

# MILLVILLE MASSACHUSETTS



## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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# *Memoriam*



*In memoriam of the Town residents who had  
passed away in 2020*

*Paul Brothers*

*Peter D'Angelo*

*Rena Dunphe*

*Barbara Fleming*

*Robert Hickman*

*Gina Kurczy*

*Lois Laflamme*

*Constance Landry*

*Mary McCormick*

*Patrick McDonnell*

*Kevin Murray*

*Joseph Parker*

*Robert Phelps*

*Marc Pincince*

*Neal Robbins*

*Michael Schiappucci*

*Mary Smith*

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of the Town of Millville,

We are honored to present the Annual Town Report of the town of Millville Board of Selectmen. The Board is comprised of five elected individuals, each serving three-year staggered terms. Erica Blake and Jennifer Wing opted not to seek re-election and Kevin Surette resigned his position. The Board would like to thank them for their service to the town.

On April 5, 2021, the Board welcomed two new members, Todd Trottier was elected to a three-year term and Adrienne Pettit, who previously served on Millville's Finance Committee from July 2018 to December 2020, was elected to finish the one year remaining on the term vacated by Kevin Surette. The Board of Selectmen reorganized on April 6, 2021 and elected Jennifer Gill as the Chair, Andrew Alward as the Vice-Chair, and Adrienne Pettit as Secretary. At this time, the Board of Selectmen only has four members.

The last year has been trying due to the Covid pandemic. We have had town meetings outside, all meetings virtually, and daily operations have changed. Millville has weathered this pandemic very well thanks to the leadership of our Town Administrator, Peter Caruso. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to the Town Hall staff and Peter for their hard work, flexibility and continued excellence amidst the challenges this pandemic has created over the past year.

Over the past couple of years, the Town of Millville has made tremendous progress in terms its financial stability. The stabilization accounts have healthy balances, while investing in a variety of capital items, such as: a backhoe and sanding truck for the highway department; and a new police cruiser and other equipment for the public safety departments.

In addition, the Board is incredibly grateful for Senator Ryan Fattman and Representative Mike Soter's partnership and support. In 2021, they were able to secure \$250,000 to purchase a new ambulance. According to Senator Fattman, this is the single largest item funded by the state in Millville's history. The Board looks forward to this continued partnership and support from the Senator and Representative.

Despite all of these financial accomplishments, it is imperative that the Board continue to work closely with the Finance Committee to keep Millville in a strong financial position. Further, the Board is committed to continuing to work diligently with Millville's other boards and committees to meet the needs of our community and continue to build the financial health of our town, by heavily scrutinizing budgets and purchases, to ensure our recommendations and decisions are maximizing the return on investment to make certain we are spending the citizens of Millville's hard-earned money in the best way possible.

Another major accomplishment for the town is the recent approval of the amended Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Agreement. The district formed a sub-

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

What a year! Despite facing a pandemic, and despite facing its ongoing financial challenges, including those in the news, the little town of Millville and its community has carried on without a hitch. We all adapted to the new norm.

Sure, we closed town hall. And the library. And the Senior Center. Plus, there were the challenges of holding classes at MES. In spite of all these challenges, the dedicated staff at each of these locations carried on and did their best to serve the community.

It is a bit crazy that you had to go to an "ice cream window" to do some business at Town Hall. Or you had to have some activities in the parking lot at the Sr. Center. And you learned how to do "take out" at the Library.

Then there was this thing called remote learning, which incredibly your BMR leadership found a way to minimize so that your children – our future – could spend as much time as possible, safely, in the classroom. With their dedicated teachers.

Except for Covid, did anybody not feel safe this year? I don't think so. Your Police and Fire and EMT and Highway teams kept on going strong 24/7 regardless of weather or virus.

And of course, it was the year of Zoom! Thanks to our Cable geniuses, so many meetings and so many small faces on a screen serving your needs carried on with care and diligence.

I want to thank your Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to work with them this past year. They really stepped up and found a way to operate under the Covid 19 limitations. It's not easy sitting in those chairs (OK maybe they sat in easy chairs), making decisions with limited information on complex topics, sometimes when the outcomes may not please everyone.

Likewise, your Finance Committee – they kept a steady hand on the financial tiller of Millville throughout all of this. Yes, they can be tough. But they have earned the respect of those they serve and those over whose budgets they deliberate.

There are many more committees serving your needs who also persevered in these challenging times, from Board of Health, Capital Planning to Planning Board to Council on Aging to Library Trustees to Trustees of Veterans Park to Green Community to on and on. Volunteers give up a lot to serve in their roles. But I think they would be the first to tell you they find their involvement rewarding.

Lastly, who does not appreciate the attention you all get from your State Senator Fattman and your State Representative Mike Soter. As I write this your town has just taken delivery of a brand-new ambulance thanks in large part to their efforts!

## TOWN COUNSEL

Town Counsel prides itself on delivering timely, effective, and concise responses to legal requests for advisory opinions. In 2020, we provided advice to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town officials, boards, committees and Town Meeting. Most of the work of Town Counsel involves providing advice and opinions, reviewing contracts and procurement issues, real estate transactions, and representing the Town in litigation. During the course of the last year, we provided advice on issues such as contracts, by-law enforcement, land use, wetlands, regional schools, municipal finance, real estate and personnel matters. In addition, throughout the year, Town Counsel assisted in the review of articles for warrants for Town Meetings, and attended Town Meetings and various board meetings to provide legal counsel as needed.

The office of Town Counsel also has continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs by researching and analyzing various issues of municipal law and providing client memoranda and email updates to address a variety of subjects at no charge. Through the provision of such memoranda and email updates, we advised the Town on developments in case law, legislative changes and policy updates on evolving issues and areas of law, the majority of which in 2020 involved the wide-ranging and critical developments related to the Covid-19 crisis. These topics included land use permitting extensions, changes to the Open Meeting Law for remote meetings, conducting Town Meetings, postponement of elections, emergency powers of municipalities, Board of Health issues, school operations and closures, limitations on public gatherings and business occupancy, license renewals, labor and employment issues, and other emergency acts of the General Court and orders from the Governor.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining our firm, and appreciate the assistance and cooperation received on all matters from the Board, the Town Administrator, Department Heads, Boards, Committees, and Town personnel. We look forward to working with the members of the Town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Riley, for  
KP Law, P. C.  
Town Counsel

# Appointed Town Officials

## Animal Control

Animal Control Officer	Kevin Sullivan	6 /30/2021
Animal Inspector		6 /30/2021

## Board of Assessors

Member	David Manzello	6 /30/2023
Member	Paul Ouellette	6 /30/2023

## Board of Health

Burial Agent	Diane Lockwood	6 /30/2021
Health Agent	Leonard Izzo	6 /30/2021
Health Inspector	Robert Marks, Jr.	6 /30/2022

## Board of Registrars

Registrar	David Maloney	3 /31/2023
Registrar	Andrea Herrick	6 /30/2022

## Building Department

Building Commissioner	Lincoln Barber	6 /30/2021
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## Cable Access Committee

Cable Coordinator	Timothy Labonte	6 /30/2021
Member	Jesse Dufault	6 /30/2021
Member	Colleen Curis	6 /30/2021
Member	Madison Durand	6 /30/2021
Member	L. Carlton Hamilton	6 /30/2021
Member	Timothy Labonte	6 /30/2021

## Capital Program Committee

By Virtue of Town Position	Peter Caruso	6 /30/2023
Finance Committee Rep	Kenneth Tubman	6 /30/2020
Member	Erica Blake	6 /30/2020

## Central Mass Regional Planning Commission

Alternate Member	Pamela Maloney	6 /30/2021
Delegate	Justin Allen	6 /30/2021

## Conservation Commission

Member	Amy Sutherland	6 /30/2021
Member	Pamela Maloney	6 /30/2023
Member	Jeffrey Pettit	6 /30/2023

On-Call FF	Matthew Niro	6 /30/2021
On-Call FF	Nicole Bourassa-Pratt	6 /30/2021
On-Call FF	Danny Desmarais	6 /30/2021
On-Call FF/EMT	Mary Gilmore	6 /30/2021
On-Call FF/EMT	James Foster	1 /1 /2021
On-Call FF/EMT	Roy Liard, Jr.	6 /30/2021
<b><u>Green Community Committee</u></b>		
Member	Patricia Benoit-Rudden	6 /30/2021
Member	Matthew Kirk	6 /30/2021
<b><u>Historical Commission</u></b>		
Member	Maria Downing	6 /30/2021
Member	Emile Berthelette	6 /30/2023
Member	Elaine Ethier	6 /30/2020
Member	Diane Hadley	6 /30/2022
Member	Leonel Clement	6 /30/2022
<b><u>Library</u></b>		
Permanent Trustee	Gail Bryson	1 /1 /2100
Permanent Trustee	Colleen Curis	1 /1 /2100
<b><u>Open Space &amp; Recreation Planning Committee</u></b>		
Member	Thomas Mulvey	6 /30/2019
Member	Jennifer Dean Wing	6 /30/2021
Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6 /30/2021
<b><u>Parks and Recreation Committee</u></b>		
Member	Ronald Landry	6 /30/2021
Member	Ryan DelGizzi	6 /30/2021
Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6 /30/2021
<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>		
Associate Member	Preston Juskavitch	6 /30/2021
<b><u>Police Department</u></b>		
Chief of Police and Fire	Ronald Landry	6 /30/2024
FT Patrolman	Steven LaCava	6 /30/2021
FT Patrolman	Taylor Hanson	6 /30/2021
FT Patrolman	Scott Gould	6 /30/2023
FT Patrolman	Blaine Sheppard	6 /30/2023
FT Sergeant	William Coupe, Jr.	6 /30/2023
PT Patrolman	Thomas Reynolds	6 /30/2021
PT Patrolman	Roy Sullivan	6 /30/2023

# Elected Town Officials

<b><u>Blackstone Valley Tech</u></b>		Term Expires
Millville Representative	Gerald Finn	12/31/2022
<b><u>Blackstone-Millville Regional School</u></b>		Term Expires
Member	Amanda Guilmain	4 /7 /2025
Millville Member	Tara Larkin	4 /3 /2023
Millville Member	Erin Vinacco	4 /1 /2024
Millville Member	Jane Reggio	4 /4 /2022
Millville Member	Caryn Vernon	4 /5 /2021
<b><u>Board of Health</u></b>		Term Expires
Member	Robert Marks, Jr.	4 /4 /2022
Member	Dustin Ciccarelli	4 /3 /2023
Member	Catherine Robinson	4 /1 /2024
<b><u>Board of Selectmen</u></b>		Term Expires
Member	VACANCY	4 /4 /2022
Member	Todd Trottier	4 /1 /2024
Member	Adrienne Pettit	4 /4 /2022
Member	Andrew Alward	4 /3 /2023
Member	Jennifer Gill	4 /3 /2023
<b><u>Constable</u></b>		Term Expires
	Norman Thuot	4 /4 /2022
	Nicholas Reggio	4 /5 /2021
Constable	VACANCY	4 /4 /2022
Constable	Gregory Gomes	4 /1 /2024
Constable	VACANCY	4 /1 /2024
<b><u>Highway Department</u></b>		Term Expires
Highway Surveyor	Brian Mullaly	4 /3 /2023
<b><u>Library</u></b>	Term Expires	
Trustee	Vacancy Library Board	4 /4 /2022

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

SS. Worcester

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millville

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Ward 0 / Precinct 1

St. Augustine Church Hall, 15 Lincoln Street, Millville, MA

on TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
STATE COMMITTEE MAN . . . . . WORCESTER & NORFOLK SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN . . . . . WORCESTER & NORFOLK SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TOWN COMMITTEE . . . . . TOWN OF MILLVILLE

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

*[Handwritten signatures of Selectmen]*  
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Selectmen of: Town of Millville

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, George's Variety, Millville Senior Center, Millville Post Office and the Millville Free Public Library at least seven (7) days before the time of holding said election.

*[Handwritten signature]* 2/4/20 2020  
Constable (month and day)

Official Results: Town of Millville  
Presidential Primary – March 3, 2020

Party / Candidate	# of Votes
<b>GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY</b>	
Presidential Preference	
Dario Hunter	0
Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moowasifza-Curry	0
Kent Mesplay	0
Howard Hawkins	1
No Preference	0
State Committee Man (Worcester & Norfolk District)	
Blanks	1
State Committee Woman (Worcester & Norfolk District)	
Blanks	1
Town Committee	

Official Results: Town of Millville  
 Presidential Primary – March 3, 2020

Party / Candidate	# of Votes
<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b>	
Presidential Preference	
William F. Weld	12
Joe Walsh	2
Donald J. Trump	183
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0
No Preference	3
State Committee Man (Worcester & Norfolk District)	
Ryan Chamberland	75
Kevin William Powers	117
Blanks	8
State Committee Woman (Worcester & Norfolk District)	
Maureen Maloney	159
Blanks	41
Town Committee	
All Others	1

RESULTS  
MILLVILLE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 6, 2020 POSTPONED TO JUNE 15, 2020 (DUE TO COVID-19)

	# of Votes
<b>Blackstone Millville Regional School Committee – Blackstone</b>	
<b>Member</b>	
Chris Lanoue	5
Sarah Williams	39
Blanks	241
<b>Blackstone Millville Regional School Committee – Millville</b>	
<b>Member</b>	
**Erin Vinacco	204
Gerald Finn	1
Adrienne Pettit	1
Blanks	79
<b>Board of Health</b>	
**Dustin Ciccarelli	223
Adrienne Pettit	1
Blanks	61
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	
**Andrew Alward	150
**Jennifer Gill	183
Adrienne Pettit	130
Charles Poulin	9
Blanks	98
<b>Constable – 3 Year Term</b>	
Chuck Landry	1
Adrienne Pettit	1
Tom Houle	1
Roy Liard, Sr.	1
Andrew Boehling	1
Maurice Therien	1
Blanks	279
<b>Constable – To Fill Vacancy</b>	
Adrienne Pettit	1
Maurice Therien	1
Blanks	283
<b>Highway Surveyor</b>	
**Brian Mullaly	225
Blanks	60
<b>Library Trustee – 3 Year Term</b>	
**Pamela Thistle	232
Adrienne Pettit	1
Blanks	52

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**TOWN OF MILLVILLE**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**  
**(Rain Date Tuesday June 23, 2020)**

**MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**6:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 4: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 90.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sum or sums of money allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for fiscal year 2021, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for such purposes; and, further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts; or to take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by: Highway Surveyor & Finance Committee*

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**ARTICLE 5. CABLE LICENSE FEES.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Funds account the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00)** to forward to the Superintendent of Schools of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for use by the Director of Library and Media Services to enhance the curriculum offerings that are available in the School District; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen and Cable Advisory Committee*

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**ARTICLE 6. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town expenses for all departments, including debt and interest and compensation for Town Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee*

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**ARTICLE 7: UNION CONTRACT RATIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available source of funds an amount of money sufficient to fund the Teamsters Union Local 170 (Millville Firefighters) contract for the time period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

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**ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL ITEMS - POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTERS**

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$10,000 to purchase new computer equipment from the Public Safety Stabilization fund. *Submitted by: Capital Program Committee*

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And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Millville Town Hall, Millville Post Office, Millville Library and George's Variety Store, all in the Town of Millville, fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for said meeting.

