.00	7,764.00	12,764.00	12,763.24	0.76
VETERANS EXPENSES	315.00	-	315.00	-	315.00
	5,561.00	7,764.00	13,325.00	12,763.24	561.76
LIBRARY SALARY & WAGES	184,824.00	-	184,824.00	178,332.00	6,492.00
LIBRARY EXPENSES	74,040.00	-	74,040.00	73,777.72	262.28
	258,864.00	-	258,864.00	252,109.72	6,754.28
MEMORIAL DAY	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	3,139.00	861.00
	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	3,139.00	861.00
RECREATION SALARY	26,114.00	(6,500.00)	19,614.00	13,509.97	6,104.03
RECREATION EQUIP AND PROGRAM EXPENSES	8,104.00	-	8,104.00	7,688.14	415.86
	34,218.00	(6,500.00)	27,718.00	21,198.11	6,519.89

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HISTORICAL BUILDING MAINT	7,000.00	-	7,000.00	5,214.23	1,785.77
HISTORICAL COMM EXPENSES	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	3,757.67	1,242.33
HISTORICAL COMM PROJECT EXP	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	397.20	802.80
	13,200.00	-	13,200.00	9,369.10	3,830.90
DEBT PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	-	260,000.00	260,000.00	-
	260,000.00	-	260,000.00	260,000.00	-
DEBT INTEREST	125,625.00	-	125,625.00	125,625.00	-
	125,625.00	-	125,625.00	125,625.00	-
COUNTY RETIREMENT	705,353.00	-	705,353.00	705,353.00	-
	705,353.00	-	705,353.00	705,353.00	-
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	12,500.00	(10,667.65)	1,832.35	1,832.35	-
	12,500.00	(10,667.65)	1,832.35	1,832.35	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	750,479.00	(164,256.00)	586,223.00	547,047.90	39,175.10
DENTAL INSURANCE	38,094.00	(8,000.00)	30,094.00	29,208.41	885.59
LIFE INSURANCE	3,542.00	-	3,542.00	2,985.36	556.64
	792,115.00	(172,256.00)	619,859.00	579,241.67	40,617.33
MEDICARE INSURANCE	61,885.00	-	61,885.00	53,605.64	8,279.36
	61,885.00	-	61,885.00	53,605.64	8,279.36
LONGEVITY BONUS	6,750.00	(718.00)	6,032.00	6,000.00	32.00
EMPLOYEE PHYSICALS	-	-	-	-	-
	6,750.00	(718.00)	6,032.00	6,000.00	32.00
GENERAL INSURANCE	168,828.00	3,159.00	171,987.00	171,987.00	-
	168,828.00	3,159.00	171,987.00	171,987.00	-

Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
ARTICLES					
ART#17 6/21 FLAGG ESTATE RENOVATION	79,513.57	-	79,513.57	559.88	78,953.69
STM#1 12/21 CAMP HARRINGTON	-	160,000.00	160,000.00	159,715.24	284.76
STM#5 12/21 POLICE CRUISER	-	60,000.00	60,000.00	46,291.00	13,709.00
ART#13 5/22 SALARY COMP STUDY	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
ART#22 2019 ATM ASSESSOR SOFTWARE UPGRADE	537.50	-	537.50	-	537.50
ART#21 6/21 RECORDS MGT SYSTEM	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	1,701.28	23,298.72
ART#22 6/20 MASTER PLAN UPDATE	22,362.50	-	22,362.50	-	22,362.50
ART#18 6/21 MASTER PLAN UPDATE	21,300.00	-	21,300.00	-	21,300.00
ART#29 6/20 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS	2,788.70	-	2,788.70	2,788.70	-
ART#22 6/21 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	7,089.22	17,910.78
ART#15 5/22 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
ART#17 5/22 TOWN HALL HEAT PUMP	-	17,276.03	17,276.03	2,670.00	14,606.03
ART#19 5/1/17 HILLSIDE IT	3,630.78	-	3,630.78	955.97	2,674.81
ART#21 5/7/18 - HILLSIDE IT	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
ART#23 5/7/18 - TOWNHOUSE RENOVATIONS	17,304.35	-	17,304.35	495.69	16,808.66
STM#2 11/17 POLICE/FIRE IMPROVE	2,814.40	(2,814.40)	-	-	-
ART#14 5/22 FEASIBILITY STUDY PSB	-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	75,000.00
ART#23 6/20 POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
ART#16 6/21 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	95,170.00	-	95,170.00	-	95,170.00
ART#21 5/22 POLICE IT REPLACEMENT	-	55,000.00	55,000.00	7,214.00	47,786.00
ART#22 5/22 POLICE FIREARMS REPLACEMENT	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	907.00	9,093.00
ART#22 5/22 POLICE FURNITURE REPLACEMENT	-	28,000.00	28,000.00	-	28,000.00
ART#26 2017 ATM POLICE DEPT IT	1,592.00	(1,592.00)	-	-	-
ART#3 11/18 STM FIRE PICKUP TRUCK	174.69	(174.69)	-	-	-

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Account	Budget	Transfers	2022 Adjusted Budget	2022 Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
ART#16 6/20 ATM - GRANT MATCH	9,486.00	-	9,486.00	-	9,486.00
ART#17 6/20 ATM - AMBULANCE LAPTOPS	76.76	(76.76)	0.00	-	0.00
ART#14 6/21 ATM - GRANT MATCH	9,053.00	(9,053.00)	-	-	-
ART#24 5/22 AMBULANCE TIRES	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
ART#4 11/18 STM STRYKER STRETCHERS	8,090.57	-	8,090.57	3,062.04	5,028.53
ART#16 2019 ATM - GRANT MATCH	1,842.00	-	1,842.00	547.99	1,294.01
ART#4 11/6/17 STM FIRE TURNOUT GEAR	635.00	-	635.00	-	635.00
ART#31 5/2/16 - FIRE TOOLS	102.39	(102.39)	(0.00)	-	(0.00)
ART#19 2019 ATM AMBULANCE LEASE	0.86	(0.86)	-	-	-
ART#20 2019 ATM FIRE TRUCK LEASE	0.06	(0.06)	-	-	-
ART#20 6/20 ATM - DISPATCH SOFTWARE	32,958.28	-	32,958.28	1,672.54	31,285.74
ART#30 5/1/17 - BUILDING DEPT INSP/CLERICAL	1,161.68	-	1,161.68	1,050.00	111.68
ART#16 5/7/18 - ZERO TURN MOWER	261.80	(261.80)	-	-	-
ART#19 6/21 ATM - DPW DUMP TRUCK	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	37,287.92	12,712.08
ART#20 6/21 - ZERO TURN MOWER	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	13,141.44	3,858.56
ART#18 5/22 ROADSIDE MOWER	-	175,000.00	175,000.00	-	175,000.00
ART#19 5/22 ROADWAY PAVING	-	70,000.00	70,000.00	-	70,000.00
ART#6 11/18 STM SANDER TRUCK	3,200.99	(3,200.99)	-	-	-
ART#40 5/1/17 - COMPASS PT BOND	30,283.07	-	30,283.07	-	30,283.07
ART#23 2019 ATM ROADWAY MAINTENANCE	0.60	(0.60)	-	-	-
ART #21 5/5/08 LANDFILL MONITORING/ENGINEERING	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
ART#24 6/21 ATM - HISTORICAL BUILDING RENOVATION	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
ART#15 6/21 ATM - OPEB TRANSFER	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
	601,341.55	688,998.48	1,290,340.03	332,149.91	958,190.12

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – All Non-General Funds for the Year Ended June 30th, 2022

	Fund Balances			Other Financing	Exhibit E-1
	June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources/(Uses)	Fund Balances
					June 30, 2022
Special Revenue:					
Grants, Revolving and Gifts					
STATE AID HIGHWAY	0.00	388,486.20	(388,486.20)	-	-
CARES ACT	95,760.79	92,131.64	(76,828.16)	-	111,064.27
COVID-19 FEMA GRANT	(15,764.08)	2,225.73	(2,137.60)	-	(15,675.95)
COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC GRANT	(20,588.26)	-	-	-	(20,588.26)
ARPA FEDERAL GRANT	246,606.20	459,193.92	(79,155.15)	-	626,644.97
HOUSING CHOICE GRANT	13,300.00	-	-	-	13,300.00
CONS & REC 2012 VFA GRANT	2,732.63	-	-	-	2,732.63
EMERG MGMT PERF. GRANT	(3,776.87)	-	-	-	(3,776.87)
ROUTE 140 EOED GT	215.46	-	-	-	215.46
EXTENDED POLLING HOURS	1,547.12	-	-	-	1,547.12
MVP GRANT	-	20,000.00	(20,407.80)	-	(407.80)
MIIA WELLNESS GRANT	-	1,784.92	(1,784.92)	-	-
LLE DRUG GRANT	(43,948.52)	43,948.52	-	-	-
911 SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE GT	230.30	2,506.00	(1,990.00)	-	746.30
JUVENILE GRANT	356.86	-	-	-	356.86
WATCH YOUR CAR GRANT	181.06	-	(181.06)	-	-
DFS EQUIPMENT	(9,998.95)	9,998.95	-	-	-
FIRE SAFE GRANT	7,364.05	-	-	-	7,364.05
FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	(3,150.50)	3,349.83	-	-	199.33
FIRE FEMA GRANT	(2,290.51)	-	-	-	(2,290.51)
POLICE STATE 911 GRANT	8,217.56	-	(1,906.00)	-	6,311.56
C of M URBAN FORESTRY GRANT	437.00	-	-	-	437.00
PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS	2,913.30	-	-	-	2,913.30
BOH FLU GRANT	2,843.60	-	-	-	2,843.60
COA FORMULA GRANT	396.06	10,608.00	(10,156.04)	-	848.02
LIBRARY GRANT	27,454.25	8,258.46	(3,893.01)	-	31,819.70

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	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	Exhibit E-1 Fund Balances June 30, 2022
CULTURAL COUNCIL	5,922.43	5,303.93	(5,343.00)	-	5,883.36
AMBULANCE FEES	393,559.16	212,619.59	(6,000.00)	-	600,178.75
RIDESHARE FUND	895.30	390.50	-	-	1,285.80
COMMERCIAL INSPECTION REVOLVING	4,390.00	-	-	-	4,390.00
HILLSIDE REVOLVING	254,222.58	127,000.59	(196,281.28)	-	184,941.89
CHRISTMAS TREE GIFTS	353.56	-	-	-	353.56
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	2,920.93	992.38	(1,086.40)	-	2,826.91
WETLANDS PROTECTION	49,761.38	6,262.50	(1,175.99)	-	54,847.89
PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING	23,503.71	12,800.00	(852.40)	-	35,451.31
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS	27,900.09	45,851.00	(41,801.63)	-	31,949.46
SALE OF TOWN BUILDING	23,400.80	-	-	-	23,400.80
POLICE GIFTS	321.08	5,475.00	(3,954.00)	-	1,842.08
DARE GIFTS	1,935.36	-	-	-	1,935.36
CANINE GIFTS	214.80	-	-	-	214.80
RTE 140/SCHOOL ST IMPROVEMENTS	48,000.00	-	-	-	48,000.00
CEMETERY REVOLVING	70,957.01	22,931.77	(23,115.86)	-	70,772.92
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	87,595.74	8,230.00	-	-	95,825.74
CEMETERY GIFT	2,377.08	200.00	-	-	2,577.08
BOH SEPTIC REVOLVING	63,898.73	8,400.00	-	-	72,298.73
BOH FLU REVOLVING	2,871.89	-	-	-	2,871.89
TITLE V SEPTIC	(432.52)	-	-	-	(432.52)
COA GIFTS	16,146.61	5,837.00	-	-	21,983.61
VETERANS COLA	-	474.00	-	-	474.00
LIBRARY GIFTS	12,437.22	9,500.00	(4,687.84)	-	17,249.38
CHILDRENS ROOM GIFTS	127.00	-	-	-	127.00

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					Exhibit E-1
	Fund Balances			Other Financing	Fund Balances
	June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources/(Uses)	June 30, 2022
LIBRARY DONATION PROJECT MGT	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00
RECREATION REVOLVING	7,089.17	15,378.60	(11,130.27)	-	11,337.50
PARKS GIFTS	4,719.58	-	-	-	4,719.58
MEMORIAL DAY GIFTS	11,992.86	2,500.00	(1,648.79)	-	12,844.07
BEAUTIFUL BOYLSTON	92.11	-	-	-	92.11
CULTURAL COUNCIL GIFTS	3,325.31	-	-	-	3,325.31
53G Revolving Accounts					
53G CC AOUDE NICHOLAS	1,564.83	-	-	-	1,564.83
53G PB BARNARD HILL	3,615.77	-	-	-	3,615.77
53G CC MOUNTAIN VIEW	77.85	-	-	-	77.85
53G CC JAMESON RIDGE	6,765.71	-	-	-	6,765.71
53G CC LONGLEY HILL	1,081.53	4,000.00	(2,548.12)	-	2,533.41
53G CC TURFLINKS	508.61	-	-	-	508.61
53G CC COMPASS POINTE	739.73	-	-	-	739.73
53G CC COMPASS CIRCLE/J HAYNES	824.24	-	(656.50)	-	167.74
53G CC BETHLEHEM BIBLE CHURCH	294.17	-	-	-	294.17
53G CC TAHANTO	1,250.28	-	-	-	1,250.28
53G CC SUMMER STAR WILDLIFE	3,427.71	-	-	-	3,427.71
53G CC 200 SHREWSBURY STREET	2,071.77	-	-	-	2,071.77
53G CC WORCESTER SAND & GRAVEL	3,152.65	-	(505.00)	-	2,647.65
53G CC SCANNELL 220 SHREWSBURY ST	2,809.34	-	-	-	2,809.34
53G CC WORCESTER DONUTS/270 SHREWSBURY ST	2,030.83	-	-	-	2,030.83
53G CC PINE ST BOYLSTON REALTY	363.89	-	-	-	363.89
53G CC 313 MAIN ST REALTY	3,056.00	-	(1,544.86)	-	1,511.14

