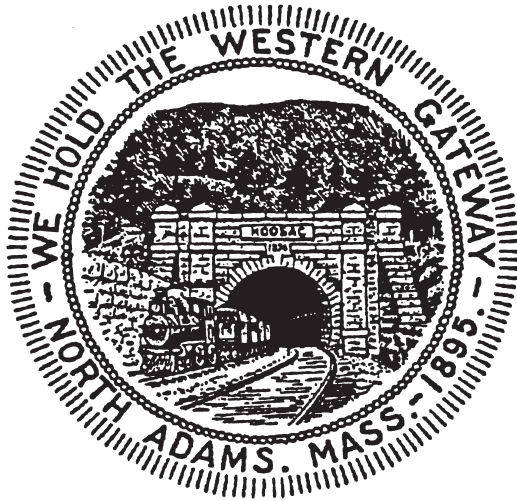


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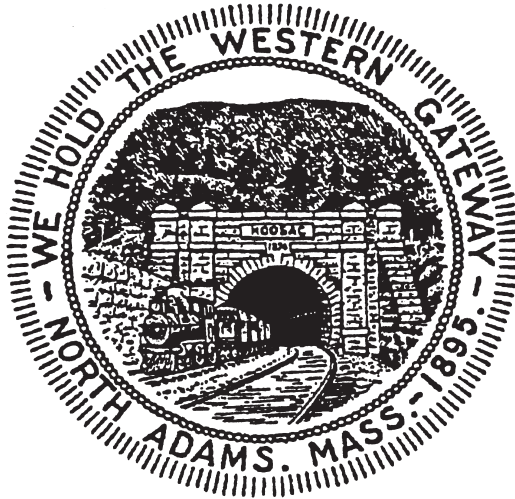


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For the year

Two Thousand and Sixteen

Dedication



James E. Montepare Superintendant of Schools

James E. Montepare began his career in the North Adams Public Schools in March of 1975 when he was hired as a special education teacher. In 1979 he was appointed Coordinator of Pupil Services and in 1988 he was named Administrator of Special Education. In October of 1996 Jim was appointed Assistant Superintendent and in 2003 he became superintendent of the North Adams Public Schools. The list below is a sampling of the impact Jim's commitment brought to our district and our children:

- Jim was one of the first administrators in the state to develop a fully inclusive education program, which has been used as a model for many other inclusive programs throughout the United States.
- Jim forged partnerships with Child Care of the Berkshires helping them to find funding, grow programming and build playgrounds.
- He was responsible for an array of early literacy programs that impacted much of Berkshire County.
- Jim was instrumental in keeping the Mary Jezyk Sunshine Camp alive by adding school support to ensure that the special education students of North Adams would have a summer program.
- Jim was responsible for the creation of the Off-Campus Program which provides inclusive career exploration for students.

- Under Jim’s direction, the North Adams Public Schools began partnering with Kidspace at MASS MoCA and through this collaboration thousands of students in North Adams have visited the museum and participated in hands on learning through the various exhibits and programs offered.
- In 2005 Jim spearheaded the effort to bring the Berkshire Wireless Laptop Initiative to North Adams. This initiative, labeled ‘visionary’ by then commissioner of Education David Driscoll, provided laptops to approximately 500 students and teachers in the North Adams Public Schools.
- Jim has always been a strong supporter of the fine and performing arts in our district and in June of 2008 he was presented with the National Administrator’s Award at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- In 2007 the arduous process of seeking funding for a new school began and some seven years after submitting the statement of interest, in the spring of 2014, construction began on the newest addition to the North Adams Public Schools. The former Silvio O. Conte Middle School was renovated and renamed Colegrove Park Elementary School and opened on January 4, 2016.
- Jim was been responsible for securing tens of millions of dollars in grant funding for the city. Of all the grants Jim has authored or administered, the most notable have been the 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school and summer programs grants. Jim’s goal was to provide better service to the children and families of North Adams by extending the school day in the form of an after school program that would enhance the academic, social, and emotional needs of every child.

James “Jim” Montepare dedicated his life to the education of our children. Through innovation, hard work and commitment, he has left an indelible mark on the thousands of kids he served. The North Adams Public School System, the City of North Adams and this greater region were blessed with Jim’s service to this community and we very humbly say....thank you.

CITY GOVERNMENT

CITY COUNCIL

Seat	Term Expires December
Lisa Blackmer, 74 Cleveland Avenue.....	2017
Keith Bona, 179 North Street	2017
Nancy Bullett, 42 Maple Street.....	2017
Eric Buddington, 23 Warren Street.....	2017
Benjamin Lamb, 23 Marion Avenue.....	2017
Kate Hanley Merrigan, 201 East Main Street.....	2017
Joshua Moran, 138 Catherine Street.....	2017
Ronald Boucher, 645 Barbour Street.....	2017
Robert Moulton, 985 Massachusetts Avenue.....	2017

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor.....	Richard J. Alcombright
Administrative Assistant to Mayor	Rosemari Dickinson
City Solicitor.....	John DeRosa
City Treasurer & Tax Collector.....	Beverly Cooper
Assistant City Treasurer & Tax Collector.....	Doris Burdick
City Auditor	David Fierro, Jr.
Assistant City Auditor.....	Sheryl Chaput
City Clerk.....	Marilyn Gomeau
Assistant City Clerk.....	Nancy Canales
MIS Director	Kathleen Wall
Business Manager	Nancy Ziter
Finance/Purchasing Director.....	Laura Wood
Commissioner of Public Services	Timothy Lescarbeau
Assistant Commissioner of Public Services	Paul Markland
Director of Fire	Stephen Meranti
Director of Police.....	Michael Cozzaglio
Building Inspector.....	William Meranti
Director of Public Health.....	James O'Brien
Veterans Service Officer	Stephen Roy

ASSESSORS

Term Expires January

Ross Vivori.....	2016
Gregory Betti	2018
Richard Taskin	2018

CITY GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL REGISTER

Superintendent of Schools	James Montepare
Librarian.....	Mindy Hackner
Sergeants-of-Police	James Burdick
Acting Lieutenant.....	William Baker
Patrolmen-Detectives	John LeClair
	Kelly Wisniowski
	Mark Bailey
	Fran Maruco
Fire Lieutenants	Joseph Beverly
	John S. Paciorek
Inspector of Wires	Michael Lescarbeau
Inspector of Animals	Carrie Loholdt
Sealer of Weights & Measures.....	Mark Vadnais

CITIZEN BOARD MEMBERS

AIRPORT COMMISSION	Term Expires February
Jeffrey Naughton.....	2019
Armand Boillat.....	2018
Shaun Dougherty	2017
Trevor Gilman.....	2016
James Neville.....	2018

BOARD OF APPEALS	Term Expires January
Paul Dilego, Jr.....	2018
Ross Jacobs	2017
Peter Milanese	2016
Donald Pecor.....	2017
Greg Roach	2017

BOARD OF HEALTH	Term Expires January
John Meaney, Jr	2018
Brendan Bullett	2016
Kevin Lamb	2017

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	Term Expires December
William Meranti.....	2016
Randall Kemp	2017
Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski.....	2016
Mark Patenaude	2015
Brian McCarthy	2015

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Term Expires August

Jason Moran	2018
James Moulton	2017
Gary Polumbo	2016
Richard O'Neill	2018
Timothy Lescarbeau	2018
Jeff Meehan	2017
Andrew Kawczak	2017

COUNCIL ON AGING

Term Expires January

Sandra Lamb, Director

Norman Antonio	2018
Lorraine Maloney	2016
Georgette Mancuso	2017
Elizabeth Benz	2019
Pauline Cantoni	2017
Stephen Smachetti	2019

HISTORIAL COMMISSION

Term Expires January

Justyna Carlson	2018
Jake Elder	2016
Wendy Champney	2018
Paul Marino	2017
Joanne Hurlbut	2019
Darrell English	2017
Alan Horbal	2017

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Term Expires July

Jennifer Hohn, Executive Director

Christopher Tremblay	2019
James Neville	2019
James Ben Taylor	2018
Darrell Clairmont	2019

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Term Expires February

Thomas Bernard	2018
Jennifer Flynn Bernard	2016
Jen Boland	2016
Suzy Helme	2016

CITY GOVERNMENT

LICENSE BOARD COMMISSION

Term Expires June

Rosemari Dickinson	2019
Peter Breen	2021
Jeff Polucci	2021

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Term Expires September

James Morocco	2016
Paul Senecal	2018
Wayne Wilkinson	2019

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent	James J. Brosnan
Chairman	Daniel Maloney
Vice-Chairman	Thomas Mahar
Secretary	James J. Brosnan
Treasurer	Maureen Senecal
Assistant Treasurer	Alice Houghtaling

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Term Expires May

George Canales	2020
Robert LeClair	2018
Mark Vadnais	2019
Tim Koperek	2021
Kate Galli	2019
Richard Wood	2019

PLANNING BOARD

Term Expires February

Michael Leary	2019
Brian Miksic	2021
Robert Burdick	2020
Kyle Hanlon	2016
Paul Hopkins	2019
Joanne DeRose	2017
Lynette Bond	2018
Paul Senecal	2017
Jay Walsh	2021

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Term Expires January

Mindy Hackner, Library Director	
Nicole Protop	2019
Hulda Hardman Jowett	2016
Harris Elder	2018
Joan Owczarski	2017

CITY GOVERNMENT

Donald Pecor.....	2018
Richard Taskin	2017

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	Term Expires June
Paul Hopkins.....	2019
Kyle Hanlon	2016
Michael Leary	2018

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	Term Expires April
Mary Ann Caproni	2016
Elizabeth DiLego	2017
Marilyn DeRosa	2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Term Expires December
Richard J. Alcombright, Chairperson	
Heather H. Boulger, Vice Chairperson	2017
John Hockridge	2017
Mark P. Moulton	2017
Tara Jacobs.....	2019
Nicolas Fahey	2019
Karen Bond	2019

TRAFFIC COMMISSION	Term Expires January
Amanda Chilson.....	2017
Mary Ann King	2018
David Sacco	2018
Paul Markland.....	2016
Stephen Rondeau	2018

TREE COMMISSION	Term Expires January
Patricia LeClair	2016
Jane Betti.....	2017
Christine Petri	2018

WINDSOR LAKE RECREATION COMMISSION	Term Expires April
Lawrence C. Jowett.....	2017
William St. Pierre.....	2018
Nancy Bullett	2016
David Racette.....	2017

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

It is with great confidence and pleasure that I issue this Annual Report covering budget cycle FY2016. I am happy to report that the City of North Adams is a strong and viable community, and is well on its way to continued development, growth and prosperity.

I continue to say that when you look at our City from the Western Summit of the Mohawk Trail, it looks like we are in the palm of God's hand. Being here my entire life I have and always will value the natural beauty that is everywhere in this valley. That said, I have come to realize that while in a rural setting, we are a very urban city. We are a microcosm of larger urban centers and with that we have wonderful urban assets. We have a wonderful liberal arts college in MCLA, the largest museum of contemporary art in the country in MASS MoCA, great medical services, an airport, a diverse economy and cultural amenities second to none. Combine all of those amenities with our natural beauty, endless miles of trails and ever-flowing rivers and streams, and the City of North Adams is a destination like few others.

Due to the opportunity and promise of this city and region, we are seeing significant private investment along the Route 2 corridor to our west with development at the Redwood Motel, Blackinton Mill, and the Greylock Mill. The continued progress regarding the Extreme Model Rail and Contemporary Art Museum (EMRAC) is moving at a robust pace and it is hopeful that the project will be in final design soon. Additionally, the huge expansion at MASS MoCA is well underway and promises to open in early 2017.

As a result of the EMRAC project, we envision a complete redevelopment of the Heritage State Park complex. We are encouraged with discussions around the Mohawk Theater, we completed our 3.3 megawatt solar project and in January, we opened our newly renovated Colegrove Park Elementary School.

Since the closure of the hospital and through the efforts of Berkshire Health Systems (BHS), our medical services in the City continue to come back in a robust and sustainable way. As of this writing, the Emergency Department, imaging, full labs, day surgery procedures, mammography and so much more has been restored. BHS is working on bringing in cardiology, pain, wound, cardio rehab, dialysis and other needed services back to the campus. Additionally, outpatient addiction and recovery treatment is available five days a week.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

In the wake of continued pressure on our budget, rising expenses, shrinking revenues and exhausted reserves, I am pleased to say that this is our second fiscal year that is fully balanced without the use of reserves or one-time revenues. Additionally, we are beginning to see some growth in reserves. While I know that two cycles is not a “streak”, I am very proud of our TEAM for holding the line on spending and towing the line on collections. I am looking forward to another cycle of solid fiscal responsibility.

Public Safety continues to be a priority as the City deals with crime issues that are pervasive in urban communities. With increased programming, community group initiatives and continued police pressure, we are seeing a difference based on our crime statistics. I have made a very strong commitment to police staffing and that commitment will remain.

We continue to see fair growth of new businesses and business expansions and most importantly, we are seeing a new surge of private investment in the City. Private dollars are being used for small to mid-sized development projects as well as being used to tear down blight and open up the landscape in certain neighborhoods. The continued investment by Cumberland Farms, the Greylock Mill initiative, the Redwood Motel/Blackinton Mill, and Heritage State Park have been extremely encouraging. We are seeing more sales of real estate and even more importantly, the selling prices of homes are at and exceeding assessed values.

The “Hoosic Valley Service” has connected North Adams and Adams with scenic rail trips providing scenic rides to hundreds of visitors and locals alike. This collaborative effort between the City, Town of Adams, Berkshire Scenic Rail Museum, and the Commonwealth, holds significant economic, social and cultural promise and further enhances the excitement of the re-birth of Heritage State Park. We are anticipating state funding to complete the rail project in 2017.

We continue to work with the Hoosic River Revival. This great group has been working on ways (over several years) to replace our ailing and aging flood control walls. The efforts focus on enhancing flood protection along both the north and south branches of the river by eliminating flood chutes in certain areas and bringing the river back to a natural and environmentally friendly place. This economic development opportunity will provide more natural access to the river and allow residents and tourists to better connect with this beautiful natural resource.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

We continue our journey back from some very dismal economic years and there seems to be a renewed excitement in the community. I have presented my third consecutive balanced budget, reserves are growing, our Colegrove School project was very successful, private sector investment is flowing, our anchor institutions...MASS MoCA, MCLA and the BMC North Campus are doing very well, Crane Fine Printing is rebounding and remains our manufacturing anchor, Cumberland Farms is poised to open a new store on Route 2 and exciting days are ahead.

I have very much appreciated the support the City Council, the School Committee, our School Building Committee, the commitment of all of our boards and commissions, the guidance of my neighboring town leaders, our state delegation and the wonderful employees of our City and school system. I am very thankful for the patience, support and confidence of the people of this great city.

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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North Adams Public Schools

Organization of the School Committee

Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson

Heather H. Boulger, Vice Chairperson

John Hockridge

Mark P. Moulton

Karen Bond

Tara Jacobs

Nicholas Fahey

Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent

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To Our Friends

One of the more important reasons for preparing this report is the strong conviction that the public has a right to know what is happening in its schools. In this summation, for the citizens of our community, are documented examples of the many programs and events that occurred in the North Adams Public Schools during the past year. You are encouraged to visit our schools and experience first hand the activities in the North Adams Public Schools.

Superintendent's Award

A special certificate acknowledging academic excellence, awarded by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), was presented by the Superintendent of Schools to Drury High School senior Oliva Carlson, daughter of Darrell and Patricia Carlson, at the November meeting of the North Adams School Committee. This honor goes to high school students who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. The criteria are: three year cumulative grade average, rank in class, and personal selection by the Superintendent. This award is given at the beginning of the senior year so that students selected may include this citation with their college applications.

Class of 2016

Of the ninety-two students who graduated from Drury High School in June, 2016, seventy-one (77%) went on to higher education. Of that number, twenty-one (23%) will be attending four-year public colleges, twenty-eight (30%) will be attending four-year private colleges, eighteen (20%) will be attending two-year public colleges, one (1%) will attend a two-year private college, and three (3%) will be going on to vocational or technical schools. Two students (2%) will enter the military and thirteen students (14%) are entering the work force. Six students (7%) have other plans.

Theatre Arts and Drury Stage Company

Our theatre department has taken a positive step forward in both production and collaboration during the school day and after school. Thanks to the support of the district administration the theatre component to the performing arts team has raised the bar once again this year in both skill development and production practice while culturally, expanding the theatre palate here in the North Adams community and beyond.

This full year elective course, Theatre Acting and Production course accentuates the strengths and talents of individual, small group, and large group theatrical development as it relates to each area of the theatre. Students have the ability to focus on their specialty area, while having the exposure to all elements of theatre. The concepts explored include, but are not limited to, terminology, dramatic structure, history and timeline, self-image, improv acting, comedic timing, set design, directing, producing, script writing, and musical performances. This year, we were able to attain the "Sketch up" program where students could learn how to design interior and exterior sets in the 3D format. Students researched the palace at Shonbrunn and Mozart's apartment and designed their own creative template as a part of their CEPA unit. Students from grades 8-12 have created their own "in-class" productions at the end of each quarter and this spring, take their skills and acting and set design study for the productions which include "Guys and Dolls" and "Amadeus". Students enrolled in the course develop group communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills by rehearsing and performing many theatrical offerings both in class and within the inclusive Stage Company initiative.

This after school theatre initiative, entitled, "The Drury Stage Company" is a program dedicated to the development and fostering of interest in the craft of theatre among our youth. Also, through an outreach initiative, we seek the encouragement and appreciation of our community's participation. This program seeks to empower and motivate young artists with collaboration and performance skills taught by theatre educators in a supportive, rigorous and relevant educational environment. Our students learn how to perform on the professional stage while building self-

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worth strategies and developing the courage to stretch. For the third year Kate Caton directed this program.

From September through December, our performing arts staff was busy and engaged in production for “Guys and Dolls”. “Guys and Dolls” is known by many as “the perfect musical” as it has been well received throughout the last fifty years by many community and regional theatres as well as numerous revivals on Broadway. “Guys and Dolls” was executed as an inclusive department project, joining forces with Performing Arts Management (PAM), Band, Theatre, Art, Tech and Chorus within the framework of this massive undertaking. Keith Davis skillfully mastered the set design, inclusive of a vintage newspaper stand and period telephone booth. Phoebe Pepper and her students artistically brought the stage to life with their artistic talents. Jamie Choquette and the PAM class, once again, gave luminosity and sound design a new meaning with their work with the musical. Chris Caproni, music director, involved a large amount of pit musicians and harnessed Ms. Caton’s vision of having a live “Save a Soul” Mission Band, never before created for this show. Nicole Rizzo Carter joined the design team this year with her professional expertise in choreography for the show. Included in the cast of Runyonland extras were Principal Amy Meehan, Dean of Students Chris Barbarotta, Superintendent Montepare and Mayor Alcombright. Extending the cast to include school and city administration created an essence of community that enhanced the production in its first scene.

Over one hundred students from C wing from Drury participated in the design and development of the production. We hosted a teaser assembly in December which brought five schools to the Drury auditorium. Due to the incredible talent placed upon us in auditions, we chose to double cast the female roles, and creating “swings” in the dance numbers, thus giving the understudies an opportunity for more stage time. Members of the chorus and band participated in the last ensemble 11:00 number, “Sit down you’re rocking the boat” which featured Michael Mazzu’s charismatic portrayal of Nicely Johnson. Each performance, the performers received a standing ovation after the song’s encore. When they say, “It takes a village” to put on a production, in this case, it is true and then some. With the support of the district administration, The Gateway Fund and Massachusetts Cultural Council grants, as well as many faculty, staff and community members, the show was a four performance success.

In the spring, April 28-30, the students took the journey with members of the design team in presenting the challenging and intriguing award winning play, “Amadeus” by Peter Shaffer. Seventeen high school performers inclusive of a few newcomers and tech students joined the Stage Company after school, in character study and analysis in providing our community with an inside view of two prominent 18th century composers, their rivalry and their ultimate fate. Only once was this play attempted locally and that was by the Berkshire Theatre Group ten years ago. Nick Burchard (Salieri) studied this imminent composer including his Italian accent; his role encompassing three hours of constant stage time and over 30 memorized monologues. Jacob Keplinger, (Amadeus) graced the stage with his portrayal of the infantine genius. Alex Bernard (Constanze Weber) once again adorned the stage with her talent as portraying the wife of the brilliant yet childish composer. Theatre, Acting, and Production students studied the history and significance of character study for both productions and some were members of the cast. “Amadeus” exposed our community to the intricacies of a straight play and a period piece as well, where some of the pertinent dialogue was in French and Italian. Our professional costumer, Deb Parker, took the trip from New York to experience the play production. Her skill in character and costume thematic design was evident within the play. Keith Davis with Nick Boulger, raised the bar once again by helping to build and design our sets, including building a casket and a replica of a harpsichord—one of his and his construction students greatest constructs. Phoebe Pepper and Nick Burchard added her artistic eye through thematic artistry with the set design of Mozart and Salieri’s apartment as well as the Prater scene. Nick Burchard once again designed the playbill and haunting poster as he has done for us for the last three years. Mastermind Jamie Choquette and his PAM team worked endlessly on projected lighting and

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hazer effects as well as perfectly timed music that was rehearsed to coincide with the dialogue. Julia Cellana spent every rehearsal with us, as Music Cue Manager. Eleanora Giavazzi, an Italian exchange student, came on board in a dual role; costume manager and dialect coach. Aby Kate Caproni lent us her expertise in props mastery. Joe Green mastered the microphone and sound system while Nick Bator designed the light cues for the show. By production week, the entire cast and crew had embraced the chosen period music of the classic era as well as the intrigue of the play. Our houses were well attended each of the three nights and the response from the community about the production was overwhelming.

In May, twenty three of our cast members and eight of our stage band musicians participated in expeditionary performances that the Drury Stage Company was invited to. First, "An Evening of the Arts", a scholarship showcase in Great Barrington, hosted talent in art, stage and music from both South County and our school. Our stage band, along with the actors from "Guys and Dolls" and "Amadeus" presented songs and scenes at the community event. The second performance was for The Berkshire Theatre Group, as in the past, were invited to their "Encore Showcase for High School Musicals", and presented at The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield. The cast and staff were required to attend a dress rehearsal a few days before the Friday performance. We were pleased to once again work with Josh Baker, who was our teaching assistant from MCLA last year, as he was hired to stage manage the show. The Drury Stage Company was one of seven schools represented and their performance was exemplary to both the audience and the director of the show.

In May, fifty of the students involved in the performing arts department, inclusive of the Drury Stage Company participated in the Media and Performing Arts Banquet, held at The American Legion Hall, in which Media, Chorus and CAM students were represented. Awards were given out all evening and for The Stage Company, four actors along with all participating seniors received awards. Alex Bernard and Nick Burchard received the Drury Stage Company Toni Award for best actor and actress in a play while Jacob Keplinger and Alyssa Richardson received the Drury Stage Company Toni award for best actor and actress in a musical. Nick Burchard took home the Harold Hill Award. Every participating senior, involved in this after school initiative received graduation medallions.

By the first week in May, we had secured two Massachusetts Cultural Council grants for the upcoming year to use for The Stage Company initiative. With a collaborative and supporting design team, along with an increased interest of eager and engaged students, it is our vision as a department to continue to expand and explore more educationally valuable and noteworthy theatrical experiences both in school and after school for our performing art students here in North Adams. Drury Stage Company is one-of a kind; nowhere in the Northern Berkshires is there a theatre arts program of this magnitude.

Drury Athletics

Drury High School and its athletics programs continued to stress the importance of academic integrity and positive decision making and Drury programs and student athletes received several accolades which brought a great deal of pride to the school and city of North Adams, all while undergoing large scale changes. Chris Barbarotta took over as Coordinator of Athletics and John Moore was chosen as his assistant and site coordinator.

Our fall season continued with the use of Family ID, the online registration system which easily organizes and tracks required documents and contracts. Health Administrator Carrie Brassard took over as the nurse overseeing any health related issues, including concussions and she has done a tremendous job taking responsibility and making sure all health issues are addressed.

This year Drury student athletes participated in golf, boys' and girls' soccer, football (co-op), cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, cheerleading, hockey co-op with Wahconah, baseball,

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softball, track and boys' and girls' lacrosse co-op with Hoosac as well as swimming co-op with St. Joe and wrestling co-op with Mt. Greylock. The football co-op has been dissolved with St. Joe so that our program can move down to a more competitive division, hopefully creating a rivalry with McCann. Our various sports teams performed well and some of the noteworthy accomplishments included: In golf, Nick Bator, being named to the All Eagle team, Nick Bator and Chad Lawrence made the coach's All Star first team and Nick Boulger made the second team. Nick Bator also won the county championship at Stockbridge Country Club. In basketball, the boys' basketball team earned the number four seed for Western Mass tournament and won the annual Gene Wein Tournament. Hayden Bird had an outstanding season in which he was named to the All Western Mass and All Berkshire and All North teams. Reece Racette and Connor Meehan also made the All North team. In girls' basketball, Molly Moulton and Olivia Carlson made All Western Mass and both made the coach's All North team along with Katie Toomey and Jenna Moulton. In girls' basketball, under the guidance of new coach Brian Flagg, the girls made it to the Western Mass finals at the Cage. In cheerleading with participation numbers steady, the girls were able to win their second Western Mass cheer title. In track, Connor Meehan had a record setting first place finish at Western Mass and was named the WBEC male track athlete of the year for the second consecutive year.