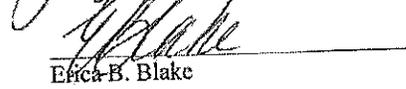
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of June in the year 2020.

  
Kevin P. Surette

  
Jennifer Dean Wing

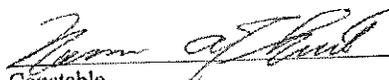
  
Thomas S. Houle

  
Erica B. Blake

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Andrew Alward

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Warrant by posting true and attested copies as herein directed.

  
Constable

6/8/20  
Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF MILLVILLE

RESULTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020  
(POSTPONED FROM MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19  
PANDEMIC)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by the Town Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1. MONETARY INCREASES.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding source that will be reduced by the same amount; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

Motion made by: Aubrey Buono

Seconded: Brian Pacheco

Vote declared by Moderator: Unanimous

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**ARTICLE 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Town Accountant & Town Administrator*

Amount appropriated: \$2750.00

Motion made by: Aubrey Buono

Seconded: Ken Tubman

Vote declared by Moderator: 4/5<sup>th</sup> Vote

**ARTICLE 3. SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of monies from the Free Cash or available funds to fund deficits incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per M.G.L. Chapter 44; Section 31D; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee & Highway Surveyor*

Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. **Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee**

Amount appropriated: \$6,416,718.00  
(Six million four hundred sixteen thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars)

Motion made by: Aubrey Buono                      Seconded: Brian Pacheco

Vote declared by Moderator: Motion passed

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**ARTICLE 7: UNION CONTRACT RATIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available source of funds an amount of money sufficient to fund the Teamsters Union Local 170 (Millville Firefighters) contract for the time period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. **Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

Amount appropriated: \$2196.00

Motion made by: Erica Blake                      Seconded: Jennifer Dean Wing

Vote declared by Moderator: Unanimous

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**ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL ITEMS - POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTERS**

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$10,000 to purchase new computer equipment from the Public Safety Stabilization fund. **Submitted by: Capital Program Committee**

Motion made by: Jennifer Gill                      Seconded: Jerry Finn

Vote declared by Moderator: Unanimous

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**ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL ITEMS - POLICE DEPARTMENT CRUISER**

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$45,000 to purchase a new police cruiser from the Public Safety Stabilization Fund. **Submitted by: Capital Program Committee**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE PRIMARY

SS. Worcester  
To the Constables of the Town of Millville

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Ward 0 / Precinct 1

St. Augustine Church Hall  
15 Lincoln Street, Millville, MA 01529

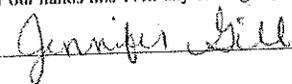
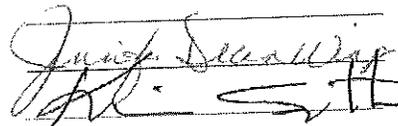
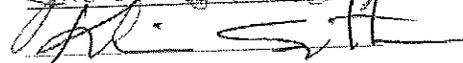
on TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS. ....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. ....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. ....	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. ....	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. ....	EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE. ....	WORCESTER COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of August, 2020.

Selectmen of the Town of Millville

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, George's Variety, Millville Senior Center, Millville Post Office and the Millville Free Public Library at least seven (7) days before the time of holding said election.

  
 Constable

8/24/20, 2020.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

<b>Senator in Congress</b>		
Shiva Ayyadurai	R	64
Kevin O'Connor	R	93
All Other Votes		0
Blank Votes		4
<b>Representative in Congress</b>		
Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	R	147
Susannah M. Whipps		0
All Other Votes		0
Blank Votes		14
<b>Councillor</b>		
No Nomination		0
All Other Votes		3
Blank Votes		158
<b>Senator in General Court</b>		
Ryan C. Fattman	R	152
All Other Votes		0
Blank Votes		9
<b>Representative in General Court</b>		
Michael J. Soter	R	152
All Other Votes		0
Blank Votes		9
<b>Register of Probate</b>		
Stephanie K. Fattman	R	147
All Others Votes		0
Blank Votes		14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF MILLVILLE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.  
(Rain Date October 4, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.)

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE,  
IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millville who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Millville Elementary School Ball Field (or alternative site as may be determined) on Saturday October 3, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. (Rain Date October 4, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.), then and there to act on the following Articles:

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**ARTICLE 1. MONETARY INCREASES.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding source that will be reduced by the same amount; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

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**ARTICLE 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Town Accountant & Town Administrator*

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**ARTICLE 3. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to adjust Town expenses from what was previously approved in Article 6 of the Millville June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant for specific departments as identified, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee*

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**Article 10. SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which persons over the age of 60 volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$7,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by: Senior Center Director*

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**Article 11. VETERAN TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Veteran Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, may volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$3,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

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**Article 12. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF HURTEAU ROAD.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Hurteau Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Hurteau Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.  
*Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor*

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**Article 13. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Ronden Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.  
*Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor*

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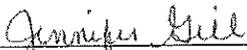
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at the Millville Town Hall, Millville Post Office, Millville Library and George's Variety Store, all in the Town of Millville, fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for said meeting.

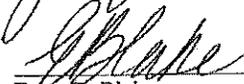
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of September in the year 2020.

  
Kevin P. Surette

  
Jennifer Dean Wing

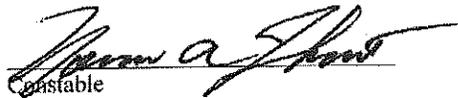
  
Jennifer Gill

  
Erica B. Blake

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Andrew Alward

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Warrant by posting true and attested copies as herein directed.

  
Constable

  
Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF MILLVILLE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at: 12:03 PM

Present: Town Moderator: Jackie Lima  
Town Clerk: Diane Lockwood  
Town Administrator: Peter Caruso  
Town Counsel: Brian Riley, KP Law  
Selectmen:  
Erica Blake, Jennifer Gill, Jennifer Dean Wing, Kevin Surette  
Finance Committee:  
Aubrey Buono, Adrienne Pettit, Gary Gill, Ken Tubman

# of Registered Voters in Attendance: 57

Total # of Registered Voters: 2268

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**ARTICLE 1. MONETARY INCREASES.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding source that will be reduced by the same amount; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

**Article #1.**

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding sources that will be reduced by the same amount.

**Moderator declared a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR PAYMENT TO PURCHASER OF 20 DEPRAITRE STREET.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of \$183,000 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the General Stabilization fund for monies spent reimbursing the purchaser of the lot identified as 20 Depraitre Street. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #4.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$183,000.00) to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the General Stabilization fund for monies spent reimbursing the purchaser of the lot identified as 20 Depraitre Street.

**Moderator declared a unanimous vote.**

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**ARTICLE 5. FUND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB).**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator & Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #5.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability for health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees.

**Moderator declared a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 6. CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee & Town Administrator*

Motion: **Article #9.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town of Millville vote to approve the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement as presented by the School Committee dated April 27, 2020, which are on file at the Millville Town Clerk's Office, Superintendent of Schools Office and the Millville Public Library.

**Moderator declared vote passes.**

**Article 10. SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which persons over the age of 60 volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$7,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Senior Center Director*

Motion: **Article #10.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program providing for a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which persons over the age of 60 volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill of a participant by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth.

**Moderator declared a unanimous vote.**

**Article 11. VETERAN TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Veteran Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, may volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$3,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Board of Selectmen*

30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

*Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor*

Motion: **Article 13. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plans of Hurteau Road, Ronden Road & Albert Drive (STA 0+00-4+67.26) in Millville Massachusetts" dated 11/2/2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto.

**Moderator declared a unanimous vote.**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE ELECTION

SS. WORCESTER

To the Constables of the Town of Millville \_\_\_\_\_

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

Ward 0 / Precinct 1

St. Augustine Church Hall  
15 Lincoln Street, Millville, MA 01529

on TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ..... FOR THESE UNITED STATES  
SENATOR IN CONGRESS..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... SECOND DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR ..... SEVENTH DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT ..... WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT  
REGISTER OF PROBATE..... WORCESTER COUNTY

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's



John B. Dolan, III	D	630
All Other Votes		0
Blank Votes		83
Question 1 PET E: Motor Vehicle Repair (Law)	Yes: 1304 No: 486 Blank: 66	
Question 2 PET C: Ranked-Choice Voting (Law)	Yes: 607 No: 1161 Blank: 88	

**REPORT OF THE  
TOWN TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR**

I am pleased to submit my report as the appointed Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 2020.

As Treasurer I continue to balance monthly cash reconciliations and reports continue to be filed in a timely manner. I would like to give special acknowledgement to Assistant Collector, Marcia Ferro. Marcia is extremely efficient and hard working. She is very helpful and courteous when assisting the town residents.

We are very fortunate to have Derek Geser as our new Town Accountant. Derek has many years of experience and is extremely knowledgeable. He works well with all the town departments.

Tax Title Properties-

One (1) property was foreclosed on  
Eight (8) properties remain in Land Court

Even during the Pandemic, our collection rates continue to be extremely successful at 97% collected for Real Estate and 100% collected for Personal Property. Telephone numbers are listed on the bills for property owners who may have questions. Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle bills are the taxpayer's responsibility. The tax is owed even if a bill isn't received. We also offer taxpayers the convenience of paying their Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle bills on the town's website through our Unipay System.

In FY2020 the office received 114 requests for municipal lien certificates.

I would like to say thank you to my co-workers who continue to provide support whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa A. Larue  
Treasurer/Collector



**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
2020 ANNUAL COMPENSATION**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alton-Brillant	John	760.50
Alward	Krestina	30.75
Anderson	Jill	5474.00
Anderson	Colleen	12850.00
Banner	Susan	1875.00
Barber III	Lincoln	47105.00
Benoit	Kimberly	54.75
Benoit-Rudden	Patricia	41668.30
Blanchette	Samantha	41871.10
Boone	Margaret	2739.76
Bourassa-Pratt	Nicole	5322.50
Canali	Wanda	5690.92
Caruso	Peter	76692.71
Catalano	Anthony	4236.47
Cervantes	Harry	10976.79
Cook	Christine	8979.06
Coupe	William	73198.48
Crenshaw	Tyler	8809.34
Cusack	James	3610.72
D'Agostino	John	2340.00
Dafault	Jesse	835.50
Deschamps	Michael	7406.50
Desmarais	Danny	388.00
Drake	Audrey	17692.85
Durand	Madison	366.00
Ferro	Marcia	27322.06
Finn	Gerald	750.00
Finn	Patricia	150.00
Fish	James	78.75
Fish	Susan	78.75
Foster	James	1046.63
Franzen	Philip	9618.00
Furno	Steven	63295.15
Gagnon	Roger	1253.77
Gallerani	Peter	13562.60
Gauvin	Mary	1719.00
Gilmore	Mary	8136.25
Gould	Scott	52621.49
Grady	Dennis	200.00
Grant	Shirley	30320.86
Green	Nicholas	12425.23
Grenga	John	6285.00
Guilbeault	Jonathan	670.50
Guilbeault	Joseph	1617.50
Hadley	Karen	670.50
Hanson	Taylor	15819.36
Heldenbergh	Barbara	670.50
Heldenbergh	Richard	520.50
Herrick	Andrea	150.00

<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>		
Town of Millville, MASSACHUSETTS		
Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail		
as of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)		
Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Balance June 30, 2020
19-000-3590-CARESACT	FB Covid-19 CARES Act	22,255.78
20-171-3590-2002GG00	FB Wetlands Protection	12,318.60
20-220-3590-2001PS00	FB Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	-
20-300-3590-2003ED00	FB MES Fire Tank	100,000.00
20-300-3590-2004ED00	FB MES Water (300K) 2010	37,122.63
20-675-3590-2005HS00	FB Peg Access & Cale Fund (RRA)	71,895.21
21-510-3590-2103HS00	FB Septic Loan Program	758,599.99
22-210-3590-2202PS00	FB Firearms/Fingerprinting Ch44 53 E1/2	8,610.34
22-210-3590-2205PS00	FB Cruiser Detail Revolving Local	5,385.90
23-171-3590-2306GG00	FB Conservation Developer Review	3,971.09
24-210-3590-2429PS00	FB Police Donations	586.17
24-220-3590-2411PS00	FB Fire/Amb L Hagan Gift	1,281.78
24-220-3590-2423PS00	FB Fire Gifts & Donations	532.53
24-292-3590-2420PS00	FB Animal Control Gifts & Donations	194.39
24-510-3590-2416HS00	FB Compost Bins	260.07
24-541-3590-2407HS00	FB COA Van Fundraising	-
24-541-3590-2410HS00	FB COA Generator Gift	3,408.76
24-541-3590-2421HS00	FB COA Van Donations	9,280.69
24-541-3590-2422HS00	FB COA Gifts Donations	99.62
24-541-3590-2430HS00	FB COA Building Donations	471.90
24-543-3590-2412HS00	FB Veterans Assistance Fund	1,030.00
24-610-3590-2401HS00	FB Library Donations	3,079.07
24-610-3590-2424CR00	FB Library Book Gift	82.63
24-610-3590-2425CR00	FB Library Childrens Book Donations	18.08

