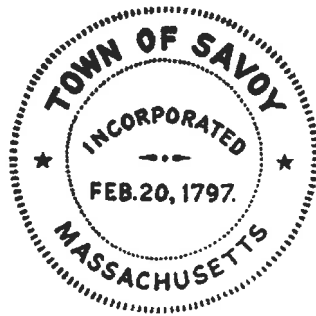


# Annual Report

SAVOY, MASSACHUSETTS



FISCAL YEAR

2024

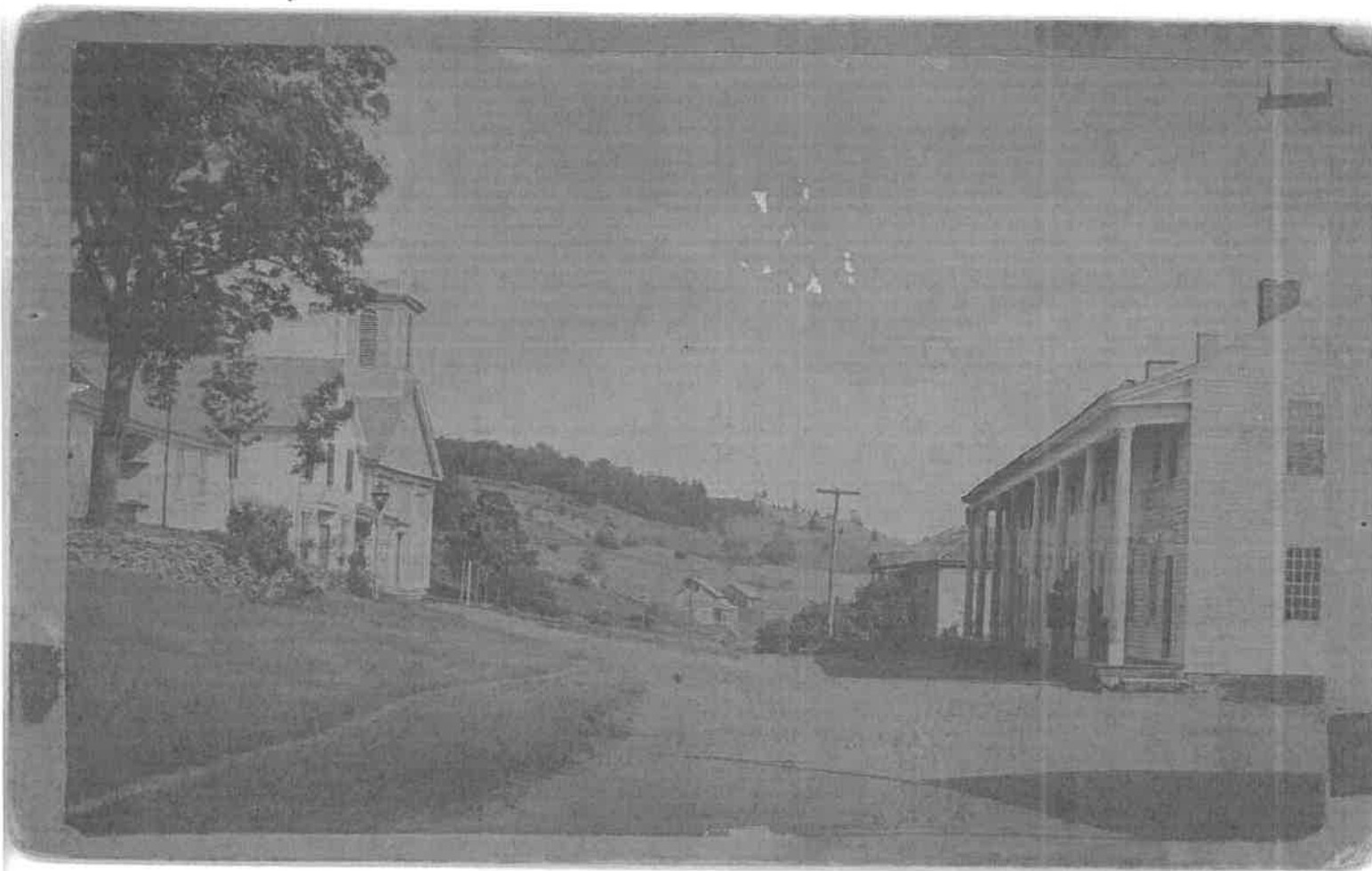


Photo of Town Center  
Curtsey of Marie Saucier

## Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report

This Fiscal Year was tremulous. A Special Town Election was held on August 30, 2023 to replace Russell Clarke. Marie Saucier ran unopposed. She was sworn in to serve with Gerry Bergeron and Justin Kaczowski.

