

Annual Report

SAVOY, MASSACHUSETTS



FISCAL YEAR

2023

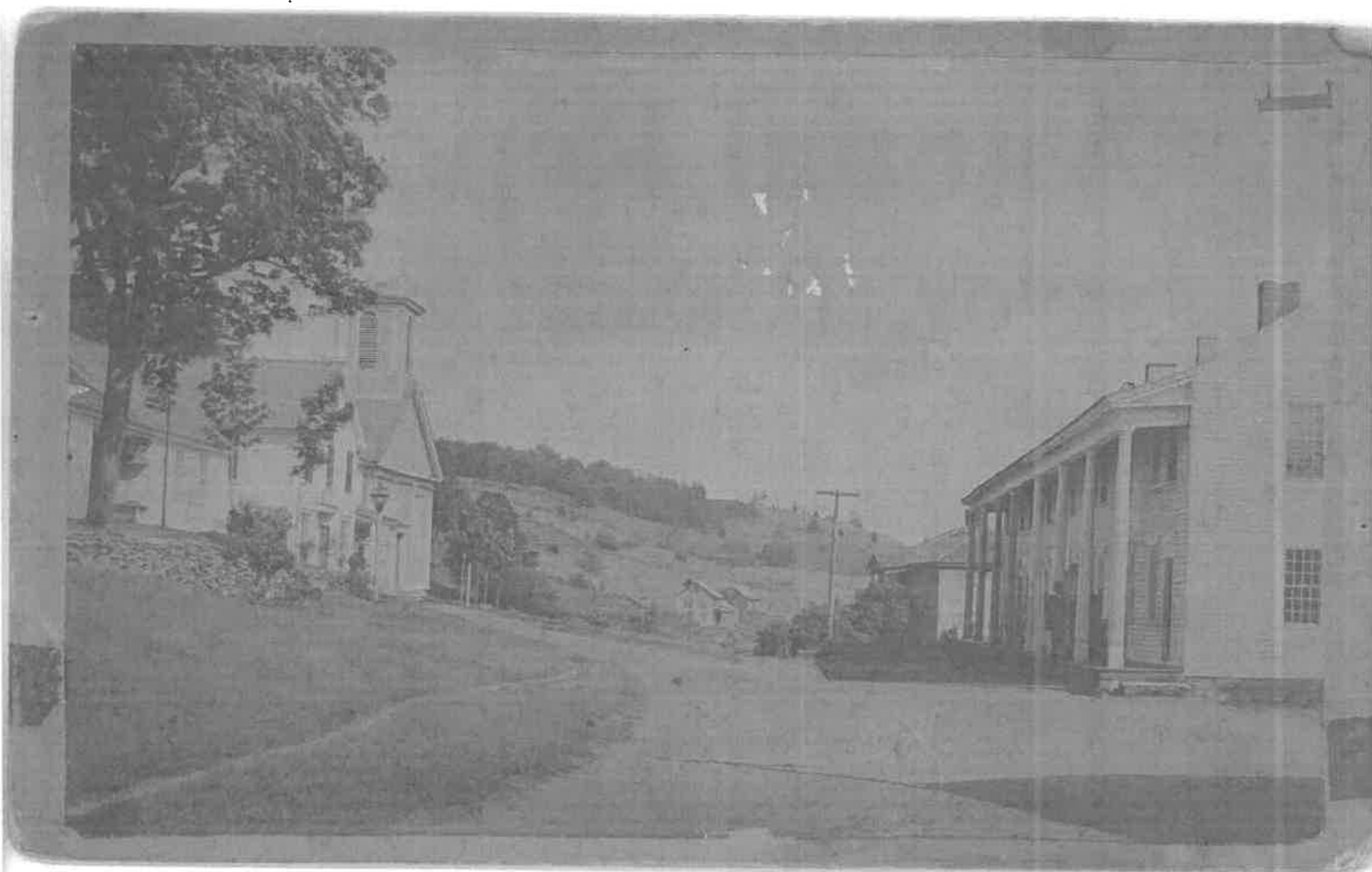


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Select Board Report

FY23

A Special Election was held August 17, 2022, to fill the Select Board seat left vacant by Keith Kupiec's resignation in April. Justin Kaczowski was elected to fill the vacancy to join Russ Clarke and Gerry Bergeron on the board.

3 Special Town Meetings were held:

November 6, 2022, with 3 warrant articles:

1. Increase the highway salary to \$15/hour, \$12,000 increase overall for highway salaries. Total appropriation of \$157,614.80
2. Smith Vocational Tuition, \$19,622 (missed on ATM warrant)
3. Transportation to Smith Vocation, \$10,116. (missed on ATM warrant)

February 15, 2023, with 2 warrant articles:

1. FY23 Veterans Services Officer Salary, \$1500. (missed on ATM warrant)
2. FY23 Veterans Services, \$22,000. (missed on ATM warrant)

June 29, 2023, to address overcharges for FY22 and the free case balance:

1. 2021 Freight Liner Final Payment, \$31,560.00
2. Black Brook Road Repairs, \$6391.00
3. Highway Supplies and Repairs, \$21, 618.00
1. Highway Expenses, \$24,808.00
2. To reduce tax rate, \$50,000.00 from Free Cash.

July 2022 – a York rake was purchased from Plainfield for \$2500.

Salaries for highway worker, Mike Harwood (\$17) and police chief, Jordan Koch (\$3/hour) were increased at a Select Board meeting in August 19, 2022.

October 2022 the Town purchased a plow for the Fire Department, quotes were between \$8K and \$10K and an Overhead door for the Town Garage was also purchased.

Center Road Bridge replacement completed with final inspection on December 13, 2022.

The highway department had 2 full time openings in December, James Shea and Abigail Phelps were hired. Abigail's resignation was announced at the January 10, 2023, meeting. Highway Superintendent opening was posted January 23, 2023. Bill Droshen was rehired as Highway Superintendent on February 6, 2023.

The Select Board was concerned about spending at the highway department and a cap of \$500 was placed on the highway before approval of the Select Board.

In January 2023, a janitor was hired to clean the town hall weekly, 4 hours.

February 2023, the Select Board approved using Chapter 90 funds to purchase a loader. Previously the Town was leasing a Volvo loader from Tyler Equipment for \$4000/mo. New is \$132K, warranty for 3 years or 5 years for \$7200.

The town received the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) in the amount of \$163,771.99. Must be spent by June 30, 2023.

Electrical hazards were addressed at the Town Garage, \$980.

The Select Board voted to change payroll from weekly to bi-weekly for town employees.

The Select Board voted to add a fee of \$95/year for well drillers.

Select Board had focus on the school budget and declining enrollment.

The Town entered into an agreement with Adams for ACO, Kim Witek.

Several IT companies presented to the Select Board in a quest to fulfill the Community Compact Grant for an IT Assessment and the other for an IT Network. Anders Johnson, acquaintance of a resident, was selected to complete the IT Assessment.

The IT Network grant was extended to June 30, 2023. The Select Board created a subcommittee in April 2023 to complete the IT Network grant by June 30, 2023. An RFP was developed and sent out to 4 vendors on April 28, 2023. MadMac was selected to complete the network on May 16th.

Brenda Smith filled in as Administrative Assistant to the Select Board after Jennifer Richard's resignation in September 2022. Jennifer Downs was hired December 19, 2022. She resigned in March and lingered into June 2023. Jennifer Falk was hired May 22, 2023, with 6 applicants responding to the advertisement.