29-210-3590-2901HS16	FB Green Communities 2016 Police Station	(4,761.94)	
29-210-3590-2904PS00	FB Police DARE	2,627.76	
29-210-3590-2911PS00	FB Police Bullet Proof Vest	(9,097.59)	
29-210-3590-29181001	FB FY20 EMPG COMP18 GRANT	(9,999.97)	
29-210-3590-2921PS18	FB 2018 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Grant	(983.15)	
29-210-3590-2921PS19	FB Pedestrian & Bike Safety Grant	1,547.40	
29-210-3590-2935PS00	FB Law Enforcement Equipment Grant	263.80	
29-210-3590-2936PS00	FB Energy Grant	35,906.25	
29-210-3590-2937PS00	FB 4th Quarter EOP Grant	150.00	
29-210-3590-2938PS00	FB Small Scale Initiative	500.00	
29-210-3590-2944PS20	FB 2020 Ballistic Shield Grant	(2,406.00)	
29-220-3590-2914FD18	FB 2018 Fire SAFE Grant	5.15	
29-220-3590-2914FD19	FB 2019 Fire Safe Grant	(1,103.90)	
29-220-3590-2914FD20	2020 Student Safe Grant	1,198.91	
29-220-3590-2915FD17	FB 2017 Senior SAFE Grant	2,295.00	
29-220-3590-2915FD18	FB 2018 Senior SAFE Grant	(392.53)	
29-220-3590-2915FD19	FB 2019 Fire Safe Senior Grant	2,100.00	
29-220-3590-2915FD20	2020 Senior Safe Grant	502.51	
29-220-3590-29181002	FB Volunteer Fire Assistance (DCR)	(967.06)	
29-220-3590-2931PS20	FB FY20 Extractor Grant	-	
29-291-3590-2910EM15	FB 2015 EMPG Grant	720.00	
29-291-3590-2910EM18	FB 2018 EMPG CFDA 97.042	97.13	
29-422-3590-2917PW00	FB MassDOT Complete Streets Grant	(67.80)	
29-422-3590-2919PW00	FB MassWorks Grant	(12,749.99)	
29-510-3590-2940HS00	FB BOH Recycling Grants	134.13	
29-510-3590-2941HS00	FB BOH Tobacco Cessation Grant	10.27	
29-510-3590-2942HS20	FY20 BOH Covid-19 Grant	3,649.15	



**Town of Millville, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Expendable Trust Fund Balance Detail**

**as of June 30, 2020**

**(Unaudited)**

<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30,</u> <u>2020</u>			
<u>81-541-3580-8101CRXX</u>	<u>FB Reserved Beaulieu Non Exp Trust</u>	<u>106,676.55</u>			
<u>81-541-3590-8101CRXX</u>	<u>FB Beaulieu Exp Trust</u>	<u>15,215.20</u>			
<u>82-000-3580-8201GG00</u>	<u>FB General Stabilization</u>	<u>413,968.05</u>			
<u>82-000-3580-8203GG00</u>	<u>FB Capital Stabilization</u>	<u>331.57</u>			
<u>82-220-3590-8202PS00</u>	<u>FB Public Safety Stabilization</u>	<u>210,804.85</u>			
<u>83-000-3580-8301GG00</u>	<u>FB Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust (OPEB)</u>	<u>42,744.73</u>			

Town of Millville, MASSACHUSETTS  
 General Fund Appropriation Control Analysis  
 as of June 30, 2020  
 (Unaudited)

Discussion Line#	Account Name	VADAR	ATM 2020 Budget	STM 11/19	EOYT	FY20 Ammended
3	Town Moderator					
7	Board of Selectmen	579.00	579.00			579.00
14	Town Administrator	77,250.00	77,250.00			77,250.00
18	Finance Committee	135.00	135.00			135.00
20	Finance Committee Reserve Fund	6,022.78	35,000.00	30,400.00		6,022.78
29	Town Accountant	55,366.95	47,398.00		7,968.95	55,366.95
30	Town Audit	23,369.00	23,369.00			23,369.00
44	Board of Assessors	50,400.00	50,400.00			50,400.00
59	Treasurer/Collector	94,055.51	87,880.00		6,175.51	94,055.51
61	Legal	45,000.00	45,000.00			45,000.00
66	Technology	25,150.00	25,150.00			25,150.00
83	Town Clerk	46,201.00	46,201.00			46,201.00
90	Elections (Now Town Clerk)					
93	Census & Registrations (Now Town Clerk)					
99	Conservation Commission	891.00	891.00			891.00
111	Planning Board / Zoning	16,590.00	16,590.00			16,590.00
115	Zoning Board of Appeals					
130	Town Hall (Old & New Buildings)	144,856.54	159,001.00		(14,144.46)	144,856.54
132	Annual Report	500.00	500.00			500.00
167	Police Department	538,804.57	533,923.00		(25,518.43)	538,804.57
198	Fire Department	246,429.84	254,958.00		(8,528.16)	246,429.84
210	Building & Zoning Enforcement	59,880.00	59,880.00			59,880.00
218	Gas & Plumbing Inspections (Now Building Dept.)					
225	Electrical Inspections (Now Building Dept.)					
228	Civil Defense	850.00	850.00			850.00
237	Animal Control	9,750.00	9,750.00			9,750.00
241	Tree Warden	19,000.00	19,000.00			19,000.00
251	Public Safety Communications	60,630.00	60,630.00			60,630.00
254	MES Grounds Maintenance	70,677.43	45,159.00		25,518.43	70,677.43
258	Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT)	347,520.00	347,520.00			347,520.00
261	Norfolk Agricultural Technical	102,292.00	102,292.00			102,292.00
264	Tri-County Vocational	62,653.00	62,653.00			62,653.00
267	Blackstone-Millville Regional (BMR)	3,151,799.00	3,151,799.00			3,151,799.00
270	Keefe Technical					
279	Highway Department	142,160.16	143,130.00		(969.84)	142,160.16
285	Highway Snow & Ice Removal	127,842.36	80,000.00			127,842.36
287	Town wide Fuel	26,953.04	26,000.00		953.04	26,953.04
290	Highway Street Sweeping	16,516.80	16,500.00		16.80	16,516.80
293	Storm water Management	31,644.04	25,500.00	6,144.04		31,644.04
295	Public Street Lighting	15,000.00	15,000.00			15,000.00
311	Board of Health	30,305.64	27,488.00	2,817.64		30,305.64
313	Visiting Nursing Services (Now Board of Health)					
333	Council on Aging	26,194.00	26,194.00			26,194.00
339	Veterans' Services	10,500.00	10,500.00			10,500.00
358	Library	11,200.00	11,200.00			11,200.00
361	Recreation	5,500.00	5,500.00			5,500.00
365	Memorial Park	5,050.00	5,050.00			5,050.00
367	Historical Commission	675.00	675.00			675.00
369	Memorial Day Celebrations	500.00	500.00			500.00
371	Centennial Celebrations					
373	Flag Warden					
377	Debt Service	197,608.00	197,608.00			197,608.00
379	Regional Retirement	181,637.00	178,310.00			181,637.00
381	Unemployment Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00			3,000.00
383	Health Insurance Fringe Benefits on Behalf of Em	99,263.99	66,597.00		7,016.77	99,263.99
385	Dental Insurance Plan	4,934.41	4,820.00		114.41	4,934.41
387	Medicare Fringe Benefits on Behalf of Employees	15,099.98	13,703.00		1,396.98	15,099.98
389	Other Insurance	108,297.00	105,547.00			108,297.00
391	Transfers to Other Funds					
392	Grand Totals	6,316,534.04	6,226,580.00	39,361.68		6,316,534.04





also recommended an additional \$10,000 be budgeted for repair and road maintenance. In sum, the final FY21 budget which was approved at Special Town Meeting by the voters of Millville totaled \$6,469,156.

Beyond the Finance Committee's budget recommendations to the Town of Millville, the Finance Committee also recommended the following capital purchases be funded from its various stabilization accounts in FY21: a Highway Department front loader/back hoe, Highway Department truck with plow, Police Department computers, Police Department cruiser, Police Department tasers. Additionally, the Finance Committee recommended a deposit into Millville's Other Post-Employment Benefits stabilization account of \$100,000, almost tripling its previous balance and showing a commitment to funding this future liability. The Finance Committee also recommended significant contributions to its various stabilization accounts.

At the conclusion of FY21, perhaps one of the most tumultuous years in recent history, the Finance Committee is proud to report that Millville's stabilization accounts are healthy and have grown exponentially over the past 3 years with new financial leadership at the helm. Millville's budget has achieved a more sustainable pace and is now balanced with far less one-time revenue than it has used in the past. From a capital investment standpoint, the town has begun investing in capital items that will pay dividends in future years. Millville has achieved a solid foundation to attain financial sustainability and success; however, without continued support and cooperation from our town departments, the town's financial leaders, and most importantly the residents of Millville, our financial stability can easily be turned upside down. The Finance Committee urges the citizens of Millville to consider the information put forth by the Finance Committee, engage in town meetings, and VOTE with an informed mind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Buono

Finance Committee Chair

<i>New Growth Revenue</i>			
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Added Valuation</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>New Revenues</b>
2020	2,698,280	16.16	43,604
2019	4,032,913	16.56	66,786
2018	1,503,030	16.11	24,214
2017	3,867,240	16.93	65,395
2016	1,775,390	17.24	30,608
2015	1,778,221	17.18	30,550
2014	637,490	15.11	9,633

Millville Board of Assessors

David Manzello, Member/Tax Assessor

Wilmar Coelho, Tax Assessor

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

Millville Fire Rescue continues to strive to provide the highest quality fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the citizens of Millville. 2020 proved to be a challenging year for all of us with COVID-19. The Department took immediate action from the start to keep our community safe by implementing new protocols and standard operating procedures.

After normal business hours, weekends and holidays, the ambulance is staffed with on-call personnel. Staffing the ambulance continues to be a struggle; low wages and lack of applicants hinders our service and reliability. Our personnel maintain Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications, so it is often necessary to request assistance from other communities who provide advanced medical services. I would like to thank those communities who assist our EMTs.

Millville Fire is considered a combination fire department, which relies on on-call personnel. We have a handful of dedicated on-call firemen and we regularly advertise for new candidates. Our ability to attract new candidates is difficult, usually with a small pool of applicants. New standards developed by the Fire Service are often a detriment for many individuals, who simply do not have the time to complete mandatory requirements.

On call FF Matthew Roias attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program Class # 086 and is now a call/volunteer certified firefighter. He also recently completed his Emergency Medical Technician-Basic class and is now one of our state certified EMTs.

Our Quint, which has five functions, and Engine 2 are in excellent condition and serviced regularly. Our aggressive preventive maintenance program adds longevity to these vehicles. Our 1996 F350 forestry truck is sufficient for now; we have been unsuccessful so far in our bid to acquire a new forestry truck through the AFG Grants available to fire departments. The department's remaining equipment is in good condition. Several grants obtained by the department throughout the years has helped the department to acquire new equipment, which normally would have been purchased by taxpayers.

Senator Ryan Fattman sponsored a placeholder in the state budget for funding to replace our ageing ambulance. Upon signed contracts and approval through the State House expected early in 2021, our staff will work with vendors to acquire a new ambulance that will meet the needs of our community at no cost to the town.

Through the 2019 Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant grant, Millville Fire was awarded \$32,471.43 to purchase much needed "Jaws of Life" package consisting of Hurst battery powered extrication cutters, spreaders, and ram. The new extrication equipment is faster, lighter, safer to operate, and will serve us well into the future.

Fire Personnel

Full Time:

Chief Ronald Landry  
Lt. Steven Furno  
EMT Samantha Blanchette

Admin. Assistant Trish Benoit

On Call

Deputy Chief Roy Liard, Jr.  
Lt. Joseph Guilbeault  
Lt Jonathan Guilbeault  
FF John Alton-Brillant  
FF Tyler Crenshaw  
EMT Audry Drake  
FF/EMT Mary Gilmore  
FF/EMT Matthew Roias  
Explorer Griffin Blake

EMT Anna Padgett  
EMT Nicole Bourassa-Pratt  
EMT Melanie Rielly  
FF/EMT Danny Desmarais  
FF/EMT James Foster  
Ff Tyler Mullaly  
Ff Megan Mandeville\*

\* resigned

Fire Calls

Wires down	13
Coverage	3
Structure	7
Chimney	0
Received	
Alarm, Smoke	15
Alarm, CO	5
Search	1
Assist EMS	4
Electrical	1
Outside Fire	8
Public assist	9
Haz Mat	4
Car fire	2
Smoke Investigation	6
MVA	5
Details	5
BBQ fire	5
Water emergency	1
Odors	3

EMS

Medicals	223
MVA	2

Medical - Mutual Aid

Uxbridge	49
Blackstone	2
Mendon	5
North Smithfield	1

Medical- Mutual aid Given

Uxbridge	1
Blackstone	2

Fire – Mutual Aid Given

Mendon	1
Uxbridge	4
Woonsocket	4
Douglas	2
Blackstone	1
North Smithfield	2

Ambulance Receipts 2020: \$75,000  
Fire Permits issued: 217

Inspections: 125

- The police station generator, through funding from Capital Planning, was replaced with a state-of-the-art generator relocated to the outside of the building, replacing the outdated generator that had been installed when the Station was converted from a school annex.
- FY20 Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Grant: The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration awarded the Millville Police Department \$5,998 in funding to purchase car seats and provide targeted enforcement at crosswalks and dangerous intersections throughout the town.
- The Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Competitive Grant Program: The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration awarded the Millville Police Department \$11,999 in funding to help reduce roadway crashes, injuries, fatalities in Massachusetts.

The grant requires five enforcement campaigns occurring from mid-December 2020 to mid-September 2021; additionally, Millville Police will purchase two radar feedback signs with universal mounting brackets, affording the Police Department portability installation for target enforcement.

- The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Competitive Grant of \$39,000 through this highly competitive grant program. The project will include purchase of new Tasers and Panasonic Toughbook mobile data terminals. When awarded, this grant will cover our request of 2020 for tasers, that capital allocation reverting back to the town.

