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In Memory of

GARY ALBERT

**Lifelong member of the
Lanesborough Volunteer Fire Department.**

**Gary helped construct the Firehouse,
the Water Department, and Laston Field.**

JOAN WEISSBLUTH

Library Staff/Volunteer



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Glossary

Abatement	A reduction in value.
Appropriation	An amount of money voted to be spent for a specified purpose.
Available Funds	Funds generated by the Town and set aside for future appropriation.
Chapter 70/71	The statutes covering public education.
Cherry Sheet	The forms received each year from the state listing the Town's estimated state receipts as well as state, county, and regional charges.
Debt Limit	5% of equalized valuation; up to 10% with state approval.
Equalized Valuation	System for 100% real property valuation between towns for state aid purposes.
Estimated Revenue	Item of the tax rate calculations (can be either state or local).
Fiscal Year	July 1st through June 30th, designated by the year in which it ends.
Free Cash	Amount of unreserved fund balance account over and above uncollected taxes of prior years.
Levy	Collection of an assessment (appraisal).
Levy Limit	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2 ½% of the full and fair valuation of the Town real estate each fiscal year (ceiling).2. Annual increase in levy authority is also 2 ½% of the prior authorized levy.
Line Item	Each individual item within a department's budget (i.e. telephone, electricity, supplies, etc.)
Local Aid	Money collected by the state and distributed to the Town under various formulas.
Local Receipts	Money collected by various Town departments, such as fines and fees.
Mandates	Programs ordered by the state. Mandates are prohibited by Proposition 2-1/2 unless state funded.
Overlay	Provision for abatements and exemptions, amount added to tax levy to "fund" uncollectible taxes and granted exemptions.
Overlay Surplus	Fund balance reserved for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures. Accumulated amount of unused overlay from previous years.
Override	Referendum vote to increase tax levy in excess of 2 ½%.
Proposition 2-1/2	Statute limiting tax levies.
Recapitulation Sheet	Summary of sources and uses of funds. Submitted to state by the assessors as a basis for setting the tax rate.
Regional School Budget	Mount Greylock regional budget must be approved by both Lanesborough and Williamstown.
Reserve Fund	Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. Transfers are in the exclusive control of the Finance Committee.
School Union #71	A union of Lanesborough and Williamstown which shares a superintendent, special education director, and their staff. Costs are shared on a basis of enrollment.
Stabilization Fund	A fund to be used for any legal expense after a 2/3 vote of residents at a Special Town Meeting.
Transfer	Authorization to use an appropriation for a purpose other than the original.
Valuation	Full and fair cash value which would be paid for real property.
Warrant	List of Articles (items) to be brought up at a Town Meeting.

Elected Town Officials

	<i>Term Expiration</i>
SELECT BOARD	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Michael P. Murphy, Chair	FY 2026
Timothy C. Sorrell	FY 2025
John W. Goerlach	FY 2024
FINANCE COMMITTEE	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Jodi-Lee Szczepaniak-Locke, Chair	FY 2026
Dr. Robert Reilly	FY 2024
Ronald Tinkham	FY 2025
Stephen Wentworth	FY 2024
Regina Dilego	FY 2025
MODERATOR	<i>3-Year Term</i>
Christopher Dodig	FY 2024
MOUNT GREYLOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE	<i>4-Year Terms</i>
Christina Conroy, Chair	FY 2026
Ursula Maloy	FY 2024
Curtis Elfenbein	FY 2026
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	<i>3-Year Term</i>
Dr. Robert Reilly	FY 2025
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Elizabeth Drury	FY 2024
Sherri Wilson	FY 2026
Kacy Westwood	FY 2025
PLANNING BOARD	<i>5-Year Terms</i>
Joe Trybus, Chair	FY 2026
Debbie Maynard	FY 2027
Leanne Yinger	FY 2026
Renee DeRagon	FY 2025
Courtney DiCicco	FY 2024

Appointed Staff

	<i>Term Expiration</i>
AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR Gina Dario	<i>1-Year Term</i>
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND COMMITTEE (2023) Jeff DeChaine, Fire Chief Robert Derksen, Chief of Police Jen Weber, Emergency Medical Service Director Katie Lemanski, Town Accountant Gina Dario, Town Administrator	<i>1-Year Term</i>
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Dale Newberry	<i>1-Year Term</i>
ASSESSORS Ross Vivori, Assessor Lisa Wellspeak, Assessor Clerk	<i>1-Year Term</i>
COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR Lorna Gayle	<i>1-Year Term</i>
TOWN ACCOUNTANT Katie Lemanski	<i>1-Year Term</i>
TREASURER/COLLECTOR Ben Gelb	<i>1-Year Term</i>
ASSISTANT TREASURER/COLLECTOR Diane Snyder	<i>1-Year Term</i>
COUNCIL ON AGING VAN DRIVERS John Bartels Leslie Rhinemiller	<i>1-Year Term</i>
COUNCIL ON AGING VOLUNTEERS Julie Taylor Eleanore Rosier Shirley Zurrin	<i>1-Year Term</i>
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR Charles Durfee	<i>1-Year Term</i>
CUSTODIAN Marcia Paris	<i>1-Year Term</i>
CUSTODIAN OF TOWN PROPERTIES Charlie Durfee	<i>1-Year Term</i>
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Charlie Durfee	<i>1-Year Term</i>

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	<i>Term Expiration</i>
Jen Weber	<i>3-Year Terms</i>
TOWN CLERK & E911 COORDINATOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Ruth Knysch	
ELECTION WORKERS	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Betsy Bean	Frances Kelly
Roberta Corey	Julia Taylor
Donald Dermeyer	Shirley Zurin
FIRE INSPECTORS	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Thomas Rathbun	
HARBORMASTER	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Lee Hauge	
ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER	<i>1-Year Term</i>
John “Jack” Hickey	
HEALTH AGENTS	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Colin Sykes	
Cal Joppru	
FOOD INSPECTOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Nancy Simonds-Ruderman	
ASSISTANT HEALTH INSPECTOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Colin Sykes	
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Charles Durfee	Jeff Murach
Nathan Fenwick	Santino Messer
Garrett Crennan	
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DIRECTOR	<i>AD HOC</i>
Mary Reilly	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
W. Rick Reid	
BUILDING INSPECTOR (ALTERNATE)	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Ryan Devaulle	
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Dale Newberry	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Richard Degiorgis	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR (ALTERNATE)	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Richard Degiorgis	

WIRING/ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Joseph Knysh	<i>Term Expiration</i> <i>1-Year Term</i>
WIRING/ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT) Michael Burton	<i>1-Year Term</i>
PARKING CLERK Select Board	<i>1-Year Term</i>
POLICE CHIEF Robert Derksen	<i>Contracted</i> FY 2025
POLICE OFFICERS – FULL TIME Robert “Sam” Hungate Sakan Sadowsky	<i>3-Year Terms</i> FY 2024 FY 2024
POLICE OFFICERS – PART TIME Michael Alibozek David Tarjick Aaron Goodell Joshua Tracy	<i>1-Year Term</i>
CHIEF PROCURMENT OFFICER Gina M. Dario	<i>1-Year Term</i>
RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER Ruth Knysh	<i>1-Year Term</i>
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND COMMITTEE Katie Lemanski Gina Dario Charlie Durfee	<i>1-Year Term</i>
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Gina M. Dario	<i>3-Year Term</i> FY 2024
TOWN CLERK Ruth Knysh	<i>1-Year Term</i>
TOWN COUNSEL Jeffrey Blake, Esquire/KP Law	<i>1-Year Term</i>
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Beth Carroll	<i>1-Year Term</i>
TREE WARDEN William Girard	<i>1-Year Term</i>
VETERANS’ GRAVES OFFICER Marlene Clemons	<i>1-Year Term</i>
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER Stephen R. Roy	<i>1-Year Term</i>
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT Charlie Durfee	<i>1-Year Term</i>

Regional Committee Appointments

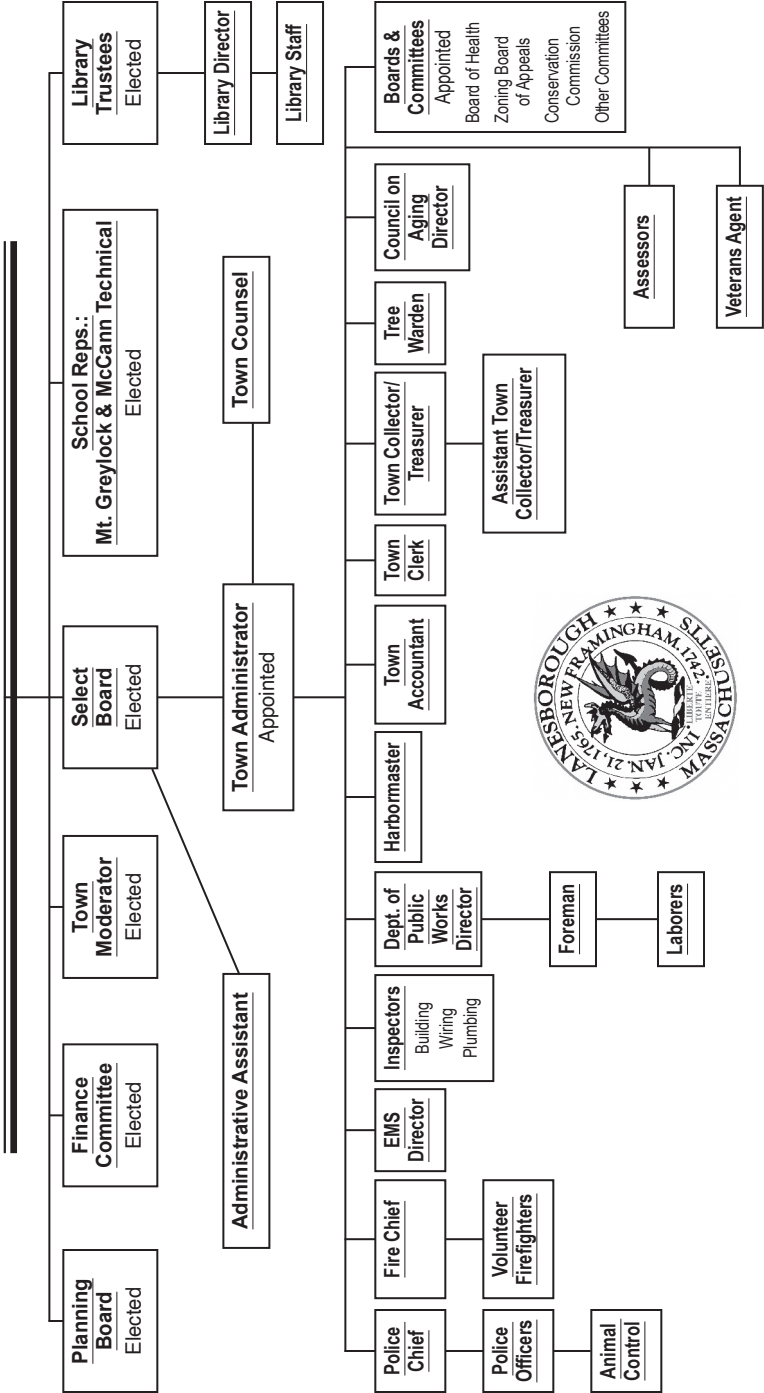
Appointed Representatives	<i>Term Expirations</i>
BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT	<i>3-year Staggered Terms</i>
John W. Goerlach	FY 2023
Henry Sayers	FY 2024
Bill Prentergast	FY 2025
BERKSHIRE HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Gina M. Dario	
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Robert Reilly	
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Leanne Yinger	
Barbara Davis-Hassan	
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Vacancy	
CULTURAL COUNCIL OF NORTHERN BERKSHIRE	<i>3-Year Terms</i>
Lorna Gayle	FY 2025
Mark Siegers	FY 2025
MT. GREYLOCK COUNCIL ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Edward C. Carman, III	
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Joseph S. Szczepaniak, Sr.	
AGRICULTURAL COMMISISON	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Darlene J. Newton, Chair	FY 2025
Marvin W. Michalak	FY 2026
Lisa Dachinger	FY 2024
Kristen Tool, Alternate	FY 2025
Bridgid Beachamp, Alternate	FY 2026

	<i>Term Expiration</i>
ARPA COMMITTEE	<i>1-Year Term</i>
Jen Weber	FY 2024
Robert Derksen	FY 2024
Katie Lemanski	FY 2024
Charles Durfee	FY 2024
Gina Dario	FY 2024
Jeff Dechaine	FY 2024
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Carol Caird	FY 2024
Regina DiLego	FY 2026
Ross Vivori	FY 2025
BOARD OF HEALTH	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Bonnie Farinon	FY 2027
Francisca Hemming-Kristensen	FY 2026
Lawrence Spatz, Chair	FY 2025
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Ruth Knysh, Chair	
Lynn Baumgartner	FY 2025
Leigh Nilsen	FY 2023
Sandra Bushey	FY 2024
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Mary C. Reilly, Chair	FY 2025
Amy Szczepaniak	FY 2026
John W. Goerlach	FY 2024
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Stacy Parsons, Consultant/Agent	FY 2026
Joe Trybus, Chair	FY 2025
Linda Belanger	FY 2024
Courtney DiCicco	FY 2024
Jose Larios	FY 2026
Maggie Jennings	FY 2025
COUNCIL ON AGING	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Mark Siegers, Chair	FY 2025
Linda Pruyne	FY 2023
William Cook	FY 2024

	<i>Term Expiration</i>
FIRE DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF ENGINEERS (2022)	<i>1-Year Terms</i>
Jeffrey DeChaine, Chief	
Don Whalen, Deputy	
Glen Storie, Deputy	
Jen Weber, EMS Captain	
Jay Trybus, Captain	
Branden Knysh, Captain	
Nico Amuso, Captain	
Timothy Bolognia, Lieutenant	
Mike McBride, Lieutenant	
Tom Rathbun, Inspector	
Peter Oakley, Member from the Floor	
POLICE ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE	<i>5-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Robert Reilly, Chair	FY 2026
Kristen Tool	FY 2027
Aaron Williams	FY 2028
Henry Sayers	FY 2025
William Mahon	FY 2024
RECREATION COMMITTEE	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
William Auger, Co-Chair	FY 2023
Carol Newberry, Co-Chair	FY 2024
Jabari Powell	FY 2023
Samantha Bararotto	FY 2024
Mike Higgins	FY 2024
Kristine Hurley	FY 2024
Tom Voison	FY 2024
TREE AND FOREST COMMITTEE	<i>3-Year Staggered Terms</i>
James Neureuther, Chair	FY 2022
Eammon Coughlin	FY 2024
George Kellar	FY 2023
William Carr	FY 2024
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	<i>5-Year Staggered Terms</i>
Ronald Tinkham	FY 2024
Scott Graves	FY 2025
Marc Seigars, Chair	FY 2027
Leanne Yinger	FY 2026

Town of Lanesborough Organizational Chart 2023

Lanesborough Voters/Residents



Select Board

Annual Report 2023

As always, the Select Board would like thank the dedicated Town Hall staff for their continued consummate customer service and professionalism. We are grateful for the staff who remain with the Town as well as those who have joined or returned to positions in many departments over the past several months. Our continued efforts foster a positive workplace environment for staff, citizens of Lanesborough, as well as visitors to Town Hall.

The Board is also extremely grateful for members of boards and committees—appointed and elected—for the time they dedicate to serving the citizens of Lanesborough. They tirelessly volunteer their energy and expertise to keep Lanesborough a great place to live and work. The Town is always looking for citizens to sit on boards and committees. We encourage residents to submit a Citizen Interest Form for open positions or to work with the Town Clerk to learn the process for running for an elected position. Special thanks to the many new members who have stepped up over the past year to fill vacancies and serve.

In February of 2024, the Lanesborough Select Board approved the renaming of the former Economic Development Committee—a special thanks to all who served on this committee over the years—to be the Community Development Committee. The Committee’s initial focus will be to coordinate a new annual event, Lanesborough Day, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 3, 2024. The Committee will also look at formalizing its mission, which may include identification and coordination of other community activities, networking events for Lanesborough businesses, and other activities that will support and enhance engagement opportunities for residents and support local businesses. This is a great opportunity if you want to be more involved with the Town and contribute to something positive for the community with local impact. A special thanks to those who have already stepped up and joined the committee.

Of course challenges remain (most of which are not unique to Lanesborough). The current Public Safety Building Committee continues to work towards a final design that meets the needs of our Police Department, in particula, for years to come. Their detailed and patient approach to the process will hopefully bring a successful conclusion to a long-time need in the community. Affordable housing is another issue that needs addressing. All relevant boards and committees continue to strive for ways to maintain or reduce taxes while maintaining quality programs and services. Not an easy task but one that remains at the forefront of goals and objectives for Lanesborough.

Finally, we would like to thank John Goerlach for his tireless dedication to the town as a member of the Select Board since 2009. Prior to that John served as Tree Warden. He also currently serves as a Cemetery Trustee and a member of the Baker Hill Road District. We can only wish John the best as he transitions to a new phase in his life.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Murphy, Chair
Timothy Sorrell
John Goerlach

Town Administrator

Annual Report FY 2023.

I am pleased to be writing this having completed more than 12 months in the role as Town Administrator. I can continue to say that the role is as dynamic as my first day.

As Town Administrator I maintain a commitment to investing in a strong relationship with the community of Lanesborough and to navigating the complexities of the needs of its residents. When I began in February of 2023, we were already in the depths of budgeting, delivery of a Special Town Meeting, and preparations for the June Annual Town Meeting.

I am pleased to report that of Town of Lanesborough has sustained a viable operating and fiscal foundation. While the influx of pandemic-related funds have ceased, the town continues to explore opportunities to maximize federal and state funding opportunities (grants) for projects that complement both core initiatives and opportunities for continuous improvement. We have developed a centralized document and record system to capture completed and awarded grants to assist with tracking ongoing projects, and identify strategies for future applications. In FY 2023, we were awarded a Community Compact Grant to assist with the maturation of our financial policies for the town. We were also awarded a grant to complete work to baseline the town's municipal buildings compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Completion of this project will enable to the town to pursue additional grants to support enhancements to make our buildings and services accessible to all residents. In 2023 we also received a Green Communities Grant to assist the town to reduce its energy expenses through improvements to insulation and weatherization to Town Hall and Department of Public Works buildings. As Town Administrator I will continue to work with staff, Committees, and the wider community to identify opportunities for grants and ensure that the town remains fiscally sound and efficient.