FHMS/WiValley – the pole on Boden Mountain was installed on November 29, 2022. Assets will transfer to towns upon completion of the network and final report to MBI. Savoy will own 12 poles and 2 stations. This is for insurance purposes. Equipment will remain the property of WiValley. The easement was completed for Borden Mountain. This was a 4-year endeavor. WiValley paid for the easement to the State, on behalf of Savoy, for \$2800. There is a traceable paper trail through the Town. The Town of Savoy signed/provided the following documents to support this easement and they were recorded where necessary.

1. Grant of Easement
2. MEPA Agreement
3. Indemnification Agreement – Signed by all towns.
4. Certified Town Meeting Vote
5. Beneficial Interest Statement

Charter/Spectrum received RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund) funding to provide internet to only select areas of Savoy. The areas were selected by the Federal Government. No state or municipal input was provided or sought by the Federal Government. The funding requires this portion of the network to be completed by 12/2026.

Russ Clarke resigned from the Select Board on May 9, 2023.

Compiled using the meeting minutes from this timeframe.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melanie Glynn

2023 Vital Records

Births: 3 girls, 2 boys

Marriages:

August 26, 2023 - Erika Alexandra Ziemba and Chad Ronald Bedard

Deaths:

January 6, 2023 – Gloria Gertrude Slonski, aged 90

June 15, 2023 – Peter James Frank, aged 83

June 15, 2023 – Jeffrey Paul Cote, aged 55

July 1, 2023 – Katherine E. Reeves, aged 89

November 29, 2023 – Lee Ann Zipperling, aged 66

Dog Licenses issued: 112

The State Election was held November 8, 2022 at the Senior Center from 7am to 8pm. Three hundred and five (305) registered voters of 550 participated in the election. Results follow:

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
Diehl and Allen	132	Republican
Healey and Driscoll	139	Democrat
Reed and Everett	7	Libertarian
All Others	0	
Blanks	27	

ATTORNEY GENERAL

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
Andrea Joy Campbell	140	Democrat
James R. McMahon, III	133	Republican
All others	0	
Blanks	32	

SECRETARY OF STATE

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
William Francis Galvin	149	Democrat
Rayla Campbell	119	Republican
All Others	0	
Blanks	30	

TREASURER

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
Deborah B. Goldberg	176	Democrat
Cristina Crawford	68	Libertarian
All Others	0	
Blanks	61	

AUDITOR

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
Anthony Amore	116	Republican
Diana DiZoglio	124	Democrat
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	13	Green-Rainbow
Dominic Giannone, III	9	Worker's Party
Daniel Werner Riek	5	Libertarian
All Others	0	
Blanks	38	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Candidates	Votes	Party
Richard E. Neal	145	Democrat
Dean James Martilli	126	Republican
All Others	0	
Blanks	34	

COUNCILLOR

Candidates	Votes	Party
John M. Comerford	117	Republican
Tara J. Jacobs	152	Democrat
All Others	0	
Blanks	36	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Candidates	Votes	Party
Timothy J. Shugrue	219	
All Others	0	
Blanks	86	

SHERIFF

Candidates	Votes	Party
Thomas N. Bowler	224	Democrat
All Others	0	
Blanks	81	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Candidates	Votes	Party
Paul W. Mark	158	Democrat
Brendan M. Phair	88	Unenrolled
All Others	0	
Blanks	59	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, FIRST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT

Candidates	Votes	Party
John Barrett, III	211	Democrat
All Others	1	
Blanks	93	

PETITIONS

<u>Short Description</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Blank</u>
Additional tax on income over 1 million dollars	139	133	33
Pet I: Dental Benefits (Law)	181	91	33
Pet D: Alcohol Retail Reform (Law)	93	181	31
Ref: Repeal Driver's License Law	109	153	43

Meeting called to order at 6 pm, 13 in attendance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS

To either of the Constables, of the TOWN OF SAVOY, in the County of Berkshire, Greetings

IN THE NAME OF *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the **SENIOR CENTER** in the TOWN OF SAVOY on **WEDNESDAY the NINTH (9th) day of NOVEMBER 2022** at **6:00** o'clock in the evening, and then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE # 1: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$19,622.00 for FY2023 Smith Vocational School account or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP \$943.00)

Motion: Donna Sawyer

Second: Mike Harwood

Discussion: Question why this wasn't in original budget – didn't know a student was going to Smith Vocational School this year. Need to appropriate the whole amount.

Vote: passed unanimously, 13 votes

ARTICLE #2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,116.00 for FY2023 Alternative Transportation Account (Smith Vocational) or take any other action in relation thereto: (Same as FY2022)

Motion: John Glynn

Second: Melanie Glynn

Discussion: none

Vote: passed unanimously, 13 votes

ARTICLE #3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000.00 for:

	FY2022	FY2023
	<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Highway Dept. Expenses:	273,112.40	316,612.40

Hourly Pay	145,614.80	157,614.80	+12,000.00
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(Increase in minimum wage 2023 from \$14.50 to \$15.00 per hour)

Motion: Brenda Smith

Second: Michael Harwood

Discussion: Hourly workers didn't get a raise for 2022. Currently 2 employees receive minimum wage.

Vote: passed unanimously, 13 votes

Motion to adjourn meeting: Melanie Glynn

Second: John Glynn

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same on the bulleting board at the Savoy Town Hall and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least **(14) FOURTEEN** days before the time of holding and meeting. HEREOF, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with you doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm in the evening, Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Attest: A true copy to the best of my knowledge: Valerie Reiner
Town Clerk

Given under our hands this *25th Day of October* in the year TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO.

Russell Clarke

TOWN OF

Gerard Bergeron

SAVOY

Justin Kaczowski

SELECT BOARD

A true copy. Attest:

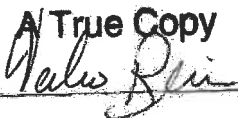
Phillip Reeves, Constable

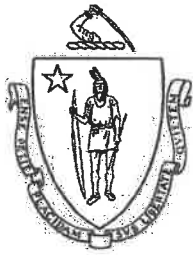
BERKSHIRE, SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy by posting up attested copies of the same at (2) Two Public Places (14) FOURTEEN days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Phillip Reeves

Constable of Savoy _____
Date Posted

A True Copy
Attest 
Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk



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February 1, 2023

Valerie Reiner, Town Clerk
Town of Savoy
720 Main Street
Savoy, MA 01256

**Re: Savoy Annual Town Meeting of June 29, 2022 -- Case # 10722 Warrant
Article # 20 (Zoning)**

Dear Ms. Reiner:

Article 20 - We approve Article 20 from the June 29, 2022 Savoy Annual Town Meeting. Under Article 20 the Town amended the zoning by-laws to add a new Section 11, "Commercial and Medical Marijuana Facilities Zoning Bylaw" to regulate Marijuana Establishments (ME) and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTC) in the Town. MEs and MTCs, are allowed by special permit with site plan approval in the Town. See Sections 11.4 and 11.6 (c).

The Town must ensure that the by-law amendments adopted under Article 20 are applied consistent with the applicable statutes and regulations, including amendments to 935 CMR §§ 500.000, "Adult Use of Marijuana" and 935 CMR 500.001, "Medical Use of Marijuana," effective January 8, 2021. In addition, the Town should consult with Town Counsel to determine if future by-law amendments are needed in light of the recently updated Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) regulations. This is especially important given the court's holding in West Street Associates LLC v. Planning Board of Mansfield, 488 Mass. 319 (2021) that towns are preempted from adopting by-law requirements that impose different requirements on marijuana establishments than those imposed by the CCC.