Full Time Officers:

Chief Ronald Landry  
 Sgt. Bill Coupe  
 Ofc. Blaine Sheppard  
 Ofc. Scott Gould

Ofc. Robert Johnson V \*  
 Ofc. Taylor Hanson

Part Time Officers:

Sgt. Roy Sullivan  
 Ofc. Thomas Reynolds  
 Ofc. James Cusack  
 Ofc. Phil Franzen  
 Ofc. Steven LaCava

Ofc. Roger Lavallee\*  
 Ofc. Nick Green  
 Ofc. Harry Cervantes  
 Officer Peter Gallerani

\*resigned

Clerk Trish Benoit

## MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

Emergency Management has updated Millville's Resource Guide to reflect current changes in municipal government, infrastructure location and viability, transportation and health facility locations and activities. Millville is one of a handful of communities in Massachusetts with completed and accepted Emergency Management plans on the WebEOC.

We applied for and were awarded an EMPG grant of \$2,700 to purchase a portable generator and trailer to enhance our emergency operations with deployable power to remote locations or provide power for assistive technology for citizens who rely on electric or battery-powered medical technologies.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant, a highly competitive FEMA grant, was submitted in January of 2020 to reduce the loss and risk of loss to persons or property in Millville by installing an emergency propane generator at the Senior Center to provide the town with a shelter that can also see use as an Emergency Operations Center in our town. We anticipate award of this grant, in the amount of approximately \$20,000, early in 2021.

We have been working diligently on the Continuity of Operations Program, which verifies incident command training and establishes procedures to maintain essential functions and respond to and recover from the effects of a wide range of emergencies which may disrupt normal government operations. We have requested all department heads and elected officials be trained in ICS 100, 200 and 300. Department worksheets were distributed in June of 2020 and will be updated again every June in order to reflect changes in Chief Elected Officials and Department Heads.

The Millville Emergency Management Agency will continue to address issues around preparedness and training and stay current on emergency-related issues.

Ronald S. Landry

Emergency Management Director

# **HEALTH AND REGULATORY**

**Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) & BOARD EEE Update:**

In 2020, CMMCP had sprayed all high-risk areas for mosquitoes and sprayed private properties on request. Traps were set in high-risk areas and were monitored for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and the West Nile Virus (WNV). Any resident who wished not to have their property sprayed, had submitted a NO Spray request to the Board of Health or CMMCP. Any resident who wanted their property specifically sprayed, either called the Board of Health or called CMMCP directly. Eastern Equine Encephalitis & West Nile Virus were not found in Millville in 2020.

**Municipal Water Quality Testing:**

Water quality testing is performed each year on all municipal town buildings. The tests were completed and passed satisfactorily.

**Septic Betterment Loan Program:**

The Board of Health continues to offer residents of Millville the Septic Loan Betterment Program to upgrade failed septic systems. This loan program currently offers a 4% loan of the total repair costs over twenty years – payable each February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board of Health submitted a warrant article at the November 28, 2018 Town Meeting to appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of financing repair, replacement and/or upgrade of residential septic systems. The motion for the article was carried by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote by the Town Moderator. The Town then entered into a loan agreement in 2019 with the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection. The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust approved a loan commitment as the Town being the “Borrower” to finance septic related repair projects. Funds for each project are then drawn down from the Trust on an as needed basis. The funds will be loaned to the Town by the Trust at a 2% interest rate and then in turn loaned to the applicants at a 4% interest rate. The difference in interest will be applied to costs to administer the program. The Board of Health processed (4) Septic Betterment Loans in 2020 totaling \$89,804.00 dollars.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

The Emergency Dispensing Site Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan continue to be updated frequently. The Board continues to recruit residents to volunteer their

## **Millville – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Year of the Pandemic.**

The year started out like any other year in Millville. A new year, new beginnings, new and exciting events to look forward to. Vacations to be taken, weddings, baby showers, engagement celebrations, high school & college graduations, family cookouts, birthdays, proms, family gatherings & holidays – the list could go on and on.

But ..... in late January a hint of something that was to derail all our plans was about to change all that. A strange new illness was discovered in Washington State soon after the new year (COVID-19 Case #1). Little did we all know that all the plans aforementioned above were to be sidelined. Normal life as we knew it would change drastically. The weddings that were planned years in advance were to be cancelled, no baby showers, engagement parties, family gatherings and holidays etc. We all had to rethink the way we went about our daily lives.

By February, this strange new virus was starting to get everyone's attention. What was this virus, a normal cold or flu? Why should we worry so much? Who knew what was ahead of us? We all experienced flu outbreaks, Ebola, West Nile Virus, Triple E and not so long ago we lived through the H1N1 virus in 2009. How bad could this new novel virus be that they titled the Corona Virus? Well, we all soon found out.

The virus was soon to be tracked down to a market in Wuhan China. Unbeknownst to us, this virus had been wreaking havoc in China in late 2019. The market is a popular destination spot for locals and travelers all over the world. Fresh fruits & vegetables along with meats are sold at this market. The area is very condensed and largely populated. So, you can see how this virus spread easily and with the international travelers, this new virus had a free ride to all over the world.

Millville has roughly 3,200 residents in the Town. We are one of the smaller towns in Massachusetts and spread of this new virus was not initially a concern. Without large areas of commerce, risk was low for the town. Larger cities and towns with denser populations and businesses began showing signs of the new contagion with the likeness of what was found to be a now major health crises in China. The United States and all towns in Massachusetts were now on high alert and the World Health Organization declared on March 11, 2020, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, a global pandemic.

Millville's Board of Health was now on cue and on March 27, 2020, Millville received their first call that a resident in town contracted the virus. Soon after, calls came in every few days with more and more cases showing up. To be honest, it was a little unnerving. The television news each day was consumed with information of the novel virus – there was no escaping it. Some people became seriously ill and were put on ventilators, emergency rooms exceeded capacity limits and people were now dying. It was also learned that this virus did not discriminate – although the elderly, immunocompromised and people with underlying health issues seemed to be the most vulnerable. Yet there

from COVID-19. These numbers of course will change as we head into 2021, but with vaccines and clinics on the forefront and the talks of eventual “Herd Immunity,” let’s just hope we can get this virus under control or to be something of the past. I think we all would like to get back to our lives again and attend weddings, graduations & family gatherings, etc. or how about planning a vacation again? Hawaii looks pretty good to me.

The Board of Health Members as well as Town Hall Personnel would like to thank all the essential workers who are keeping this country and state going during this pandemic – Thank you! We could not have made it this far without you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Grant  
Board of Health  
Administrative Assistant

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**This report was written on 05/04/2021(currents stats as of 05/04/2021 below)**

- 230 Laboratory Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Millville
  - 648,249 Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts
  - 2.63 million fully vaccinated for COVID-19 in Massachusetts
  - 17,288 deaths from COVID-19 in Massachusetts
  - 32,228,003 Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 Cases in the United States
  - 106 Million people fully vaccinated for COVID-19 in the Unites States
  - 574,220 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States
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along the route to Brigham and Women's Hospital.<sup>[8]</sup> On March 5, Biogen reported that three individuals who had attended the company event in Boston the previous week had tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

On March 6, public health officials reported five new cases bringing the state total to eight.<sup>[11][12]</sup> Four cases were in Suffolk County, three in Norfolk County, and one in Middlesex County. Two cases were associated with travel to Italy and one to Wuhan. All five new cases were associated with the Biogen meeting.<sup>[13][14][15]</sup>

On March 7, five more presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 were reported, bringing the total to 13.<sup>[16]</sup> Among those cases was the index case in Berkshire County, a man in his 60s from Clarksburg whose infection could not be traced.<sup>[17]</sup>

### March 8–14

On March 8, the MDPH reported 15 more presumptive cases of COVID-19,<sup>[15]</sup> all of which were individuals present at the Biogen conference,<sup>[13]</sup> bringing the total to 28.<sup>[11]</sup> In response to the outbreak, Biogen ordered all its employees to work from home.<sup>[18]</sup> The fifteen new presumptive cases included five from Suffolk County, five from Middlesex County, four from Norfolk County, and one whose county of residence was unknown.<sup>[19]</sup> Officials in North Carolina reported that five residents of Wake County tested positive for COVID-19; all five were participants in the previous week's Biogen meeting in Boston.<sup>[20]</sup>



Items out of stock at a CVS Pharmacy in Westford, March 10, 2020.

On March 10, the first evidence of community transmission, also known as community spread, was found in a handful of cases in the Berkshires.<sup>[21]</sup> A man in Sudbury tested presumptive positive for COVID-19,<sup>[22]</sup> and the first case in Essex County was also reported.<sup>[23]</sup>

On March 12, there were 108 people in Massachusetts with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19. Among those cases, 82 (75% of the total) were associates or employees of Biogen.<sup>[24]</sup> Governor Baker said the state had tested more than 200 patients and had the capacity to test up to 5,000.<sup>[25]</sup> The Boston Marriott Long Wharf hotel, which

The number of hospitalized patients with suspected or known infections quadrupled to 53 between March 16 and 17. Major hospitals began reusing protective gear or asking the public for donations of masks.<sup>[49]</sup>

The number of cases where initial exposure was under investigation began to rise rapidly, whereas cases tracked to Biogen attendees and household contacts continued an overall mild decline.<sup>[note 1]</sup> On March 19, Governor Baker activated up to 2,000 Massachusetts National Guard to assist in the management of the pandemic.<sup>[50]</sup> The number of cases increased by 72, putting the total at 328, with 119 in Middlesex County.<sup>[51]</sup> Franklin and Hampshire counties – both in Western Massachusetts and the last non-island counties – had their first confirmed cases of COVID-19.<sup>[11]</sup>

On March 20, Massachusetts experienced its first death due to COVID-19. The fatality was an 87-year-old man from Suffolk County, who was hospitalized and who had preexisting health conditions.<sup>[52][53]</sup> Martha's Vineyard in Dukes County had its first case, a 50-year-old man in Tisbury.<sup>[54][55]</sup> This was the thirteenth of 14 counties in Massachusetts to report a case of COVID-19.<sup>[56]</sup> The cities of Somerville and Cambridge closed non-essential businesses.<sup>[57][58]</sup>

Social distancing in a Trader Joe's line in Cambridgeport, Cambridge, Massachusetts on March 21, 2020.

Governor Baker announced that 5,207 people had been tested for COVID-19 in Massachusetts through state and commercial laboratories.<sup>[59]</sup> That night the state announced its second death due to COVID-19, a woman from Middlesex County in her 50s who had a preexisting health condition.<sup>[60][61]</sup> Nantucket County, the last county to have no cases of the virus, reported its first COVID-19 case.<sup>[62]</sup> In order to reduce contact between drivers and customers, the MBTA began rear-door boarding on above-ground stops for buses, the Green Line, and the Mattapan Trolley, except for passengers with disabilities who need to use the front door.<sup>[63]</sup>

### **March 22–31**

On March 22, Nantucket issued a shelter-in-place order, to start March 23 and end on April 6. Exceptions were made for essential services to remain open.<sup>[64]</sup> Governor Baker instructed people in mainland Massachusetts with second homes in Nantucket and Dukes County to stay on the mainland.<sup>[65]</sup> Three new deaths were reported by Massachusetts DPH, two men, both in their 70s, from Hampden and Berkshire counties, and a man in his 90s from Suffolk County.<sup>[note 2][66]</sup>

On March 23, Governor Baker announced a stay-at-home advisory effective from noon March 24 until noon April 7. Nonessential businesses were ordered to close physical workplaces, and restaurants and bars were restricted to offering takeout and delivery. People were told they could go out to obtain essential goods and services, such as groceries and medicine, but should follow social distancing protocols.<sup>[67]</sup>

On March 24, the number of cases jumped by 382 to 1,159, with two new deaths attributed to COVID-19.<sup>[note 3]</sup> This unusually large jump in cases (49%, versus 20–28% in the previous five days) was attributable to Quest Diagnostics processing 3,843 tests in one day, yielding 267 of the state's 382 new positive results.<sup>[11]</sup>

also reduced parking near the Arnold Arboretum.<sup>[84]</sup> The Massachusetts Education Commissioner canceled MCAS standardized tests for the first time, taking advantage of a federal waiver.<sup>[85]</sup>

On April 12, there were 25,475 total cases, with 2,615 new cases, making Massachusetts the state with the third-most cases in the United States, behind only New York and New Jersey.<sup>[note 5]</sup> Massachusetts officials warned of ebb and flow of the spread of COVID-19.<sup>[86]</sup>

#### **April 15–21**

On April 15, the Massachusetts DPH announced a plan to release town-by-town infection rates. This was a reversal from the earlier policy of discouraging the release of town-specific information concerning the number of infected in each particular community.<sup>[87]</sup>

On April 18, Baker announced that a third field hospital has opened in Cape Cod.<sup>[88]</sup>

On April 20, Governor Baker signed a law banning residential and small business evictions and foreclosures on homeowners (other than emergencies), for four months or until the state of emergency is ended.<sup>[89]</sup> As of July 21, the moratorium expires on October 17, 2020.<sup>[90]</sup>

On April 21, Governor Baker announced that Massachusetts schools would not return to in-person learning for the remainder of the academic year. He also extended through June 29 a previous order to close non-emergency childcare services.<sup>[91]</sup>

#### **April 22–30**

On April 22, former 2020 Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts announced that her oldest brother had died from COVID-19 in Oklahoma.<sup>[92]</sup>

On April 24, Governor Baker announced that while COVID-19 cases and testing were up in Massachusetts, hospitalizations have started to decrease and reached the lowest point since early April.<sup>[93]</sup> Massachusetts recorded 4,946 new cases partially due to an error by Quest Diagnostics in missing more than 10,000 test results, both positive and negative, recorded in April 24 data.<sup>[note 6]</sup>

On April 25, Governor Baker addressed the topic of when stay-at-home measures and closures of non-essential businesses would end. When restrictions were originally announced in mid-March, they were slated to end at noon on April 7; later their projected end date was pushed to May 4. Baker said it was unlikely restrictions would be lifted by then because the surge of cases had hit later than expected – May 4 presumed a surge in *early* April. Baker said the process of reopening will begin when hospitalizations start to decline consistently, and when there is "some evidence that we are in fact over the hump ... with respect to the surge."<sup>[94]</sup>

On April 28, Governor Baker extended the statewide stay-at-home advisory by two weeks, to May 18. He also said that once the advisory expires, the process of reopening will begin in stages, and not happen all at once.<sup>[95]</sup>