Computers that were purchased from a grant were installed July and August 2023.

Stephanie Harris, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, requested naming the park building to Savoy Hollow Community Center. This would allow for potential grant funding. The Select Board unanimously approved.

September 5, 2023: William Drosehn resigned as Highway Department Superintendent.

January 23, 2024: Gerry Bergeron resigned from the Select Board. The position will be on the May 2024 ballot.

January 24, 2024: The Select Board signed a contract with Northern Berkshire EMS.

January 31, 2024: The Select Board signed a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 1 million Dollars for Chapel Road culvert. Marie has been working with them on this project.

February 5, 2024: Todd Krutiak accepted the position of Highway Department Superintendent.

February 26, 2024: Jennifer Falk resigned as Administrative Assistant.

February 27, 2024: Melanie Glynn took the minutes for the meeting. Jon Choquette was hired as full-time for the highway department. Jon will begin his position on March 4, 2024. Barb Belisle was appointed temporary Administrative Assistant. Melanie Glynn and Brenda Smith volunteered their time to assist Barb.

March 26, 2024: Route 116, Main Road, bridge found to have three of five beams structurally unsound. Marie has been proactive with this ongoing project.

## **2024 Vital Records**

**Births:** 2 girls, 4 boys

**Marriages:**

August 31, 2024 – Susan Jean Blook and Mitchell John Bresett

**Deaths:**

February 19, 2024 – Lawrence Michalenko, aged 61

March 23, 2024 – Valmore Stone Cloutier, aged 62

May 8, 1956 – Mark Gerard Guettler, aged 68

August 19, 2024 – Edmond Richard Raymond, aged 61

**Dog Licenses** issued: 97

## Special Town Election

The Savoy Special Town Election was held Wednesday, August 30, 2023 from 12 – 8 pm at the Town Hall. Fifty two (52) residents participated in the election. Results of the election are as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Select Board – term ending 2025</b>	
Marie Saucier	48*
Blank	3
Write-in	1
Total votes cast	52

A True Copy Attest: Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk

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

# **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 6:02pm

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 WEDNESDAY the TWENTY FIFTH day of OCTOBER 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 \$50,000 from the Capital Stabilization fund for the payment of repairs of the grader and other trucks owned by the town.

Motion: Mrs. Boody

Second: Mrs. Veronisi

Discussion: Repairs have not been done yet. Outside people will come to help with roads if needed. Other towns have excess equipment if needed. \$30,000 - \$42,000 needed to fix grader and add plow to loader. Sending to Caterpillar in NY. Savoy's excess equipment will go for bid to put money back into account. Savoy has a part-time mechanic to fix trucks.

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 place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October in the year TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerard Bergeron

\_\_\_\_\_  
Justin Kaczowski

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Saucier

TOWN OF

SAVOY

SELECT BOARD

A True Copy. Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Philip 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.

\_\_\_\_\_, Constable of Savoy      \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip Reeves      date posted

Twenty-five voting members of the town attending this Special Town Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

Motion: Mrs. Markland

Second: Mr. Veronisi

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

Party: **DEMOCRAT**

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Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**  
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	DEAN PHILLIPS	2
2	JOSEPH R. BIDEN	40
3	MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	6
4	NO PREFERENCE-DEM	7
*	CENK UYGER	0
	All Others	0
	Blanks	6
	Total Votes Cast	61

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	SHERWOOD GUERNSEY, II	49
	All Others	0
	Blanks	12
	Total Votes Cast	61

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	MARIETTA ROSE RAPETTI CAWSE	16



Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

<u>Candidates</u>		<u>Votes</u>
2	MEGAN ELISE ARVIN	23
	All Others	0
	Blanks	22
	Total Votes Cast	61

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Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**  
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