In FY 2023, the town managed a number of initiatives to consolidate and enhance the town's capability across key service areas. I developed a capital improvement plan to give the town greater ability to plan and budget for future expenses and essential services. There is also a body of work to ensure that the town is maximizing opportunities to work with other Berkshire Communities on projects that develop technical infrastructure and digital equity, access to information to access energy assistance, and support for our aging community.

Shifts in the workforce continue to challenge local businesses and municipal government. Lanesborough continues to compete for skills and knowledge within a limited pool of municipal experience to service the town residents. I am committed to developing the technical and administrative skills as a team, while maintaining a culture of high performance to deliver on responsibilities to the town. We continue to invest in our capabilities in human resources and other technical and administrative training, while maintaining a focus on building and maintaining a positive working environment.

As always, I want to offer my sincere thanks you to the town community, the Select Board, Town Hall staff, our public safety teams, and Town Committee members for their hard work, professionalism and support. I remain committed to working collaboratively during the upcoming fiscal year to enhance our services for the community of Lanesborough!

Respectfully,

Gina M. Dario
May 2024

Town of Lanesborough

Combined Balance Sheet - all Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt			
ASSETS										
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,795,038.11	514,233.63	-213,402.96	415,408.00		1,352,071.49				3,863,348.27
Investments										0.00
Receivables:										
Personal Property Taxes	135,831.10									135,831.10
Real Estate Taxes	371,268.29									371,268.29
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-59,117.39									-59,117.39
Tax Liens	456,547.95									456,547.95
Deferred Taxes										0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	127,788.96									127,788.96
Other Excises	1,659.71									1,659.71
User Fees				115,290.89						115,290.89
Utility Liens Added to Taxes				0.00		10,168.86				10,168.86
Departmental										0.00
Special Assessments										0.00
Due From Other Governments										0.00
Other Receivables	5,941.00									5,941.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	50,650.11									50,650.11
Prepays										0.00
Due to/from Other Funds										0.00
Working Deposit										0.00
Inventory										0.00
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation				-240.00						-240.00
Amounts to be Provided - Payment of Bonds								0.00		0.00
Amounts to be Provided - Vacation/Sick Leave										0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,885,607.84	514,233.63	-213,402.96	530,458.89	0.00	1,362,240.35	0.00	0.00	5,079,137.75	

Town of Lanesborough
Combined Balance Sheet - all Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited, Continued)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency			
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable									0.00
Accounts Payable									0.00
Accrued Payroll									0.00
Withholdings									0.00
Accrued Claims Payable									0.00
Due to/from Other Funds									0.00
Due to Other Governments									0.00
Other Liabilities	5,845.92			50,000.00					55,845.92
Deferred Revenue:									
Real and Personal Property Taxes	447,982.00								447,982.00
Tax Liens	456,547.95					10,168.86			466,716.81
Deferred Taxes									0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	50,650.11								50,650.11
Motor Vehicle Excise	127,788.96								127,788.96
Other Excises	1,659.71								1,659.71
User Fees				115,290.89					115,290.89
Utility Liens Added to Taxes									0.00
Departmental									0.00
Special Assessments									0.00
Due from Other Governments									0.00
Other Receivables	5,941.00								5,941.00
Deposits Receivable									0.00
Prepaid Taxes/Fees									0.00
Tailings	4,001.06								4,001.06

Town of Lanesborough
Combined Balance Sheet - all Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited, Continued)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt			
IBNR									0.00	
Agency Funds						34,530.93			34,530.93	
Notes Payable									0.00	
Bonds Payable									0.00	
Vacation and Sick Leave Liability									0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,100,416.71	0.00	0.00	165,290.89	0.00	44,699.79	0.00	1,310,407.39		
Fund Equity:										
Reserved for Encumbrances	305,438.26								305,438.26	
Reserved for Expenditures	549,982.07								549,982.07	
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations									0.00	
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									0.00	
Reserved for Premiums									0.00	
Reserved for Working Deposit									0.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	929,770.80	514,233.63	-213,402.96			1,317,540.56			2,548,142.03	
Unreserved Retained Earnings									365,168.00	
Investment in Capital Assets				365,168.00					0.00	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,785,191.13	514,233.63	-213,402.96	365,168.00	0.00	1,317,540.56	0.00	3,768,730.36		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
	2,885,607.84	514,233.63	-213,402.96	530,458.89	0.00	1,362,240.35	0.00	5,079,137.75		

Town of Lanesborough

Revenue Summary Report - All Funds Appropriated

Unaudited Fiscal Year 2023

100 - GENERAL FUND					
Account	Description	Estimated	Actual	Variance	% Collected
4110 - Personal Property Tax	\$	\$	487,554.73	\$ 487,554.73	
4120 - Real Estate Tax			8,171,122.47	8,171,122.47	
4125 - ProRata Tax					
4140 - Tax Liens Revenue			4,680.66	4,680.66	
4145 - Tax Foreclosures					
4150 - Motor Vehicle Excise			512,184.56	512,184.56	
4165 - Trailer Park Fees			3,504.00	3,504.00	
4170 - Interest & Penalty - Tax Title			6,113.58	6,113.58	
4171 - Interest & Penalty - Taxes			31,344.13	31,344.13	
4172 - Interest & Penalty - Excise Tax			7,026.51	7,026.51	
4176 - Interest & Penalty - Water Lien			610.77	610.77	
4180 - Payments in Lieu of Taxes			5,000.00	5,000.00	
4679 - Room Tax			72,032.04	72,032.04	
4678 - Meals Tax			71,753.72	71,753.72	
4680 - Cannabis Tax			40,144.35	40,144.35	
4126 - Roll Back Taxes			11,547.72	11,547.72	
4327 - Tax Collector Services			14,173.12	14,173.12	
4475 - I & E Fines					
4330 - Bad Check Fees			25.00	25.00	
4321 - Municipal Lien Fees			4,250.00	4,250.00	
4326 - Tax Collector Demand Fees			14,258.90	14,258.90	
4341 - MV Registry Marking Fee			2,640.00	2,640.00	
4372 - Town Clerk - Other			4,879.40	4,879.40	
4320 - Board of Health Fees			14,733.00	14,733.00	
4410 - Alcoholic Beverage Licenses			12,050.00	12,050.00	
4499 - Select Board - Other Licenses			3,130.00	3,130.00	
4474 - Dog Licenses			4,650.00	4,650.00	
4610 - Unrestricted General Government			399,587.00	399,587.00	
4611 - State Owned Land Revenue			154,980.00	154,980.00	
4613 - Abated Vets, Surv Sp, Blind, Elde			5,522.00	5,522.00	
4660 - Miscellaneous State Revenue			31,126.84	31,126.84	
4662 - Veterans Benefits, MGL 115, Se			30,542.00	30,542.00	
4329 - Dog Violations					
4774 - Dog Fines			140.00	140.00	
4815 - Tree Cutting Sales			50,000.00	50,000.00	
4840 - Miscellaneous Revenue			20,210.44	20,210.44	
4842 - Misc Revenue/Town/Tailings					
4843 - Reimbursements			19,078.71	19,078.71	

Town of Lanesborough
Revenue Summary Report - All Funds Appropriated
Unaudited Fiscal Year 2023 (continued)

100 - GENERAL FUND					
Account	Description	Estimated	Actual	Variance	% Collected
4845 - Sale of Electricity		\$	8,281.99	\$	8,281.99
4849 - Other Financing Sources			30,000.00		30,000.00
4820 - Earnings on Investments			11,647.18		11,647.18
4397 - Police Cruiser Usage Fee			50.00		50.00
4398 - Police O/S Detail Service Fees			2,466.34		2,466.34
4472 - Polic - FID Cards			50.00		50.00
4473 - Police - Pistol Permits			2,012.50		2,012.50
4470 - Fire Department Receipts			4,210.00		4,210.00
4455 - Trench/Highway Permits			1,340.00		1,340.00
4460 - Building Permits			27,291.71		27,291.71
4463 - Plumbing Permits			4,295.00		4,295.00
4465 - Gas Piping Inspector			2,310.00		2,310.00
4464 - Wiring Permits			23,533.00		23,533.00
4695 - District Court Fines			7,161.78		7,161.78
4340 - School Tuition New Ashford					
4621 - School Aid (Ch 70)					
4322 - Bulky Waste Fees			660.90		660.90
4371 - Internment Fees			1,878.00		1,878.00
4395 - BHRD Road Maintenance Services			114,900.00		114,900.00
4698 - BRTA - COA Reimbursement			5,621.11		5,621.11
100 - General Fund Total			10,458,305.16		10,458,305.16
4143 - Sewer Liens			344.94		344.94
4174 - Interest and Penalties			455.90		455.90
4200 - Charges for Services			57,208.04		57,208.04
4203 - Connection Fee			200.00		200.00
4820 - Earnings on Investments			502.23		502.23
605 - Sewer Fund Total			58,711.11		58,711.11
4343 - Cable TV Franchise Fee			31,901.04		31,901.04
4970 - Transfers from General Fund			1,700.00		1,700.00
608 - PEG Access Fund Total			33,601.04		33,601.04
4200 - Charges For Services			271,624.54		271,624.54
4800 - Miscellaneous Revenue			6,528.24		6,528.24
4820 - Earnings on Investments			6,159.12		6,159.12
4974 - Other Financing Sources			209,100.00		209,100.00
610 - Ambulance Fund Total			493,411.90		493,411.90
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 11,044,029.21		\$ 11,044,029.21

Town of Lanesborough

Summary Expenditure Report All Appropriated Accounts

Unaudited Fiscal Year 2023

100 GENERAL FUND Account - Description	Carry Forward PFY	Original Budget	Amended	Expend	Carry Forward NFY	Remaining Balance
122 - Lanesborough Select Board	\$	\$ 5,300.00	\$	\$ 4,250.00	\$	\$ 1,050.00
123 - Town Administration		144,275.00	7,775.66	150,072.09		1,978.57
131 - Finance Committee		175.00		163.00		12.00
132 - Reserve Fund		40,000.00	-34,480.00			5,520.00
135 - Accountant		71,500.00		71,231.40		268.60
141 - Assessors		77,740.00		75,475.22		2,264.78
145 - Town Treasurer		53,600.00		51,770.33		1,829.67
146 - Town Collector	1,372.52	63,150.00		56,777.76		7,744.76
151 - Law Account		50,000.00	30,000.00	75,536.80		4,463.20
153 - Technology Services		65,736.00		61,414.45		4,321.55
156 - Municipal Audit	14,000.00	15,000.00		14,000.00		15,000.00
158 - Tax Title		20,000.00	-11,000.00	5,822.58		3,177.42
161 - Town Clerk		54,529.00	75.00	51,868.53		2,735.47
163 - Elections and Registration		11,400.00		10,483.79		916.21
168 - Tree and Forest Committee		1,000.00		1,000.00		
171 - Conservation Commission		15,857.00		9,297.00		6,560.00
175 - Planning Board	435.40	7,018.00		6,687.60		765.80
176 - Board of Appeals		200.00				200.00

100 GENERAL FUND									
Account - Description	Carry Forward PFY	Original Budget	Amended	Expend	Carry Forward NFY	Remaining Balance			
182 - Economic Development Committee	\$	\$ 3,700.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,700.00			
191 - Town Hall		40,789.00	9,500.00	46,846.85		3,442.15			
196 - Consultancy		5,000.00	4,450.00	9,450.00					
199 - Other General Government	760,383.28	378,623.45	154,947.12	1,019,268.73		274,685.12			
210 - Police Department		504,290.00		453,275.36		51,014.64			
211 - Police Baker Hill Rd Distr.		247,177.00		222,893.72		24,283.28			
215 - E911 Communications		18,636.00		18,628.60		7.40			
220 - Fire Department		111,275.00		107,483.81		3,791.19			
235 - Public Safety Services		21,127.00		10,090.20		11,036.80			
240 - Inspectors		33,370.00		27,985.64		5,384.36			
291 - Emergency Management		3,000.00		1,642.19		1,357.81			
292 - Animal Control Officer		7,000.00		5,249.22		1,750.78			
330 - Mount Greylock Regional School		6,034,246.00		6,034,246.00					
335 - McCann Tech Regional Assessment		276,345.00		276,345.00					
420 - Public Works	34,024.25	680,470.00		660,877.93		53,616.32			
421 - Winter Roads Expense		160,000.00	32,000.00	190,604.85		1,395.15			
422 - Dpw Baker Hill Rd Distr.	53,201.69	114,900.00		150,412.83		17,688.86			
424 - Utilities		80,000.00	27,000.00	101,795.94		5,204.06			
439 - Landfill Monitoring		12,000.00		11,660.00		340.00			
490 - Stormwater Management		12,000.00		4,503.73		7,496.27			
491 - Cemetery Const. & Repair	6,150.00	10,000.00		8,536.65		7,613.35			

100 GENERAL FUND	Carry Forward	Original	Amended	Expend	Carry Forward	Remaining
Account - Description	PFY	Budget			NYF	Balance
492 - Mt. View Cemetery	\$	\$ 2,700.00	\$	\$ 1,686.22	\$	\$ 1,013.78
494 - Cemetery Department		2,900.00		2,678.25		221.75
510 - Health Department		24,917.00	4,950.00	27,731.58		2,135.42
519 - Animal Inspector		2,439.00		2,045.77		393.23
541 - Council on Aging		45,236.00		38,817.19		6,418.81
543 - Veteran's Services		31,975.00		25,474.71		6,500.29
610 - Lanesborough Library	94.07	49,963.00		47,546.89		2,510.18
630 - Recreation Programs		26,831.00	1,318.40	24,086.06		4,063.34
650 - Park Maintenance	711.00	12,000.00		8,323.83		4,387.17
680 - Pontoosuc Clean Lakes Program		19,500.00		6,132.60		13,367.40
691 - Historical Commission	486.28	800.00		824.33		461.95
692 - Memorial Day		500.00		483.21		16.79
699 - Senior Transportation	15,747.58	48,100.00		25,210.18		38,637.40
710 - Retirement of Debt & Interest		94,753.00		94,711.87		41.13
819 - Other Assessments		47,701.00	650.00	48,340.74		10.26
820 - State Assessments		54,958.00		55,758.00		-800.00
911 - Berkshire County Retirement		271,207.00	-5,000.00	249,484.00		16,723.00
914 - Life and Health Insurance	2,173.12	719,063.00	-73,239.06	594,538.55		53,458.51
916 - Medicare - Employer Share		17,000.00	6,000.00	22,002.49		997.51
945 - Town Insurance Coverage		100,050.00		76,927.52		23,122.48
100 - GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 888,779.19	\$ 11,023,021.45	\$ 154,947.12	\$ 11,360,451.79	\$ 0.00	\$ 706,295.97

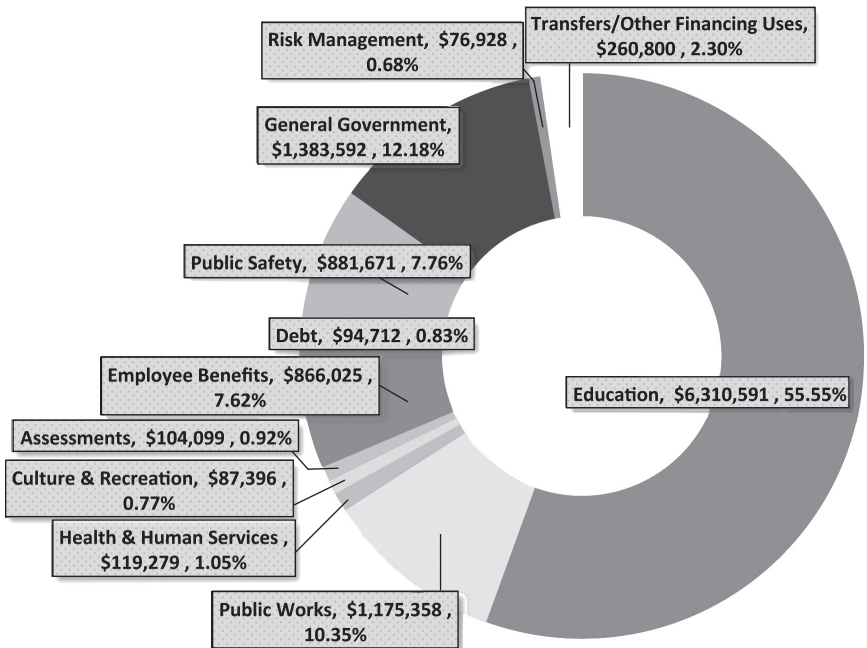
605 SEWER FUND	Carry Forward	Original	Amended	Expend	Carry Forward	Remaining
Account - Description	PFY	Budget			PFY	Balance
420 - Public Works	\$ 949.13	\$ 66,860.00	\$	\$ 47,856.54	\$	\$ 19,952.59
605 - SEWER FUND TOTAL	949.13	66,860.00		47,856.54		19,952.59
608 - Cable TV		16,700.00	3,517.08	18,645.58		1,571.50
608 - PEG ACCESS FUND TOTAL		16,700.00	3,517.08	18,645.58		1,571.50
230 - Ambulance	106,521.15	315,100.00	82,400.32	465,364.58		38,656.89
610 - AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL	106,521.15	315,100.00	82,400.32	465,364.58		38,656.89
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 996,249.47	\$ 11,421,681.45	\$ 240,864.52	\$ 11,892,318.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 766,476.95

FY23 Actual Expenditures

Total: \$11,360,451

Category	Amount	%
Education	\$ 6,310,591	55.55
Public Works	1,175,358	10.35
Health & Human Services	119,279	1.05
Culture & Recreation	87,396	0.77
Assessments	104,099	0.92
Employee Benefits	866,025	7.62
Debt	94,712	0.83
Public Safety	881,671	7.76
General Government	1,383,592	12.18
Risk Management	76,928	0.68
Transfers/Other Financing Uses	260,800	2.30
TOTAL	\$ 11,360,451	100.00