We offer comments on certain provisions in Section 11 for the Town's consideration.

A. Section 11.3 – Definitions

1. Ceases to Operate

Section 11.5 (i) (iv)(A) provides that a special permit issued under the by-law shall lapse if the ME or MTC ceases operation for 180 days. For purposes of the by-law, Section 11.3 defines the term "Ceases to Operate," as a MTC or ME that "closes and does not transact business for [a]

period greater than 180 days.” We approve this definition as it relates to section 11.5 (i)(iv)(A) of the by-law regarding a lapse of the special permit. However, we note that for purposes of CCC licensing, the CCC regulations, 935 CMR 500.002, define the term “Ceases to Operate” as a ME or MTC that does not transact business for greater than 60 days, as follows:

a Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) or Independent Testing Laboratory that closes and does not transact business for a period greater than 60 days with no substantial action taken to reopen. The Commission may determine that a Marijuana Establishment has Ceased to Operate based on its actual or apparent termination of operations.

In addition, the CCC regulations, 935 CMR 500.103 (2)(c), “Licensure and Renewal; Final License” also establish that a Marijuana Establishment license is void if the establishment ceases to operate, as follows: “[a] provisional or final license shall be immediately void if the Marijuana Establishment Ceases to Operate or if, without the permission of the Commission, it relocates.” See also 935 CMR 500.415 (“A Marijuana Establishment License is void if the Marijuana Establishment Ceases to Operate or transfers its location without Commission approval or adds a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control to the License without Commission approval.”) The Town must ensure that the by-law is applied consistent with the CCC regulations. The Town should consult with Town Counsel regarding whether a future amendment is needed.

2. Marijuana Research Facility

The by-law defines a “Marijuana Research Facility” as: “[a]n entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Commission.” This definition differs from the CCC regulations that define a “Marijuana Research Facility” as: “the Premises at which a Marijuana Research Facility Licensee is approved to conduct research.”

The by-law’s definition of “Marijuana Research Facility” relates to the entity licensed to engage in research but the CCC regulations’ definition relates to the premises where a “Marijuana Research Facility Licensee” is approved to conduct the research, meaning the physical location at which a Licensee is approved to conduct research. The CCC regulations separately define a “Marijuana Research Facility Licensee” as follows:

Marijuana Research Facility Licensee means an academic institution, nonprofit corporation or domestic corporation or entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, including a licensed Marijuana Establishment or MTC, that is licensed to conduct research.

The by-law has consolidated the terms “research facility” and “research facility licensee” whereas the CCC regulations define those terms separately and the terms are not interchangeable. The Town must apply the by-law consistent with 935 CMR §§ 500.002. The Town should consult with Town Counsel regarding future amendments to the by-law to address this issue.

3. Marijuana Retailer

The by-law defines a “Marijuana Retailer” as:

An entity licensed to purchase and transport cannabis or marijuana product from Marijuana Establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to consumers. Retailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

This definition differs from the CCC regulations definition in 935 CMR 500.002 that defines a Marijuana Retailer as follows, with emphasis added”

means an entity licensed to purchase, Repackage, White Label, and transport Marijuana or Marijuana Product from Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer or otherwise Transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to sell to Consumers. Unless licensed, retailers are prohibited from offering Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

The by-law’s definition of “Marijuana Retailer” differs from the CCC regulations in that the by-law definition is not as broad as the CCC regulations definition that authorizes a Marijuana Retailer to “Repackage [and] White Label” (as those terms are defined in the CCC regulations) marijuana or marijuana products from a marijuana establishment. In addition, the by-law prohibits a marijuana retailer from “delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers.” The delivery of marijuana or marijuana products from a marijuana establishment to a consumer is regulated in the CCC regulations. To deliver marijuana or marijuana products to a consumer, the CCC requires a “Delivery License” defined as “either a Marijuana Courier License or a Marijuana Delivery Operator License”¹ or a “Delivery Endorsement” defined as an “authorization granted to Licensees in categories of Marijuana Establishments identified by the Commission to perform deliveries directly from the establishment to Consumers.” See 935 CMR 500.002. The Town must apply this portion of the by-law consistent with the CCC regulations for a marijuana retailer that has received a delivery endorsement from the CCC. The Town should consult with Town Counsel to determine if a future by-law amendment is needed to address these issues.

¹ The CCC regulations’ definition of “Marijuana Courier” and “Marijuana Delivery Operator” provide that a courier or delivery operator is not considered to be a Marijuana Retailer. See 935 CMR 500.002 (A marijuana courier or marijuana delivery operator are “an additional license type under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002 or 500.050 and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b).”)

B. Section 11.5 – Additional Requirements/Conditions

1. Section 11.5 (d) – Special Permits

Section 11.5 (d), regarding special permits, states that:

Special Permits granted under this section shall be limited to no more than one in use at any given time, shall be limited to one per Licensee, and shall apply to no more than one Licensee and no Special Permit shall allow for the concurrent operation of two or more Medical Marijuana Treatment Center and/or Marijuana Establishments on the same parcel of land.

It is not clear what the Town means by the limitation that “Special Permits granted under this section shall be limited to no more than one in use at any given time” and whether Section 11.5 (d) is intended to limit the number of each type of marijuana establishment in the Town to one. If the Town intends to limit the number of marijuana establishments that may be operated in the Town to one of each type, the Town should consult with Town Counsel to determine if a ballot vote is required under G.L. c. 94G, § 3(a).

General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3(a) authorizes a municipality to adopt by-laws that govern the time, place and manner of marijuana establishment operations. In addition, G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (a) (2) specifically authorizes a town to “limit the number of marijuana establishments in the...town,” provided however that for certain limitations, the Town must submit the by-law for approval to the voters before such limitation may take effect. The provisions of G.L. c. 94G, § 3(a) (2) require the by-law to be submitted to the voters for approval if the by-law: (1) prohibits the operation of 1 or more types of marijuana establishments within the town; (2) limits the number of marijuana retailers to fewer than 20 per cent of the number of licenses issued within the city or town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under section 15 of chapter 138; or (3) limits the number of any type of marijuana establishment to fewer than the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to engage in the same type of activity in the town.

It is not clear from the materials submitted to this Office whether the special permit limitation in Section 11.5 (d) results in a limit on marijuana retailers to “fewer than 20 per cent of the number of licenses issued within the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under section 15 of chapter 138”; or limits other types of marijuana establishments to “fewer than the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to engage in the same type of activity in the town,” such that the Town must obtain ballot approval before the zoning by-law amendments take effect.

The Town should consult with Town Counsel regarding the scope of Section 11.5 (d) to determine whether a ballot vote is needed. In addition, the Town should consult with Town Counsel regarding whether the limitations in Section 11.5 (d) should be further clarified at a future Town Meeting.

2. Section 11.5 (e) – Place

Section 11.5 (e) requires a 500 foot buffer zone from any of the following: (A) a public or private school providing education in preschool, kindergarten or any of grades 1-12; (B) a public or private library; (C) duly licensed day care centers; (D) churches, synagogues or other places of worship; (E) public or private parks, playgrounds or recreation areas; and (F) any residential use, either established by right or with a Special Permit. In addition, Section 11.5 (e) provides that the buffer zone shall be measured “in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or Marijuana Establishment structure is or will be located.”