Looking forward we are relieved that the MIAA has decided not to initiate that grade seven and eight can no longer participate in high school athletics without a waiver. Our booster clubs remain strong and supply much needed financial support to our athletic teams. Suzanne Koperek was awarded this years PASS (Positive Attitude and School Spirit) Award for her outstanding support of Drury Athletics.

Overall, this year's events were well attended and school pride continues to be a strength of Drury. The athletic department continues to honor students for their academic achievements through the Athlete-of-the-Month program and awards are announced on the Athletic bulletin board outside of the gym and on Drury TV. MIAA Student Ambassador for this school year was Olivia Carlson. We have had some growing pains, but overall this was a positive year with things looking even better for the future for the Drury Blue Devils.

Chris Barbarotta has resigned from the position of Athletic Director and for FY 17 the district will have a .50 FTE Athletic Director for the district as well as an Athletic Coordinator. David Racette and John Moore, respectively, have been hired to fill these positions.

Food Services

The Food Services Department continues to participate in the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, USDA After School Snack Program, USDA Summer Feeding Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, and Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. In addition, we continue to provide breakfast, lunch, and snack to the Head Start Program at Johnson school year round and Lunch to the YMCA child care program.

New in FY16 is participation in the USDA Community Eligibility Provision program allowing all students to receive one breakfast and one lunch at all schools for no charge. A breakfast in the classroom program was rolled out at Brayton Elementary School mid-year in an effort to increase breakfast participation. As a result, breakfast participation at Brayton has increased 45%.

For the second year in a row, the Food Services Department applied for and was awarded \$20,000 from a USDA School Nutrition Equipment Assistance competitive grant. This money was used to install a new Market Forge pressure steamer in Drury High School allowing us to increase cooking efficiency and food quality.

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Participation in the National Breakfast Program rose 28% in FY 16 and 56% year over year while participation in the Nation School Lunch Program rose 19% in FY 16 and 27% year over year. This increase in participation continues to far exceed national averages and is the direct result of a dedicated staff committed to improving day-to-day operations and providing our customers the best meal possible in accordance with all USDA nutritional requirements.

School Safety Committee

The Safety Committee is comprised of the Superintendent, principals, school counselors, the health administrator, the school resource officer as well as representatives from the North Adams Police and Fire Departments, North Adams Ambulance and Berkshire Medical Center. The mission of this committee is to ensure a safe, caring environment for staff, students and parents. The committee holds quarterly meetings and additional meetings are scheduled as needed. Each school has established an emergency response team and has developed emergency response procedures. Each school team as well as the central office team participates in regular emergency response team training with the last session occurring in November 2013. On the recommendation of the police and fire directors, the district joined an online system called BeSafe that allows public safety officials to access essential information in the event of an emergency.

Emergency Operations Plans were rewritten for each school and for the district that align with the model recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the US Department of Education.

A major activity during this year was the implementation of a new lockdown protocol. With the endorsement of the North Adams Police, the school district adopted the “Enhanced Lockdown” model put forth by the MA State Police. The model is based on best practices after careful study by law enforcement of incidents of shootings and violent intruders in schools. The model expands the protocol to include the options of evacuation, barricade, or targeted aggressive response. All faculty and staff were trained in the new model in the fall and each school conducted a series of drills supported by the North Adams Police, MA State Police, and regional police departments. In addition, staff who allow visitors to enter school buildings such as office staff, custodians, and cafeteria were trained in “Visitor Screening” by the MA State Police.

A schedule of training by the MA State Police is set for the fall for each school building on “Family Reunification Procedures”. Schools will practice the procedure during off site evacuation drills.

North Adams Public Schools Volunteer Program

The 2015-2016 North Adams Volunteer Program experienced another fantastic year in meeting the mission and goals of the program. The 2015- 2016 school year is the start of the first year in a new three year CORI/SORI cycle for registered volunteers. In just the first year, over three hundred volunteers have been documented. These volunteers have given their time in after school programs, PTGs and PTAs, sporting events, tutoring and mentoring programs, The Foster Grandparent Program, Read Across America and special events with parent and community volunteers. Over the last few years, faculty, staff and parents have continued to show an increased awareness of the need for volunteers to become registered and approved. This continues to help ensure the safety of our students as well as increase the integrity of the program.

The program has seen an increase in volunteers from the local colleges, MCLA and Williams College. Through a partnership with Williams’ Center for Learning in Action, the following programs worked with elementary students this year: Science Fellows, After School Tutoring, iTeam, First Grade Buddies and the Assist Program. The Assist Program, run by Williams College senior, Katie Litman, with assistance from Brayton Dean of Students, Dan Sherman,

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placed 50 elementary students with a Williams College athlete mentor. The fourth year of the Williams College tutoring program saw over 100 Williams College students working with students from all three elementary schools during after school programs. The Williams College volunteers were able to continue using the BRTA to travel to Brayton Elementary where they worked with students five days a week.

Many MCLA students volunteered their time in our schools through the college's Center for Service. Volunteers were involved in the following programs: STICS (Student Teachers In Classroom Support), The Write Stuff, Teach to Learn, Half Times. MCLA students also participated in a Science program called, Teach to Learn, which brought science lessons to the students of Colegrove Park Elementary.

All three elementary schools continued to benefit from the volunteers in the Foster Grandparent Program. A total of ten volunteers worked in the program. At the end of 2015, long-time Foster Grandparent volunteer, Judy Wyman retired from the program.

In the upcoming school year, the program looks forward to continued growth in volunteers, tracked volunteer hours, and new projects, which enhance the educational excellence in the North Adams Public Schools.

English Learner Education (ELE) Services

The ELE program in the North Adams Public Schools is based in the model of Sheltered English Instruction, which specifies that identified English Language Learners receive content instruction in regular classrooms as well as direct instruction in English language development. The language of instruction is English, with clarification when necessary in the native language using dictionaries or interpreters as needed. The key elements are scaffolding and modifying instruction in order to make the curriculum accessible to students for whom English is not the primary language. Instruction and assessment modifications adhere to the WIDA guidelines.

At the beginning of the school year, there were: nine identified EL students at Greylock, one opt-out student and one FEL in the first year of monitoring at Brayton, one EL student receiving services and one opt-out student at Drury. Three entry-level ELL students arrived at Greylock Elementary in September prompting the hiring of the ELL tutor and TA.

We currently serve: seventeen EL students at Greylock, one EL at Colegrove, one EL student and one FEL in the first year of monitoring at Brayton and have one opt-out student at Drury.

Several students were already in the system but were not identified as ELs due to inconsistent administration of the Home Language Survey in the past. Several others moved to the district later in the year. We have added the PHLS instructions to the website and clarified the administration process at each school. Students who moved to the district later in the year were immediately identified via the PHLS, screened and began attending Greylock immediately.

A full-time certified ESL teacher, one tutor and one TA provide instruction at Greylock Elementary. The teacher is responsible for individualized learning plans that incorporate WIDA Can-Do Descriptors, standards, and social/instructional language. The teacher also attends IEP reviews, IST meetings and has regularly scheduled collaboration time with SCI teachers. The teacher also regularly observes SCI teachers and offers SEI coaching and feedback. The ESL teacher and a full-time ELE tutor (a certified ESL teacher) provides direct pull-out instruction to small groups of ELL students at Greylock Elementary. These groups are based on grade level and ELP level. A full-time ESL teacher's assistant also leads small groups to practice skills taught by the teacher and tutor. The tutor provides one-on-one instruction to one ELL student at Brayton Elementary four days per week. The TA provides one-on-one instruction to one ELL student at Colegrove Elementary five days per week under direct supervision of the ESL teacher. All

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assignments and student work are regularly reviewed by the ESL teacher. There is also one ESL/Spanish teacher at Drury High School. She provides one-on-one instruction to one student and also works with teachers obtaining their SEI endorsement. The ELE coordinator (based at Central Office) supervises and observes the ESL teacher, reviews lesson plans, oversees intake procedures, tracks student data, plans professional development and monitors SEI endorsement compliance.

The Home Language Survey is administered to all new students at registration. This year, we adopted a new version from DESE and clarified the intake process. The HLS can only be given by principals, guidance counselors and ESL teachers. We added a section to the NAPS website where instructions and the HLS (in several languages) can be found. If another language is present in the home, the HLS administrator immediately calls the ESL teacher at Greylock Elementary. The student is screened using the W-APT. If they qualify for services, we offer them a place at Greylock Elementary in order to provide SEI and ESL services. If the family declines, they may stay at the original school where they began the registration process. This year, two high-school students (including one foreign exchange student) were screened with neither requiring services. Eight pre-k students were screened. One was identified as EL. Pre-K students are rescreened before kindergarten begins, as the cut score is much higher for kindergarten. Fifteen elementary were screened with thirteen qualifying for services.

In January, Massachusetts piloted the ACCESS 2.0 which is primarily a computer-based test. While it was optional this year, we elected to use the new test whenever possible. The Kindergarten ACCESS remained paper-based. Four students took the Kindergarten ACCESS test. Thirteen students took the ACCESS test. All showed improvement consistent with our expectations for growth. Most EL students taking the PARCC test received accommodations such as extended time, separate setting and read-aloud for the math section. Six students scored high enough to exit, including three students who scored six and therefore must exit. All six will exit and be monitored for four years.

This year, Greylock Elementary became the EL school for the district. Five EL students outside the Greylock school boundary currently attend Greylock by van and two others walk to a Greylock bus stop.

The district provided a 15-hour PDP series on the topic of Sheltered English Immersion. It was carried out over five sessions throughout the school year. This series met the re-licensure requirements that each teacher must earn 15 PDPs in a SEI-related area. Formal PD was supplemented at Greylock Elementary by the SEI coaching program suggested by DESE. Five teachers with ELs participated. Each class was observed three times throughout the year. These teachers and the ELE team had 30 minutes of collaboration time scheduled weekly.

Due to the busy work schedules of most EL families, there were no special events scheduled just for ELs. Teachers communicated with parents through phone calls, email and parent-teacher conferences. Two Mandarin interpreters and one Spanish interpreter were employed to translate school notices and were present at parent-teacher conferences throughout the year.

The following informational meetings were attended by either the ELE coordinator, ESL teacher or both: 10/9/15 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Test Coordinator Training Session, 10/28/15 ESE Fall Convening, 11/4/15 Low Incidence Districts and Charter Schools, 11/12/15 2016-2017 PQA-Coordinated Program Review Self-Assessment Training, 4/7/16 ABC's of Immigration (Berkshire Immigration Center), 4/26/16 EL Informational Meeting for Low Incidence Districts and Charter Schools, Several meetings of the BELT (Berkshire English Language Teachers) group.

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This year, after new guidance from DESE, we scheduled pull out services in 45 minute periods as follows; 8:30-9:15, 9:15-10:00, 10:00-10:45, 10:45-11:30, 12:30-1:15, 1:15-2:00, 2:00-2:45. Students were seen for pull out services each day. Instead of Tier A, B or C, students are now either Foundational (ELP levels 1-3) or Transitional (ELP levels 3-5). Students at the foundational level received 2-3 periods of instruction a day, and students at the transitional level were seen for one period per day. Students were grouped by grade level and ELD level. One period per day is reserved for planning and collaboration between the ESL teacher, tutor, and TA.

This has been a very successful year for the ELE department. Clarifications from DESE about grouping, scheduling and service models have helped us to communicate requirements and best practices to teachers and administration. Standardizing the identification process has greatly improved across the four schools but is an ongoing challenge. Communicating the importance of the Home Language Survey is key. We are hoping to continue practices such as scheduled collaboration time, SEI coaching, and bringing ELs to Greylock where we can consolidate services. Making sure ELs have access to additional services such as the 21st Century Afterschool Program and the Summer Science Camp is another priority. As our coordinated program review will take place next year, keeping up with our system of organization will be crucial.

Community Service Learning

Service-Learning is a method of teaching that helps students learn and develop through active participation in community service as a direct application of the content area. The district continues to partner with Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition to advance service learning. Research indicates that quality service-learning increases student engagement, achievement and aspirations and is an effective strategy for preventing drop out, teen pregnancy, violence and other risk behaviors.

We continue to offer a mini-grant program for North Adams teachers to support ongoing and new projects. Fifty-one teachers led 1250 students (85% of district enrollment) in 87 service-learning projects during the 2015-16 school year. Projects incorporated all content areas, and addressed themes such as local art and history, school safety, hunger and homelessness, support to people with illness, community beautification, school and community gardens, elders, holiday cheer and mentoring. Descriptions of all projects are posted on the Service-Learning page of the NAPS website.

A district Service-Learning Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis to advance program goals, review mini-grant applications and provide networking. Members include representative teachers and staff from NAPS as well as from MCLA, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and the Growing Healthy Community Garden Program.

School garden projects continue to expand across the district in partnership with the Growing Healthy Gardening Program. This is a long-term commitment to engage as many educators and students as possible in collaborative projects across the curriculum that empower the local community to be involved in solutions around hunger, poverty, nutrition and environmental and health impacts of locally sourced food. Brayton, Greylock, Drury and E3 Academy now all have raised-bed, organic gardens on campus. Students created raised bed and container gardens onsite at the Berkshire Food Project. The produce from all of the gardens, except Greylock and E3, is harvested and donated to the Berkshire Food Project for their free community meals. The produce from the Greylock garden is shared with neighborhood residents. The produce from the E3 garden is shared with building residents at the Windsor Mill. Some of the gardens also involve composting and the re-use of rainwater and recyclable materials. Multiple classrooms prepare and serve meals at the Berkshire Food Project. Students in the Off-Campus program contribute seedlings and prepare sites for garden shares. Drury construction students built a sign

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for the beds at the River Street Community Garden where they had previously designed and installed beds for Hoosic River Revival.

Most seniors participate in a service-learning capstone project through their English course. Students identify needs and select community organizations to partner with based on career interests or personal passions. Working individually or in small groups, seniors develop independent service-learning projects. Senior projects this year included creating and stocking a food pantry for Drury students, conducting activities with patients at Boston Children's Hospital, building a shed with Habitat for Humanity, creating care packages for chemotherapy patients, creating 'Grab and Go' kits for children placed in emergency foster care by DCF, producing the Drury Lip Dub, and supporting local animal shelters.

Service-Learning is a primary and highly effective teaching strategy at E3 Academy. E3 students studied food insecurity and inventoried the types of food available at the Friendship Food Pantry. They developed recipes based on these foods and published a cookbook. The cookbook is available free to users of the pantry. They expanded their NAMApparel business by adding caps and beanies that positively promote North Adams and created short videos to promote the products. E3 students built and planted a garden in the courtyard at the Windsor Mill to foster community relations with fellow mill tenants. They also developed an exhibit called *"Who AM I and How Do I Fit in North Adams"* aimed at increasing understanding between people of different ages and backgrounds.

Service-Learning Program Coordinator Anne French was presented with the 2016 Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award at the National Service-Learning Conference on April 1, 2016. She was recognized for her leadership over the past twenty four years with integrating service-learning into the fabric of the district as a pedagogical approach that empowers students to take charge of their learning.

Parent Involvement

In order to reach their potential, parents and schools must be partners. In the North Adams Public Schools, we have developed a comprehensive parent program. Parents of students in grades prekindergarten through twelve are provided with a variety of opportunities to participate in their child's schooling.

Parent orientation programs are held every September at all the schools in the form of Open Houses. An Annual Title I meeting is held each year to disseminate information to families on school wide Title I services and to build communication with parents. After the success of holding this during Open House last year, it was decided to do this again for the 2015-2016 school year. Again, LINCS and Title I staff were on hand to answer parent questions as well as give out information and take home activities. Staff continued to feel we were able to connect with many more parents and families this way. Parent/Teacher conferences are held in November where parents, children and school faculty sign a Parent/School Compact. Parent Teacher Groups continue to provide supports for both the schools and parents.

Our LINCS Parent Center is active in building communication regarding parent involvement throughout the district. The mission is to develop a firm collaborative partnership through which schools, families, and communities share the responsibility for the education and well-being of our children. The Center provides many resources such as family programs, monthly newsletters, and a lending library of parent and family items.

During the 2015-2016 school year, a continued effort was made to think about how we engage with families. Due to changes in daily family lives and busy schedules, it is becoming even more important to connect with parents in ways that are convenient and accessible. A continued emphasis was placed on providing information through our printed and digital newsletters.

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LINCS staff, Liz Urban and Donna St. Cyr, who have been trained as “Right Question” workshop facilitators, offered a parent workshop in November that was held to help parents get the most out of Parent/Teacher Conferences. The workshop was well attended and held in conjunction with Childcare of the Berkshires. The Special Education Parent Advisory Council also held its annual Parents Rights and Responsibilities presentation, as well as a workshop for parents on behavior, led by behaviorist, Polly Bath. LINCS provides a variety of opportunities for parents to participate in parenting groups and parent workshops, either through the schools or in collaboration with community agencies such as Child Care of the Berkshires, Family Resource Center or The Family Place.

Our schools have been working on enhancing the Transition to Kindergarten program and focusing on the transitions for families as well as students. This includes a family welcome bag at Kindergarten Registration and Screening in April and “I’m Going to Kindergarten!” t-shirts at Kindergarten Orientation in June.

Technology

During the 2015-16 school year the North Adams Public Schools has taken some considerable steps to support technology use by teachers, students, and staff throughout the district. The opening of the newly renovated Colegrove Park Elementary School put new technologies in the hands of the staff there and allowed for the repurposing of the Sullivan School technologies in other schools. At Colegrove Park Elementary School all K-1 teachers have 5 iPads in their classroom and a cart of 20 iPads to share between each grade level. In grades 3 -7 every classroom teacher has received a 5 HP Probook 11 g1 EE for group work as well as a shared cart of 20 or more HP computers for the two teachers at each grade level. Every classroom also was equipped with interactive projectors, document cameras, and stereo surround sound.

The district has been working to phase in match technologies, which the new school has, for Brayton and Greylock Schools. Brayton Elementary School completed an upgrade of their wired network. Greylock School added several wireless Access Points to increase wireless coverage in the building.

At the elementary level in Phase 1, we have added 40 iPads at both Greylock and Brayton School. These iPads, along with those the school already had, will provide the opportunity for the same set ups of iPads in all elementary schools. The Williams College iPad Initiative also added several iPads to classroom collections to allow greater opportunities to expand the use of iPads in many classrooms. Phase 2 was making sure every classroom K-12 in the district has been equipped with a LCD projector and a document camera. Some of these pieces of equipment were repurposed from Sullivan and the remainder needed to be purchased to completing this technology segment. Presently, Phase 3’s goal is to supply every teacher, grades 3-7, with 5 HP Probook 11 g2 EE laptops. Also, there will be a cart shared between the grade levels to match the Colegrove Park Elementary School. Upon the purchase of these computers, the technology at Brayton and Greylock elementary schools will be updated and repurposed to be used at Drury High School. We have purchased a several more Apple TVs for schools using iPads. Finally we set up six classes with interactive board system, either a mimeo or Ipevo as a pilot. We are looking to see if we can find an affordable option to help make classrooms at Brayton and Greylock interactive.

We have completed Phase I of the implementation of the Inventory Management System to help track every piece of our technology equipment. Phase two will be to expand and use the system to track curriculum related materials. There has been the implementation of a Mobile Device Management System AirWatch. This will allow us to streamline the Apps and programs on our district iPads.

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North Adams teachers have moved from teaching technology skills in an isolated classroom, to using technology as stated in the Massachusetts Technology Literacy Standards and Expectations: *"The teaching and learning of technology skills should be integrated into the general curriculum."* The plan is to introduce the new instructional technology standards to teachers and present ways to make them a part of their everyday curriculum. All students in grades 4-7 have been given their own log-in. These log-ins will follow them for the remainder of their schooling in NAPS. Furthermore, we have begun a pilot using Google Classroom application. Students will be able to work seamlessly with their teachers and Google productivity tools available to us such as Google docs, slides, and sheets. We will continue our work with teachers and students to prepare every student for the world of higher education, career opportunities, and lifelong learning using multiple technology tools.

Brayton and Greylock elementary schools have continued to work with Williams College. The college sends student volunteers to teachers' classrooms to assist them in implement their lessons using iPad technology.

Some additional technology-related highlights from the 2015-2016 school year are listed below:

Two classes at Drury High School were given a class set of 15 HP EliteBook 8440p. The purpose was to strengthen the use of technology because the laptops were readily available. *Drury's College and Career Center* continued providing online access to career and college exploration, as well as online college application, which was available for all students. Drury implemented their new Naviance College and Career Readiness Platform for all students in grades 7-12. They continued their Learning Lab, where they provided various online opportunities, including skill boosters, credit recovery, and full credit high school courses which may not have been offered within the regular Drury course offerings.

Coding was introduced to many groups of students in grades K-12 by using the program Hour of Code. Some teachers continued to offer Coding throughout the year. Coding was also offered as afterschool programs for upper elementary children. With the help of the afterschool grant, all 6/7 grade math and ELA teachers were offered training in a program called Edgenuity. MyPath. Licenses were purchased for use. This online intervention program uses data to pinpoint where students are struggling and provides them with targeted instruction to help them catch up, keep up, or move ahead.

The district provided trainings for all staff in Edlio Website Creator. Some staff members have been able to create classroom websites for more effective and coordinated ways to outreach to families and the community. At the three elementary schools, teachers were encouraged to continue the use of the web programs to support the curriculum such as Read Naturally, Lexia, MobyMax and Math Expressions for online literacy and math interventions. Read 180 (a reading intervention program) was installed and successfully used on five computers at Brayton donated by Williams College.

Trainings were also made available for all teachers for using a Document Camera and using interactive projectors. Instructional technology support was available during the teacher's class time with the equipment. Many took part in one-to-one or small group tutorials to help them implement the technologies they needed.

The iBooks, originally came from the Conte One-to-One Initiative have reached the end of their life and are almost completely phased out. Only a couple music classrooms still use the iBook's for the sole purpose to use the program GarageBand. Many of the computers from Sullivan were repurposed to provide more technology availability in Brayton and Greylock Schools.

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Brayton Elementary School was the recipient of a \$25,000 donation from Stephen Drotter in memory of his late wife, Lynn Whitney Drotter. The funds were combined with a \$10,000 grant received from BJs Wholesale Club to purchase 60 iPads for Brayton students.

Pathways to High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness

Over the past five years, Drury High School has worked diligently to provide multiple pathways to high school graduation and improve college and career readiness skills for all students. Drury's online learning lab, graduation coaching and the competency-based E3 Academy were started via grant funding to support on-time graduation for all students. Since the conclusion of the MassGrad grant, the North Adams Public Schools now supports these programs via the regular budget. Drury improved our four-year on-time graduation rates from 77% in 2009 to 90% in 2015, while on-time graduation rates for students with disabilities improved from 50% in 2009 to 76% in 2015 as a result of our three-pronged approach supporting pathways to graduation. Preliminary end of year data approximates the number of students served in these programs (given some students transferred out of and/or dropped out of school) during the 2015-2016 school year:

• Drury Online Learning Lab:	143 students
• Graduation Coaching:	61 students
• E3 Academy	14 students

The Learning Lab completed its first year using Edgenuity, a new online platform for credit recovery and "full run" content courses and electives for students in grades 8-12. Edgenuity was piloted successfully during Drury's newly designed online credit recovery summer program. Many students served via in the Learning Lab completed more than one online course, including eighth grade students who were previously not served by PLATO online courses. Students were scheduled into online courses for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: credit recovery, scheduling conflicts, medical leaves, credit acceleration and/or to accommodate students dually enrolled in college courses that met during the regular school day. The expanded programming saw an increase from ninety-eight (98) students during FY15 to one hundred and forty-three (143) students in FY16. Added benefits of the Edgenuity platform included increased alignment with Common Core Standards and a variety of accommodation and modification features to provide additional academic support for students, especially students with disabilities.

Our Graduation Coach and our College and Career Facilitator served approximately sixty-one (61) students during the school year. These adult advocates served a variety of roles, depending upon the needs of their at-risk student caseloads. Fifty students were served by mainly by the Graduation Coach; the College and Career Facilitator served eleven students; and fourteen students were served at E3. The level of student needs helped categorize the caseload by identifying students into the three categories of monitor, active and intensive to guide the oversight and action steps in promoting staying on track for on time graduation. Approximately twenty-six percent (26%) of the 2016 graduates received some type of graduation coaching during their tenure at Drury High School. Drury will continue to adjust our graduation coaching efforts to identify strengths and gaps in our FY16 school year design given the reduction to only one graduation coach in June 2015.

The E3 competency-based program supported fourteen students in the areas of essential skills and knowledge, effort and employability. Unlike previous years, the majority of the cohort of nine students started at E3 in September 2015 and successfully finished upon their graduation on June 9, 2016. Eighty percent (80%) of the students scheduled to graduate on time earned their diploma in June 2016. One student earned a Certificate of Attainment and one student dropped out of school. Four students are scheduled to return to E3 in the fall of 2016 and graduate on time in June 2017, along with a new cohort of students who will start in the fall. While supporting high school graduation for at-risk students, E3 also engaged in several community and

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service-learning activities in North Adams in an effort to break down barriers and support the community, while learning and demonstrating academic skills and knowledge. Three projects were completed during the trimesters for the 2015-2016 school year: *E3 Cooks*; *NAMApparel Head Gear*; and *Who Am I and How Do I Fit in North Adams*?