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	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	Exhibit E-1 Fund Balances June 30, 2022
53G CC PINE ST EXT	1,251.02	-	(459.00)	-	792.02
53G CC 280 SHREWSBURY ST-BATISTA	729.74	-	-	-	729.74
53G CC 85 SEWALL STREET	2,517.81	-	-	-	2,517.81
53G CC 299 SEWALL ST/LILYMERE	886.95	-	-	-	886.95
53G CC SEWALL ST APARTMENTS	2,079.83	-	(1,465.41)	-	614.42
53G CC TOWER HILL	3,369.40	-	(921.20)	-	2,448.20
53G CC 100 SHREWSBURY	1,666.75	-	-	-	1,666.75
53G CC PINE HILL DR	3,000.00	9,500.00	(9,254.10)	-	3,245.90
53G CC PERRY RD LOTS 1 AND 2	422.50	-	-	-	422.50
53G CC 8 GULF STREET	2,500.00	-	(683.00)	-	1,817.00
53G CC 160 SHREWSBURY - RAND WHITNEY	-	14,500.00	(12,193.63)	-	2,306.37
53G CC SHAH SCHOOL ST	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
53G ER FED-EX	2,025.20	-	-	-	2,025.20
53G EW PINE STREET	2,293.00	-	-	-	2,293.00
53G PB LONGELY HILL	316.29	3,200.00	(2,731.00)	-	785.29
53G PB COMPASS POINT R.E. LLC	452.45	-	-	-	452.45
53G PB STRAW HOLLOW ESTATES	220.90	-	-	-	220.90
53G PB SARAH LANE	158.46	-	-	-	158.46
53G PB BARNARD HILL	4,418.39	6,476.00	(8,053.00)	-	2,841.39
53G PB RAND WHITNEY	1,955.27	-	-	-	1,955.27
53G PB MT PLEASANT COUNTRY CLUB	1,520.45	-	-	-	1,520.45
53G PB KREG LLC - COMPASS POINT	3,025.13	-	-	-	3,025.13
53G PB 200 SHREWSBURY ST	2,545.70	-	-	-	2,545.70
53G PB FLAGG STREET / KATZ	269.64	-	-	-	269.64
53G PB TM ELECTRONICS	2,522.81	-	-	-	2,522.81
53G PB 270 SHREWSBURY ST	2,934.40	-	-	-	2,934.40
53G PB SCANNELL PROPERTIES/SHREWSBURY ST	3,653.04	-	-	-	3,653.04

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – All Non-General Funds for the Year Ended June 30th, 2022

	Fund Balances			Other Financing	Exhibit E-1
	June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources/(Uses)	Fund Balances
					June 30, 2022
53G PB PINE STREET	8,969.01	5,825.00	(14,198.87)	-	595.14
53G PB 280 SHREWSBURY ST WORC BLDG	1,070.56	-	-	-	1,070.56
53G PB 247 MILE HILL RD	971.99	-	-	-	971.99
53G PB 85 SEWALL STREET	10.12	-	-	-	10.12
53G PB 299 SEWALL/GRAVEL PIT	1,891.20	-	-	-	1,891.20
53G PB 84 MAIN STREET/RON WAGNER	534.09	-	-	-	534.09
53G PB COBBLESTONE WOODS	2,500.69	-	-	-	2,500.69
53G PB 321 CROSS	8,438.00	-	-	-	8,438.00
53G PB TRAILSIDE APT 100 SHREWSBURY	-	14,000.00	(11,166.49)	-	2,833.51
53G PB 8 GULF STREET OVER 55	736.42	3,000.00	(3,730.50)	-	5.92
53G PB PINE HILL DR WAREHOUSE	33,858.00	-	(4,283.14)	-	29,574.86
53G PB 313 MAIN ST	948.50	2,000.00	(1,307.00)	-	1,641.50
53G PB 160 SHREWSBURY/RTE 140	36,840.00	6,000.00	(21,302.00)	-	21,538.00
53G PB 500 MAIN/HAWKS PERCH	-	2,700.00	(2,658.50)	-	41.50
53G PB SUMMER STAR MEADOW	-	1,200.00	(906.42)	-	293.58
53G PB 21 BROOKSIDE AVE/WAGNER	-	900.00	(535.50)	-	364.50
53G ZBA JAMESON RIDGE	4,618.16	-	-	-	4,618.16
53G ZBA MAPLECROFT FARMS	5,173.42	-	-	-	5,173.42
Total Special Revenue Funds	1,628,468	1,607,940	(985,107)	-	2,251,301

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – All Non-General Funds for the Year Ended June 30th, 2022

	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	Exhibit E-1 Fund Balances June 30, 2022
Capital Projects:					
DPW Garage Project	86,031	-	-	-	86,031
Library Construction Phase I	885	-	-	-	885
Library Construction Phase II	247,797	-	(52,656)	-	195,141
Total Capital Projects	334,713	-	(52,656)	-	282,057
Permanent Trust Funds:					
Cemetery Funds	62,991	-	-	-	62,991
Library Funds	18,634	-	-	-	18,634
OPEB Trust	201,540	(35,629)	-	25,000	190,912
Total Permanent Trust Funds	283,165	(35,629)	-	25,000	272,536
Expendable Trust Funds:					
Affordable Housing Trust	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Drug Forfeiture Fund	913	-	-	-	913
Cemetery Funds	143,539	(1,716)	-	-	141,824
Library Funds	66,127	(970)	-	-	65,157
DPW Building Stabilization Fund	731	10	-	-	741
Stabilization Fund	1,394,817	(14,525)	-	-	1,380,291
Capital Fund	42	(17)	-	-	25
Total Expendable Trust Funds:	1,706,169	(17,219)	-	-	1,688,950
Total - Non-General Governmental Funds	3,952,514	1,555,093	(1,037,763)	25,000	4,494,844

**TOWN OF BOYLSTON
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

EXHIBIT F

Description	Uncollected June 30, 2021	Commitments	Refunds	Add/(Deduct)		Transfers to Tax Title	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2022
				Adjustments	Abatements			
Real Estate								
2022	-	14,938,495.72	42,080	(6)	(29,746)	(19,998)	(14,854,449)	76,377
2021	177,669	-	3,452	-	(4,889)	(14,943)	(161,290)	0
	177,669	14,938,496	45,533	(6)	(34,634)	(34,941)	(15,015,739)	76,377
Personal Property								
2022	-	384,576.57	652	0	(249)	-	(383,283)	1,698
2021	3,463	-	-	-	(1,865)	-	(1,598)	0
	3,463	384,577	652	0	(2,114)	-	(384,881)	1,698
Motor Vehicle Excise								
2022	-	1,045,648	14,422	-	(22,311)		(959,391)	78,368
2021	53,651	135,203	16,414	-	(17,544)		(175,969)	11,755
2020	11,313	-	846	-	(893)		(5,259)	6,007
2019	3,468	-	-	-	-		(953)	2,515
2018	3,590	-	-	-	-		(613)	2,977
2017	2,949	-	-	-	-		(134)	2,815
2016	1,439	-	-	-	-		-	1,439
2015	1,772	-	-	-	-		-	1,772
2014	1,143	-	-	-	-		-	1,143
2013	2,208	-	-	-	(2,208)		-	-
	81,532	1,180,851	31,682	-	(42,956)	-	(1,142,318)	108,791
Tax Liens	70,514	39,305	-	-	-	-	(4,576)	105,243
Tax Possessions	123,192	-						123,192

EXHIBIT G

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MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement:

The Boylston Municipal Light Department strives to provide excellent service and economical electric rates to its customers.

The Boylston Municipal Light Department (BMLD) has continued its maintenance program, consisting of pole replacements, wire upgrades, and tree trimming to minimize power outages for our ratepayers. This also helps keep restoration times for outages at a minimum.

A total of 18 outages were reported throughout the year with an average 1½ hour restoration time. The longest outages were caused by large trees which fell, damaging powerlines and poles.

A total of 31 utility poles were replaced during the year.

A total of 27 new residential services and 1 new business service were added to the town's system in 2022.

The BMLD has a total of 2 commercial solar customers and 28 residential solar customers.

One new residential solar array was installed in 2022.

A total of 176,453 kwh's was purchased back from all the solar arrays.

Covid-19 continues to affect the utility industry with extended lead times for equipment and supplies. BMLD has been fortunate to be able to keep up with the Town's needs.

The BMLD would like to thank all the Town Departments who assisted the Light Department throughout the year.

The BMLD through the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), which Boylston is a member, manages Boylston's power portfolio by purchasing low-cost electricity. MMWEC also plans, develops, and manages energy resources that BMLD jointly owns.

In October MMWEC dedicated the largest municipally owned solar project in the Commonwealth. The Master Sergeant Alexander Cotton Memorial Solar Project is a 6.9 MW solar farm that will generate enough power for 1,500 homes and displace 13,220,400 pounds of CO2 emissions. BMLD is proud to be 1 of 6 utilities which are participants/owners of this project.

BMLD is working with MMWEC to add offshore wind and utility scale battery to its portfolio.

BMLD's power portfolio for the year ending 2022 was on average 47% carbon free. BMLD is continuing its efforts to lower carbon emitting generation in its energy portfolio to meet the state's new requirements.

BMLD provides Residential Energy Efficiency Services to its customers through MMWEC.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The NextZero program is designed to assist our customers with rebates on Energy Star appliances, home energy audits, and other efficiency measures. Information on rebates and incentives can be viewed on their web site. (www.nextzero.org)

Lastly, we would like to thank Sheila Miller for 25 years of outstanding customer service. Congratulations and best wishes in your Retirement!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Barakian / General Manager

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gross Revenue:	3,867,442.00	3,872,828.00	4,612,665.00
Operating Expense:	4,232,124.00	4,260,806.00	4,572,568.00
Misc. Sales	24,313.00	24,556.00	25,149
Profit:	(188,133)	(206,273)	215,736
Physical Plant Cost:	6,397,819.00	6,518,591.00	6,535,633.00
KW of Demand:	7,510	8,175	8,729
KWH Bought:	34,932,100	34,608,983	35,353,209
KWH Sold	32,002,953	32,785,005	33,453,856
Customers	2394	2470	2493
Purchase Power Avg. Cost:	0.12	0.12	0.14

Light Commission Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month or as posted.

The Board held 9 regular meetings with the following attendance:

John McQuade 9, Eric Johnson 8, Steve Mero 6

(No meetings were held in the months of July, October, and December)

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

24 Hr Emergency Service Phone Number: 508-869-6564



Boylston Police Department
Office of the Chief of Police
John A. Annunziata
215 Main Street
Boylston, MA 01505
Phone: 508-869-2113
Fax: 508-869-2360



In 2022, the police department had two new officers join the department, Matthew Marderosian, and David McNutt. Officer Marderosian was previously employed with the East Brookfield Police Department. Officer McNutt was previously employed with the Barre Police Department. Both officers successfully completed their field training program and have proven to be critical assets to the department.

Officer Mark Shepard was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is currently assigned to the overnight shift. Sergeant Shepard has been serving the Town of Boylston since 2005.

The Boylston Police Department participated in many community and regional events, including Toys-For-Tots, Trunk or Treat, hosting an open house, and National Night Out. The purpose of these events is to better our communities by fostering existing relationships throughout our community and developing new relationships. Relationships are a critical component of the police department and allow our staff to be successful and efficient in their duties.

LEI Corporation made a donation to the police department to fund a motorcycle. Officer Johnson who has been a motor officer for numerous years has been assigned to the motor unit.

The Boylston Police Department has begun hosting various trainings which provide our staff with advanced knowledge and skills. These trainings allow us to provide the community of Boylston with superior police services and best practices. For hosting classes, the department receives free tuition for officers attending. Detective Ryel created a relationship with Street COP training, which has allowed us to host many of their classes. The classes have proven to be successful for our department.

The Boylston Police Department hosted a women's self-defense seminar with area departments and Force Defense and Fitness. Sergeant Thomas organized and served as an instructor for this event which had a significant turnout. Participants were provided with an introduction to self-defense and other tactics to keep them safe.

The Boylston Police Department worked with the council on aging to provide a scam seminar to seniors. This seminar provided tips to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a scam and provided seniors with a network to gather additional information.

The Boylston Police Department made the decision to work toward state accreditation. To achieve accreditation, an agency must adhere to a strict body of professional standards and be assessed by the accreditation committee. Sgt. Thomasian has been appointed as the accreditation manager and will undertake this process. Accreditation ensures best practices are

Police Department

being utilized by the police department and continues to assess high liability areas of police operations.

Dispatcher White joined the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force (TERT). This newly created program is comprised of public safety telecommunicators who respond, relieve, augment, or assist dispatch centers that are affected by manmade or natural disasters. All costs associated with TERT are covered under a grant. Our dispatch center received \$11,642.42 in additional grants.

Detective Ryel was chosen by his colleagues as Officer of the Year. Detective Ryel was recognized by his colleagues for going above and beyond to better help his agency and community.

The Boylston Police Department would like to recognize the following employees for their dedicated service to the Town of Boylston:

Dispatcher Purcell – 25 years of full-time service

Officer Barbato – 20 years of full-time service

Officer Piche – 15 years of full-time service

I would like to commend the entire staff of the Boylston Police Department for their outstanding professional service to the Town of Boylston. Your commitment is admirable, and I am honored to lead and work alongside this group of professionals.

We would also like to recognize our fellow town departments and department heads, whom we partner with on a regular basis to provide our community members with the service they deserve. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that may go unnoticed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for this work.

Lastly, we would like to thank our community members and businesses. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in our police operations.

Respectfully Submitted,



John A. Annunziata
Chief of Police

Police Department

Activity	2019	2020	2021	2022
911 Calls	35	104	569	667
Assault and Battery	1	1	3	5
Alarm Response	170	115	123	155
Animal Complaint	55	54	82	73
B&E	3	1	9	4
Check Well Being	60	50	74	101
Civil Dispute	12	5	6	19
Disturbance	45	38	32	39
Disabled M/V	107	72	42	81
Domestic Disturbance	21	12	14	11
Erratic Operator	49	42	53	63
Harassment	3	4	3	13
Larceny	5	18	47	49
M/V Lockout	4	5	8	9
Mutual Aid	33	16	2	82
M/V Accident	81	77	76	99
M/V Stop	1933	480	899	1950
Parking Violation	9	20	32	18
Safety Hazard	105	105	97	153
Serve Summons	30	33	16	24
Suspicious Activity	126	103	98	138
Arrest/Charged	124	41	66	186
Total # of all calls including the ones listed above	12,379	12,968	15,536	26,863

Police Department

2022 Department Roster

Chief of Police

John Annunziata

Executive Assistant

Christine Bissonnette

Sergeants

Robert Thomas, Jr.