FY23 Actual Expenditures



Town Collector's Annual Report - FY 2023

Taxes	FY	Balance Outstanding 7/1/2022	Commitments	Payments	Refunds	Tax Title	Betterments /Leins	Abatements/ Exempts/ Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2023
Real Estate	2023		8,587,509.42	8,393,557.40	87,200.17			73,312.60	207,839.59
Real Estate	2022	210,346.48		(117,215.20)	58,148.23			973.15	152,252.66
Real Estate	2021	(8,828.64)		(2,569.25)	42,294.00				30,896.11
Real Estate	2020	(36,962.38)		(834.92)	48,817.00				11,019.70
Real Estate	2019	(47,506.32)		(1,742.39)	49,809.00				560.29
Real Estate	2018	(47,722.84)			47,101.00				(621.84)
Real Estate	2017	5,773.40		(10,929.31)					(5,155.91)
Real Estate	2016	-							-
Real Estate	2015	-							-
Real Estate	2014	-							-
Real Estate	2013	-							-
Real Estate	2012	-							-
Real Estate	2011	-							-
Real Estate	2010	551.82							551.82
Real Estate	2009	1,328.17							1,328.17
Pers Property	2023		543,344.00	(487,028.68)				(1,271.15)	55,044.17
Pers Property	2022	53,672.40		(528.56)					53,143.84
Pers Property	2021	4,712.52							4,712.52
Pers Property	2020	11,002.76							11,002.76
Pers Property	2019	3,190.42							3,190.42
Pers Property	2018	2,823.90							2,823.90
Pers Property	2017	949.81							949.81
Pers Property	2016	424.05							424.05
Pers Property	2015	519.25							519.25
Pers Property	2014	1,033.94							1,033.94
Pers Property	2013	698.39							698.39
Pers Property	2012	553.46							553.46
Pers Property	2011	299.52							299.52
Pers Property	2010	293.40							293.40

Town Collector's Annual Report - FY 2023 (continued)

Taxes	FY	Balance Outstanding 7/1/2022	Commitments	Payments	Refunds	Tax Title	Befferments /Leins	Abatements/ Exempts/ Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2023
Pers Property	2009	262.08							262.08
Pers Property	2008	258.84							258.84
Pers Property	2007	280.08							280.08
Motor Vehicle	2023		531,447.70	(444,136.52)	1,436.68			(10,499.19)	78,248.67
Motor Vehicle	2022	33,896.35	50,162.96	(72,456.45)	8,634.53			(6,256.13)	13,981.26
Motor Vehicle	2021	8,697.97		(2,941.64)	1,074.88			(719.05)	6,112.16
Motor Vehicle	2020	4,068.50		(744.51)					3,323.99
Motor Vehicle	2019	3,756.50		(1,025.31)	95.83			(95.83)	2,731.19
Motor Vehicle	2018	3,123.54		(322.19)					2,801.35
Motor Vehicle	2017	3,790.32		(317.50)				-	3,472.82
Motor Vehicle	2016	3,894.41		(251.25)	-			-	3,643.16
Motor Vehicle	2015	1,416.77		(47.50)	-				1,369.27
Motor Vehicle	2014	2,201.04		-					2,201.04
Motor Vehicle	2013	1,897.27		-					1,897.27
Motor Vehicle	2012	1,626.49		-					1,626.49
Motor Vehicle	2011	1,451.79		-					1,451.79
Motor Vehicle	2010	994.17							994.17
Sewer	2023		70,688.46	(45,797.17)					24,891.29
Sewer	2022	15,834.53		(11,462.50)					4,372.03
Sewer	2021	6,207.97		(357.14)					5,850.83
Sewer	2020	373.59		(9.49)			-		364.10
Sewer	2019	-	-	-					-
Sewer	2018								-
GRAND TOTALS		251,185.72	1,195,643.12	-1,200,717.48	257,411.15	0.00	0.00	-17,868.20	485,654.31

This report is unaudited and may not reflect actual balances.

Respectfully submitted,
Caren J. Adams
Collector/Assistant Treasurer

Finance Committee

FY 2023 Annual Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The task of the Finance Committee is to present and recommend a Town budget, including Warrant Articles at the Annual Town Meeting, which will provide for Town services while not exceeding the levy limit.

In FY 2023, the following transfers were made from the Reserve Fund:

Amount Appropriated	\$ 40,000.00	Town Building Repairs	4,500.00
Street Lights	10,000.00	Consulting	4,450.00
Heat	12,000.00	MMA Membership	3,530.00
Balance			\$ 5,520.00

There were transfers made pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 33B, which are allowed to be made to balance accounts, from one line item to another, at the end of the fiscal year. Chapter 44, Section 33B transfers require approval of the Finance Committee and the Select Board. These transfers were made as follows:

Date	Account Name	Amount Transferred from	Amount Transferred To
7/17/2023	Meetings/Meals/ Mileage	\$ 900.00	
7/17/2023	Office Supplies		\$ 900.00
7/17/2023	Town Collector Salary	5,000.00	
7/17/2023	Collector Office Supplies		5,000.00
7/17/2023	Tax Title expense - Collector	5,000.00	
7/17/2023	Electricity	5,000.00	
7/17/2023	Tax Title expense - Treasurer	6,000.00	
7/17/2023	Medicare		6,000.00
7/17/2023	Water Department Charges	1,617.00	
7/17/2023	Town Hall Offices Supplies		1,617.00
7/17/2023	Town Report Expenses	1,028.00	
7/17/2023	Town Hall Offices Supplies		1,028.00
7/17/2023	Veterans' Benefits	250.00	
7/17/2023	Veterans' Agent Salary		250.00
7/17/2023	Retirement Assessment	5,000.00	
7/17/2023	Town Hall Telephone		3,500.00
7/17/2023	Town Building Repairs		1,500.00
7/17/2023	Health Insurance	73,239.06	
7/17/2023	Recreation Directors' Salaries		1,318.40
7/17/2023	Health Inspector Salary		450.00
7/17/2023	Law Account		30,000.00
7/17/2023	Supplies and Repairs		32,000.00
7/17/2023	Town Administrator Asst		4,245.66
7/17/2023	Northern Berkshire Solid Waste		650.00
7/17/2023	Asst Health Inspector Salary		3,500.00
7/17/2023	Food Inspector Salary		1,000.00
7/17/2023	Town Clerk Salary		75.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Szczepaniak-Locke, Chair

Ron Tinkham

Regina Dilego

Stephen Wentworth

Robert Reilly

Town Treasurer Debt Schedule for FY 2023

	Outstanding 2022	New Debt Issued	Retirements 2023	Outstanding Paid	Interest
<i>Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit</i>					
Loader FY 18	\$ 59,000.00	\$ -	\$ 59,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,622.50
Fire Truck	15,177.00	-	15,177.00	-	417.37
Waterline Extension	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	-	495.00
TOTALS	92,177.00	-	92,177.00	-	2,534.87
<i>Short Term Debit</i>					
Ambulance	-	81,276.00	81,276.00	-	1,274.23
TOTALS	\$ 92,177.00	\$ 81,276.00	\$ 173,453.00	\$ -	\$ 3,809.10

Tax Titles

Balance as of 7/1/2022	\$ 400,265.36
New & Subsequents	63,877.90
Payments & Redemptions	8,313.88
Total Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	-
Balance as of 6/30/2023	<u>\$ 455,829.38</u>

Trust Funds

Stabilization Funds 085 - 3280

Balance 6/30/22	\$ 725,041.80
Interest	9,347.95
Transfer Out	-
From Town Meeting	-
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 734,389.75</u>

Muni Cap Ex Stabilization 811-3280 \$ 41,644.38

Interest	451.06
Transfer Out	-
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 42,095.44</u>

Joint Ministry Trust Funds 084-590		
Non Expendable Principal	\$ 4,850.07	\$ 4,850.07
Interest	474.77	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 5,324.84</u>	
Cemetery Trust Funds 084-491		
Non-Expendable Principal	\$ 19,023.12	\$ 19,023.12
Expendable Interest	5,200.13	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 24,223.25</u>	
Mt. View Perpetual Care 026-3590		
	\$ 12,714.44	\$ 12,714.44
Library Trust Funds		
Non-Expendable Principal	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Expendable Interest	3,132.17	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 5,901.36</u>	
Bradley Trust Funds 084-300		
Expendable Principal 6/30/2022	\$ 3,227.54	
Interest FY 2023	49.85	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 3,277.39</u>	
Conservation Trust Fund 084-171		
Expendable Trust Fund 6/30/2022	\$ 57,015.71	
Interest FY 2023	838.69	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 57,854.40</u>	
Unemployment Funds 084-913		
Expendable Funds 6/30/2022	\$ 36,861.42	
Interest FY 2023	915.24	
Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 37,776.66</u>	
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$ 39,287.63

Above Reports Are Unaudited And May Not Reflect Actual Balances.

Respectfully submitted By:

Lynne Lemanski
Interim Town Treasurer

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk’s office serves as the repository of vital records for the town, conducts all activities related to the Annual Street Listing, voter registration, elections and town meeting, administers oaths to all public officials, issues dog licenses, business certificates, marriage certificates, fuel storage, files and records Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals applications and determinations, provides notary public services, oversees employee and board member compliance with the Conflict of Interest Law, and serves as the office of record for an assortment of public filings.

The Town website has useful links and forms for residents:
www.lanesborough-ma.gov

<u>Population</u>	3,037
<u>Registered Voters</u>	2,372

VITAL RECORDS RECORDED

Births	20
Deaths	38
Marriages	7

REVENUE GENERATED

Application Fees – ZBA and Planning Board,
Certified Copies, Dog Licenses,
Marriage Intentions, Business Certificates,
Storage Tank Permits, Miscellaneous\$ **10,405.00**

<u>Dog Licenses Issued</u>	422
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Remember, dog licenses are due annually on January 1st of each year. We do not send you an invoice for the dog licenses, but send a reminder to you with the census form. A \$25 late fee is assessed as of March 31st of each year.

Dog licensing information is available on the town website. We encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.

As always, special thanks to the Registrars, Poll Workers, Election Officials and the Counting Crew for their faithful and diligent service.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Knysh
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

The Assessors Department is responsible for determining full and fair cash valuations and for classifying all property located within the community as of January 1 each year, based on sale values from the prior years.

Full and fair cash value has been defined as 100% of a property’s “fair market value,” fair market value is both buyer and seller must be willing and informed to buy/sell the piece of real estate in an arm’s length transaction.

Property buyers and sellers establish the worth of comparable properties through their transactions in the real estate marketplace. It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover and make the appropriate changes that are happening in the real estate market.

Annually Assessors must also adjust valuations to reflect changes to the tax base due to new construction, alterations, or demolitions.

The Assessors must submit values for review by the Department of Revenue annually with a full Department of Revenue certification being performed every five years. It also requires an annual analysis of market conditions to adjust values.

FY 23 EXEMPTIONS PROCESSED

Clause 37 – Blind	4
Clause 41C – Senior	9
Clause 17D – Surviving Spouse	8
Minors or persons over 70 years	
Clause 22 – Veterans	25

PROPERTY DATA RECORDS

We urge all property owners to take advantage of reviewing your online property data record card for accuracy at:

<https://www.lanesborough-ma.gov/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at 413-442-8622 or by Email at:

rvivori@lanesborough-ma.gov or lwellspeak@lanesborough-ma.gov

TAX RATE SUMMARY

FY 2023	\$ 17.76 / \$ 1,000
FY 2022	\$ 19.10 / \$ 1,000
FY 2021	\$ 20.28 / \$ 1,000
FY 2020	\$ 20.68 / \$ 1,000

Average Residential Value	\$ 300,705
Average Residential Tax	\$ 5,313
Total Taxable Value All Classes	\$ 516,615,216
Tax Levy	\$ 9,126,825

The office hours are: Monday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with evening hours from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The building is closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch.

Please check out our website for forms and applications at:

<https://www.lanesborough-ma.gov/>

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

Ross Vivori, Chairman

Regina DiLego

Carol Caird

Agricultural Commission

Annual Report 2023

The Lanesborough Agricultural Commission meets on the second Monday of the month, during the months of January, February, March, April, October and November (with exception); October and November meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month to be able to continue to meet at Town Hall which is closed on Federal Holidays. Meetings will be held during the months of May - September by emergency request or as requested by the Select Board or Town Manager. We welcome all residents with an interest in Agriculture to join us at our meetings or contact us with any questions or concerns at any time.

The warrant submitted by the Agricultural Commission at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting to restore the Agricultural Commission to five voting members passed and we thank all those who voted at Town Meeting. At the October meeting, Alternate member Kristen Tool became a voting member, and we welcomed Brigid Beauchamp as a voting member to bring the board back up to full membership.

We are always interested in hearing from our community, so please feel free to join us at any of our meetings. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact us one week before the next scheduled meeting so we may add your item to the agenda in compliance with open meeting laws.

The Agricultural Commission will be supporting the Heart & Soil Collective drive to restart the Lanesborough Elementary School Garden. The Ag Comm's initiative will be to build a farm stand for the crops produced so they are available to the school community.

In January, postcard invitations were mailed to known members of the Lanesborough farm community, as well as others invested in agriculture (landscapers and foresters) and flyers were posted around town inviting all who are interested in Agriculture to a "Winter Social" networking event in the community room at Town Hall. The weather was cooperative and baked goods and cider were enjoyed by all. One of the topics discussed was facilitating communication between farmers in support of "farm community building." To that end, we will create a Google email group where farmers can post questions, offer items for sale, and share important communications regarding farming. If you are a farmer or invested in agriculture and would like to join this email group, please contact:

farmerlisa612@gmail.com

We are planning to host this networking and social event again next year. If you would like to receive a postcard for next year's event, please email:

ldachinger@lanesborough-ma.gov

Rabies Clinic:

We are still actively seeking new partner recommendations. Please contact us if you are a licensed veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts willing to partner with us or know someone who can partner with us. Past rabies clinics have benefitted dog and cat owners by keeping rabies vaccination costs to a minimum and enabling compliance with Town regulations on licensing and vaccination. The clinics have also helped to raise funds for the Commission to send members to workshops and fund other agriculturally oriented programs.

The Agricultural Commission is always interested in knowing from our Agricultural Community how else we can support you and agriculture in our town. Please reach out to any of our members and let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dachinger,
Chair

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission**Members:**

Darlene Newton
Marvin Michalak
Lisa Dachinger
Kristen Tool
Brigid Beauchamp
Secretary

Baker Hill Road District Prudential Committee

FY 2023 Report

The Baker Hill Road District was created through a 1989 home-rule petition filed by the Town of Lanesborough. The Baker Hill Road District Prudential Committee, a three-member appointed body, governs the Baker Hill Road District. The Town of Lanesborough appoints two members to the Committee, and the owners of property within the Baker Hill Road District have authority to appoint the other member. The District owns the US-7/SR-8 CONNECTOR ROAD (formerly Berkshire Mall Drive), and it and three property owners are encompassed by the District boundaries. Those property owners are taxed to cover any debt service and road maintenance required to keep the road open as a public way. Those property owners were: JMJ RE Holdings, LLC (as of March 22, 2023), Unit 1; TARGET, Unit 2 of the Berkshire Mall Condominium (the Berkshire Mall), and BMG NEWCO, LLC., whose property is in tax title

William (Bill) Prendergast, Henry (Hank) Sayers and John Goerlach are the members of the Prudential Committee. Bill Prendergast was elected Chairman and Recording Agent.

The Prudential Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon. During the COVID Emergency it met remotely or in a compliant setting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA.

There were no matters of note during this past year except the limitations imposed and subsequently modified by the COVID Emergency

In FY 2023 the Prudential Committee raised and appropriated \$887,798.00. From those funds \$114,900.00 was paid to the Town of Lanesborough in accordance with a Road MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT for the ordinary and reasonable expenses of maintaining the Connector Road as a public way, the Committee allocated \$65,397.00 to its Stabilization Fund for future capital costs of resurfacing the travel surface of the road, and \$50,000.00 to the Town for a new fire truck.

In FY 2023 the Baker Hill Road District contributed \$247,178.00 to the Town of Lanesborough in accordance with its POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT, and \$15,000 towards a new police cruiser.

Board of Health

2023 Annual Report

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Lanesborough Board of Health consists of three appointed, volunteer members. Public meetings are generally held monthly at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Town Hall.

The Board of Health office at Town Hall is open by appointment. Wednesday is typically scheduled for field work such as perc tests and Title 5 witnessing.

PERSONNEL

Public Health Nurse Services are provided by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. They are responsible for tracking and monitoring all COVID-19 cases in Lanesborough.

The Town employs several part-time Health Agents to act on behalf of the Board of Health who are responsible for field work and enforcement of state and local Health regulations. This includes tobacco control, refuse haulers, performing housing and restaurant inspections, reviewing designs for the construction and repair of septic systems, private wells and investigating public nuisance complaints.

In 2023 the BOH witnessed 16 perc tests for proposed new septic systems, 33 Title 5 septic inspections, and issued 24 disposal system construction permits/plan reviews for new construction and repairs. The department has conducted over 47 food establishment, body art, public nuisance and housing inspections for compliance with state standards. There were 5 refuse hauler permits and 7 tobacco sales permits issued.

Current Members of the Board of Health:

Larry Spatz
Chair

Francisca Heming-Kristensen
Vice Chair

Bonnie Farinon

Health Agents:

Colin Sykes
Health Agent

Cal Joppru
Housing Inspector

Ruth Knysh
Office Manager

Building Inspector

Fee Summary Report (07/01/22 to 06/30/23)

Permits	Appli- cations	Payment Trans- actions	Issued	Cost	Fees	Cash	Check	Waived	Online Payment	Refund
Certificate of Inspection	1	1	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (0.00)
Certificate of Occupancy (Commercial)	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
Certificate of Occupancy (Residential)	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
Commercial										
Building Permit	10	9	10	467,706.00	2,059.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,059.70	(0.00)
Electrical Permit	145	145	145	0.00	18,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,860.00	(0.00)
Gas Permit	36	36	36	0.00	2,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	(0.00)
Mechanical Permit	3	2	3	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	(0.00)
Plumbing Permit	21	21	21	0.00	2,585.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	2,420.00	(0.00)
Residential										
Building Permit	211	199	211	7,406,314.83	26,773.41	0.00	1,059.30	0.00	25,714.11	(0.00)
Sheet Metal	3	3	3	67,478.00	473.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	473.00	(0.00)
Sign	2	2	2	4,200.00	250.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	200.00	(0.00)
Solid Fuel Appliance	9	9	9	39,517.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	(0.00)
Tent	7	7	7	9,955.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00	(0.00)
Trench Permit	1	0	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
TOTAL	449	434	449	\$ 7,995,170.83	\$ 54,906.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,274.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,631.81	\$ (0.00)

Total Fees 54906.11

Respectfully submitted,
W. Rick Reid
Building Commissioner

Cemetery Commission

Annual Report 2023

The Cemetery Committee oversees four town-owned cemeteries, namely Mountain View, Center, Talcott, and Pettibone. This year, five burials were conducted in Mountain View Cemetery with at least one committee member present to oversee each one.