Patrons of the Friendship Center Food Pantry were treated to a new health and budget-conscious cookbook created by the E3 students featuring 27 recipes to help spice up a household's menu. E3 staff worked to coordinate site visits, speakers, and other experiences for the students to take part in so they could develop an understanding of the real issues the Northern Berkshire community faces regarding its food supply and public benefits like SNAP and WIC that can help. They then studied issues of hunger and food shortages around the world, and devised the cookbook based on the inventory of supplies at the Friendship Center.

During the second trimester, students continued on with the E3 business project, where they continued on with their existing NAMApparel line to promote city pride and local economics with the tagline of "North Adams – Find It, Love It!" During the spring trimester, E3 unveiled baseball caps, beanies and bandanas to complement their already existing t-shirt, sweatshirt and coffee mug line established in 2014.

Who Am I and How Do I Fit in North Adams? This exhibit, premiered in May 2016 during the last trimester, and was the culmination of weeks of work by the students, investigating aspects of the City, the Hoosac River and their relationship to both. They have taken photographs of places in North Adams of personal significance, built shadow boxes that they have filled with meaningful objects, written personal narratives and created covers for their books using "found poetry" created from pages of *The Celestials*, by Karen Shepard, about the Chinese immigrants who came to North Adams in the 1870s. In addition, they have each designed tiles symbolizing aspects of the Hoosic River and have researched topics related to the river and its significance to North Adams.

Several community partners have made these projects a reality with E3: Keith Bona, Bona Marketing and Berkshire Emporium; Judith Grinnell, Hoosic River Revival; Joe Manning, Local Historian; Ricco Fruscio, Chamber of Commerce; Rich Davis, Friendship Food Center; Valerie Schwartz, Berkshire Food Project; Kim Wells, East Mountain Farm; Don Zasada, Caretaker Farm; Cricket Creek Farm; Annie Rodgers, UNO Community Center; Otha Day, Drum to the Beat; Bob Maxwell and Maureen Phillips, Greylock Federal Credit Union; Renee Tisane, Eat to Total Health; CJ Garner, Public Eat + Drink; Paul Marino, local historian; Jennifer Crowel, Gallery 51, MCLA; Phil and Gail Sellers, River Hill Pottery; Jen Munoz, Community Gardens; and Molly Sauvain, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

In addition to their service-learning projects, E3 students were able to complete a variety of internships through the support of local businesses, agencies and institutions of higher education such as: Adult Day Health (Brien Center), Berkshire Food Project, Head Start, Arte Bella Tattoo, Pooches Dog Grooming, Sheer Madness, BFAIR, Williams College Center for Learning in Action, and Mass MoCA. In addition, one student successfully completed the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board's Welding Training for his internship experience.

The Off-Campus Program

The Off Campus Program located at 931 South Church Street, serviced 40 children in a variety of programs.

The Adult Transition Program for 18-22 year old young adults with disabilities is housed at the Off-Campus Facility and serviced nine students this year. One student graduated in June and will transition to an Adult Service Agency in September. During the summer he worked for the Off-Campus Program. He was hired by the district to assist with pre-k lunch services as well as a

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substitute van monitor for the district. He will continue in the district working at pre-k through an agreement with MRC and be a substitute van monitor as needed. It is hoped he will also be available to assist with the greenhouse summer maintenance in 2017.

The students were exposed to a variety of work and learning experiences throughout the city including Clarksburg Elementary School, North Adams Central Office, North Berkshire Food Project, Adult Day Health Program and North Adams Pre-k Program. Additionally students participated in a swim/exercise program at the YMCA and learned how to use the BRTA as public transportation. Social, functional life and vocational skills are the focus of the program. In addition to the adult program the Off-Campus Program serviced approximately thirty students from the elementary and high school. Classes were offered in horticulture, recreational art, plant maintenance, grounds maintenance and woodworking. Along with course content, students stressed social skill building and pre-vocational skill building. Students made projects for sale in the store, planted and transplanted seedlings for plants to be sold in the store and for plantings for the city's main street. The wood shop made dividers for the elementary schools; repaired furniture for customers, and worked on maintenance skills around the building itself. Two open houses were held (one in the fall and one in the spring) for the public and district staff to view the flowers and other displays of student made items.

Summer School Programs

The North Adams Public Schools offered a variety of summer programs for students at all levels. All summer programs strive to improve academic performance and/or improve students' social skills.

In the summer of 2015 North Adams Public School students were given the opportunity to extend their time in school and therefore stem learning loss, through a Summer Science Camp funded by 21st Century After School Program. The camp ran 5 weeks Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. for a total of 140 hours. In addition, through a private fund 40 students enrolled in camp, were chosen to gain another 50 hours of fitness activities from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Monday thru Thursday at the YMCA.

The theme was "Camp Invention" in which students boarded Air NAPS "flying" around the globe to seek out the famous scientists whose inventions changed the world. The enrollment was over 300 students K-6 with a staff of academic leaders, assistants, college and high school students to lead the way. A site coordinator began the process of planning six months prior to the start of camp. Staff was provided with support in the way of curriculum to facilitate implementation of the theme as well as professional development.

In addition to a project based learning style at Brayton campus, academic leaders planned several off campus trips as well as invited guests to further develop the theme. Among the off campus trips were North Adams Public Library, Equus Therapeutic Farm, Williams College Environmental Center, MCLA, Connecticut Science Center and a week at ROPES Camp for middle grade students. MIT Sidewalk Science Series, provided a full day of rocket building, launching and index card bridge building.

Additional perks was a professional drama /dance instructor who worked with third graders to produce a multi-cultural production of a worldwide journey, using the universal language of music. Berkshire Children and Families provided an instrumental music program "Kids 4 Harmony" in which students engaged in weekly violin lessons with a concert the last week of camp. Families were invited to the drama production and the instrumental concert.

In our quest to address the whole child, daily breakfast, healthy snacks and a hot lunch were served to insure that all students got their brains working to the fullest. Social/emotional needs were addressed in that the staff was trained in MindUP, a brain based behavior program, to help students become more mindful of their actions throughout the day.

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The CASTLES program provided social skills, communication and physical therapy for 25 students with autism and communication disabilities. The summer program was held at Colegrove Park Elementary School and Brayton Pre-K at the former Johnson School. The summer program aligned its summer skills curriculum with ongoing skills developed during the school year. Students participated in field trips, celebrations and activities with the summer program at Colegrove for CASTLES I and II. The pre-k Castles program was participated separately from the group but connected to the Brayton Science Camp when appropriate. The high school CASTLES III student participated in the Sunshine Camp with the older students with disabilities.

Transportation was provided to and from home to the program. The program was held 4 days per week for 4 hours per day for 4 weeks.

Mary Jezyk Sunshine Camp

The Mary Jezyk Sunshine Camp is a summer recreational camp that provided services for approximately forty special needs students from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve at no cost to the families. The camp services students with mild to severe needs providing much needed programming for this population to develop social skills and prevent regression of skills. The four week, five day per week program is held at Historic Valley Park and offers students a variety of activities including swimming, arts and crafts, games, and field trips. The program completed themed activities for recreational arts. Older students had the opportunity to work at the Off-Campus program developing work and social skills needed for on the job-training in areas such as grounds keeping and custodial work. Lunches, nutritious snacks and transportation were all provided free of charge.

MASS MoCA

In FY16, the North Adams Public Schools celebrated its sixteenth year collaborating with Kidspace and MASS MoCA. Kidspace launched Year 1 of *Art 4 Change* with the exhibition *Walk In My Shoes*, which was targeted to students in grades Pre-K through 7, and featured works from the artists Jamie Diamond, Jesse Fleming, and Aaron Johnson. *Art 4 Change* is a four-year collaborative project between Kidspace at MASS MoCA and its seven partner schools in the North Adams Public Schools and North Berkshire School Union which focuses on the issue of problem-solving and how to better prepare students for a world which needs effective solutions to ever-growing problems. All students in Pre-K through seventh grade participated in two tours at MASS MoCA, one of Kidspace and one of the main galleries, with thematic art-making and mindful practice as well. The Kidspace tour explored the theme of empathy and asked students to habitualize empathic responses by questioning moments when we make inaccurate and unkind judgements. For example, Diamond's hyper realistic baby dolls, Johnson's sock monsters, and Fleming's call-and-response exercise all challenged the perception of relationships and connections to others, so the Kidspace visits included discussions about familial cues, first impressions, and empathetic listening. Art projects for Grades 3 - 8 involved creating a three-dimensional "exquisite corpse" with various storylines; Pre-K - 2 sculpted representations of emotions connected to the primary colors. The mindfulness activity was a *metta* (or loving kindness) meditation, to encourage students to feel empathy towards themselves and others.

Highlights from the visits to the main galleries include: discussing the use of photography in storytelling in Clifford Ross' *Seen and Imagined*; comparing mythology and reality in Jim Shaw's *Entertaining Doubts*; and self-representation through art in Francesco Clemente's *Encampment*. Teachers were also given an *Art 4 Change* teacher guide, which included: information about the 4-year project and *Walk In My Shoes*, classroom connections, and resources.

As part of the Kidspace exhibition, Aaron Johnson conducted artist residencies at the museum with Brayton Elementary School. He worked with 4th graders to create a collaborative mural in

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the Kidspace gallery made up of the students' individual sock paintings. Jesse Fleming worked with Greylock Elementary School 4th graders; he helped the students make "empathy antennas"--fun, colorful hats meant to create a comfortable environment--and then led them through a series of mindfulness exercises and games. Jamie Diamond taught Colegrove Elementary School 2nd graders about her photographic process and helped them create their own family portraits using fake dolls and furniture. Diamond also collaborated with Young Dance Collective for the Art Assembly program in November 2015, which most NAPS Pre-K - 7 students attended. Additionally, Katrina Couture—with the help of Community Access to the Arts (CATA)—led an artist residency with Greylock Elementary 1st graders during which she demonstrated her painting process with the aid of a personal tracker. These residencies were funded by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

NAPS received a 15K grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, which helped support museum admission, buses, performances, and artist residencies.

Additionally, MASS MoCA Teen Programs continue to expand. The weekly Teen Task Force after school session regularly included five Drury High School students. Artists-in-residence led Teen Intensives attended by ten to fifteen teens from local high schools, including Drury High School. Finally, 71 Drury students participated in the 6th Annual Teen Invitational high school art show at MASS MoCA; 7 of these students won awards at the ceremony in April.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

The story of the 21st Century After School Program at Brayton Elementary School, this funding period, can be best described as, "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it"—Moliere. The challenges in after school have been what made it interesting and overcoming them is what made it all worthwhile and meaningful for the site coordinator as well as for staff and more importantly, the students we serve.

The story of continuous improvement and evolution at Brayton can be described in six chapters—After School Goes District Wide, It's All About the Base—the Reading Base, Sustainability Through Partnerships, Finding the Leader in All Of Us, Brayton as a Mentor, and the final chapter Future Evolution of 21st CCLC. We propose that with the unfolding of each chapter it will be demonstrated that Brayton has continuously improved and has evolved into a demonstration site.

After School Goes District Wide: In the current funding cycle, North Adams Public Schools 21st Century After School Program transitioned from a program location at three school sites to one. The challenge of becoming a district wide program based at one school was a logistical as well as academic challenge. The challenge was to target students, recruit, enroll and formulate a plan to transition enrolled students from Sullivan and Greylock to the Brayton Site in a timely manner without compromising the quality of the academic component. What began as an accommodation of the two schools not funded, has grown into a design that resulted in us leaving our comfort zone and redesigning our program, as well as taking a closer look at the quality of programming.

Logistically, we needed to ramp up the detail of transitioning students into the school at the end of the day, providing monitors at each of the other two schools to accept the after school students and get them on a bus to Brayton. An additional challenge was to create four transportation schedules and secure four busses to transport students home at after school dismissal. In all logistical areas, we rose to the challenge with students feeling safe and excited to be visiting a new site for their after school.

There were some definite perks for the students with this new model and design. In the past students district wide, rarely got to know their peers at the other schools until eighth grade or in the Summer Science Camp which has always been district wide. Presently approximately 260

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students get to enroll in programs, the classes of which are a combination of students from 3 schools. It has always been the goal that the transition of our students to eighth grade at the high school be less stressful and more comfortable. This district wide model has resulted in a more stress free transition as they will have made lasting friendships in a district wide after school. In addition, we noticed that the overall behaviors in camp were improved as most of the students had spent 32 weeks of after school knowing the expectations. Another benefit is that many of the families move several times within the school year, making it stressful for the students who get pulled from one elementary school to another. With this new after school design, students recognize peers at their new school.

It's All About the Base – Reading Base: Another challenge was not to compromise the integrity of the academic component of the program, as now our work was three-fold. We stepped up to that challenge by seeking the help of the principals and teachers at the two other schools to obtain information as to academic needs, special needs, and the school improvement plans at each school. The area of concern at all three sites was reading and math problem solving. At the time we were redesigning the after school program, Williams College expressed interest in pushing into our program as a way to help our students and at the same time a venue for the Williams students to complete community service as part of their college experience. In just three years the Williams College Outreach to Schools Program has grown to over 100 students per week. North Adams Schools partnered with Williams to get the college students trained in working with our students. Each day the at least six classes of children from Kindergarten to 7th grade benefit from the college students pushing into the programs from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to read to our students, help students self – select stories and provide time for conversations about the stories read, to increase comprehension. The analysis of the impact of participation in these targeted skill building sessions indicates higher growth in reading comprehension scores as well as the growth in math computation fluency.

In addition to the services provided by Williams College students, we looked at the quality of programming on the days that several of our students wait for transportation to off campus programs. We felt that there was a chunk of time from transition time to 3:30 p.m. in which students could use more engagement in learning as opposed to waiting idly for their bus. We collaborated with the school librarian and arranged to keep the librarian open during after school resulting in our students having access to a rich selection of literature which they could self – select. If a student enrolled five days per week for 32 weeks and there are many at the K-3 level, this would equate to 80 hours of additional reading time.

Sustainability Through Partnerships: In the earlier days of 21st Century After School, considerable time was needed to work toward overcoming the obstacle of funding shortage. Therefore it has been key that we acquire committed, long term partners to provide in kind services. In this our 3rd year of the funding cycle, we are beginning to benefit from all the work of building a strong demonstration site. The logistically sound and exemplary programming has resulted in our local colleges and community based programs now pursuing 21st Century After School as opposed to we doing the pursuing. Partners share that they desire to make commitments with educational programs that possess credibility. Our story of partnerships is one of increased involvement in partners from the past and some new partnerships that align nicely with our academic outcomes. Williams College began with the reading initiative, the success of which has led to several other initiatives such as Coaching for Change, The Leadership Initiative, a Math Program and a College Club for Kids. The mission of Coaching for Change is to work to bridge the educational and social divisions facing North Adams youth by empowering students through mastery of sports skills, teamwork and discipline while making connections between these lessons of sport and their academic and personal lives. The Leadership Initiative mission is to incorporate the 7 Habits of Happy Kids into the day program as well as after school with the goal of encouraging our students to set goals and inspire them to take on a “Win-Win” attitude. The Math Program was led by the Kinetic Club of Williams which

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is basically a think tank club, striving to address social issues such as deficits math problem solving among youth. A group of eight students in grades five through seven were engaged in a variety of activities aligned to school improvement plan for increasing math skills. The College Club for Kids gave youth an opportunity to have a voice in their program. Williams students worked to infuse confidence and leadership ability in our students who made many of the decisions as to how their after school program would look.

In addition to Williams, this three year cycle has been one in which MCLA increased their partnership from one program to five all aligning with the goals of 21st Century. Among the five are The Write Stuff, a creative writing program that encourages students to select topics of interest with the help of a college mentor followed by the sharing of their writing with mentors and peers, STEM at the Science Center of Innovation, where students get to work on experiments in science labs with college professors, Pathways, a college career based program where students visit various departments at the college plus engage in a small service learning project, HALF Time, a PE/Teambuilding Program, where students get to play a variety of sports with the college athletes. The newest program, Kids to College STEM Program for 3rd graders funded by an MCLA grant, with an added summer camp component. The STEM instructor and assistants in after school as well as summer camp are all funded through the grant.

The North Adams Public Library has also pursued 21st Century providing 24 students in second and third grade with STEM instruction through a Mad Science grant with transportation, program teachers and assistants fully funded.

Our most exciting new partner is Berkshire Children and Families' Kids 4 Harmony, whose belief is that all children have talent and ability, but not all children have opportunity. Kids 4 Harmony is an El Sistema inspired intensive classical music education program founded by a Venezuelan educator. Two music teachers and a family advocate meet twice per week with twelve 2nd and 3rd grade students to learn basic music theory and receive violin lessons. Each child is given a violin and bow to take home, all donated by community musicians. An added valuable component to partnering is that we have a trained experienced family advocate on site who schedules family meeting at Brayton to keep the families involved with the process of their child's involvement with the program. The summer science camp will host Kids 4 Harmony increasing the dosage from two times weekly to four days in camp. The entire program is privately funded and free of charge to 21st Century After School.

Finding the Leader in All of Us: The infusing of components of leadership in our youth in elementary, high school and as young adults in college, is a topic of conversation among local educators, business and even legislative leaders. As the academic expectation of our students at all levels increases, leaders are sharing their concern that we are not preparing our students to set some fundamental goals which they feel is a prerequisite to success academically. Leaders are advocating for increased exposure to STEM programs at a young age, discussing how strides and support in STEM are key to a strong economy. The 21st Century is poised to provide leadership training which leads to goal setting and in turn passion and confidence within our students to achieve. Our Williams partner shares the same concern that at the college level, goal setting is crucial, but needs to be integrated into the curriculum at elementary level. Williams once again has stepped up to the plate as our partner in education and through the efforts of 21st Century Site Coordinator and the support of our Superintendent of Schools James E. Montepare and Principal John Franzoni, we will be recipients of the Olmsted Award to be used to begin work on the Brayton Elementary leadership initiative.

Brayton Site as a Mentor: In addition to being assigned to an after school program within Western MA network to mentor, we are being pursued by community based programs and school districts who know of our after school and summer science camp and look to us as a resource in the planning and the improvement of their programs.

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Future Evolution of 21st CCLC: In the final analysis, the evolving of the Brayton Elementary After School Program from a promising practice site 14 years ago to a demonstration site is based on the philosophy that we must never totally be comfortable with the design we create. We are only as exemplary as our present session. That progress and improvement can happen only when we are willing to step out of our comfort zone on a daily basis.

The Gateway Fund

The Gateway Fund is an endowment fund administered through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to nurture educational excellence by providing grants to students and staff of our schools. In the spring of 2016 our thirteenth round of grant awards was completed.

Retirements

Superintendent James E. Montepare retired after forty three years of service to the North Adams Public Schools. Superintendent Montepare was honored at the June North Adams School Committee where Mayor Richard Alcombright presented him with a key to the city and his colleagues paid tribute to him with a video presentation.

Also retiring in FY16 were Noreen L Donnelly, Linda Hurlbut, Robert LeClair, Joanne Postema, Paul Allen, Joan LaRocca, Jessica Burdick and Karen Daigle. We extend to them our thanks for their many years of dedicated service.

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North Adams Public Schools School Calendar 2015-2016

September 2015 (20)

M	T	W	TH	F
X	(1)	2	3	4
X	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October 2015 (21)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November 2015 (18)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	X	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	X	X
30				

December 2015 (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	

January 2016 (19)

M	T	W	TH	F
				X
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
X	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2016 (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26
29				

March 2016 (22)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	X
28	29	30	31	

April 2016 (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
X	X	X	X	X
25	26	27	28	29

May 2016 (21)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
X	31			

June 2016 (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

Faculty Meeting 1 day
Students Present 180 days
Reserved 5 days

() Faculty Meeting 01 September
Graduation 09 June

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The Committee's policy of nondiscrimination will extend to students, staff, the general public, and individuals with whom it does business; No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or homelessness.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in fiscal year 2016 and this report highlights some of these accomplishments.

Our mission is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our mission and educational philosophy are implemented by adhering to the following core values:

- C**ommunication strengthens partnership development and teamwork.
- A**chievement is attained through a strong work ethic.
- R**espect from all guarantees a safe learning environment.
- E**thics ensure a dedication to honesty and integrity.

During the last twenty years we have witnessed a dramatic transformation in vocational technical education especially in our application of technology and STEM subjects. We are very proud of the academic and technical achievement of our students and as each succeeding class raises the bar of accomplishment, the next class seeks to surpass it. The integration of our technical and academic curriculum has prepared our graduates well for their future and we appreciate you, our member communities, for your support in making it happen.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the McCann culture of learning:

The Class of 2016 became the thirteenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.

Twenty-eight of the Class of 2015 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for their academic record and MCAS achievement.

Our 119 2016 graduates saw 61% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 34% enter the workforce and 5% proudly enter into military service.

The results of the spring 2016 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty. Once again McCann posted solid scores highlighted below.

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS					
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ADVANCED	21%	15%	17%	25.7%	24.7%
PROFICIENT	67%	76%	77%	68.9%	72.6%
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	11%	8%	6%	4.5%	2.6%
FAILING	0%	1%	1%	.7%	0%

GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS					
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ADVANCED	33%	35%	44%	32.35%	34.5%
PROFICIENT	42%	39%	29%	46.25%	45.7%
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	23%	17%	24%	19.2%	17.2%
FAILING	3%	9%	3%	2.3%	2.5%

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG					
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ADVANCED	9%	13%	19%	11.3%	24.5%
PROFICIENT	54%	53%	52%	63.7%	61.8%
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	30%	24%	27%	23.4%	10.9%
FAILING	7%	9%	2%	1.6%	2.7%

The McCann Athletics program continues to enjoy success in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Our programs enjoy healthy participation numbers and our student athletes continue to represent our school admirably. The 2015-2016 year saw our baseball team advance to the Western Massachusetts Championship game for the first time since 1987. The game was held at Wahconah Park in Pittsfield and capped a fantastic season for the team that also included a league championship. A boys' lacrosse team was created in the spring of 2016 and played an independent schedule in its inaugural campaign. The team played hard and looks forward to continuing its growth as it will enter official league play this year in the PVIAC.

Our continuous facility improvement plan allowed us to renovate 5 classrooms replacing 3 rooms of 1960's era furniture with new desks and chairs, install energy efficient lighting and replace white boards for greater visibility and cleanliness. We installed a new computer proxy card internal and external lock

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system providing enhanced building security and access control. We replaced over 100 computer systems throughout the building and made improvements to our athletic fields including the installation of new portable bleachers to provide a safer venue for both spectators and teams.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We received a Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant for \$121,128.00 which allowed us to update 4 of our welders and add two virtual welding machines which combine the latest trends in metal joining technology with greater accuracy and outcomes. We added two Tormach 3-axis milling machines that allow our machine technology students to improve their automated manufacturing practice. We replaced our wheel alignment machine with a new system that incorporates the latest technology available thereby enhancing our automotive technology students' application of wheel alignment procedures.

Community service projects continue to provide our students with excellent opportunities to display their technical skills while exhibiting the passion and commitment to support their community. Our computer-aided design and carpentry students completed the rehabilitation of the porch and exterior stairways at the Louison House and our culinary arts students continue to support a number of community events including the Relay for Life. Our BPA students collected items for the homeless veteran's shelter, placed flags on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day, participated in the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Tree Showcase and assisted with the set-up of the Relay for Life event. Our National Honor Society students collected donations for the Friendship Center Food Pantry in North Adams, participated in the "Campground Clean-up Day" at Historic Valley Campground, helped rebuild the C.T. Plunkett playground and provided holiday cards and packages for veterans and deployed military personnel. Our Skills USA students' community service included the "Buddy Walk of the Berkshires", placing flags on veterans' graves, the Habitat for Humanity Christmas Showcase, Relay for Life, a series of Louison House fundraisers including food drives and Christmas gifts for the children.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 300,000 members working to ensure America has a skilled work force. McCann is a 100% member of SkillsUSA which has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. At the 2016

SkillsUSA state competition McCann students earned gold medals in automated manufacturing technology, customer service, and technical computer applications at the high school level and dental assisting and job interview at the postsecondary level. Silver medals were awarded in automated manufacturing technology, carpentry, architectural drafting, community service, industrial motor control, web design, welding at the high school level and cosmetology and dental assisting at the postsecondary level. Bronze medals were earned in 3-D visualization & animation, automotive service technology, CNC turning specialist, customer service, technical computer applications at the high school level and dental assisting at the postsecondary level. Additionally, a McCann student earned a gold medal for the president's volunteer service award. All gold medal winners were able to attend the national competition in Louisville, KY where more than 15,000 people participate in the weeklong event. Competitions included 96 different hands-on trades, technical and leadership fields. Our Automated Manufacturing Technology team of Charlie Bohl III, Tanner Parrino, and Noah Curran won a national silver medal. McCann is extremely proud to have had Samantha Dorwin, a machine technology student, serve as a SkillsUSA national officer this past year. In her role as Region I Vice President, Samantha helped advocate for women in career and technical education as well as for vocational education in general. Awarded the Presidential Scholar medal, Samantha had numerous speaking engagements highlighted by her keynote speech at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA state conference, speaking at the United States Department of Education, and meeting with Senator Elizabeth Warren. Samantha also accompanied McCann metal fabrication student Spenser Tanner, along with a delegation of competitors, to Québec to compete in Canada's SkillsUSA equivalent, Compétences Québec. Spenser competed in the welding competitions placing fourth and receiving the Medal of Excellence. Both students represented McCann and the U.S. admirably serving as ambassadors for the American vocational education system.