Candidates	Votes
1 JACOB GEORGE HÖRNBERGER	1
2 MICHAEL D. RECTENWALD	0
3 CHASE RUSSELL OLIVER	0
4 MICHAEL TER MAAT	0
5 LARS DAMIAN MAPSTEAD	0
6 NO PREFERENCE - LIB	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	1

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	1
Total Votes Cast	1

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Party: **LIBERTARIAN**

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	1
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	1

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Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**  
 District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**  
 Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	CHRIS CHRISTIE	1
2	RYAN BINKLEY	0
3	VIVEK RAMASWAMY	0
4	ASA HUTCHINSON	0
5	DONALD J. TRUMP	69
6	RON DeSANTIS	0
7	NIKKI HALEY	12
8	NO PREFERENCE - REP	0
	All Others	0
	Blanks	2
	Total Votes Cast	84

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**  
 District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
 Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	NICHOLAS A. BOLDYGA	54
	All Others	0
	Blanks	30
	Total Votes Cast	84

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Party: **REPUBLICAN**

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**  
District Name: 1321 **BERKSHIRE, HAMPDEN, FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**  
Town Name: 263 **SAVOY**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JESSICA L. BOLDYGA	45
	All Others	0
	Blanks	39
	Total Votes Cast	84

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

## **WARRANT FOR THE SAVOY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

#### **BERKSHIRE, SS**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Savoy in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, 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 SAVOY FIRE HOUSE in said Savoy on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, at 7:00pm and then act on the following articles:

#### **Meeting opened at 7pm with 75 registered voters in attendance.**

**ARTICLE #1:** 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 Actos of 2018, an Act Promoting Climate Change Adaptations, Environmental and Natural Resource Protections, and Investment in Recreational Assets and opportunity (the ‘Environmental Bond Bill”) or take any other action related thereto. ***(This article was tabled last year.)***

Motion: Mrs. Veronisi

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

Discussion: Hearing none

27 for, 28 opposed: Motion defeated

**ARTICLE #2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application(s) or take any other action thereto. ***(The Select Board recommends this article as written.)***

Motion: Mr. Pease

Second: Mrs. Veronisi

Discussion: Why does the select board need permission to apply? Will citizens have say in where grants are spent? Grant is specific. If grant requires matching money from town, will residents have input? Come to a select board meeting where it’s discussed. No STM required.

2 opposed: Motion carries

**ARTICLE #3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept State Grants from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division pursuant to G.L. Ch. 90, and to expend those funds for the purpose of state-approved Chapter 90 projects, services and purchases, or any other enabling authority, or take any other action thereto. ***(The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommend this article as written.)***

Motion: Mr. Krutiak

Second: Mr. Pease

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #4:** To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of the school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. [Fiscal year 2024 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. – Schedule A]. ***(The School Board recommends this article as written.) \$987,026.00***

Motion: Mrs. Cooper

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

Discussion: Large budget, \$/student worth it? Can Savoy afford this? Good quality of education in smaller school. Example of how well this school does for its students. Does it make economic sense to keep Savoy School? Tuition agreement with other towns to take in students from different towns. Need to look at other options in the future.

1 opposed: Motion carries

**ARTICLE #4A:** To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of C.H.McCann Technical High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. **\$174,508.00**

Motion: Mrs. Malloy

Second: Mrs. Rougeau

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #4B:** To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Smith Vocational Tuition for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. **\$20,076.00**

Motion: Mr. Krutiak

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #4C:** To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Alternative Transportation (Smith Vocational) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. **\$12,000.00**

Motion: Mr. Bueller

Second: Mr. Veronisi

Discussion: Cost for 1 vocational student at Smith Vocational is about equivalent to what Savoy pays/student

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #5:** To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and to vote to set the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town. [Fiscal year 2024 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. – Schedule A]. ***(The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommend this article as written.) \$1,222,316.06***

Motion: Mrs. Krutiak

Second: Mrs. Glynn

Discussion: Supplemental pages. Berkshire regional buying group. Been paid before, but not shown in a specific budget area. Large increase from last year? \$300 for library is for museum tickets that residents can use. Should be advertised on website and FB.