This year additional trees will be added to fill in the open space near the columbarium on the Mountain View Cemetery's southern border. We will be working with the Tree and Forest Committee on this project. Niches in the columbarium are now ready for purchase. Please see our page on the Town's website for further information.

Our restoration projects remain on hold. We are continuing to make every effort to find a replacement craftsman, so we do not fall behind in our restoration efforts. We appreciate the Town's support in keeping our older cemeteries looking their best.

Lot owners are reminded that planting beds may be no longer than the base dimension of the headstone it decorates, with a depth no greater than fourteen inches. Where there is no headstone, a bed of less than 36" is allowed. To maintain a well-kept and tranquil environment for visitors, unsightly decorations and overgrown plantings will be removed at the discretion of the committee.

The DPW continues to be a huge asset in terms of maintenance and burial work. There was a seamless transition between Highway Superintendents, and we are grateful to have Charlie Durfee and his staff to maintain cemetery grounds and assist with burials.

Respectfully,

Mary Reilly
Chair

John Goerlach
Amy Szczepaniak

Council on Aging

Annual Report FY 23

The Council on Aging has been making a steady comeback after the pandemic. Our events were attended by 1,695 folks and our van carried just under 2,000 passengers to doctors, and shopping, and all sorts of places. Staff worked diligently to offer new, creative activities at the CoA.

FY23 HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Victorian High Tea.** Research had to be completed, foods had to be tested and the general atmosphere designed. We turned our community room into an English Tea Room. The food was delicious, and all dressed in their fancy clothes, and the hats were glorious. In attendance were 45 individuals who played trivia games and enjoyed small handmade gift boxes. Although a time-consuming endeavor, the party will be offered again. It was great fun! A special thanks to Mary Jeske, Katie Lemanski, Eleanor Rosier, Julia Taylor, Kristen Tool, Leann Yinger and Shirley Zurrin without whom our Tea Party would not have been realized.
2. **Intergenerational Activity.** The CoA offered an evening of entertainment with a 13-year-old Elvis Presley impersonator. Over 70 tickets were sold. The uniqueness of the presentation was that the young singer lives in our town but has not made himself known in general or at his school. His schoolmates were shocked at his professionalism and adults were amazed that his age has not diminished his abilities to make them feel it was Elvis singing. Upon leaving, the laughter, people singing songs, and photos being taken with our awesome town star ended with great memories.
3. **Crafting with Friends.** A minimum of 10-15 crafters meets every Friday for 1.5 hours. Why is this unique? We offer an open studio where you can use the supplies offered or you can come with your own project. This time together is very important as many of the residents live in settings where socialization is limited. Included in this offering is a monthly coloring contest. Other crafts include Crocheting hats for the local Veterans, Card Making, Japanese Kumihimo Braiding, Snow Domes, Collage Art, Mandala Art, Holiday Crafts to name a few. The group is always open to learning a new craft from each other. Special thanks to Mary Jeske whose vision inspired Crafting with Friends.
4. **Line Dancing.** Exercise is a big attraction and this past year we added Line Dancing instruction to our established Chair Yoga exercise offering. The classes are well attended and free to residents.
5. **Potluck Suppers** were brought back after a pandemic hiatus. Although neither new nor original, they have proved a great way for people to get together and share food and play games.

Additional highlights: We were awarded a \$12,000 Formula Grant, and an additional \$14,000 due to our Service Incentive Grant being extended one year more. The Berkshire Taconic Foundation gave us a \$1,250 grant to purchase chair carts for the Community Room just in time before the old carts fell apart.

The Council on Aging staff consists of: Lorna Gayle, Director, who celebrated her 10-year anniversary in August of 2023; Carole Hilderbrand, Outreach Coordinator; and John Bartels and Leslie Rhinemiller, our ever-pleasant van operators.

Our Lunch Time Volunteers are Eleanor Rosier, Julia Taylor and Shirley Zurrin.

Submitted by the COA Board:

Mark Siegars
Chair

Linda Pruyne
Treasurer

Bill Cook
Board Member

Conservation Commission

2023-2024

The Lanesborough Conservation Commission is a volunteer board of five members appointed to staggered three-year terms by the Select Board. The Commission is charged with enforcing the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act. The Wetlands Protection Act [Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 131, Section 40] protects wetlands (“resource areas”) and the public interests they serve, including:

- protection of public and private water supply
- protection of ground water supply
- flood control
- storm damage prevention
- prevention of pollution
- protection of land containing shellfish
- protection of fisheries
- protection of wildlife habitat

Individuals proposing to do work within 100 feet of a pond, intermittent stream, bordering vegetated wetland, certified vernal pool, lake, or within 200 feet of a river are required to file for a permit with the Conservation Commission.

During the 2023-2024 calendar year the Conservation Commission:

- Reviewed five Notices of Intent applications (not including providing ongoing monitoring of existing Orders of Conditions)
- Reviewed eight Request for Determination applications (not including providing ongoing monitoring of existing Determinations)
- Reviewed more than a dozen other permit applications including Enforcement Orders, Request for Extending the Order of Conditions, Certificates of Compliance and Forest Cutting Plans
- Responded to over fifty requests for technical assistance

Additionally the Commission collaborated with the Agricultural Commission on adopting the Farmlands of Local Importance designation to support local farmers, began work to update the draft Open Space Plan and coordinated with other Town Departments to respond to resident concerns.

The Lanesborough Conservation Commission meets the first Monday of every month at the Lanesborough Town Hall. For more information or to request to be placed on an upcoming agenda, please contact the Lanesborough Conservation Commission at (413) 442-1167 x20 or send an email to:

lanesboroughconservation@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Trybus, Chair

Courtney DiCicco Dondi

Maggie Jennings

Linda Belanger

Josie Larios

Stacy Parsons, Conservation Agent

Emergency Services

Annual Report 2023

The Lanesborough Ambulance responded to 638 EMS calls in 2023. Emergency Medical Services continues to see exponential increases in calls for service. The ambulance is dispatched and responds to emergencies such as motor vehicles accidents, cardiac arrests/issues, respiratory emergencies, traumatic injuries, mental health crises, abdominal issues, patient assists, general medical complaints, and standbys for public safety services including police and fire. Our service provided mutual aid 170 times this year to the Cities of Pittsfield and North Adams, as well as the towns of Dalton, Cheshire, Williamstown, Adams, New Ashford, Hancock, Lenox, and Lee. The town of Lanesborough only required EMS mutual aid 9 times in the entire year, and only when there were multiple patients on scene or the Lanesborough Ambulance was on another call.

The biggest hurdle continues to be critical staffing shortages, a struggle felt both in the paid and volunteer services. Staffed hours have increased to 7 days a week 7 am - 11 pm. Our staff includes 4 EMTs, and 2 first responders in addition to our full-time EMS Director. We pride ourselves on ensuring not only a fast response to all of our EMS emergencies but also exceptional clinical care. We currently have open EMT job postings to help fill gaps in scheduling. Staff typically work either 8 or 16-hour shifts, offering flexible work schedules as many of our employees work at other agencies. Overnight, weekend, and holiday shifts are covered on a per call stipend rate offered to both paid and stipend staff members.

Our biggest accomplishment for 2023 was being named the Massachusetts Region 1 Emergency Medical Service of the Year! Region 1 consists of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties. A group of our peers, including the Regional Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services, reviewed all nominations under the criteria of “Any agency that strives for consistency in EMS excellence and exhibits exemplary performance when providing or supporting pre-hospital emergency medical care.” Our service was honored and presented this award at the Western Mass Emergency Medical Services Annual Meeting in East Hampton on April 11, 2024. We could not be prouder of this recognition and will continue providing this exceptional care to our community.

Our staff continues their participation in many community outreach programs including delivering free soup and produce to Lanesborough Seniors, morning visits to Lanesborough Elementary School, and attending town, school, and sports events. We thoroughly enjoy spending time with town residents and strive to be a positive presence throughout the town of Lanesborough!

As a service, the Lanesborough Ambulance strives to provide the highest level of EMS care for all calls for EMS services. We take great pride in our relationships within the community and the first responder network. We look forward to continuing to grow these relationships while providing exemplary Emergency Medical Services to our friends and neighbors.

**Emergency Services
Call Break Down
January through December 2023
(638 Calls)**

Respiratory/Cardiac Emergencies	95
Behavioral/Psychiatric Emergencies	73
General Medical Emergencies	185
Traumatic Injuries	129
Stand-bys/Check for Injures/Refusals/	156

Fire Department

Annual Report 2023

The Lanesborough Volunteer Fire Department currently carries a roster of 28 members which include Firefighters, EMTs, Inspectors, and Educators. In 2023 we responded to a total of 414 calls for fire, rescue, and EMS.

Our members continue to train on a weekly basis to stay proficient and up to date in the ever-evolving world of emergency response. Each of our volunteers spend an average of 100 to 150 hours per year on training and equipment maintenance in addition to countless hours spent responding to calls.

In 2023 Lanesborough Fire was the recipient of the following grants:

- **Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant** \$11,641.00 for new fire nozzles and cold water rescue suits.
- **SAFE Grant** \$2,881.00 for fire safety education for students and the general public.
- **Senior SAFE Grant** \$1,777.00 for fire safety education and other services including no cost smoke alarms and no cost installations if necessary.

Our “Cans for Life” program continues to help us purchase and update rescue equipment with an annual income of just under \$10,000.00. In 2023 some of these funds were used to purchase an all-terrain track kit for our new ATV which makes it more versatile in search and rescue operations year round. Sorting cans and bottles every week has added a significant amount of work to training night, but the rewards are worth every bit of the effort and we’re thankful for the donations.

The following awards were presented at our annual Christmas party in December:

Chief’s Award: Tim Bologna

Firefighter of the Year: Nathan Overbaugh

Emergencies come in all shapes and sizes, and I feel we have a great group of people who work extremely well together to solve the toughest of problems. We all deeply appreciate the continued support from our community which ensures we have the best equipment to keep ourselves, residents, and visitors safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jeff DeChaine

Members of the Lanesborough Fire Department

Chief Jeff DeChaine	Deputy Glen Storie	Deputy Don Whalen
Captain Branden Knysh	Captain Jay Trybus	Captain Jen Weber
Inspector Tom Rathbun	Lieutenant Tim Bolognia	Lieutenant Mike McBride
Nico Amuso	Dan Bolognia	Brandon Durso
Gil Fagley	Butch Garrity	Ben Gelb
Jon Lacasse	Matt McCormick	Ryan McCormick
Pete Oakley	Nate Overbaugh	Jack Pace
Jimmy Raab	Jarod Radke	Cody Sanderson
Aiden Scholz	Kevin Towle	Samantha Trybus
PJ Pannesco	Mary Reilly	

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	3.38%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	311	75.12%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	3.62%
Service Call	14	3.38%
Good Intent Call	7	1.69%
False Alarm & False Call	51	12.32%
Special Incident Type	2	0.48%
TOTAL	414	100.00%

Highway Department Annual

Report FY 22-23

The Highway Department made significant progress in maintaining and improving our town's infrastructure over the past fiscal year. Here are some highlights:

- **Road Construction:** We completed the construction of Outer Silver Street and Upper Ore Bed Road to accommodate new housing developments. Additionally, we utilized town funds to replace guardrails on Old Cheshire Road and continued maintenance on the RT 7/RT 8 connector road for the 10th consecutive year.

- **Infrastructure Projects:** Using infrastructure funds, we successfully completed drainage projects on Narragansett Ave and at the intersection of Lacona St, saving the town approximately \$75,000. We also collaborated with Dalton Highway Dept. to pave the walking path at Laston Park, saving an additional \$50,000.

- **Road Maintenance:** For the first time in 37 years, we had the opportunity to reclaim approximately 5 miles of millings from our roads and the connector road, as well as Partridge Road and Lower Summer Street. This material was repurposed to improve various streets in the town.

- **Paving Projects:** With Chapter 90 funds and additional town funds, we paved Partridge Road and Summer Street from Old Cheshire Road to Old State Road, enhancing the quality of these thoroughfares.

- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Thanks to Eversource, we replaced the old culvert pipe on Ore Bed Road, which had been causing disruptions. Furthermore, we will be completely redoing the school parking lot, which has not been done in 23 years, starting in June.

- **Street Lighting:** In February, all town street lights will be upgraded to LED, improving energy efficiency and visibility.

- **General Maintenance:** Throughout the year, we graded and graveled roads, patched blacktop, maintained guardrails, addressed muddy roads in the spring, mowed the landfill twice per state requirements, and put up All-American flags.

- **Beaver Control:** We continued to address beaver problems throughout the town, ensuring the safety and integrity of our waterways and infrastructure.

Looking ahead to 2025, the State will be replacing the Bridge Street bridge at an estimated cost of \$2,900,000. Additionally, the department had the solemn honor of conducting the burial of Sergeant Jacob Galliher, who was killed, in the line of duty, flying over Japan this fall.

YEARS OF SERVICE:

Charles Durfee 37 years (Director)	Garrett Crennan 1 year, 4 months
Nate Fenwick 4 years (Foreman)	Jeff Murach 1 year, 4 months
	Santino Messer 1 year

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Durfee, Director of Public Works

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

Annual Report 2023

The Town of Lanesborough is one of the fourteen towns that comprise the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD).

The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD) was established in 1988 through legislation passed by the Massachusetts General Court. By forming the Solid Waste District, the small municipalities in Northern Berkshire County have been able to pool resources and obtain professional waste management services to conduct recycling and outreach education programs, hazardous and special recycling collections. We have a vision to seek regional solutions to attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The fourteen member-towns that comprise NBSWMD include Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Windsor, and Williamstown, with the Town of Dalton being our newest member in 2023. Each town appoints a representative to serve on the NBSWMD Board.

Board Officers for 2023 included: Joseph Szczepaniak, Jr., Chair (Lanesborough); Douglas McNally, Vice Chair (Windsor); and Barbara Belisle, Treasurer.

In 2023, NBSWMD services included:

- Linda Cernik, District Director since 2016, and newly Certified Third-Party Inspector with MassDEP, conducting annual transfer Station inspections pursuant to 310 CMR. 19.018, all of which are highly related.
- Serving as Bid Administrator for hauling and processing of waste and recyclables with Casella Waste Systems, Inc.
- Execution of Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection! This event annually assists 150-plus households a year.
- Working with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling.
- Coordinating special collections that are open to all fourteen member-towns, including annual Bulky and Electronics Recycling events, Household Hazardous Waste collections, Community Paper Shredding events, and Subsidized Home Composting Units.

- Management of: transfer station recyclables - including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, textiles, scrap metal, and books; and household goods Swap Shops in Hinsdale, Savoy, and Windsor.
- Outreach with local youth groups; introducing MassDEP “Green Team” Program: Youth Center, Inc., Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, and Florida Elementary School.
- Introduction of new programming in 2022 District-wide. Effective as of November 1, 2022, Massachusetts State Regulations 310 CMR 19.017 “NEW” prohibits the disposal of the following materials: Commercial organic material, mattresses, and textiles. Our mattress “HUB” in the Town of Dalton has diverted 316 CY23 units from the waste stream. With source separation, 75% of the materials from the mattress and box springs are diverted from entering the waste stream (landfills).
- Textile Recycling, effective November 1, 2022, is offered at Town’s Transfer/ Recycling Centers and at offsite locations. Textile programs are CMRK, Apparel Impact, and Salvation Army. The Town of Lanesboro textile collection takes place at the local church Shed, located near the church on the corner. All clothing is donated to the local veterans’ groups. Thank you!
- NEW - Discover Book Bin recycling program. Company is changing hands.
- Submittal of member-town MassDEP annual recycling and solid waste surveys, grants through Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs (SMRP), and all reporting.

District 2023 held its annual Household Hazardous Waste collections April 22, 2023, in the Town of Adams for all fourteen member-town residents. 165 households participated in this event. This year our annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024, to kick off Earth Day. This allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, oil-based paints, oil, pesticides, and other products that are deemed hazardous.

Also, the District held three Bulky Waste and Electronics collections in 2022. Two Community Paper Shredding events were held to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents; over 51 totes containing a total 3,250 pounds of paper were shredded on site by Pro-Shred.

The District continues to offer all member-town residents subsidized Home Composting units for \$59, allowing food waste, leaves, and brush to be composted at home.

The day-to-day program operations of the NBSWMD are managed by Program Coordinator, Linda Cernik, the only employee! She also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and state officials, and has been newly appointed to the Mass Recycle Board.

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively sent 723 tons of recyclable materials to Casella Waste Systems, Inc., Vermont MRF. 100 Earth Machines were subsidized and distributed to all 14 member-towns, for composting household brush, leaves, and food.

District-wide, over 123,979 pounds of textiles has been diverted from the waste stream. Electronics recycling, with East Coast Electronics, has collected over 40,567 pounds.

Thank you to all the District volunteers, Town DPWs, officials, and the residents of all the member-towns. Your continued support in recycling and waste reduction keeps our communities a beautiful place to call home.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cernik
Program Director
Joseph Szczepaniak, Jr.
Board of Commissioners

Police Department

Police Chief Annual Report 2023

As I enter my third year as the Chief of Police in Lanesborough, staffing continues to be a challenge as the entire country is faced with critical staffing shortages in law enforcement.

The Lanesborough Police Department is staffed currently by six full-time officers:

Sergeant Brad Lepicier serving full time since 2007
Officer Benjamin Gardner serving full time since 2008
Officer Jason Costa serving full time since 2008
Investigator Nick Penna serving full time since 2018
Officer Sakan Sadowsky serving full time since 2021
Officer Robert “Sam” Hungate serving since 2023

Our part-time officers:

Officer Mike Alibozek
Officer Aaron Goodell
Officer Joshua Tracy
Officer David Tarjick

This past year Joshua Tracy left his part-time position with the Lanesborough Police Department for a full-time position with the Lee Police Department. As expected, as a result of changes in the certification process, the number of available part-time officers has continued to evaporate across Massachusetts. Although it took several months to find him, the Lanesborough Police Department was fortunate to hire Officer Sam Hungate.