Business Professionals of America, BPA, is the leading CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. The organization's activities complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. BPA is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic,

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and technological skills. At this year's BPA State Leadership Conference held in Framingham, MA, McCann students received a total of eighteen awards in finance, business administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication & Design, and Management, Marketing & Communication competitions, bringing home three 1st place, four 2nd place, and three 3rd place awards. In May 2016, fourteen McCann students traveled to Boston, MA to join over 5,000 other conference attendees from across the nation to participate in business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and intern assignments. Achievements earned at the national competition included top-ten medals in Administrative Support Concepts, Advanced Spreadsheet Applications, Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Fundamental Word Processing, Information Technology Concepts and Web Site Design Team. Additionally, Andrea Leal of the Business Technology Class of 2014 was elected to a seat on the national officer team, serving the 2016-2017 school-year as BPA's Postsecondary Division National President.

Project Lead the Way is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education programs in schools across the U.S. Students enrolled in the program take as many as four courses above and beyond their graduation requirements. Since its inception, over 60% of participating students - over one hundred - have become eligible for college credits through Rochester Institute of Technology or New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. In last year's PLTW cohort, 11 students achieved this eligibility.

The success of our student body continues to be measured by our 100% competency determination, high career placement, high college matriculation rate and technical expertise in national skills competitions.

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$76,011.00 of unused transportation monies to our communities. The district continues to search out grants to support our educational funding to improve instructional services and vocational equipment.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation, CODA, conducted an onsite review of our dental assisting program and granted continued accreditation without reporting requirements until 2022. Similarly our

medical assisting program hosted an onsite accreditation team from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, CAAHEP, and the Medical Assisting Education Review Board, MAERB, and was granted continued accreditation to 2024.

FY16 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
City & Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$2,797,399.00	\$2,797,399.00
Capital	\$103,125.00	\$103,125.00
Transportation	\$194,325.00	\$194,325.00
Municipal Assessment	\$139,483.00	\$139,483.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	\$225,000.00	\$286,847.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	\$4,641,116.00	\$4,641,116.00
Tuitions	\$734,372.00	\$734,372.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$11,431.00	\$9,461.00
State Bonus Aid		\$2,040.00
Total Revenue Received	\$8,846,251.00	\$8,908,168.00
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(\$61,847.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D		(\$70.00)
A/P Assessment Payable (Received in July)		\$0.00
	\$8,846,251.00	\$8,846,251.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Federal Entitlement)		
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$114,838.00
Fed	Title I	\$117,668.00
Fed	Title II A	\$18,666.00
Fed	Perkins	\$61,113.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins	\$2,765.00

(Federal Grants Other)		
REAP		\$41,074.00
Perkins Instructional Equipment & Supplies		\$50,000.00

(State Grants)		
Workforce Skills Capital Equipment		\$121,128.00

(Competitive/Private)		
Private	Olmsted	\$5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	\$2,000.00
Private	BCREB: Connecting Activities	\$1,000.00
Private	City of Chicopee Nurse Grant	\$2,990.00
Private	Rochester Institute	\$140.00
Private	MASS MoCA	\$600.00
Private	Lowe's SkillsUSA Grant	\$4,000.00
Private	Maine Community College, Solar	\$8,000.00
TOTAL GRANTS		\$550,982.00

10-13-2016

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS

CITY AUDITOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

PREPARED BY: DAVID FIERRO JR.

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**CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY BY FUND
6/30/2016**

GENERAL FUND

TOTAL ASSETS	8,243,369.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(6,762,088.45)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(1,481,280.82)
FUND TOTAL	001 GENERAL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL ASSETS	65,212.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(59,102.00)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(6,110.53)
FUND TOTAL	007 CDC/MSCP

HOUSING & COMMUNITY

TOTAL ASSETS	81,525.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(96,196.80)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	14,671.74
FUND TOTAL	008 HOUSING & COMMUNITY

PROGRAM INCOME ACCOUNT

TOTAL ASSETS	1,045.40
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(1,045.40)
FUND TOTAL	009 PROGRAM INCOME ACCOUNT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES INC.

TOTAL ASSETS	(39,212.07)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	39,212.07
FUND TOTAL	010 RECAPTURED FUNDS FROM HOI

SCHOOL LUNCH

TOTAL ASSETS	328,374.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(15,703.09)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(312,670.97)
FUND TOTAL	012 SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING

FEDERAL GRANTS

TOTAL ASSETS	117,715.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(11,050.70)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(106,665.03)
FUND TOTAL	016 FEDERAL GRANTS

STATE GRANTS

TOTAL ASSETS	175,103.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(389,769.59)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	214,666.41
FUND TOTAL	017 STATE GRANTS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

TOTAL ASSETS	53,633.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(6,402.86)
FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(47,230.63)
FUND TOTAL	018 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

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GIFT ACCOUNTS		
	TOTAL ASSETS	221,108.69
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(1,479.09)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(219,629.60)
FUND TOTAL	020 GIFT ACCOUNTS	
OTHER REVOLVING ACCOUNTS		
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,168,738.84
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(8,323.89)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(1,160,414.95)
FUND TOTAL	021 OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS	
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
	TOTAL ASSETS	540,564.43
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(3,000.00)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(537,564.43)
FUND TOTAL	022 RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION	
WINDSOR MILL		
	TOTAL ASSETS	2,305.42
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(8,875.67)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	6,570.25
FUND TOTAL	023 WINDSOR MILL	
OFF CAMPUS GREENHOUSE		
	TOTAL ASSETS	37,083.19
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(5,529.52)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(31,553.67)
FUND TOTAL	024 OFF CAMPUS GREENHOUSE	
NORTH ADAMS FARMERS MARKET		
	TOTAL ASSETS	7,726.50
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(7,726.50)
FUND TOTAL	025 NORTH ADAMS FARMERS MARKET	
OTHER AGENCY FUNDS		
	TOTAL ASSETS	20.11
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(20.11)
FUND TOTAL	026 OTHER AGENCY FUNDS	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		
	TOTAL ASSETS	84,924.42
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(84,924.42)
FUND TOTAL	029 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	
DRURY STUDENT ACTIVITY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	67,786.51
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(67,786.51)
FUND TOTAL	030 DRURY STUDENT ACTIVITY	
GREYLOCK STUDENT ACTIVITY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	7,489.72
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(7,489.72)
FUND TOTAL	032 GREYLOCK STUDENT ACTIVITY	

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BRAYTON STUDENT ACTIVITY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	5,229.59
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(5,229.59)
FUND TOTAL	033 BRAYTON STUDENT ACTIVITY	
SULLIVAN STUDENT ACTIVITY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	10,018.67
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(10,018.67)
FUND TOTAL	034 SULLIVAN STUDENT ACTIVITY	
21ST CENTURY ACTIVITIES		
	TOTAL ASSETS	58,751.78
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(58,751.78)
FUND TOTAL	035 21ST CENTURY ACTIVITIES	
21ST CENTURY COLEGROVE		
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,075.00
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(1,075.00)
FUND TOTAL	036 21ST CENTURY COLEGROVE	
CAPITAL PROJECT		
	TOTAL ASSETS	(1,295,678.23)
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(249,510.00)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	1,545,188.23
FUND TOTAL	040 CAPITAL PROJECT	
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	29,777.10
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(117,159.02)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	87,381.92
FUND TOTAL	080 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST		
	TOTAL ASSETS	467,251.69
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(467,251.69)
FUND TOTAL	082 NONEXPENDABLE TRUST	
EXPENDABLE TRUST		
	TOTAL ASSETS	355,744.46
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(2,248.45)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(353,496.01)
FUND TOTAL	084 EXPENDABLE TRUST	
STABILIZATION		
	TOTAL ASSETS	929,480.07
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(929,480.07)
FUND TOTAL	085 STABILIZATION	
FUND TOTAL	087 OPERATION SAFE STREETS	
STEEPLE CATS/AGENCY		
	TOTAL ASSETS	60.00
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	(60.00)
FUND TOTAL	088 STEEPLE CATS/AGENCY	
AGENCY FUNDS		
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,713,667.37
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	(1,737,315.74)
	FUND BALANCE (NET ASSETS)	23,648.37
FUND TOTAL	089 AGENCY FUNDS	

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
ANNUAL REPORT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES
SUMMARIZED BY DEPARTMENT/FUND
FY16
June 30, 2016

		REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	1 TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND		787,752.00
DEPARTMENT	1090 LITIGATION ACCOUNT		9,812.75
DEPARTMENT	1100 AUDIT		39,000.00
DEPARTMENT	1110 CITY COUNCIL		33,690.90
DEPARTMENT	1190 ORDINANCE REVISION		5,484.18
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		135,684.00
DEPARTMENT	1230 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER		66,373.19
DEPARTMENT	1330 FINANCE DIRECTOR		45,886.78
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR		95,651.05
DEPARTMENT	1410 ASSESSOR		98,403.47
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER & COLLECTOR	35,512,741.02	217,954.46
DEPARTMENT	1460 CERTIFICATION OF NOTES & BONDS		1,137.69
DEPARTMENT	1470 FORECLOSURE COST		15,992.18
DEPARTMENT	1480 SERVICE CHARGES & FEES		2,500.00
DEPARTMENT	1510 LAW DEPARTMENT		39,200.00
DEPARTMENT	1520 LABOR NEGOTIATIONS		10,500.00
DEPARTMENT	1550 MIS (COMPUTER MAINTENANCE)		197,581.94
DEPARTMENT	1610 CITY CLERK	40,260.18	96,827.00
DEPARTMENT	1630 ELECTION & REGISTRATION		22,538.31
DEPARTMENT	1640 VITAL STATISTICS		414.19
DEPARTMENT	1650 LICENSE COMMISSION	70,810.00	2,796.50
DEPARTMENT	1690 CABLE COMMISSION		-
DEPARTMENT	1750 PLANNING BOARD	5,225.00	5,524.22
DEPARTMENT	1760 BOARD OF APPEALS		1,508.09
DEPARTMENT	1790 PLANNING COMMISSION		13,894.90
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		28,500.00
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING & PROPERTY		152,826.12
DEPARTMENT	1950 ANNUAL REPORT		2,939.75
DEPARTMENT	2000 PUBLIC SAFETY		75,780.10
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE	38,382.90	1,809,590.01
DEPARTMENT	2200 FIRE	2,510.00	1,655,398.14
DEPARTMENT	2410 BUILDING INSPECTOR	104,635.46	159,378.33
DEPARTMENT	2440 WEIGHTS/MEASURES INSPECTOR	3,713.00	8,421.39
DEPARTMENT	2450 WIRE & ALARM	10,600.00	77,526.63
DEPARTMENT	2920 ANIMAL CONTROL		36,810.19
DEPARTMENT	2930 TRAFFIC & PARKING CONTROL		17,686.40
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS	667,391.75	15,723,787.29
DEPARTMENT	3200 VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT		908,864.00
DEPARTMENT	3400 TREE WARDEN		-
DEPARTMENT	4000 PUBLIC SERVICES	11,460.00	266,641.35
DEPARTMENT	4110 ENGINEERING		23,627.26
DEPARTMENT	4200 HIGHWAYS		829,025.51
DEPARTMENT	4210 SNOW & ICE		198,522.33
DEPARTMENT	4240 STREET LIGHTING		736.76
DEPARTMENT	4310 TRANSFER STATION	767,147.37	-
DEPARTMENT	4510 WATER WORKS DIVISION	1,565,073.50	213,568.87
DEPARTMENT	4511 WATER FILTRATION PLANT		204,518.19
DEPARTMENT	4820 AIRPORT COMMISSION	37,090.41	16,115.06
DEPARTMENT	4900 TRAFFIC COMMISSION		-
DEPARTMENT	4910 CEMETERY	58,500.00	110,645.54
DEPARTMENT	5000 SEWER DISPOSAL	1,010,354.33	1,160,885.12
DEPARTMENT	5100 HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES	88,184.40	159,349.43
DEPARTMENT	5101 TUBERCULOSIS		-
DEPARTMENT	5102 LABORATORY SUPPLIES		-
DEPARTMENT	5103 RELOCATION		-
DEPARTMENT	5104 SAFE WATER DRINKING ACT		16,307.00
DEPARTMENT	5105 VISITING NURSES		8,479.00
DEPARTMENT	5106 TRANSFER STATION		653,062.29
DEPARTMENT	5200 REVITALIZATION COMMISSION		-
DEPARTMENT	5410 COUNCIL ON AGING	71,522.09	124,486.49
DEPARTMENT	5430 VETERAN'S SERVICES		79,135.17
DEPARTMENT	5434 VETERANS' BENEFITS		597,886.13
DEPARTMENT	5460 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES		-
DEPARTMENT	5470 EMPLOYEE TRAINING		8,679.78

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		REVENUES	EXPENSES
DEPARTMENT	5700 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	524,947.42	2,073.01
DEPARTMENT	5710 ALL FINES AND FORFEITS	90,715.86	
DEPARTMENT	6100 LIBRARY	9,307.59	312,569.04
DEPARTMENT	6300 PARKS & RECREATION	191,123.41	121,983.47
DEPARTMENT	6310 WINDSOR LAKE		43,682.06
DEPARTMENT	6901 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		-
DEPARTMENT	6920 MEMORIAL DAY		3,500.00
DEPARTMENT	6930 SISTER CITY		514.58
DEPARTMENT	6940 TOURISM		46,019.81
DEPARTMENT	7100 RETIRE. OF DEBT		1,957,329.04
DEPARTMENT	7510 LONG TERM INTEREST		201,089.21
DEPARTMENT	7520 SHORT TERM DEBT		900.00
DEPARTMENT	8400 STATE ASSESSMENTS		2,281,866.00
DEPARTMENT	9000 HEALTH INSURANCE		4,334,258.31
DEPARTMENT	9100 RETIREMENT & PENSION		14,793.66
DEPARTMENT	9110 PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS		2,466,115.00
DEPARTMENT	9120 WORKERS COMPENSATION		111,288.78
DEPARTMENT	9121 FICA CITY SHARE		84,389.50
DEPARTMENT	9130 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION		23,292.70
DEPARTMENT	9150 LIFE INSURANCE		30,559.54
DEPARTMENT	9300 CAPITAL ITEMS		820,310.72
DEPARTMENT	9450 GENERAL INSURANCE		301,226.04
FUND	1 GENERAL	40,881,695.69	40,433,047.90
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER			
DEPARTMENT	1410 ASSESSOR		49,516.25
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		236,524.31
FUND	2 PRIOR YEAR		286,040.56
FEDERAL LAND WATER CONSERVATION			
DEPARTMENT	4510 WATER WORKS DIVISION		3,453.03
FUND	6 FLWCF/FED LAND WATER CON		3,453.03
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
DEPARTMENT	7 CDC/MSCP	1,105.45	
FUND	7 CDC/MSCP	1,105.45	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
DEPARTMENT	8 CDC/ H & C ACTS OF 1974	1,192,209.00	1,179,525.73
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER	16.51	
FUND	8 HOUSING & COMMUNITY	1,192,225.51	1,179,525.73
PROGRAM INCOME			
DEPARTMENT	9 PROGRAM INCOME CHECKING	40,702.00	40,150.00
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER	9.60	
FUND	9 PROGRAM INCOME ACCOUNT	40,711.60	40,150.00
RECAPTURED FUNDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		39,212.07
FUND	10 RECAPTURED FUNDS FROM HOI		39,212.07
SCHOOL LUNCH			
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER	206.20	
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS	1,014,933.55	883,522.90
FUND	12 SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	1,015,139.75	883,522.90
FEDERAL GRANTS			
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR		300.65
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING & PROPERTY		9,379.11
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE	47,866.82	41,948.46
DEPARTMENT	2200 FIRE	1,897.85	500.15
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS	2,298,147.15	2,045,002.55
DEPARTMENT	4820 AIRPORT COMMISSION	2,415,631.80	2,412,767.62
FUND	16 FEDERAL GRANTS	4,763,543.62	4,509,898.54
STATE GRANTS			
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR	0.01	263,234.57
DEPARTMENT	1330 FINANCE DIRECTOR	10,000.00	
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR		257.27
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER	175.85	
DEPARTMENT	1630 ELECTION & REGISTRATION	1,462.00	7,475.31
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	924,661.16	811,409.09
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING & PROPERTY		22,385.00
DEPARTMENT	2000 PUBLIC SAFETY	393,938.28	
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE	45,193.72	302,960.21
DEPARTMENT	2200 FIRE	36,358.38	43,587.41
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS	256,104.95	396,457.09
DEPARTMENT	4000 PUBLIC SERVICES	147,891.52	4,914.00
DEPARTMENT	4200 HIGHWAYS		1,469.03
DEPARTMENT	4820 AIRPORT COMMISSION		133,026.87

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			REVENUES	EXPENSES
DEPARTMENT	5100 HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES			5,000.00
DEPARTMENT	5410 COUNCIL ON AGING		27,315.00	28,561.05
DEPARTMENT	6100 LIBRARY		25,232.27	22,661.13
DEPARTMENT	6400 N BERKSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE ART		59,100.00	59,590.90
FUND	17 STATE GRANTS		1,927,433.14	2,102,988.93
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE				
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		18,800.00	
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR		7,067.57	2,824.01
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		3,528.76	8,875.57
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		26,362.61	31,308.48
DEPARTMENT	4000 PUBLIC SERVICES		21,593.60	
DEPARTMENT	5100 HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES		5,000.00	
DEPARTMENT	5410 COUNCIL ON AGING		2,500.00	924.00
DEPARTMENT	6100 LIBRARY			1,736.16
FUND	18 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		84,852.54	45,668.22
GIFT ACCOUNTS				
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		21,396.47	22,716.51
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR		628.06	879.90
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER		108.46	
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		22,851.00	15,558.56
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE		73,140.53	25,919.87
DEPARTMENT	2200 FIRE		1,366.00	1,174.00
DEPARTMENT	2920 ANIMAL CONTROL			509.00
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		25,000.00	26,124.67
DEPARTMENT	4000 PUBLIC SERVICES			16,679.60
DEPARTMENT	5430 VETERAN'S SERVICES		67.50	256.37
DEPARTMENT	6100 LIBRARY		6,660.85	3,805.67
DEPARTMENT	6300 PARKS & RECREATION		8,489.00	7,883.93
DEPARTMENT	6940 TOURISM		6,375.15	5,775.46
FUND	20 GIFT ACCOUNTS		166,083.02	127,283.54
OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS				
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		480.00	14,175.91
DEPARTMENT	1350 AUDITOR			2,804.78
DEPARTMENT	1710 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		375.00	1,673.25
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE			15,907.35
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING AND PROPERTY		17,549.27	
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE		6,454.00	
DEPARTMENT	2200 FIRE		73,049.95	
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		418,379.14	51,968.47
DEPARTMENT	4000 PUBLIC SERVICES		46,614.05	46,614.04
DEPARTMENT	4200 HIGHWAYS		1,413.45	3,139.39
DEPARTMENT	4820 AIRPORT COMMISSION		96,216.33	113,441.78
DEPARTMENT	5410 COUNCIL ON AGING			62,135.45
FUND	21 OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS		666,061.26	311,860.42
RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION				
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		5,000.00	
DEPARTMENT	1550 INFORMATION SYSTEMS		43,599.14	
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE		78,662.93	
DEPARTMENT	4310 TRANSFER STATION		96,922.92	65,000.00
FUND	22 RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION		224,184.99	65,000.00
WINDSOR MILL				
DEPARTMENT	23 WINDSOR MILL		255,517.60	310,543.19
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURER		77.35	
FUND	23 WINDSOR MILL		255,594.95	310,543.19
OFF CAMPUS GREENHOUSE				
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		44,977.45	36,195.11
FUND	24 OFF CAMPUS GREENHOUSE		44,977.45	36,195.11
OTHER AGENCY FUNDS				
DEPARTMENT	26 OTHER AGENCY FUNDS			1,696.41
FUND	26 OTHER AGENCY FUNDS			1,696.41
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE				
DEPARTMENT	4910 CEMETERY		12,695.00	
FUND	29 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		12,695.00	
21ST CENTURY ACTIVITIES				
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		14,580.00	16,473.52
FUND	35 21ST CENTURY ACTIVITIES		14,580.00	16,473.52
21ST CENTURY ACTIVITIES COLEGROVE				
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		3,665.00	2,590.00
FUND	36 21ST CENTURY COLEGROVE		3,665.00	2,590.00

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			REVENUES	EXPENSES
CAPITAL PROJECTS			83,330.40	
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING & PROPERTY		911.17	57,714.57
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		6,756,000.67	8,021,922.01
DEPARTMENT	4820 AIRPORT COMMISSION		15,057.92	209,812.91
FUND	40 CAPITAL PROJECT		6,855,300.16	8,289,449.49
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY				
DEPARTMENT	1900 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		26,883.69	278,485.76
FUND	80 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY		26,883.69	278,485.76
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST				
DEPARTMENT	1450 TREASURY		2,426.19	
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS			925.00
DEPARTMENT	4910 CEMETERY			13,698.34
DEPARTMENT	5700 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS		198.99	
FUND	82 NONEXPENDABLE TRUST		2,625.18	14,623.34
EXPENDABLE TRUST				
DEPARTMENT	840 SKATING RINK			56,217.61
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		212,506.15	163,112.52
DEPARTMENT	3000 SCHOOLS		-	1,250.00
DEPARTMENT	4910 CEMETERY		8,481.68	8,000.00
DEPARTMENT	5700 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS		1,185.03	
FUND	84 EXPENDABLE TRUST		221,172.86	227,580.13
STABILIZATION				
DEPARTMENT	1210 MAYOR		787,752.00	
DEPARTMENT	5700 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS		661.91	
FUND	85 STABILIZATION		788,413.91	
AGENCY FUNDS				
DEPARTMENT	1920 BUILDING & PROPERTY		1,754.93	
DEPARTMENT	2100 POLICE		281,765.40	261,803.50
DEPARTMENT	6700 MUSEUM		7,618,054.92	7,618,054.92
FUND	89 AGENCY FUNDS		7,901,575.25	7,879,858.42

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT		
To Mayor Alcombright and the City Council:		
I respectfully submit herewith the annual report, as Treasurer for the City of North Adams for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.		
Respectfully submitted,		
Beverly Cooper		
Treasurer		
TREASURER'S BALANCES		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 7,704,461.52	
Receipts FY2016	\$ 69,151,871.71	
Disbursements FY2016	\$ 70,694,308.60	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 6,162,024.63	6,162,024.63
RECONCILIATION		
TD Bank		
Office of Community Development/Program Income	\$ 1,045.40	
Savings and Checking	\$ 1,618,271.94	
NARA	\$ 27,908.06	\$ 1,647,225.40
Berkshire Bank		
Savings & Checking	\$ 2,289,791.58	
Mohawk Theater	\$ 10,534.62	
Skating Rink	\$ 3,197.14	
Office Of Community Development/Small Business Loan	\$ (6,393.56)	
Windsor Mill	\$ (5,971.99)	
School Lunch	\$ 347,020.35	
Student Activities	\$ 62,524.49	
Farmers Market	\$ 7,726.50	\$ 2,708,429.13
Mountain One Bank		
Savings	\$ 101,361.86	
Arts Lottery Council	\$ 65,021.91	
J. Wolfe Memorial Fund/Noel Field		
Noel Field Grandstand	\$ 24,225.47	
Vets Memorial	\$ 3,977.42	
NARA		
Mass Moca	\$ 45.15	\$ 194,631.81

TREASURER'S REPORT

UniBank		
Savings	\$ 39,575.99	
		\$ 39,575.99
Working Cash in Office	\$ 600.00	600.00
<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>		
Phoebe Burlingame Charity Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 3,116.17	
Income Received	\$ 39.02	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 3,155.19	
Bravakis Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 859.26	
Income Received	\$ 10.74	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 870.00	
Pizzi Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 5,723.31	
Income Received	\$ 71.70	
Disbursed	-	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 5,795.01	
Laliberte Trust/Library Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 1,933.18	
Income Received	\$ 24.23	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 1,957.41	
Margaret Chisholm Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 1,173.80	
Income Received	\$ 14.71	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 1,188.51	
Stabilization Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 141,066.16	
Income Received	\$ 661.91	
Added to fund	\$ 787,752.00	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 929,480.07	
Bianco Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 41,984.27	
Income Received	\$ 105.60	
Disbursed	\$ (105.00)	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 41,984.87	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bontempi Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 185,294.70	
Income Received	\$ 2,320.59	
Disbursed	\$ (693.00)	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 186,922.29	
Goldie Sabin Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 10,184.82	
Income Received	\$ 127.29	
Disbursed	\$ (127.00)	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 10,185.11	
Conte Middle School Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 17,075.93	
Income Received	\$ 213.87	
Disbursed	\$ -	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 17,289.80	
Bashevkin High School Scholarship Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 367.83	
Income Received	\$ 4.61	
Disbursed	\$ -	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 372.44	
Dollars for Scholars		
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 22,371.41	
Income Received	\$ 22.93	
Added to Fund	\$ 854.92	
Disbursed	\$ (250.00)	
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 22,999.26	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 349,362.34	
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS		6,162,024.63

TREASURER'S REPORT

Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services Bureau of Accounts ~ Automated Statement of Indebtedness

City/Town/District of: NORTH ADAMS

FY2016

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
Buildings	434,000.00		54,500.00	379,500.00	15,452.50
Departmental Equipment	452,000.00		60,000.00	392,000.00	15,980.00
School Buildings	195,000.00		65,000.00	130,000.00	7,637.50
School - All Other	145,000.00			145,000.00	
Sewer				0.00	
Solid Waste				0.00	
Other Inside	2,104,700.00		346,400.00	1,758,300.00	83,597.00

SUB - TOTAL Inside	\$3,330,700.00	\$0.00	\$525,900.00	\$2,804,800.00	\$122,667.00
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Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
Airport	561,700.00			561,700.00	
Gas/Electric Utility				0.00	
Hospital				0.00	
School Buildings	6,500,000.00		159,500.00	6,340,500.00	242,917.50
Sewer	210,406.17		20,695.69	189,710.48	4,609.88
Solid Waste	562,600.00		134,500.00	428,100.00	188.06
Water	2,833,056.00		671,051.00	2,162,005.00	122,953.77
Other Outside	1,674,000.00		297,000.00	1,377,000.00	42,683.30

SUB - TOTAL Outside	\$12,341,762.17	\$0.00	\$1,282,746.69	\$11,059,015.48	\$413,352.51
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TOTAL Long Term Debt	\$15,672,462.17	\$0.00	\$1,808,646.69	\$13,863,815.48	\$536,019.51
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Please complete all sections of this report and return it to the Public Finance Section no later than September 30, 2016.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that this information is complete and accurate as of this date.