Continuing to have a library gets \$4000 from state for general budget. Can go over on snow and ice. Veterans services is required. That person advocates for veterans. Why big increase in transfer station? Cement pad needs to be redone. Finalize landfill cap. Should go down next year.

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #6: General By-Laws Amendment to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the Town of Savoy by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote to adopt or amend the general Town by-laws.

Motion: Mrs. Glynn

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

Discussion: Hearing none

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

## **ARTICLE (24)** (of Savoy Town By-laws)

### **DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS**

1. **Purpose.** This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.



**2. Expenditure Limitations.** An authorized department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund (except for those employed as school bus drivers.)
- B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the funds.
- C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by this by-law or Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Selectboard and Finance Committee.

**3. Interest.** Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.

**4. Procedures and Reports.** Except as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and this by-law, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

**5. Authorized Revolving Funds.** The Table establishes:

- A. Each revolving fund is authorized for use by a Town department, board, committee, agency, or officer.
- B. The department or agency head, board, committee, or officer authorized to spend from each fund.
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board committee, agency, or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant.
- D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used.
- E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund.
- F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and
- G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

Revolving Fund	Entity Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fee, Charges, or Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	Other Requirements or Reports	Fiscal Years
Plumbing and Wiring Inspections	Plumbing Inspector Wiring Inspector	Fees Collected for Inspections	Compensation For Inspections	Limit of \$1,500.00		Fiscal Year 2025 and Subsequent Years
Board of Health Agent Inspections	Board of Health Agent	Fees Collected for Inspections	Compensation For Inspections	Limit of \$1,500.00	<i>Not needed if we sign BRPC contract for Comprehensive Inspectional Services</i>	Fiscal Year 2025 and Subsequent Years

***(Council recommends the table above. Comment from Council: Once this bylaw is adopted you only need to vote each year for the Revolving Account named and limit. Sections 1 and 5, unless amending the by-laws by adding more accounts or deleting accounts.)***

**ARTICLE #7:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 64G, section 3A, and impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short term rental, or motel located within the Town at a rate of 6%, said excise tax to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of the Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto. ***(Zoning Board and Planning Board recommend this article as written.)***

Majority vote required

Motion: Mr. Lambert

Second: Mr. Krutiak

Discussion: Nothing now. Other towns have this and it will allow the town to have a revenue. Renter pays this tax. State collects tax and gives to town. Does not include state campground.

48 for, 8 opposed: Motion carries

**ARTICLE #8:** To see if the Town shall vote to have its Elected Treasurer become an Appointed Treasurer of the Town or take any action in relation thereto: ***(Ballot question to be voted on next year's Annual Town Election, May 2025)***

Motion: Mr. Krutiak

Second: Mrs. Glynn

Discussion: Why do we want to change it? Current treasurer doesn't live in town. Allows for a qualified candidate no matter where they live.

Opposed: Seeing none, Motion unanimous and carries

**ARTICLE #9:** To see if the Town will authorize, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Select Board to appoint a Town Administrator or take other actions in relation thereto. **(Note: No funding for this position in budget)**

Motion: Mr. Pease

Second: Mrs. Veronisi

Discussion: Why are we hiring someone with no amount in the budget? Change the wording to research hiring and not hiring? Motion to amend to “research” instead of “appoint”. Motion: Mrs. Reinhardt, Second: Mr. Reinhardt, Discussion: Take out “other actions” should just say research. Motion: Mrs. Reinhardt, Second: Ms. Sawyer, Majority rules, article is amended.

**Article #9 now reads:** To see if the Town will authorize, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Select Board to research a Town Administrator. **(Note: No funding for this position in budget)**

Motion unanimous and carries

**Meeting was closed at 7:55pm.**

Motion: Mrs. Malloy

Second: Mrs. Krutiak

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

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies of the same on the bulletin board at the Savoy Town and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least (7) SEVEN days 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 a place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of APRIL, in the year TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR (2024).

Justin Kaczowski

Marie Saucier

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Select Board, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Select Board

I have posted up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Town of Savoy and one at the Savoy Transfer Station.