Dale Newberry continued his role as the new Animal Control Officer for the town of Lanesborough.

The Lanesborough Police Department has continued to average approximately 6,500 calls for service per year over the last four (4) years. Our 2023 calls for service were 6,500. The officers of the Lanesborough Police Department continue to dedicate their lives to making our town, the safest community possible, however in spite of their valiant efforts, it will never completely shield our town from the severe crimes that continue to afflict our country.

As in past years, officers are working alone the vast majority of the time, having to depend on other police agencies to provide mutual aid when a second officer is needed. The number and nature of calls that would necessitate multiple officers to respond has continued to increase every year. Residents of Lanesborough continue to pay about half of what the average American pays each year for law enforcement services in their community.

Mental health and addiction related calls for service continue to challenge our community. The police department continues to be active members of the Northern Berkshire Community Hub, which provides a multi-discipline cooperation in addressing the issues in our community. We continue to search for initiative ways to provide resources and co-response to our community members in need.

Town officials and the Public Safety Building Committee continue their efforts in order to find a solution to our building needs, as we continue to rent space to house the police department.

Thank you to all the residents and town officials, who have continued to support myself and the Lanesborough Police Department. It is my honor to serve the Town of Lanesborough as your Chief of Police and together we can make our community flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Derksen
Chief of Police

Pontoosuc Lake

Spring 2023

Management of our lake this past year has, as usual, seen some successes and some setbacks. There are many elements to our efforts responding to the multiple threats. A brief overview is summarized below. This report only touches on the highlights, a more detailed report will be available on the Town and City websites later in the spring.

A key element of our lake management is the cooperation and shared burden of multiple partners. Lake management costs and activities continue to be shared jointly by the City of Pittsfield and the Town of Lanesborough in a beneficial cooperative arrangement. State Agencies play a major role and contribute significantly, as do the volunteers supporting many organizations.

Control of Rooted Macrophytes (Lakeweeds)

When Pontoosuc Lake was created (expanded by the dam) there were of course multiple native aquatic plants in the lake which did not compromise lake access or inhibit use of the lake. Non-native invasive plant species were introduced by human activity and became a problem 50 years ago, necessitating action. Lakeweed control has evolved through: do nothing; aggressive and lightly-regulated herbicide application; harvesting; more-controlled herbicide use; do nothing; restricted herbicide use; and today??

Today (2024), we are planning to continue the limited use of herbicides to keep the lake useable for recreational users (swimmers, paddlers, waders, fishermen, boaters, waterskiers, and whatever else. This is the major cost element in Pontoosuc Lake management. Herbicide application is contracted by Lanesborough, other expenses are financed by Pittsfield, and we “settle up” with any necessary transfer of funds at the end of the fiscal year. Progress is being made, continued application of resources and management accounting for the many competing interests is key to success.

Zebra Mussels

This highly undesirable mussel species which is native to eastern Europe has been a threat to our lake for several years, and protective measures (boat ramp monitoring/education, access regulations, etc.) are in place. Zebra mussels are thumbnail in size, are very prolific, have very sharp shell edges, and make swimming in infested areas difficult for adults and impossible for children. Laurel Lake has been infested, and our local focus has been on preventing the spread from there to our lakes. This year there is concern that they may have been introduced into Onota Lake, and this increases the concern for Pontoosuc infestation. A team of folks from LOPA (Lake Onota Preservation Association), the City of Pittsfield, and various State environmental agencies is working the problem diligently and hopefully they will be successful. Action needs to be taken which will protect all our area lakes from this threat. They are not (hopefully) in Pontoosuc yet!!

Cyanobacteria (aka Blue-Green Algae)

Cyanobacteria is an organism which has undoubtedly been present in all lakes in our area for a long time, normally at levels which are no cause for concern. However, the presence of ample nutrients and warm temperature can cause a “bloom” which might produce toxins at levels which can be dangerous. There is an ongoing program conducted by LAPA West (Lakes and Pond Associations of Western Mass) to monitor this problem. At this point the program is restricted to identifying whether there is a problem, and we will issue a notification if needed warning lake users of dangers and restrictions. With the increased probability of blooms endangering lake users in time periods of high use, we may need to explore and invest in remedial actions to keep our lake useable for recreational users through the summer recreational season.

Drawdown

From back in the days when Pontoosuc lakewater was the source of power for the downstream textile mills, the lake has been drawn down seasonally. Initially, the schedule was dependent on the need to power the mills. In the last 50 years drawdowns have continued for a variety of reasons:

1. Protection of the dam structure
2. Protection of downstream properties from spring flooding during snowmelt
3. Protection of shoreline properties from ice sheet forces in the winter, and
4. An additional tool in the macrophyte control program.

Recent studies and data have heightened concerns about risk to the dam structure from exposure to winter conditions, and with the advent of global warming and more extreme weather conditions, the risk is even greater. So the office of dam safety in the DCR has taken the leadership in getting appropriate drawdowns permitted. Hopefully they will be successful, and the other benefits of drawdown will also materialize.

Thank you to the citizens of Lanesborough for supporting the maintenance and preservation of Pontoosuc Lake.

Lee Hauge
Lanesborough Harbormaster and
President, Friends of Pontoosuc Lake

Public Library

The Lanesborough Public Library may be small, but our reach within the community and beyond is BIG! We continue to update and improve our services in a variety of ways everyday. We provide books, magazines, CDs, audiobooks, DVDs, museum passes, and of course, reference services. As e-books and e-audiobooks become increasingly popular, we continue to add to the ever-growing collection of available items and to help people to learn how easy it is to borrow them. We have Wifi Hotspots to lend to residents without a reliable internet connection. Through the Massachusetts Library System Interlibrary Loan program, patrons can borrow items from libraries across the state. We have public computers and printers/copiers and will continue to offer remote Curb-Side printing and Curb-Side pick-up of library materials for anyone unable to come into the library. We strive to serve our patrons and the community as a whole by sharing important community information and resources on our website and social media pages, posting information at the Post Office and on community bulletin boards.

A library tradition, Storytime continues to be one of our most popular programs. We are so lucky to have the incredible dedication and hard work of Children's Librarian, Christine Erb, and volunteer musician, Alice Spatz. They always provide an educational, fun program and a great space for children to learn and for young families to connect. Special thanks to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire for partial funding for Alice's Music Enrichment program, our unique music programming!

Through several local partnerships and lots of hard work from our staff, we were able to provide a variety of programs this year including STEM programming and a Bookmobile with the Family Center of Northern Berkshire County, a Laston Field Storywalk with The Support Network, "Science in the Summer" with the Berkshire Museum, "Pollinator Friendly Planting" with local farmers Kristen Tool and Chris Wheeler, and the "Ultimate Library Road Trip" with other Western Massachusetts libraries. Huge thanks to the Mount Greylock State Reservation for again sharing their beautiful space for a Pollinator Storywalk and Summer Reading kick-off event at the Visitor Center. Some of our regular programming includes a weekly Preschool Storytime, Book Group, Knit & Crochet Group, Tech 101, and Legos & Games.

With generous support from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, we hosted "The Vanishing Hitchhiker" with Mary Jo Maichack and "Music and Conversation with Local Composer and Musician, Alice Spatz" with excerpts from her musical composition, "Berkshire Triptych." As always, the Friends of the Lanesborough Public Library supported several of our programs including a talk by local author, Kevin O'Hara, "What is Bigfoot" with Ronny LeBlanc, and much of our Summer Reading Program activities.

With generous plant donations from master gardeners Besty Bean and Roberta Corey (also the caretakers for our perennial gardens in front of the library), the Friends of the Lanesborough Public Library hosted another successful plant sale fundraiser this year. Through fundraising and membership dues, the Friends purchase all of our museum passes and help support programming and other library needs throughout the year. We are very thankful for our Friends!

We were saddened to lose a long time staff member and volunteer, Joan Weissbluth, in June of 2023. Joan worked for the library for many years. She loved chatting with anyone and everyone, and she especially loved interacting with the young children at Storytime. We will miss Joan's sense of humor, knowledge, and dedication to the library.

The Lanesborough Public Library is proud to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community. We welcome anyone to stop in, say hello, and get a library card! Thank you for your support throughout the year. See you at the library!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Parks
Director

Staff:

Christine Erb
Lee Appelbaum
Ryan Grady

Lanesborough Public Library Trustees:

Sherri Wilson
Katharine Westwood
Elizabeth Drury

Recreation Committee

Annual Report 2023

On behalf of the Lanesborough Recreation Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Lanesborough for providing the funds and support that allow the Lanesborough Recreation Committee to provide recreation and athletic activities for the residents of Lanesborough.

The Lanesborough Recreation Committee oversees the following parks in the Town of Lanesborough: Narragansett Park, Bridge Street Park (Mark Belanger Field), and William Laston Memorial Park.

The Lanesborough Recreation Committee is also responsible for organized youth sports held in the Town of Lanesborough at our various parks and the elementary school. Those sports consist of Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer and Basketball. Each designated sport has a Director. As Co-Chair of the Lanesborough Recreation Committee, I would like to recognize the Directors of the various sports: position is currently vacant for Soccer; Carol Newberry for Softball; Erika Valenzuela for Baseball; Ed Ferris for Football; and Jabari Powell, Michael Klinger and Patty Barnaby for Basketball.

As always, the Lanesborough Recreation Committee continues to strive at providing youth sports and activities for the children of Lanesborough as well as maintaining the facilities to conduct these sports. Even though at times the numbers continue to fluctuate up and down, now as we are emerging from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Directors of these programs continue to provide the best services possible. We were able to provide both a Spring and Fall Baseball season, a Spring Softball season, a Fall Football and Soccer Season, and a Winter Basketball Season. In the past year, the Recreation Committee completed the installation of a new outdoor basketball court at Laston Park (awaiting a final painting which was delayed due to weather). This will enable us to hold a summer basketball league for youth, and possibly adults, over the course of the summer.

Lanesborough Youth Soccer Program:

The 2023 season continued with a large number of children (113) registered to play, across 4 divisions. As in past years, we coordinated with the Berkshire YMCA which allowed some friendly competition for our 3rd through 5th grade players. The 7th and 8th grade players did not have enough players to make a competitive team this season.

Lanesborough Youth Soccer would like to thank our sponsors and the Town for their continued support of this growing league and is looking forward to many more successful seasons to come.

Lanesborough Youth Football Program:

The Lanesborough Tigers Football Team joined forces with the Pittsfield Saints again this year. They fielded teams for Peewees, Juniors and Seniors. The Juniors and Seniors both made the playoffs, but fell short of the Super Bowl. Guardian

Caps were purchased for use during practice to protect the safety of our youth. Also replaced was outdated and worn gear for shoulder pads and practice gear. Great year all around. This was Ed Ferris's last year as the Director of the Football program as his children have aged out of the program. Thank you Ed, for all your years of service.

Lanesborough Youth Basketball Program:

The Lanesborough Youth Basketball League had a total of 59 kids for grades Pre-K-7. This was five teams and two instructional groups. At the Instructional Level PreK – 2nd grade, there were a total of 18 kids that participated. At the 3 - 4 level there were 16 kids that participated giving us one girls team, and one boys team, both teams having 8 players. At the 5 - 6 level there was one team of 10 for boys, and at the 5 - 6 - 7 level there were 15 players for girls, that made up two teams. New basketballs were purchased.

Lanesborough Youth Softball Program:

The softball season got into swing during the end of the school year. Lanesborough was able to field two teams of girls that competed in the Pittsfield Girls Softball League: one at the U12 Minors level (*Mad Jack's*), and one at the U10 Rookie level (*Lanesborough Police Dept.*). Lanesborough softball also hosted fall workouts for the Lady Knights softball team that competed in travel tournaments during the fall season under head coach Dave Pelkey. Work has been done on the softball field as well as the beginning installation of a batting cage. The batting cage did undergo some damage and is still awaiting repair for damaged pieces.

Lanesborough Youth Baseball Program:

There were approximately 80-100 youth baseball players, ages 4-13, from Lanesborough, Hancock, Pittsfield, Dalton, and Lee. Programs that were offered were T-ball, Rookies (coaches pitch), Minors, and Majors.

The Fall Ball Program serviced about 20-30 youth players and expanded to incorporate teams from the entire county. This has been a partnership to bring the county together with teams from North Adams and Great Barrington.

In closing, the Lanesborough Recreation Committee would like to say thank you to all that help support the youth programs in the Town of Lanesborough, the taxpayers and residents of Lanesborough for supporting our parks and programs, to the Lanesborough Select Board, the Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee who always try to find the funding to allow the Recreation Committee to continue on with the task at hand, and lastly, to my fellow Recreation Committee members for their dedication and commitment to the Town of Lanesborough and the citizens they serve.

Respectfully,

Carol A. Newberry
Co-Chair
Lanesborough Recreation Committee

Tree and Forest Committee

Annual Report 2023

The Tree and Forest Committee's mission is to maintain, promote, and improve the health of trees on town land. We also strive to increase awareness of trees and tree care within the community.

The Tree and Forest Committee met three times during 2023. Committee members continued to weed, mulch, plant, prune, and water expending a total of 125 volunteer hours during the year. Our tree inventory currently consists of 75 trees planted through the efforts of the Committee since 2003. 60 of these trees are actively maintained by the committee. These many trees enhance the beauty of Lanesborough and are located at Town Hall, Town Memorial Park, Lanesborough School Arboretum, Laston Park Arboretum, Wompatuck Park on Narragansett Ave, and along Route 7 at Skyline, at Putnam Street, and St. Luke Stone Church. One new tree was planted during CY 2023 at Laston Park Arboretum. Four trees died and were removed. The Committee oversees maintenance of "King Elmer" the Lanesborough Champion Elm located on Summer Street just off Route 7.

Community Involvement in 2023

The Tree and Forest Committee contributed content to the February, May, July, September, and December 2023 Lanesborough e-Newsletter to inform Lanesborough residents of our work. These e-Newsletters can be accessed from the Town of Lanesborough website.

The Committee conducted our annual observance of Arbor Day with the Lanesborough Elementary School 4th grade class on June 14th, 2023, at LES. We were awarded our 18th consecutive annual Tree City Certification for 2022, a national honor given by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize Towns that have active programs to promote Arbor Day and tree awareness. Our application for the 2023 Tree City USA was submitted in December of 2023.

Laston Memorial Park and Lanesborough Elementary School (LES) Arboretums

We continue to maintain the trees in our two Arboretums. Currently the Laston Park Arboretum has 40 trees representing 30 different tree types. The Arboretum at LES has 13 trees representing 11 different tree types. Plaques identify tree type and the donor for most of these trees. We encourage everyone to walk the path at Laston Park and enjoy the beauty of the many different trees. They are growing every year and changing with each passing season. Due to extreme wet conditions at Laston during 2023, we did not expand the Arboretum. In 2024 we look forward to replacing the trees that died and also planting new memorial trees to complement the Laston Park Pavilion once it is erected.

“King Elmer” Maintenance

The highest priority of the Tree committee is to maintain “King Elmer,” the Lanesborough Champion Elm. “King Elmer” was last treated against Dutch Elm Disease in August of 2022. We will consult with our arborist to determine whether another DED treatment will occur in 2024. Our goal is to ensure this magnificent tree, which put down its roots over 250 years ago, will be here for many more decades.

Budget

We received \$1,000 FY23 funding from the Town. \$150 in cash donations was received during CY23 from “Friends.” We also received donations of 1 tree, 4 rolls of tree wrap, and Christmas wreath for King Elmer. These in-kind donations are worth an additional \$331.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Neureuther
Chairperson/Treasurer

Members:

George Kellar, Secretary
Eammon Coughlin
Bill Carr
Lisa Dachinger

Veteran Services

Annual Report 2023

To: The Residents of the Town of Lanesborough Massachusetts

I am pleased to submit the annual report from the Office of Veteran Services for the fiscal year ending 30 June, 2023 and introduce myself. My name is Mitchell Keil. I am a 4-year Marine Corps veteran with a deployment to Afghanistan in 2008. I look forward to serving the community and thank the previous VSO, Steve Roy, for his dedication over the years.

The Town of Lanesborough Office of Veteran Services is directly responsible for providing veterans' benefit assistance under Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to provide assistance with claims and other matters pertaining to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. These important missions may deliver a measure of relief from poverty and difficult financial situations many of our veterans face. Any veteran (or their dependent) within our community who is permanently disabled, homeless, unemployed, underemployed, or is suffering from the trauma of war and has nowhere else to turn should seek the Office of Veteran Services; many veterans and their families have been rescued from hunger and homelessness by the services provided by Veteran Service Officer Mitchell Keil, who works closely with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veteran Services (EoVS) in Boston to ensure the Town is properly reimbursed for the expenses these amenities entail. Together with Administrative Assistant Tina Samson, Veteran Services provides an immeasurable level of support and professional guidance to those who visit the office.

Veteran Services assists veterans with filing federal claims through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) over a wide range of matters. From the acquisition of healthcare through filing service-connected claims for compensation, this intimidating process is extremely difficult to accomplish successfully; Veteran Services assists by acquiring the correct documentation, proper completion and works as a liaison between the veteran and the VA through EoVS. Other services provided include - but are not limited to - educational/employment assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, housing assistance, referrals, and close contact with funeral homes and cemeteries to ensure veterans' graves are properly honored. The Office of Veteran Services also serves as a depository for hundreds of thousands of documents and important records of historic value to the sons and daughters of the Town of Lanesborough and surrounding communities.

VSO Keil maintains a very dynamic and flexible schedule, serving not only the Town of Lanesborough but also the City of North Adams and Towns of Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Cheshire and Dalton. The VSO often makes special appointments and house calls to the sick, bedridden, elderly, or those who cannot easily travel to City Hall. VSO Keil also makes frequent duty calls to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities in the area to help our most vulnerable veterans in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Keil
Veteran Service Officer

Village Fire and Water District

FY 2023

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District (“District”) was approved by its members in 1938 after receiving approval of Chapter 255 of the Laws of 1936 by the Massachusetts General Court. Generally, the District included the area from Pittsfield on Route 7 and Balance Rock Road to Cheshire Road and Bridge Street. In 2022, a portion of Berkshire Village was added to the District when it extended a new 8” water main down Summer Street and Old State Road to Route 8.