Treasurer: _____

Date: _____

I certify that long and short term debt as identified in this Statement of Indebtedness is in agreement with the general ledger controls in my department and are also reflected on the balance sheet.

Accounting Officer: _____

Date: _____

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings				0.00	
School Buildings				0.00	
Sewer				0.00	
Water				0.00	
Other BANs	316,667.00		83,334.00	233,333.00	1,125.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	\$316,667.00	\$0.00	\$83,334.00	\$233,333.00	\$1,125.00
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	\$15,989,129.17	\$0.00	\$1,891,980.69	\$14,097,148.48	\$537,144.51

Authorized and Unissued Debt					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescinded	= Unissued 6/30/2016
Feasibility Study	10/28/09	10990-A	680,000.00	149,987.97	530,012.03
Airport Improvements	09/28/10	11102	650,000.00	650,000.00	0.00
Campground Improvements	10/12/10	11106	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
Irene Storm	12/27/11	11204-1	2,200,000.00	532,000.00	1,668,000.00
ADA Compliance	04/19/13	11264-1	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
Renovations of Conte School	02/05/13	10990-2	29,692,594.00	6,500,000.00	23,192,594.00
New Equipment	05/25/04	10758	750,000.00	750,000.00	0.00
Computer Hardware	07/24/12	11253	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00
New Equipment	08/13/13	11331	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					\$25,390,606.03

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	\$0.00
TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	\$25,390,606.03

Please Complete Additional Sections if Needed

Public Finance Section
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TREASURER'S REPORT

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SUB -TOTAL Additional Sheet(s)	\$0.00
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Public Finance Section
(Revised July 2006)

TREASURER'S REPORT

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS, STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DETAIL

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
Gen.Obligations & Sidewalks	540,000.00		125,000.00	415,000.00	14,325.00
Greylock & Sullivan Roof	195,000.00		65,000.00	130,000.00	7,637.50
Library	0.00			0.00	
Alcombright Field	90,000.00		15,000.00	75,000.00	3,075.00
Street & Sidwalks	469,000.00		60,500.00	408,500.00	16,642.50
Skating Rink	220,000.00		27,500.00	192,500.00	7,837.50
Mohawk Theatre	214,000.00		27,000.00	187,000.00	7,615.00
Equipment	452,000.00		60,000.00	392,000.00	15,980.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
School Feasibility	145,000.00		10,000.00	135,000.00	5,512.50
Computer Upgrade	160,000.00		25,000.00	135,000.00	7,150.00
ADA Compliance	250,000.00		25,000.00	225,000.00	10,375.00
Windsor Lake	130,200.00		19,400.00	110,800.00	5,902.00
Irene Storm	465,500.00		66,500.00	399,000.00	20,615.00
TOTAL	3,330,700.00	0.00	525,900.00	2,804,800.00	122,667.00
				Must equal page 1 subtotal	

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
Sewer	210,406.17		20,695.69	189,710.48	4,609.88
Water Filtration Plant	2,770,000.00		640,000.00	2,130,000.00	122,500.00
Landfill Closing	562,600.00		134,500.00	428,100.00	188.06
I & I Water Abatement	63,056.00		31,051.00	32,005.00	453.77
Mass Moca	1,674,000.00		210,000.00	1,464,000.00	16,659.30
Conte School	6,500,000.00		159,500.00	6,340,500.00	242,917.50
Airport	561,700.00		87,000.00	474,700.00	26,024.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	12,341,762.17	0.00	1,282,746.69	11,059,015.48	413,352.51
				Must equal page 1 subtotal	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2015	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest Paid in FY2016
New Equipment	166,667.00		83,334.00	83,333.00	900.00
School Feasibility				0.00	
Airport Improvements				0.00	
Campground Improvements				0.00	
Irene Storm				0.00	
Conte Rehab				0.00	
Computer Upgrade				0.00	
ADA Compliance				0.00	
New Equipment	150,000.00			150,000.00	225.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	316,667.00	0.00	83,334.00	233,333.00	1,125.00
				Must equal page 2 Total	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tax Title

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 2,421,766.04
Receipts	\$ (238,081.65)
New Takings May 2016	\$ 58,093.43
Water Liens on new takings May 2016	\$ 3,754.99
Sewer Liens on new takings	\$ 1,591.75
FY2015 Subsequents added June 2016	\$ 426,581.48
Water Liens on subsequents added June 2016	\$ 19,542.02
Sewer Liens on subsequents added June 2016	\$ 9,529.60
Abatements	\$ (3,216.37)
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 2,699,561.29

Tax Possessions

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 197,855.39
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 197,855.39

TREASURER'S REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To Mayor Alcombright and the City Council:

I respectfully submit herewith the annual report, as Assistant Tax Collector on Tax Collections for the City of North Adams for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Cooper
Tax Collector

	Real Estate Taxes FY2005		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	1,886.85
Abate		\$	(1,886.85)
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	-
	Real Estate Taxes FY2006		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	2,993.63
Abate		\$	(2,993.63)
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	-
	Real Estate Taxes FY2011		
Balance July 1,2015		\$	28,839.33
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	28,839.33
	Real Estate Taxes FY2012		
Balance July 1,2015		\$	2,864.45
Transfer To Tax Title		\$	(1,444.95)
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	1,419.50
	Real Estate Taxes FY2013		
Balance July 1,2015		\$	3,345.55
Transfer to Tax Title		\$	(1,487.16)
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	1,858.39
	Real Estate Taxes FY2014		
Balance July 1,2015			13,647.79
Transfer to Tax Title			(1,547.42)
Balance June 30, 2016			12,100.37

TREASURER'S REPORT

Real Estate Taxes FY2015

Balance July 1, 2015	321,686.29
Collected	(276,271.69)
Transfer to Tax Title	(34,901.87)
Abated/Exemptions	(1,825.89)
Balance June 30, 2016	8,686.84

Real Estate Taxes FY2016

Committed	\$ 14,483,143.22
Collected	\$ (13,701,726.60)
Abated/Exemptions	(125,720.42)
Transfer to Tax Title	(270,780.22)
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 384,915.98

Water Liens

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 13,646.22
Committed	\$ 141,254.55
Transfer to Tax Title	\$ 23,297.01
Abated/adjust	\$ 1,201.48
Collected	\$ 105,707.89
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 24,694.39

Sewer Liens

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 5,745.50
Committed	\$ 69,468.98
Transfer to Tax Title	\$ 11,121.35
Collected	\$ 51,749.26
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 12,343.87

Water/Sewer

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 529,188.70
Committed	\$ 2,433,574.08
Abated/Adjustments	\$ 102,343.24
To Water Liens	\$ 141,254.55
To Sewer Liens	\$ 69,468.98
Collected	\$ 2,219,557.93
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 430,138.08

Personal Property FY2009

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 58.54
Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 58.54

Personal Property FY2010

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 698.24
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance June 30,2016		\$	698.24
Personal Property FY2011			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	1,405.71
Collected		\$	308.29
Balance June 30,2016		\$	1,097.42
Personal Property 2012			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	1,365.79
Collected		\$	16.42
Balance June 30,2016		\$	1,349.37
Personal Property 2013			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	3,937.62
Collected		\$	496.51
Balance June 30,2016		\$	3,441.11
Personal Property 2014			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	7,704.92
Collected		\$	98.00
Balance June 30,2016		\$	7,606.92
Personal Property 2015			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	16,530.06
Collected		\$	3,953.35
Abate		\$	2,534.55
Balance June 30,2016		\$	10,042.16
Personal Property 2016			
Committed		\$	1,268,848.70
Collected		\$	1,182,173.47
Abated		\$	40,051.55
Balance June 30,2016		\$	46,623.68
Motor Vehicle Excise 2003			
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	5,846.74
Collected		\$	72.50
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	5,774.24
Motor Vehicle Excise 2004			
Balance July 1, 2015			
Collected		\$	8,951.41
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	41.25
		\$	8,910.16
Motor Vehicle Excise 2005			
Balance July 1, 2015			
Collected		\$	8,239.33
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	135.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

		\$	8,104.33
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2006		
Balance July 1, 2015			
Collected		\$	7,907.88
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	151.04
		\$	7,756.84
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2007		
Balance July 1, 2015			
Collected		\$	5,816.07
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	295.42
		\$	5,520.65
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2008		
Balance July 1, 2015			
Collected		\$	7,543.89
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	315.10
		\$	7,228.79
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2009		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	9,098.22
Collected		\$	402.78
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	8,695.44
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2010		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	9,585.54
Collected		\$	685.10
Abated		\$	15.63
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	8,884.81
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2011		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	10,461.24
Collected		\$	110.00
Abated		\$	1,171.56
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	9,179.68
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2012		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	11,956.68
Collected		\$	1,395.73
Abated		\$	47.50
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	10,513.45
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2013		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	15,974.97
Collected		\$	3,328.43
Abated		\$	952.21
Balance June 30, 2016		\$	11,694.33
	Motor Vehicle Excise 2014		
Balance July 1, 2015		\$	35,228.27
Collected		\$	14,361.42

Abated	\$	1,580.61
Balance June 30, 2016	\$	19,286.24

Motor Vehicle Excise 2015

Balance July 1, 2015	\$	113,303.65
Committed	\$	124,529.71
Collected	\$	181,013.29
Abated	\$	17,700.85
Balance June 30, 2016	\$	39,119.22

Motor Vehicle Excise 2016

Committed	\$	1,011,907.49
Collected	\$	848,801.01
Abated	\$	32,034.01
Balance June 30, 2016	\$	131,072.47

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Board of Assessors is comprised of three members, Ross A. Vivori, Principal Assessor and Chairman, Gregory D. Betti and Richard S. Taskin who are classified as part-time assessors. The Assessor's Office is staffed by Karen Briggs, principal clerk-office manager.

In accordance with the Department of Revenue's Bureau of Local Assessment guidelines the Assessors conducted an annual assessment of all taxable real and personal property values within the City of North Adams for fiscal year 2016. The purpose of the annual assessment is to ensure all categories of taxable property are assessed at their full fair cash value and that assessments are equitable and consistent within and between all classes of property. Full fair cash value is the basis for determining the tax rates for residential, commercial, industrial and personal property.

Residential values for FY 2016 decreased \$6,993,432.00, from \$550,769,529 in FY 2015 to \$543,776,097 however, the residential tax rate increased \$0.70 from \$16.69 to \$17.39 per \$1,000 of valuation. The commercial sector experienced a decrease in valuation of \$349,248. The FY 2015 value was \$110,853,671 while FY 2016 values decreased to \$110,504,423.00. Industrial property values increased \$680,860., from \$20,917,862., in FY 2015 to \$21,608,722., in FY 2016. Personal property values increased \$3,817,032. from \$29,526,989 to \$33,344,021. The tax rate for commercial, industrial and personal property increased \$1.902 in FY 2015 from \$36.03 to \$37.93 per \$1,000 of valuation. In FY 2016 the combined assessed value of all taxable real and personal property in the City of North Adams decreased \$2,834,788, from \$712,068,051 to \$709,233,263 a decrease of .039 %.

Overall, valuation changes to a class of property can be attributed to two factors; new growth and value adjustments. New growth in real property consists of value gained from new construction or remodeling while value adjustments come about as a result of statistical analysis of market conditions and property value trends.

Respectfully submitted,
City of North Adams Board of Assessors
Ross A. Vivori, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

September 12, 2016

To the Mayor and City Council

The Annual Report of the Assessors' Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 is herewith submitted.

Board of Assessors

Ross A. Vivori, Chairman
Gregory D. Betti
Richard S. Taskin

Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 41,775,649.39
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue	\$ 26,043,592.75
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 15,732,056.64
Residential Property Valuation	\$543,776,097.00
Open Space Property Valuation	0.00
Commercial Property Valuation	\$110,504,423.00
Industrial Property Valuation	\$ 21,608,722.00
Personal Property Valuation	\$ 33,344,021.00
Residential Tax Rate	\$ 17.39
Open Space Tax Rate	0.00
Commercial Tax Rate	\$ 37.93
Industrial Tax Rate	\$ 37.93
Personal Property Tax Rate	\$ 37.93
Residential Levy	\$ 9,456,266.33
Open Space Levy	0.00
Commercial Levy	\$ 4,191,432.76
Industrial Levy	\$ 819,618.83
Personal Property Levy	\$ 1,264,738.72
Total Taxes Levied on Property	\$ 15,732,056.64
Real Property Tax	\$ 14,467,317.92
Personal Property Tax	\$ 1,264,738.72

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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Appropriations	\$38,877,109.75
Overlay Deficits of Prior Years	0.00
Total Offsets	0.00
Hoosac Water Quality Districts	0.00
Snow & Ice Deficit and Amount not provided for	0.00
State & County Charge	\$ 2,346,168.00
Overlay	\$ 237,607.64
Total Estimated Receipts from State	\$18,675,740.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$ 7,060,600.00
Free Cash	\$ 140,822.00
Revenue Sharing	0.00
Other Available Funds	\$ 166,430.75
Other Revenue Sources to Reduce Tax Rate	0.00
Betterments added to Taxes	0.00
Water Liens added to Taxes	\$ 141,254.55
Sewer Liens added to Taxes	\$ 69,468.98
Demolition Liens added to Taxes	\$ 126,890.00
I&E Penalties added to Taxes – 56	\$ 25,700.00
Tax Rate Approved on 12-01-2015	

EXEMPTIONS

Number of Clause 22 Exemptions -- 52	
Amount of monies abated under Clause 22	\$ 20,800.00
Number of Clause 22E Exemptions -- 23	
Amount of monies abated under Clause 22E	\$ 23,000.00
Number of Clause 17D Exemptions -- 72	
Amount of monies abated under Clause 17D	\$ 12,600.00
Number of Clause 41C Exemptions -- 46	
Amount of monies abated under Clause 41C	\$ 22,750.00
Number of Clause 37 Exemptions -- 23	
Amount of monies abated under Clause 37	\$ 10,062.50
Number of Clause 18 Exemptions – 0	\$ 0.00
Amount of monies abated under Clause 18	
Total dollar amount of exemptions granted	\$ 89,212.50

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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ABATEMENTS

Real Property

Number of Abatements Granted for Real Property Overvaluation – 38

Number of Abatements Denied for Real Property Overvaluation -- 13

FY 2016 Real Property abated under Chapter 59/59 -- 35	\$37,082.96
FY 2006 Real Property abated under Chapter 59/59 – 1	\$ 2995.63
FY2005 Real Property abated under Chapter 59/59 – 1	\$ 1886.85
FY2015 Real Property abated under Chapter 59/5 -- 1	\$ 1825.89

Total dollar amount abated for Real Property Overvaluations	\$43,791.33
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Personal Property

Number of abatements granted for Personal Property Overvaluations – 18

Number of abatements denied for Personal Property Overvaluation – 2

FY2016 Fiscal Personal Property abated under Chapter 59/59 – 4	\$34,718.85
FY2004 – 2016 Fiscal Pers Property abated under Chapter 59/59 -13	\$17,800.00
FY2015 Fiscal Personal Property abated under Chapter 59/71 – 1	\$ 404.88
FY2014 Fiscal Personal Property abated under Chapter 59/71 – 0	\$ -0-

Total dollar amount abated for Personal Property Overvaluations	\$52,923.73
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Excise

Total number of Auto Excise Abatements Granted – 695

Number of Excise Commitments through June 30, 2016

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Amount of money abated on 2016 Auto Excise	\$32,034.01
Amount of money abated on 2015 Auto Excise	\$17,149.40
Amount of money abated on 2014 Auto Excise	\$ 1,514.36
Amount of money abated on 2013 Auto Excise	\$ 864.08
Amount of money abated on 2012 Auto Excise	\$ 47.50
Amount of money abated on 2011 Auto Excise	\$ 110.00
Amount of money abated on 2010 Auto Excise	15.63

Total Dollar amount of Auto Excise Abatements	\$51,734.98
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REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK

To the Honorable Mayor Richard J. Alcombright and City Council; I respectfully submit the activities of the Parking Clerk for the year ending June 30, 2016.

COLLECTIONS

Parking / (Stickers).....	\$45,990.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles.....	\$20,580.00
Fines Parking Tickets.....	\$23,353.00
Total	\$89,923.00

TICKETS AND APPEALS

During the fiscal year over 1522 tickets were issued. Finally 139 appeals were heard and adjustments were made when justified. As in the past, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Mayor and the various department heads for their assistance in allowing the parking department to function smoothly and efficiently. I also want to thank my staff for their outstanding work in the Parking Department.

Respectfully submitted

Ross A. Vivori
Parking Clerk
Date: 9.30.16

OFFICE OF VETERAN'S SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

12 October 2016

To: The Honorable Mayor Richard Alcombright and Members of the City Council.

The North Adams Office of Veteran Services is directly responsible for providing veterans' benefit assistance under Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This important need-based program leads the nation in delivering a measure of temporary relief from poverty and difficult financial situations many of our veterans face. Any veteran (or their dependent) within our community who is permanently disabled, homeless, unemployed, underemployed or suffering from the trauma of war and have nowhere else to turn should seek the Office of Veteran Services; many veterans and their families have been rescued from hunger and homelessness by the services provided by VSO Roy, who works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services (DVS) in Boston to ensure the City is properly reimbursed for the expenses these amenities entail. Together with Assistant VSO Tina Samson, Veteran Services provides an immeasurable level of support and professional guidance to those who visit the office.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Roy
Veteran Service Officer

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

Report of the City Clerk

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council:

I respectfully submit herewith reports of the various activities of the office of the City Clerk for the year ending June 30, 2016.

The following is a list of the licenses issued through this office:

Licenses

Dog Licenses

Male	73
Female	30
Spayed Female	414
Neutered Male	363
4 Dog Kennel	0
10 Dog Kennel	0
Transfer	0
Late Fees	9
Duplicate Dog Tags	3
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	883

Taxicab Licenses

Drivers	46
Owner Operators	6
Taxi Amendments	3
Temporary Taxi	10
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	65

Gasoline and Inflammable Fluid Licenses

Renewals	38
New	0
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	38

Junk Licenses

Shop	0
Collector	1
Second Hand Dealers	7
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

Miscellaneous Licenses and Permits

Billiard License	0
Bowling Alley License	2
Raffle and Bazaar Permit	2
Transient Vendor	0
Hawkers & Peddlers	27
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	31

Mayor's Licenses

Carnival License	0
Circus License	0
Sunday Licenses	9
Theatre License	0
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Total number of licenses issued:	1034
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

The following papers were recorded or filed:

Attachments (Bulky)	0
Burial Lot Deeds	11
Certified Copy of Burial Deeds	4
Business Certificates	57
Certified Copy of a Business Certificates	59
Discontinuance of Business Certificates	3
Physician's Certificates	0

The total of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIX (\$40,106) was taken in during the year and disbursed to the City Treasurer's Office.

TOTAL \$40,106

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriage Intentions filed	68
Marriages	60
Births	121
Deaths, Residents	168
Deaths, Non Residents	20

Certified copies of all records were sent to the Department of Public Health in Boston and copies of records of non-residents were sent to their respective resident City or Town Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS ISSUED

The following records were issued to the general public, organizations and government agencies during the year.

Annual Reports	2
Birth Abstracts	508
Certified Births	1193
Certified Deaths	570
Marriage Abstracts	46
Certified Marriages	227
Affidavit & Corrections	1
Voter Certificates	2
Misc. Certified Copies	8
Board of Appeals Certification	0
Planning Board Certification	27
Misc. Copies of Records (Maps, Ordinance Books/Supplements, Zoning Books etc.)	76
Genealogical research	6
Homestead Act, recording	0
Non Criminal Fines Paid	5
Certified Copy of Pole Location	0
Mobilehome Rent Fee	0
CD	11

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

The records of the City Council were attested, recorded and filed as required by law. The City Council held the following meetings in the 2015-2016 fiscal year:

24 Regular
1 Joint Public Hearing

Papers were prepared for all meetings, copies of papers pertaining to various committees were distributed to all City Councillors. The City Council acted on 152 papers in addition to 26 licenses in the various categories during the year.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters assisted the City Clerk in conducting the City Preliminary Election, September 22, 2015, the City Election, November 3, 2015 and the Presidential Primary Election, March 1, 2016. The Board conducted the required voter registration before each election.

Currently there are 8878 persons registered to vote in the City, 2989 are registered with the Democratic Party, 616 with the Republican Party, 19 with the Green Rainbow, 5165 with no party affiliation, 1 with the Conservative Party, 1 in the Interdependent Party, 1 in the Socialist Party and 28 in the Libertarian Party.

The members of the Board of Registrars are Chairman Elizabeth DiLego, Marilyn DeRosa, Mary Ann Caproni and Marilyn Gomeau, the Board's Clerk.

The Board, through the Office of the City Clerk, conducted the annual street listing of residents residing in the City as of January 1, 2016. The official population for the year was determined to be 12,967 representing an decrease of 13 persons over the prior year's figure. The on-campus student population for the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, was reported to be 666 students, a increase of 1 over the prior year.

This concludes the report of the City Clerk for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and the One Hundred and Ninety-third annual report of the City Clerk's Office since the City's incorporation in 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Gomeau
City Clerk

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

During the past year, I have provided comprehensive legal services to the City of North Adams.

This year will mark the thirty fourth year that I have been privileged to provide legal services to the City of North Adams. The office of City Solicitor, rich in tradition, continues to play an important and unique role in our City's governance structure, providing advice to the Mayor, the City Council and our city boards and commissions on a wide variety of matters.

The City Solicitor is the City's lawyer, and the office's tasks are well enumerated under our Commonwealth's statutes and the City's ordinances. Our mission is simple and single-minded: to provide the highest quality of legal services to the City of North Adams.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Mayor Alcombright, his administrative assistant Rosemari Dickinson, department heads and staff members, the City Council, and the City Clerk, Marilyn Gomeau for their assistance and cooperation in helping us carry out these responsibilities. North Adams is fortunate to have leaders and employees dedicated to public service who perform their duties with personal honor and a high level of professionalism. I acknowledge the cooperation of these fine public servants who, throughout the year, have made my job easier and our work, more productive. I could not effectively do my job without their input and help.

In summary, during the past year I have again issued legal opinions to the Mayor, City Council, Department Heads and Chairpersons of Boards and, in concert with the Mayor, participated in drafting City Council Orders when requested, reviewed City Council papers, and otherwise worked with City Council Committees, including attendance at their meetings when requested, and informally consulted with the Mayor and Department Heads on a variety of issues.

I have routinely reviewed all City contracts from matters pertaining to community development to matters before the School Committee, including collective bargaining agreements. I have also participated with the Mayor in many meetings with prospective developers and have spent a great portion of my time on matters pertaining to community and economic development.

I am honored and privileged to serve as the City of North Adams' lawyer. I look forward to next year's challenges and pledge to continue to provide the City and its residents the highest quality legal services.

Very truly yours,

John B. DeRosa
City Solicitor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

To His Honor the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I hereby submit the FY-16 Annual Report of the Department of Public Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

See Attached Report

I would like to congratulate Paul Arabia on his retirement after 30 years of service to the City of North Adams.