Cody Thomasian

Mark Shepard

Detectives

Matthew Ryel

Patrolman

Russell Parker

Kenneth Johnson

Robert Barbato

Samuel Rivera

Jared Piche

Kevin Monaghan

Matthew Marderosian

David McNutt

Dispatchers

Pamela Rudge

Jennefer Schiavone

Sheila Crosbie

Lynn Purcell

Bonnie White

Kevin Colomey

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

As 2022 came to a close, some sense of normalcy has returned to the region and to the community. Although the fire department continues to support the community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing testing at the fire station, home test kits and personal protective equipment, we look forward to a time when these services are no longer needed. The department continues to be grateful for the support from members of the community who all banded together in a very challenging time. The fire department continues to work with the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health to provide public health services to the community.

The Boylston Fire Department is a combination career/paid on-call department consisting of a full-time fire chief and six full time firefighter/EMTs; the full-time staff works in groups of two to cover the community from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm seven days a week. The full-time staff works in conjunction with 16 on-call firefighters, many who are also emergency medical technicians, to handle emergency calls for service. This EMS staff also covers per diem shifts from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends. The department welcomed two new full-time members in 2022; Dan Buddenhagen and Ryan Schloerb were hired as full-time employees in September. Both Dan and Ryan had previously worked as on-call firefighter/EMTs so they were able to make a seamless transition to their full-time roles.

The fire department reminds all residents to inspect and test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on a regular basis and replace batteries every six months if the detectors are equipped with standard batteries. Remember, even hard-wired smoke alarms have batteries that need to be changed on a regular basis. All smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years; carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every five to seven years, depending on the manufacturer. All homes with attached garages or that are heated with oil, gas, or wood should have carbon monoxide detectors. Fire department personnel are always available to help to answer questions about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and to assist with the installation of detectors and replacement of detector batteries.

The Boylston Fire Department staffs two basic life support ambulances to supply emergency medical services to the community. The Fire Department worked in conjunction with paramedic services from neighboring departments to provide the town with the highest level of emergency care in the field.

During 2022, the Fire Department EMS responded to the following calls:

Basic life support	394	Fire alarms	74
Advanced life support	68	Fire scene standby	20
Motor vehicle crashes	72	Mutual aid	205
Carbon monoxide alarms	20	Total EMS Calls	853

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During 2022, the Fire Department responded to the following calls:

Motor vehicle crashes	72	Vehicle fires	2
Carbon monoxide alarms	20	All other calls	23
Fire/smoke alarms	74	Mutual aid	40
Fires in a structure	10		
Brush fires	8	<u>Total Fire Calls</u>	<u>249</u>

Open air burning is allowed by the DEP from January 15th through May 1st of each year and is supervised by the Boylston Fire Department. Residents can burn brush and other yard waste during this time once they obtain an open-air burning permit. Permits were available at the fire department and through the town's website. In 2022, the fire department issued 260 seasonal burning permits and the fire department supervised a total of 725 open air fires during the open burning season.

In addition to calls for emergency services, the fire department also provides fire prevention services to the community. With the new development in town, both residential and commercial, fire prevention activities occupied a lot of the fire department's time. Department members also conducted plan review for smoke and carbon monoxide placement in all new homes being built. Fire prevention continues to be a large part of services the fire department provides to the community.

In 2022, the following inspections were performed by fire department personnel:

Plan review	56	Blasting permits	2
Compliance inspections	124	Blasting inspections	90
Pellet/Wood stove inspections	8	Open-air burning permits	260
Propane storage permits	32	Open-air burning supervision	725
Oil tank, burner installations and removal	23	<u>Total Fire Prevention</u>	<u>1327</u>
Sprinkler permits	2		
Welding/hot work permits	2	<u>Total calls for service</u>	<u>2429</u>
Liquor license inspections	5		

Joseph P. Flanagan, Fire Chief

Fire Department Roster

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Joseph Flanagan

Deputy Chief

Matthew Ronn

Captain

Don MacKenzie

Lieutenants

Roger Young

Scott McCubrey

Jason Bradford

Mike Buddenhagen

Paul Osterberg

Dan Buddenhagen

Mike O'Sullivan

Chaplain

Deacon Dick Martino

Firefighters / Emergency Medical Technicians

Mark Barakian	Firefighter	Bob O'Connell	Firefighter/EMT
Laura Carlson	EMT	Patrick Phelan	EMT
Jayden Chiasson	Probationary FF	John Phipps	EMT
Niccole Chiasson	FT Firefighter/EMT	Alan Portis	Firefighter/EMT
Tim Ciampaglia	Firefighter/EMT	Elise Probst	EMT
Ryan Colleton	Firefighter/FR	Mason Ronn	Firefighter/FR
Kevin Colomey	Firefighter/EMT	Ryan Schloerb	FT Firefighter/EMT
Tabitha Conway	EMT	Hawk Shawn	Firefighter/EMT
Jeff Dempsey-Holmes	Firefighter/FR	Aaron Sparks	EMT
Gwen Ferreira	EMT	April Steward	EMT
Corey Fisher	Firefighter/EMT	Peter Tuffs	Firefighter/FR
Chuck Hill	Firefighter/FR	Keegan Watson	Probationary FF
Kyle McCubrey	Firefighter/FR	Bill Weir	FT Firefighter/EMT
Megan Mercure	RN/EMT	Jacob Weir	Probationary FF
Joe Murray	EMT	Kelly Wilhide	EMT
Rory Nash	PA/EMT		

Highway Department

The task of maintaining the 65 miles of streets in 2022 was carried out by the working Superintendent, Forman, three full time MEO2, one Mechanic and one full time Administrative Assistant. We had 2 summer interns who did the mowing/landscaping in the summer months.

Fleet of Equipment

Our staff works diligently to maintain the fleet of equipment for the Town. Approximately 33 vehicles are serviced and repaired for the Highway Department, Cemetery Department, Police Department and various other Town vehicles. Our Mechanic performs a significant amount of fabrication work in-house to rebuild aging equipment to keep the equipment in service.

Other Department responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Roadside Mowing & Brush Cutting and chipping
- Cemetery Maintenance & Internments
- Maintenance of Playgrounds, Town Common area and Town Sports fields
- Patching and Repairing Roads
- Maintenance of Road Shoulders
- Repair & Replacement of Street Signs
- Tree Cutting & Pruning
- Street sweeping 65 miles of road
- Line Painting

I would like to thank and recognize the Highway Staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

- Administrative Assistant – Jill Pupkar
- Foreman – Stuart Barber
- Mechanic – James Deal
- MEO2 – Darrin MacConnell
- MEO2 – Joe Reginer
- MEO2 – Nate Schmidlein
- Summer Intern – Noah Burkhardt
- Summer Intern – Josh Bradford

Snow & Salt

The Highway Department treated roads 34 days and plowed 19 days in 2022. A total of 3250 tons of salt was used to treat and maintain safe road conditions.

Snow and ice control was maintained by nine (9) pieces of department heavy equipment and six (6) pieces of department light equipment. Highway personnel as well as one (1) additional town employees and one (1) seasonal employee were utilized during snowstorms. The town also secured four (4) private contractors to maintain some of the secondary roads in town. We are also responsible for plowing and treating the Elementary school and Town properties.

Highway Department

We provide sand for Town residents to use for their homes during the Winter season which is located at the Highway Garage in our new salt/yard waste shed located @ 385 Main Street.

We would like to thank the winter season contracted snow removal crew for all the countless hours of helping us keep the streets clear of snow and ice.

- Richard Stowe
- John Desautels
- D. Buddenhagen Services
 - Richard Lewis
 - Scott Lewis

Driveway Permits

Residents who resurface, reconstruct, or construct a new driveway are required to apply for a driveway permit prior to the work being done. If a permit is not secured prior to the work being done, the Highway Department will not be responsible for any damage done to a driveway that meets the Town road that was paved without a permit. Driveways constructed or altered in the Town of Boylston must meet requirements, be viewed, and approved by the Highway Superintendent. These permits allow the department a method of controlling how the work is done. A total of 7 permits were issued in 2022.

Re-Surfacing and Maintenance of Roads

1.5 Miles of Central Street was paved in the July of 2022. Storm drains were updated with new piping. We received Town appropriated funds from the MassDOT state aid program as well as appropriated funds from the Winter Recovery Assistant Program for this project.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping the Town roads is done thru an outside Contractor. It takes about 2 weeks to do the entire Town and it is done in the Spring every year.

Line Painting

In September, various centerlines and edge lines throughout the Town were re-painted. We use an outside contractor and a Highway Employee to do this in the overnight hours.

Storm Drains

Boylston has 572 storm drains that we clean and maintain over the course of the year.

Yard Waste

The yard waste drop-off shed is located at the Highway Garage, 385 Main Street for residents. You may drop off your yard waste any day from Spring to Fall. We accept leaves, grass and plants, no brush. Please empty your bags and take them with you.

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Salt Shed

The salt shed located at the Highway Garage, 385 Main Street is for residents to come and take material for their homes throughout the season. Please bring your own containers. There is a shovel hanging up in the shed for you to use.

Annual Town Meeting – May 2022

Thank you to Town Residents for your votes to pass the following:

- Article 18 – Procuring a Roadside Mower
- Article 19 – Additional funding for the paving on Central Street

In closing, the Highway Department couldn't do all that we do without acknowledging and thanking the Board of Selectman, Town Hall Staff, Police Department, Light Department and Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven R Mero
Highway Superintendent

Tree Warden

The Tree division falls under the Highway Department. We continued to work taking down roadside trees that are a hazard with the help of a local contractor. An outside contractor is needed to do these big projects as the Highway Department does not have the equipment to do so. We continue to attend to the roadside brush. Trimming, removing decaying and dead trees considered a hazard within the Town's right-of-way were carried out this year as well.

Asian Long-Horned Beetles

The entire Town of Boylston is still in the quarantine area and all work was done in compliance with Asian Long Horned Beetle regulations. Beetle traps were hung throughout the town to trap and monitor beetle activity. All employees attended compliance classes for beetle certification. USDA and the DCR continue to survey our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven R Mero, Tree Warden

Boylston Public Library

A Snapshot of Library Use in FY22

- Boylston library patrons borrowed 98,219 books, videos, e-books, audios, magazines, and museum passes.
- Our patrons borrowed 4,976 items through the library's interlibrary loan service, and the library loaned 2,452 items to other libraries.
- The library provided nearly 2,000 wireless internet sessions for patrons in or outside the library through their personal devices or library laptops/iPads.
- We hosted 188 programs for adults, teens, and children with a total of 2,208 people in attendance.

2022 was an exciting time of renewal for the library. It marked the first full year that our services and hours returned to normal since the COVID outbreak, and the library became fully staffed for the first time in two years. After staffing, the focus was on reinvigorating the physical space as well as our programs and maintaining our historic building. Renewal efforts proved successful. The statistics in the above snapshot show a 19% increase in programs, a 33% increase in attendance, and an 8% increase in circulation compared to 2021.

Along with a return to normal service hours, the library continued to provide faxing, printing, internet, and technology assistance. The Children's Room saw a return of iPads, games, and activity centers that make the space continually engaging for our young visitors. Our Summer Reading program was back in full swing, as 2022 had the highest numbers of participation on record. Once again, local artists resumed installing regular art exhibits in our Media Room. We were also able to return to some of our favorite traditions with the community, such as the annual BES kindergarten field trip to the library, the 3rd grade field trip to our historic common and buildings, and Memorial Day celebrations.

With a full staff, we were able to resume an active calendar of events and programs and focus on new technology offerings. Due to increased interest in virtual programming, the library acquired the technology to host hybrid programs and meetings for both in-person and online options. Staff has worked hard to implement this cutting-edge technology in our small, historic building. We have also increased the number of mobile hotspots available for borrowing and upgraded them to faster speeds. In addition to maintaining online resources such as Ancestry, Consumer Reports and Hoopla, we added Kanopy, a new streaming service for digital content.

While keeping up with new technology is important, physical space and events that bring the community together are vital. A new teen area was implemented in the library that includes additional seating and workspace, as well activities and games. The library also planned and executed the Fall Festival, an event on the common with live music, food trucks, kids' activities, and local vendors. Several town departments and groups also participated. The event was sponsored by the Boylston Public Library Foundation and Creative Event Services.

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The library underwent an extensive strategic planning process from February-October of 2022 to create our goals and objectives for 2023-2027. A Strategic Planning Committee carried out a needs assessment through planned exercises with the Committee and library staff, “community conversations” held with various groups and members of the community, and a library user survey. Detailed information on the library’s updated five year goals, mission and vision statements can be found on the library’s website.

As reported in last year’s annual town report, the library presented a wage analysis to the Town Offices and Boards showing that regional public libraries offered as much as 67% higher wages. Adequate wages for staff will ensure appropriate staffing levels, less staff turnover, as well as the knowledge and professionalism required to maintain modern library services that Boylston deserves. For 2022, wage funding increased by 10.8%. Expense funding increased by 10.2%. This increase in expenses provided continued compliance with the state’s certification requirement for funds allocated to print and digital library materials.

The Board of Trustees helped oversee necessary maintenance of the building over the last year. Emergency roof repair was concluded in early 2022. Once resolved, attention was turned to the corresponding interior water damage to walls and ceilings. Another issue in 2022 was water flow behind the library’s parking lot due to heavy rainfall and erosion. The Highway Department worked with the Trustees to design and install a dry well for proper drainage. Finally, the building faced emergency septic repairs that were required to resume water use.

In 2022, Trustee Chair Brad Barker retired after serving for fifteen years. On behalf of our entire community, I thank Brad for his tremendous service throughout library renovations and the modernization of major services. Trustee Maria Zapp has taken up the torch and now serves as committee Chair. Maria brings fresh energy, passion, and a sense of collaboration to her work as Trustee. I would also like to welcome Arlene Murphy and Beth Wilson, our new Trustee members for 2022. I thank all our Trustees for their generous dedication and support.

Many of the items discussed in this report were made possible with support from the Boylston Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library. These groups work alongside our Trustees to ensure so many of the library’s successes. I would also like to acknowledge our staff for their demonstrated creativity, flexibility, and hard work throughout the last year. They have shown tremendous dedication to the community they serve.