Constable: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Town of Savoy - Annual Town Meeting</b>			
	<b>Schedule A - Budget Detail Fiscal Year Ending 2025</b>			
		Approved	Proposed	
	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b><i>SCHOOL and LIBRARIES:</i></b>			
	Savoy Elementary			
	Adams/Cheshire Reg.			
	Savoy School Budget	840,000.00	898,595.88	58,595.88
	School Transportation	101,000.00	88,430.00	(12,570.00)
	McCann School	147,649.20	174,508.00	26,858.80
	Smith Vocational Tuition	20,076.00	20,076.00	-
	Alternative Transportation	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
<b>Warrant Article #4</b>		<b>1,120,725.20</b>	<b>1,193,609.88</b>	<b>72,884.68</b>
	<b>See Savoy School Supplemental Information for further details</b>			
	<b><i>ELECTED SALARIES:</i></b>			
	Selectmen Salary	10,500.00	12,000.00	1,500.00
	Moderator	250.00	250.00	-
	Assessors Salary	7,500.00	9,000.00	1,500.00
	Town Clerk	3,500.00	5,000.00	1,500.00
		<b>21,750.00</b>	<b>26,250.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
	<b><i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</i></b>			
	Tax Collector	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00
	Selectmen's Expense	1,300.00	1,300.00	-
	Town Council	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
	Treasurer Expense	4,700.00	4,700.00	-
	Treasurer Salary	8,000.00	8,500.00	500.00
	Bank Charges	50.00	50.00	-
	Collector Expense	6,300.00	9,000.00	2,700.00
	Tax Taking /Tax Title	1,100.00	1,100.00	-
	Town Clerk Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
	Election & Reg.	4,000.00	4,500.00	500.00
	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	23,000.00	10,000.00	(13,000.00)
	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 Software	-	13,151.00	13,151.00
	Assessor's Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
	Printing	900.00	900.00	-

Town of Savoy - Annual Town Meeting				
Schedule A - Budget Detail Fiscal Year Ending 2025				
	Approved	Proposed		
APPROPRIATION	FY24	FY25	Difference	
Police Chief Salary	1,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
Police Public Safety Salary Account	6,200.00	6,200.00	-	
Police Expense	4,500.00	4,850.00	350.00	
Fire Chief Salary	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00	
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	7,500.00	6,700.00	
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	-	
	<b>49,095.00</b>	<b>57,145.00</b>	<b>8,050.00</b>	
<b>UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES:</b>				
Insurance General	55,000.00	61,000.00	6,000.00	
Insurance 32-B	53,250.00	64,000.00	10,750.00	
County Retirement	53,492.00	54,374.00	882.00	
Berkshire County Communications	10,843.45	10,843.45	-	
Workman's Comp	14,563.58	14,563.58	-	
Unemployment	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	
B.C.R.P.C.	549.11	562.84	13.73	
Short Term Interest Exp.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	
F.I.C.A.	11,500.00	11,500.00	-	
Cemeteries Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	
Veteran's Graves	300.00	300.00	-	
Reserve Fund	13,000.00	13,000.00	-	
Wire Insp. Exp.	500.00	500.00	-	
Conservation Commission	1,200.00	750.00	(450.00)	
Agricultural Commission	50.00	50.00	-	
Town Park Comm.	8,000.00	1,500.00	(6,500.00)	
	<b>233,248.14</b>	<b>243,943.87</b>	<b>10,695.73</b>	
Group Purchasing	800.00	800.00	-	
<b>Veteran's Services</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Warrant Article #5</b>	<b>976,041.54</b>	<b>1,222,316.06</b>	<b>246,274.52</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>2,096,766.74</b>	<b>2,415,925.94</b>	<b>319,159.20</b>	

	<b>Town of Savoy - Annual Town Meeting</b>			
	<b>Schedule A - Budget Detail Fiscal Year Ending 2025</b>			
		Approved	Proposed	
	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>2,096,766.74</b>	<b>2,415,925.94</b>	
	<b>FREE CASH</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
	<b>STATE AID ESTIMATE</b>		<b>(935,165.00)</b>	
	<b>STATE ASSESSMENT ESTIMATE</b>		<b>85,100.00</b>	
	<b>NET</b>		<b>1,565,860.94</b>	

**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, 2024  
(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
					\$0.00