WATER DIVISION

During the fiscal year the Water Department responded to 25 water main breaks, 29 water service repairs, 5 new hydrants installed, and 5 hydrants repaired. 90 water meters were repaired or replaced. The annual hydrant flushing was performed along with the daily maintenance of the reservoirs and water tanks.

I would like to congratulate Donald Rounds on his retirement, from his over 30 years of service to the City of North Adams.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The treatment facility produced 672 million gallons of drinking water and was in 100% compliance during the FY-16.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Many improvements were made to the Noel field complex, the DiSanti bathhouse was completely renovated. Joe Wolfe Field was regraded. Landscaping around Joe Wolfe field was replaced. ADA Improvements were completed at the Alcombright complex. Parks & Recs dept constructed new picnic tables for Historic Valley Campground. A new Sand Volley Ball court was constructed near the concession building at Windsor lake, many thanks to the highway dept. for their help with this project. Many thanks to Berkshire County Construction for the donation of the sand for the Volley ball court. I would like to congratulate Robert (Brad) Columbus on his retirement, from his over 30 years service to the City of North Adams.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

TRANSFER STATION

MSW 6835 tons

GLASS 121 tons

PAPER 202 tons

Also, 4300cu yds of brush and trees were ground down to mulch

HIGHWAY DIVISION

This past winter season saw approximately 13 inches of snow and mixed precipitation.

1. Supervised all line painting.
2. Erected and replaced street signage.
3. Streets swept during the season.
4. Maintained all four sewer pumping stations.
5. Maintained storm drains and ditches.
6. Kept all flood control areas well groomed and cleaned.
7. Preserved streets as needed with 310 tons of bituminous concrete(black top).
8. Tub grinding of approximately 4500 Cu. yds of brush and trees at the city Transfer Station.
9. Assisted with the blacktop portions of Pattison Road. A total of 1876 tons of bituminous concrete (black top) was used for these projects..
10. Snow storm callouts 11.
11. Plowed and sanded all city streets as needed. Approximately 1530+ tons of salt and 477 tons of sand were used.
12. Unclogged 54 sewer mains.
13. Replaced 60 ft of 24 in storm main on Cliff Street.
14. Assisted with City road and athletic projects during this time frame.
15. Repaired 62 manholes and catch basins.

I would like to thank Paul Markland and the employees of the Public Services departments for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of the City of North Adams.

Respectfully Submitted:

Timothy H. Lescarbeau
Commissioner of Public Services

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report of the Cemetery Department

His Honor Mayor Alcombright &
Members of the City Council

We are submitting herewith the Annual Report of the Cemetery Department from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Burials at Southview and Hillside Cemeteries

Adults	Southview	86
Adults	Hillside	0
Infants	Southview	0
Cremains	Southview	77
Cremains	Hillside	
Total		163

Lots sold in Southview Cemetery

<u>Single Graves</u>	6	
<u>2-Grave Lots</u>	10	
<u>3-Grave Lots</u>		
<u>4-Grave Lots</u>		
<u>8-Grave Lots</u>		
<u>6-Grave Lots</u>		
<u>12-Grave Lots</u>		
		Total
		16

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Markland, Director Public Services

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

I hereby submit the annual report of the Fire Division for Fiscal Year 2016 for your approval.

Year in Review:

The Fire Department continues to provide a dedicated and professional service to the citizens of North Adams.

The Fire Department responded to one thousand one hundred and thirty-nine calls for service throughout the year. Calls for service range from building fires to fire alarm activations to water calls.

On August 12, 2015 Colin B. Boucher was appointed Permanent Firefighter.

In July Director Meranti was presented the 2015 Massachusetts Emergency Manager of the Year Award at a ceremony held at the MEMA Regional Operations Center in Agawam. Meranti was recommended for the Award by MEMA Director Kurt Schwartz. This award is given annually to a manager that exemplifies leadership and enhances the field of emergency management.

In September the executive members of the Northern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee received the 2015 FEMA Community Preparedness Heroes Award at a ceremony in Washington DC. Attending the event were Director Meranti, Police Director Michael Cozzaglio, North Adams Ambulance Chief John Meaney, Assistant Chief Amalio Jusino, REPC Chairman Joe Charon and Berkshire County Sheriff's Office Lt. Col. Thomas Grady. This is a national award and was given in recognition of "service to the whole community".

Firefighter Colin B. Boucher is assigned to work with Firefighter Shaun Hayden at the ROPES camp.

On June 27, 2016 Firefighter Michael P. Sherman was sworn in as Fire Lieutenant by Mayor Alcombright.

Major Incidents:

7/3/15	Building fire	49 Hall St.
8/26/15	Building Fire	16 North St.
9/19/15	Hazmat	MCLA Berkshire Towers
10/3/15	Building Fire	119 Brayton Hill Ter.
10/14/15	Building Fire	193 Corinth St.
10/17/15	Building Fire	222 Furnace St.
10/23/15	Building Fire	150 Ashland St.
10/29/15	Building Fire	189 Beaver St.
12/14/15	Building Fire	82 East Quincy St.
6/3/16	Building Fire	78 Park St. Adams
6/19/16	Hiker Rescue	Mt Greylock

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

Large Loss Fires:

On October 3, 2015 we were dispatched for alarms activated and possible smoke coming from 2nd floor of units 119-121 Brayton Hill Terrace. Engine 3 and Engine 1 under the direction of Lieutenant Joseph Beverly responded. In route we were notified of additional calls and a confirmed fire. Lt. Beverly called for an all call. Upon arrival we were met by many residents of the complex who reported that a woman and child were still inside the 2nd floor apartment. E1 made a 4" supply from hydrant and we used a 1 3/4" Pre-connect. We made access to the 2nd floor and extinguished the fire while searching for people in the three upstairs rooms. No one located in the apartment. The Fire Director arrived on scene and assumed command. He called for the NAPD and State Fire Marshal's office to investigate. It took approx. 10 minutes to have the fire under control. Wire and Alarm were called to disconnect the power to the apartment. We checked the other units to make sure no CO or smoke had got into them. The residents were allowed to return to their apartments. Fire watch remained on scene until after the cause and origin investigation was completed. Smoke and Fire damage throughout.

On November 17, 2015 Engine 3 and Engine 1 responded to a reported structure fire at 102 Furnace St. In route NAPD confirmed a working fire in a multifamily building at 222 Furnace St. Act. Lt Goodson called for an All Call. Upon arrival there was heavy fire on the exterior of side C with extension to the second floor left apartment. Engine 3 stretched a line to the second floor and began extinguishment. Engine 1 set up a supply line off of Engine 3 from a hydrant on Walnut St. Car 1 arrived on scene and assumed command. Director Meranti and FF Jason Garner conducted a primary search of the apartment on the first floor right with no occupants present. Observed fire through the roof in the center of the building and called for a defensive operation. Engine 2 was set up on Francis St. with a supply off a hydrant on Francis St. and Ladder 2 was set up at the A-B corner with Engine 1 supplying it from a hydrant on Furnace St. Called for the Water Dept. because we were having water supply problems. Clarksburg Fire was requested for a cover assignment but was moved to the scene in case we needed to run a supply line from State St. North Adams Ambulance assisted with Rehab and the Red Cross was contacted to assist the occupants. A total of 4 people were displaced. Cause of the fire was determined to be improper disposal of smoking materials.

On December 14, 2015 Engine 1 and Engine 3 responded to a reported structure fire at 82 East Quincy Street. In route NAPD confirmed a working structure fire. Acting Lieutenant David Boucher called for an All Call. Upon arrival there was heavy fire on the exterior B side of the building and inside of the C side basement. Witnesses confirmed that nobody was living in the house. A supply line was made from the hydrant to Engine 1. Boucher ordered two pre-connect lines into service, one to the exterior B side of the building and the other to the C side basement. Car 1 arrived on scene and assumed command of the scene. Clarksburg Fire Department was called to respond to the station to cover the city and to the scene to supply air for our SCBA. North Adams Ambulance assisted with Rehab. Wire and Alarm, Berkshire Gas and National Grid on scene. The fire marshal was called in to investigate along with Director Meranti. Two firefighters remained on scene for fire watch.

Grants:

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

In May of this year we were notified that we have been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for new Turnout Gear in the amount of \$22,158.00 with the Cities portion \$1,107.00. This was written by Emergency Response Consulting. Funding from this grant will allow us to replace 11 sets of firefighter turnout gear that are over 10 years old

The second grant that we received was the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency EMPG grant in the amount of \$3,220.00. This grant was used to purchase a positive pressure ventilation fan to be placed on the new Engine 1. This will give us a fan on E-1, E-2 and L-2.

In October we placed into service the new Engine 1 that was purchased with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the category of Vehicle. The vehicle is manufactured by E-One and was purchased from Greenwood Fire Apparatus in North Attleboro MA. It is a custom pumper with 1500 gallon per minute pump, 750 gallon water tank, and 500 horsepower Cummins motor with both Class A and B foam tanks. This is the new front line pumper. Engine 3 has moved to second with Engine 2 as double alarm. The former engine 1 was traded in.

Training:

All firefighters were trained on the operation of the new Engine 1 by a training representative of the manufacturer. This training is required to meet the AFG grant requirements. All firefighters also attended the MIIA sponsored Emergency Vehicle Operations training using the mobile simulator.

A considerable amount of time was spent on medical training this year. North Adams Ambulance service has provided this training at no cost to the department. Firefighters were trained on the use of Narcan and rescue breathing for overdose calls. We have seen an increase in this type of call and are working with NAAS and NAPD. Our medical calls have increase by 240 % over last year.

In addition to the daily training, other training consisted of Ice Water Rescue, snowmobile rescue, confined space, MDU set up and vehicle extrication. In the fall all firefighters attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy course on elevator rescue.

The Western Mass Regional Technical Rescue team training continues. We have four firefighters assigned to this team.

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

Permits:

Maintain Existing/New UST Facility (FP-290)[90]	4	30
Alarm Systems[AS]	2	25
Flammables and Combustibles License [FL]	1	10
Fuel Oil Storage[FO]	2	80
Fire Suppression[FS]	3	30
Fireworks[FW]	1	10
General Permit (FP 6)[G]	47	1220
INSTALLATION AND STORAGE OF PROPANE[LP]	5	50
Oil Burning Equipment installation (527 CMR 4.00 Form 1)[OB]	26	135
Process Hazardous Material Permit[PH]	1	10
General Permit (FP 6)[VD]	2	25
Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (FP-7c)[SC]	161	1610
Sprinkler Systems[SP]	3	30
Storage Tank Removal and Transportation to Disposal Yard (FP-292)[TR]	5	50
Tank Truck (FP 44)[TT]	0	0
Total Fees	\$3,315.00	

Fire Prevention and Education:

This year we joined with the Red Cross to install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in single family homes of citizens of North Adams. This program does not have an age limit and allows firefighters and Red Cross personnel to go into the homes of citizens and talk fire safety while installing the detectors. We were able to visit nearly fifty homes to install detectors and talk fire safety. Most of the homes had no detectors or outdated detectors.

As part of the S.A.F.E. Student Awareness of Fire Education Grant, Firefighter/Educator John Marlowe visited all elementary schools to provide fire safety education to the students. The Berkshire County Fire Chiefs Association Fire Safe Trailer was used to demonstrate how to exit through a smoke filled room. Firefighter Matthew Davis successfully completed the Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification and is assisting Marlowe with the program.

Throughout the year we provided fire extinguisher training to businesses as well as students at McCann Technical High School, MCLA and for the first time, Mass MoCA.

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

Recommendations:

Again I would like to see a firefighter assigned to Fire Prevention. Every year more fire prevention regulations are created increasing the workload on local fire departments. Assigning a firefighter for this duty would allow the department to provide a better more efficient service to the community. I would also like to increase the permit fees to a \$25.00 minimum. I believe that we are the lowest in the state. A permit for an oil burner installation is only \$5.00.

We must start thinking of replacing the ladder truck. This vehicle is a 1999 and is getting close to the end of its life expectancy. The replacement of this vehicle will cost approximately \$1,000,000.00.

The Public Safety building is also in need of major repairs or replacement. The roof leaks in many locations. The windows are in need of replacement. The boilers continually go out and must be reset. The electrical system should be upgraded. The water piping in the building is galvanized piping that is breaking down. Finally the building is not ADA compliant.

Conclusion:

In conclusion I would like to thank Mayor Richard J. Alcombright and his administration for their support throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the girls in the office, Ann Perry and Stacy Abuisi. I would be lost without their assistance.

We continue to work very closely with the members of the North Adams Police Department and North Adams Ambulance Service. We thank both organizations for their support and assistance throughout the year. I also appreciate the help given to us throughout the year by the Building and Health Departments and Department of Public Services.

The Wire and Alarm Division under the direction of Michael Lescarbeau continues to be an asset to this department. He is always there when you need him.

Finally I would like to thank the officers and members of the North Adams Fire Department. These men are a group of dedicated and professional firefighters that serve this community with dignity and pride. I am extremely proud to be their leader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Meranti
Fire Director

FIRE DIVISION REPORT

ROSTER OF THE FIRE DIVISION

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Director of Fire Division

Stephen A. Meranti

Lieutenant

Joseph Beverly

Lieutenant

John S. Paciorek

Lieutenant

Michael P. Sherman

Appointed June 27, 2016

Firefighter

Patrick J. Bradley

Firefighter

Peter Robare

Firefighter

Scott A. Barbeau

Firefighter

Alan Richer

Firefighter

Michael Goodson

Firefighter

David Boucher

Firefighter

Jason Garner

Firefighter

Gregory Lancto

Firefighter

Matthew LaBonte

Firefighter

Jeffrey Bleu

Firefighter

Raymond King

Firefighter

Juan Bolte

Firefighter

Stefan Lamarre

Firefighter

Robert J. Patenaude

Firefighter

John P. Marlowe

Firefighter

Travys C. Rivers

Firefighter

Michael P. Sherman

Firefighter

John L. Lancto

Firefighter

Brent M. Lefebvre

Firefighter

Matthew R. Davis

Firefighter

Shaun F. Hayden

Firefighter

Kevin Alicia

Firefighter

Colin B. Boucher

Appointed August 12,

2015

Senior Clerk and Stenographer

Ann S. Perry

Senior Clerk

Stacy Abuisi

Permanent Reserve Firefighters

Tyler H. Bolte

Appointed July 24, 2012

Casey C. Cooke

Appointed July 24, 2012

Brad A. Sacco

Appointed July 24, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



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Michael P. Cozzaglio
Director - Police Services

November 3, 2016

To: Richard Alcombright
Mayor-City of North Adams

From: Director Michael Cozzaglio
North Adams Police Department

I hereby submit the annual report for the North Adams Police Department for fiscal year July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for your approval.

Over the course of this fiscal year the North Adams Police Department experienced the retirement of Officer Alan LaBonte on January 29, 2016 after 32 years of distinguished service. The department promoted Sergeant William Baker to acting Lieutenant on March 27, 2016 and Officer Jason Wood to Sergeant on January 1, 2016. The department also appointed two permanent full time police officers, they are: Joshua Tracy and Nicholas Penna appointed March 8, 2016.

The Department continues to utilize our emergency communication network "Code Red" system. This greatly enhances the department's ability to send out notifications in emergency and non-emergency situations within minutes. We have also made great strides in the use of on-line social media, specifically Facebook. The departments Facebook page has been very informational and successful in sharing information and keeping the public informed.

The Department, with grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Programs continues to provide a full time school resource officer (SRO). The connection that the North Adams Police Department has in the public schools has been well received by everyone. We will strive to maintain this great relationship between the North Adams Police Department, the North Adams Public Schools and the school children within our community.

The Police Department through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has been able to continue to provide a valuable addition to the Department, a K-9 Unit, which is staffed by Officer Albert Zoito and his partner K-9 Chuck. The K-9 Unit currently is trained to search and locate specific types of drugs or persons. The K-9 unit is on patrol on a daily basis and has been utilized many times searching for hidden drugs, lost or fleeing persons along with being a great community policing tool.

Through cooperative efforts between the North Adams Police Department and the community we have also been able to continue offering two-one week summer ROPES camps for our area

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

children. Each summer camp has had over 100 kids attending and continues to be a great success. Including the summer 2015 ROPES camp we have put through over 3000 campers who have successfully complete this important program. The North Adams Police Department continues to reach out to our community and its children in the hopes this will pay big dividends in the future.

The Patrol division has been very busy in the day to day activities in our attempt to maintain high visibility in the various neighborhoods throughout the community. The officers in the police department continue to aggressively pursue and arrest the felons who are providing deadly drugs to our citizens. We have made over a two dozen major drug arrests within the past year. This resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of heroin, cocaine, pills, along with thousands of dollars in cash and other assets. We have increased our visibility in traffic enforcement. This is done through directed speed patrols and the use of our speed board, which is informational as well as educational. We continue to promote our community speed watch program, asking our residents to call any time to report speeding or erratic operation of motor vehicles.

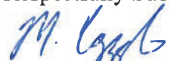
The Department continues to participate and foster our Community Policing program and Neighborhood Watch. We work closely with the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and neighborhood groups such as, Mohawk Forest, UNO neighborhoods, Brayton Apartments, Greylock Valley Neighborhood, Blackinton Neighborhood, Autumn Heights and North Street just to name a few.

The police sponsored TRIAD program continues to be very successful. This allows us to work closely with our senior citizens to assist with their needs. We do this in conjunction with the District Attorney's office and the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department. We continue to work closely with the staff at the Mary Spitzer Center, Ashland Street High-rise, Holy Family Terrace and St. Joseph Court to reach out to our elderly citizens of the city.

The North Adams Police Department strives to maintain excellence, professionalism and courtesy at all times.

At this time, I would like to extend my appreciation to Mayor Richard J. Alcombright, the City Council and the various departments for their cooperation throughout this fiscal year. I would also like to thank all of our devoted members of the North Adams Police Department for their services that they provide to the citizens of North Adams.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael P. Cozzaglio

Director of Police Services

North Adams Police Department

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



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Director - Police Services

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Police Division

TO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

I hereby respectfully submit the organizational chart for the Police Division for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

ORGANIZATION

Director of Police	Michael Cozzaglio
Lieutenant	David M. Sacco Retired March 27, 2015
Lieutenant	William D. Baker Appointed Acting Lieutenant July 19, 2015
Sergeant of Police	James M. Burdick
Sergeant of Police	Jason R. Wood Appointed Permanent Sergeant January 1, 2016
Acting Sergeant of Police	Toby E. Randall Appointed Acting Sergeant of Police July 19, 2015
Police Officer Investigator	Kelly Wisniowski
Police Officer Investigator	Francis Maruco
Police Officer Investigator	John LeClair
Police Officer Investigator	Mark Bailey
	Appointed Detective Sergeant June 21, 2015

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POLICE OFFICERS

Alan LaBonte Albert J. Zoito Erik Thomas Ivan Cardeno Anthony Beverly Christopher W, Gelinas Benjamin D. Austin	Retired January 29, 2016 Brad Vivori Trevor Manning Joshua Zustra Jonathan Beaudreau Nicholas Kaiser David Lemieux Kyle Cahoon David Sherman Nicholas Penna Appointed Permanent March 8, 2016 Joshua Tracy Appointed Permanent March 8, 2016

911 DISPATCHERS

Arthur E. Barbeau
Mary Ann King

Melissa Wilkinson
Barbara Brucato

POLICE RESERVES

Stephanie Miranti
Appointed August 5, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

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Records Analysis Report
07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016

10/13/2016

Case Activity Statistics

Total Offenses Committed:	2743	
Total Felonies:	963	
Total Crime Related Incidents:	1108	
Total Non Crime Related Incidents:	807	
Total Arrests (On View):	502	
Total Arrests (Based on Incident/Warrants):	172	
Total Summons Arrests:	310	
Total Arrests (Unspecified Type):	0	
Total Arrests:	984	
Total P/C's:	115	
Total Juvenile Arrests:	48	
Total Juveniles Handled (Arrests):	20	
Total Juveniles Referred (Arrests):	28	
Total Hearings:	0	
Total Summons:	0	
Total Open Warrants:	0	
Total Open Default Warrants:	0	
Total Orders:	101	
Orders Involving Alcohol	0	0.0
Orders Involving Drugs	0	0.0
Orders Involving Illness	0	0.0
Orders Involving Children	24	23.8
Crime Incidents Involving Domestic Violence	36	5.1
Crime Incidents Involving Gang Activity	2	0.2
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol	68	6.1
Crime Incidents Involving Drugs	16	1.4
Crime Incidents Involving Computers	2	0.2
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol and Drugs	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	116	11.8
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol	228	23.2
Arrests Involving Drugs	33	3.4
Arrests Involving Computers	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol and Drugs	0	0.0

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

To his Honor the Mayor and the members of the City Council:

I am herewith submitting the Annual Report from the Building Department for the fiscal year 2015 through 2016.

Gas and Plumbing Inspections:

A total of 65 plumbing permits and 115 gas-fitting permits were issued this fiscal year. Several plumbing and gas-fitting inspections were conducted to ensure that all the work performed complies with the Massachusetts State Plumbing and Gas Fitting Codes.

Building Department:

Renovations continue for the City of North Adams at the former Silvio O. Conte Middle School. In December, a temporary Certificate of Use and Occupancy was issued renaming the school to Colegrove Park Elementary School.

Moresi & Associates continues with the complete renovation of 22-30 Marshall Street including the former Mohawk Tavern, the former Gramercy Bistro and 6 residential units. In June 2015, the Mohawk reopened with a temporary Certificate of Use & Occupancy and in February, Grazie (an Italian Restaurant) was issued a temporary Certificate of Use & Occupancy. The project was completed in June of 2016 with Certificates of Use and Occupancy issued.

Scarafoni Associates had several projects throughout the year. Beginning in August with interior alterations for the new NBCTV studio on Union Street. A Certificate of Use and Occupancy was issued in February. Main Street properties were issued permits in December and March for the remodel of 85 Main Street, and the renovation of a few second floor offices. Certificate of Use and Occupancy were issued in September for these units.

Greylock Works, formerly the Cariddi Mill on State Road was issued permits for the removal of interior partitions in August. In October, a permit was issued for interior renovations of the Weave Shed and Engine Room. Roof repairs began in December and ending the year in June, a permit was issued for sprinkler work.

Mass Moca began the year in August with a permit for interior alterations to subdivide space on the second floor of Building #1. In September, a permit was issued for Building #6 for renovations to include galleries and museum. Also included with that permit for Building #8 were repairs to the structure, pedestrian bridge and new fire protection system. In January, work began to create the Bright Ideas Brewery in Building #1, which received a temporary

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Certificate of Use and Occupancy in March. Work continued in January to Building #5 for fire protection and Building #6 and #8 for a renovation and sprinkler system reconfiguration. April, Building #1 was insulated. Finishing off the year with a canopy installation at Building #11 in May.

Berkshire Medical Center, formerly North Adams Regional Hospital began in October with a year of several permits that include the demolition of third floor patient's rooms, corridors, and first floor offices. In November, a permit was issued for creating medical exams rooms, administrative offices, and Community Health Clinic. Roof repairs and renovations for the relocation of the laboratory began in March. The clinic was issued a Certificate of Use and Occupancy in March.

The former Redwood Motel now owned by The Beyond Place LLC, began a complete remodel and installation of a roofing system in May with the project continuing.

VSH Realty Inc. applied for a building permit in August to construct a new 4,738 sq. ft. Cumberland Farms on Mohawk Trail. After an extension was granted in January, work began and continues.

Several blighted dwellings were demolished this year including properties at 198-210 Houghton Street, 298 Cliff Street and 145 Cliff Street.

During the past year, we have been quite busy with all the inspections throughout the city. Along with issuing Building Permits, performing periodical inspections, issuing Certificates of Use and Occupancy and Certificates of Inspection, I oversee the building maintenance of city properties. These properties include City Hall, Windsor Mill, Heritage State Park, Peter Foote Skating Rink, Mary Spitzer Center, Mohawk Theater, Public Library, Armory, Historic Valley Campground, Windsor Lake and the former Notre Dame Church. I would like to thank our hard working maintenance team, Michael Cirullo, Rick O'Rell, Nicholas Berasi, Michael Sullivan, Foster Lewis and Norman Rolnick (Plumbing & Gas Inspector). We have developed a good and successful Maintenance Department within the Inspection Services Department.

Inspection Services strives to make the community a better place.