In applying Section 11.5 (e)’s buffer zone requirements from a school, the Town must apply the measurement requirement consistent with the CCC regulations, 935 CMR 500.110, “Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments,” Subsection 3, “Buffer Zone,” that requires a buffer zone from a school to be measured from the geometric center of the Marijuana Establishment Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance, as follows:

(3) Buffer Zone. A Marijuana Establishment Entrance may not be closer than 500 feet from the nearest School Entrance, unless a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement.

(a) The buffer zone distance of 500 feet shall be measured in a straight line from the geometric center of the Marijuana Establishment Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance, unless there is an Impassable Barrier within those 500 feet; in these cases, the buffer zone distance shall be measured along the center of the shortest publicly-accessible pedestrian travel path from the geometric center of the Marijuana Establishment Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance.

When measuring a buffer zone from a school, the Town must ensure that the by-law is applied consistent with the CCC regulations that measure the buffer zone from the geometric center of the ME entrance to the geometric center of the nearest school entrance (not in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the MTC or ME will be located). The Town should consult with Town Counsel with any questions on this issue. In addition, the Town should consult with Town Counsel to determine if a future by-law amendment is needed to address this issue.

With regards to the buffer zones from other uses imposed in Section 11.5 (e), the Town should note that G.L. c. 94G, § 3 prohibits a Town from adopting by-laws that govern the time, place and manner of marijuana establishment operations that are “unreasonably impracticable” or in conflict with Chapter 94G or the CCC regulations, 935 CMR 500.000.¹ There are no appellate level decisions addressing the question whether a buffer zone requirement from other uses (such as

¹ General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 1 defines “unreasonably impracticable” as: “the measures necessary to comply with the regulations, ordinances or by-laws adopted pursuant to this chapter subject licensees to unreasonable risk or require such a high investment of risk, money, time or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate a marijuana establishment.”

places of worship or parks) would render it “unreasonably impracticable” for a marijuana establishment to operate in a municipality. However, in a case now pending before the

Land Court, Benevolent Botanicals LLC v. City of Malden, Miscellaneous Case No. 22 Misc. 00076, 2022 WL 3924099 (August 31, 2022, Rubin, J.), the Land Court may address this question. The Town may wish to consult with Town Counsel on this issue and monitor developments in the Benevolent Botanicals case.

3. Section 11.5 (g) – Design Standards

Section 11.5 (g)(E), “Roofing,” provides that: “[n]o enclosed structure, as defined herein, shall have a roof pitch of less than 5/12, unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the SPGA that any deviation from this standard is in better keeping with § 5(g)(i) of this section.” The Town should ensure that Section 11.5(g)(E) is applied consistent with the State Building Code. Specifically, 780 CMR § 15.00 of the Building Code includes provisions pertaining to the minimum requirements for design and construction of roof assemblies and roof structures. The Town should consult with Town Counsel with any questions on this issue.

C. Section 11.6 – Application Requirements

Section 11.6 (h), “Energy Use Plan,” provides that a special permit may be subject to certain requirements and conditions including the requirement that the special permit application include an energy use plan that will demonstrate the best practices for energy conservation, water usage and waste disposal as well as providing information regarding electrical, ventilation and water systems and proposed energy and utility demands.

We approve Section 911.6 (h) but the Town must ensure that it is applied consistent with the CCC regulations, 935 CMR 500.000 *et seq.* The CCC regulations impose requirements related to energy efficiency and conservation. See e.g. 935 CMR 500.103 (b) (requiring an applicant to submit an energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation); 935 CMR 500.105 (1)(q) (requiring a marijuana establishment to have a detailed written operating procedure that includes policies and procedures for energy efficiency and conservation); 935 CMR 500.105 (15) (requiring an applicant to demonstrate consideration of the factors related to energy efficiency and conservation as part of its operating plan and application for licensure); and 935 CMR 500.120 (11) (requiring a cultivator to “satisfy minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards established by the Commission” and be subject to minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards established by the CCC.)

The Town must ensure that any special permit application requirements imposed under Section 11.6 (h) are consistent with the CCC regulations. The Town should consult with Town Counsel regarding this issue.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law,

and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Nicole B. Caprioli

By: Nicole B. Caprioli
Assistant Attorney General
Municipal Law Unit
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cc: Town Counsel Donna MacNicol

A True Copy
Attest *Valerie Reiner*
Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the moderator, Eric Krutiak. There were 12 people in attendance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS

To either of the Constables, of the TOWN OF SAVOY, in the County of Berkshire, Greetings

IN THE NAME OF *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the **SENIOR CENTER** in the TOWN OF SAVOY on **WEDNESDAY** the **FIFTEEN** day of **FEBUARY 2023** at **6:00** o'clock in the evening, and then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE # 1: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$22,000.00 from the Stabilization Account to the FY2023 Veteran's Services Account. (75% Reimbursement) (Same as FY2022)

Motion: Mrs. Boody

Second: Mrs. Palmer

Discussion: Question about who was reimbursing the town. Funded by the state.

Vote: passed unanimously, 12 votes

ARTICLE # 2: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Stabilization Account to the FY2023 Veteran's Service Officer Salary. (Same as FY 2022)

Motion: Mr. Bergeron

Second: Mrs. Veronisi

Discussion: Amount should read \$1750.00. Amended motion carries. Increase of \$250.

Vote: passed unanimously, 12 votes

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Veronisi

Second: Mrs. Boody

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

And you are directed to serve these warrants, by posting up attested copies of the same on the bulleting board at the Savoy Town Hall and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least **(14) FORTEEN** days before the time of holding and meeting. HEREOF, fail not and make do return of this warrant, with you doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 31st *Day of January* in the year TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE.

Russell Clarke

TOWN OF

Gerard Bergeron

SAVOY

Justin Kaczowski

SELECT BOARD

A true copy. Attest:

Phillip Reeves, Constable

BERKSHIRE, SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy by posting up attested copies of the same at (2) Two Public Places (14) FORTEEN days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Phillip Reeves

Constable of Savoy

Date Posted

A true Copy. Attest:

Valerie Ben Town Clerk

Public Town Meeting, March 29, 2023

Savoy held a public meeting to discuss opting out of Vote by Mail for their local election.

Gerry Bergeron called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Gerry opens with a call to discussion.

Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk summarizes vote by mail changes in state requirements. Currently the state requires town to use VBM for local elections unless there is a vote to opt out. Absentee voting is always available so that if people cannot vote in person on that day, they can still vote. The only difference between VBM and Absentee Voting is that VBM does not require an excuse. Valerie explained that anyone who will not be available to vote in person, can still vote using Absentee voting. There would be a cost to the town if everyone was offered the opportunity to use VBM, for added postage, hours spent and cost of supplies.

Discussion from floor. Floor and chair of selectboard discuss communication methods for town.

Gerry calls for a vote on the issue.

16 votes for opting out.