Also on April 28, it was reported that at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, at least 68 veterans – nearly 30 percent of the home's residents – had died of COVID-19 in what is

facility has treated more than 700 people with COVID-19, and has also provided shelter to some of Boston's homeless community. Baker also said that other field hospitals around the state would begin to close.<sup>[103]</sup> Baker also announced \$6 million in grants to go to small businesses to help them purchase protective equipment and implement the safety precautions indicated in the reopening plan.<sup>[104]</sup>

The Boston Athletic Association announced on May 28 that the 2020 Boston Marathon, which had already been postponed to September, would be canceled.<sup>[105]</sup>

## June

On June 1, Massachusetts began reporting probable cases of and deaths due to COVID-19 in their data, when previously they had only been reporting confirmed cases and deaths. This change follows guidance from the U.S. CDC. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health said in a statement that probable cases are recorded for people who "have either 1) had a positive antibody test and either had COVID symptoms or were likely to be exposed to a positive case or 2) did not have an antibody test but had COVID symptoms and were known to be exposed to a positive case." Probable deaths are defined as deaths where COVID-19 was listed on the death certificate as the cause of death, but where no test was administered. Due to these changes in reporting, Massachusetts became the 5th state in the U.S. to report over 100,000 cases of the contagious disease.<sup>[106]</sup>

On June 3, Massachusetts began reporting recoveries in their weekly data report. Previously, they had not been reporting the number of cumulative recoveries in their data. A patient is considered to be recovered if they have either been sick for 21 days or 21 days have passed since they tested positive.<sup>[107]</sup>

Governor Baker announced on June 6 that Massachusetts would begin entering phase two of the reopening plan starting on Monday, June 8, following positive trends in access to testing and decreasing hospitalizations. The first portion of the phase will allow childcare, day camps, lodging retail stores, outdoor seating at restaurants, and children's sports programs to reopen with strict precautions. Additional services, including indoor dining and nail and tanning salons, will be allowed to reopen at an unspecified later date as a part of phase two if the positive trends in COVID-19 cases continue.<sup>[108]</sup>

Boston entered phase two of their reopening plan on June 8.<sup>[108]</sup>

Amid ongoing protests over the May killing of George Floyd, Governor Baker announced pop-up testing sites would open throughout the state on June 17 and 18 to provide free tests to protesters and anyone else who wished to be tested.<sup>[109]</sup> During the period 11–17 June, Worcester county had the second highest number of deaths in the state with 39.<sup>[11]</sup>

On June 22, WBUR reported that Massachusetts had become the state with the lowest COVID-19 transmission rate in the country. The June 22  $R_t$ , a value measuring the average rate of transmission of a virus at a point in time, was 0.67 in Massachusetts. According to [rt.live](https://rt.live), the website calculating the values, an  $R_t$  value of 1.0 or above is considered to signify "rapid spread".<sup>[110]</sup>

The June unemployment rate was later calculated at 17.4%, a record high and the worst of any U.S. state at the time.<sup>[111]</sup>

state for medical treatment, following military orders, or traveling to work in federally-identified critical sectors.<sup>[122]</sup>

Governor Baker announced on August 7 that Massachusetts would postpone entering the second portion of phase three of the state's reopening plan, intensify enforcement of COVID-19 regulation violations, and reduce the limit on the number of people allowed at public and private outdoors events from 100 to 50. The changes were announced after several incidents in which large parties were found to be violating the state guidelines on the numbers of people allowed to gather, as well as on masks and physical distancing.<sup>[123]</sup>

Massachusetts school districts were required to submit their final plans for teaching in the fall, along with detailed safety protocols, by August 14.<sup>[124]</sup> As of August 14, at least 32 of Massachusetts' 289 school districts had announced they would be teaching completely remotely to start the school year.<sup>[125]</sup> Boston Public Schools announced on August 13 they had requested a waiver to delay the start of the school year from September 10 to September 21, saying they planned to use the time to provide training to staff.<sup>[126]</sup> On August 21, after several weeks of pressure from the Boston Teacher's Union and other Massachusetts unions, BPS announced they would begin the school year remotely, with classes returning to in-person learning based on need beginning in October.<sup>[127]</sup>

Some colleges in Massachusetts began moving students in to dorms in mid-August. As of August 16, students were beginning to move in to on-campus housing at Boston University in Boston and Clark University in Worcester.<sup>[128]</sup>

On August 19, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that all children aged six months and older would need to receive a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 in order to attend childcare, K–12 schools, and colleges and universities in the state. There is an allowance for medical or religious exemptions, and homeschooled K–12 students or higher education students who are not going on campus will not be required to receive the vaccination.<sup>[129]</sup> This spurred some protests, including a rally of several hundred outside the State House on August 30, from parents and those who believed the decision was governmental overreach.<sup>[130]</sup>

In the Andover School District, which said it would start the year using a hybrid model of in-person and remote learning, teachers said they would only work remotely due to safety concerns. The Andover School Committee described the teachers' decision an "illegal work stoppage".<sup>[131]</sup> When 45% of the members of the Andover Education Association refused to enter the building on August 31 for training, the Andover School Committee voted to take legal action against the educators. The teachers said they would "reluctantly" and "under duress" return to work, with the "hope that the School Committee will begin to negotiate reasonable health and safety benchmarks with us in good faith."<sup>[132]</sup>

## September

On September 3, Governor Baker announced a community messaging campaign targeted towards Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lynn, and Revere: communities that were still experiencing very high rates of COVID-19.<sup>[133]</sup>

By early September, some Massachusetts universities had received media attention when students disregarded social distancing rules imposed by the schools. In mid-August, more

*The Boston Globe* reported on October 26 that coronavirus cases in the state had risen sharply on October 22 and "have been maintaining levels we haven't seen in months".<sup>[147]</sup> The previous day, the *Globe* reported that the state had acknowledged not knowing the source of infection in approximately half of the known cases in the state, raising concerns with the state's ability to identify and quickly reduce the impact of pockets of infection.<sup>[148]</sup> Thirteen communities in Massachusetts returned to step 1 of phase 3 of the state's reopening plan after spending three weeks in the "high risk" designation, including Brockton, Malden, Waltham, and Woburn.<sup>[149]</sup>

## **November**

On November 2, Governor Baker announced a statewide curfew for businesses, a tighter limit on the number of people allowed to gather indoors, and stricter face mask requirements. The curfew requires some businesses such as theaters and casinos to close at 9:30 pm, and requires restaurants to stop providing table service at that same time. Baker also implemented a stay-at-home advisory, to begin on November 6, to encourage people to stay home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.<sup>[150]</sup>

In a press conference on November 12, Boston Mayor Walsh warned that if Boston sees similar surges in cases as are occurring in Tennessee and elsewhere in the country, "we're going to have to shut everything down again. The first one was bad on business. I think the second one will be far worse."<sup>[151]</sup>

## **December**

On December 3, Massachusetts' average positive COVID-19 test rate exceeded 4.9% for the first time since June.<sup>[152]</sup> Total daily case numbers in the first few days of December began to surpass those seen at the April peak of the first wave of COVID-19 in the state.<sup>[105]</sup> On December 8, Governor Baker announced that all cities and towns in Massachusetts would be required to roll back to Phase 3, Step 1 of the state's reopening plan.<sup>[153]</sup>

On December 9, Baker announced an estimated timeline for distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>[154]</sup> The first doses of the vaccine arrived in Massachusetts on December 14.<sup>[155]</sup>

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## **2021**

### **January**

Governor Baker announced on January 4, 2021 that first responders would begin to receive doses of the COVID-19 vaccine on January 11.<sup>[156]</sup> The following day, Baker warned that it was likely that the highly contagious variant of COVID-19 first discovered in the United Kingdom had made its way to Massachusetts, and urged state residents to "be very vigilant and careful and cautious about [their] physical engagement with other people".<sup>[157]</sup> On January 17, the first case of the variant in Massachusetts was confirmed.<sup>[158]</sup>

### **February**

On February 1, Massachusetts entered phase two of its vaccine program, making residents 75 years of age and older eligible for the vaccine. A mass vaccination site

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2020, the year of change. The Building Department started the year off with a bang when longtime assistant Kristina Herrick moved on to another job with more opportunity at the end of February. We all miss her contribution and wish her well. The Town chose not to replace her so the commissioner is now responsible for all functions of the department save the wiring, gas, and plumbing inspections. There does not appear to be any plans to reestablish the position in the future.

Then the pandemic broke and life changed as well as how the Building Department and the rest Town Hall does business. The doors closed and public access ceased for a while. Employees worked in shifts at all hours to minimize exposure to one another and reduce the possibility of closing the building due to quarantine. As the year wore on access and availability floated with the public infection rate and risk to health. Through it all business plowed on as usual, in fact it was the busiest year ever if measured by fees collected. People stuck at home turned to home improvements in record numbers across the country and Millville was no exception. Material costs skyrocketed across the country and remain almost double to pre-pandemic levels at the time of this writing.

All building and remodeling contractors are required by the State of Massachusetts to be licensed, and enrolled in the Home Improvement Contractor Registration program, as well as carry workman's compensation and liability insurance. Homeowners are encouraged to have their contractors apply for all permits. Doing so places the responsibility of code compliance with the contractor where it belongs. Any questions you may have about a contractor's licensing status can be answered @ <https://madpl.mylicense.com/Verification/> or for the Home Improvement Contractor status @ <https://services.oca.state.ma.us/hic/licenseelist.aspx>

Please direct all your inquiries to [building@millvillema.org](mailto:building@millvillema.org) or 508 883 0808 or come into the office during regular business hours.

### FEES COLLECTED

Building	Wiring	Plumbing	Gas	Mechanical	Fines & Penalties	Total Fees
\$ 45113	\$ 9826	\$ 3460	\$1230	\$ 1440	\$ 8808	\$69,877

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for administering the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations and Stormwater Management Regulations. Duties of the Planning Board include the review and acceptance of "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lots, approval of land subdivision plans, review of site plans, granting of Special Permits for specific uses of commercially and residentially zoned property, and granting Stormwater Management permits for projects that will disturb more than one acre of land.

The Planning Board usually meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Board membership is comprised of five individuals elected to a five-year staggered term. Planning Board member Brian Mullaly decided against running for reelection, so there is now a vacancy on the Board.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**1990 – 2020**

The Historical Commission is the agency responsible for identifying and recording the historic assets of the community and to develop and implement a program of preservation and protection”, according to Secretary of State, Francis W. Galvin. Our historical commission is guided the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, 8D.

On behalf of the current Historical Commission members; Emile Berthelette, Elaine Ethier, Lee Clement, Diane Hadley, and Maria Downing, along with past member Mary Gauvin would like to dedicate this past year to the loving and ever giving Margaret Carroll.

Margaret, in her wisdom has put together a new team to bring it into the 21st century. Margaret wanted the group to do what she couldn't continue doing, to make sure that Millville's documented history was protected and made available to the public using todays' technologies.

We pledge to honor Margaret by doing what she has asked of us.

Margaret, we will miss you very much and be sure you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Millville Historical Commission

# **PUBLIC SERVICES**

## COUNCIL ON AGING

**Council members retiring in 2020:** Christine (Tina Cook), Paul Moore.

**Staff retiring in 2020:** Jill Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, Roger Gagnon Van Driver.

**Current Council Members:** Pam Dean Kobetitsch (Chairman), Diane Lamoureux (Secretary), Lori Legere (Vice Chairman), Susanne Robbins, Patricia Finn

### **To the residents of the Town of Millville:**

A five-member advisory board appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Council on Aging (COA) assesses the needs of town residents sixty years of age and older and advocates for needed programs and services.

Meetings are held at the Millville Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Due to Covid-19 the meetings had been running on Zoom with dial in. On July 8, 2020 we returned to the Millville Senior Center to hold our meetings.

We would like to acknowledge the passing of our dear friend Lois Laflamme. A long-time member of the Council on Aging. She will truly be missed by us all.

March 9th prior to Covid-19 we had a luncheon catered by the Bocce Club in Woonsocket, RI. Entertainment followed with Roger Ticknell, everyone was singing and having a very nice time.

The Senior Center conducted a couple of out-reach calls to check in on our seniors to determine if they were doing well and needed any assistance. We found that our seniors were well taken care of by their families. Thank you to Pam Dean Kobetitsch, Chairman of the COA for taking the time and helping out with this project.

In September we had a grab and go picnic luncheon sponsored by Representative Michael Soter. This was well received by our seniors and a fun time.

On Thursday December 3, 2020, we had a Christmas Celebration for the Millville Senior Club members. We had a total of 90 grab and go dinner given out on that day. We also celebrated Grace Burns a senior in town that turned 100 years old. Representative Michael Soter was on-hand to deliver a proclamation to her. The town also gave her a proclamation.

We had several painting classes throughout the year: Swans, Tile Painting, Pastel Santa, Lighthouse all sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Millville Cultural Council program. Diane Lamoureux, Secretary of the COA was in charge of setting up all these classes and we thank her very much for all her hard work and time spent. We had two special activities grants which were held at The Artful Dodger in Blackstone due to the Senior Center being closed due to Covid-19.

Outreach services (information and referral and enrollment in benefit programs such as Fuel Assistance and SNAP) were performed by Tina Cook.

## CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

As many of these reports we sure relate, this has definitely been a trying year for the Cable Access Committee, but with grit and teamwork we were able to take on the trials that came before us.

As 2020 began, we continued to work with the Senior Center and Council on Aging for their movie days. We continued to regularly cover Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and any other request from boards, committees, residents.

When March rolled around and the world began to be taken over by the COVID-19 pandemic, Cable met with to the Town Administrator and other departments to figure out how we will continue public meetings remotely. Thankfully, the Cable Access Committee has always been on top of new technology and we had the ability to begin remote public meetings within two weeks. We were also able to help with Blackstone Valley Tech and Blackstone-Millville Regional with their remote meetings as well.

Now with many more meetings to be livestreamed, Cable Access brought in a new employee Alexander Watrous to help with the coverage.

When the outdoor Town Meeting came around at the Millville Elementary baseball field, Cable Access was able to help set up the audio/visual needed. With the pandemic not ending anytime soon, we were able to also successfully run the audio visual for the fall Special Town Meeting.