Melissa Martin, Administrative Assistant

James O'Brien, Director of Health

William E. Meranti, Director of Inspection Services / Building Inspector

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Building Department generated an estimated income of \$105,190.00 as outlined:

BUILDING & MISC. PERMITS	\$	88,169.00
GAS PERMITS	\$	4,635.00
PLUMBING PERMITS	\$	4,165.00
CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION / 304 INSPECTIONS	\$	5,100.00
CERTIFICATES OF USE & OCCUPANCY	\$	1,325.00
DEMOLITION	\$	1,241.00
WOOD STOVES / PELLET STOVES / COAL	\$	180.00
VACANT / FORECLOSED PROPERTIES	\$	375.00

The Office of the Inspector of Buildings issued 409 permits with an estimated value of \$27,996,642 with permit fees estimated at \$ 89,410.00 as outlined:

ADDITIONS	4	\$ 80,500	
BUILDING (Misc)	4	\$ 43,000	
CHIMNEY	7	\$ 17,950	
CITY	3	\$ 454,840	
CONVERSION (Residential)	2	\$ 2,500	
DECKS	13	\$ 72,400	
DEMO	13	N/A	
FOUNDATION	3	\$ 23,900	
GARAGE	6	\$ 81,125	
INSULATION	32	\$ 441,925	
MECHANICAL	1	\$ 36,700	
MASS MOCA	9	\$ 20,049,518	
NEW CONSTRUCTION COMMERCIAL	1	\$745,000	
NORTH ADAMS HOUSING AUTHORITY	1	\$ 182,700	
N ADAMS REGIONAL HOSPITAL	/ BMC	9	\$2,005,675
POOLS	4	\$ 48,100	
PORCHES	17	\$ 70,198	

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RENOVATION INDUSTRIAL	8	\$ 678,200
RESIDENTIAL RENOVATION	28	\$ 574,792
REPLACEMENT SIDING	10	\$ 117,469
REPLACEMENT WINDOWS	23	\$ 156,776
ROOFS	70	\$ 459,413
REPAIR / REPLACE COMMERCIAL	18	\$ 476,240
REPAIR / REPLACE RESIDENTIAL	31	\$ 209,805
RETAINING WALL	1	\$ 3,700
SIGNS	13	\$ 21,050
SHEDS	10	\$ 17,500
SHEET METAL	9	N/A
SOLAR	51	\$ 875,416
SUNROOM	1	\$ 38,000
TEMPORARY	5	N/A
TRENCH	1	N/A
URBAN RENEWAL	1	\$ 12,250
(Certificates of Inspections)	24	
(304 Inspections)	29	
(Certificates of Use and Occupancy)	19	
(Vacant or Foreclosed Properties)	24	

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Meranti
Inspector of Buildings

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REPORT

Sealed 105 scales. Unsealed scales 3. Fees demanded \$1,620.00

Balanced 3 Apothecary scales, fees demanded \$45.00. Balanced 12 Apothecary weights, fees demanded \$24.00.

Verified 78 scanners, fees demanded \$975.00

Gasoline Pumps sealed 84, fees demanded \$1,680.00.

Reverse vending machines 11, fees demanded \$275.00.

Coin redemption machines 4, fees demanded \$100.00.

Hawkers' and Peddlers', 22 vendors @ \$30.00. Fees collected \$660.00

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Vadnais
Sealer of Weights & Measures

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor Richard J. Alcombright and the Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Office of Community Development (OCD) continues to be the lead agency in the planning and development on a myriad of community-based projects. The OCD saw the initiation of many new projects, along with the completion of others during the 2015-2016 fiscal period. All initiatives and projects have now, and will continue to be, formidably linked to the city's comprehensive master plan, "North Adams-Vision-2030."

The OCD received another \$825,000 in grant funds from the CDBG Mini-Entitlement Program of the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) for its 2016 grant term. Featured projects will be an eleventh phase of work at the armory facility that is earmarked its next major parking lot segment that will include additional landscaping and signage, as it continues with its transformation into a new community youth center. Another modest social service's campaign is also on tap in which to award funds to five area agencies, which will be the fifth consecutive year on this endeavor with great assistance being given by the Human Services Commission. New demolition work on unsafe buildings is yet another awarded activity as the city continues to fight slum and blight. A small planning project is also slated for more updating work to the local historical inventory as areas that were once not eligible are now eligible for review. Lastly, a significant piece of the new funding will be used to help build the city's first-ever skateboard park that will be integrated to the Noel Field Athletic Complex.

The OCD continued to implement all projects within its \$825,000 FY'15 CDBG grant year. A tenth phase of work at the armory facility saw a very successful parking lot installation project, something that was very much needed. Other interior work also continued to the interior grade level spaces. Five social service agencies were also funded allowing them to provide their respective services for the benefit of low income persons. Guidance was continued to be provided by the Human Services Commission on this effort. A final project was the securing of an architectural access barrier removal identification study for the Public Safety Building in order to determine needed ADA compliance work.

The OCD closed out its \$900,000 FY'14 Mini-Entitlement Program grant year. Successful projects were centered upon the completion of more interior work on the "Armory Building Reuse Improvements", six more dilapidated buildings being razed, small grants being provided to five social service agencies, along with the completion of three key planning projects. Those planning projects featured the city's first-ever 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan that was prepared

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by the Collins Institute at UMass Boston that was presented to the City Council. Architectural investigative analysis and design work was also conducted on the Spitzer Senior in its quest to identify future capital improvement needs. Lastly, Historical Inventory Update Work and Reuse of Mills & Churches were conducted. Two bouts of updated work to the local historical inventory was accomplished, as well as a more formidable adaptive reuse strategic study on remaining underutilized and vacant mills and churches within the community.

In order to supplement the new skateboard park installation as aforementioned, the city continued to manage and implement its FY'16 PARC program (Parkland Acquisitions & Renovations for Communities Program). This was for a \$400,000 grant in which to supplement the earmark of CDBG funds in which to cover the construction of the new venue. As a major follow up to this park segment, the city submitted another \$400,000 grant application to PARC's FY'17 grant cycle in order to install this area's next key recreational piece, that being a new spray park, which will hopefully be awarded in late 2016.

The OCD also closed out a \$20,000 grant project that was centered upon more updating to the local inventory of historically significant buildings, sites and areas. The city had received a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) from its FY'15 grant round that was matched with \$10,000 from the City's FY'14 CDBG grant round. The final report was submitted to MHC pursuant to their guidelines. The effort was heavily coordinated with the North Adams Historical Commission who oversaw the content and scope of work, and continues to work upon further updating to the local inventory as its creation was done in the late 1970s, yet so much has changed and therefore historical preservation efforts need to keep up. The MHC grants will continue to be looked to by the local commission.

This year the OCD submitted two new sizable grant applications to the FY'16 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program. One is centered upon substantial parking lot improvements to the Greylock Work's adaptive reuse mill project on State Road that is pegged at \$3.4 M, that will also leverage brownfield remediation work. The other is a \$5.43 M grant application that will hopefully secure needed financing for the next phase of work at the Heritage State Park that will focus upon the creation of the extreme model train railway museum and other accompanying venues. Other correlating work by the city continues to be the integration of the Ashuwillticook Bike Path with a future expansion into and through the park. This work is seen as taking place over the next several years that will provide a formidable link the downtown and into and through the Mass MoCA campus.

In order to help assist with the future long term governance and oversight of the

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Heritage State Park, the City took advantage of the State's new "Community Compact" (CC) program. A \$20,000 grant was awarded that will allow the in-depth review and updating of the local Urban Renewal Plan. A "SWOT" approach will be undertaken (strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats) as the main focus is to try to help improve the Urban Renewal Zones as well as providing for improved long term maintenance and operation of park. This work is now under way and the city is working with a professional consulting group on this venture.

The OCD also continued to manage the \$98,900 grant from the US Department of Agriculture's "Local Food Promotion Program." These grants funds are part of the adaptive reuse project that is on-going at the former Greylock Mill on State Road. The private renovation of massive interior space along with these grant moneys are slated to leverage new craft food makers and retailers, just one small piece in the building's overall total renovation.

The city continued to work upon its \$20,000 grant from the Attorney General's "Distressed Properties Inventory Program" that is about local and state governmental sectors working together to help get bank-foreclosed residential properties resold to the private sector. The first two years was a joint campaign worked upon with the Town of Adams with support provided by the BRPC. However, the city signed on for a sole two-year extension that will bring the efforts through 2017.

Continued work with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) was also sustained in key areas. The city continues to be a formal member of their Brownfields Committee, as the rejuvenation of county-wide contaminated sites for future economic development and growth continue to be a high priority. The BRPC continues to work with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Protection on potential sources of funding for brownfield assessment work as well as remediation efforts. The city also continues to have formal representation on the BRPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS), which has been approved by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). Work upon the study's annual update report continued throughout this past year. Keeping an updated plan allows continued access to new federal grant funds in which to build economic development projects throughout the county. The OCD also provides assistance to the Office of the Mayor with representation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) group, a major transportation board as overseen by the BRPC. Major roadway construction projects, as well as regional public transit and bike path planning and expansion, are typically borne out of the MPO.

The OCD also continued their work with the BRPC through their "District Local Training Assistance" (DLTA) grants. One project is centered upon the

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overview and updating of the local zoning ordinances, as it is important that the city's new comprehensive master plan work in tandem with modern-day zoning regulations. The first wave of changes from this work accomplished the removal of antiquated zoning definitions and the updating of its use table. Continued work was also started upon the review and updating on the Site Plan Review, Special Permit and Right-of-Use processes. Future work will seek to update in the areas of solar array installations, windmills, medical marijuana use and assemblage, and adult entertainment. The other DLTA project saw work continue for the creation of a regional "Economic Development District" as the communities within Berkshire County seek to solidify its economic prowess to gain access for economic development funding from the federal Economic Development Administration.

The OCD received its final report on a \$10,000 project for the visionary repositioning and upgrading of the Ashland Street corridor that was funded by the FY'15 Massachusetts Downtown Initiative. This \$10,000 grant focused upon improved streetscape design initiatives in order to create better linkage between the downtown and the Mass College of Liberal Arts (MCLA). The project identified four key segments of the street with various and diverse improvements for each. The next step would be to secure likely sources of grant funding, such as the CDBG program in which to construct the various streetscapes that would be done in a phased format over the next few years.

The OCD continued to administer the Purchase & Rehab Program and the Get The Lead Out Program with funding provided by MassHousing, and continued to act as a conduit for their Home Improvement Loan and Septic Repair Programs. Within the vast array of MassHousing programs, lead abatement work continues to be the most widely utilized, whereby the program embarked upon a very sizable residential lead abatement project. The OCD has also acted as a referral service with the USDA's Rural Housing, in an effort to recruit eligible elder homeowners to their various home improvement programs.

The OCD has continued to work upon the expansion of the Ashwilticook Bike Path. As the Town of Adams finally went under construction with its next leg from their new terminus on Hoosac Street to Lime Street, both municipalities have continued to work with its consultant on the next piece that would bring it from Lime Street northerly to Hodges Cross Road on or near the McCann Technical High School. The city has also continued to work with the Town of Williamstown on their piece that will run southerly to the former Spruces Village on Route 2, with a continuation planned for getting into North Adams to and through the municipal airport. All bike path planning continues to be strongly supported by the BRPC.

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The OCD, in conjunction with the Assessor, Building and Administrative Officer departments, have rekindled efforts in the areas of energy and transportation. New efforts were started on the pursuit in becoming a designated “Green Community” along with the adoption in having a “Complete Street’s” policy.

The OCD assisted the Berkshire Scenic Rail’s “Hoosac Valley Rail Service” between the Town of Adams and North Adams. Coordination with the city’s DPW allowed for a siding installation where the rail cars are stored and worked upon, and more importantly, this year the new rail service opened up for its first rides and will continue to expand their venue with other holiday and event theme rides.

The OCD has also continued to remain as the lead contact agency with the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination (MCAD). The city’s Fair Housing Commission has continued to implement and monitor the city’s Fair Housing Plan in concert with MCAD. For the past three years, the Fair Housing Commission presence has been sent to the annual Fair Housing & Civil Rights’ Conference that is held annually in Springfield, MA each April.

The OCD continues to serve as the municipal consultant to the Community & Economic Development Advisory Board, Historical Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Planning and Zoning Boards. It has also continued to manage and market the Windsor Mill and the Heritage State Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Nuvallie, Director
Office of Community Development

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To The Honorable Richard Alcombright:

The North Adams Planning Board conducted thirty seven Public Hearings and twelve regular meetings during the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 fiscal year. The Board reviewed a total of 40 applications as follows:

38 applications for Site Plan Approval/special permits
2 applications for Subdivision Approval not required

The 40 applications for special permits were reviewed and disposed of as follows:

- Twenty nine applications for a change of use were granted with conditions
 - Five applications for new construction were granted with conditions
- Four applications for a change of ownership were granted with conditions
 - Two applications were withdrawn without prejudice

Two Form A applications were reviewed and approved.

This year the Planning Board reviewed the applications for new restaurants as well as new retail businesses and new construction projects in the City. The Planning Board reviewed plans submitted by Greylock Works for the former Cariddi Mill located in the west end of the City. The mill was formerly used as a textile mill and aluminum finishing business. The applicants plan to renovate the building into a mixed use building with craft and food businesses as well as assembly space in the first phase of renovation. Also in the west end of the City the Planning Board reviewed plans for renovation and new construction at the former Redwood Motel site. The applicants plan to construct new lodging space and integrate the property with the Hoosac River just to the north of the property to bring guests closer to this valuable natural resource. In January of 2016 the Planning Board working with the Office of Community Development Director Michael Nuvalle, William Meranti, Building Inspector and Brian Domina of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission updated and revised the City of North Adams Zoning Ordinance. As always the Planning Board continues to give a great deal of attention to improving signage throughout the City as well as improving landscaping and entrance corridors.

Annual elections were held at the February 8, 2016 meeting. Michael Leary was elected Chairman of the Board and Paul Hopkins was elected Vice-Chairman.

Kyle Hanlon was elected as the representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Committee.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board remains in contact with other City Boards and City Offices that have been very helpful with their knowledge regarding many of the cases which appear before the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
North Adams Planning Board

Michael Leary, Chairman
BOARD MEMBERS – 2016
Michael Leary, Paul Hopkins
Kyle Hanlon, Paul Senecal
Brian Miksic, Joanne DeRose
Lynette Bond, Robert Burdick
Jay Walsh

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Honorable Richard Alcombright:

The North Adams Zoning Board of Appeals conducted three Public Hearings and four Regular Meetings during the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 fiscal year for variances and special permits as follows:

- One special permit was granted for abandonment of a non-conforming use for retail
- One special permit was granted for an off-site sign
- One special permit was granted for the construction of two billboards

The Zoning Board held its annual elections at the January 25, 2016 meeting and voted to elect Donald Pecor, Jr., as Chairperson, Ross Jacobs as Vice-Chairperson and Peter Milanesi as Clerk.

Mark Parsons who had been a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years resigned his position in April 2016 to re-locate. The Board appreciates his many years of dedication and hard work.

The Zoning Board is available to review any issues or concerns of other Boards or department heads and is available to share information that may be helpful in that regard.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
North Adams Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Milanesi, Clerk

BOARD MEMBERS – 2015

Donald Pecor, Jr.

Peter Milanesi

Paul DiLego, Jr.

Ross Jacobs

Mark Parsons

Gregory Roach (Alternate)

REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

To The Honorable Richard Alcombright and Honorable Members of the City Council:

The North Adams Redevelopment Authority (NARA) exists to facilitate economic development in the City of North Adams' Urban Renewal Areas (URA), while living up to the existing zoning requirements for the City's other development projects.

The NARA works to ensure that for its projects, integration takes place between the Mayor's Office and all City Departments, Boards and Commissions.

During the past year, July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 the NARA reviewed and approved plans for various signs and businesses located in the L-Shape Mall on Main Street and American Legion Drive as well as involvement in future plans and development for the Western Gateway Heritage State Park.

Members of the North Adams Redevelopment Authority included Paul Hopkins, Chairperson, Michael Leary and Kyle Hanlon.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hopkins, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE LICENSE BOARD

October 20, 2016

Honorable Mayor Richard Alcombright:

The following is a report of the activities by the North Adams License Board covering the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

5	Administrative Fee
15	Entertainment Licenses
25	One Day Licenses
25	Common Victuallers
115	Amusement Licenses
5	All Alcohol GOP
16	All Alcohol Restaurant
5	All Alcohol Club
4	All Alcohol Package Store
3	Beer & Wine Restaurant
2	Beer & Wine Package
1	Pouring Permit
15	Automobile class 1-2-3

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Polucci, Chairman
Rosemari Dickinson
Peter Breen

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ORGANIZATION

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Chairperson	Brendan Bullett
Board Member	John Meaney
Board Member	Kevin Lamb
Director of Health	James O'Brien
Code Enforcement Officer	James O'Brien
Secretary	Melissa Martin
Inspector of Animals	Carrie Laholdt

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

INSPECTIONS FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR HUMAN HABITATION

DWELLINGS INSPECTED	629
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE	549
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (Re-Inspections)	26
CMR COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS	46
CONDEMNATIONS	8

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

Certificates of Compliance	\$ 15,480.00
Fines	\$ 450.00
Licenses and Permits	\$ 43,104.00
Trailer Fees	\$ 29,700.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 88,734.00

TRANSFER STATION ACCOUNT

Resident/Non-Resident/Temporary/Commercial Permits	\$ 94,640.00
Transfer Station Bags	\$ 34,870.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 133,423.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED

Babesiosis	1 Probable, 2 Revoked
Brucellosis	1 Revoked
Calicivirus / Norovirus	1 Confirmed
Camblyobacteriosis	8 Confirmed
Giardiasis	1 Confirmed
Group A Streptococcus	2 Confirmed, 2 Revoked
Group B Streptococcus	1 Confirmed
Haemophilus Influenza	1 Confirmed
Hepatitis B	1 Probable, 2 Contact
Hepatitis C	11 Confirmed, 15 Probable 1 Suspect, 3 Contact

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Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	4 Confirm
Influenza	6 Confirmed
Lyme Disease	1 Confirmed, 25 Suspect
Streptococcus Pneumonia	2 Confirmed
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1 Suspect
Viral Meningitis (Aseptic)	1 Confirmed
Zika Virus Infection	1 Revoked

HEALTH DEPARTMENT MORTALITY

Deaths (208) Non-Residents (18) Residents Who Died Elsewhere (96)

Resident Deaths (94)

CAUSE OF DEATH

I.	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	0
II.	Neoplasms	19
III.	Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders	0
IV.	Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs	0
V.	Mental Disorders	0
VI.	Diseases of the Central Nervous System	10
VII.	Diseases of the Circulatory System	39
VIII.	Diseases of the Respiratory System	10
IX.	Diseases of the Digestive System	2
X.	Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System	0
XI.	Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

XII. Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue	2
XIV. Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	0
XVI. Symptoms, Signs and Ill Defined Conditions	0
XVII. Injury and Poisoning	3
Undetermined	9

HEALTH DEPARTMENT LICENSES & PERMITS

Animal & Hennerly	26
Burial & Removal	86
Catering	41
Collect & Transporting Waste	20
Day Camps	2
Disposal Work Installers	2
Food Service	93
Frozen Dessert	5
Funeral Directors	6
Ice Skating Rink	1
Milk & Cream	73
Mobile	23
Pubic Campgrounds, Overnight Cabins, Motels & Mobile Home Parks	6
Remove and Transport Septic Tank Contents	6
Residential Kitchens	10

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Restaurants	41
Retail Food	63
Swimming Pool	6
Tanning Salon	2
Tattoo	2
Temporary Dumpster (Roll-Off Containers)	17
Tobacco	20

AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Richard J. Alcombright, Mayor, members of the City Council and to the Citizens of the City of North Adams, the Airport Commission submits this annual report for the Fiscal year July 1 2015 – June 30, 2016.

The Commission held 12 monthly public meetings, one special meeting, and a meeting at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) office in Burlington Massachusetts with members of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC/DOT) in attendance.

The open projects for this year are:

1. Reconstruct Main Apron

2. Terminal Building Study

The following is an overview of the status of each project to date.

1. Reconstruct Main Apron

The construction process will be implemented in two phases. Phase one covers the area from the eastern end of the field up to the Col-East building. This phase has been completed in fiscal year 2016. Phase two will be completed in fiscal 2017.

2. Terminal Building Study

Discussion with MASS DOT is ongoing. Funding and beginning of project is slated for 2018. This is not final.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery M. Naughton, Chairman

Trevor Gilman, Vice-Chair

Armand P. Boillat, Commissioner

Shaun Dougherty, Commissioner

James M. Neville, Commissioner

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

Honorable Mayor Alcombright and City Council:

The North Adams Council on Aging is a City Department created under the general laws which state that a city ordinance may establish a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the needs of the aging in collaboration with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

The Council on Aging had six members: Georgette Mancuso, Chairperson, Pauline Cantone, Elizabeth Benz, Stephen Smachetti, Shirley Wolfe and Norman Antonio.

Members of the North Adams Council on Aging served on the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority. The Council also participates in the activities of the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and the Massachusetts Council on Aging Association; these groups consider regional and statewide needs of the elderly

The Council on Aging office is located in the Mary Spitzer Center for the Elderly, located at 116 Ashland Street; the center is an information and referral center for the city's elderly. During the past year one thousand seventy three elders were served through the center. The center is open 8:30-4:00 Monday through Friday.

The Council on Aging operates two handicap accessible vans providing transportation to City residents 60 and older or under 60 and BRTA certified disabled. Van drivers Jonna Blair and Donald Bettis operated the wheel chair accessible vans Monday through Friday. During the past year they provided 13,847 rides to the Adult Day Health Center, medical and dental appointments, grocery shopping, Mary Spitzer Center and various social activities.

The Council on Aging provides meals in conjunction with Elder Services of Berkshire County Nutrition Program. During the past year congregate meals were served at the center five days a week. All seniors are encouraged to attend the meal site; there is a suggested donation of \$2.00 a meal. Reservations are requested 24 hours in advance. The Spitzer Center housed Elder Services Meals on Wheels program 5 days a week where meals are packaged and distributed to home bound elders.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts sponsors the Brown Bag Program at the center once a month. They distributed monthly bags to income eligible elders, with a suggested donation of \$3.00. This program is done with the help of many volunteers; applications to obtain a brown bag are available at the center.

A variety of on and off site activities were held during the year, they have included holiday and birthday celebrations, cultural grant events, day trips, triad picnic, wellness events, educational speakers and workshops, foot care clinics, blood pressure clinic, weigh-in group, hearing clinic, eye care, walking club, flu shot clinic, socials, cooking classes and participation in the Age Friendly Berkshires.

Bridge was played on Monday afternoons with instructions as needed. Bingo was played two afternoons a week. Computers were available for public use Monday through Friday.

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Ongoing exercise programs at the center include Tai Chi taught by You-Lin Shi, osteoporosis prevention exercise classes taught by Alva LaBonte, video exercise class two days a week, chair yoga taught by Lisa Bassi and Barbara Lampron, standing yoga and a walking group.

The Council on Aging received formula grant funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, these funds partially pay for us to hire Brenda Zappone as Administrative Assistant and Helen Donega as part-time office receptionist. An additional grant through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs paid for an Outreach worker 12 hours a week.

The Council on Aging issued a monthly newsletter, the Spitzer Center Gazette to over 1500 elders. The newsletter tells of monthly activities at the center, and articles of special interest to the elders these can be picked up at various locations in town or mailed.

The SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs Of Elders) program counseled many during the course of the year, assisting elders with their Medicare D plan and counseling individuals who are about to turn 65 with their insurance choices. Assistance was also given filling out Snap applications and Safelink Wireless phone applications.

The Council on Aging in conjunction with the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority sells chair car tickets to the elderly and disabled. We also worked with other Northern Berkshire transportation providers to administer the HINT program providing onetime transportation where there were no other options available.

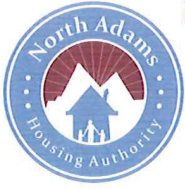
The Council on Aging along with four AARP counselors offered free income tax assistance to the elders of North Adams from February to April.

A North Adams Chapter of Triad met monthly. Triad is a public safety initiative designed to reduce victimization among seniors. This group is represented by the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, District Attorney's office, Seniors and the Council on Aging.

The Council on Aging continues to serve as an information and referral center and actively advocate for the needs and concerns of the city's elders. The council's goals for the future include expanding programming and outreach to meet the needs of our growing older population.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgette Mancuso, Chairperson
Sandra Lamb, Executive Director

HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT



NORTH ADAMS HOUSING AUTHORITY

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JENNIFER HOHN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 14, 2016

Richard Alcombright, Mayor
City of North Adams
City Hall
10 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear Mayor Alcombright,

Enclosed is the report of the North Adams Housing Authority for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Commissioners of the Authority during this period were:

Christopher Tremblay
James Neville
James Taylor
Colton Andrews
Michelle Martinez

Chairman
Commissioner, Treasurer
Commissioner, State Appointee, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner, Vice-Chair
Resident Commissioner

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hohn", is written over a large, stylized, looping flourish.

Jennifer Hohn
Executive Director



AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY / EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

MRVP-Tunnel Brook

There are nine state funded vouchers at the Tunnel Brook Housing Complex which the NAHA administers. This is a project based subsidy in which tenant share of rent is based on 40% of income. (Public Housing and Section 8 are based on 30% income) NAHA will be turning the administrative duties of these units over to the Adams Housing Authority effective October 1, 2016.

DMH Voucher Program

This program is a mobile based voucher with a subsidy provided through the Department of Mental Health. Currently NAHA administers 3 DMH vouchers. The administrative duties of these vouchers will also be turned over to the Adams Housing Authority effective October 1, 2016.

Project Based Section 8 Program

NAHA currently administers 52 Project Based Section 8 vouchers at Brayton Hill Apartments. NAHA receives an administration fee for managing the vouchers. This fee will not only assist NAHA in sustaining its Section 8 Program but will also provide additional revenue to Brayton Hill Apartments whose contract for subsidy with The Department of Housing and Urban Development will not be renewed.