The District is governed by a three-member Board of Water Commissioners who are elected by the members of the District for a three-year, staggered term. District operations are managed by a water superintendent and an assistant superintendent.

The District is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (“MADEP”) that sets water quality standards and operational requirements. In FY 2023 William Prendergast, Aaron Williams, and Mary Reilly were Water Commissioners and Kevin Swail and Ben Gaylord were Water Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

In FY 2023 the District completed a water quality test at its Bull Hill Road exploration well. It worked with engineering consultant Tighe & Bond on a permit application to allow it to complete additional testing at that location to determine whether or not that Bull Hill site has a sufficient capacity and quality of water to develop it as a state-mandated second well for the District. All the alternatives to meet that state requirement would include connecting to the City of Pittsfield water supply.

In 2023 the Environmental Protection Agency announced a major initiative to accelerate progress of removing and replacing 100 per cent of lead service lines in water systems. The District worked with Tighe and Bond to obtain a grant to complete a survey of all service lines. This included outreach to all customers regarding inspection of service lines in homes and businesses within the District. Efforts continue in this area to complete all inspections by October of 2024.

The District’s website: <https://www.lanesboroughmawater.com> continues to be updated frequently with information and resources for all members to access.

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting

Town of Lanesborough

June 13, 2023
FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Annual Town Meeting was held on June 13, 2023, at the Lanesborough Elementary School. Moderator, Chris Dodig called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Fran Kelly, Betsy Bean and Shirley Zurrin checked in 128 registered voters.

The head table was introduced which consisted of Select Board members John Goerlach, Michael Murphy, Town Administrator Gina Dario, Town Secretary Beth Carroll, Town Clerk Ruth Knysh, Finance Committee members Ron Tinkham, Robert Reilly, Steve Wentworth, Regina Dilego and Jodi Szczepaniak Locke.

Electronic voting devices were dispensed at check-in and will be used for all votes.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the necessary Town Officers on one ballot;

Select Board, one, three-year term,
Finance Committee, one, three-year term,
Library Trustee, one, three-year term,
Planning Board, one, five-year term.

ARTICLE 2. To fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers as provided by G.L. c. 41, § 108, as amended, and to hear the budget, act thereon and raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to fix the compensation of all elected Town Officials and defray the charges and expenses of the Town for FY 24 as printed in the handout “Town of Lanesborough FY 2024 Operating Budget” and to fund said appropriation raise and appropriate \$11,066.070.

Moderator Dodig went through the Operating Budget line numbers with holds as follows:

#196 Consultancy – no change.

#210 Police Dept – no change.

Vote: Yes – 107 No – 8 Passes.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will **transfer and expend** from the Local Access Television Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings **\$3,517.08** to cover unforeseen costs for the Local Access Television Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 3 as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 105 No – 9 Passes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate** for the operation of the Local Access Television Enterprise Fund **\$20,700.00** for salaries and expenses, to be raised as follows: Departmental Receipts - **\$20,700.00**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 4 as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 107 No – 2 Passes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth’s Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled “Abatement Strategies”, and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town’s participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action related thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 111 No – 4 Passes by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash the sum of **\$25,436.07** into the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund in Fiscal Year 2024.

Note: These funds were received in Fiscal Year 2023 and are being closed to free cash.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 116 No – 3 Passes.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash the sum of **\$410,000.00** for the repaving of the Lanesborough Elementary School parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 83 No 35 Passes.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will approve the borrowing authorized by the Mount Greylock Regional School District for an amount up to \$800,000 for the purpose of completing the Field and Track Project at Mount Greylock Regional School, pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 76 No 42 Passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.71, s.16 G½, to establish a Stabilization Fund for the purpose of capital maintenance or improvements for the Mount Greylock Regional School District or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 80 No – 36 Passes.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from the town’s stabilization fund the sum of **\$40,000.00** for the redesign of the new public safety building or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: At the 2021 ATM for FY22 the Town voted to appropriate and transfer \$108,000 for this purpose, which has not since been used.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 83 No – 33 Passes by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to rescind authorized and unissued debt as follows:

Town Meeting Vote	Project	Total Debt Authorization	Amount to be Rescinded
ATM 6-8-2021 Article 7	Ambulance	\$251,000.00	\$169,724.00

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 103 No – 3 Passes.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate** for the operation of the Ambulance Enterprise **\$108,960.00**, to be raised from Ambulance Enterprise user fees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 109 No – 6 Passes.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash the sum of **\$50,000.00** to construct a gazebo/pavillion and seating to be located at Laston Park or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 90 No – 27 Passes.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash the sum of **\$14,546.00** for the leasing of a police vehicle or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 86 No – 10 Passes.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash **\$100,000.00** to be used by the Assessor to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 48 No – 70 Fails.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the appointed members of Lanesborough’s Agricultural Committee from three voting members and two alternate members to five voting members effective immediately or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 109 No – 7 Passes.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by gift or otherwise, two parcels of land owned by the Helen S. Koziara Revocable Trust, or the then current owner, being 88 Bangor Street (Lots #444 and 445) and 5 Algonquin Street (Lots #618, #619, #620), or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 108 No – 11 Passes.

ARTICLE 18: Accept deed in lieu of foreclosure – 23 Wabasso street.
To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Timothy Barnaby, or from the then current owner(s), pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, to a parcel of land identified as Assessor’s Map 113, Lot 42, said property described in a deed recorded with the Berkshire North County Registry of Deeds in Book 1167, Page 31, located at 23 Wabasso Street, which is subject to tax taking(s) held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcel to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Select Board for general municipal purposes and for the purposes of conveyance,

and to authorize the Select Board to accept and record the deed and convey said parcel, provided the Select Board determines that the deed and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 73 No – 34 Passes.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from funds to be received from the Baker Hill Road District, the sum of **\$289,583.00** to the Baker Hill Road District Police Salaries and Expenses Account for Fiscal Year 2024 and to **appropriate and transfer** from funds to be received from the Baker Hill Road District, the sum of **\$44,000.00** to the Ambulance Department within the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 101 No – 13 Passes.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate** for the operation of the Sewer Enterprise **\$67,860.00** for expenses and budgeted surplus, to be raised as follows: Departmental Receipts - \$67,860.00 – or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 100 No – 10 Passes.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate and transfer** from Free Cash the sum of **\$50,000.00** to pay the Town's contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 99 No – 12 Passes.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Lanesborough, MA will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year 2024 beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 104 No – 10 Passes.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town of Lanesborough, MA will vote to adjust the eligibility factors/amounts for the poverty tax exemption for senior citizens under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C to be effective as follows: By increasing the gross receipts limit by the amount allowable in accordance with the cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase for 2022 of 8.7% to: In a household containing the applicant and his or her spouse the combined gross receipts of the couple to increase from \$30,000.00 to \$32,610.00. In a household containing the applicant, the gross receipts to increase from \$20,000.00 to \$21,740.00.

By increasing the assess limit by the amount allowable in accordance with the COLA increase for 2022 of 8.7% to: In a household containing the applicant and his or her spouse, the combined assets of the couple to increase from \$55,000.00 to \$59,785.00. In a household containing the applicant, the asset limit to increase from \$40,000.00 to \$43,480.00.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 69 No – 5 Passes.

ARTICLE 24: CITIZEN PETITIONS (1) To see if the Town will vote on the Citizen's Petition to adopt and put in place a by-law requiring the Chair position of the Lanesborough Select Board to rotate between each elected member for a one-year term, with the Chair position to be held for the year their term is up, and with each consecutive yearly term starting on the date of Swearing In of newly elected and/or re-elected Select Board members and rotating between elected member for the year their term is up for one year each year thereafter.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 43 No – 72 Fails.

ARTICLE 25: CITIZEN PETITIONS (2) To see if the Town will vote on the Citizen's Petition to adopt and put in place a by-law requiring all elected and appointed officials and all Town employees to complete Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Sexual Harassment training along with required State Open Meeting Law and Ethics training annually, or act on any action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded as printed in the warrant.

Motion made and seconded to indefinitely postpone.

Vote: Yes – 42 No – 75 Fails.

Vote as printed in the warrant. Yes – 71 No – 46. Passes.

ARTICLE 26: CITIZEN PETITIONS (3) To see if the Town will vote on the Citizen's Petition attached to this warrant as Exhibit A.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Article as follows:

For voting residents for the Town of Lanesborough asking by majority vote that the Select Board initiate the transfer of the Rte 7 & 8 Connector Rd and all assets owned by the Baker Hill Road District be accepted by the Town of Lanesborough.

Motion made and seconded to call the questions.

Vote: Yes – 100 No – 10 Fails.

Vote on Article 26 as amended. Yes – 44 No – 69 Fails.

ARTICLE 27: CITIZEN PETITIONS (4) To see if the Town will vote on the Citizen's Petition attached to this warrant as Exhibit B.

Motion made and seconded as written in the warrant.

Motion made and seconded to amend Section 7 as follows:

SECTION 7. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer of the Town within six (3) months after he/she takes office, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby, until at least twelve (12) months after that election.

Vote on amendment. Yes – 55 No – 46 Passes.

Vote on Article 27 as amended. Yes – 62 No – 42 Passes.

ARTICLE 28: 2023 ZONING AMENDMENT PROPOSALS: To see if the Town will Vote to amend the Town of Lanesborough Zoning Bylaws as follows: Article IV, Sec 165 29 Sign bylaw, Sec 165 41C2 Accessory Dwelling Units, Sec 165-12 Frontage Requirements RA Zone. A copy of the amendments is attached to this warrant at Exhibit C.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article A of Exhibit C of the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 76 No – 17 Passes by a 2/3 vote.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article B of Exhibit C of the warrant.

Vote: Yes – 73 No – 17 Passes by a 2/3 vote.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article C of Exhibit C of the Warrant.

Vote: Yes – 47 No – 40 Fails by a 2/3 vote.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article D of Exhibit C of the Warrant.

Vote: Yes – 39 No – 47 Fails by a 2/3 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Knysh
Town Clerk

Annual Town Election Results

June 20, 2023
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The election was held from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Town Hall Community Room. The following persons served as Election Officers: Frances Kelly, Roberta Corey, Donald Dermyer, Betsy Bean, and Shirley Zurrin. At the conclusion of the counting and tabulation, there were:

Registered Voters	2,470
Ballots	448

SELECT BOARD

Michael P. Murphy	171
Barbara L. Davis Hassan	142
Deborah A. Maynard	131
Write-ins	3
Blanks	1

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodi-Lee Szczepaniak-Locke	235
Kristen Tool	197
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	14

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Sherri Wilson	380
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	66

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph Trybus	366
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	76

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS



Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2023

Mount Greylock Regional School

Annual Report 2023

2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Jason P. McCandless - Superintendent

Jacob N. Schutz - Principal

Colin Shebar - Assistant Principal

Mount Greylock Regional School continues its steadfast dedication to innovation, prioritizing all students' academic engagement and social-emotional well-being. The school has realigned resources to cultivate new student programs and bolster support systems while also expanding and reimagining professional development opportunities for educators.

In 2022-23, Mount Greylock staff took a deep dive into the Program of Study. As a community of engaged, diverse learners and mentors, we seek to challenge ourselves academically and socially to contribute to a rapidly shifting world. Individually and collaboratively, we create an environment where the characteristics of responsibility, integrity, and perseverance are fostered and practiced by all.

In 2022-23, building upon the previous year's work and taking the lead from the MG School Council's School Improvement Plan, with the continued lens of diversity and inclusivity, the district focused on two primary targets:

- 1. Data/Academics** - Review academic practices from AY 2022 to determine successes and deficiencies, focusing on what to keep, change, and discard. Create a reasonable, multi-year plan to develop the capacity to measure the school's progress against school improvement and strategic goals with qualitative and quantitative data. Professional development and allotted time allowed the district to incorporate thoughtful decisions impacting curriculum, instruction, and programming.
- 2. Visual Arts** - Generate more engagement in the Arts throughout the middle and high school community; expand and deepen Arts programming within the curriculum and extra-curricular offerings. Evaluating Arts programming and course offerings' types, structure, and timing to expand opportunities and engagement. Engage in professional development for faculty and staff on the instructional and logistical side of connecting students with Arts programming.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development efforts focused on the PowerSchool platform and the Naviance system as a primary means of effectively integrating desired and rigorous courses into students' schedules.

Mount Greylock's commitment to personalized instruction persisted through ongoing curriculum-focused professional development sessions tailored to each department. Alongside curriculum enhancements, faculty engaged in reviews of instructional methodologies, striving to optimize teaching approaches for diverse learner profiles.

Mount Greylock staff engaged in professional development sessions led by Dr. Simran Jeet Singh, an esteemed American educator, writer, and activist renowned for his work on religion and racism. Dr. Singh, serving as the Executive Director for the Aspen Institute's Religion & Society Program, a columnist for the Religion News Service, and a TIME Magazine contributor, facilitated sessions to foster inclusivity and equity within teaching practices. These sessions provided a rare opportunity for educators to introspect and challenge themselves to grow. Regardless of their stage in the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) journey, attendees explored avenues for personal and professional advancement through the lenses of curiosity, storytelling, and empathy-building.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The Library Media Center is the heart of the school. Collaborations with teachers continue to grow, and the LMC is a popular site for independent study and cooperative learning. The school library teacher, Liza Barrett, hosts a diverse books club and a writing club, and is the site coordinator for the many Williams Center at Mt. Greylock (WC@MG) programs run out of the library.

Improvements to the Collection:

The 22-23 year brought significant changes to the physical collection of the LMC as well as a new Materials Collection Policy. The entire print collection was vigorously weeded, discarding nearly 1000 titles that were damaged, out of date, and/or no longer relevant. After weeding, we fully genre-fied the collection, organizing books by subject/category/subcategory instead of the author's last name and the Dewey system. This "bookstore-style" browsing has increased circulation significantly. The final step to updating the collection was to digitize the collection and the circulation process. Until January 2023, we had still been using library cards to check books in and out, a very inefficient and antiquated method. It took several months to enter every book into FOLLET (our district's library management system). Still, with the help of the wonderful Library TAs, we completed the project during the spring of 2023. *(Note: Since 2023-24 will be the first full year using Follet, we will have accurate circulation data in future town reports.)*

With a newly weeded, thoughtfully curated, and notably diverse collection – and with the knowledge that book challenges and bans were increasing around the nation – we decided it was time to create an MGRSD Materials Collections Policy which would guide and support library purchasing, as well as provide clear steps to follow if a book is challenged in our district. Liza Barrett (MG), Alex Scott (WES), and Julianne Haskins (LES) worked together to write a comprehensive policy (*the School Committee subsequently approved that in the fall of 2023*).

Professional Development:

Liza attended two conferences during the 22-23 year. *What's New in Young Adult Literature* (Nov 2022) provided inspiration for purchasing, and the *Massachusetts School Library Association Annual Conference* (March 2023) provided excellent resources for our Materials Collection Policy creation and was valuable and inspiring for overall library management.

Grant Support:

The MG LMC received two grants for specific library enhancements this year. We wrote and received a grant from the Friends of the Library to purchase books written by Native Americans, specifically Mohican-Munsee authors, and a SEE Fund grant to purchase large coloring posters and markers. The posters have been an enormous hit and provide an opportunity for students (and adults!) to destress and unwind. Coloring is a form of mindfulness accessible to everyone, regardless of skill level or experience. The personal, social, and emotional benefits of the meditative nature of coloring are well documented, and we are pleased to have added this valuable activity to the MG library space.

Williams Center at Mt. Greylock Programs:

The Afterschool Tutoring program met on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the MG library, where 8-10 Williams students provided homework tutoring/mentoring to 10-15 middle school students daily. The Sunday Tutoring program continued to meet the needs of 5-10 HS students every Sunday, primarily offering support in STEM classes. Williams Writing Fellows were stationed in the library four days a week during Directed Study to offer “drop-in” writing support for the College Essay (and any classroom essays), helping nearly 100 students over the year. MG also hosted seven Williams Fellows who provided Classroom Support in HS English, HS biology, and all levels of academic support classes. During Williams’ Winter Study, the MG library hosted 2 Williams students who helped us weed the collection.

School Clubs hosted by the Library:

The Library Media Center continues to host both the MS/HS Creative Writing Club, which meets weekly after school, and the popular (HS only) Diverse Books Club, which meets with Williams leaders and Liza Barrett in the evening every 6-8 weeks for dinner (provided by the WC@MG) and book discussions in the MG library.

A Safe Space for Students:

The climate of the MG library is perhaps best described by Emily Mole ('24) in her article for *The Greylock Echo*, “The MG Library: A Safe Space for Students,” in which Emily writes: “...from participating in TA positions...spending break and lunch in this area, or taking online courses, students, especially upperclassmen, spend a lot of time enjoying the library experience. Barrett, our wonderful librarian, always ensures everyone is comfortable through her organization, coloring walls, and enormous amounts of books and support.” (March 2023)

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS 2022 - 2023

Mount Greylock students continue to receive recognition for academic achievements.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS 2.0):

Massachusetts implemented computer-based testing across all disciplines this year. 10th graders took MCAS exams in English and Math; 82% earned scores of meeting or exceeding expectations in English, and 70% earned equivalent scores in

mathematics. 59% of 7th and 8th graders were meeting or exceeding expectations in English; 50% were achieving the same level in math. Science 8 exam scores revealed that 50% of 8th graders achieved or exceeded expectations.

Aptitude Tests:

The average SAT score achieved was 1208. The state average is 1113, and the national average is 1028.

Scholarship:

In 2022-23, Mount Greylock had four National Merit Commended Students. There were 63 AP Scholars: 26 with AP Scholars Distinction, and 16 AP Scholars with Honor. Twenty-five students – juniors and seniors – were inducted into the National Honor Society after completing a rigorous application process and demonstrating their commitment to the pillars of the NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Four-Year Graduation Rates:

In the annual Massachusetts report on the percentage of students graduating with four years of attendance from 2017-2022, Mount Greylock achieved a 98.88% adjusted graduation rate. 92 percent of the 82 graduates of the Class of 2023 planned to continue their education by enrolling in four- and two-year college programs. Others will pursue the military or join the workforce. The 2023 class headed to various colleges and universities, including Albany College of Pharmacy, Berkshire Community College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Champlain College, Coastal Carolina University, Drexel University, Hamilton College, Lafayette College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Mass. Maritime Academy, Middlebury College, Montserrat College of Art, Mt. Holyoke College, Northeastern University, Occidental College, Providence College, Purdue University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Salem State University, Skidmore College, Springfield College, St. Lawrence University, Stonehill College, The George Washington University, Trinity College, Tufts University, Union College, UMASS Amherst, University of Minnesota, University of Rochester, Western New England University, Westfield State University, Williams College, Yale University.