Cable was able to remotely update the channels located at Millville Elementary, but unfortunately in August, the Cable Access playback system server failed. Purchased in 2011, we were really hoping to get ten years use out of it, but we did have to replace the system for the cable subscribers. With everything video and audio on backorder between non-essential companies and the world now needing all this equipment for their own streaming and broadcast needs, we were finally next in line to order the equipment which finally arrived in December. While students were on remote learning at the beginning of January 2021, the system was finally installed, and Cable went back on air.

Millville is tough town, and this pandemic has shown we can get through anything. We thank the residents for their patience as we figure out this new way of life - the setbacks, the highs and lows - and we look forward to seeing you all again behind the cameras as we get back normal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Labonte, Cable Access Coordinator  
Colleen Curis, Chairwoman  
Jesse Dufault, Member

Carl Hamilton, Member  
Madison Durand, Member

## TRUSTEES OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On March 25, 1945, the residents of Millville voted to establish a Memorial Park to commemorate the service of veterans of all wars. Work on the park was completed on November 12, 1946, and dedication ceremonies took place on July 5, 1947.

The Trustees continually work to implement plans to improve the appearance and to provide for the upkeep of the park and 2020 strongly tested our resolve. The Trustees have had their meetings at the fire station for many years but when the station was closed to visitors early in the year due to Covid 19 restrictions, and with the expiration date of the PARC grant fast approaching we needed to meet somewhere weekly. The Chestnut Hill Community Association allowed us to hold socially distanced meetings in their spacious hall. Thank you CHCA!

Our chairman, Richard Hurteau, decided not to run for another term. The Trustees want to thank Richard for his service to the town. Bill Dakai was elected to fill the veterans spot on the Trustees that was vacated with Richard's departure. Also, our grand old member, Margaret Carrol was forced to resign due to health reasons.

Normand Gamache was elected to fill the non-veteran spot vacated by Margaret's departure. The Trustees wish to thank Margaret for her many years of dedication to the Veterans Memorial Park and to the town of Millville. A plaque has been placed in the gazebo at the park dedicating the structure to Margaret and honoring her lifelong contributions to the town of Millville. The Trustees voted to reorganize the slate of officers as follows: Chairman- John Hadley, Vice Chairman- Bill Dakai, Secretary- Elaine Ethier, Treasurer- Norman Thuot, Public Relations Officer- Normand Gamache.

The park improvements stipulated in the PARC grant and completed in 2020 were many. The existing drainage ditch along the rear of the park was cleaned out and filled with rip rap stone. A 30-inch apron of small white stone was added around the gazebo into which faux mini spruce trees were placed. Two concrete pads were poured to provide a solid base for new trash receptacles. Concrete pads were also added to allow for three additional solar light poles and a bicycle rack. A white vinyl fence was erected to separate the park from the Sullivan property. The back portion being a 6-foot-high stockade type that tapers to a 4-foot-high picket type that matches the balusters on the gazebo. Mullaly Landscape donated 2 yards of garden soil that was used to create a planting bed along the length of the new fence into which mini shrubs and perennial flowers were planted. Bark mulch finished the bed off. Dead plantings around the monument were also replaced and the Veterans Memorial Park sign was repainted.

Lastly, a cobblestone border was placed near the fire station apron area to separate the loose stone from the grass of the park.

Surveying was completed on the property to properly separate the fire station from the park and the plot plan was filed at the Worcester Registrar of Deeds. (This was done to satisfy the stipulation in the PARC grant) The Trustees want to thank our former Town

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen and Residents of the Town of Millville:

The goal of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide a safe and well-kept environment for the families in our community to enjoy. Our Commission works hard to make sure all our children have a place to play whether that be organized sports such as baseball and softball or a locally sponsored club event.

We have two recreational sites in Town: (1) a playground located behind the Town Hall; and (2) the fields located at the Millville Elementary School. The fields include a little league field and beautiful new playground equipment, with plenty of space in between to hold any type of community event. We encourage all groups to consider using this area as we put a lot of time and effort into its upkeep for all to enjoy. One of our goals in spring 2021 is going to restore one of our parks down town next to the police station. This park was created in 1999 and it's time for a refresh. Due to Covid in 2020 our parks had been closed. In 2021 we would hopefully start to open the park up for summer activities such as summer concerts and recreational activities. One of our other goals is to upgrade park benches at the and purchase more picnic tables. Finally, to perform maintenance at all sites as needed.

Our Commission also sponsors a sub-committee which was formed the garden club, they have been very active in the off season and have started working hard again in 2021. We encourage this committee and wish them the best success in their efforts. We hope to see great things come from this group.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow members for all of their hard work and effort.

Ryan DelGizzi, Caryn Vernon, Ron Landry  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Del Gizzi, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Commission

## WELCOME to the Veterans Memorial Day Celebration May 27, 2019

It was my privilege serving on this new Memorial Day Committee. Police/Fire Chief Ronald Landry provided the Millville Fire Station on Main St. for the meetings. He also provided us with traffic control and police service. He provided knowledge and helped us set up flags, tents, chairs & tables, podium and speaker system. On 4-24-19 was our 1st meeting, nomination of officers: Pam Dean Kobetitsch Chairman, Cecil Gomes Vice Chairman, Ann Denoncour Secretary, Sharon Shilinsky Assistant Secretary, Todd Trottier Member & Veteran, Kevin Surette Member & Veteran. American Legion Post 411 Veteran Geoffrey Wing held up the American flag and led the pledge of allegiance at every meeting. He represented Knights of Columbus & Millville becoming a Purple Heart town under the direction of KOC King Knight Timothy Ryan who did the Purple Heart & Proclamation speech. Representative Michael Soter donated water, soda, hotdogs & chips and was a guest speaker on behalf of the Purple Heart and the Proclamation. KOC did the cooking and serving. Pastor Carl Delorey did the Blessing Ceremony. Margaret Carrol, Town Historian, offered assistance in organizing two very important events happening the same day.

MAY 27, 2019 at 10 A.M. I introduced some of the finest people making this gorgeous sunny day so spectacular in our town of Millville with 150 persons in attendance. Millville Girl Scout Troop delivered the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Dupre Carter sang the National Anthem and Ms. Dupre & Mr. Eldridge sang many veterans songs. Post 411 Commander Gary Shea unveiled the Chair/Table for the POW/MIA. BMR band director Nick Marcotte & his students played the Marine hymn and other songs. Peter Caruso, our new Millville Town Administrator, was the Master of Ceremony and delivered a heartfelt eulogy when his father was in the service. Jenn Dean Wing Vice Chairman BOS thanked all veterans who were present and did a moment of silence for those who passed away since our last Memorial Day Ceremony. Norm Thuot veteran & Kevin Surette, Veteran, read off the names of the Millville Gold Star Veterans and rang a bell after each name. Taps and gun salute at the Veterans Park and the wreath laying ceremony at the bridge on Central St. The K.O.C. & Veterans Raised the American Flag and revealed the Purple Heart under the direction of K.O.C. King Knight, Tim Ryan.

I want to thank all of you fine folks who joined us in this 2 1/2-hour ceremony at the Millville Veterans Park. It will be a day to remember for sure. All persons who attended came for one reason only, and that was to honor those service personnel who sacrificed their own lives or put their lives on the line for our safety at home in the USA.

God Bless America  
Pamela Dean Kobetitsch  
Memorial Day Committee 2019  
Chairman

**BLACKSTONE- MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Blackstone Community,

What an exciting nearly two years it has been! In last year's report I was able to share a bit about my entry into the School District, lay out our District Improvement Strategy focusing on "The What", "The How", "The Whole Child" and "The Community", and forecast a bit where we are going putting our strategy into action by creating our *Blueprint for District Improvement*.

Below, you will find the Blueprint laid out for your review. We are off to such a great start with this work making sure that ALL students are ready for college and career! After reviewing the Blueprint please do not hesitate to reachout me with any questions.

<p><b>Blackstone-Millville Regional School District</b></p>  <p><b>Blueprint for District Improvement (2019-2022)</b> <b><i>"A District of One - 2,000 Strong!"</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Our Vision:</i></b> The Blackstone-Millville School District embodies an appreciation of life-long learning; excellence in individual and educational programs; and shared accountability among students, staff, parents, and citizens of the community. Everyone works together in an environment founded upon trust, integrity, fairness, open communication, and the belief that all students can learn.</p> <p><b><i>Our Purpose:</i></b> <i>To develop happy, healthy, and proficient students who are prepared for college, career, and community.</i></p> <p><b><i>Our Work in Action:</i></b> <b>WHEN</b> we focus on the what, the how, the whole child, and the community, <b>THEN</b> we will develop happy, healthy, and proficient students who are prepared for college, career, and make a positive impact on their lives and the lives of others.</p> <p><b><i>Our District Core Values:</i></b> Community, Achievement, Respect and Civility</p>

	<p>across all schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Develop central, building, and classroom level leadership in effective planning, teaching, and learning practices</li> <li>-Research, create, and implement innovative opportunities for all students to demonstrate their learning</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>“The Whole Child”</u></b></p> <p>We will engage the faculty and community in reducing/eliminating the non-academic barriers that prevent students from learning at their optimal level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Establish and maintain positive relationships throughout the entire school community</li> <li>-Identify and address academic and non-academic factors that hinder student learning and emotional development</li> <li>-Embed a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Framework in the Pre-K-12 curriculum</li> <li>-Develop a tiered framework to address the SEL and behavioral needs of all students</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>“The Community”</u></b></p> <p>We will work side-by-side with the Blackstone and Millville communities to assist both towns in gaining a deeper understanding of today’s learners and how to support their growth for future positive impact on our towns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Establish productive two-way communication between schools, district, and home around our strengths, opportunities, and plans for improvement</li> <li>-Educate families and the community about each schools’ instructional focus and engage them in our efforts</li> <li>-Build partnerships within our community and across our region to strengthen college and workforce readiness opportunities for our students</li> <li>-Celebrate our students, staff, and communities</li> </ul>

Very respectfully,  
Jason DeFalco, EdD  
Superintendent

their family members. Class advisors, Ms. Nicole Sacco and Mrs. Nicole Shaughnessy led the ninety-eight graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Jason DeFalco, Ed.D presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Miss Erin Brown, Salutatorian Mr. Jacob Horn, and class president Mr. Damien Lahousse, delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The members of the graduating class chose to enter the workforce, serve our country in the Armed Forces, or continue their studies at a college/university level. Many of the prestigious colleges and universities graduates are currently attending include University of Massachusetts, Assumption College, California State University, Quinnipiac University, New York University, Providence College, Montserrat College of Art, Worcester State College, Franklin Pierce University, University of New Hampshire, and the University of Rhode Island.

### **Extracurricular Opportunities and Service Opportunities**

Demonstrating the value of personal responsibility and service to others, the National Honor Society members continue to actively engage in their school and greater community in a number of ways. Members volunteer their time to tutor their peers, write letters to elementary students from Santa, supervise young students during elementary parent conferences, and help maintain the Verry Family Cemetery. Community Service projects include volunteering at the community food pantry, collecting hats and mittens for those in need and the annual Empty Bowl dinner.

The high school's recognized "GOLD" Student Council was also very active in the school and community. Leadership opportunities continued to be part of the student council experience as several of our members attended the annual state and regional conference. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising and community efforts, including SPIRIT days at the high school.

Many other department initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering and exploring their talents and interests. Several of our students participated in cross-district manufacturing courses held at the Blackstone Valley Education Hub. Under the direction of staff and student leaders, our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances. Student leaders attended the Dual Valley Conference Captain's conference as well as Girls State and Boys State, the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference, and the START Leadership Conference.

"Charger Pride" continues to grow on the athletic fields, courts, and music venues. Student-athletes have opportunities to learn and lead others through their involvement in MIAA conferences and workshops. BMR's student-athlete numbers continue to grow in several sports and we look forward to seeing them in our colors - purple and gold. Our middle and high school musicians had a memorable 2020 that continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, both curricular and co-curricular groups achieved accolades and honors.

**FREDERICK W. HARTNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2020 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

**ASA Career Exploration Grant - \$100K**

In the spring we applied for and received a \$100K grant over the next three years from ASA to implement Career Exploration in our middle school, support our STEM-Technology course and revamp parts of our STEM curriculum. This is part of our work to inform our students about the multiple pathways our high school has to offer.

Through this grant, we have been able to purchase EV3 Mindstorms, VEX IQ robots, and an Ultimaker 3D printer for our STEM-Technology course. Also, it is helping us to align our curriculum with the high school as well as provide professional development for staff. We have created a career exploration course where our students are researching and learning about the career choices they have and the academic courses/path needed to gain employment in that career field.

**Instructional Focus - Chargers Come Fully Charged**

This year, we continued to implement a variety of strategies to support our students in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers both academically and emotionally. This fall, through our continued professional development from Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), we rolled out our student-friendly focus of *Chargers Come Fully Charged* to our entire community. The staff continued to focus on our students' writing skills through their continued use of the ASE (answer the question, support with specific evidence, and explain your support in your own words) writing model.

In addition, as administration visits classrooms throughout each week the look-fors have been focused on the rigor of the lesson being taught, student engagement, and the use of the ASE writing protocol. We will continue to work on the following as we finish the year:

- Continue ILT work by meeting bi-weekly
- Continue to utilize the Newsela website/program as an additional tool to implement ASE
- Continue to utilize the IXL website/program for targeted interventions in core content classes
- Continue to implement Choose Love curriculum
- Continuing to work on creating safe, supportive classrooms and school

## **Parent-Teacher Organization**

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising for our students by hosting several school-wide events. These funds have helped to provide support towards various student events.

For the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in May 2020, our PTO donated gift cards for all our staff. Administration supported their efforts and delivered the gifts to each staff members' house.

## **COVID-19**

### **Spring 2020**

In March of 2020, we moved to a fully remote school due to the onset of the COVID19 pandemic. While this was a new experience for all involved, we worked to ensure continuity of our academic courses for our students as well as continuing a sense of school community.

At the beginning, staff shared a positive message photo that was used to create a FWHMS #RiseUp Video to remind students that we were still there for them. We continued through whole school spirit days and a Masked Teacher contest for students.

In coordination with the high school and our local police department, staff decorated their vehicles and participated in a teacher parade through both towns cheering and waving to students and their families.