“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.” - R. David Lankes

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hout, Director
Boylston Public Library

Parks and Recreation Commission

This was an exciting and busy year for the Parks and Recreation Commission!

After residents approved the purchase of the former Camp Harrington property in December of 2021, the new year began with the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the Town Planner, exploring ideas for the property with trail design professionals. The initial primary goal is to create a trail network which will make the most of the unique features present. In early 2023, the first phase of trail construction will begin at the site, kicking-off the creation of Boylston's newest passive recreation park.

In early 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission also began exploring the possibility of adding a disc golf course on the Hillside property. Partnering with the Worcester Sports Foundation, and carefully considering input during several public meetings, the course began to take shape and the project gained momentum. In early fall, the Commission and the Worcester Sports Foundation worked together to obtain the necessary approvals from local and state organizations. We are delighted that installation is set to begin in early 2023. The course will be installed and maintained by Worcester Sports Foundation volunteers (at no cost to the town); and solely managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission is thrilled to soon add this to the list of amenities for the enjoyment of our residents, as well as for private rentals.

During the summer, the Commission added Pam Frechette to the position of Parks and Recreation Coordinator. With the Coordinator position filled, we could once again offer our residents recreational programming. This year we have seen the return of some favorite programs like Trick-or-Treating at Hillside and Letters to Santa, as well as some new offerings like sewing, Karate, stargazing, and a drop-in card making day to benefit the COA. We continue to welcome input on program offerings, so please reach out to us if there is a program you would like us to host or if you have skills you want to share. Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook and 'follow' us on Instagram for the latest offerings. Our registration site, Boylstonparks.org, also has the latest information and you can opt in to receive email updates if you have an account.

Throughout 2022, the Commission continued to support Boylston residents with the popular pickleball program. The program continues to experience significant growth and the Commission is happy to provide a safe space for sessions at the Hillside Gym, as well as new equipment when needed. In addition, the Commission is pleased to continue to support the many Boylston youth sports organizations that use our facilities.

This year we were the very fortunate beneficiaries of some amazing community support to improve our facilities. We want to thank everyone that contributed to the purchase and installation of accessible playground equipment at Center Court Park. We want to also thank DJ's Landscape Construction for the donation of mulch for Manor Park; the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill for the donation of trees and the Keep Boylston Beautiful organization for the donation of a bench - both for Center Court Park; Christo's Hot Dog Truck for the monetary donation; and last but certainly not least, M.D. Landscape Construction for the monetary donation for new backboards for the Hillside gym.

The Commission would like to acknowledge the support we received throughout the year from the Town Administrator, Facilities Technician, and the Police, Fire, Highway, and Water Departments, among many others.

To our community at large, we would like to thank you for helping keep our parks clean and in good working order; many hands make light work!

We, the Commissioners, look forward to a fantastic 2023 working for and with the Boylston community!

Cultural Council

Meetings:

- 02/24/2022: The Council held a public meeting via Zoom.
An extension was approved for grantee, Boylston Historical Society's "Settlers and Genealogy Project (#39834)" until June 30, 2022.
Janet Quirk, former chairperson, stated that all approved grantees (for 2021 Grant Cycle) were notified via email, and we did not receive any repeal letters from declined applicants. Personalized grantee letters will be sent to all recipients with further reimbursement requirements.
- 12/13/2022: The council held a public meeting at the Town Hall.
Tentative decisions were made about the 2022 Grant Cycle applications. The review of 24 Applications began at this meeting, and the process continued at 12/22/2022 meeting.
- 12/22/2022: The Council held a public meeting at the Town Hall.
The 24 applications were reviewed, and the council determined that 5 applicants would not be approved. It was determined that letters to declined applicants would be issued via email on 12/23/2022 by Kathy Evans. The final Panel book voting would occur on 1/12/2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Research:

- A Google survey was completed on Facebook in 2021. Information gleaned from the surveys were used in funding decisions. Significant interest in programs for older adults and children was indicated.
- The BCC plans to conduct a new, 2023 survey. Our goal is to reach varied segments of our community.

Publicity & Promotions:

- A link for "Boylston Cultural Council" is listed on the Mass Cultural Council website, <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/funding-list> It provides contact information, and summarizes details for the grant cycle.
- Spring 2023 the Council will meet to brainstorm ways to promote the Cultural Council, and plan for future publicity (Social Media, via Town Hall, Schools, Newspaper)

Funding:

- As always, the Boylston Cultural Council was funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

2022 Grants:

- For this grant cycle, 24 applications were received, slightly less than the 31 applications received for the 2021 grant cycle. The Council received \$5,300 in state funding for Grant Cycle 2022, which will be combined with reserved funds from the past grant cycle. A

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public voting meeting was held at the town hall on January 12, 2023 and 19 projects were approved and 5 were declined for FY 2022 Grant Cycle.

Other:

- Our 2022 Chairperson, Janet Conroy-Quirk passed away in April 2022. Her loss is great to the Council; she was greatly respected and a great leader. Her sudden absence presented some hurdles, however our team got up to speed, and ultimately accomplished our goals.
Kathy Evans volunteered as interim Chairperson, until a new candidate is nominated and accepts this role.
- We are actively seeking community members to serve on our LLC!
- Efforts will be made in 2023 to educate our community about the BCC, and to recruit enthusiastic members.

Membership/Term:

Kathy Evans, Interim Chair/Expires 2024

Linda Orozco/Expires 2024

Elena Scaplen/Expires 2024

Kristen Socha/Expires 2024

Michael Csorba/Expires 2023

Miyoshi Holden/Expires 2023

Shanleigh Evans/Expires 2023

Janet Conroy-Quirk, Chair/Passed, 4/2022)

New Members in 2021: Shanleigh Evans, Janet Conroy-Quirk, Tara Azzarone

Resigned Members in 2022: Tara Azzarone

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Evans

Boylston Historical Commission

The Boylston Historical Commission was established by the Town of Boylston for the preservation, protection, and development of the historical and archeological assets of the town under the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8D. This Commission is composed of the following six members: Bruce Filgate, Chairman; Judith Haynes, Secretary; Nancy Filgate, Treasurer; Patricia Bartram; David Bottom; and Judith Bottom. The Commission schedules its meeting monthly. See <https://www.boylston-ma.gov/historical-commission> for contact information and current meeting times. The Commission continues to increase the number of electronic database driven research projects pursued by Historical Commissioners and many other volunteers on behalf of the Town of Boylston.

Over the past two years, in conjunction with updating the Boylston Master Plan, the Commission provided representatives to Boylston's Master Plan Steering Committee. The Steering Committee along with town staff, local businesses, and the townspeople of Boylston worked to develop a comprehensive long-range strategic vision for the Town of Boylston. The retention of the New England town character being important by its townspeople, the final plan includes recommendations to retain Boylston's character.

The Historical Commission with the Boylston Cemetery Association and Boylston Historical Society, and volunteers continued to drive the "Boylston Cemetery Research Project." This consortium and volunteers search federal, state, and local documents, burial records, and cemetery stones in both the Old Burial Ground and Pine Grove Cemetery, publishing this ongoing research on FindaGrave.com [Note: <http://www.findagrave.com> is a free online site containing photographs and graves' data.] The consortium's primary goals are to research and preserve our town's heritage as presented in our cemeteries, linking these town citizens to their roots and descendants. Specific concentration is given to accurate documentation and historical relevance. As part of this activity, the Commission is researching, identifying, and ensuring the marking of veteran's graves in both cemeteries as well as providing the interface to the project's FindaGrave publishing. At present we are pursuing information and managing 3751 FindaGrave memorials, comprised of local citizens who are buried in Boylston and elsewhere, as well as updating with local historical data those grave memorials of citizens who have moved away from Boylston.

The Historical Commission, the Boylston Historical Society, and the Boylston Public Library Collaborative's research, "*The Early Families of Boylston, Massachusetts*", was completed and published through the sponsorship of The Historical Commission, the Massachusetts Cultural Council via Boylston's Local Cultural Council, and the Boylston Historical Society in 2022. The book, researched by several local townspeople and two Tahanto students, was written to honor the pioneer spirit, fortitude, and ingenuity of Boylston's early settlers and to portray the history of Boylston's development. To provide a virtual database, primary information was added to the individual's online memorials in our Old Burial Ground and Pine Grove Cemetery on FindaGrave.

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In ongoing research and documentation, initially for an expansion of the history of the “Catholics in Boylston” section of the Boylston Historical Series, the Commission in conjunction with the Boylston Historical Society researched, substantially in greater depth, the history of Catholicism in our town. The research resulted in a publication in 2022, *Celebrating our Parish, 70 Years of Our Catholic Community* which highlighted the historical development and expansion of Catholicism from 1720 to 2022 in Boylston. The Saint Mary of the Hills parish graciously funded the publication of this research which they made available to all townspeople at their 70th anniversary celebration in September 2022.

In continuing outreach to afford student participation opportunities in research and preservation of Boylston history there are three ongoing projects:

The Historical Commission, the Boylston Historical Society, and the Boylston Public Library formed a second research collaborative in an effort to gather biographical information about the Civil War Veterans of Boylston, Massachusetts. Under the direction of an Historical Commissioner, six Tahanto Regional High School students researched local, state, federal and Civil War records in order to add the information to the individuals’ online memorials in our Old Burial Ground and Pine Grove Cemetery. Additionally, the Historical Commission, the Massachusetts Cultural Council through the Local Cultural Council, and the Boylston Historical Society, have also joined together to sponsor the publication of this historical research in 2023.

Collaborating with the Boylston Historical Society & Museum, the Historical Commission co-sponsors the student internship for the photographing, scanning, and computerization of older Boylston pictures, historical documents, and other town historical artifacts for the computer database inventory in order to make Boylston’s history accessible for researchers, genealogists and its townspeople.

Historical Commission members and a Tahanto student, through extensive research, identified Civil War veterans who served for Boylston as well as those who served elsewhere and are buried in Boylston. In conjunction with the Cemetery Commission, the Historical Commission marked newly identified Civil War veteran burials with flag holders, and all veterans with US flags to honor their service to the nation.

The Historical Commission continues to oversee the maintenance and general upkeep of the Historic Town Hall. The building alarm system is radio linked to the Town Library, Fire Station, and Hillside Offices, with the alarm response by the Commission, Boylston Fire and Boylston Police as needed. During the year, the Commission maintained the Historic Town Hall, preserving its rich history while providing a meeting venue for our townspeople, local organizations, and researchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Filgate, Chairman, Boylston Historical Commission

The John B. Gough House at Hillside Farm

In 2001 The Town of Boylston voted to enter into a historic preservation agreement with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to protect 12-acres of town owned property. The agreement protects what remains of the 1848 Hillside Farm, designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1975 (expanded in 2006).

Hillside Farm stands as a beacon of America's 19th century social reform era.

For the last 22 years the Hillside Restoration Project, Inc. (HRP) has stewarded the restoration of Hillside Farm, proud to have saved and historically restored significant features of this important town asset; Public and private contributions (\$1.8 M) were raised for the restoration work, which excluded town funds.

Today the community has an opportunity to adaptively re-use the site while preserving one of eight precious NHL in central Massachusetts.

The HRP and the Town of Boylston have formed a public private partnership to preserve the site while seeking the collaboration of a wide range of community partners and individuals.



Board of Health

In 2022, COVID-19 continued to be a Public Health threat. This year the board worked with the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health in vaccinations and prevention. Once again, we are indebted to Chief Flannagan and the Boylston Fire Department for administering COVID-19 testing for our town residents and employees.

The board continued their partnership with the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health as the nursing component has branched out to help our seniors in town. With the addition of a Regional Health Inspector, the board is receiving assistance with additional inspections for food establishments and housing complaints.

The Sharps Drop Off program continues to be a huge success as we manage this growing medical waste in our community. This program has seen an increase every year since its inception and the board is glad to see them removed from our waste stream.

The board also continued to work with the Massachusetts Central Mass Mosquito Control Program and the state Department of Public Health to educate residents on mosquito borne diseases. The CMMCP continues its ditch digging, brush cutting, mosquito trapping and other source reduction within the borders of our town.

Fees collected during 2022 amounted to \$42,463.00. Fees were derived from the following number of activities:

BASE OF OPERATION PERMITS – 38	SEPTAGE HAULER PERMITS – 11
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE – 26	SEPTIC INSTALLER’S PERMITS – 30
COMPONENT REPAIR PERMITS – 14	SOIL TESTING – 16
CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – 27	SWIMMING/WADING POOL PERMITS – 2
FOOD PERMITS – 25	TOBACCO SALES PERMITS – 6
MOBILE FOOD PERMITS – 18	TRASH HAULER PERMITS – 5
PLANS REVIEWED – 12	WELL PERMITS – 5

During the year, the Board held eleven (11) Regular Meetings with the meeting attendance as follows: Sarah Barrette 9; John Wentzell 11; Robert Thibeault 11; Dennis Costello (Health Agent) 11.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Health

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6PM, except for July and August when no meetings are held. All are welcome to attend and meetings are recorded and available to view on the local WBAC cable channel. During this past year the COA office was moved from the Town Office Building to the lower level of the Town House in the rear of building where we share space with the American Legion. In addition to this, we also welcomed a new COA Coordinator Amy (Gothing) Duhamel, a former local resident which was helpful as she navigated council's needs. She jumped right in and kept the momentum the council continuing. Unfortunately, her tenure was only for the year as she and her husband welcomed their first child and changed residence to Maine to raise their family. We appreciate the time, energy and attention she gave us during her stay with us and wish her family the best as they embark on a new journey. We also said good-bye to an original member of the council, David Wheeler. He was our treasurer and a constant, steady, insightful member. His history of the council helped us keep on our mission of how to best meet the needs of older adults in Boylston. He will be greatly missed. But with losses came new faces and energy and we welcomed 4 new members all with professional backgrounds and experience in education or healthcare. Early in the year Karen Carter joined us, followed by Merrie Gerber and most recently by Eileen Melican and Lydia Cerce. We now have 8 voting members on the board for the first time in many years. Their insights, suggestions and perspectives will be very much appreciated by the council.