1 vote for using VBM for local election

Call for final discussion – none.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

A True Copy

Attest:



Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk

Savoy Annual Town Election

The Savoy Annual Town Election was held Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 12 – 8 pm at the Town Hall. Fifty (50) residents participated in the election. Results of the election are as follows. * designates winner.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Assessor 3 yrs.		Planning Board 2 yrs.	
Beverly Maynard	49*	Blank	50
Blank	1	Total votes cast	50
Total votes cast	50		
Cemetery Commission 3 yrs.		Planning Board 3 yrs.	
Blank	50	Blank	50
Total votes cast	50	Total votes cast	50
Constable 3 yrs.		Planning Board 4 Yrs.	
Russell Clarke	37*	Blank	50
Blank	13	Total votes cast	50
Total votes cast	50		
Moderator 1 yr.		Planning Board 5 yrs.	
Blank	39	Blank	50
Write-in: Eric Krutiak	11	Total votes cast	50
Total votes cast	50		
Park Commission 3 yrs		School Committee 3 yrs.	
Blank	50	Arleigh Cooper	45*
Total votes cast	50	Blank	5
		Total votes cast	50
Park Commission 2 yrs		School Committee 1 yr.	
Blank	50	Blank	50
Total votes cast	50	Total votes cast	50
Park Commission 1 yr.		Select Board 3 yrs.	
Blank	50	Justin Kaczowski	44*
Total votes cast	50	Blank	6
		Total votes cast	50
Planning Board 1 yr.			
Blank	50		
Total votes cast	50		

A True Copy Attest: Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Savoy in the County of Berkshire, Greetings.
IN THE NAME OF *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **FIRE STATION** in said TOWN OF SAVOY on **WEDNESDAY** the **THIRTY-FIRST (31st)** day of **MAY 2023** at **7:00** o'clock in the evening, and then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting opened at 7:05pm

ARTICLE #1: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$21,750.00 to pay the Salaries for all FY2024 Elected Officials as detailed below or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP: \$400.00)

WARRANT	ELECTED SALARIES:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Selectmen Salary	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -
	Moderator	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
	Assessors Salary	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -
	Tax Collector (moved to ART #2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Town Clerk	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 400.00
ART #1	TOTAL	\$ 21,350.00	\$ 21,750.00	\$ 400.00

Motion: Carl Lambert

Second: Kevin Krutiak

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$187,250.00 to pay for FY2024 General Government Expenses as detailed below or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP: \$39,050.00)

WARRANT	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Tax Collector	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
	Selectmen's Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 300.00
	Town Council	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
	Treasurer Expense	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -
	Treasurer Salary	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -

	Bank Charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	Collector Expense	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ -
	Tax Taking /Tax Title	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 100.00
	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Election & Reg.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
	Planning Board Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Historical Comm. Expense	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	Moderator Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	Electric	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
	Town Office Building	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
	Town Hall Custodian	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
	Telephone	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
	Gas/Heating	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -
	Office Supplies	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -
	Postage	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -
	Assessor's Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Printing	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -
	Legal Notice	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 300.00
	Admin. Asst.'s	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Accountant Salary	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ -
	Surety Bonds	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
	Council on Aging	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Accountant Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	Librarian Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Librarian Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Plumbing Insp. Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Town Computer Expenses	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Veteran's Service Off. Salary	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
ART #19	Town Audit	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
ART #2	TOTAL	\$ 148,200.00	\$ 187,250.00	\$ 39,050.00

Motion: Carl Lambert

Second: Carmen Kaczowski

Discussion: Repair Town Hall and Town Garage, COA free last year, paying for this year.

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$309,852.40 for FY2024 Town Highway Department Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto: (DOWN: \$6,760.00)

WARRANT	HIGHWAY DEPT. EXPENSES:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Hourly Pay	\$ 157,614.80	\$ 163,854.80	\$ 6,240.00
	Repairs & Supplies	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
	Road Maintenance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
	Highway Building Maint.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (16,000.00)
	Part Time Help	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Vacation	\$ 2,997.60	\$ 2,997.60	\$ -
	Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
ART #3	TOTAL	\$ 316,612.40	\$ 309,852.40	\$ (6,760.00)

Motion: David Belisle

Second: Mrs. Rugeau

Discussion: Roads will be patched this year and wait for more money from grants. Focusing on roads with more traffic.

Opposed: 1 opposed, motion carries

ARTICLE #4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$ 120,000.00 for FY2024 Highway Snow & Ice Account or take any other action in relation thereto:

WARRANT	Snow & Ice	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
ART #4	TOTAL	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -

Motion: Carl Lambert

Second: Royce Bueler

Discussion: Hearing none.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$840,000.00 for FY2024 Savoy Elementary School, Adams/Cheshire High School or take any other action in relation thereto: (Same as FY2023)

Motion: Arleigh Cooper

Second: Carl Lambert

Discussion: 24 Savoy residents, 42 total this year. Next year 43 students, 22 Savoy residents. 92% Savoy school age, enrolled in Savoy this year.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$ 101,000.00 for FY2024 School Transportation or take any other action in relation thereto: (DOWN \$1000.00)

Motion: Carl Lambert
 Second: Mr. Harwood
 Discussion: Hearing none
 Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$147,649.20 for FY2024 C. H. McCann Technical High School or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP \$ 23,982.20)

WARRANT	SCHOOL and LIBRARIES:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Savoy Elementary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Adams/Cheshire Reg.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ART #5	Savoy School Budget	\$ 840,000.00	\$ 840,000.00	\$ -
ART #6	School Transportation	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 101,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
ART #7	McCann School	\$ 123,667.00	\$ 147,649.20	\$ 23,982.20
ART #10	Smith Vocational Tuition	\$ 19,622.00	\$ 20,076.00	\$ 454.00
ART #11	Alternative Transportation	\$ 10,116.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,884.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,095,405.00	\$ 1,120,725.20	\$ 25,320.20

Motion: Ms. Malloy
 Second: Janice Veronisi
 Discussion: Increase to McCann because more students are attending and higher cost. McCann is more expensive than Hoosac Valley.
 Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$32,046.00 for FY2024 Health and Sanitation Expenses as detailed below or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP: \$5,096.00)

WARRANT	HEALTH & SANITATION:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Animal Inspector	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Landfill Transfer Station	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Landfill Attendant's Salary	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$ -
	N. Berk. Solid Waste	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
	Waste Sanitation Facilities	\$ -	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 1,896.00
ART #8	TOTAL	\$ 26,950.00	\$ 32,046.00	\$ 5,096.00

Motion: Carl Lambert
 Second: Janice Veronisi
 Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$49,095.00 for the FY2024 Protection of Personal Property as detailed below or take any other action in relation thereto: (DOWN: \$1,400.00)

WARRANT	PROTECTION/PERSONS & PROP.:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Police Chief Salary	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
	Police Public Safety Salary Account	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
	Police Expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	Fire Equip. & Maint.	\$ 25,360.00	\$ 25,360.00	\$ -
	Fire Fighter Personal Safety	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fire Station Maint.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fire Station Building Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Building Insp. Expense	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ -
	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -
	Board of Health Agent	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
	Animal Control Officer Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Health Care Agent (DPH BPRC)	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,310.00	\$ -
ART #9	TOTAL	\$ 47,695.00	\$ 49,095.00	\$ 1,400.00

Motion: Marie Saucier

Second: Janice Veronisi

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,076.00 for FY2024 Smith Vocational School Account or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP \$ 454.00)

Motion: Arleigh Cooper

Second: Janice Veronisi

Discussion: One student graduated this year, one for next year if someone enrolls, will be reimbursed if nobody enrolls.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000.00 for FY2024 Alternative Transportation (Smith Vocational) or take any other action in relation thereto: (UP \$ 1884.00)

Motion: Carl Lambert

Second: Mr. Harwood

Discussion: No choice for Florida school now

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$233,248.14 for the FY2024 Unclassified Expenses as detailed below or take any other action in relation thereto: (DOWN: \$18,208.85)