We moved our end of year celebrations to virtual. We held a special NJHS Ceremony and a special release of a district K-8 talent show via our district YouTube channel. We held our yearly Hartnett Awards with each team of students via a Google Meet and coordinated with families to surprise the students live with the award.

For our 8th grade celebration, we held a PTO sponsored reverse parade where students and their families came to the school in their vehicles as staff lined the driveway cheering for them. Students received a special t-shirt with the name of all class members on the back.

A Summer Farewell Card with a school photo with staff Bitmojis was mailed home to all families wishing them a wonderful summer.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY/A.F. MALONEY ELEMENTARY COMPLEX  
2020 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

**Introduction:**

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of John F. Kennedy/A.F. Maloney Elementary School. Our district goal really captures the heart of education, “A DISTRICT OF ONE - 2,000 STRONG”. The staff, leadership, students and families take great pride in our school and work together to make JFK/AFM a great place to accomplish this goal. Students were welcomed back to school on September 16, 2020 after being on distance learning since March, 2020. 170 students at JFK and 273 students at AFM, a total of 443 students in grades 1 through 5 and 80 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning. This year due to the COVID guideline, kindergarten students were moved to Millville Elementary School for their in-person learning and Millville remote students are taught by JFK/AFM teachers for distance learning.

**Infrastructure:**

I would begin with the infrastructure development in our school. During the summer of 2020, the Central Office relocated to the JFK/AFM Complex. In addition, our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, making minor repairs and moving furniture into storage units to make room in our classrooms in preparation for a year of learning in a pandemic. Many rooms were painted during the summer to welcome our students back to school. Additional cameras were installed at the back of the JFK building. Teachers continued to work throughout the summer to prepare for a new year of teaching and learning. I would like to thank our custodial staff for working tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. All of the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: JFK/AFM students.

**Parent and Community**

Due to COVID-19 and limiting the number of people entering the building, the Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) was unable to work the magic planning in-person/community building events that they typically work in our school. This year, they helped purchase planners for our students in grades 3 through 5 with our school. Also, extra teacher Chromebook were donated by BEPO to support our teachers teaching virtually. A huge thank you to BEPO for supporting our teaching and learning and more.

**Academic Excellence**

For the 2020-2021 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). We have begun to merge the JFK/AFM and MES teams. Our students and staff have continued to implement our school-wide instructional focus (Students will use evidence-based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas). Our students have also continued to use the two

an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none and I am extremely proud to be working alongside them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Chan-Remka, EdD

Principal, John F. Kennedy/A. F. Maloney Elementary Complex

reviewing our current mathematics curriculum for students in Kindergarten through grade 12.

This year, we combined our School Improvement Plan (SIP) at the elementary level. Our Instructional Leadership Team members assisted with drafting this document. We continue to use a variety of data to adjust our instruction to meet the needs of all learners in front of us.

In the spring of 2021, all students in grades 3 through 5 will participate in computer-based MCAS testing. Our technology support, under the guidance of our Network and Integration Administrator, as well as our technology staff, are working to ensure infrastructure and hardware readiness as well as student familiarity with the testing format.

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Support Team has selected a K through 12 social emotional program called Choose Love. This year, our school adjustment counselors go into all K through 5 classrooms to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars into action. All student work is displayed in our school. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action.

Thank you to all of our families who are a critical part of their student's learning with supporting learning at home and at school.

A huge thank you and shout out to our staff here at Millville Elementary School. All teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Stearman are an integral piece in our students' day. They have been able to shift among our learning models seamlessly as needed. I am overjoyed to be leading a school where the staff are extremely dedicated to the personal and educational well-being of all of our students.

In closing, I would like to thank the School Committee and the townspeople for helping our schools have the tools necessary to support all learners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina M. Shafer

Principal, Millville Elementary School

Brandin, Frances	Substitute Teacher	\$1,575.00
Breault, Karen J	Administrative Assistant	\$15,112.50
Breen, Molly K	High School Teacher	\$50,807.00
Briar, Kristin A	Paraprofessional	\$18,558.27
Brienze, Denise E	Guidance High School	\$44,309.60
Brown, Lynn M	Long-Term Sub	\$23,903.70
Brown, Lynn M	Substitute Teacher	\$3,187.50
Buteau, Karen E	Administrative Assistant	\$2,358.76
Buteau, Karen E	Paraprofessional	\$19,749.91
Buteau, Karen E	Bus Monitor	\$4,180.00
Carlson, Katherine W	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$61,329.94
Carson, Lauren M	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$65,553.12
Carty, Monica M	Technology Teacher	\$52,948.00
Chan-Remka, Jenny	Principal	\$105,000.00
Chaplin, Victoria A	Paraprofessional	\$21,632.55
Charbonneau, Kristen M	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$66,980.78
Charchaffiah, Amanda K	Reading Teacher	\$18,723.69
Chase, Louise W	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$69,105.56
Chesters, Christine N	Substitute Worker	\$2,373.38
Clark, Lisa D	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$49,856.06
Cole, Jill M	High School Teacher	\$55,278.32
Colgan, Susan M	Intergrated Preschool Teacher	\$60,505.84
Conklin, Samual AJ	Network Operation	\$66,219.00
Conti, Carol M	High School Teacher	\$65,553.12
Cordova, Donna M	Paraprofessional	\$19,135.55
Cordova, Donna M	Bus Monitor	\$840.00
Costa, Maria	High School Teacher	\$77,472.00
Costello, Diane L	Kindergarten Aide	\$16,794.73
Cote, Esther H	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$77,472.00
Couture, Steven E	High School Teacher	\$55,278.32
Covino, Diane J	Kindergarten Aide	\$15,848.09
Crear, Jacob M	Substitute Para-Professional	\$4,368.00
Crear, Jacob M	Substitute Teacher	\$2,475.00
Crear, Jacob M	Bus Monitor	\$20.00
Cunningham, Marcia D	Speech MVL	\$77,472.00
Curran, Jeffrey M	PTL Coach	\$64,081.90
Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	Principal	\$106,050.00
Cusack, Sharon K	Paraprofessional	\$24,719.64
Cusack, Sharon K	Substitute Teacher	\$120.00
D'Andrea, Tara J	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$49,856.06
D'Eletto, Nicholas M	High School Teacher	\$51,616.34

Eyssallem, Denise	Permanent Sub	\$13,181.25
Eyssallem, Denise	Bus Monitor	\$120.00
Fanning, Kevin T	Custodian	\$42,445.70
Farrell, Kylie	Permanent Sub	\$13,275.00
Faulkner, Edie A	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$79,159.00
Faulkner, Ian M	Substitute Worker	\$4,998.75
Ferschke, Katelyn A	ESY Summer Program	\$450.00
Finnegan, Kathryn E	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$66,980.78
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	Paraprofessional	\$21,318.77
Folster, Colleen J	SLPA	\$30,690.25
Fontaine, Jeffrey R	High School Teacher	\$41,548.68
Franzosa, Tara K	Physical Therapist	\$62,637.26
Gallagher, Amy L	High School Teacher	\$55,278.32
Gallagher, Jason E	Custodian	\$46,742.28
Gallagher, Thomas J	Substitute Teacher	\$787.50
Gaudet, Damien W	High School Teacher	\$47,109.64
Gauthier, Patricia A	Financial Assistant	\$8,272.00
Gilligan, Kerri A	Substitute Teacher	\$4,593.75
Gonsalves, Maureen	Food Service Director	\$42,500.00
Gosselin-Beech, Lona M	Cafeteria Worker	\$19,115.81
Goulet, Peter R	Guidance High School	\$67,773.98
Grace, Caroline Ann	Science Teacher	\$69,409.00
Grant, Lauren	Nurse JFK/AFM	\$41,379.68
Grube, Lynnell	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$49,856.06
Guilbeault, Holly B	Paraprofessional	\$24,525.32
Hagan, Maribeth	Kindergarten Aide	\$15,921.76
Hagan, Sara K	High School Teacher	\$12,985.47
Hagerman, David T	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$47,147.78
Haggas, Lory J	Paraprofessional	\$25,024.19
Haggas, Lory J	Bus Monitor	\$2,420.00
Hannon, Heather M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$58,730.74
Harpin, Rebecca E	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$66,980.78
Hauer, Melanie L	School Psychologist	\$45,763.32
Healy, Brendan M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$61,001.00
Hebert, Debra A	Cafeteria Worker	\$21,039.47
Hebert, Ethan J	Custodian	\$48,203.98
Hebert, Scott A	Custodian	\$52,278.46
Hernandez, Jennifer R	Financial Assistant	\$53,242.62
Hersom, Natasha L	Human Resource Specialist	\$19,497.50
Hickey, Patrick K	Long-Term Sub	\$39,116.47
Highcove, Dawn	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$66,980.78

Lewis, Joshua R	Substitute Worker	\$7,173.75
Lipsett, Edward F	Custodian	\$5,164.50
Loomis, Anita L	Art Teacher	\$24,963.05
Lovejoy, Dana V	Custodian	\$31,093.91
Lovely, Mary E	English Liaison	\$51,616.34
MacRae, Ryan J	Substitute Teacher	\$1,650.00
Maloney, Ann P	Paraprofessional	\$24,590.96
Maloney, Deborah A	Paraprofessional	\$25,524.14
Maloney, Deborah A	Bus Monitor	\$2,100.00
Marcotte, Madison G	Substitute Teacher	\$825.00
Marcotte, Nicholas N	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$46,020.44
Markle, Van V	Substitute Worker	\$4,980.00
Marlborough, Carrie A	Administrative Assistant	\$11,133.00
Marlborough, Carrie A	Paraprofessional	\$13,922.67
Marlborough, Carrie A	Bus Monitor	\$3,940.00
Marsh, Lori E	Cafeteria Worker	\$6,409.64
Marston, Brooke A	Substitute Nurse	\$120.00
Marszalkowski, Daniel A	ABA Technician	\$21,135.23
Marszalkowski, Daniel A	Bus Monitor	\$400.00
Martineau, Erin R	Adjustment Counselor	\$42,292.46
Martinelli, Christine J	Paraprofessional	\$25,241.67
Martinelli, Traci L	Substitute Worker	\$624.75
Martino-Harms, Andrea J	High School Teacher	\$55,139.78
Martufi, Caitlin P	Special Education Teacher - MES	\$60,505.84
Maurice, Jamie A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$66,980.78
Maxwell-Rounds, Lisa A	High School Teacher	\$57,053.78
Mayer, Thomas E	Custodian	\$12,565.13
McCall, Candace M	Paraprofessional	\$21,560.83
McCormick, W John	High School Teacher	\$66,980.78
McCourt, Kevin M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$65,553.12
McCrum, Kelly A	High School Teacher	\$45,744.00
McLaughlin, Kerry L	Substitute Nurse	\$960.00
McNamara, Keith M	High School Teacher	\$60,505.84
Medeiros, Jessica S	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$61,329.94
Menard, Jacqueline A	Paraprofessional	\$23,497.50
Menard, Megan L	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$55,278.32
Mignanelli, Barbara	Adjustment Counselor	\$65,553.12
Mohamed, Bamby L	Substitute Teacher	\$4,087.50
Monroe, Bradford A	Consultant	\$1,587.50
Moreau, Linda A	Guidance - MVL	\$77,472.00
Morel, Henry P	Long-Term Sub	\$35,199.81

Roberge, Hillary J	English Teacher	\$49,854.06
Roberts, Matthew T	Custodian	\$1,105.88
Robertson, Christine R	High School Teacher	\$66,980.78
Robinson, Lynn A	Van Driver	\$24,842.89
Robinson, Lynn A	Cafeteria Worker	\$10,381.56
Roe, Ethan	High School Teacher	\$65,553.12
Rojas, Jessica NMN	Human Resource Specialist	\$18,902.69
Roman, Nicolas	Custodian	\$13,862.51
Rondeau, Jill A	Administrative Assistant	\$1,650.75
Rose, Maureen	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$77,472.00
Rosenbaum, Katherine M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$60,505.84
Rousselle, Renee	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$68,411.56
Rowe, Chelsea L	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$10,069.24
Ruzanski, Kathryn L	High School Teacher	\$65,553.12
Ryan, Matthew J	Permanent Sub	\$2,025.00
Ryan, Oliver J	Substitute Worker	\$1,680.00
Ryan, Paula M	Music Teacher	\$62,183.08
Sacco, Nicole L	High School Teacher	\$47,109.64
Salome, Linda A	Administrative Assistant	\$54,716.25
Sandstrom, Samantha A	Permanent Sub	\$4,857.75
Santoro, Dorothy P	Substitute Nurse	\$4,740.00
Sawyer, Diane E	Substitute Teacher	\$4,968.75
Scoggins, Christine S	Cafeteria Worker	\$10,816.89
Scott, Lynne S	Math Teacher	\$65,553.12
Scott, Michelle M	Substitute Nurse	\$240.00
Sczerbinski, Kara L	Long-Term Sub	\$21,328.44
Sczerbinski, Kara L	Substitute Teacher	\$975.00
Shafer, Christina M	Principal	\$97,850.00
Shafer, Todd L	Music Teacher	\$65,553.12
Shaughnessy, Nicole E	English Teacher	\$41,257.02
Shea, Debra L	Paraprofessional	\$21,336.70
Sheerin, Angela R	Itinerant	\$48,869.74
Simard, Monique F	Payroll Specialist	\$58,240.49
Simard, Monique F	Secretary School Committee	\$2,197.07
Simonetti, Pamela J	Paraprofessional	\$22,000.14
Simonetti, Pamela J	Substitute Teacher	\$100.00
Slate, Steven H	Long-Term Sub	\$2,400.00
Smith, Andrew W	Math Teacher	\$35,740.87
Smith, Marie G	Library Paraprofessional	\$9,100.67
Smith, Marie G	Substitute Teacher	\$750.00

# BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

### **A Message from our Superintendent Director:**

Our Annual Report provides an ideal opportunity to go beyond the facts and figures of our operation to share with you vignettes of our student success stories and District achievements that exemplify the essence of our mission.

Thanks to you and our dedicated District School Committee, and our instructional team's consistent work, our students receive an exceptional vocational-technical education. We appreciate and value your continued investment and personal support of your multiple municipality school system; it is essential.