We continue to be funded through the municipal budget and by state funding provided through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) via a formula grant which gives a fixed amount of money for each resident over 60 as counted on the federal census. We have struggled getting an accurate count from state, but at present it appears to be 1,579, about 1/3 of the town census. In addition, we have received donations from program participants and families. Town funding has focused on staff salaries and van expenses. It has covered costs for meals, both home delivered and at meal site that are provided by Elder Services of Worcester and costs associated with bi-monthly newsletter sent to all older adults in town. It also provides funds to the Senior Citizen Society for trips or special events. State funding has focused on program costs, most specifically fitness programs. Presently Tai Chi; Flex & Tone; Zumba Gold; Strength, Stretch & Stamina are provided live or via zoom at a cost for instructors. These have been well attended. We also pay for My Senior Center software which helps keep track of program participation and keeps seniors updated with upcoming events and services. It has also helped with van scheduling.

Van continues to be available Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and all rides need to be scheduled in advance. This year 1,361 essential rides were made. A workshop on scams was coordinated with police chief, a holiday scam program was also done. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office made a house numbering program (woodhouse number) so that emergency personnel can quickly identify a residence. We were able to help distribute turkeys and holiday donations provided by the Wachusett Rotary Club and Lions Club. Appointments were set up with a SHINE volunteer from EOEA to help with insurance questions during Medicare open enrollment and throughout the year. We have also been working the Greater Burroughs Partnership scheduling blood pressure walk in clinics, programs to assist with fall prevention and balance and also identify at risk, isolated seniors who might benefit from an in-home assessment. A town nurse has been hired and we hope to be able to utilize her skills as well. Past year has also seen pitch and cribbage card games emerge where friendly competition and socialization can occur. A weekly email blast is currently in place to notify seniors of weekly services, events and

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social happenings. Carol Tasker volunteered to provide an art class for 4 to 6 weeks which was well received and another example of a resident offering their time and expertise.

In addition to all of the above the council was involved with the development of the Master Plan for the town. It was also part of a workshop on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness which if town meets criteria for same, they can be awarded grants to improve its infrastructure to protect against climate related hazards and vulnerabilities and develop plans and programs to keep its citizens safe. Most recently we have become part of a feasibility which is exploring the development of new public safety buildings for police and fire and the building of a dedicated senior center. Amongst the many barriers the COA has in providing consistent programs and service is a lack of site for them. We share an office, programs are scattered amongst various places, there is no common area or place for seniors to gather and people with physical or mental disabilities are alienated. The older population within this community is growing and without appropriate accommodations they will not be able to age in place and many have spent their entire lives here. I can only hope that all people living in Boylston will understand the importance of a senior center being built. Older adults make up a considerable proportion of this town's population and tax base. It is time we meet their needs and help them remain safe, healthy and prosperous.

The council also sponsored a volunteer appreciation lunch for all the volunteers who help us operate. We have limited staff so we rely on others to help and cannot thank them enough. Besides lunch, Bigelows Nursery contributed a plant to all that came. We also want to thank the Boylston Public Library for use of space, the Highway Department for van maintenance, Fire and Police departments for providing on going assistance and educational presentations focused elder safety and also wish to thank the finance committee for listening to our needs and providing additional money to budget whenever possible. We also appreciate all the community support.

Currently our biggest priority is to hire a new outreach coordinator and this is in process. Our van scheduler has stepped up to keep us afloat but she needs help. The COA board is assisting as well. We continue to maintain our office Monday thru Thursday, messages can be left by phone 508-869-6022, van can be scheduled at 508-869-6132 or email left at coa@boylston-ma.gov. Our mission remains unchanged, to keep older adults safe, informed, independent and not isolated. Ideas and feedback always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis E. Goguen, Chairperson

Boylston Council on Aging

ADA Committee

The ADA Committee did not meet in 2022 due to covid. More members are needed. We should meet in 2023 with more members. Contact the Town Hall and fill out a volunteer to serve form if interested.

Prior to the temporary closing of the Town House due to the pandemic, the Town House elevator was continuing to be a valuable resource for our residents. The elevator can be accessed both from the ground and second floor. Residents attending such programs as COA fitness classes and the Senior Citizen Society meetings benefited greatly from the elevator and will do so when in-person programs resume. In addition to the elevator, the COA van which has a wheelchair lift provides rides to seniors as well as those under 60 with a disability. These two additions to the Boylston community serve to increase accessibility so that all may utilize town buildings and programs.

The Mass Office on Disability works to ensure that all people with disabilities can have equal participation in all areas of life. For more information on the Mass Office on Disability, please go to <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-office-on-disability>. The Mass Department of Conversation and Recreation promotes a Universal Access Program. More information about this program can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/universal-access-program>.

If Boylston residents feel that they are facing any barriers based on their disability, please reach out to the ADA Committee at 221 Main St, Boylston, MA 01505.

Respectfully Submitted,

Boylston ADA Committee

Cemetery Commission

Routine maintenance and upkeep is performed at Pine Grove Cemetery by employees of the Highway Department. This includes mowing, weeding, trimming, removal of overgrown shrubs, damaged bushes and snow plowing. Other related duties include lay out plots and prepare for burials, pour foundations for monuments and sell Cemetery lots.

In 2022 there were a total of 28 burials. This included 12 full burials and 16 cremation burials.

In addition to burials, 17 cemetery lots were sold.

The Cemetery Commission met regularly on the 3rd Monday of each month. Gary Anderson, Roger Wentzell and Chair Don Parker, served as board members.

It's with sadness that Gary passed in June 2022. His contributions, knowledge and dedication to Pine Grove Cemetery will surely be missed.

We would like to thank Barbara Seed for filling the open position. She was appointed by the Selectmen as an interim Commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven R Mero, Cemetery Superintendent

Food Pantry

The Board of Christian Outreach of the First Congregational Church along with help from St. Mary of the Hills continue to operate the Food Pantry here in Boylston. We extend our deepest thanks to the many wonderful folks who so generously support us with food, money and time. We carry a wide variety of non-perishable food as well as an assortment of pre-packaged cold cuts. Since we are only open one day a week, we are unable to carry prepared meals. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall and are open for all Boylston residents every Monday from 10:00 AM to noon or if you need a different time, please call the Church office at (508) 869-2027 and we will set up a special appointment and/or a delivery for you.

Our purpose is to serve all who need a little help and we don't want to see anyone go hungry when there is plenty of support here in Town. Just let the Pantry folks know and we will take care of you. Blessings to you all.

Carla Peterson

Wachusett Earthday, Inc

Wachusett Earthday Inc. (WEI) operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston on property owned by the DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation). The site is partially funded by contributions from the seven towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston as well as being supported by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the disposal of difficult materials, WEI provides a venue for sharing gently used but still serviceable household items. All work is performed by an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers from both our member towns and several surrounding towns, under the able guidance of one paid staff member and several organizational managers.

The organization's mission is to provide local and environmentally responsible solutions to the disposal of difficult items and hazardous substances and materials.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Wachusett Earthday was forced to make several adjustments to our public hours and methods of receiving both donations and debris. The adjustments in scheduling have proven advantageous and helpful in spreading out the large volume of material with which our volunteers are confronted.

Total collections:	2021 – 118	2022 – 120
Total vehicles served:	2021 – 24,282	2022 – 24,259

Total of materials received in the Reuse Building in FY2022 and kept out of the seven towns' waste streams:

Summary FY22	Collection Days	Total Boxes	Total Pounds	Average boxes/day	Average pounds/day	Average pounds/box	No Good
	120	15,025	232,667	128	1,981	15	9%

Total waste and recycling volumes

Year	2022	2021
Tons	634	685

634 = 84.24 tons CC, 540.7 N40 and 9.4 tons including textiles, FS home goods and Christmas items to ReStore.

Special Collections: We were only able to host one hazardous waste event this past year due to inclement weather; the three planned shredding events did occur as planned.

Wachusett Earthday, Inc

Sales of premium donations continue to provide a revenue cushion which allows WEI to maintain relatively level disposal costs.

The partnerships that have been nurtured with multiple local social service and charitable organizations continue to thrive and expand. WEI worked with the Household Goods organization of Acton twice this past year to divert several truckloads of gently used furniture and household goods to their efforts; we continue to work with the Fresh Start Furniture Bank on a weekly basis.

The group of teachers coming from multiple towns within Worcester County continues to expand - they have all been most grateful for what we can offer them.

Public education in the proper disposal and recycling of still-viable goods and materials will continue to drive our mission.

Holiday closings in 2023 will be as follows: January 1st, July 4th, September 2nd, and November 23rd.

2022 Board of Directors:

Connie Burr (Rutland),
Norma Chanis (Clerk-West Boylston),
William Cronin (Holden),
Susan Farr (Vice President-Sterling),
Michael Kacprzicki (Treasurer-Rutland),
Ronaldo Lu (Holden),
Patt Popple (Holden),
Helen Townsend (President-Princeton)
Mark Koslowske, Operations Manager (Holden)

Respectfully submitted,

Planning Board

Regular meetings of the Planning Board are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Public hearings on subdivision procedures or special permit applications are scheduled on regular meeting nights whenever possible. The Board encourages informational meetings with individuals and builders to discuss matters of concern or interest.

On January 3rd, 2022, the Board consisted of Kim Ames, Chairman, Peter Caruso, Vice-Chairman, Corinna Javier, Homaira Naseem and Mark Johnson. In June 2022, Ms. Naseem was reelected. Ms. Ames was voted as Chair, Mr. Caruso was voted as Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Javier was voted as the Clerk. Mr. Baker was appointed as an Associate Member by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board held 9 regular meetings and 4 Executive Session meetings in 2022. Members' attendance was as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Meetings (9)</u>	<u>Executive Session (4)</u>
Ames	9	4
Caruso	8	3
Javier	9	4
Johnson	7	3
Naseem	7	4
Baker	6	3

Below is a summary of the Planning Board's actions:

ANR's (5)

- 219 Sewall Street (Lot line adjustment)
- 428 Green Street (Lot line adjustment)
- 160 Shrewsbury Street (Lot line adjustment)
- Longley Hill (Lot line adjustment)
- 100 Shrewsbury Street (Lot line adjustment)

Site Plans (3)

- 313 Main Street (building size increase)
- 321 Cross Street (Parking lot change)
- 220 East Temple Street (Continued new use)

Special Permits (3)

- 439 Sewall Street (Accessory Apartment)
- 100 Pine Hill Drive (Electronic Sign)
- 220 East Temple Street (Continued change of use)

Subdivisions (2)

- Brookside (Modification)
- 22 Diamond Hill (2 Lot subdivision)

Planning Board

Zoning Amendments (0)

Other Updates

- The Master Plan was completed on November 30th, 2022, with the assistance of Central Mass Regional Planning Counsel. Richard Baker served as Chairman of the Committee and the Board would like to thank him for all his work.
- A Special Permit for 8 Gulf Street was denied and appealed by the applicant.
- The Town Planner, Paul Dell'Aquila resigned in October to accept another position. The Town is actively seeking a replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Ames, Chair

Conservation Commission

In 2022 the Conservation Commission held twelve (12) Regular Meetings. Numerous informal site visits were conducted as follow-up to ongoing projects, and at the request of other town boards and residents, as well as several scheduled site visits.

This year, twenty-six (26) legal documents were issued in conjunction with the Commission's responsibility to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act, and Town Bylaws. They consisted of 5 Determinations of Applicability, 8 Order of Conditions, 5 Stormwater Permits, 1 Amended Stormwater Permit, 6 Certificates of Compliance and 1 Partial Certificate of Compliance.

The Commission continued to permit and monitor ongoing construction at the Barnard Hill, Longley Hill, Pine Street and Compass Point developments. This year also saw continuing work on several large Commercial projects along Route 140, and several projects at Tower Hill Botanical Garden. We completed permitting of an apartment complex off of Shrewsbury Street and Sewall Street, and Lilymere Estates (an over-55 development on Sewall Street), as well as many individual lots and sub-developments.

The Commission continued work with the Department of Public Works, and other town boards, to remain in Compliance with Federal and State Regulations concerning Stormwater Management and will be releasing new Stormwater Regulations in 2022.

Reorganization of the Commission was as follows: Chip Burkhardt, Chairman; Joe McGrath, Vice Chair; and Mark Coakley, Earth Removal Board Representative. Joe McGrath and Chip Burkhardt will remain on the Stormwater Committee and Jeff Walsh will remain on the Master Plan Steering Committee.

The attendance for the Commission Meetings were as follows: Joe McGrath—12; Chip Burkhardt—11; Ron Aspero—10; Mark Coakley—9; Jeff Walsh—8.

We would like to thank the residents of Boylston, the Selectmen, and the town boards for the continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted by the Conservation Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals

In 2022, the Zoning Board of Appeals held nine (9) hearings.

The Board held a public hearing on January 10, 2022, which was continued for seven (7) additional hearings (1/31, 3/14, 4/11, 5/11, 6/13, 7/18, and 8/1), for a LIP 40B Application for Trailside Apartments to be located at 100 Shrewsbury Street. A Decision was voted to approve on August 1, 2022. The Decision was issued on August 11, 2022.

The Board worked closely with Town Counsel, a special counsel to the board, a MHP Consultant from Hancock Associates and the Town Planner during these meetings.

The Board also held a public hearing on January 10, 2022 for 726 Main Street for a Variance for a new garage which was granted by a vote of 5 to 0. The Board held a public hearing for 119 Central Street on August 15, 2022 for extended use of the outside area for Bay Path Barn. A vote of 4 to 1 approved the application.

Mr. Filsinger was voted by the Board to serve as Chairman and Ms. Lombardi was voted by the Board to serve as the ZBA representative to the Earth Removal Board.

Attendance at ZBA hearings in 2022 was as follows:

Date	Filsinger		Murphy		Cotter		Lombardi		Wyatt	
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent
1/10/22	X		X		X		X		X	
1/31/22	X		X		X		X		X	
3/14/22	X		X		X		X		X	
4/11/22	X		X		X		X		X	
5/11/22	X		X		X		X		X	
6/13/22	X		X		X		X		X	
7/18/22	X		X		X		X		X	
8/1/22	X		X		X		X		X	
8/15/22	X		X		X		X		X	

The Zoning Board of Appeals can be contacted by calling Bill Filsinger at 508-869-6950 or via e-mail at wfilsinger372@gmail.com. The Zoning Board of Appeals can also be reached by calling the Building Department at 508-869-6064.