OUTREACH & SERVICE

American Legion Boys and Girls State participants undergo an immersive experience, delving into the intricacies of citizenship rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities within a simulated government framework. The program provides practical and objective training, allowing students to operate city, county, and state governments by electing peers to various offices. Engagement in legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, and recreational programs enriches the experience. Mount Greylock students have long benefited from this platform, honing leadership skills, exploring democratic values, and fostering civic engagement. Sponsored by Williamstown American Legion Post 152, representatives including Phoebe Barnes, Erin Keating, Mira Boyer, Emily Ouellette, Cece Malone, Maggie Nichols, Vincent Welch, Jenner Kittle, and Caleb Low attended the Stonehill College conference.

Mount Greylock remains actively involved in Project 351, a statewide initiative to unite 8th graders across Massachusetts through service commitments. Representatives from surrounding towns, including Cassidy Smith (Williamstown), Nolan Barnes (Williamstown), Emery Rotter (Lanesborough), and Claire Morin (Hancock), participated in the 2022-2023 Project 351 sessions. Additionally, Mount Greylock continues to strengthen its partnership with Berkshire County's Anti-Defamation League, furthering efforts to promote diversity and combat discrimination.

This year, Mount Greylock became a Unified Champion School. As such, our dedicated families continue to orchestrate the participation of middle and high school students in PALS (Promoting Acceptance and Learning through Sports), a program designed to facilitate interactions between differently-abled students and their peers. PALS pairs students with developmental disabilities from all three Mount Greylock Regional Schools with high school students, providing opportunities for inclusive engagement in sports activities.

EXTENSIVE ARTS PROGRAM

Mount Greylock continues to offer a variety of visual arts and media courses for students to express themselves and explore ideas through drawing, painting, ceramics, stained glass, and photography. Student work is on display in units throughout the first floor. It has been curated for shows at the Norman Rockwell Museum, local libraries, and the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art.

The extensive visual arts department at Mount Greylock has garnered widespread acclaim, exemplified by its recent recognition at the Mass MoCA Teen Invitational for excellence in artistic achievement. Building upon this success, the department strategically expanded its offerings by recruiting specialists in sculptural work. This initiative led to the addition of Rachel Mueller, a seasoned artist with expertise in 3D art forms such as ceramics and glass. With Rachel on board, the department now boasts a diverse team of three full-time art teachers, each bringing unique strengths to the curriculum. Karin Stack brings her passion for media arts and photography, while Jane-Ellen oversees 2D studio art, encompassing printmaking, mixed media, painting, and advanced studio classes. This strategic expansion enriches the artistic opportunities available to students and ensures a comprehensive and dynamic learning environment that fosters creativity and innovation.

THRIVING MUSIC PROGRAM

Mount Greylock's music program flourished in the 2022-2023 school year, experiencing significant growth and achievement in various areas. One of the most notable aspects is the increased number of students joining all ensembles, particularly the high school chorus, indicating a growing interest and dedication to musical pursuits among students. Additionally, the introduction of Music Theory as an elective after a prolonged hiatus since the late 90s has been met with enthusiasm, with 14 students enrolling to deepen their understanding of musical concepts. The

program's commitment to excellence is further displayed by two students, Emily Dupuis and Grace Winters, earning prestigious All-State Acceptances in flute and bass respectively. Moreover, participation in the Massachusetts Music Educators Western District Festival has seen a significant uptick, with nine students securing spots in the Senior District and 10 in the Junior District in 2022. The program's innovative spirit was showcased with the debut of the Prism Concert in March 2023, a dynamic recruitment and pops-style event featuring performances from all ensembles spanning grades 7 through 12, including a captivating rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" that combined band, orchestra, and chorus.

Looking ahead, an exciting custom music-themed trip to Austria and Germany is planned for 2025, with 40 eager music students set to participate. Additionally, the support from Friends of the Arts, who provided MG Music polos for all enrolled music students to wear during performances, underscores the community's commitment to fostering a culture of musical excellence. The program remains vibrant, continuing recruitment concerts at elementary schools, participating in Memorial Day parades and ceremonies, and ensuring the jazz band performs at all major concerts throughout the year, further solidifying its reputation as a cornerstone of the school's arts education.

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Mount Greylock School District is dedicated to offering an outstanding activities program to the students of this district. Mount Greylock students can choose from an extensive selection of co-curricular organizations that are integral to the educational process. Through participation in these opportunities, students can have experiences and training in events not ordinarily obtainable in the general curriculum.

Twenty-five different non-athletic co-curricular activities were offered during the 2022-2023 school year, including opportunities in the performing arts, student governance and leadership, school publications, and other organizations designed to get Mount Greylock students involved. There were approximately 240 students (44% of the school) who were able to take advantage of an afterschool program.

The newspaper, *The Echo*, maintained the school's online news at: greylockecho.mgrhs.org and produced multiple printed editions throughout the year, including "*The Greylock Eggplant*," the annual April Fool's spoof issue. A group of 20 students worked diligently with advisor Emily McCarthy to create the school yearbook with various events from the school year, including student and staff portraits, student-submitted candids, team/club pages, superlatives, and various other essential student memories from the 2022-2023 school year.

Shakespeare & Company returned to Mount Greylock with school performances of "*As You Like It*" in mid-November, followed by a performance at Tina Packer Playhouse as part of the Fall Festival of Shakespeare. We packed the auditorium for the winter musical with three performances of Lionel Bart's "*Oliver!*" under the direction of Jeffrey Welch and Jacqueline Vinette. This performance included fifty student actors and crew members, including student accompanist senior

Samuel Tucker-Smith. The final performance of the school year was “*Peter and the Starcatcher*,” written by Rick Elice and directed by former student Amanda Bell Goldmakher. This third performance continues to grow in participants yearly, with an incredible 30 students involved on stage or working on lights and sound.

The Mechanical Mounties competed in three competitions, concluding with a FIRST Robotics Competition in March. The team was led by captains *Elliot Louis* and *Noah Shin* and additional seniors *Cailean Fippinger*, *Beatrice Pedroni*, *Effie Skinner*, and *Will Marsh*. The student government continues to host elections each year to elect students to serve their classes, the Student Council, and the School Council for the following year.

Two seniors, *Bryn Angelini* and *Clarissa Louis*, started the Photography Club, an opportunity for students to “sharpen their skills by capturing events at Mount Greylock and in the community.” Faculty advisor Karen Stack hopes the club can teach skills students can carry into their future. The Youth Environmental Squad, also advised by Stack, worked with the school administration to switch the recycling bags in each classroom with blue bins that can be used to recycle plastic, cans, and paper to be placed in our new larger recycling dumpster.

The Mount Greylock athletic program continues to be strong and, more importantly, an excellent opportunity for the students. Student-Athlete participants benefit from an enriched educational experience and are provided with lifelong and life-quality learning experiences. Participation helps with organizational skills, dealing with pressure, and handling the successes and disappointments in competition, all the while enhancing the student’s achievement of educational goals. The 2022-2023 school year saw more than 350 students participate in at least one athletic program, reaching 65% of the enrolled students.

Highlights of the Fall 2022 season include the inaugural Unified Basketball “Red vs. White” Classic, providing an opportunity for our team to be split into two groups, each coached by a senior athlete on the team, and showcase their skills and enthusiasm in the Mountie Dome at the end of the season. The coaches for the teams were *Seamus Barnes* and *Jackson Shelsy*.

The Girl’s Cross Country Team also earned a Sectional (3C) Championship and placed 3rd at the MIAA State (D3) Championship. The Boys Cross Country Team was the runner-up in the Sectionals (3C) and MIAA State (D3) Championship Events. After a solid regular season, the Golf Team placed 2nd in the Western Massachusetts Championships and 12th at the MIAA Division III State Event. The Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer Teams competed in the Western Massachusetts Finals, finishing 2nd and qualifying for the MIAA State Tournament (D5), becoming Division V Quarterfinalists. After a Western Mass (Class D) Championship, the Volleyball Team traveled to Worcester State University to compete in the MIAA State Championship Game, finishing as State Finalists. Mount Greylock was once again the guest school in the Drury Football Co-op, and the team had an undefeated regular season, a league championship, and earned a spot in the MIAA State Tournament.

The Winter 2022-2023 season is the smallest at Mount Greylock, with only Basketball, Nordic Skiing, and Wrestling hosted at the school. In addition, four students from Mount Greylock were guests of the Drury High School Hockey Team, and three students traveled to Taconic High School to participate in the cooperative Alpine Ski Team. The Nordic Ski Teams continue to be a great opportunity for younger athletes to join a program and an excellent chance for our more experienced skiers to shine! The Boys' Team earned another MIAA State Championship, and the Girls' Team finished 3rd. *Quinn McDermott* earned a second consecutive individual State Championship during the event, a fantastic accomplishment. The Boys' Basketball Team finished their tournament season with two considerable upsets to earn a spot in the MIAA State Quarterfinals. The Wrestling Team finished 8th in the MIAA Division III Western Championship.

The team and individual successes continued in the Spring 2023 season. The Girls' and Boys' Track & Field Teams finished the regular season undefeated, earning Western Mass Class B Championships. Both teams, not to be outdone, placed 2nd at the MIAA State (D6) Championship. Students *Lily Catelotti, Matteo Chang, Charlotte Coody, Chase Doyle, Katherine Goss, Chase Hoey, Jenner Kittle, Judge Martin, Quinn McDermott, Maggie Nichols, and Dan Warren* set school records during the season. The Girls' Lacrosse Team earned a second consecutive Western Mass Championship and became an MIAA State Quarterfinal Team. The Softball and Girls' Tennis teams were Western Mass Finalists and MIAA State Quarterfinalists. The Girls' Tennis Team ended the regular season undefeated, and the Boys' Team, though small in numbers and young, qualified for the MIAA State Tournament. In their second season, the Unified Track Team had multiple students qualify for and medal at the MIAA Sectional and State Championships.

SUPPORTIVE PARENTS AND A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY

The Mount Greylock community benefits greatly from the ongoing support of parents, caregivers, and dedicated volunteers. Athletic booster clubs and co-curricular organizations such as Friends of the Arts and Parents4Greylock play pivotal roles, offering unwavering assistance throughout the year. Through fundraising efforts, transportation provisions, and onsite support, these groups ensure the smooth operation of various activities and programs. Parents4Greylock (P4G), established in 2021 as a replacement for the traditional PTO, adopts a collaborative approach encapsulated by its mission to "Partner, Participate, Provide, and Promote." P4G aims to foster family engagement in both school and community endeavors.

Meanwhile, a dynamic School Council collaborates closely with school administrators to assess and address the diverse needs of students. Furthermore, community organizations and local businesses generously offer opportunities for Mount Greylock students to participate in job shadowing, internships, and school-to-work programs. Additionally, partnerships with Williams College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and Berkshire Community College allow students to enroll in credit-bearing courses, enriching their educational experiences.

**MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL
STUDENT ENROLLMENT and STAFFING 2022-2023**

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

School Year/ Grade	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Grade 7	94	123	92	77	102	100
Grade 8	90	90	131	87	84	105
Grade 9	94	79	85	116	77	72
Grade 10	82	88	77	89	103	72
Grade 11	93	84	84	73	84	103
Grade 12	82	87	84	87	74	83
SP	5	5	4	3	3	1
TOTAL:	540	556	557	532	527	536

Data reflects enrollments as counted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, where district and school profiles report students physically enrolled in a school.

EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFFING (Full-Time Equivalents)

	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Administrators	4.97	3.00	2.98	3.00	3.00	4.00
Instructional Staff	45.49	45.67	46.07	47.26	47.36	48.11
Instructional Support Staff	3.54	3.54	3.86	3.83	3.87	3.87
Paraprofessionals	18.00	17.00	15.00	21.00	20.00	21.00
Medical/ Health Services	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL:	73.00	70.21	68.91	76.09	75.23	77.98

Data reflects FTE by Job Classification as reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

LEARNING MORE

Community members are invited to stay current with Mount Greylock events and accomplishments by visiting the Mount Greylock website at www.mgrhs.org or following Instagram accounts @MGMounties and @MGActivities and Twitter accounts, @MGMounties, and @AthleticsMG.

**Mount Greylock Regional School District
Faculty and Staff FY 2023**

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Jason P. McCandless
Superintendent
Joe Bergeron
Business Administrator
Joelle Brookner
Dir. of Curriculum & Instruction
Elea Kaatz
Dir. of Academic Technology
Rob Wnuk
Dir. of Operations
Tammy Jennings
Dir. of Food Services
Laurie Meehan
Assistant Dir. of Food Services
Carol Jammalo
Executive Assistant
Jonathan Nopper
HR Specialist
Anne Donati
Financial Assistant
Reena Sharma
Financial Assistant
Donna Narey
Treasurer

MGRS ADMINISTRATION

Jake Schutz
Principal
Colin Shebar
Asst. Principal
Patrick Blackman
MS Dean & 504 Officer
Nancy McMullen
Admin. Assistant
Lindsey von Holtz
Dir. of Athletics & Co-Curricula I
Ann Martin
Office Para

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICES**

Patrick Priester
Director of Special Education
Destiny Hicks
Special Education Team Leader
Vicki Winchell
Admin. Assistant

CAFETERIA

Tina Bolner
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Carol Filiault
Virinia Nicklien
Betty Sylvester

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Brandon Crouse
Chris Fortin
Ryan Joppich
Jean O'Hearn
Richard Pizani

LIBRARY / MEDIA SERVICES

Liza Barrett

NURSE

Nichole Russell

TECH / AUDIO-VISUAL

Cody Scolforo

TRANSPORTATION (7 - D)

Steve Larson
Van Driver

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Jessica Casalinova
Gustavo Garo
Keith Jones
Dr. Geri O'Brien
PJ Pannesco
Katie Pratt

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Tim Bornt
Annette Chenail-Briggs
Shawn Flaherty
Jennifer Foley-Buda
Liz Baisch
Erik Forsberg
Kamlyn Haas
Jessica Horton
Frederick Ireland
Ramita Jain
Karen Lobdell
Melissa Mazzeo
Danielle Nightingale
Patrick Powers
Thomas Sherman
Victoria Styer
Harrison Trites
Kristine Trites
Sonal Vyas
Jacqueline Watson
Rebecca Williams

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Karen DuCharme
Loretta Kittle
SLP
Sharon Kokoefer
OT
Christine Mastendino
Elisa Paoloni
ELL
Louise Smith-Brizan
Noelle Sullivan
PT
Martin Walter

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VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

Jane-Ellen DeSomma
Lisa Mendel
Patrick O'Connell
Karin Stack
Jacqueline Vnette

ENGLISH

Jamal Ahamad
Jessica Cook
Alexander Davis
Blair Dils
Kellie Houle
Anne Sulzmann
Rebecca Tucker-Smith

MATHEMATICS

Ann Marie Barber
Karl Belouin
Eamon Lin-Weinheimer
Luke Polidoro
Anna Pesce
Brandon Price
Robert Thistle
Crystal Williams

SCIENCE

Shawn Burdick
Sarah Holmes
Daniel Louis
Faith Manary
Amy Moore-Powers
Natasha Andenmatten

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Andrew Agostini
Alexandra Case
Mary MacDonald
Peter Niemeyer
Thomas Osteimer
Jeffrey Welch

WELLNESS / HEALTH

Brian Gill
Lynn Jordan
Robert Jutras
Emily McCarthy
Carolyn Starz

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Joe Johnson
Amy Kirby
Shannon Vigeant
Stephen Zelubowski

Lanesborough Elementary School

Annual Report 2022-2023 (FY23)

Superintendent — Jake McCandless

Principal — Nolan Pratt

MISSION STATEMENT

At Mount Greylock Regional School District,
our mission is to create a community of learners working together
in a safe and challenging learning environment that encourages restorative-
based processes, respect, inclusive diversity, courtesy, integrity,
and responsibility through high expectations and cooperation
resulting in life-long learning and personal growth.

OUR VISION

We are a community of life-long learners who are ready to problem solve all
challenges. Through persistence and resilience, we cultivate social-emotional
readiness and academic excellence in the 21st-century classroom.

LANESBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Lanesborough Elementary School experienced another successful school year that started to bring back normalcy to our students and families. It was the second year of our new English Language Arts program Wit and Wisdom. In the second year of implementation we found students having more meaningful connections with their reading and comprehending more complex ideas. We also began math supplemental programs Reflex and Frax that gamify student learning to increase their automaticity with math facts. We also started grade level data meetings that allowed educators to find student gaps and close the gap through strategic interventions. Our students spent the year learning math, writing, reading, science, and social studies, as well as meeting with their specialists (Music, Art, Gym, and MediaTech/Library). This year we also began our Social Worker directed Community Building class. Each week for 30 minutes our school Social Worker would push into a classroom to help students understand social interactions and how to be their best selves.

On top of the educational activities students were able to access inside of the school walls, we also had several opportunities to collaborate with our local partners. Through the Center for Learning in Action from Williams College, we had students from Williams come in and teach our 3rd graders about Zebrafish. We also sent students on field trips to Hopkins Forest, the Berkshire Museum, Canoe Meadows, and we brought back the four-day trip to Cape Cod for our grade 6 students.

As part of our cultural enrichment for students, most days students would read a small excerpt about a holiday around the world during the morning announcements. This short and informational reading helped students learn more about the world around them and the world in front of them. Students also attended an assembly with Dr. Signh about how to overcome big obstacles and accept all people. Several students won the Wyvern of the Week for a certificate to celebrate them making good choices and giving their best effort.

The Parent-Teacher Organization continued to promote student learning through activities in and out of the school building. The first fun event was Trunk or Treat which packed the parking lot with trunks and families. Half-way through the year the PTO hosted trivia night, a basketball game, a movie night, and Summerfest as part of their fundraising.