This year we experienced a state-imposed school closure in March, which extended to the end of the school year and resulted in online distance learning due to the COVID-19 global health pandemic. In the process, we all learned that not all classrooms have four walls. Working remotely, embracing technology and online tools for distance learning, our administrators, staff, and students worked together to achieve classroom learning from their kitchen tables, backyards, or anywhere that inspired curiosity.

It was an unexpected opportunity that allowed us to carry out our mission in new and undefined ways. During which time, our students, faculty, staff, athletes, and teams never stopped achieving and making school history. Therefore, in the space that we typically reserve for our Alumni Spotlight, we have chosen to share stories about how our school system reacted, adapted, and contributed needed supplies with our broader community during the closure.

From the challenges of a pandemic, incredible and positive change can arise. We are proud to be an inclusive community with a long-term goal of producing young citizens with the skills to navigate any bias they encounter with empathy and compassion. With an open mind and skilled hands, our students are shaping the future.

I encourage you to read on to learn how BVT is transforming education in exciting, innovative, and impressive ways.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. This time, it was with our grant acquired 3D printers to manufacture face shields.

We planned and coordinated how to safely collect, relocate, distribute, and utilize our sophisticated 3D printers. Ultimately, twelve printers were collected through a socially distanced process and transitioned to some of our staff members' homes, enabling personnel to honor the preferred working conditions advised during the pandemic and put the very skills they teach their students to work for the community hospitals.

"Our machines are printing headpieces, which will accept clear plastic shields," explained Dr. Matthew Connors. "We are part of a coordinated effort not only among our staff but throughout the 3D printing community. In partnership with Mark Lyons, Senior Education Strategist at AET Labs, who reached out to the schools he has worked with to see if there was interest in creating the shields. We are producing the parts and then coordinating a pick-up time with Lyons, who then coordinates the donation to the various hospitals."

"We are not the only school that jumped at the opportunity to help," said James Aukstikalnis. "But we are proud to do our part and joining others across the Commonwealth who have stepped up to the plate, offering donations of medical supplies and 3D printing essential parts."

"Being able to actively and creatively respond to the shortage of supplies with 3D printing speaks to our mission," said Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. "We are proud of the endeavor that is underway in concert with our staff and Senators Moore and Fattman. Ironically, the District originally acquired major equipment upgrades with the help of our Senators and State Representatives Murray, Soter, Muradian, Frost, and McKenna, now finds itself perfectly utilizing those resources beyond the classroom."

"Our 3D printing efforts will continue as long as resources allow us to help address the shortage of supplies for medical staff and healthcare providers," said Dr. Matthew Connors.

"Ultimately, we contributed by printing 2,939 face shields for hospitals and medical facilities across the Commonwealth through this endeavor. Some will stay here for our in-house nurses."

### **Distance Learning**

Online learning tools were not new to our students, but distance learning due to COVID-19 and our school closure was a new concept. Therefore, we turned to the parents, and primary educators of our students, to partner with us more than ever in keeping students excited and engaged in learning.

To reach that goal, our academic teachers, vocational instructors, administrators, and support staff worked together to create a plan to help bring structure and predictability to parents' and students' schedules. From creative art projects and wellness activities to

**March 16th**

Governor Charlie Baker declared Massachusetts schools remain closed for three weeks, extending our closure through April 6th. Hopefully, returning on the 7th, we continued to monitor the virus and state directives.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus31620](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus31620)

**March 17th**

We rolled out optional enrichment activities for our students and creative ideas for their parents to help keep everyone engaged, excited, and connected with learning during the closure.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus31720](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus31720)

**March 26th**

Governor Baker announced that school closures would extend to Monday, May 4th.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus32620](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus32620)

**March 28th**

With guidance from the Commissioner of Education and state agencies, we released the latest directives and our next steps toward developing our distance learning model.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus32820](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus32820)

**April 5th**

Our Distance Learning Plan is announced with scheduling and grading instructions.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus4520](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus4520)

**April 17th**

Our School Committee voted to amend our school calendar, observe Patriots' Day, and conclude the school year on June 16th.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus41720](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus41720)

**April 21st**

Governor Charlie Baker extends the closure of K-12 schools through the end of the school year.

**April 24th**

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association unanimously voted to cancel the high school spring sports season.

**June 4th**

An invitation to a June 9th Zoom meeting is sent to review our end of school year plans and expectations for the fall.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus6420](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/coronavirus6420)

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[www.instagram.com/bvt\\_highschool](https://www.instagram.com/bvt_highschool)

Here's a sampling of shared posts liked by our growing community of social media followers.

### **Gratitude is Our Attitude this Year! – 139 ♥**

It's [#ThankfulThursday](#), and more gratitude attitude is coming your way. We're a few weeks into 2020, so stay motivated and positive with this student quote. What are you grateful for?

Our # QOTD: "I'm grateful for my mom. She is the most kind-hearted and caring person I know. She is my best friend, offers advice, helps me when needed, supports my decisions, and makes me a better person."

### **We acknowledge & appreciate the humbling outpouring of support - 4,909 ♥ 266 (comments)**

It is with a heavy heart that the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District confirms the loss of Tony Pena, a senior in our Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication program. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pena family at this difficult time.

Tony touched all of us with his energy, kind heart, and big mischievous smile. He loved our football team, and in his own words, "football is family." We acknowledge and appreciate the humbling outpouring of support from our District schools and beyond, which is truly heartwarming, and proves that community is family too.

### **Celebrating Our Seniors & Their Journey to Commencement**

The spring was a bittersweet time for our seniors as they finished their BVT career and graduated. We recognized that for the Class of 2020, the close of this school year was not what they might have imagined, so we celebrated them and all of their achievements in these fun and creative ways:

#### **A Sign of the Times**

Surprising our seniors with congratulatory lawn signs had everyone smiling under their face masks on May 1st. Thanks to our teachers, instructors, administrators, and support staff who traveled throughout the district in a coordinated effort to surprise our seniors with their unique delivery and a quick little hello from a safe distance.

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/celebratingourseniors](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/celebratingourseniors)

#### **This Is How We Roll**

It was a bright, beautiful summer-like day when our seniors and their families came to campus on May 15th to pick-up their class t-shirt. Our seniors were not expecting to see

student's readiness for career and college. This system of tests also incorporates altered scoring tiers.

In March, due to COVID-19, the annual MCAS spring testing season was postponed for sophomores in ELA, Mathematics, and Science, as well as advanced freshmen in Science. Students are required by federal and state statutes to achieve a level of Competency Determination on a state-mandated test in order to receive a high school diploma. Our students, who have a 21-year history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, will have an opportunity to continue that trend during the 2020-21 school year as the DESE works to reschedule MCAS.

### **352**

During our school closure, students did not have the usual spring AP course exams given at school. Instead, they took a revised AP test online at home, which was devised in under a month by the College Board. The short online exam allowed students to earn college credit for an AP class. Spring of 2020, a total of **352 AP course exams** were given to 233 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Physics 1, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, French, Statistics, and Spanish Language & Culture.

### **99%**

In spring 2019, the Class of 2021 continued an enviable trend of high achievement on the initial administration of the Next-Gen MCAS. In English Language Arts, **99% achieved Competency Determination** (a graduation requirement) on the MCAS, while 98 percent achieved CD in Mathematics. Also, 179 members of the Class of 2022 took the High School Science MCAS, and 100 percent achieved CD, while 98 percent scored within the higher range. Every year, BVT continues to display high student growth and higher student achievement.

### **Our Living History Event Was A Blast**

The American Revolution came to life with a boom, as cannon and musket smoke hung over the field at the Battle for Daniels Farm Reenactment, co-hosted by BVT through a competitive grant provided by The New England School Development Council (NESDEC), held in Blackstone on October 5th and 6th.

While spectators watched intently from the sidelines, British and Colonial troops in revolutionary-era uniforms crossed the battlefield, advancing on each other from opposite sides. Amid mock musket and cannon fire, shouting commands and waving their flags, reenactors battled for ownership of the historic cider mill located on the property.

Our Academic Curriculum Coordinator, Mr. Edward Evans, otherwise known as Corporal Evans, mustered his own platoon of students to form the 1st BVT. Under the direct command of Dana Rock and Jess Reardon of the 85ème Régiment de Saintonge, our students set up camp, did drills, and learned how much work went into every aspect

That was before the COVID-19 pandemic affected all walks of life and all aspects of SkillsUSA, resulting in the cancellation of the 2020 State and National Leadership and Skills Conferences. Therefore, we only have District results to share this year.

**Massachusetts District V Conference**

36 Gold, 26 Silver, 27 Bronze

**Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference**

The event was canceled.

**National Leadership & Skills Conference**

The event was canceled, but two of our Electronics & Engineering students, Kevin Downing of Northbridge, a junior, and Daniel Cardone of Blackstone, a freshman, were invited to compete with students from across the United States in a limited online SkillsUSA Web Design contest. They took top place, winning the gold medal.

**National Officer**

Anika Koopman of Northbridge, National Region 1 Vice President

**National Voting Delegates**

Mya Ackerman

Sawyer Allen

Carter Beard

Jon Cili

Myra Dehestani

Kirsten Dinsmore

Mackenzie Gifford

Daria Hamelin

Brandon Kee

Logan Keefe

Brenna Kehowski

Joe Mendez

Mica McLaurin

Caitlin Meisner

Tanyikeh Muanya

Aysia Parent

Chloe Pigeon

Samaha Roban

Donna Ross

Kylie Sellers

Samantha Stevens

Jace Rosado

Joe Tutela

Melissa Vieira

Abigail Weagle

### **Kudos: Celebrating Excellence**

The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY20.

### **Student Council Earns National Recognition**

Our student council was recognized as a 2020 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for an exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve their school and community. This national recognition marked the second consecutive year that our student council has earned this distinction and successfully displayed the highest standards of leadership, and beyond.

### **Athletic Director of the Year**

Our Athletic Director, Michele Denise, was honored by the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association (MSSADA) as its 2019-20 Athletic Director of the Year.

### **State Vocational Titles**

Our girls' and boys' basketball teams made it to the district finals and made school history. Before starting postseason play, BVT girls captured the Large School State Vocational title, which included a 64-25 rout of Northeast Metro Tech in the championship game. Our Golf, Soccer (girls), Basketball (girls), Cross Country (girls & boys) teams all won State Vocational Titles.

### **First-Ever Sectional Title in Boys' Soccer**

Let's hear it for our Boys' Varsity Soccer team. Our purple-haired Beavers won the Central Mass Division 3 title and made school history in the process. BVT took out top-seeded Nipmuc when senior Domenic Allegrezza buried the final penalty kick to clinch the Beavers first-ever sectional title in boys' soccer.

### **Cheerleading**

Our cheerleaders won the fall league title, and seven league titles in their two seasons.

### **The 2020 Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year**

This award is presented each year by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) to one student from each vocational-technical high school in Massachusetts. The award recognizes students who have made significant contributions to their local school district and the statewide vocational education system. Recipients must have excellent attendance, a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, and vocational-related work experience. The students must demonstrate leadership qualities, technical competence, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities.

Brandon Kee, a senior in Engineering & Robotics Technology, is the 2020 recipient. He ranked 1st in his class of 298 students.

construction. The project was an ideal learning opportunity for juniors in our Construction Technology program to utilize their skills. Under the direct supervision of their instructor, Michael Swanick, students began the initial deconstruction process in January. With removal and preparation for the ultimate rebuild during the 2020-21 school year.

### **A Golden Opportunity**

When St. Mark's Church in Sutton needed a new sign, they reached out to BVT. This community project provided our Construction Technology and Painting and Design Technology students with an opportunity to hone their skills, gain trade experience, and work together.

Our Construction Technology students used a computer numerical control router, a computer-controlled cutting machine to manipulate the wood and shape the St. Mark's Church letters. Then our talented Painting and Design Technology students used gold paint and a steady hand to complete the sign in their shop under the watchful eye of their instructors, Thomas Lamont and Timothy Buono. Once the paint had dried, our Construction Technology instructor arranged for the installation of the finished signage.

In November, six of our skilled Construction Technology seniors went to St. Mark's Church with their instructor Mark Fitzpatrick. They prepared the structure, repaired hinges, and installed the gold-lettered sign on the top of the white wooden display. Proudly exhibited on the church lawn, the sign now clearly reads St. Mark's Church, welcoming the community to worship.

### **Return on Investment**

BVT Budget Leverages Federal and State Funding to Enhance a Positive Learning Environment

Our School Committee developed the District's FY20 budget in a manner that adheres to strict state requirements while providing unique skill development opportunities to our students through relationships with local business and industry. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic presented additional challenges for our administration, instructional, and support staff to find creative ways to deliver education through distance learning. With the help of gifts, grants, private funding opportunities, and a minor increase in state aid, the District held the operating budget to a 3.53% increase. To mitigate the state's continued increase of our member towns minimum contributions (4.82% for FY20), our School Committee authorized the use of \$225,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact.

Our administration, faculty, and students continually search out ways to improve processes, curtail energy consumption, and reduce waste in a manner that preserves the delivery of a quality education. We strive for teacher excellence through targeted professional development opportunities and stress the importance of a healthy lifestyle (students and staff alike) to promote a positive learning environment.

**Class of 2020: Millville Graduates**

**NHS: National Honor Society**      **NTHS: National Technical Honor Society**

Arthur Jay Axon, Drafting & Design Technology; Mia Suzanne Belanger, Culinary Arts; Margaret Josephine Ross Boone, Multimedia Communications; Mallory Kate Harper, Business & Entrepreneurship; Samuel Thomas Houle, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; and Brady Daniel Smith, Painting & Design Technology.

**School Committee**

Our School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy.

**Chairman:** Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham

**Vice Chairman:** Gerald M. Finn, Millville

**Assistant Treasurer:** Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury

**Secretary:** Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick, Blackstone

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Dennis P. Braun, Mendon

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Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge

Julie H. Mitchell, Sutton

David R. Bartlett, Upton

James H. Ebbeling, Uxbridge

**Superintendent-Director:** Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

**Assistant Superintendent – Director/Principal:** Anthony E. Steele, II

**Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations:** Kurtis W. Johnson

**District Treasurer:** Barbara A. Auger