Any written requests may be addressed to the ZBA Chairman at 221 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505.

William Filsinger
Chairman

Earth Removal Board

The Earth Removal Board meets as needed to issue permits, review projects, review complaints and issue new directives to current permit holders.

The Board was reorganized as follows: Chairman-Jamie Underwood (Board of Selectmen representative), Vice Chairwoman-Janet Lombardi (Zoning Board of Appeals representative), Mark Coakley (Conservation Commission representative), John Wentzell (Board of Health representative), and Homaira Naseem (Planning Board representative).

The Board met two (2) times in 2022. Members Attendance was:

Coakley - 1
Lombardi - 2
Naseem - 1
Underwood - 2
Wentzell - 1

Two Earth Removal Permits were granted. A permit was issued for 160 Shrewsbury Street to Route 140, LLC and a permit was issued for 219 Sewall Street to SA Boylston.

As part of the Board's purpose, the public is urged to contact the Board through the Office of the Building Department, if a violation of the permit is suspected. This is to particularly prevent debris left on Town roadways, uncovered loads, or the removal of banned materials. Board fees are established to benefit the Town's General Fund to be pinpointed for the wear and tear on Town roads by trucking projects.

The Earth Removal Board may be contacted by calling the Building Department at 508-869-6064.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Underwood, Chairman

Wiring Inspector

The total number of Electrical permits issued was 158. All applications were accepted, inspected and completed in a timely manner. Permit fees totaling \$69,400.00 were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Please visit the Building Department on the town website at boylston-ma.gov and use online permitting, **Permit Pro**, for all applications.

To schedule an inspection, please call the Wiring Inspector at 508-869-3130.

John McQuade
Wiring Inspector

John Healy
Assistant Wiring Inspector (508) 416-0660

Gas and Plumbing Inspector

The total number of Gas and Plumbing permits issued was 190. All applications were accepted, inspected and completed in a timely manner. Permit fees totaling \$46,536.00 were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The Assistant Inspector, Brian Gaucher and myself have completed all necessary continuing education courses and have taken the required OSHA courses.

My hours are as needed, preferably Monday through Friday from 12 – 4. Please leave a message to schedule an inspection at 508-688-0613.

Please visit the Building Department on the town website at boylston-ma.gov and use online permitting, **Permit Pro**, for all applications.

Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Eric Johnson

Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Brian Gaucher 774-261-0991

Building Inspector

The total number of Building Permits issued was 219. The total permit fees collected were \$2,119,569.00.

The total number of Certificates issued is:

Certificate of Occupancy/Completion	22
304 Certificate Inspections	6

Total funds received for Certificates - \$1,890.00

The Building Department is open Monday-Thursday from 8-2 and Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. The Building Inspector is available Monday during the day and Monday evening, Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The Building Department phone number is 508-869-6064. The Building Inspector can be reached at 508-869-0143 ext. 227.

Please visit the Building Department Website for information regarding applications and fees. Please use our online permitting, Permit Pro, for all permit applications.

Tony Zahariadis
Building Inspector



BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Berlin-Boylston Regional Transition School Committee Annual Report 2022

Mission & Vision Statement: Berlin-Boylston Regional School District

Our Mission: To support and challenge all students to achieve personal and academic excellence in a student-centered environment.

Our Vision: The Berlin-Boylston Public Schools will create a challenging learning environment to ensure that all students exhibit continuous improvement and pursue personal excellence and become active, engaged, independent learners and decision makers. As an inclusive school community, instruction will be provided in a caring, safe and healthy learning environment, responsive to each student, in collaboration with families and the community.

It is our privilege to present the 2022 Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee annual report. The members of this board, along with our supportive community, continue to maximize each dollar invested in our schools and the children they support. As we move into 2023 with an amazing staff and leadership in Acting Superintendent Carol Costello, we are confident in our ongoing goals to provide a quality education and school experience.

Organization

This year, our committee was first led by Chair Dr. Susan Henry, and then by Chair Lori-Anne Hart who assumed the Chair position after Dr. Susan Henry resigned in January 2022. Michael Totman became Chair after a committee vote during the first meeting following the November 2022 election. Meagan Grill assumed the Vice Chair position in February, and members were Asst. Treasurer Michael Totman, Adam Wilbur who also served as District Clerk, and Julie Lee. Robert Holmes was appointed in June 2022. After the election Jessica Degliaberti joined the committee.

Subcommittees have gone through a transition period this year. Earlier in the year our Policy Subcommittee was chaired by Dr. Henry, then by Lori-Anne Hart after taking over Chair duties. The Policy Subcommittee included Michael Totman. Other subcommittees were: Evaluation - Dr. Henry and Lori-Anne Hart; Goals - Lori-Anne Hart and Election – Adam Wilbur and Michael Totman.

As of December 13, 2022, the subcommittees are:

- A. Budget, Facilities, and Safety – Chair Meagan Grill, member Julie Lee
- B. Student Success and Technology – Chair Michael Totman, members Robert Holmes, Jessica Degliaberti

- C. Policy, Personnel, Negotiations and School Committee Effectiveness – Chair Lori-Anne Hart, members Robert Holmes, Michael Totman
- D. Superintendent Evaluation - Chair Lori-Anne Hart, members Meagan Grill, Jessica Degliaberti

School Committee Goals

At the beginning of each school year, our committee establishes annual goals. These goals are established in response to our annual self-evaluation conducted by the Evaluation Subcommittee at the end of the academic year. The focus goals for the 2021-22 school year centered on the work necessary to hold the first regional school committee election as well as increased community communication.

Regional Election

Due to a missed submission deadline for our school committee members to be elected in the state biennial election of Nov. 2020, as specified in the regional school district agreement, the election of committee members was delayed until November 2022, when all seats were up for election. Following the 2022 November election, the Berlin-Boylston Regional Transition School Committee was formally abolished, and the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee was established, thereby completing the regional transition period. The terms of two members from Boylston and one member from Berlin shall expire at the 2026 biennial state election, and one member from Boylston and two members from Berlin shall expire at the 2024 biennial state election, in each case after the election and qualification of their respective successors. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for four-year terms in accordance with the regional school district agreement. We thank the town clerks, town administrators, member and District Clerk Adam Wilbur and Election Subcommittee member Michael Totman for their assistance in addressing this matter.

November 2022 Regional School Committee Election Results:

- Berlin Four Year Term: Michael Totman
- Berlin Two Year Term: Julie Lee
- Berlin Two Year Term: Robert Holmes
- Boylston Four Year Term: Lori-Anne Hart
- Boylston Four Year Term: Jessica Degliaberti
- Boylston Two Year Term: Meagan Grill
- After the election Michael Totman was appointed Chair by a committee member vote.

Principals

Both Boylston Elementary school and Tahanto are led by interim principals. A search for permanent principals will begin in early 2023.

Superintendent

In June 2022 Superintendent Zanghi announced his plan to retire in June 2023. The committee then had several discussions about a succession plan. Assistant Superintendent Carol Costello was appointed by unanimous vote in October 2022 to become the next Superintendent after Mr. Zanghi's retirement.

Chair Hart continued to have conversations with Mr. Zanghi about a smooth succession plan and the committee met with Mr. Zanghi to discuss this plan. On December 6, 2022 the committee voted to place Mr. Zanghi on leave beginning January 1, 2023 in order to effect a smooth transition to Mrs. Costello becoming Superintendent on July 1, 2023. After a contentious meeting and additional outbursts, the committee met in emergency session on December 8, 2022 and voted to place Mr. Zanghi on leave effective immediately and named Carol Costello as Acting Superintendent.

The Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship enabled the school committee to award 11 academic scholarships to institutions of higher learning for qualified Berlin residents in June of 2022. The fund allowed \$20,050 to be distributed to seven students who each received \$2,300 scholarships, one student who received \$1,400 scholarships and three awards of \$850. The committee remains grateful for the legacy of Mr. Tyler and to Dr. Henry, Carol Young and Rich Mariani for serving on the Scholarship Subcommittee.

In 2022, the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee held 17 posted meetings. Robert Holmes was appointed in June 2022 while Jessica Degliaberti was elected during the November 2022 election. All other members had been members prior to January 1, 2022. Attendance for these meetings is listed below.

Attendance

Member	Town	Attendance	Note
Michael Totman	Berlin	18	Elected in Nov. 2022 Election
Dr. Susan Henry	Berlin	1	Resigned January 2022
Julie Lee	Berlin	17	Elected in Nov. 2022 Election

Robert Holmes	Berlin	11	Appointed: June 2022 Elected: Nov. 2022
Adam Wilbur	Boylston	13	Term ended November 2022
Lori-Anne Hart	Boylston	18	Elected in Nov. 2022 Election
Meagan Grill	Boylston	17	Elected in Nov. 2022 Election
Jessica Degliablerti	Boylston	5	Elected in Nov. 2022 Election

Student Population

In the last year, we saw 1099 students enroll districtwide including pre-school. This is a 2.6% increase over last year and is 3.4% higher than the last pre-COVID year of 2019.

Both towns continue to see robust growth in residential housing, and with additional housing comes a higher student population. The committee is beginning to discuss necessary changes as our population grows and our recently approved District Improvement Plan and budget request reflect some of these ideas, specifically the need for additional teaching and support staff.

The committee and school administration remain very conservative in recommending and approving additional school choice slots to ensure a balance between maintaining target class sizes and taking advantage of potential school choice revenue, while avoiding the need for additional staffing.

Community Support

The committee, the school administration, teachers, staff, and students greatly appreciate the continued strong support and commitment provided by the residents of Boylston and Berlin for our public schools. As we know, the fabric of the community is built in our youth and the community's sustained generosity and support allow us to develop great kids.

The Boylston Education Foundation (BEF), Boylston Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Tahanto Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Berlin LINK, and Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) continue to provide fundraising activities and community enrichment programs. Their work goes beyond funds. Their commitments and ongoing efforts to work together as groups during these unprecedented times continue to shine.

Financial

The committee and school administration want to highlight the successful collaboration between the school district, the Boylston and Berlin Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees and Town Administrators, who worked together to achieve a budget that is affordable for our towns and meets the educational needs of our students. We look forward to building on this collaborative effort in the coming years.

The school administration recommended, and the committee voted to approve, a *preliminary* FY2023 budget of \$18,928,875, an estimated increase of 6.8% over FY2022. As noted above, this amount is subject to change as the budget process continues through the next five months and substantial budget components like Chapter 70 funding, school choice numbers, insurance and energy costs, and other contracts are finalized.

Looking Forward

We are looking forward to entering a new phase in our District. With our first regional election behind us we have a true committee elected by the residents we serve. We have a monumental task ahead of us as we begin a new chapter with a new Superintendent while we attempt to return to pre-COVID normalcy in our schools. With a growing population, we have growing needs within our schools. We have an ambitious but righteous plan on how to move our District forward to provide an exceptional education to our students to prepare them for the challenges they'll face in an ever-changing 21st Century landscape.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Totman, Chair
Meagan Grill, Vice Chair
Lori-Anne Hart, District Clerk
Julie Lee
Robert Holmes
Jessica Degliaberti

Acting Superintendent of Schools

It is an honor to submit my annual report on behalf of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District. In these changing and challenging times, we remain committed to providing the best educational experiences possible for our students. We are grateful to the staff members who bring learning into the classroom every day, and to the parents and community members who support us in our roles.

Transitions and Transformation

Between January 2021 and December 2022, the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District experienced numerous and unprecedented amounts of change that have led us to re-think, re-imagine, and re-dedicate ourselves to our vision of our three schools for the future. Our leadership changed hands during this period with new members joining our School Committee in the fall of 2022, and the departure of Superintendent Jeffrey T. Zanghi in December 2022. Tahanto Principal Diane Tucceri retired in June 2022, and Boylston Elementary School principal Alfred “Ace” Thompson also departed the district in June 2022. We wish them well, and thank them for their service to our district.

These positions were filled with interim principals, including Sally Stukuls and Kara Ford at Tahanto Regional Middle/High School, and Dawn-Marie Ayles at Boylston Elementary School, who will continue to lead our schools until the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The hiring process for permanent positions in these areas will have taken place in the winter/spring of 2023, prior to Town Meeting, and our new leaders will step into their places for the start of the school year on July 1, 2023.

Other new hires at our district level in 2022-2023 include Jannel Fitzpatrick, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Nancy Konisky, Director of Finance and Operations, Stephanie Woodward, Elementary Literacy Coach, Daniel Ayala, Facilities Manager, and Brenda Bachant, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning.

During the summer of 2022, the District Leadership Team met to discuss and plan for the future of our schools on behalf of our children PreK-12. We asked questions that brought to the surface topics around who we are, what we want for our future, and why the answers to these questions are important to *all* of us in our two communities of Berlin and Boylston. Blending three separate schools, separate cultures, and two towns together into one collective vision for the future during the past four years became the impetus for the development of our three-year District Improvement Plan. In this plan, we have clearly articulated the needs in our school district as well as the purpose and costs that accompany them. (You can find the District Improvement Plan on our website at: www.bbrsd.org).

The District Improvement Plan outlines both the needs in *all three of our schools*, and at each of our levels from elementary to middle/high school. We want to be able to: give our students an educational experience that broadens their knowledge and prepares them for their future

including college and careers that include the trades; create engaging learning environments open to exploration, critical thinking, and problem-solving; ensure that our schools are physically, emotionally and socially safe spaces to learn and grow as individuals and within a microcosm of society, and; welcome new families who have chosen to live in our two communities and carry on the roles and responsibilities of good citizenship and stewardship of our land, as others who have lived here for generations have done.

On a practical level, with enrollment climbing by 15% (24 students) at Berlin Memorial School in FY22 and by 16% (38 students) at Boylston Elementary School, we are constantly monitoring the resources we will need to educate our students so that each child has what they need to be a successful and well-rounded learner. At Tahanto Regional Middle/High School, enrollment numbers paint a very different picture. In FY22, we experienced a 4% *decrease* (20 students), leading us to question why so many students leave our school at the end of their eighth-grade year. These factors are among those that weigh into our plan and into the continuous discussions we have with one another, with our families and with our towns.