Lanesborough Elementary School was supported and collaborated with outside organizations. Lanesborough New-Ashford Dollars for Scholars hosted a craft festival and wreath sale at Lanesborough School.

STUDENT SUCCESS

	English Language		
	Arts	Math	Science
Exceeding Expectations:	5%	12%	13%
Meeting Expectations:	48%	42%	46%
Partially Meeting Expectations:	41%	43%	38%
Not Meeting Expectations:	6%	3%	3%

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

YEAR	TOTALS	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
22 - 23	224	20	26	26	24	31	34	27	36
21 - 22	211	22	24	18	30	32	25	36	24
20 - 21	190	8	20	27	27	22	35	23	28
19 - 20	199	14	28	27	24	34	22	26	24
18 - 19	209	15	29	24	34	20	25	31	31
17 - 18	210	18	25	32	19	25	28	31	32
16 - 17	205	16	29	18	22	32	34	31	23
15- 16	209	20	24	17	33	29	35	21	30

EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFFING (Full-Time Equivalents) 2022-2023

Administrators	1.0
Instructional Staff	24.8
Special Education Teachers and Professional Support Staff	3.9
Paraprofessionals	14
Medical/Health Services	1
TOTAL:	44.7

*Data reflects FTE by Job Classification as reported to the
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

RETIREMENTS

None.

Lanesborough Elementary School Faculty & Staff FY 2023

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Jason P. McCandless
Superintendent
Joe Bergeron
Business Administrator
Joelle Brookner
Dir. of Curriculum & Instruction
Elea Kaatz
Dir. of Academic Technology
Rob Wnuk
Dir. of Operations
Tammy Jennings
Dir. of Food Services
Laurie Meehan
Assist. Dir. of Food Services
Carol Jammalo
Executive Assistant
Jonathan Nopper
HR Specialist
Anne Donati
Financial Assistant
Reena Sharma
Financial Assistant
Donna Narey
Treasurer

LES ADMINISTRATION

Nolan Pratt
Principal
Ashley Vadnais
Admin. Assistant

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Patrick Priester
Director of Special Education
Destiny Hicks
Special Education Team Leader
Vicki Winchell
Admin. Assistant

CAFETERIA

Anita Calderwood
Dianna Cahalen
Jody Robins

CUSTODIANS

Stephen Boutin
Edward Lecuyer
Ellis Smith
Glen Storie

NURSE

Kathy Larson

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Shirley Bailly
Kathy Barnes
Michael Barthe
Stephanie Bush
Jennifer DeChaine
Michelle Filiault
Susan Kelley
Heidi McCausland
Mark Messina
Kathy Pemble
Ariana Rinaldi
Judy Rudd
Jennafer Segala
Alicia Woodbury

PRE-K

Christin Hocking

KINDERGARTEN

Marian Gennette

Jennifer Hood

GRADE 1

Connor Hadley

Barbara Halligan-Fisher

GRADE 2

Sheila Guercio

Lisa Messina

GRADE 3

Andrea Rotter

Jennifer Szymanski

GRADE 4

Anna Mello

Eric Ziemba

GRADE 5

Sean MacDonald

Gina Wagner

GRADE 6

Kenneth Aubin

Robert Bradley

PSYCHOLOGIST / S.A.C.

Chrstine Viall

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Jennifer Renzi

SPECIALISTS

Jamieson Bishop

P,E,

David Solak

Art

Julieann Haskins

Technology

Allen Livermore

Music

TITLE I**MATH INTERVENTIONIST**

Dirce Guimarra

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Cynthia Gingras

Speech

Erin Jennings

Sharon Kokoefer

OT

Melissa Marchetti

Life Skills

Beth Nichols

Reading

Noah Oltman

ELL

Danielle Price

Noelle Sullivan

PT

Michelle Thompson

Business Directory Lanesborough, MA

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AGRICULTURAL

Echo Farm

996 North Main St. (413) 684-4405
www.facebook.com/Echo-Farm

Flores Farm

622 North Main St. (404) 622-9743
www.facebook.com/flores_farm

Four Seasons Stables

44 Orebed Rd. (413) 442-8292
www.equinenow.com/farm/four_seasons_stables.html

Gray Raven Farm

65C North Main St. (413) 663-9743
www.grayravenfarm.net

Heart & Soil Collective Nonprofit

50 Olsen Rd. (413) 464-2481
www.heartandsoil.org

Hilltop Farm and Fiber Arts

1 Partridge Rd. (413) 822-9621
www.hilltopfarmfiberarts.com

Lakeview Orchard

94 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 448-6009
www.lakevieworchard.com

Mountain View Farm

45 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 770-6595
www.facebook.com/mtnviewfarm1

Nick of Time Equine

44 Old Orebed Rd. (413) 770-7532
www.nickoftimeequine.com

Olsen Farm

50 Olsen Rd. (413) 464-2481
www.olsen-farm.com

R & R Wirtes Grain

705 North Main St. (413) 443-3881
www.facebook.com/pages/R-R-Wirtes-Grain

Red Shirt Farm

60 Williamstown Rd. (413) 442-0445
www.redshirtfarm.com

Salt Box Farm Flowers

14 Salt Box Farm Rd. (917) 284-0972

Square Roots Farm

95 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 446-1446
www.squarerootsfarm.org

Talus Wood Farm

450 Williamstown Rd. (413) 212-9548
www.taluswoodfarm.org

Wedgewood Stable

705 North Main St. (413) 884-2882
www.wedgewoodstable.com

Whispering Pines Farm, LLC

85 Miner Rd. (413) 442-2271
www.whisperingpineshorsefarm.com

AUTOMOTIVE

Lanesborough Auto Sales & Car Wash

721 South Main St. (413) 499-7007

Lanesboro Gulf Station

705 South Main St. (413) 447-3774

Lanesborough Mobil Station

107 North Main St. (413) 448-6033

Mange Auto Sales & Service

720 Cheshire Rd. (413) 445-5919
www.mangeauto.com

Sayers Auto Wrecking, Inc.

60 Potter Mountain Rd. (413) 443-5200
www.sayersautowrecking.com

Village Truck Sales

800 Cheshire Rd. (413) 442-0407
www.villagetrucksales.com

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DINING

Biggin's Diggins

543 South Main St. (413) 496-3141
www.bigginstdiggins.com

Bob's Country Kitchen

42 South Main St. (413) 499-3934
www.facebook.com/Bobs-Country-Kitchen

Brookhouse Sports Pub & Restaurant

650 Cheshire Rd. (413) 499-3331
www.thebrookhouse.net

Donnybrook Country Club

775 Williamstown Rd. (413) 499-7888
www.donnybrookgolf.com

Hendrick's Summit Lodge

37 Corey Rd., Hancock (413) 738-5500
[www.jiminypeak.com/
The-Mountain/Shopping-Dining/Dining/](http://www.jiminypeak.com/The-Mountain/Shopping-Dining/Dining/)

Krispy Kone

585 South Main St. (413) 499-9800
www.facebook.com/KrispyCones

Lakeside Bar & Grill

750 South Main St. (413) 447-9780
www.facebook.com/Lakeside-BarGrill

Lanesboro Pizzeria

739 South Main St. (413) 442-0600
www.lanesboropizzeria.wordpress.com

Mad Jack's BBQ

126 South Main St. (413) 442-2290
www.madjacksbbqonline.com

Starbucks

655 Cheshire Rd. (413) 499-1379

Ye Olde Forge

125 North Main St. (413) 442-6797
www.yeoldeforge.com

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc.

543 South Main St. (413) 499-0524
www.esbci.org

Elle Day Spa, Inc.

87 South Main St. (413) 445-5600

Greylock Medical Clinic

20 Williamstown Rd. (413) 445-6800
www.greylockmedical.com

Greylock Music Therapy

PO Box 124 (413) 441-9433
www.greylockmusictherapy.com

Greylock Physical Therapy

31 Williamstown Rd. (413) 442-7007
www.greylockpt.com

I.D.E.A.L. Health & Wellness Solutions

PO Box 19 (413) 314-3325
www.betheideal.com

Laurel Ridge Senior Living Residence

110 North Main St. (413) 445-5959
[www.facebook.com/Laurel-Ridge-Senior
-Living-Residence](http://www.facebook.com/Laurel-Ridge-Senior-Living-Residence)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

20 South Main St. (413) 623-8788
www.stlukeslanesboro.org

Seventh Day Adventist Church

900 Cheshire Rd. (413) 442-5511
www.berkshirehillsma.adventistchurch.org

Stress Less Ministries

39 Bailey Rd. (413) 447-8127
www.stresslessministries.wordpress.com

Business Directory Lanesborough, MA

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HOME REPAIR & GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

925 Brush Hour Painting

PO Box 1485 (413) 841-0311

All American Plumbing

65 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 822-2142

Berkshire Green Septic Services

20 Glassworks Rd. (413) 329-5117
www.berkshiregreensepticservice.com

Berkshire-Pittsfield Septic Tank Cleaning

800 Cheshire Rd. (413) 443-2708
www.berkshirepittsfieldseptic.com

Carlow & Zepka Construction

7 Park Dr. (413) 281-4869
www.carlowzepka.com

D. Condron Construction

721 South Main St. (413) 499-7007

Daunais Building & Remodeling

PO Box 670 (413) 441-0623
www.daunaisbuilders.com

DR Billings Contractor

730 Cheshire Rd. (413) 442-2476

Girard Custom Cut Hardwood

28 Bridge St. (413) 442-7585
girardhardwood@hotmail.com

Iron Spade Excavation

21 Brodie Mountain Road (413) 822-2140

J Paris Roofing

PO Box 616 (413) 464-4282

John's Tractor & Excavation Service LLC

(413) 499-9822
www.johnstractorandexcavation.net

Knysh Excavating and Trucking

520 North Main St. (413) 464-6638
www.facebook.com/people/Knysh-Excavating-Trucking

Mr. Lawn Care

53 Old State Rd. (413) 442-7450

Polson Electric, Inc.

10 Bailey Rd. (413) 499-4620
www.polsonelectric.com

Precision Home Care

171 South Main St. (413) 329-1728
www.facebook.com/myprecisionhomecare/

Sanitary Septic Services, Inc.

38 Old Orebed Rd. (413) 442-3658
www.sanitarysepticsservice.com

Sinopoli & Son Construction

69 Swamp Rd. (413) 442-8894

Sinopoli Construction Corp.

61 Main St. (413) 443-5548

Steve McCann Construction

18 Victoria Lane (413) 443-0125
www.facebook.com/pages/McCann-Construction-Steve/

Walsh Builders

45 North Main St. (413) 441-9314
www.cwalshbuilders.com/

Wooliver, DJ & Sons Roofers

130 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 442-0192
www.djwooliver.com

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LODGING

The Lake House Guest Cottages

636 Main St. (413) 446-1423
www.berkshirelakehouse.com

Mt. Greylock Campsite Park

15 Scott Rd. (413) 447-9419
www.mtgreylockcampsitepark.com

Stone School Cottage

736 North Main St. (413) 442-0996
www.airbnb.com/rooms/

Weatherlane Motel

475 South Main St. (413) 443-3230
www.theweatherlanemotel.com

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Absolute Services

3 Algonquin St. (413) 822-3835
www.absoluteservices.com

Abrams Hospitality Marketing

4 B St. (413) 499-8810
www.sabrams.com

Adams Community Bank

545 South Main St. (413) 443-4070
www.adamscommunity.com

Amenitek

14 Williamstown Rd. (413) 776-0354
www.amenitek.com

American Towing & Transport

3 Westview Rd.
PO Box 292 (413) 449-6405

Alphadu Productions

163 Balance Rock Rd. (413) 241-9800
www.alphaduproductions.com

Barb Hassan Realty, Inc.

69 South Main St.
PO Box 1477 (413) 447-7300
www.barbhassanrealty.com

Berkshire Film & Video

33 Stormview Rd.
www.bfv.com

Berkshire Woodworks

18 Glassworks Rd. (413) 841-7143
www.facebook.com/Berkshirewoodwork

Bryant Co. Web Design

63 Bull Hill Rd. (413) 442-3204

Captured by Coby

(Photography/Videography)
148 Balance Rock Rd. (413) 441-0221
www.capturedbycoby.com

Crazy Chameleon Body Piercing

126 South Main St. (413) 442-7723
www.facebook.com/CrazyChameleon

Dean Messana Electrical

157 Bull Hill Rd. (413) 446-8397

H. J. Pirzl

69 Prospect St. (413) 446-6113

House Doctor

116 Prospect St. (413) 841-8436

Injected Solutions

840 Cheshire Rd. (413) 499-5800
www.injectedsolutions.com

Jacobs

122 Silver St. (413) 458-6149
www.jacobs.com

Jamie Zdon Income Tax Preparation

115 Prospect St. (413) 770-6058
www.facebook.com/jamiezdonincometaxprep/

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Judy Dias Photography

114 Bailey Rd. (413) 447-1637
www.judydiasphotography.photorelect.com

Lanesborough Self Storage

525 South Main St. (413) 445-2500

Lansen Mold Co., Inc.

1 Main St., Berkshire Village (413) 443-5328
www.lansenmold.com

Lily & Oaks Properties

87 South Main Street (413) 281-8649

Meerkat Pest Control

720 South Main St. (518) 542-7777
www.meerkatpestcontrol.com

MacIntosh Upholstery

473 North Main St. (413) 329-1429

Nail Studio

555 South Main St. (413) 496-3131
www.facebook.com/nail.studio2018/

Rainbow Distributing

PO Box 1475 (413) 448-2625
www.rainbowdistributing.com

Root 7 Salon

20 Williamstown Rd., Building 5, Suite 4
(413) 652-2363
<https://root-7-salon.business.site>

Stone School Consulting

732 North Main St.

Squaw Peak Travel

545 South Main St. (413) 499-1780
www.squawpeaktravel.com

Tea Parties by Bridget

124 Prospect St. (413) 442-5815
www.brendag1111.wixsite.com/tea-party-rentals

Weldon Trucking, LLC

171 Bull Hill Rd. (321) 480-4050
www.truckdrivingjobs.com/companies

Wendling Properties

141 Balance Rock Road (413) 464-1883

RECREATION

Baker's Golf Center

658 South Main St. (413) 443-6102
www.bakersgolfcenter.com/

Berkshire Scenic Treks & Canoe Tours

(413) 329-6017
www.berkshirecanoetours.org

Donnybrook Country Club

775 Williamstown Rd. (413) 499-7888
www.donnybrookgolf.com

Lakeview Orchard

94 Old Cheshire Rd. (413) 448-6009
www.lakevieworchard.com

Mt. Greylock Campsite Park

15 Scott Rd. (413) 447-9419
www.mtgreylockcampsitepark.com

Ramblewild

110 Brodie Mountain Rd. (413) 499-9914
www.ramblewild.com

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RETAIL

American Garage Door Sales

1 North Main St. (413) 449-1201
www.american.chiohd.com

Berkshire Box

online only (413) 217-4334
www.theberkshirebox.com

Berkshire Mantiques

20 Williamstown Rd. (413) 841-1401
www.berkshiremantiques.com

Berkshire Dog, The

126 South Main St. (413) 464-8466
www.theberkshiredog.com

Berkshire Taxidermy

126 South Main St. (413) 841-8949

Dollar General

525 South Main St. (413) 347-4046
www.dollargeneral.com

Evans Software Services

93 Prospect St. (413) 499-0426
www.evsoft.us

Greylock Grounds LLC

20 Williamstown Rd. (413)841-1401

LA France Inc./Imperial Pools

760 Cheshire Rd. (413) 499-2702
www.imperialpoolsandspas.com

Lanesboro Auto Sales

721 South Main St. (413) 499-7007

Lanesboro Junction

1 North Main St. (413) 997-4350
www.facebook.com/Lanesborojunction

Lanesborough Local General Store Inc.

20 Williamstown Road (413) 212-4632
www.facebook.com/LanesboroughLocal/

Lanesboro Liquor Center

162 South Main St. (413) 447-9999
lanesboroughliquors@yahoo.com

Liberty Market

35 North Main St. (413) 496-3153
www.lm420.com

LSG

495 North Main St. (413) 464-9253
www.ramarine.net

Mange Auto Sales & Service

720 Cheshire Rd. (413) 445-5919
www.mangeauto.com

Moonspun Makers

(413) 358-2448

Nature's Way Dog Harness

online only (413) 330-6860
www.natureswaydogharness.com

Pontoosuc Package Store

731 South Main St. (413) 447-9556
www.pontoosucpackagestore.com

Savoy Books

88 Bailey Rd.
PO Box 271 (413) 499-9968
www.savoybooks.com

Second Life Books

55 Quarry Rd. (413) 447-8010
www.secondlifebooks.com

Ski Fanatics

65D North Main St. (413) 443-3023
www.skifanatics.com/

Target

655 Cheshire Rd., Box 56 (413) 236-4210
www.target.com

Uniq Vape

685 South Main St. (413) 499-1210

Newton Memorial Town Hall Directory

Town Hall Operating Hours

Town Hall closed Monday – Friday from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for Lunch.

Mondays	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	(Administrative Staff)
	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	(Town Clerk, Assessor & Town Collector)
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	(Administrative Staff)
Fridays	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	(Town Administrator & Town Secretary, by Appointment only)

Assessors 413 442-8622

Board of Health	413 442-1167 Ext. 128
Tuesdays & Thursdays	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM (flexible and by Appointment due to inspections)

**Select Board
Town Administrator,
Administrative Assistant 413 442-1167 Ext. 120**

Town Accountant 413 442-1167 Ext. 131

Council on Aging	413 448-2682
Monday – Thursday	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Office hours)

Building Inspector 413-442-1167 Ext 126
By appointment only

Library	413 442-0222
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday	2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Town Clerk 413 442-1351

Town Collector/Treasurer 413 442-0813

Assistant Collector/Treasurer 413 442-1167 Ext. 123

Veterans' Agent 413 662-3040

**Emergency,
Other Contact Numbers and Information**

**POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIAL 911**

**All Other (Non-Emergency) Police Calls
413 443-4107**

**All Other (Non-Emergency) Fire Department Calls
413 443-2321**

**Recycling Bins
Located On Maple Court
(Off Route 7 near the Highway Department)
HOURS
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
EVERY SATURDAY**

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://www.lanesborough-ma.gov/>**



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