**C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts**

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
	BERKBANK	MM		747,996.97	
	BERKBANK	VENDOR		(24,219.28)	
	BERKBANK	PAYROLL		(1,430.81)	
	BERKBANK	due from stab		15,096.84	
	ADAMSCOM	SCHOOL		30,410.46	
	ADAMSCOM	MM		31,825.82	
	UNIBANK	MM		112.63	\$799,792.63

**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**

Collat	Financial	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
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**Due to grant restrictions (list by grant and include agency)**



## **TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024**

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 78% of Fiscal Year 2024 taxes as well as an additional 76% of prior fiscal year outstanding balances. 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](mailto: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

TOWN OF SAVOY TAX COLLECTOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING BALANCES									
FY2024									
	YEAR		COMM.	REFUND	TOTAL	ABATE.	CASH	Tax Title	6/30/2024
REAL	2024		1,125,215.42	2,420.72	1,127,636.14	9051.75	1,055,097.38		63,487.01
ESTATE	2023	68,119.92		7,762.73	75,882.65		51,137.88		24,744.77
	2022	22,010.48			22,010.48		1,163.44		20,847.04
	2021	6,673.94			6,673.94		453.44		6,220.50
	2020	3,472.75			3,472.75				3,472.75
	2019	257.90			257.90				257.90
	2018	384.56			384.56				384.56
	2017	372.13			372.13				372.13
	2016	353.16			353.16				353.16
	2015	0.00			0.00				0.00
TOTAL	1978-1998	9,269.35			9,269.35				9,269.35
		110,914.19	1,125,215.42	10,183.45	1,246,313.06	9,051.75	1,107,852.14	0.00	129,409.17
PERSONAL									
PROPERTY	2024		63,884.02	46.61	63,930.63	46.61	63,334.55		549.47
	2023	844.83			844.83		368.15		476.68
	2022	30,358.21			30,358.21				30,358.21
	2021	1,659.45			1,659.45				1,659.45
	2020	84.97			84.97				84.97
	2015	0.00			0.00				0.00
TOTAL		32,947.46	63,884.02	46.61	96,878.09	46.61	63,702.70	0.00	33,128.78
MOTOR									
VEHICLE	2024		121,904.47	327.40	122,231.87	455.39	94,595.25		27,181.23
	2023	23,140.26	21,257.77	1,277.47	45,675.50	1,277.47	36,385.92		8,032.11
	2022	5,560.95		170.75	5,731.70	153.62	3,924.42		1,653.66
	2021	1,458.51			1,458.51		574.98		883.53
	2020	1,523.24			1,523.24		659.94		863.30
	2019	307.08			307.08		30.83		276.25
	2018	190.18			190.18				190.18
	2017	720.00			720.00				720.00
	2016	851.25			851.25				851.25
	2015	310.00			310.00				310.00
	2013	133.44			133.44				133.44
	2012	56.25			56.25				56.25
	2011	298.75			298.75				298.75
	2010	196.56			196.56				196.56
	2009	131.25			131.25				131.25
	2008	114.06			114.06				114.06
TOTAL	2007	157.50			157.50				157.50
		35,149.28	143,162.24	1,775.62	180,087.14	1,886.48	136,151.34	0.00	42,049.32
		Int. Collected on Taxes	5,266.38			Collector's Fees	1,195.00		
		RMV Charges	860.00			Deputy Collector Fees	816.00		
						Int. on Checking	341.75		
						Total turnovers	1,316,185.31		
						Municipal Liens	350.00		

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

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](mailto:acooper@nbsunion.com))  
Erin Malloy ([emalloy@nbsunion.com](mailto:emalloy@nbsunion.com))

### Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John Franzoni ([jfranzoni@nbsunion.com](mailto:jfranzoni@nbsunion.com))

### Assistant Superintendent of Schools & Student Services

Mrs. Tara Barnes ([tbarnes@nbsunion.com](mailto:tbarnes@nbsunion.com))

### Principal

Mrs. Tracey Tierney ([ttierney@savoyelementary.com](mailto:ttierney@savoyelementary.com))

### Staff Demographics

North Berkshire School Union Shared Employees - Seven

Principal – One Part Time

Teachers - Five Full Time & Three Part Time

Teacher Assistants - Two Full Time & One Part Time

Administrative Assistant/School Nurse - One Full Time

School Adjustment Counselor - One Part Time

Custodian - One Part Time

### Student Demographics:

SY 2023-2024 = 48 students (25 Savoy Residents, 23 School Choice)

School Website: [www.savoyelementary.com](http://www.savoyelementary.com)

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 2023-2024 school year. The community's dedication to our special little school is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Tierney, Principal  
John Franzoni, Superintendent

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2024

Fiscal year 2024 saw multiple vacant positions in the Highway Department. Surrounding towns and locals helped with plowing the roads until the positions were filled.