In closing, we are deeply appreciative of the support for our public schools that we receive in the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District and invite our broader community to join with us as we continue to grow learners who are prepared for their future in this ever-changing world.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Costello, Acting Superintendent of Schools

Director of Finance and Operations Berlin-Boylston Regional School District

Business Office Update

The COVID-19 Pandemic has continued to leave us with challenges. The most unpredictable obstacle that we faced was the nationwide labor shortage. This labor shortage made it impossible to have a full staff within the departments of school bus transportation, student support and food services. Our dedicated administration, faculty and staff continued to support our students and went above and beyond to ensure that our students still received a high-quality education.

Transportation

Our school bus provider, NRT, along with our district worked jointly in ensuring that every school bus route was covered, even with minimum drivers available. Unfortunately, it hasn't always been convenient for parents, but most importantly, the students were transported to and from school safely.

Food Service

The USDA continued to offer free breakfast and lunches throughout this past school year. The volume of breakfast and lunches increased dramatically. Even with less food service workers available, the commitment that was provided by our food service department, and our Food Service Director, Lauren Staples, made it possible for students to have nutritional meals available to them.

Grants

ESSER II and ESSER III were grants that were received due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and the remaining funds continued over to the FY22 school year. These grants gave us the opportunity to meet needs that arose from the pandemic. These needs ranged from the mental health and the well-being of our students to additional services that were offered through programs to help meet our students' educational needs.

Budget Summary

The table below summarizes the FY22 budget and the main drivers of its increases from the FY21 budget.

	Berlin Memorial	Boylston Elementary	Tahanto Middle/High
FY 21 Budget	\$3,809,212	\$4,109,390	\$9,249,951
FY 22 Budget	\$3,958,496	\$4,325,652	\$9,646,221
\$ Increase	\$149,284	\$216,262	\$396,270
% Increase	4%	5%	4%

Berlin Memorial Elementary

The FY22 budget was \$3,958,496, with an increase of \$149,284 at 4% above the FY21 budget. The drivers for this increase were due to an additional Literacy/ELA Coach, and level service increases.

Boylston Elementary

The FY22 budget was \$4,325,652, with an increase of \$216,262 at 5% above the FY21 budget. The drivers for this increase were due to an additional Literacy/ELA Coach and level service increases.

Tahanto Regional Middle/High

The FY22 budget was \$9,646,221, which had an increase of \$396,270 at 4% above the FY21 budget. The drivers for this increase were due to an additional Adjustment Counselor, and level service increases.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Konisky
Director of Finance and Operations

Berlin Memorial FY22 Budget Summary		
	Description	FY22 Actual
1110	School Committee	\$ 4,448
1210	Superintendent Expenses	\$ 67,636
1230	District Wide Administration	\$ 34,821
1410	Finance and Business	\$ 57,442
1420	Human Resources/ Payroll	\$ 15,292
1430	Legal Services	\$ 9,000
1450	District Admin Technology	\$ 2,322
2110	Curriculum	\$ 39,671
2111	Pupil Services	\$ 53,010
2120	Instructional Coordinators	\$ 32,913
2210	Principal Other Expenses	\$ 157,817
2250	Administrative Technology	\$ 12,327
2305	Teachers/Specialists	\$ 1,492,669
2320	Medical Therapeutic Services	\$ 191,927
2324	Long Term Substitutes	\$ 22,902
2325	Short Term Substitutes	\$ 17,978
2330	Para Professionals	\$ 264,232
2340	Library	\$ 24,910
2354	Professional Development Coaches	\$ 6,666
2356	Professional Development Expenses	\$ 12,553
2358	Professional Development In Service	\$ 1,978
2410	Other Instruction Materials	\$ 13,058
2415	Library	\$ 1,354
2420	Instructional Equipment	\$ 11,256
2430	General Supplies	\$ 8,519
2451	Instructional Technology	\$ 8,353
	Instructional Technology Equipment HW	
2453	Supplies	\$ 1,083
2455	Instructional Technology Software	\$ 2,542
2720	Testing/Assessment	\$ 328
2800	Psychology	\$ 97,511
3200	Medical/Health Services	\$ 93,903
3300	Transportation	\$ 230,300
3520	Student Activity	\$ 776
4110	Custodial Services	\$ 135,649
4120	Heating	\$ 27,464
4130	Utilitites	\$ 46,630
4210	Maintenance of Grounds	\$ 11,892
4220	Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 90,341
4225	Building Security	\$ 616
4230	Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 7,187

4400	Teachnology Infrastructure Support	\$	22,644
4450	Teachnology Infrastructure	\$	12,581
5100	Employee Benefits Retirement	\$	54,308
5200	Employee Insurance Active	\$	403,194
5250	Employee Insurance Retired	\$	20,676
5260	Property and Workers Comp Insurance	\$	32,742
5350	Maintenance of Buildings	\$	11,174
9000	SPED Reserve Contribution	\$	25,000
9110	School Choice Tuition	\$	45,010
9400	SPED Tuition Collaborative	\$	19,890

Boylston Elementary FY22 Budget Summary			
Description		FY22 Actual	
1110	School Committee	\$	3,719
1210	Superintendent Expenses	\$	67,541
1230	District Wide Administration	\$	34,751
1410	Finance and Business	\$	57,442
1420	Human Resources/ Payroll	\$	15,564
1430	Legal Services	\$	9,000
1450	District Admin Technology	\$	2,310
2110	Curriculum	\$	39,671
2111	Pupil Services	\$	53,157
2120	Instructional Coordinators	\$	32,656
2210	Principal Other Expenses	\$	158,522
2250	Administrative Technology	\$	11,931
2305	Teachers/Specialists	\$	1,714,499
2320	Medical Therapeutic Services	\$	187,978
2324	Long Term Substitutes	\$	2,796
2325	Short Term Substitutes	\$	29,660
2330	Para Professionals	\$	326,406
2340	Library	\$	50,588
2354	Professional Development Coaches	\$	16,066
2356	Professional Development Expenses	\$	8,356
2358	Professional Development In Service	\$	1,870
2410	Other Instruction Materials	\$	21,101
2415	Library	\$	2,009
2420	Instructional Equipment	\$	11,370
2430	General Supplies	\$	8,235
2451	Instructional Technology	\$	5,539
2453	Instructional Technology Equipment HW Supplies	\$	2,507
2455	Instructional Technology Software	\$	2,542
2720	Testing/Assessment	\$	1,467

2800	Psychology	\$	85,404
3200	Medical/Health Services	\$	102,630
3300	Transportation	\$	186,753
3520	Student Activity	\$	776
4110	Custodial Services	\$	127,462
4130	Utilitites	\$	71,915
4210	Maintenance of Grounds	\$	8,186
4220	Maintenance of Buildings	\$	44,810
4225	Building Security	\$	2,202
4230	Maintenance of Equipment	\$	2,954
4400	Teachnology Infrastructure Support	\$	22,659
4450	Teachnology Infrastructure	\$	16,169
5100	Employee Benefits Retirement	\$	89,448
5200	Employee Insurance Active	\$	529,556
5250	Employee Insurance Retired	\$	44,653
5260	Property and Workers Comp Insurance	\$	34,299
9000	SPED Reserve Contribution	\$	25,000
9110	School Choice Tuition	\$	25,944
9120	Tutions, Charter Schools	\$	17,850
9400	SPED Tuition Collaborative	\$	7,729

Tahanto Middle School / High School FY22 Budget Summary			
Description		FY22 Actual	
1110	School Committee	\$	6,255
1210	Superintendent Expenses	\$	133,326
1230	District Wide Administration	\$	82,111
1410	Finance and Business	\$	140,703
1420	Human Resources/ Payroll	\$	32,443
1430	Legal Services	\$	18,000
1450	District Admin Technology	\$	4,731
2110	Curriculum	\$	78,051
2111	Pupil Services	\$	108,010
2120	Instructional Coordinators	\$	118,472
2210	Principal Other Expenses	\$	348,547
2250	Administrative Technology	\$	23,783
2305	Teachers/Specialists	\$	3,361,593
2320	Medical Therapeutic Services	\$	127,877
2324	Long Term Substitutes	\$	9,200
2325	Short Term Substitutes	\$	49,960
2330	Para Professionals	\$	343,437
2340	Library	\$	83,594
2345	Instructional Technology	\$	1,700

2354	Professional Development Coaches	\$	17,647
2356	Professional Development Expenses	\$	23,137
2358	Professional Development In Service	\$	3,741
2410	Other Instruction Materials	\$	69,873
2415	Library	\$	4,848
2420	Instructional Equipment	\$	15,108
2430	General Supplies	\$	7,866
2440	Field Trip	\$	1,000
2451	Instructional Technology	\$	78,218
2453	Instructional Technology Equipment HW Supplies	\$	5,589
2455	Instructional Technology Software	\$	8,891
2710	Guidance	\$	199,634
2720	Testing/Assessment	\$	2,399
2800	Psychology	\$	157,209
3200	Medical/Health Services	\$	127,513
3300	Transportation	\$	442,906
3510	Athletics	\$	140,538
3520	Student Activity	\$	38,753
4110	Custodial Services	\$	275,082
4120	Heating	\$	53,286
4130	Utilities	\$	187,144
4210	Maintenance of Grounds	\$	45,380
4220	Maintenance of Buildings	\$	90,409
4225	Building Security	\$	12,551
4230	Maintenance of Equipment	\$	11,629
4400	Technology Infrastructure Support	\$	45,271
4450	Technology Infrastructure	\$	43,428
5100	Employee Benefits Retirement	\$	175,700
5200	Employee Insurance Active	\$	1,029,861
5250	Employee Insurance Retired	\$	284,834
5260	Property and Workers Comp Insurance	\$	101,321
5350	Maintenance of Buildings	\$	22,350
9100	SPED Tuition Public School	\$	17,773
9110	School Choice Tuition	\$	139,256
9120	Tutions, Charter Schools	\$	222,105
9300	SPED Tuition Private School	\$	264,471
9400	SPED Tuition Collaborative	\$	207,707

Department of Pupil Personnel Services

It is an honor to submit an annual report on behalf of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District. In a time of ongoing change, we remain committed to providing equitable and excellent educational experiences for all our students.

DESE data as of 12/1/2022	First Language Not English	English Language Learner	Students with Disabilities	High Needs	Economically disadvantaged
Berlin-Boylston Regional School District	12.9%	2.5%	17.0%	30.4%	16.3%

In January 2022, following ten years of service to, Karen Molnar retired as the district's Pupil Personnel Services Director. Jannel Fitzpatrick, a member of the Berlin-Boylston staff since 2010, was hired for the Director role and worked closely with Karen Molnar to ensure the transition was smooth for students, families, and staff.

The Pandemic continued to influence change within the Pupil Personnel Department. As did most school districts in 2022, Berlin-Boylston experienced higher staff turnover rates than in previous years. Pupil Personnel Services welcomed new nurses, paraprofessionals, and special education teachers to the district due to this turnover. At the time of this report, we continue our efforts to stabilize the district's nursing staff in all three buildings by recruiting and maintaining the Float Nurse position.

Covid-19 testing and monitoring requirements in our schools changed considerably last year. Contact Tracing and Test and Stay programs were discontinued by early 2022 and replaced with At-Home Testing programs. The At-Home Testing program was discontinued summer of 2022. We currently offer a Symptomatic Testing program for staff and students in our schools.

We built upon the expansion of district-wide mental-health supports for our students by adding an additional counselor at Tahanto. Tahanto also implemented the STAG program to help students return to school after prolonged absences. By the end of 2022, we celebrated a return to the school buildings by the remaining students who previously needed specialized in-home programs due to medical issues and Covid-19.

Our English Language Learner community continues to grow. New students who need English Language services have moved into the district, and other students have successfully passed

the state Access tests and no longer need services. Portuguese continues to be the most prevalent home language. Additional languages spoken in the homes of our multi-lingual families are Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese (Mandarin), Farsi, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Telugu, Thai, Twi, Ukrainian, and Urdu.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannel Fitzpatrick
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Technology Coordinator

What began as a necessity in 2020 due to COVID-19, became the backbone of how we utilize technology throughout the district. Teachers and students having access to 1:1 devices, without having to reserve or schedule for said devices, making the use of technology more seamless in everyday instruction has come to be the norm for our district. These devices, predominantly Chromebooks for students, allow our teachers to access on-line support materials that many of our paid curriculum materials include. These on-line resources provide teachers the opportunity to differentiate lessons for their students, for example providing practice of skill for those students that may be struggling with a concept while at the same time providing challenge problems for those students that have already mastered the basics.

As was reported last year this implies that a large portion of our resources was spent upgrading and maintaining our fleet of Chromebooks and teacher laptops. We continued to maintain a supply of “spare” device at each school, so that as students had technical issues or failure of a device one could be easily swapped out while we repaired or replaced the non-functioning Chromebook. With the importance of these devices tied to the success of on-line learning we continue to dedicate a majority of a full-time technician to the task of maintaining these 1:1 devices.

A majority of our summer work again revolved around 1:1 devices. Re-inventory of all our Chromebooks and redistributing them into charging carts to be ready for the first day of the 2022-23 school year. We also prepared an additional one hundred and seventy Chromebooks, that were purchased through the use of Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant we were awarded late in 2021, to replace devices that had reached end-of-life.

A new phone system, replacing an aging system at Boylston Elementary, was installed in August in time for the start of the new school year. The new system allows for greater control of communications in the building as well as provide easier access to communications in emergency situations.

During the Summer of 2022 we also updated two of the three remaining computer labs in the district. In June we replaced the desktops in Tahanto’s Library with laptops along with a half-dozen larger LCD monitors that can be used for the Middle School coding classes. In August we replaced the desktops in the Computer Applications Lab at Tahanto.