WARRANT	UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES:	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
	Insurance General	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
	Insurance 32-B	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 53,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
	County Retirement	\$ 60,217.00	\$ 53,492.00	\$ (6,725.00)
	Berkshire County Communications	\$ 10,527.62	\$ 10,843.45	\$ 315.83
	Workman's Comp	\$ 12,850.00	\$ 14,563.58	\$ 1,713.58
	Unemployment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
	B.C.R.P.C.	\$ 551.37	\$ 549.11	\$ (2.26)
	Short Term Interest Exp.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Principle Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Interest Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	New Highway Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Interest Highway Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	New School Addition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	New Fire Truck #1	\$ 17,681.88	\$ -	\$ (17,681.88)
	New Fire Truck #1 interest	\$ 2,279.12	\$ -	\$ (2,279.12)
	New Fire Truck #2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	New School Addition Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	F.I.C.A.	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ -
	Cemeteries Expense	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,800.00)
	Veteran's Graves	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
	Reserve Fund	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -
	Wire Insp. Exp.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Medicaid Secretary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Conservation Commission	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
	Agricultural Commission	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	Town Park Comm.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
ART #12	TOTAL	\$ 251,456.99	\$ 233,248.14	\$ (18,208.85)

Motion: Carl Lambert

Second: Kevin Krutiak

Discussion: Town Park Commission \$ for electric in pavilion, ability to rent for functions. Select Board is looking to appoint someone or SB will do it. Town's insurance policy covers all town buildings.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #13: To see if the town will vote to create a revolving account to be pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, such revolving to be used for payment of compensation for the **Plumbing Inspector and Wire Inspector** from fees collected. Total fees revolved for Fiscal Year 2024 not to exceed \$1,500 each or take any other action in relation thereto:

Motion: Mrs. Harwood

Second: Arleigh Cooper

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #14: To see if the town will vote to create a revolving account to be pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, such revolving to be used for payment of compensation for the **Building Inspector and Board of Health Agent** from fees collected. Total fees revolved for Fiscal Year 2024 not to exceed \$9,000 each or take any other action in relation thereto:

Motion: Janice Veronisi

Second: Carl Lambert

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #15: To see if the town will vote to create a **Town Park** revolving account to be pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. Total fees revolved for Fiscal Year 2024 not to exceed \$5,800 or take any other action in relation thereto:

Motion: Arleigh Cooper

Second: Mr. Rugeau

Discussion: Revolving account for pavilion. Can figure be raised? Looking into this.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #16: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the M. G. L., to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities, towns and political subdivision for the group purchasing of supplies, commodities and services that the town is authorized by law to purchase and to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 as the town's share of the expenses for the administration of the program for FY2024 or take any other action in relation thereto: (Same as FY2023)

Motion: Carl Lambert
Second: Janice Veronisi
Discussion: Hearing none
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000.00 for the FY2024 Veterans Service or take any other action in relation there to: (%75 Reimbursement) (Same as FY2023)

WARRANT	OTHER	FY2023	FY2024	Difference
ART #16	Group Purchasing	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
ART #17	Veteran's Services	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00

Motion: Janice Veronisi
Second: Kevin Krutiak
Discussion: Held Special Town Meeting and appropriated \$22,000 on 2/15/23. Covers vets in town who get benefits. 75% reimbursement for town. Steven Roy works for veterans in Savoy.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$9,000 for a Town audit in FY2024 or take any other action in relation thereto: (Same as FY2023)

Motion: Kevin Krutiak
Second: Mrs. Rugeau
Discussion: Correct on page 2, should say article #18. Cannot go back and change article # since it was already voted on. Appropriate \$ for audit since it has not been done since 2014.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #19: To see if the town will vote to direct the Select Board to adopt a policy for hiring and appointing employees within the personnel policy.

Example:

Prior to any posting and/or advertising of any open position a request must be submitted to/by the Board of Selectmen and reviewed with the Finance Committee.

- All postings shall list pay and/or pay grade, summary of duties, hours and minimum qualifications for the position(s).
- All positions are required to have a posting date and a closing date.
- A complete job description shall be attached to the requisition.

An open position will be posted via the following methods:

- Distribution via email to all department heads, posting at Town Hall, the Transfer Station, on the Town website when officially adopted, and advertisement in a local newspaper, for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days unless the Select Board and Finance Committee approves a different minimum number of days prior to the posting for the position.
- This position will be advertised through the appropriate media to attract qualified candidates and to ensure compliance with all equal opportunity requirements.

Except for the special authorization given the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee the hiring rate shall be the minimum for the position being filed.

Motion: Carmen Kaczowski

Second: Arleigh Cooper

Discussion: Already have a policy. Did not go through policy to hire road boss because he had already worked for Savoy. Resident wants policy written. Wants guideline for hiring so it will be consistent for each Select Board. Melanie Glynn makes motion to amend article for Select Board to adopt a hiring policy by 1/1/24. Motion: Mr. Bueler, Second: Mrs. Sawyer. Discussion to amend: Hearing none. Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

Vote to pass article:

Opposed: Seeing none, Majorite rules and carries

ARTICLE #20: To see if the town will vote to participate in the activities of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (also known as the “Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts” per the Board’s October 2022 vote to recommend a name change*) as provided for in Section 91 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018, an Act Promoting Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental and Natural Resource Protection, and Investment in Recreational Assets and Opportunity (the “Environmental Bond Bill”) or take any other action related thereto. (See Attachment for more details).

Motion: David Belisle

Second: Mr. Harwood

Discussion: Asking for pros and cons. Presentation of partnership. Vote for representative from Savoy. No requirements for private land owners. Does not include state land. Can back out, has not happened. Lots of questions, not enough time to discuss here.

Motion to table discussion: Gerry Bergeron, Second: Carl Lambert

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same on the bulletin board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least (7) SEVEN before the time of holding said meeting. HEREOF, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under out hands this 23th Day of May in the year TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE (2023).

Gerard Bergeron

Justin Kaczowski

TOWN OF

SAVOY

SELECT BOARD

A true copy. Attest:

Russ Clarke, Constable

BERKSHIRE, SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy by posting up attested copies of the same at (2) Two Public Places (7) SEVEN days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Russ Clarke, Constable

Constable of Savoy

Date Posted

TOTALS FY2023

Raise and Appropriate:

ART #1	\$ 21,350.00
ART #2	\$ 148,200.00
ART #3	\$ 316,612.40
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ART #5	\$ 840,000.00
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ART #11	\$ 10,116.00
ART #8	\$ 26,950.00
ART #9	\$ 47,695.00
ART #12	\$ 251,456.99
ART #16	\$ 800.00
ART #17	\$ -

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 2,028,469.39

TOTALS FY2024

Raise and Appropriate:

ART #1	\$ 21,750.00
ART #2	\$ 187,250.00
ART #3	\$ 309,852.40
ART #4	\$ 120,000.00
ART #5	\$ 840,000.00
ART #6	\$ 101,000.00
ART #7	\$ 147,649.20
ART #10	\$ 20,076.00
ART #11	\$ 12,000.00
ART #8	\$ 32,046.00
ART #9	\$ 49,095.00
ART #12	\$ 233,248.14
ART #16	\$ 800.00
ART #17	\$ 22,000.00

\$ 2,096,766.74

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm. Motion: Kevin Krutiak, Second: Carl Lambert

69 voting residents attended this meeting.

Attest: A true copy to the best of my knowledge: Valerie Reiner
Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie Reiner".

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS

To either of the Constables, of the TOWN OF SAVOY, in the County of Berkshire, Greetings

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

IN THE NAME OF *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the FIRE HOUSE in the TOWN OF SAVOY on THURSDAY the TWENTY NINTH day of JUNE 2023 at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, and then and there to act of the following articles:

ARTICLE #1: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$21,618.00 from Free Cash Account for the payment of Highway Supplies and Repairs in FY22.