In February of 2024 the newly hired Highway Superintendent had to hit the road running as a multitude of culvert replacements and the Route 116 bridge project were well underway in the planning phases.

Spring months were spent repairing roads that suffered the usual damage over the severe winter months.

The summer of 2024 was spent planning for the detour of Route the 116 bridge which needed to be rerouted over Old Main Road #2 with 18 wheelers being rerouted over 8A and Route 9. The detour was necessary for safety concerns of navigating downward slope of the hill with the narrow one lane bridge at the bottom.

The detour included repaving Old Main Road #2, installing detour signs, and placing jersey barriers at the top and bottom of the hill.

Along with preparing for the detour the highway department also saw to repaving portions of Griffin Hill and River Road.

It was a busy summer!

## **Westfield River Wild & Scenic Committee 2024**

In celebration of the Westfield River Wild & Scenic 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, out-going chair Cindy Delpapa and Outreach Coordinator Meredyth Babcock traveled this spring from town to town in the watershed presenting the history, current initiatives, and future projects of the Committee. The programs were accompanied by beautiful and informative slides and were very well attended.

Our 2021 Stewardship Plan identified several initiatives that the Committee (WRWSC) hopes to achieve in the immediate future. We hired a social marketing firm to determine the best way to implement two of these initiatives: an anti-icing campaign to safely combat ice on our roads while lowering the salt entering our rivers, and an invasive removal campaign to tackle one of the invasive plants that is harming our watershed and increasing the spread of lyme disease: Japanese barberry. Both these projects will get on the ground in the coming year.

At our annual potluck in October (all are invited to this event!) we handed out a valuable tool to all town reps. It is called a “Puller Bear” and is a large, sturdy device for uprooting invasive plants. It is now available for all town residents to use to remove invasive species such as barberry, glossy buckthorn (*frangula alnus*), burning bush (*Euonymus alata*), multi-flora rose, Japanese honeysuckle, or autumn olive.

Two culvert replacements along River Road in Windsor that the Committee helped to finance in the past required some repair to their banks for control of erosion. The WRWSC paid for erosion control materials and the Windsor DPW did the repairs. We provided a list of native plants that would do well over the long term on the terraced banks, determined quantities and the funds to purchase them from the native nursery Nasami Farm in Whately. On a crisp fall day the Windsor road crew and volunteers from our committee installed hundreds of native shrubs along the banks of these new culverts.

Our Outreach Coordinator Meredyth Babcock offered a Stream Exploders macro invertebrate program for the Chester Elementary School during the summer. She also assisted the School with a community grant application for the construction/improvement of the trail from the school to the river’s edge, to enable the students to have easier access to this compelling resource.

The Visitor Use Management Committee has been convening to discuss ways to further discussion among stakeholders along the branches, and ways to improve visitor access and experience of the river while safeguarding its remarkable values. They have identified an app that will help us to analyze access points along the river. Training in the use of this app began in January 2025.

We recently changed our fiscal agent from Westfield State University to Westfield River Watershed Association. We are now more closely linked with this non-profit organization that focuses on the lower portion of the Westfield watershed. The WRWA also manages the annual Wildwater Canoe Races.

Check out the videos that Meredyth has created on our website:

<https://westfieldriverwildscenic.org/> Or go to our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@wildscenic1>

Your Town Representative

Melanie Glynn

*Seventy-eight miles of the Westfield River and tributary streams received the federal designation of Wild & Scenic 30 years ago, in recognition of the outstanding natural resources, history and free flowing waters of the River. The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee was created to celebrate and advance activities to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River. The Committee has representatives and alternates from the ten Wild & Scenic communities of the watershed plus partners including the National Park Service, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Westfield River Watershed Association and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Considerable project funds are provided through the National Park Service's Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program.*