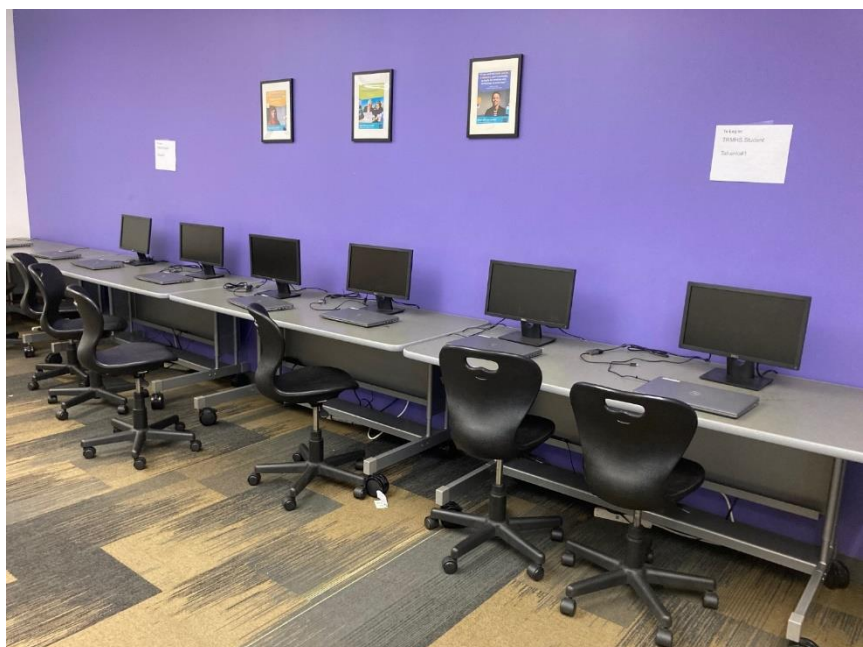


In the Fall we rolled out 1:1 devices for all students in grades 1-12. These were in carts in the elementary schools and individual devices for the Middle/High School. We introduced a device insurance program at Tahanto as well, so parents had the option to pay a fee to insure their child's Chromebook.

As is always the case, this report was not meant to be all inclusive, rather a highlight of the major areas we have worked on in 2022. We thank our two communities for their continued support as we move technology forward in the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Mara
District Technology Coordinator



Tahanto Regional Middle/High School

This year Tahanto welcomed 532 students across grades 6-12 and 6 new faculty and staff members. Ms. Diane Tucceri retired from her role as Principal of Tahanto after many years in the summer of 2022 and as a result, Ms. Sally-Ann L. Stukuls was appointed the role as Interim Principal while our School Adjustment Counselor, Ms. Kara Ford, was appointed as Interim Assistant Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. Below are just a few of our amazing accomplishments in 2022.

Class of 2022

The Superintendent's Award for academic excellence went to Jordan Money and the Principal's Award for outstanding leadership went to Caden Cogswell. Seventy one percent of 2022 graduates are attending four-year colleges, fifteen percent are attending two-year colleges, fourteen percent entered the workforce and just one student entered the military.

Academic Highlights

On October 13, 2021, eighty-eight Sophomores and Juniors participated in the successful administration of the PSAT. That marked the first time that many students had to sit for hours for testing.

The NMSQT of this exam stands for National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Eligible Juniors can earn this award based upon their test scores. Three seniors qualified as Commended Scholars due to their success on last year's PSAT/NMSQT. Congratulations to Julian Baldwin, Jack Campbell, and Joshua Cranford!

Carter Nosek, Class of 2022, has been selected as a College Board [National Recognition Program](#) awardee. He earned the National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award because of his academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT® and/or AP® Exams. He accomplished this milestone during an immensely demanding period of his high school career. How wonderful to be able to share this great news - congratulations Carter!

The National Merit Scholarship Program determined that Luke Valleli, Class of 2022, could move on to Finalist standing in its competition for National Merit Scholarship awards. This is a tremendous recognition, congratulations Luke!

Nearly 150 Advanced Placement exams in 13 different subjects were administered to Tahanto students. Students who sit for these exams have the opportunity to earn college credit based upon their exam scores.

During the Academic Awards Ceremony last spring, 21 students in the Class of 2023 were presented with College Book Awards. These students were recognized for their hard work, involvement and commitment to the school and community.

SOME CLASS OF 2022 STATISTICS

- *The Counseling Office processed 449 college application transcripts this year.
- *66 seniors applied to 157 different postsecondary institutions.
- *Nearly 40% of seniors applied to college Early Action or Early Decision.
- *9 early applications were Deferred into the Regular Application rounds.
- *A record number of 34 applications were returned with a Waitlist decision.
- *UMass Amherst (29), UVM (17), and UNH (16) saw the largest number of Tahanto applications.
- *Northeastern (12) was the top private school application recipient.
- *The most common final choices for Tahanto Seniors in the Class of 2022 were Quinsigamond Community College (9), UMA Amherst (4), and UNH (4).
- *71% of the graduates are off to 4-year colleges.
- *56% will continue their education in-state, while 44% will do so out-of-state.
- *15% of the graduates are off to 2-year colleges.
- *7% of the graduates are off to career education, apprenticeships, or other training programs.
- *7% of the graduates are joining the workforce.

Congratulations to each of the 74 graduates of Tahanto's Class of 2022!

We also held four different career panels for all sophomores and juniors where guests came in to share their education and employment journeys in a variety of fields with our students.

Over 50 Colleges had Admissions Representatives come to Tahanto to speak directly with our students about their particular postsecondary institutions.

We held a panel for Juniors and their parents on the college admissions process. This included six different colleges of varying size, competitiveness and price.

We hosted a Financial Aid program, sponsored by MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) to assist students and families through the FAFSA filing.

We had a college representative speak to our seniors about the College Application Essay then had multiple reps in to offer students an on-the-spot review of their current college essays.

Fine and Performing Arts

In May, the Tahanto drama club put on Jack the Ripper: Monster of Whitechapel including 25 students from grades 6 to 11 both on and off stage. Students were involved in set design and construction, lighting, costuming, and performing the 90-minute straight play with both drama and humor in equal measure.

In June, Tahanto's Art students put on a showcase of their work for the annual art show. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade art classes, as well as high school Art 1, Art 2, Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2, Independent Art, and Painting all had work on display. The Art department invited students, families, friends, and community members to view the exhibition.

Student Council

2022 was a busy year for STUCO as they :

- Coordinated and ran 6th Grade Orientation before school started
- Helped coordinate and run First Day of School events for students
- Ran Fall, Winter and Spring spirit weeks, lunch games, and pep rallies
- Coordinated Deck the Halls competition amongst the grades
- Coordinated High School Stall Day fundraiser for charity
- Coordinated the 12 Days of Staff Appreciation
- Coordinated and assisted with the Haunted Hallway/Fall Festival/Bonfire that was coordinated with the art and music departments during an after-school community event
- Ran the first indoor homecoming dance since 2019
- Ran a Thanksgiving Food Drive and created baskets for Tahanto families
- Ran (and won) the second annual Clothing Drive competition with West Boylston High School
- Attended Fall conference at Worcester Tech High School
- Attended Officershop leadership conference at Middleboro High School
- Attended MASC State Conference at Worcester State University
- Created Valentine's Day cards for veterans
- Participated in a modified Polar Plunge for Special Olympics during February vacation
- Coordinated a Penny Wars fundraiser
- Participated in a hike on Mt. Wachusett for Walk for Hunger's virtual event
- Students helped volunteer with Carnival and Library events at elementary schools as well
- Collaborated with other clubs for Refresh Day
- Student Council students assisted with graduation

National Honor Society

Junior National Honor Society has completed two collections for the Sterling Animal Shelter, one in the spring and one in the fall. In addition, they raised \$210.39 for Pennies for Patients which goes to patients with leukemia. They also raised \$128.13 for the citizens of Ukraine.

As for the National Honor Society, in the spring of 2022 there was a community reading day at BES and BMS, Cafe for a cause raised money for Boston Children's Hospital, Make a Wish, The Breast Friends Connection, Malaria Consortium and Virtual Valentines Day Cards sent to students and staff.

In the fall 2022 there was selling t-shirts for the Matthew John Phillips Scholarship at Harvest Fest, babysitting offered at Parent Conference night, Cafe for a Cause to support Veterans Inc., and the Breast Friends Connection, as well as a Blood Drive in November and Christmas Cards sent to Seniors in the Berlin/Boylston Community.

Athletics

As we wrap up the year of 2022, Tahanto would like to reflect on all of the success we had during our sports seasons! We would like to recognize every team for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and recognize a few teams for their outstanding achievements.

Boys Basketball: The Boys Varsity Basketball team finished their season with a winning record, as well as qualifying for the state tournament.

Girls Basketball: The Girls Varsity Basketball Team made school history, being the first Girls Varsity Basketball team ever at Tahanto to win their League. They also made a run in the State tournament.

Girls Lacrosse: The Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team had a great season, finishing second in the league, and making a run in the state tournament.

Boys Baseball: The Boys Varsity Baseball Team had an awesome season, winning their league and the Central MA title, and also making an appearance in the state tournament.

Girls Softball: The Girls Varsity Softball Team had a successful season, and advanced to the state tournament.

Girls Soccer: The Girls Varsity Soccer Team made school history after making it to the Final Four of the state tournament. They also won their League for the 6th consecutive year.

Boys Soccer: The Boys Varsity Soccer Team won their league for the second year in a row, and also made it to the state tournament.

Boys Football: The Boys Varsity Football Team made school history by winning the first State Championship of any team at Tahanto. They were also seeded number 1 going into the tournament.

Congratulations to all of our sports teams here at Tahanto!

Respectfully submitted,

Sally-Ann L. Stukuls
Interim Principal

BOYLSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Boylston Elementary School, our mission is to support and challenge all students to achieve personal and academic excellence in a student-centered environment. We continue to expand our programming and incorporate practices to reach this mission. In the summer of 2022, BES had a change in leadership with the departure of Mr. Ace Thompson. This resulted in an interim position for principal of BES for the school year 2022 -2023 with a full principal search to be conducted in the beginning of 2023.

In the spring of 2022, Boylston Elementary again participated in the online Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The MCAS testing was held in a typical fashion with two days of testing per subject per grade level. We continue to use the knowledge gained from the results of the state testing to inform our instruction. Overall, our students performed well above the state averages in all grade levels and content areas. The percentage of students meeting or achieving the standards exceeded the state average in all areas as well. While our students are showing great success, we continue to seek ways to improve our pedagogical approach and further increase student achievement.

In addition to examining trends in testing results there have been some additional changes at Boylston Elementary. The overall enrollment grew by 12% for the school year 2022-2023. There were also many hiring decisions that needed to be made close to the beginning of the school year including two classroom teachers, a school psychologist, and a number of paraprofessionals. This influx in hiring allowed the BES team to reset and refocus on all areas of our day, including social emotional goals. We reintroduced “Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Responsible” with all students and staff. We reviewed expectations in common areas of our building which has allowed students to feel secure. The staff created a “Zen Den” area near the counseling office for students to use strategies to regulate themselves during the school day.

Safety has been a priority at Boylston Elementary School this year. Fire drills and evacuation drills have been rehearsed so that in the case of an emergency students and staff know exactly what to do. Students are led through scenarios using age-appropriate language which helps them feel knowledgeable in the case of an actual emergency.

One of our main academic focuses this year has been on early literacy instruction. In the Fall of 2022, we welcomed a Literacy Coach to Boylston Elementary School, a shared position with Berlin Memorial School. This position has allowed classroom teachers to have access to coaching support in the areas of reading instruction, which compliments new literacy programs that are in place.

Through professional development and consistent coaching, we continue to leverage the Science of Reading to implement Heggerty, Foundations, and Making Meaning in grades K through 2. In grades 3-5 we use HMH for English language arts. Professional development days have been heavily focused on this implementation and, as a result, are giving teachers the confidence to dig deep into the data gathered and take a hard look at how we do what we do with the lens of what works for students and what doesn't.

Boylston Elementary School continues to be thankful for the support of the community. We would like to recognize the efforts of our Superintendent, the members of the Boylston School Committee, and our partnership with the Boylston Police and Fire Departments. We would also like to thank the Boylston Parent Teacher Organization, Boylston Educational Foundation, and all of our parent volunteers for the countless hours of support they provide us each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn-Marie Ayles
Interim Principal, Boylston Elementary School

BERLIN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

It is my pleasure to submit this report for 2022 on behalf of the Berlin Memorial School, where we remain committed to our mission statement, which is, “to empower each student to achieve personal excellence by fostering respect, responsibility and resourcefulness with the support of the entire school community.”

As 2022 began, we had returned to full-time in-person learning. Although COVID continued to impact attendance of both children and adults, the wide-spread availability of vaccinations and the on-going use of mitigation factors allowed us to continue to meet the needs of our students in person. We were delighted in the Spring of 2022 to return to traditional events with full community participation, including our Memorial Day Program, Field Day, and Fifth Grade Recognition.

Spring of 2022 saw a return to traditional MCAS testing for our students in grades three through five. We saw declines in scores similar to – but not as deep as – the declines across the commonwealth. As a school, 63% of our students met or exceeded the expectations for English-Language Arts, while the state percentage was 41%. Our scores in Mathematics actually improved from last year. As a school, 64% of our students met or exceeded the expectations for Mathematics, while the state percentage was 39%. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize that outstanding results for our third grade Math group – 88% of BMS third grade students met or exceeded the expectations on the 2022 Math MCAS. No elementary grade in our District has *ever* had that level of achievement!

Berlin Memorial School welcomed 223 students in Preschool through Grade Five back in August of 2022. That is an average class size of 17 students. While we continue to see the lingering effects of the pandemic – both academic and social-emotional – our students arrived ready to learn. Beginning of the year assessment helped us to identify students still in need of remediation as well as which students were ready for a new challenge. We continue to work to strike a balance between “catch up” work, and grade level appropriate learning. Stephanie Woodward, a long-time teacher here at Berlin Memorial, assumed the role of District-wide Literacy Coach in order to support teacher efforts to improve instruction. Joey Flournoy continues as our District-wide Math Coach.

We continue to meet as District leaders to review and enhance our school-wide safety plans. Although school continues to be the safest place for children to be, events around the country compel us to think through how we would handle various situations, from violence on school grounds to weather-related emergencies, we are working as a District to identify our planning strengths and weaknesses and find ways to improve. We are very fortunate to have the active participation of our Town EMS staff as we do this important work.

Berlin Memorial School is extremely grateful for the tremendous community support we continue to receive on behalf of our children. We would like to acknowledge our out-going

Superintendent, Jeff Zanghi, as well as our Acting Superintendent, Carol Costello (former principal of Berlin Memorial), the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee, and partnerships with the Berlin Police and Fire Departments, Recreation Department, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen, Historical Society, and Worcester County Sheriff's Department. We also wish to thank our dedicated School Council members and PTL parent volunteers for the countless hours of support they have provided to us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Campbell, Jr.
Principal – Berlin Memorial School

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