Motion: Catherine Boody

Second: Gerry Bergeron

Discussion: Amounts from previous years. General supplies and expenses. Bills were not turned in and so not paid. \$174,000 in budget before these expenses are paid.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #2: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6391.00 from the Free Cash Account for payment of Black Brook Road Repairs in FY22.

Motion: David Belisle

Second: Mr. Rugeau

Discussion: Previous balance from last year and not paid. Bills not paid because they were not turned in. Receiving statements and not invoices. Andrew was not giving bills to town, so not paid.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #3: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,808.00 from the Free Cash Account for payment of Highway Expenses in FY22.

Motion: Catherine Boody

Second: Mr. Harwood

Discussion: Hearing none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm. Motion: Kevin Krutiak, Second: Carl Lambert

69 voting residents attended this meeting.

Attest: A true copy to the best of my knowledge: Valerie Reiner
Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie Reiner".

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #4: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$31,560.00 from Free Cash Account for the final payment of the 2021 Freightliner in FY22.

Motion: Mr. Harwood

Second: Mrs. Rugeau

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

ARTICLE #5: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash Account to reduce the tax rate or take any other action in relation thereto:

Motion: Patricia Palmer

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

Discussion: Will taxes go down? Won't go up. Trying to keep the rate as low as possible.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

And you are directed to serve these warrants, by posting up attested copies of the same on the bulletin board at the Savoy Town Hall and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least **(14) FOURTEEN** days before the time of holding the meeting. **HEREOF**, fail not and make do return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and lace of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 9th Day of June in the year TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE.

Gerard Bergeron

Justin Kaczowski

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A True Copy. Attest:

Russ Clarke, Constable

BERKSHIRE, SS

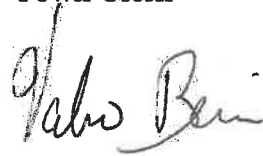
Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy by posting up attested copies of the same at (2) Two Public Places (14) FOURTEEN days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

_____, Constable of Savoy
Russ Clarke

date posted

Twenty voting members of the town attending this Special Town Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm. Motion: Mr. Rogeau, Second: Mr. Krutiak

Attest: A true copy to the best of my knowledge: Valerie Reiner
Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie Reiner", written in dark ink.

**Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS - AUTOMATED TREASURER'S YEAR-END CASH REPORT**

SAVOY , for the Year Ending Jun 30, 2023
(City, Town, County, District)

PART I: A. Cash and checks in office

B. Non - Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
	BERK BANK	MM	N/A	552,012.35	
	BERK BANK	VENDOR	N/A	346,183.41	
	BERK BANK	PAYROLL	N/A	1,463.35	
	ADAMS COM	SCHOOL	N/A	8,860.66	
	ADAMS COM	MM	N/A	12,923.11	
	UNIBANK	MM	N/A	111.79	\$921,554.67

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
					\$0.00

D. Liquid Investments

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
					\$0.00

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

E. Term Investments

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
	ADAMS COM	STABILIZATION		129,274.15	
	ADAMS COM	STABILIZATION		206,337.70	
	BERK BANK	STABILIZATION		40,183.89	
	BERK BANK	STAB		17,055.23	
	MMDT	CEMETERY		3,083.84	
				Sub - Total	\$395,934.81
	U.S. Treasury Bills				
	Repurchase Agreements				
	Other				
				Sub - Total	\$0.00
				Sec. E Total	\$395,934.81

F. Trust Funds

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
					\$0.00

Part I Total: All Cash and Investments \$ 1,317,489.48

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023

All back taxes in Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Excise are listed within this report. The Deputy Collector was served with warrants to collect delinquent taxes with successful results

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes are being worked on and we are collecting them on a regular basis. With the assistance of the Deputy Collector, we have collected 86% of Fiscal Year 2023 taxes as well as an additional 81% of prior fiscal years. Please be sure to change addresses on your license as well as your insurance to ensure you are paying the correct town for your taxes.

If you are having problems paying your Real Estate Taxes in full, please feel free to contact me regarding payment plans. We accept payments in cash, checks or money order. We are unable to take credit card payments at this time. Payment plans are best to be made monthly but we are willing to work with you to make a payment plan that will suit your needs. My office hours at this time are Tuesday evenings from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday mornings from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. I can be reached via email at savoytaxcollector@yahoo.com or 413-743-4290.

Thank you to the residents of Savoy for your support, understanding and patience. Please be sure to reach out to me if you should have any questions or need any information. I will do my best to get you the information you seek.

Sincerely,
Sheryl L. Guettler
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

School Year 2022-2023

The North Berkshire School Union Administrative Team, in conjunction with the building principal and School Committee, work to enhance and improve the Emma L. Miller Memorial Elementary School for students and staff. The mission of Emma L. Miller School continues to be the creation of an environment where each child may reach his/her full potential and see education as a lifelong process. As always, we also work hard to ensure that our students are fully prepared to be successful in the next stage of their academic lives.

School Committee

Arleigh Cooper (acooper@nbsunion.com)
Erin Malloy (emalloy@nbsunion.com)
Stephanie Sayers (ssayers@nbsunion.com)

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John Franzoni (jfranzoni@nbsunion.com)

Principal

Mrs. Tracey Tierney (ttierney@savoyelementary.com)

Staff Demographics

North Berkshire School Union Shared Employees - Nine

Principal – One Full Time

Teachers - Five Full-Time, Three Part Time

Teacher Assistants - Two Full Time

Administrative/Teacher Assistant - One Full Time

School Adjustment Counselor - One Part Time

School Nurse - One Full Time

Custodian - One Part Time

Student Demographics:

SY 2022-2023 = 42 students (23 Savoy Residents, 19 School Choice)

School Website: www.savoyelementary.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100074472651098

Finally, we would like to thank the faculty, staff, parents, town officials, and school committee members for their continued participation, hard work, and support afforded to Emma L. Miller Elementary School through the 2022-2023 school year. The community's dedication to our special little school is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Tierney, Principal
John Franzoni, Superintendent

Winter Storm

March 13-15, 2023



By: William Drosehn

Town of Savoy

Highway Superintendent

3/20/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

On the week prior to March 13, 2023, a powerful Nor'easter was forecasted to descend on the town of Savoy Massachusetts. With snow totals ranging from 8 inches to 24 inches, the predictions were hard to grasp. As the days counted down to this storm's arrival, it looked like the town was in for a major snow event.

Hearing and seeing the forecast around 24 inches, the highway department geared up for a long battle against the elements. Preparations included moving snowbanks back, clearing roads of tree debris, preparing equipment and setting up routes to incorporate a fourth person with truck. With the timing of the storm and intensity predicted by meteorologists, the snow could be handled.

As the snow fell during the night of Monday March 13, we enacted the plan that was reviewed many times. Four trucks scoured the town repeatedly. Each time laying out a pathway for the traveled public. Searching for the road underneath.

The morning of Tuesday March 14th, tree limbs snapped, and the electric grid started to suffer. One of the drivers just missed being crushed by a tree that toppled onto power lines. Although the truck and driver were safe, it locked him into a dead-end road. With nowhere to go, he abandoned the truck and walked to the main road to be picked up.

With a truck inoperable, subcontractors were called in to assist. Getting trapped in the ever-accumulating snow, the decision was made to reduce the routes to main roads only. While keeping the vital ways open, transport through town can still be tangible.

Morning in sight on Wednesday March 15, the snow had accumulated up to 40 inches in some parts of the town. Taking this into account as well as the snow drifting upwards of 9 feet, we needed more assets to the town immediately. MEMA was contacted and a request was made but unfortunately, could not be met due to the vastness of the storm.