Community Residence (C689-1 Program)

The Authority owns one property, the Flood House, which was previously used as a community residence for mentally handicapped adults. North Adams Housing Authority has received permission from The Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHCD) to dispose of these units as NAHA no longer has any viable use for them. NAHA issued a Request for Proposals and received two. NAHA selected Family Life Support's proposal. DHCD has approved of the transaction and is working on the final deed restrictions. NAHA was granted permission from DHCD for the Flood House to be occupied by those displaced from the Louison House on a temporary basis until its facilities are repaired from a fire.

Housing Opportunities Inc. (HOI)

The Authority had established a non –profit corporation, HOI, and is currently engaged with the City in providing home ownership opportunities to families within certain income brackets. To date twelve properties have been acquired, three demolished and eight made available to “first-time” homebuyers. Currently out of the remaining active mortgages 1 of 4 are in default, one other property was recently foreclosed on. HOI is working with the City of North Adams to dissolve the program and return the current assets to the City of North Adams.

Comprehensive Grant Program

The Authority has been awarded \$2,103,359 over a five-year period to perform major renovations, interior and exterior, at all its federal developments. This is an increase of approximately 220k more than what NAHA has historically received due to its current “high performer” status. Over the next five years, NAHA plans on completing the following upgrades: Cabinets and countertops at Greylock Valley will be replaced in phases and all crawlspaces will be insulated to protect recently installed heating equipment and improve comfort in all units. All sewer castings at Greylock Valley will also be replaced. Spring Park will have its emergency generator replaced. Ashland Park will be undergoing additional elevator modernization measures, mainly contained to the mechanical equipment. Ashland Park cabinets and countertops will be replaced.

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Ross Coordinator & FSS Grant

NAHA will continue to apply annually for this grant which if awarded will fund a service coordinator for three years for NAHA's Public Housing and a percentage of Housing Choice Voucher families to develop self sufficiency programs.

Safety and Security Grant

NAHA has completed all safety and security upgrades utilizing the 250k grant funding. In addition to additional cameras and fence upgrades, NAHA also has installed state of the art technology utilizing the "Platesmart" technology software. Valley Communications did a presentation of the software in June to local and State police along with other local officials.

Agency Wide

North Adams Housing Authority (NAHA) achieved a "High Performer" status in February 2015. NAHA has maintained this status for the current FY with a total score of 94 out of 100 points based on four components of the Public Housing Assessment Score. The indicators in which HUD calculates this score are Financial, Management, Physical Condition, and Capital Fund. NAHA has maintained ninety nine percent occupancy and unit turnover of an average 10 days for its third consecutive year. Additionally NAHA received zero financial audit findings or questioned costs in its fiscal year 2015 audit. However, there was a procurement finding relative to service contracts in addition to a rent calculation finding. Both findings have been corrected. NAHA continues to work closely with Northern Berkshire Community Coalition to bring programs to Greylock Valley Apartments and work with families and individuals to help strengthen the community and improve their quality of life. Additionally, NAHA is currently seeking HUD approval to construct a new community center at Greylock Valley Apartments. This space would be located in the vacant field on Sullivan Street and would be used to bring resources and services to residents of Greylock Valley in addition to other residents of the outside community. NAHA also intends on continuing to apply for the ROSS (Self Sufficiency Coordinator) annually when available. If awarded, this grant would provide a service coordinator to assist both Public Housing and Section 8 residents. NAHA works closely with North Adams Police Department, providing direct live access to its surveillance system helping to ensure the safety of its residents. In the near future state police and local police will have direct access to the "Platesmart" technology which is currently being used at all NAHA developments. On July 20th NAHA completed a patio and exterior landscaping remodel. There was a dedication ceremony for the new space to the late, long time director, William Boland. On May 26th Valerie Zweircan, Section 8 coordinator, retired after 32 years of service to the agency.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

2016 Annual Report of the North Adams Public Library
Submitted by Mindy M. Hackner, Library Director

Change is in the air

Your library experienced substantial changes this year including a few retirements from our trustees and staff. Trustee, Joseph Truskowski retired after serving many years as our intrepid treasurer; Reference Librarian, Robin Martin retired after nearly thirty years of employment in multiple roles; and Circulation Librarian, Amanda Kissoon added to her remarkable family by delivering an adorable little girl in late December. But, with each loss we shifted into gear and added some now familiar faces. Long-time volunteer, Lisa Harding and Julian Todisco now share Amanda's position. Kim DiLego is settling into Robin's reference position and Sara Russell-Scholl rose through a field of very qualified candidates to become our new youth services librarian.

With all that change going on, it makes sense that this Director would go out on a tour of Berkshire County libraries and come back with a brainstorm to rearrange collections at the library. Non-fiction audios and DVDs are now shelved with their fiction counterparts so browsers can see the entire collections in a designated area. New adult materials in every media type are now displayed in the beautiful main living room for easy access and promotion. Paperbacks are in the front pink room (circulation room long ago) and large print meanders around the central corridor. We still have a café although it is now a bring your own affair and we have pared down our magazine collection in favor of adding Zinio and Overdrive electronic periodicals for a connected generation of readers. But, if you have a favorite magazine we aren't currently carrying, please let a staff member know and we will add it to our print materials list.

We had to stop at the idea of relocating the computer lab the reference department due to wiring issues, but thanks to a generous gift from the Carlson family, we added two lab computers on the second floor. They function just like the main floor computers although patrons currently need to pick up copies or request a guest pass through the control console downstairs. We have increased computer sessions to 90 minutes on the lab computers and up to two hours on our six Chromebooks located throughout the building. Our copy rates did increase to 15 cents for black and white, 30 cents for color due to the increasing cost of toner and paper. Sorry to report that our old coin box will not 'talk' to the new copiers,

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but circulation staff will take your copy fees and make change. We are requesting that people with large and time-consuming copy jobs use the second floor copier and that patrons with extremely large jobs provide their own paper.

Interlibrary loan, children's services and local history research continue to be the foundation of your library. We are expanding our fiction collection by adding multiple copies of high demand books with a generous gift from the Margery Oakes grant. In the coming year we will begin to assess our various collections to make sure we have great books in excellent shape. This is the only library I know of that makes a habit of cleaning all materials as they come back, a tradition dating back to the 1916 flu epidemic. Every disc is checked for wear and tear and books are routinely repaired or replaced. And we welcome patron input into our collection development so don't be shy.

As many of you know, we suspended Music at the Mansion this year in favor of smaller, chamber-type concerts in the main living room. Without Robin's remarkable energy, our adult programming is slim but we still offer genealogy classes, guest artists, music and some 'maker' programs. The youth summer reading program and children's garden club are great successes. Scott Jameson's summer magic program enchanted everyone in attendance and a guest computer program resulted in a series of coding classes. Sara and Kim are working closely with our schools on literacy initiatives using programming and database instruction.

As for our historic building, the City has reinforced a major chimney base, re-painted the parking lot, and is exploring a grant to convert our CFL lighting to LED further reducing our carbon footprint. The grant would also allow for insulation to tighten up some of our drafty areas. We are also looking at reasonable restoration of the wooden railings that adorned the front of the mansion.

The Friends continue to be a tremendous source of support for the finer things our tight budget won't allow including some beautiful furniture given in memory of Joan Rivers, museum passes, continuing education for the staff, workstations and special projects like the café. Writing this just before the fall book sale, I encourage everyone to join this remarkable group. I will end with my sincerest thanks to our Mayor and City

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Council, the Trustees, the Friends, and our outstanding staff for making the North Adams Public Library a ‘gateway to learning and the beating heart of our community.’

FY 2016 Budget	\$307,510	FY 2015 Budget	\$297,510	FY 2014 Budget	\$296,750
Employees FT/PT	11		11		11
Card Holders	8064		8300		7800
Tot. open hours	2119		2200		2168
Holdings	126,740		101,000		97,000
Circulation	93,298		99,000		115,000
Inter Library Loans	24,061		26,000		25,000
Door count	63,369		66,000		65,000
Computer sessions	8500		10,000		10,000
Reference questions	2,100		4,500		4,000
Tot. child prog	172		171		160
Tot child attend	3173		3,900		3,300
Tot. adult prog	16		30		15
Tot. adult attend	375		800		483

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES REPORT

To his Honor the Mayor and the members of the City Council:

I am herewith submitting the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2015 through 2016.

Commission members include at this time Randy Kemp (Chairperson), Brian McCarthy, Nancy Rumbolt, Mark Patenaude, Antoinette Cariddi, Carrie Crews and William Meranti (Mayor's Liaison).

The Commission is always concentrating on implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Several ongoing and long-range projects are helping us meet our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Meranti
Commission on Disabilities

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Report of The North Adams Historical Commission 2016

Survey updates continue to be a major portion of our work. We were pleased to receive a smaller grant for \$20,000 worth of updates, \$10,000 from Mass Historic and a \$10,000 match from CDBG funds (Community Development Block Grant) courtesy of Michael Nuwallie, our City Hall liaison. The chair assisted Bonnie Parsons and accompanied her to a City Council meeting so that she could be introduced and explain to the council in the chamber and television viewers at home that she would be visiting neighborhoods and taking pictures for the update. Wendy Champney and the chair traversed the City pointing out proposed properties to Bonnie. As forms were being processed the chair proofed and corrected and/or modified a good many of them, again with the local historical insights that an outsider cannot possibly possess. The finished copies of the added forms are being copied and added to our Survey in the fall of 2016 as I submit this report. This work added previously neglected Houghtonville and Burdickville properties as well as MACRIS numbered sites never researched and inventoried (on Pleasant, Cherry, Wall and Church Streets). The Reservoir Gatehouse on Pattison Road, the Sprague Research Center on Marshall Street (site of Sampson Shoe) and the Chinese graves as a continuation form for Hillside Cemetery rounded out this addition to the Survey.

We were not awarded a MHC grant in the next cycle; understandably they favored people who had not just been recipients. The proposed CDBG match was reserved for a Survey update so we currently have a proposal for bids for a \$10,000 update out with a November 7, 2016 deadline. Kempville, City Yard buildings, Fort Massachusetts site, St. Francis Indian Ledge and the Trudeau farm have been listed to be surveyed by the successful bidder.

A full complement of seven members serve on the Commission: Wendy Champney, secretary, Darrell English, Alan Horbal, Joanne Hurlbut, Chris Wondoloski, Paul Marino, vice chair, and Justyna Carlson, chair.

Unfortunately demolition visits (several homes, barns, garages) are frequent. We visited and approved demolitions on State Road (Redwood Motel and Greylock Mill – on March 4, 2016 several members toured the Greylock Mill for a firsthand view of Salvatore Perry's ambitious plans), Cliff Street (145-147), 810 Church (barn), Ashland (H.A. George outbuildings), State Street (Modern Dairy), 27 Hall Street (garage), 18 Arnold Place (non-descript squished in) all under the 2012 City demolition delay ordinance. It calls for a 12-month delay before a building in a historic district or individually considered historic (MHC guidelines indicate anything constructed before 1965) be demolished. The NAHC reviews, tries to suggest alternate uses or agrees with demolition. Demolition approval forms are filled out and submitted to Building Inspector William Meranti after all visitations and votes by members.

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Letters of support and/or forms of approval were provided for several renovation projects, including the Armory (continuation of fine project overseen by Michael Nuwallie), Sarah T. Haskins School (Anne-Nemetz-Carlson attended our July 14, 2016 meeting to present renovation plans), the Wilkinson House on Church Street (John Donati attended our February 12, 2016 meeting to present plans) and Notre Dame Church (emergency repair grant).

Since last year's report we met on December 1, 2015, February 12, 2016, and July 14, 2016, regarding pressing issues but usually conduct the vast majority of our work by site visits and email votes which are ratified at the following formal meeting.

The chair attended the Western Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition quarterly meetings in Greenfield and Springfield while Chris and Wendy represented NAHC at the Coalition meeting in Lee. The chair attended the Preservation grant workshop in Lee January 14, 2016, and conveyed the encouraging news to the First Congregational Church for them to apply for funds to repair the long-dormant bells. NAHC continued to encourage the establishment of Local Historic Districts as proposed by Councilor Benjamin Lamb. This is an ongoing process having reached the LHD study committee stage. The LHDSC has been formed. NAHC Vice Chair Paul Marino is a member. Josh Colon of the North Adams Historical Society who is now attending graduate school in Worcester had to resign. Gene Carlson has volunteered to be his replacement. The chair continues to facilitate the implementation of this committee through contact with regional MHC representative Christopher Skelly.

Letters of support were provided for the Holy Family apartment project and the Colegrove School renovation project in hopes both might be awarded state-wide Preservation Awards. The Drury Academy/Colegrove Park Elementary School was the recipient of a 2016 Preservation Award for Rehabilitation and Restoration. The chair, Mayor Richard Alcombright and Superintendent of Schools James Montepare traveled to Boston May 19, 2016 to accept the award from the Massachusetts Historical Commission at their headquarters.

Much of our attention this year was devoted to Fort Massachusetts. Early in 2016 Golub Corporation announced plans to close Price Chopper. The chair immediately sent letters of support to the Golub corporation. The future of the site of Fort Massachusetts became a serious issue with many reactions popping up on Facebook and elsewhere. Both NAHC and NAHS have been concentrating efforts on preserving the site with communications and meetings with Mona Golub and others ensuing. Negotiations are still ongoing. NAHC member Wendy Champney and her sister Susan Watson, owner of 799

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Massachusetts Avenue, site of St. Francis Indian Ledge, have been invaluable in their efforts on behalf of the preservation. Both worked with Anthony Daly of NAHS to plan the 270th anniversary commemoration of the Siege of Fort Massachusetts Saturday August 20, 2016. The City provided police so that the ceremony could be held at the base of the ledge (NAHS covered their wages). About 200 people attended and viewed the unveiling of the St. François Indian statue.

Numerous telephone calls were received throughout the year from real estate agents, prospective buyers, and owners interested in the history of their homes or in renovating.

Respectfully submitted,
Justyna M. Carlson, Chair

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Richard Alcombright
And Honorable Members of the City Council:

The following is a report of activities conducted by the North Adams Traffic Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

The Commission will hold regular meetings on the third Monday of each month as needed. These meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. in the second floor conference room at City Hall.

Some of the activity acted on by the Commission for this fiscal year is as follows:

Safety concerns pertaining to fence that was erected on Bradley Street.

Crosswalk issues on Church Street.

Request to adjust overnight parking regulations in the City.

Concerns about parking on sidewalks in the West End.

Discussion on painting crosswalks in the City.

Changes to parking regulations in the Center Street Lot.

However, we shall continue to attempt to find the best solutions to any and all situations that come before this commission.

Members of the Commission are as follows:

Amanda Chilson

David Sacco

Paul Markland

Nancy Bullett – City Council

Steve Rondeau

Mary Ann King

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann King, Chairwoman

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

His Honorable Mayor.

North Adams Steeplecats celebrated their 16 th anniversary at Joe Wolfe field.

Tunnel City Youth soccer, boys and girls age 6 thru 14 practiced and played games several nights a week and Saturdays at Kevin Boland & Alcombright field through out the summer and fall.

Northern Berkshire youth girls softball league practiced and played games at Fran Millard softball complex.

Marty's "T" ball completed another successful season, playing Saturday mornings at the Alcombright complex April thru June.

The North Adams Babe Ruth, practiced and played games at Alcombright field.

North Adams youth football league with 3 divisions, pee wee, intermediate and senior. Practiced street fields and playing all home games at Disanti field.

John Giorgi summer basketball league again offered games at John Giorgi court June thru August. Play was open to Men's, Women's, and Youth.

Northern Berkshire Women's softball league played at DiSanti field May thru August.

North Adams Little League consisted of 5 teams and 55 boys and girls playing at Fallon field.

La Festa Baseball Exchange was held at Joe Wolfe Field marking its 26th anniversary. Many thanks to the hard work of volunteers, spearheaded by co-founder and longtime organizer George Canales.

The Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved locating the dog park at the Houghton Street playground.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved Sunday Concerts were held every Sunday between August 14 2016. and October 16, 2016. A great venue of bands played and was received by many locals and visiting patrons.

The Parks & Recreation Commission gave final approval for the construction of skate board park on the former Moderns Liquor's property.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those volunteers from all the leagues and organizations that spend countless hours working for the improvement of our fields and the betterment of our youth.

We also wish to thank Mayor Richard Alcombright, Paul Markland, Bob Lemaire and all the Departments for their help this past year.

Respectfully Submitted
Timothy M Koperek
Secretary

Parks & Recreation Committee
Richard Wood, Chairman
Timothy Koperek-Secretary, Mark Vadnais, Bob LeClair,
George Canales, KateGalli

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and the Honorable Members of the North Adams City Council:

Jason Moran continues as the Chairman and Andrew Kawczak is the Vice Chair for the North Adams Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission held five public meetings for the convenience of our citizens. Additionally, site visitations were conducted to review application data as submitted to the Commission for its completeness and accuracy. Conservation Commission members attended training seminars covering various wetlands and land stabilization issues.

Significant events participated in by the Conservation Commission during the year are as follows:

I. Notice of Intent

1)“Notice of Intent”. Applicant Michael Canales on behalf of the City of North Adams is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at Bradley Street to perform aquatic invasive plant management at Windsor Lake to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and recreational value of the pond.

II. Request for Determination of Applicability

1) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Berkshire Gas Co. is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at 565 Union Street to install approximately 500’ of new 4” low pressure HDPE gas main within the area of a drainage swale.

2) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant North Adams Airport Commission is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at 836 State Road to perform earth work of a soil stockpile within the 100’ Buffer Zone.

3) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant MASS MoCA Foundation for the MASS MoCA Cultural Development Commission is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at 87 Marshall Street to do an historic renovation of factory mill buildings #6 and #8 located on the MASS MoCA Campus within 200 feet of the Hoosic River.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

4) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Berkshire Gas Co. is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at State Street & Curran Highway to install approximately 1070 linear feet of new 2-inch plastic high-density gas main within the Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area.

5) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Berkshire Gas Co. is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at State Road (Route 2) to install approximately 440 linear feet of 6-inch coated steel gas main within the Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area of the Hoosic River.

6) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant City of North Adams is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at Bradley Street to construct a sand volleyball court within 160 feet of the Wetland Area.

7) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Ben Svenson, The Beyond Place, LLC, is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at 915 State Road to approve resource area delineation within 200 feet of Riverfront Area.

8) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Pan Am Railways, c/o Bill Wallace, is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at Pan Am Rights of Way to approve wetland areas as delineated.

9) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Francisca Heming, MassDOT District Highway Director, is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at the intersection of Route 2 & Phelps Avenue to reconstruct the intersection by making various improvements within the Riverfront Area of the Hoosic River.

10) “Request for Determination of Applicability”. Applicant Greylock Flume, Inc., is proposing an activity subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at a vacant site located in the vicinity of 508 State Road to perform exploratory excavations and other work to expose the flume outlet within the Riverfront Area of the Hoosic River.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the entire Commission.

JASON MORAN, Chairman

ANDREW KAWCZAK

TIMOTHY LESCARBEAU

JEFF MEEHAN

JAMES MOULTON

RICHARD O'NEILL

GARY POLUMBO

TREE COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor Richard Alcombright and the Honorable Members of the North Adams City Council:

The Tree Commission did not meet on any agendas in Fiscal Year 2016 as there were no specific items brought before them. Plans for various areas of landscaping in the City hope to develop in the next year. The Tree Commission and the Garden Club have continued to work together as their goals for work in the City are very similar.

We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Mayor Richard Alcombright for attending our meetings and getting involved with all of our efforts to enhance our beautiful City.

Sincerely,

Pat LeClair, Chairperson

Jane Betti

Kaitlin Cornell

Christine Petri

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

HOOSAC WATER QUALITY DISTRICT REPORT



Hoosac Water Quality District

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Hoosac Water Quality District Annual Report to Williamstown & North Adams Fiscal Year 2016

District Commission

Michael Canales, Chairman – North Adams

Charles Schlesinger, Vice Chairman – Williamstown

Timothy Lescarbeau, Secretary - North Adams

K. Elaine Neely, Member/Assistant Treasurer - Williamstown

Chief Operator – Assistant Chief Operator - Treasurer

Bradley O. Furlon, Chief Operator/District Manager

Mark J. DePonte, Assistant Chief Operator

John R. Gaffey, Treasurer

Narrative

The Hoosac Water Quality District (District), which serves the Town of Williamstown and the City of North Adams, treated a total of 1,249,562,000 gallons of raw sewage during Fiscal Year 2016, which represents a decrease in flow of 15,667,000 gallons as compared to Fiscal Year 2015. In addition, the District treated 563,767 pounds of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and 793,643 pounds of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in FY 2016.

Some key highlights of FY 16 were:

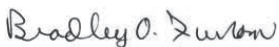
- District personnel, which include six licensed wastewater operators, continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every requirement included in the Consent Decree and NPDES permit is fulfilled. Reports are submitted to EPA and DEP regularly, which outline all actions being taken to ensure complete compliance.
- April through July 2016, District personnel continued to clear and inspect the District's 19,000 foot Interceptor Line and manholes.
- In September 2015, contractors repaved the driveway in front of four of the new compost fan buildings. This was the last remaining project of the \$2.3 million upgrade, which started in 2014.
- In September 2015, the District submitted a letter to notify EPA and DEP that the District has completed Collection System Mapping as required by the District's National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- The District's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was updated in September 2015.

HOOSAC WATER QUALITY DISTRICT REPORT

- In November 2015, the District, through an incentive program with National Grid, installed a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for the facilities water system. This VFD will reduce electrical costs by 50% for this pump. Horizon Solutions installed the Drive.
- In December 2015, D.J. Wooliver & Sons Inc. replaced the roofs on two of the gallery stair buildings at the District and the roof of the Flow Meter Building on the North Adam/Williamstown line. In the spring of 2016, Wooliver also replaced two skylights on the roof of the District's operations building.
- In February 2016, The Antares Group Inc., in partner with Nation Grid, conducted an energy efficiency scoping study of the District's electrical usage. This study led to replacement of all lighting in the facility to LED lighting. This project was completed by McLain Electric of North Adams.
- Since 1983, the District's compost facility continues to produce Type I compost as defined by the MADEP. Approximately 4,643 yards of final compost was produced in FY16. Type 1 compost was made available to individual members of the local communities; however, the bulk of the compost was sold throughout the state of Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Vermont by a contracted vendor.
- Public interest in the District's facility continues to grow. The District's website, www.hoosacwaterqualitydistrict.com, gives an in depth description of the operations of the treatment facility. Tours are given regularly to local college students, local grade school students and the general public.

As always, we look forward to the challenges each year presents to us and remain committed to keeping our communities clean and safe.

Respectfully submitted for the District,



Bradley O. Furlon
Chief Operator/District Manager

WINDSOR LAKE RECREATION REPORT

The Windsor Lake Recreation Commission respectfully submits the following Annual Report for 2016.

The members of the commission are:

Nancy Bullett
William St. Pierre
Lawrence Jowett
David Racette
Arlen Cellana

The Commission continuing the process of overseeing projects and improvements at Windsor Lake and Historic Valley Campground as well as continued participation in various activities and programs.

WINDSOR LAKE

1. The second of three treatments of Phragmites took place in October. The first treatment saw a visible reduction in the amount of Phragmites encircling the lake. In addition we also treated for the curly leaf pondweed and milfoil in the spring.
2. The concession building was remodeled and updated and BFAIR re-opened the concession stand as the Snack Attack.
3. Windsor Lake continued to serve as the host to the Summer Concerts at the Lake series.
4. The volleyball court project was completed and a disk golf course was installed at the lake.
5. Camp Abenaki continued another season at Windsor Lake. The program offers activities include studying fossils, nature, weather, astronomy, dance, music and talent shows! Campers also explored the habitats and nature around Windsor Lake.
6. New swimming lines were installed and sand was added to the beaches.
7. The lake was home to the very successful Figment Festival in April of 2016. It was an explosion of creative energy. A free, annual celebration of participatory art and culture where everything is possible. For one day last spring, Windsor Lake was transformed into a large-scale collaborative artwork, and then it was gone, without a trace.

WINDSOR LAKE RECREATION REPORT

HISTORIC VALLEY CAMPGROUND

1. The roads in the campground were improved and the old manager home, which had fallen into disrepair, was removed. New sand and lines were installed at the campground beach.
2. The campground continued to host the annual Northern Berkshire R.O.P.E.S. program. The Northern Berkshire Youth R.O.P.E.S. Summer Program provides a free week long summer camp, once in July and once in August, for more than 250 children in Northern Berkshire County. This program is staffed by police officers, firefighters, and teachers from participating cities and towns; Adams, Clarksburg, Cheshire, North Adams, Florida and Williamstown.

The Windsor Lake Recreation Commission wishes to express sincere appreciation to Mayor Richard Alcombright for his continued commitment to the Windsor Lake recreation area. We would also like to thank the Office of Tourism for managing the concert series and The Friends of Windsor Lake for maintaining the entrance garden, as well as all of those who volunteered to help with our projects and programs.

Windsor Lake continues to be a destination for visitors and a place that residents of the City of North Adams can enjoy its natural beauty while engaging a number of recreational, cultural and athletic activities and events.

Respectfully submitted,
The Windsor Lake Commission

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