A decision was made to request 2 crawler dozers from a rental company to be delivered to both sides of town. While those were being delivered, we reached out to the Eversource superintendent assigned to repairing the grid. He relayed where the trouble spots were and by noon on Wednesday March 15th, we started clearing the roads so they could make the proper repairs.

While the grid was being mended, the rest of the town was being opened with full and part time workers as well as contractors and volunteers. By 4 am on Thursday March 16th, every road was cleared, and school was opened for session that morning.

The Savoy Highway Department took on the unpredictable challenge with this winter storm. The support and collaboration were outstanding. The following are timelines, cost, equipment and manpower associated with the winter storm on March 14, 2023.

Sincerely,

William Drosehn

Town of Savoy Highway Superintendent

Timeline

Introduction

This timeline contains the events from the winter storm that started on Monday March 13th and ended on Wednesday March 15th. Snow removal/road widening was also added that had extended through the weekend.

Timeline of Events

Monday March 13th

6am- Reviewed snow removal plan

7am- Pushed snowbanks, Clear tree debris, Checked equipment.

5pm- Started snow removal.

Tuesday March 14th

12am- Continued snow removal

6:30am- Truck abandoned behind live power lines on dead end road.

12pm- Added subcontractors.

4pm- 2 trucks and loader stranded on road.

9pm- Retrieved stranded equipment.

9:30pm- Retrieved abandoned truck.

10pm- Consolidate routes to main roads.

Wednesday March 15th

12am- Continued snow removal

6am- Contacted MEMA for assets.

7am- Contacted rental company for bulldozers, sent grader into state forest.

9:30am-Returned call from MEMA (No assets available)

10am- one crawler dozer delivered to school, started immediately clearing, collaborated with Eversource Superintendent for trouble spots.

11:30am-one crawler dozer delivered to fire station, Immediately opening roads for Eversource.

12pm-Continued opening town.

5:30pm-Grader finished state forest.

Timeline of Events (cont.)

Thursday March 16th

12am- Snow removal continued

4am- All town roads are passable, Cleanup continued

Friday -Sunday March 17th-19th

Clean up and removal back continued

Equipment and Hours

Introduction

Equipment and hours associated with this storm. The outline provides contractors, full-time, part-time, volunteers hours as well as equipment used.

Equipment

- L90 Loader
- 2022 Freightliner 108sd Plow and Sander.
- 2021 Freightliner 108sd plow and Sander.
- 2006 Chevrolet 2500 Plow
- 2007 GMC 7500 Plow and Sander
- 1987 John Deere 672B Plow with wing
- Bobcat Tracked Skid Steer (Contractor)
- Ford F250 Plow (Contractor)
- Ford F550 Plow (Contractor)
- Cat D3k2 Crawler Dozer (Rental)
- Komatsu D37 kx-24 Crawler Dozer (Rental)
- 2009 Chevrolet 5500 Plow

Hours

Full Time

3 people=196 Hours

Part Time

3 people=76 Hours

Volunteer

2 people=33 Hours

Cost

Introduction

The cost for this storm is still ongoing currently. Once the total cost is known, an updated list will be provided.

Money Expended

Wages

\$8354.00

Equipment Rental

\$4255.00

Sand

\$1260.00

Salt

\$7573.00

Contractors

\$2445.00

Total as of 3/27/23

\$23,887.00

Report of Wild and Scenic Westfield River Committee

Wild and Scenic is a designation given to a river based on National Legislation that passed in 1968, when Lyndon B. Johnson was the President in office. The Westfield river is one of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers (See: rivers.gov). With 30 years in the System and partnership with the National Park Service, the Committee meets in order to care for the river and the watershed, riparian life within the water and life in the surrounding environment. Paying attention to the water resources, terrestrial resources, cultural and historic resources as well as recreational integrity.

Our website was extensively updated, revised and we hope easy to navigate on the internet. (See: www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org).

Stream Crossing Upgrade program is continuing their support for replacement of culverts to meet current standards related to increase flood flows. The Committee funded and managed the \$153,000 project plus \$12,000 in technical assistance to complete initial design and engineering for culvert upgrades in nine Wild & Scenic towns. We are please to report two towns have already received additional state grants to continue to advance the design and permitting. Culverts are made from different materials depending on intended use and topographical environment. Common materials used to construct a culvert are concrete, aluminum, PVC or galvanized steel. A culvert is present beneath a roadway which allows water, wildlife and fish to pass freely.

Wild and Scenic Westfield River Committee engaged Action Research, a behavior change marketing firm, to develop an outreach plan to look into anti-icing on the roadways and invasive species management within the 10 town in the Wild & Scenic portion of the watershed. A river-friendly improvement using a community based social marketing scheme will be employed soon.

There are three major branches of the Westfield River. The Worthington section of the Middle branch is contiguous with that of the Town of Middlefield. Just down the road a piece, or further south from South Worthington, is the Army Corp. of Engineers Knightville Dam, located in the Town of Huntington. This is a structure used to manage flooding. December 2023 saw a grand amount of water, as there was a great rain and unseasonably warm weather.

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee awarded grant funding to many conservation, river protection and stewardship projects. The River Conservation Grants are open to all ten of the Wild & Scenic towns and nonprofits working within these towns to advance the mission of the Wild & Scenic program. The application is available on the website. This year the Committee to supply the following grants:

- Westfield River Watershed Association (\$1,975) for porta-a-potties for the Wildwater Race.
- Westfield River Watershed Association (\$1,550) for two puppet making workshops for youth folowed by a puppet parade as part of the Watershed Association's Wildwater Race.

- Gateway Regional School District (\$3,600) to support a summer school program to teach students about river life and create murals at the playing fields. Additional support was provided by Wild & Scenic Outreach Coordinator and Committee members.
- Wild & Scenic Westfield River Library Program (\$2000) for a gift of river themed books for the ten Wild & Scenic town libraries.
- Town of Washington (\$16,000) for additional design refinements and permitting for a road-stream crossing replacement at Frost Road.
- Town of Becket (\$20,000) for additional design and permitting for a road-stream crossing upgrade on Benton Hill Road.
- Town of Chester (\$850) to help fund a beaver control structure to reduce flooding and erosion at Lyman Road.
- Massachusetts Audubon Society (\$11,330) for a Conservation Restriction on 175 acre parcel in Windsor.

Ongoing work is being done to improve Visitor Use at the many roadside spots along the Westfield River. The Committee had a visit at a monthly meeting from graduate students at UMASS who are specifically encouraging Women on the Land. (See: <http://masswoods.org/caring-your-land/women-land>). The libraries in the watershed will see books relating to environmental, ecological, and generally river-friendly literature to boost knowledge once read. The Committee sponsored the purchase of the materials.

Our Outreach Coordinator worked with three Interns and the Watershed community to address the non-native plant population, native pollinator plants, and riverside clean-ups. Informative videos on a wide range of topics were created with experts who provide insights into the wilds of the river. The videos are available through the website In May the Committee helped sponsored a Wilderness First Aid Training that took place at Notchview Reservation in Windsor. The three interns and our Outreach Coordinator participated in this training.

Finding ways to care for the river is in part a reciprocity of action that gives humans a chance to be in Nature as an agent for the survival of the planet. If you are interested in more information regarding what this Committee is doing and how you can be involved, contact your town representative for the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee or email the Committee (info@westfieldriverwildscenic.org)

Respectfully submitted,
L. Schaff, Secretary
Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee