



Veterans Day 2022



Annual
Report
2022

**211TH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE**



**TOWN OF
WAKEFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

Including the vital statistics for the
year ending December thirty-first

2022

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Cover: Lois Jarema Benjamin, pictured, donated the new sign at Veterans Field. It was unveiled at a ceremony on Veterans Day 2022.

Photo credit Daniel L. Benjamin, Jr.

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

Population 2022 Census: 24,714

2020 Federal Census: 25,944

Councilor, 6th District: Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield

U.S. Representative for Mass. 6th Congressional District: Seth Moulton

Representative 9th Essex District: Donald H. Wong

Representative 32nd Middlesex District: Kate Lipper-Garabedian

Senator Fifth Middlesex District: Jason Lewis

TOWN OFFICIALS

***Town Council**

Mehreen N. Butt (2023)

Jonathan P. Chines (2025)

Anne P. Danehy (2024)

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. (2023)

Michael J. McLane (2025)

Julie Smith-Galvin (2024)

Robert E. Vincent II (2025)

****Town Administrator**

Stephen P. Maio

****Chief of Police**

Steven A. Skory

****Communications Director**

Jennifer McDonald

****Community and Economic Development Director**

Erin Kokinda

****Director of Assessments**

Victor P. Santaniello

****Dog Officer/Animal Inspector**

Beverly Milward/ Kevin Nichols

****Electrical Inspector**

David J. Sardella

****Emergency Management**

Thomas P. Walsh

****Fire Chief**

Michael J. Sullivan

****Inspector of Buildings**

Benjamin DeChristoforo

***Moderator**

William Harbison Carroll (2023)

****Parking Clerk**

Kenneth J. Stache

****Plumbing/Gas Inspector**

Paul J. Donohoe

***Tax Collector**

Kathleen M. Kelly (2024)

****Town Accountant**

Kevin M. Gill

***Town Clerk**

Betsy Sheeran (2023)

****Town Counsel**

Thomas A. Mullen

***Treasurer**

John J. McCarthy, Jr. (2025)

****Veterans Agent**

David Mangan

Town Accountant

John J. McCarthy, Emeritus, January 26, 1991

Town Administrator

Thomas P. Butler, Emeritus, May 31, 2008

Advisory Board of Public Works

Maria Palomino (2023)

Elena Proakis-Ellis (2025)

Christopher Tarr (2024)

Albion Cultural Exchange Committee

Christopher J. Carino (2024)

Kathy Frey (2024)

AnnMarie Gallivan (2024)

Doug Henning (2024)

Joy Schilling (2025)

Tracy Shea (2024)

Arts Council

Kathleen Cain (2023)

Ira Cummings (2024)

Lori Dupuis (2024)
Sarah Madeleine Tierney Guerin (2024)
Diana Kennedy (2023)
Stephanie Martinovich (2023)
Marlene Veldwisch (2025)

***Board of Assessors**

Brian Donegan (2025)
David Ledonne (2023)
Sebastian P. Tine (2024)

***Board of Health**

Candace Linehan (2023)
Laurel Skinder Gourville (2024)
Elaine M. Silva (2025)

***Board of Library Trustees**

Christopher Barrett (2025)
Laura Cutone Godwin (2023)
Paul Gordon (2024)
Aimee Lominac (2024)
Jacqueline A. Natale (2025)
Jeffrey Quinn (2025)
Adam Rodgers (2023)
Scott Staiti (2024)
Susan Wetmore (2023)

****Board of Registrars**

Kathleen M. Beaulieu
Wesley A. Beckett
Barry D. Noyes
Betsy Sheeran, Clerk to the Board of Registrars

Bylaw Review Committee

Lucy Fox
Katherine Howitt
Daniel P. Lieber
Timothy Lilley
Joseph Pride
Eric Reid
Ann Santos
Kevin York

Cable Advisory Committee

Daniel P. Lieber (2024)

Capital Planning Committee

Daniel Calore (2023)
Tracey Cleversey (2023)
Frank Conte (2024)
Jeffrey Giunta (2023)
Franklin C. Leone, Jr. (2024)
Philip Renzi (2025)
David Whitham (2024)

Commission on Disabilities

Kristen Bardol (2024)
Lois Jarema Benjamin (2023)
Levonnie Coughlin (2023)
Lorna J. Davidson-Connelly (2025)
Janice Mirabassi (2024)
Marie Rej (2024)
Katharine Staiti (2023)
Judith Tanner (2025)
Paula Thompson (2025)

Conservation Commission

Kenneth Alepidis (2023)
Teresa Belmonte (2024)
Julie Giganti-Almeida, Non-voting (2024)
Frank J. Luciani, Jr. (2023)
Haley McHatton Ballou (2025)
Peter Miller (2024)
Robert J. Romano (2024)
Paul F. Wendelgass (2025)

***Constables**

Christian Kevin Lopes (2025)
Kevin J. Lopes (2024)

Council on Aging

Florence Calore (2023)
Elizabeth Ellis (2023)
Maureen Hickey (2024)
Susan Jepson (2025)
Joanne Scouler (2024)
Christina Della Croce (2025)
Sherri Oken (2025)

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Thomas Boettcher, WMGLD Representative
Sean Cash (2023)
Joseph Conway, DPW Director
Melissa Eusden (2024)
Robin Greenberg (2025)
Christopher Lewis (2025)

Daniel Noren (2023)
Myra Sessions (2024)
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council Representative
Tiana Veldwisch (2025)

Fence Viewing Committee

Dennis M. Cloherty (2023)
Holly Lenhardt (2024)
John Sofia (2025)

****Finance Committee**

Douglas Butler (2023)
Edward Bean (2024)
Joseph Bertrand (2025)
William J. Boodry, Jr. (2024)
Stefan Chase (2024)
Brian Cusack (2022)
Aimee Forsythe (2023)
Dennis Hogan (2024)
Tarae Howell (2023)
Evan Kenney (2024)
David Mastroianni (2023)
Donald Ravenelle (2023)
Daniel Sherman (2025)
James Sullivan (2025)
Ellie Zuccaro (2025)

Historical Commission

Daniel L. Benjamin, Jr. (2025)
Nancy L. Bertrand (2023)
Marc DiBella (2024)
Cathlina Drive (2025)
Therese Frazier (2024)
Frank Giangregorio (2024)
Francene Harrington (2023)

***Housing Authority, Re-election in abeyance since 2016**

Joseph Dorney (2027)
Sarah Fowler (2027)
Jane Good (2024)
Charles Geier (2026)
Judith Oder (2025)

Human Rights Commission

Elizabeth Assenza (2026)
Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez (2024)
Nicole Jacob (2023)
Jeremy Little (2024)
Daniela Nedbalek (2025)
Sherri Oken (2025)
Eileen Rooney (2024)
Geetika Upmanyu (2025)
Benny Wheat (2023)

***Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School (4 years)**

Brittany Carisella (2024)

Permanent Building Committee

Joseph B. Bertrand (2025)
Jason Cohen (2024)
Richard Conway (2023)
Thomas Galvin (2025)
Wayne Hardacker (2024)
John McDonald (2025)
Marc Moccio (2023)
Philip Renzi (2023)
Charles L. Tarbell (2023)

***Planning Board**

James Hogan (2027)
Matthew Lowry (2025)
Megan Menesale (2023)
Theodore H. Noell (2026)
William L. Spaulding (2024)

Recreation Commission

Gerald E. Barrett (2023)
Robert Burnett (2025)
Charles Ciccone (2024)
Christine M. Gargano (2024)
Julie Grillon (2025)
Susan Hickey (2023)
Richard Stevens (2023)
Jeanne Stinson (2025)

Retirement Board

**Sherri A. Dalton
*Dennis P. Fazio (2024)
Kevin Gill, Ex-Officio
Erin Kokinda (2025)
**Daniel W. Sherman (2023)

***School Committee**

Michael T. Boudreau (2023)
Eileen Colleran (2025)
Kevin Fontanella (2025)
Stephen Ingalls (2024)
Amy Leeman (2024)
Thomas F. Markham, III (2025)
Kevin Piskadlo (2023)

Sweetser Lecture Advisory Committee

Jeanne Blumer
Robert L. Burk
Helen Hincman
Susan K. Kilkelly
Lorraine Lackey
Sara M. Murphy
Joseph G. Spear
Faith Hodgkins
Julie Scott
David Miller

Traffic Advisory Committee

Joseph Anderson, Police Lieutenant
Daniel L. Benjamin, Jr., Resident Representative
Lois Jarema Benjamin, Commission on Disabilities Representative
John Connors, Resident Representative
Joseph Conway, DPW Director
Matt Kealey, VHB Engineer
Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator
William Renault, Town Engineer

Veteran Advisory Board

Daniel L. Benjamin, Jr. (2025)
Paul Cancelliere (2023)
William Curran (2025)
Joseph Dellolio (2024)
Marion Dennehy (2023)
Robert Ettinger (2023)
Sean McGrath (2023)
Michael Owen (2023)
Kristi Yentile (2023)
Marc Young (2023)

***Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Commission**

Kenneth J. Chase, Jr. (2024)
Jennifer Kallay (2024)
Thomas Boettcher (2025)
Philip Courcy (2025)
John J. Warchol (2023)

****Zoning Board of Appeals**

Michael Feeley, Alternate (2024)
David W. Hatfield (2023)
Thomas Lucey, Alternate (2024)
James H. McBain (2025)
Gregory McIntosh, Alternate (2024)
Joseph Pride (2025)
Charles L. Tarbell, Jr. (2024)

*Elected **Appointed

WAKEFIELD VOTERS ELECT:

Board of Assessors	School Committee
Board of Health	Tax Collector
Board of Library Trustees	Town Clerk
Constables	Town Council
Moderator	Town Planning Board
Municipal Gas & Light	Town Treasurer
Commissioners	Wakefield Housing Authority
Northeast Metropolitan Regional	
Vocational School Representative	

TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS:

Advisory Board of Public Works	Environmental Sustainability
Albion Cultural Exchange	Committee
Committee	Fence Viewing Committee
Arts Council	Historical Commission
Board of Appeals	Human Rights Commission
Board of Registrars	Permanent Building Committee
Bylaw Review Committee	Recreation Commission
Cable TV Advisory Committee	Sweetser Lecture Advisory Committee
Capital Planning Committee	Town Administrator
Commission on Disability Issues	Town Counsel
Conservation Commission	Various Special Committees
Council on Aging	Veteran's Advisory Board
Election Officers	Youth Council

The Finance Committee is appointed by the Chair of the Town Council, the Town Moderator, and the Chair of the Finance Committee

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTS:

Community and Economic	Parking Clerk
Development Director	Plumbing/Gas Inspector
Dog Officer/Animal Inspector	Police Chief
Emergency Management Director	Town Accountant
Fire Chief	Veteran's Service Agent
Inspector of Buildings	Wire Inspector

HOW VOTING IS DONE IN WAKEFIELD

Voter Registration
Local Elections
Town Meeting

Prepared by the Town Clerk and the League of Women Voters of Wakefield.

Voter Registration

To register to vote in Wakefield you must be:

- An American citizen native-born or naturalized
- At least 18 years old on the date of the election
- A resident of Wakefield, Massachusetts

When and where to register:

- Online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr
- Mondays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and during any extra hours scheduled by the Board of Registrars; see local newspapers and Town's website for times.
- Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, One Lafayette Street, OR in any other city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Your registration will be forwarded to the Wakefield Town Clerk for inclusion on local voting lists.
- You may also request a mail-in registration form.

Deadlines for registration:

- To vote in state or presidential primaries or state elections, you must register to vote at least 20 days before the election.
- To vote in the local elections or to vote at Annual Town Meeting, you must register to vote at least 20 days prior to the election.
- To vote at a Special Town Meeting, you must register at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

More about registration:

Registration is permanent unless a voter moves to a new city or town. However, failure to respond to the Annual Census may result in being dropped from the active list of Registered Voters. A voter, moving from one precinct to another with the Town, should immediately notify the Registrars of the changes to assure being able to vote in the new precinct. Otherwise, s/he must vote in his/her former address.

Registrations are administered by the Board of Registrars, which has four members, two from each of the top two political committees in Town. One is the elected Town Clerk who serves as Clerk of the Board. The other three are citizens, nominated by the appropriate political committee, appointed by the Town Council, and serving three-year terms.

Local Elections:

Polling place: Galvin Middle School, 525 Main Street.

Local elections are held annually on the fourth Tuesday in April and are non-partisan. Write-ins are permitted and absentee voting is allowed.

To become a candidate for local office, a citizen must:

- Be a registered voter in Wakefield, Massachusetts.
- Obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk (one set of papers for each office sought in the election).
- Obtain the signatures of 50 citizens who are registered to vote in Wakefield.
- Submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars 49 days prior to the town election for certification of the signatures.
- File nomination papers with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the 35th day before the town election. This places the candidate's name officially on the ballot.

To join a political party:

A citizen may choose to declare his/her choice of political affiliation when he/she registers to vote, or may declare his/her party choice when voting in primary elections. If a voter chooses not to declare his/her party, he/she will be listed as an "unenrolled voter" on voting lists.

How to be a delegate to a state or national convention:

Each town political committee has the information on how any party member can be a delegate to a State or National Party Convention. A party member is eligible to be a delegate to his/her party conventions; delegates are chosen every four years on the presidential primary ballot.

Town Meeting

Procedure at Town Meeting is set forth in the Town Charter.

The Town Meeting Warrant is a collection of articles presented by departments, committees, and voters for consideration at an Annual or Special Town Meeting. The warrant is composed by the Town Administrator's office, with articles being entered by request or petition. Individual voters may have an article inserted by petition. The Town Council receives all petitions for the warrant. Signatures of ten or more registered voters are required on articles for Annual Town Meetings; 100 signatures are required on articles filed by citizens in warrants for Special Town Meetings. Signatures on petitions must be substantially as the voters' names appear on the voting list. Voters may request the advice of the Town Counsel in drawing up an article.

Customarily, public announcements are made of the opening and closing dates of the warrant. Citizens, however, may take their petitions to the Town Council at any Board meeting during the year and the Town Council will hold such articles for insertion in the warrant for the next Town Meeting. Department managers enter their articles by the process of request.

Annual Report

The Annual Report is comprised of reports from all Town departments, including operating expenses and statistical information. The Annual Report is compiled by the Town Administrator's office, and copies are available free prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reports of:

Town Council

Town Administrator

Assessing Department

Bylaw Review Committee

Cable Advisory Committee

Conservation Commission

Planning Board

Recreation Commission

Retirement Board

Wakefield Community Access TV (WCAT)

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

At the Town Council organizational meeting on May 9, 2022, following the Town Election in April, Mehreen N. Butt was elected Chair and Jonathan P. Chines was elected Vice-Chair. The Town Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Town Council are enumerated in hundreds of sections of law applying directly to Town Councils. The broadly diversified powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Town Council affect the functioning of all Town departments, and central coordination is essential to an effective and efficient municipal administration.

The Town continues to function under the Open Town Meeting - Town Council - Town Administrator - Town Charter model. The Charter grants the Town Administrator the responsibility for daily management of the Town's business; provides for the election by the voters of a seven-member Town Council, a Town Moderator, a Tax Collector, a Town Clerk, a seven-member School Committee, a five-member Planning Board, and a Housing Authority; provides for strengthened financial procedures; requires a Department of Public Works with an Advisory Board of Public Works; provides flexibility to reorganize Town agencies in the future; and provides a referendum procedure by which Town Meeting votes on certain Warrant Articles may be reconsidered by the voters in a referendum election.

The necessity for effective liaison and representation between the Town and State government has become increasingly important as locally uncontrollable costs are transferred and made part of the cost of Town government.

The Town Council wishes to thank the many volunteers who work so attentively on a variety of Boards, Committees, and Commissions to make Wakefield the Town that it is. Members of the Town Council include: Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane; Julie Smith-Galvin; and Robert E. Vincent II. Sherri A. Dalton serves as the Town Council Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As I reflect on 2022, the highlights that continue to rise to the top of my mind are those we have missed so much the last few years: in-person events. Though organizations were tremendously creative in bringing programming to residents virtually during the pandemic, there's something so special about people coming together. It's what creates community, and that's always been part of the fiber of Wakefield.

Tens of thousands of people participated in our Fourth of July festivities in 2022. The organizations that manage these events and the Town staff who support them deserve much credit for creating a welcoming and safe environment. I want to extend my thanks for the Police, Fire, Public Works, Ambulance, and Emergency Management team who all worked tirelessly to assist in this effort.

Residents and visitors alike attended Plaza Jazz at the Library, the Movies by the Lake series, the Sweetser Lecture Series, and the Festival by the Lake, just to name a few. Even the Holiday Stroll and Shop was back, bringing shoppers downtown to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season.

In 2022, Wakefield's Community and Economic Development Director and Communications Director worked with the Chamber of Commerce to host our first Town Day on the Common. The beautiful, sunny October day gave residents a chance to sample food and drink from local establishments; participate in a corn hole tournament; browse the wares of local artisans; listen to live music; interact with Town boards, committees, and local non-profit organizations; get their flu shot from our Health and Human Services Department; and much more. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future.

We also embarked on several beautification and improvement projects this year. As part of the Massachusetts Shared Streets and Spaces Program, Wakefield received a grant to upgrade the Floral Way's gravel path to meet accessibility requirements and provide a safer and more comfortable experience for all users. The nearby McKenna Courts were refurbished and now accommodate both tennis and pickleball players. A bioretention area was also created in the area to naturally mitigate stormwater runoff into the Lake and beautiful wildflowers and trees were planted.

Albion Street received an upgrade with support from Mass Works. To enhance pedestrian safety, crosswalks were incorporated into the design, a feature the roadway previously lacked. This project also included the reconstruction of sidewalks, new ADA-complaint curb ramps, landscaped areas, street trees, and electrical infrastructure improvements. At Moulton Park, an outdoor Fitness Court® was developed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Town of Wakefield, and the National Fitness Campaign.

The goal of the facility is to expand free access to high quality workouts and create equitable access to exercise for communities around the state. Our Recreation Director was instrumental in obtaining a grant for the project, which was further supported with a donation from J.G. MacLellan Concrete.

Residents and municipal staff also embarked on a Master Plan project, developed a Bike and Pedestrian Plan, and prepared to launch an Open Space and Recreation Plan initiative in 2022. In addition, a tremendous effort went into re-imagining a new High School building. All of these projects look to the future of our great town. Public meetings, both in person and virtual, were held throughout the year to gain input and collaborate.

From a financial standpoint, much focus centered upon how to utilize Wakefield's ARPA funds. The federal American Rescue Plan Act, commonly known as ARPA, committed to providing funds to the Commonwealth and its municipalities from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Wakefield is slated to receive about \$8 million through the program. Though some was allocated for COVID-related expenses, the Town Council has had creative and thoughtful discussions throughout the year on how to utilize the rest of the funds, which must be incurred or obligated by the close of 2024. ARPA funding was earmarked for more and better sidewalks, rail trail improvements, energy assistance, and refunding WCAT for expenses they incurred during the pandemic. All of these careful financial decisions continue to support our AAA bond rating, the highest available, which has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest over the last few years.

In closing, I wish to thank our Town Council for their strong leadership, the Finance Committee for their guidance, our municipal staff for their dedication, all those who serve on our Town boards and committees, and the Wakefield community who supported us throughout the year. The future is bright, and I look forward to continuing to see you (in person!) in 2023.

The Town Administrator's office includes Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator and Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Wakefield Assessment Department is to provide fiscal stability by promptly, fairly, and equitably determining the valuation of all real and personal property located in the Town of Wakefield. The Assessment Department is obligated under law to assess all property at its full and fair market value as of January 1 of each year for the purpose of taxation. This is accomplished through the maintenance and administration of all property tax data records. In addition, the department also administers motor vehicle excise tax; real, personal and motor vehicle excise tax abatements; and all statutory tax exemptions as allowed by law.

Our staff is comprised of an elected three-person board and three full-time employees.

Board of Assessors:

Brian Donegan, Esq. Board Member
David Ledonne, Board Member
Sebastian Tine, MAA, Chair

Office Staff:

Victor P. Santaniello, MAA, Director of Assessments
Scott Morrison, MAA, Assistant Assessor
Kirsten Evans, Office Administrator

During the past year, the major activities undertaken by the Assessor's office include:

- Provided online access to our property record database via the internet.
- Conducted a state mandated yearly property revaluation townwide.
- Reviewed and adjusted properties to reflect updated market conditions.
- Completed online listing of assessor maps.
- Maintained and updated all real estate and personal property tax records.
- Implemented Wakefield Senior Discount Program.

Special projects and future goals of the Assessment Department include:

- Manage ongoing state-mandated data recollection effort.
- Continue review and update of valuation neighborhood designations.
- Continue ongoing sales verification questionnaire mailing program.
- Implement new and efficient office policies and procedures as required.
- Maintain supplemental assessment program as required by state law.
- Update existing tax maps.
- Make select state tax forms available via the internet.
- Increase public awareness relative to assessing and exemptions.

Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Rate Summary	
Total Amount To Be Raised	\$124,764,255.42
Total Estimated Receipts	\$41,256,744
Residential Tax Rate: \$12.73	Commercial Tax Rate: \$23.77
Real Property Valuation	\$6,007,384,079
Personal Property Valuation	\$140,926,670
Total Valuation Of Taxable Property	\$6,148,310,749
Total Real Estate Tax	\$80,157,654.47
Total Personal Property Tax	\$3,349,826.95
Tax Levy	\$83,507,481.42

Fiscal Year 2022 Recap Summary				
Property Class	Levy Percentage	Valuation by Class	Tax Rates	Levy by Class
Residential	80.1006%	\$5,429,312,593	12.32	\$66,889,131.15
Exempt	-	-	-	-
Open Space	0.0000%			
Commercial	13.4450%	\$472,369,949	23.77	\$11,228,233.69
Exempt	-	-	-	-
Industrial	2.4432%	\$85,834,650	23.77	\$2,040,289.63
Subtotal	95.9888%	\$6,007,384,079	-	\$80,157,654.47
Personal	4.0112%	\$140,926,670	23.77	\$3,349,826.95
Total	100.0000%	\$6,148,310,749	-	\$83,507,481.42

Fiscal Year 2022 Minimum Residential Factor Computation		
Class	Full and Fair Cash Value	Percentage Share
1. Residential	\$5,449,179,480	88.6289%
2. Open Space	0	0.0000%
3. Commercial	\$472,369,949	7.6829%
4. Industrial	\$85,834,650	1.3961%
5. Personal Property	\$140,926,670	2.2921%
Totals	\$ 5,662,633,904	100.0000%
Maximum Share of Levy CIP Classes 3,4, & 5	1.75 x 11.3711 =	19.8994% Maximum % Share
Minimum Share of Levy for Classes 1 & 2	100% - 19.8994 =	79.5170% Minimum % Share
Minimum Residential Factor (MRF)	.801006 / .886289 =	.903775

Fiscal Year 2022 Assessment/Classification Report					
Property Type	Parcel Count	Class 1 Residential Value	Class 3 Commercial Value	Class 4 Industrial Value	Class 5 Personal Prop. Value
101	6,250	\$3,957,885,100			
102	1,460	\$604,977,300			
Misc. 103,109	1	\$574,200			
104	703	\$472,115,400			
105	136	\$98,049,800			
111 - 125	102	\$250,438,700			
130-132,106	263	\$22,604,800			
300 - 393	311		\$445,547,275		
400 - 452	92			\$85,178,200	
Ch.61 Land					
Ch.61A Land					
Ch.61B Land	3		\$562,104		
012 - 043	75	\$27,994,923	\$26,260,570	\$656,450	
501	298				\$13,980,650
502	392				\$17,167,450
503					
504,550-552	4				\$95,560,220
505	5				\$12,678,300
508	4				\$1,540,050
Totals	10,099	\$4,999,846,623	\$448,715,841	\$82,115,400	\$140,926,670
Real & Personal Property Total Value				\$6,148,310,749	
Total Value of All Exempt Property				\$385,883,600	

Local Expenditures	
Total Appropriations	\$121,184,682.19
Other Local Expenditures	\$1,000,000
Snow and Ice Deficit / Overlay Deficits	\$0.00
Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions	\$600,868.23
Total State and County Charges	\$1,926,674.00
Total Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$52,031.00
Total of Appropriations and Expenditures	\$124,764,255.42

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	
State Cherry Sheet Estimates	\$11,096,573
MA School Bldg. Auth.	\$0.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$9,140,475
Enterprise Funds	\$16,231,121
Free Cash	\$869,320
Other Available Funds & WMGLD	\$4,186,170
Offset Receipts	\$115,000
Total:	\$41,256,774

Statutory Exemptions		
Clause	FY 2021	FY 2022
Hardship 5 - 18	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deferral 5 – 41A	\$55,499.37	\$69,388.21
Elderly 5 – 41	\$63,500	\$63,000
All Veterans & Surviving Spouses 5 – 22 (a-f)	\$90,634	\$121,158.17
Surviving Spouses 17D	\$2,100	\$2,450
Wakefield Senior Discount	\$170,147 (164)	\$269,990 (250)
Blind 5 - 37	\$9,250	\$8,750

Betterments, Special Assessments, & Liens		
Category	Total Committed Amounts by Category	
Light Liens	\$100,241.01	
Sewer Liens	\$249,351	
Water Liens	\$172,665.50	
Title V Sewer Upgrade	\$0	
Sewer Betterments	\$3,066.33	
Street & Sidewalk Betterments	\$15,330.24	
Water Betterments	\$0.00	
Total Committed	\$547,575.30	
Motor Vehicle Excise (Comm. 1-5)	26,783 Bills	\$4,410,405.60

REPORT OF THE BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee members were appointed by the Town Council in the spring of 2022 consistent with the Wakefield Town Charter 7-5(b). There were nine meetings held in 2022. Topics included reviewing Town Bylaws Chapters 1-90, recommending updates to be presented at Town Meetings in 2023, collaborating closely with the Planning Board on Chapter 175 (Street Name Change), and collaborating with Town Council and Town Counsel for future proposed updates to bylaws affecting Zoning and Land Use.

No articles were brought by the Committee to Town Meeting in 2022.

Members include:

Daniel Lieber, Chair; Ann McGonigle Santos, Vice Chair; Lisa Cutulle; Lucy Fox; Katherine Howitt; Timothy Lilley; Alexandra Makarewicz (through November 19, 2022 per Bylaw 9-25); Joseph Pride; Eric Reid; Kevin York; Town Council Liaison: Robert Vincent; Town Counsel Support: Thomas Mullen, Esq.

REPORT OF THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cable television licenses are currently issued by the Town to Comcast, RCN, and Verizon.

One committee meeting was held on March 15, 2022. The primary topic was how to ensure public, educational, and governmental services can continue to be provided in a meaningful way long term and the associated need for constant funding.

No information was received by the Committee from licensed providers. No action was requested from the Committee by the Town Council.

Members: Daniel Lieber (through April 2024)
Brendan Connell (through April 2022)

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Wakefield Conservation Commission ("Commission") is responsible for the protection and preservation of Wakefield's natural resources through regulatory review, planning, advocacy, and education. Typically, this is accomplished through the implementation of the Conservation Commission Act (M.G.L. Ch. 40, sec. 8C), and the administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act ("Act") (M.G.L. c 131 § 40), with its corresponding regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

In addition to their duties as administrators of the Act, the Commission is responsible for the planning, acquiring, and managing of open space. The benefits of protecting open space include: protecting water quality and water supply; providing flood storage areas; preserving habitat and diversity; providing recreation and aesthetics; preserving community character and agriculture; and providing educational opportunities.

In 2022, the Commission conducted forty public hearings and reviewed eleven Notice of Intent filings. The review of these filings provided an assessment of potential impacts to wetland values vital to the environment including protection of public and private water supplies, protection of groundwater, flood control, storm damage prevention, pollution prevention, and protection of wildlife habitat. In addition to issuing eleven Orders of Conditions, the Commission reviewed one Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, two Determinations of Applicability, and issued eight Certificates of Compliance and two Enforcement Orders.

All Commission permits focus on stormwater management to ensure that new construction prevents flooding and discharges clean water to the ecosystem. With this, each permit contains a provision to enhance wildlife by requiring landscaping to be installed that provides food and cover for wildlife, particularly in those areas that constitute the Town's wildlife corridors.

This year, the Commission appointed eleven members to the Open Space and Recreation Committee and hired a consultant to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan. This plan will be incorporated into the larger Vision 2030 Plan and Master Plan, so as to include open space and mitigation of climate change into our long-term goals.

In addition, the Commission initiated a Trail Steward Program. This volunteer program enlists the help of Wakefield residents to monitor the Town's trail systems.

Members of the Commission include: Kenneth Alepidis; Teresa Belmonte; Julie Giganti-Almeida; Frank J. Luciani, Jr.; Haley McHatton Ballou; Peter Miller; Robert J. Romano; and Paul F. Wendelgass.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

As established under M.G.L. Chapter 41, §81A, the Planning Board consists of an elected five-member body with the powers and duties to carry out the provisions of the subdivision control laws in the Town of Wakefield. The Board holds regularly scheduled meetings and public hearings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. In some instances, the Board acts as a special permit granting authority, as defined in the Town's bylaws. The Planning Board is responsible for preparing, adopting, and issuing a Master Plan.

In 2022, the Planning Board continued to host virtual meetings via Zoom. The Planning Board met 21 times in this year.

Subdivision Reviews

Planning Board meetings were devoted to reviewing subdivisions under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, M.G.L. Ch. 41, §81M: Stark Avenue continued through the first quarter of 2022 and was ultimately withdrawn by the owner on May 10, 2022.

The Planning Board also reviewed a preliminary subdivision for discussion purposes only at 197 Nahant Street.

ANR ("Approval Not Required")

Under M.G.L. Ch. 41, §81P, the Planning Board is required to endorse plans for new lots that comply with the Town's zoning bylaws. These plans are known as 81P Plans or "approval not required" (ANR) plans. In 2022, the Planning Board endorsed: 514 Water Street, 314-330-336 Salem Street, and 8 Myrtle Avenue.

Master Plan

In 2022, the Planning Board continued the Wakefield Master Plan 2033 process under the guidance of Community and Economic Development Director Erin Kokinda. A Master Plan is a strategic framework that guides the Town's future physical and economic development based on the community's vision and goals. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) continued in its role as the Master Plan consultant, funded through the state's One-Stop Community Planning Grant and MAPC's Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

Potential Lake Overlay Business District

The Planning Board continued its work from 2021 on this topic. The Board hosted a public forum and continued to refine the concept. The purpose of this overlay district is to help existing and future business owners positively anticipate future design and uses which most fully complement the Lake. This proposed overlay was postponed to allow the Master Plan 2033 process to move forward. Future discussion of a potential overlay will be informed by the final Master Plan.

MBTA Community Zoning Project

The Planning Board has been working on the process to develop a multifamily zoning district to conform with the recently passed Section 3A mandate from the Commonwealth. To that end, the Planning Board worked with Town staff to develop a landing page on the Planning Board's website to post information and resources. The Board developed a useful summary presentation and scheduled a series of question-and-answer sessions with the public for the first quarter of 2023 to provide information on the requirements of the district and solicit feedback. In addition, the Planning Board spearheaded the effort to convene a working group to develop the initial proposed overlay district. We anticipate that this working group will start their work in the second and third quarters of 2023.

Revision of Subdivision Rules and Regulations

Throughout the year, the Board continued to edit the subdivision rules and regulations to make them clearer and more consistent. This effort is ongoing into 2023.

Street Name Changing Procedures

Planning Board members reviewed and developed a proposed street name change bylaw and submitted it for the Town Warrant in the Fall Town Meeting in November 2022. We hosted a public forum to receive comments and questions on September 27, 2022. The Planning Board withdrew the item at Town Meeting in order to incorporate additional comments from the newly formed Wakefield Bylaw Review Committee, with the commitment to submit a revised proposed street name change bylaw for the spring 2023 Town Meeting.

Easement on Hemlock Road to Support Micro-grid/Energy Park Related to Future School Development

Town staff summarized the easement to be presented as a Warrant article for adoption at the fall 2022 Town Meeting. The Planning Board voted to recommend favorable action.

Other Zoning Bylaw Changes

The Planning Board endorsed a Citizens Petition to Repeal Zoning Bylaw Section 190-31(H), which was rejected at the spring 2022 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board endorsed the zoning amendment to rezone 343 Albion Street, which was successfully accepted in the spring 2022 Town Meeting.

Participation in Community Planning Initiatives

Members of the Planning Board continue to participate in Wakefield's Bike/Pedestrian Plan, the Safe Streets Working Group, and the newly formed Open Space and Recreation Plan working group. Community and Economic Development Director Erin Kokinda has organized periodic meetings of the board chairs of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board to share information and priorities in order to improve communication and coordination among these three related boards.

The Planning Board would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their support and assistance throughout the past year: Susan Auld, Clerk to the Board; Erin Kokinda, Community and Economic Development Director; Jennifer McDonald, Communications Director; Thomas Mullen, Town Counsel; and William Renault, Town Engineer.

Members of the Board include: Theo Noell, Chair; Jim Hogan, Vice-Chair; Matthew Lowry; Megan Mensesale; William L. Spaulding.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The primary function of the Wakefield Recreation Department is to expand and improve recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. The Recreation Department strives to provide fun, safe, quality, and affordable programming for all our participants.

Wakefield Recreation is the central permitting department and scheduler for the use of sports fields, parks, and tennis courts within the Town. They are also responsible for oversight and operation of the Americal Civic Center. Funds raised by the department through field permitting are made available to the Department of Public Works and reinvested for field improvements and maintenance. They are also invested in future Recreation Department programming and departmental needs.

The Wakefield Recreation Department is located on the first floor of the Americal Civic Center. The main responsibilities include Drill Hall (Gym) and Heritage Room (meeting space) scheduling, billing of tenants, and serving as tenant liaison for the Town of Wakefield.

Wakefield Recreation had a successful return to regular programming in 2022, post pandemic, while also expanding into new areas to better serve our community. A few new programs in 2022 we are particularly proud of include adult tennis lessons, adult mental health first aid classes (in conjunction with the Wakefield Boys and Girls Club, Wakefield Health and Human Services Department, and the Wakefield Police Department), and the first Town Day Corn hole Tournament.

With help from the Wakefield Council on Aging and the Wakefield Health and Human Services Department, we were successfully awarded a \$50,000 grant for a Fitness Court® through the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. It was built at Moulton Park through the use of ARPA funding by the Town of Wakefield. This Fitness Court® was developed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Town of Wakefield, and NFC to expand free access to high quality workouts and create equitable access to exercise for communities around the state. The Fitness Court® is the world's best outdoor gym that lets people use their own body weight to get a complete workout.

Created with people aged 14 and over and with all abilities in mind, the workouts are adaptable for all fitness levels, allowing participants to move at their own pace. Users also may download the free Fitness Court App, which acts as a coach-in-your-pocket and enhances the outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness experience.

The Town of Wakefield also successfully rebuilt the McKenna Courts at Veterans Field. McKenna Courts are now a mixed-use facility lined for tennis and pickleball play. Wakefield Recreation continues to be one of the leaders and major supporters of pickleball in the North Shore and is excited to continue to grow the fastest growing sport in the country.

REPORT OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD

Summary Of Activity For The Year Ending December 31, 2022

Investment Schedule	
PRIT Cash Fund	\$61,455.15
PRIT Capital Fund	\$152,559,103.70
Cash-Checking Account	\$794,364.40
Cash-Payroll Account	\$1,186.72
Accounts Receivable	\$54,872.83
Accounts Payable	(\$4,528.05)
Total	\$153,466,454.75

Pension and Annuity Payments	
Pension Accumulation Fund	\$10,568,474.51
Annuity Reserve Fund	\$2,252,097.49
Total Payments	\$12,820,572.00

Number of Retirees and Beneficiaries by Type	
Superannuation	287
Accidental Disability	27
Ordinary Disability	4
Accidental Death	9
Surviving Spouses	45
Total	372

Members of the Board include: Sherri A. Dalton; Dennis P. Fazio; Kevin Gill; Erin Kokinda; and Daniel W. Sherman. Cathy Cheek serves as the Executive Director and Clerk.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION

Mission: Wakefield Community Access Television (WCAT) is your trusted community partner that offers a communication platform for dialogue, civic engagement, and diverse perspectives not generally available from commercial media.

Vision: WCAT is committed to providing programming that reflects the voice of and for the community of Wakefield. Through its investment in high quality technology, staff, education, visibility, and strong community engagement, we provide coverage of government, public, and educational events.

WCAT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the Wakefield community.

The year 2022 continued to be a busy year for Wakefield Community Access Television. Government meetings continue to be covered in person as well as remotely when needed. We covered 26 town events, 333 government meetings, 40 sporting events, a variety of community forums, and podcasts. We continue to host a variety of monthly non-profit meetings in our studio spaces and have welcomed the Wakefield Youth Council in studio for their meetings. Our total productions for 2022 were 591.

In the summer, WCAT returned to cover the Fourth of July Parade and continued Movies by the Lake, an event series that brought hundreds of attendees to the Common each week. With the help of several sponsors, we were able to host family-friendly community events on select Thursdays in July and August.

WCAT also covered all of the forums related to the new high school and two election debates, one for Town elections and one for the State Senate Election.

Wakefield Community Access Television remains committed to serving the Town of Wakefield and its residents. Our team is ready to bring coverage of all-important events and help with any video production needs.

Members of our Board of Directors include: Ally Houghton, President; Paul Norman, Treasurer; Patty Blanchet, Secretary; Brian Fox; Bill Carroll; Tom Stapleton; Rob Brogna; Paula Pustorino; and Kathy Healy. Staff Members include: Ryan Boyd, Executive Director; Ian McDermott, Chief Engineer; Barbara Worley, Studio Administrator; Adam Nestle, Production/Editor; and George Rosatone, Video Production Specialist.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Reports of:

Police Department

Fire Department

Emergency Management

Fire Alarm and Traffic Signal

Inspectional Services

Zoning Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2022 was the first year that Massachusetts Police Officers were required to be “re-certified” by the new Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), which was created under the Police Reform Bill signed by Governor Baker in December of 2020. Officers with last names beginning with the letters “A” through “H” had to go through the re-certification process in 2022. I am proud to report that the twenty Wakefield Police Officers that went through the process were successfully re-certified by the POST Commission.

In March, K9 Luna and her handler Officer Ryan Doran completed 10 weeks of intensive training in Explosive Ordinance Detection (EOD) at the Boston Police K9 Academy. Luna completed and passed the “National Odor Recognition Test,” known as NORT, a comprehensive certification by the ATF. This federal certification requires the K9 to differentiate between distractor odors while correctly identifying and indicating explosive odors. The odors range from military-grade to readily available ones such as black powder and smokeless gun powder. The ATF also provided training on multiple “homemade explosives,” increasing Luna’s ability to identify threats and keep our citizens safe. In addition to the above, Luna also completed and passed the United States Police Canine Association “USPCA” EOD certification.

Also in March, we saw the start of our Public Safety Building project. The project has progressed steadily throughout the year with a re-design of the public lobby and an addition to the front of the police side of the building. The project is on schedule to be completed in early June of 2023.

In May, we once again partnered with Subaru of Wakefield to hold our annual Car Seat Installation Day. Subaru of Wakefield graciously hosts this event each year where anyone can bring in their vehicle and child safety seat to have the seat inspected and installed by one of our certified safety-seat technicians. If we find a seat that is past its expiration date or is damaged, we replace the seat for free with child safety seats obtained through a grant.

Officer Matthew Warren received the “Law Enforcement Exemplary Performance Award” at the 2022 Law Enforcement/Mental Health Conference in Fitchburg on June 29. Mental illness and behavioral health issues are some of the most challenging issues with which our officers work. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of officers that consistently perform at a high level, as well as strong support from our social services personnel.

The annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks were back this year and we thank all of our officers who once again represented the Town well while providing a peaceful day and evening for all involved. This is a large-scale event that requires a tremendous amount of preparation. Lieutenant Joe Anderson deserves recognition for many hours of coordination and planning to help ensure a successful operation.

Our school resource officers (SRO) completed two weeks of RAD-Kids training for dozens of Wakefield youth during the month of August. This is an excellent program that provides educational tools and resources that enhance the ability of children, parents, and families to utilize knowledge, skills, and power to protect themselves from violence and harm. We would like to thank Officers Mike Pietrantonio, Kelley Tobyne, and Matt Malone for all of their hard work during these sessions.

During the month of October, we recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink pins and shoulder patches. We would like to thank all officers that helped to bring awareness to this important issue and a special thanks to Officer Amy Rando for helping to design the shoulder patches.

On November 2, Detectives Christopher Grace and Jack Ryan were awarded the Hanna Medal of Honor Award at a ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA. This is the highest-level award in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a police officer. The award was presented by Governor Baker for their heroic actions at a homicide scene on Otis Street in January of 2021. We congratulate both of them and appreciate the tremendous efforts of everyone that was involved in this very difficult case.

On December 3, we had the opportunity to assist the Chamber of Commerce with its annual Toys for Tots parade through town. We would like to thank John Smolinsky from the Chamber for all of his efforts in planning this great event and Detective Ken Silva who organizes all of our Toys for Tots pick-ups and drop-offs. Our citizens were generous again and we were happy to deliver all donations to their headquarters for disbursement.

Personnel

Officer Gerald Holleran retired from the Police Department on March 23 after serving as a Patrol Officer for many years. Gerry had fulfilled a dream of following in his father's footsteps and serving as a police officer in his home town. We wish Gerry the best in retirement. Officer Kevin Carey was hired to replace Officer Holleran. He began the Lowell Police Academy on May 9 and graduated on October 3. After another twelve weeks of field training with experienced Wakefield Officers, Kevin began patrolling on his own and is now working both the evening and overnight shifts.

On April 20, Officer Shawn Conway was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in a ceremony held at Town Hall. Shawn was promoted to fill a necessary Patrol Sergeant position. Shawn's badge was pinned by his proud father, Joseph Conway, a retired Wakefield Police Officer.

Officer Jeanette Demasi resigned from the Police Department on June 30 to take a position as a Special Agent with the Customs and Immigration Enforcement Agency. Jeanette desired to be an investigator and we wish her well in her new position. Officer Nicholas Benoit joined the Police Department on November 30 to replace Officer Demasi. Officer Benoit

previously served as a Patrol Officer in the Town of Concord, MA and we were fortunate to bring on a new officer with prior experience. After a short introduction to the department, Nick was out on patrol by himself and can be found working both the evening and overnight shifts.

Officer Robert Pedersen resigned from the Police Department on November 10 to take a position with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cameron McCusker was selected from the active civil service list to replace Officer Pedersen and is scheduled to begin the police academy in Haverhill on February 20, 2023.

Moving Forward

We continue to see our community grow with the planning and construction of multiple multi-unit buildings throughout the Town. The increase in population brings new challenges and more demand for our services, but we will continue to work hard to provide our residents with the best services possible. As always, feel free to contact us in a time of need. Our Officers, Clinician, and Recovery Coach are here to serve.

Respectfully,
Steven A. Skory
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE WAKEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Wakefield Fire Department for calendar year 2022. The Department had a busy year dealing with both emergencies and the construction boom taking place around town. The Department responded to 4,387 emergency calls during 2022, an increase of 9.7 percent over the previous year.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the Department during 2022. The Department responded to approximately 835 incidents where COVID-19 infections were either present or suspected. Increased immunization rates among the public as well as the widespread availability of personal protective equipment for first responders has lessened the impact of COVID-19 on Department members. The pandemic will continue to affect overtime expenditures within the Department in 2022 due to quarantine requirements imposed by positive COVID-19 test results of its members and close contacts with their infected family members.

The Department's negotiated increase of the minimum staffing level from 10 to 11 became effective on October 18, 2021, requiring Ladder 1 to be staffed with a crew of three firefighters at all times. The cost of the additional four firefighters hired by the Department to accomplish this staffing increase has been significantly subsidized by a federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant that funds the salaries and fringe benefits of four firefighters until March of 2024. The Department is presently hiring new firefighters to maintain a staffing level of 55 uniformed firefighters, which will provide for four duty groups of 13 firefighters each, plus the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Prevention Officer.

The ongoing development in town, especially the construction of numerous large apartment and condominium complexes, has resulted in an increase in emergency responses handled by the Department. The Department has experienced a steady increase in emergency responses as large residential developments are being occupied. Instances of multiple simultaneous calls or back-to-back calls are occurring with increasing regularity. This increase in the number of emergency responses will have to be closely monitored. They may warrant further staffing increases or perhaps the addition of a third fire station in the future. Developments that have already been approved or that are presently under consideration will undoubtedly continue to create an increased demand on services provided to the community by this Department.

The Wakefield Fire Department continues to receive significant financial aid in the form of state and federal grants. These grants have become a vital source of funding to purchase new equipment and training programs for the Department. A summary of the financial aid received by the federal and state government can be found in the apparatus and equipment section of this report.

Emergency Incident Response

During 2022, the Wakefield Fire Department responded to 4,387 emergency incidents, including 3,998 still alarms and 389 box alarms. Wakefield had no civilian fire deaths in 2022. The Department responded to four incidents in 2022 requiring a multiple-alarm response.

Firefighters led by Captain Randy Hudson responded at 9:48 p.m. on April 18 to a report of smoke coming from the Pizza Express Restaurant located at 191 Albion Street. Firefighters arrived to find dark smoke pouring from the building. The fire was extending from the kitchen area of the restaurant out a rear window and inside the concealed space above the dropped ceiling. Visibility was reduced to zero inside the building as the dropped ceiling started to collapse. Captain Hudson ordered a second alarm at 9:58 p.m., bringing engine companies from Melrose, Reading, and Stoneham as well as a North Reading ladder truck to the scene. Firefighters entered a convenience store, part of the same structure, to check on the fire wall separating the two businesses. They discovered that the fire wall was working properly, keeping the fire from extending into that business. The heavy fire was knocked down inside the restaurant as crews worked to pull down the remaining dropped ceilings. Chief Sullivan ordered a third alarm at 10:18 p.m. for additional personnel, bringing engine companies from Saugus and Woburn and a Lynnfield tower ladder to the scene. The remaining fire was extinguished by approximately 11 p.m. The fire gutted the restaurant, causing well over \$300,000 in damage. Troopers from the State Fire Marshal's Office responded to the scene to assist local investigators in determining the cause of the fire. The exact cause remains undetermined, but appears to have started within an office area inside the kitchen. Three firefighters were injured during the fire. A Malden engine and ladder company, as well as a Wilmington engine, covered Wakefield Fire Headquarters during the fire.

Wakefield's second multiple-alarm fire of 2022 occurred at 26 Eastern Avenue just before noon on August 5. Firefighters under the command of Captain Brian Purcell responded to multiple calls for a house fire and arrived to find heavy heat and smoke conditions on the second floor. Several attempts were made to advance hose lines onto the second floor, however, zero visibility and high heat conditions soon forced firefighters to withdraw from the residence. Captain Purcell ordered a second alarm at 11:50 a.m. as flames started to break through the roof. Engine companies from Melrose, Reading, and Stoneham responded to the fire in addition to a North Reading ladder truck. The hot, humid weather made firefighting extremely challenging. Deputy Chief Purcell arrived and assumed command of the fire, leaving Captain Purcell to direct firefighting operations as the Operations Officer. A third alarm was requested at 12:06 p.m. and a fourth alarm at 12:56 p.m. bringing additional firefighters to the scene as temperatures hovered in the mid-90's and rehabilitation of fire crews became a top priority. The extra alarms brought engine companies from Malden, Middleton, Saugus, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn as well as ladder companies from Lynnfield and Malden to the fire scene. The fire

extended inside concealed knee walls on the second floor before burning through a significant portion of the roof. The heavy fire conditions were extinguished by approximately 1:30 p.m. The entire second floor was gutted by fire with heavy smoke and water damage occurring throughout the remainder of the home. The residence was a total loss with damages reported to be in excess of \$500,000. A family of five living in this residence was displaced for an extended period of time until the home can be rebuilt. Troopers from the State Fire Marshal's Offices responded and assisted local investigators to determine the cause of the fire. The cause was determined to be an electrical short on the second floor in the area of fire origin. The exact appliance where the electrical failure occurred could not be determined due to the extent of the fire damage. One Wakefield firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion and taken to an area hospital for follow-up care. He was released from the hospital later that day. A Danvers and Lynn engine company and a Burlington tower ladder covered Wakefield Fire Headquarters during the fire.

Firefighters under the command of Captain John Walsh responded to a reported structure fire at 22 Jackson Lane at 11:17 a.m. on August 30. They arrived to find smoke pouring from the single-family residence and fire showing from the rear of the structure. Crews entering the home encountered low visibility and high-heat conditions. Captain Walsh ordered a second alarm as the fire extended into the attic of the residence. Deputy Chief Thomas Purcell responded to the scene and assumed command of the fire. Engine companies from Reading, Stoneham, and Melrose responded to the fire in addition to a North Reading ladder company. A Lynnfield ladder truck and a Woburn engine also responded to the fire as the hot humid conditions required rapid crew change-outs and rehabilitation. A Saugus engine and a Malden ladder truck covered Wakefield Fire headquarters during the fire. A Wakefield firefighter suffered heat exhaustion and was taken to an area hospital for follow-up care before being released later that day. Troopers from the State Fire Marshal's Office assisted local police and fire investigators in determining the cause of the fire. Investigators eventually determined that the fire was caused by the disposal of hot candles into a trash container. A family of four was displaced from the residence for an extended period while the home underwent major repairs. Damage was estimated to be in excess of \$250,000.

The last multiple-alarm fire of 2022 occurred on October 15 at the Commonwealth Tank facility located at 84 New Salem Street. Firefighters led by Captain John Walsh responded to a reported truck fire next to a building. On their arrival, firefighters found a fully involved box truck with flames extending into the adjacent building via an overhead door. Captain Walsh struck a second alarm for additional personnel, bringing engine companies from Melrose, Reading, and Stoneham to the fire as well as a North Reading ladder truck. Initial fire suppression operations were completely successful in preventing any fire extension into the Commonwealth Tank building. Second-alarm companies assisted Wakefield firefighters in checking for fire extension in the areas adjoining the burning truck as well as the roof

above the overhead door. No fire extension was found and the fire was soon declared extinguished. A trooper from the State Fire Marshal's Office was requested to the scene to assist local fire and police personnel determine the cause of the fire, which was traced to an electrical malfunction inside the cargo area of the box truck. There were no injuries as a result of the fire. A Saugus and Woburn engine and a Lynnfield tower ladder truck covered Wakefield Fire Headquarters during the fire.

The Department responded to a number of serious motor vehicle crashes during 2022.

A pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle in the area of 1188 Main Street on January 18. Wakefield firefighters and Cataldo paramedics found and treated an elderly woman with life-threatening injuries. She was transported by ambulance to Veterans Field and then transferred to a Medflight helicopter before being flown to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Sadly, the woman did not survive her injuries.

Wakefield fire crews led by Captain John Walsh responded to a motor vehicle accident at 131 Vernon Street during the afternoon of July 5. Firefighters arrived to find a single car crash with four teenagers seriously injured after their vehicle collided with a tree at that location. Two of the occupants managed to exit the vehicle but the driver as well as the passenger in the rear seat behind him were trapped inside the vehicle. Firefighters used hydraulic rescue tools to remove the roof and the two driver-side doors from the car. The dashboard was lifted and pushed away from the driver as well. The driver was transported by Medflight helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital. Two of the passengers were transported to Lahey Burlington and the last occupant was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital by ambulance. Paramedic crews from the Lynnfield and Reading Fire Departments assisted Cataldo Ambulance paramedics and Wakefield Firefighters with the treatment and transport of the occupants.

A second serious car accident occurred just after 3 p.m. on July 26. Firefighters under the direction of Captain Brian Purcell found a single passenger vehicle that had lost control and struck a telephone pole. The resulting collision started a fire in the car's engine compartment, which was quickly extinguished. The only occupant of the vehicle, a 51-year-old woman, became unresponsive shortly after being removed from the vehicle. Firefighters initiated CPR on the woman and she was transported to Lahey Burlington for follow-up care. Sadly, the woman died as a result of her injuries.

Captain John Walsh led a group of firefighters responding to a serious pedestrian accident during the early evening of November 18. A 65-year-old woman was struck by a motor vehicle while crossing the street in front of 599 North Avenue with her dog. The woman suffered potentially life-threatening injuries and a Medflight helicopter was requested to respond to the scene. Wakefield firefighters worked closely with Cataldo paramedics to stabilize

the woman's injuries before she was transported by ambulance to Veterans Field and transferred to Medflight, where she was flown to Massachusetts General Hospital. Sadly, the woman's dog did not survive the accident.

Weather played a significant role in the Department's responses during 2022. The Town was hit by a serious snow storm with blizzard conditions during the day and evening of January 29. The storm dropped more than 22 inches of snow during a 16-hour period with snow drifts piling significantly higher in many areas. The Department responded to approximately a dozen calls during the storm, many of them medical emergencies. There were no major power outages and Wakefield Public Works crews did a terrific job keeping the roads open for emergency vehicles.

Severe drought conditions persisted in the greater Boston area during the spring and summer of 2022. Moisture levels in ground vegetation dropped to dangerous levels in the wooded areas around Wakefield, including Breakheart Reservation. A large brush fire broke out near the Saugus entrance of Breakheart on the evening of August 16. The Saugus Fire Department responded and found numerous fires burning. A second alarm was requested, bringing in mutual aid from several communities, including Wakefield. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) assumed fire suppression responsibilities for what ended up being five separate brush fires inside Breakheart. A state-wide mobilization of brush firefighting equipment was then activated in task-force-sized units to combat the widespread fires burning inside the reservation. These task forces consisted of small brush firefighting trucks and water tankers that responded to Saugus on a rotating basis from dozens of communities throughout Massachusetts. These task forces did not prove to be sufficient and additional help was requested from municipal fire departments, including Wakefield, using structural fire apparatus sent to Breakheart beginning on August 21. Thousands of feet of fire hose were extended into the reservation to knock down the edges of the fires. The Massachusetts National Guard activated Blackhawk helicopters equipped with aerial water buckets capable of holding up to 660 gallons of water. Blackhawk helicopters made a total of 103 water drops over hot spots inside Breakheart reservation, many in areas remote from roads in rough terrain. Fire suppression operations continued until August 25 when the fires were finally declared under control. Firefighters from DCR and municipal fire departments worked closely to save nearby property including millions of dollars in solar power panels located near the Saugus DPW. A total of 79 acres of woodland burned in Breakheart, more than 10 percent of the entire reservation. The shallow root systems of hundreds of trees were burned, resulting in the collapse of many trees. The cause of the fires was investigated by the Massachusetts State Police and determined to be suspicious in origin, likely intentionally set.

The Wakefield Fire Department responded to 62 requests for mutual aid during 2022. Mutual aid responses included fires in Chelsea, Lynnfield, Malden, Melrose, Reading, Saugus, Stoneham, and Woburn. A crew from Engine 1 led by Lieutenant John Mercurio aided the Malden Fire

Department at the scene of a three-alarm fire at 63 Lowell Street during the evening of March 14. Firefighters from Engine 1 led by Lieutenant Daniel Hancock helped the Reading Fire Department at the scene of a three-alarm fire at 86 Walnut Street during the early morning of March 25. Firefighters from Engine 1 under the command of Lieutenant Erik Cole responded to the scene of a three-alarm fire at 35 Colonial Drive in Reading during the evening of July 25. A crew from Engine 1 under the direction of Lieutenant Cliff Silva responded to a three-alarm fire at 8 Sanborn Street in Reading during the afternoon of August 15. Lieutenant Philip Preston and a crew from Engine 1 aided the Lynnfield Fire Department at a two-alarm fire at 90 Summer Street during the early morning of December 25.

Lieutenant Michael Long is a member of the Massachusetts District 2 Hazardous Materials Response Team. This regional hazardous materials response team is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which pays for all the associated training and incident response costs to support the team's activities. Lieutenant Long did not respond to any incidents associated with this hazardous materials response team during 2022.

Captain Paul Pronco and Lieutenant Steven Bivens are members of the Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team. The team trains for incidents that could require a technical rescue such as building and trench collapses, high-angle rope situations, and rapid-water rescues. The Northeast Technical Rescue Team is subsidized by funding from the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council, which reimburses the Department for a portion of the training and incident response expenses associated with this team. Captain Paul Pronco and Lieutenant Bivens responded as part of this technical rescue team on January 31 to assist the Danvers Fire Department with the recovery of a deceased male from a confined space on the grounds of the former Danvers State Hospital. The man had gone missing and was found by Danvers firefighters in an abandoned smoke stack in the hospital's power plant. Captain Pronco was activated again by the rescue team on June 14 to assist in the search of a missing 3-year-old boy in Lowell. Sadly, the boy was found deceased the next day.

Personnel

As of December 31, 2022, the Wakefield Fire Department consisted of 56 personnel: the Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, five Captains, including a Captain assigned as a Fire Prevention Officer, 12 Lieutenants, 36 Firefighters, and one civilian Administrative Assistant. The Wakefield Fire Department applied for and received a 2019 SAFER staffing grant worth \$1.1 million, fully funding the salary and benefits of four new firefighters for the Department for a period of three years. This SAFER grant is in its second year.

The year 2022 brought several personnel changes to the Wakefield Fire Department. Two veteran firefighters retired from the Department. Firefighter Daniel P. Sullivan retired from the Department on January 5,

2022, after serving the Department for 35 years. A well-respected and capable firefighter, he received several Department commendations, including one for actions in knocking down a kitchen fire while off duty on Auburn Street in 2007 and another for saving the life of a choking man while off duty at a restaurant in 2009. He was appointed to the Department on January 27, 1987, and was the senior firefighter in the Department at the time of his retirement.

Firefighter William A. Carr retired from the Department on February 8, 2022, after serving the Department for more than 28 years. Carr received a commendation along with several other Department members for his actions in extricating two badly injured occupants during a serious car accident on Route 128 during the evening of February 9, 2001. He was appointed to the Department on October 23, 1993, and at the time of his retirement was the senior firefighter on the Department.

Wakefield recruit firefighter John Carano was sworn in during a brief ceremony at Town Hall on the morning of May 20. Firefighter Carano was hired to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Wakefield Fire Lieutenant Robert Taggart. Wakefield recruit firefighter Benjamin Tomsyck was sworn in during a brief ceremony at Wakefield Town Hall on August 3. Firefighter Tomsyck was hired to fill the vacancy created by the line-of-duty death of Wakefield Fire Lieutenant Robert Ford.

Wakefield recruit firefighters William Curran and Christopher Hagan were extended conditional letters of employment pending their attendance at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training Program in February of 2023. They are being hired to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Wakefield Firefighters Daniel Sullivan and William Carr.

Apparatus and Equipment

The Department did not purchase any fire apparatus or other vehicles during 2022. Funding from federal and state agencies continues to serve a vital role in providing the necessary equipment and training that the Department needs to carry out its public-safety mission.

The Department continued to receive aid from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during 2022. It is presently in the second year of a SAFER grant in the amount of \$1.1 million to fully fund the salary and benefits for four additional full-time firefighters for the Town of Wakefield for a period of three years. Four firefighters were hired and sworn in on May 19, 2021, as a result of this SAFER grant. This SAFER grant is in addition to a 2018 SAFER grant already awarded to the Department to staff one full-time firefighter for salary and benefits at a 75 percent level for two years and a 35 percent level for the third year (2022) for a total award of \$195,229. The 2018 SAFER grant's funding period concluded on January 1, 2023.

The Department received a state grant award worth \$2,500 via the Automated External Defibrillator Equipment program offered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research on March 30. This grant will be used to purchase a new defibrillator for Engine 1, stationed at Wakefield Fire Headquarters at the Public Safety Building.

A state Fiscal Year 2023 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant for \$11,383 was awarded to the Department in December to fund a variety of battery-operated roof saws and rescue tools for the Department as well as a new thermal imaging camera to replace an old and worn out unit. This program is part of a five-year grant program being offered to municipal fire departments by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A similar grant for more than \$13,000 awarded last year was used to purchase a larger battery-operated hydraulic rescue tool, which included a combination cutter and spreader.

State funding also pays for the training and response costs associated with the Department's participation in the regional hazardous materials and technical rescue response teams. State funding reimburses the Department for 100 percent of the costs of participating with the regional hazardous materials team and a portion of the cost for its participation in the regional technical rescue team.

The fire apparatus ramp at the Public Safety Building was completely rebuilt in November as part of the Public Safety Building's renovation. The emergency generator at the Greenwood Fire Station was replaced in November as well. Funds were obtained via Wakefield's Emergency Management Department during 2022 for the purchase of a washer and dryer for each fire station to be used to wash contaminated uniforms and clothing.

A Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was applied for via the U.S. Department of Homeland Security worth more than \$100,000 to replace the air compressor, located at fire headquarters, used to supply the breathing air for the Department's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

The Department has made three capital requests for the coming fiscal year totaling more than \$1 million. They include \$14,000 to replace 12 lockers for the Greenwood Fire station used to store firefighting protective gear. The present school-style lockers are approximately 60 years old and are not large enough to accommodate the two sets of gear issued to Department members. A second request for \$23,000 is for 55 uniform jackets to be worn during non-fire calls such as emergency medical incidents. These jackets are equipped with highly reflective stripping for safety and serve to minimize the time that firefighters are wearing their firefighting protective gear which, despite regular cleaning, still contains carcinogens. The most significant request is \$1 million for the purchase of a new fire engine. The cost of fire apparatus has risen sharply over the last several years as raw materials such as steel and electronic components are difficult to obtain.

The Department's pumper engines, fire hoses, ground ladders, aerial ladder, and breathing apparatus were inspected, tested, and certified during 2022. The air compressor used by the Department to refill its breathing apparatus was also inspected.

Training

The Department participated in many training programs this year, including programs offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and outside vendors. Department members also completed continuing education requirements for their Emergency Medical Technician certificates. They were all re-certified in CPR techniques as well as the proper use of the Department's defibrillators. The Department conducted training activities on the following topics during 2022:

- Practiced water and ice rescue procedures at Lake Quannapowitt and Crystal Lake, including the operation of the two fire boats owned by the Department.
- Reviewed high-rise firefighting procedures including the use of standpipe systems.
- Conducted training with the Department's hydraulic rescue tools, including the "Jaws of Life," hydraulic rams, jacks, and air bags.
- Participated in a live training session regarding the use of the Medflight helicopter featuring a landing of the helicopter at Veterans Memorial Field on North Avenue on April 27.
- Practiced aerial ladder pipe set-up procedures for the ladder truck.
- Reviewed procedures involving the use of the Department's multi-gas detectors and responses to carbon monoxide, natural gas, and propane-related emergencies.
- Practiced chimney fire procedures and related operations.
- Participated in an instructor-led training involving engine and truck company emergency vehicle operations conducted by On-Scene Training Associates during the week of May 9.
- Reviewed emergency dispatch and radio procedures.
- Took part in training classes sponsored by Cataldo Ambulance as part of the Department's Emergency Medical Technician continuing education program.
- Conducted building familiarization tours of new or renovated buildings at 168-178 Albion Street, 69 Foundry Street, and 27-37 Water Street.
- Conducted search and rescue drills and firefighting procedures at the Hurd School.

Firefighter John Carano was enrolled in the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) recruit training class #303 on May 23 and successfully completed the ten-week program, graduating on August 5. Wakefield Firefighter Benjamin Tomsyck was enrolled in MFA recruit training class #305 on August 4 and graduated as a fully trained firefighter on October 21.

Captain Paul Pronco and Lieutenant Steven Bivens continue to be active members of the Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team, and Lieutenant Michael Long continues to be an active member of the District 2 Hazardous Materials Response Team.

Fire Prevention

The Department continued its practice of conducting in-service inspections of commercial and industrial properties in town during 2022. As a result, 457 business fire inspections were conducted in the community between March and November of 2022 by on-duty firefighters operating on a ready-to-respond basis. An additional 80 quarterly inspections of school buildings, nursing homes, hotels, and boarding homes were also conducted by on-duty firefighters.

Captain David Shinney, the Department's fire prevention officer, conducted 90 inspections related to local and state licensing of restaurants, liquor stores, assembly halls, group homes, day care centers, and after-school programs. He completed 205 compliance inspections during 2022 to ensure that any potential violations or hazards previously discovered were corrected.

Wakefield continued to experience a construction boom in 2022. New construction is scheduled for locations on Foundry Street, Main Street, Salem Street, and Water Street. The Fire Prevention Bureau is closely monitoring construction that is presently under way on a new 19-unit apartment building at 581 Salem Street and a 16-unit apartment building at 259 Water Street. The Department conducted approximately 98 on-site safety inspections of these construction sites during 2022. Plans are approved or pending approval for large apartment buildings on Crescent Street, Foundry Street, Hopkins Street, Quannapowitt Parkway, North Avenue, and Salem Street. The Fire Prevention Bureau will monitor these developments during 2023. The Bureau reviewed approximately 126 sets of plans during 2022, including residential additions, new homes, and commercial tenant fit-ups in many locations around Wakefield.

Fire Prevention Officer Captain David Shinney and Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Purcell continue to fill a vital role in the Wakefield Fire Department. The Department can't function properly without these two administrative positions. The Deputy Fire Chief also serves as the Department's executive officer, assuming command of the Department in the absence of the Fire Chief. The Deputy coordinates training, develops new policies and procedures, and helps to prepare the operating budget. The Deputy also coordinates the maintenance of the Department's fire stations, equipment, and vehicles.

The Department was able to resume some fire station tours during 2022, although they were significantly limited by the ongoing construction renovations at the Public Safety Building. Several in-service visits were made

by firefighters to various preschools in town. Fire drills were conducted at each school facility. Several multi-hazard evacuation drills were conducted during the fall of 2022 with more being planned for the spring of 2023.

Conclusion

I am grateful to the community and especially the Town Council, Finance Committee, and Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio for their ongoing support during the year. As Wakefield enters 2023, my goals are to monitor the Town's ongoing construction projects, provide quality training programs for Department members, and identify funding resources such as additional grants to assist in the Department's equipment and training needs. I would like to thank all the members of the Wakefield Fire Department, the Wakefield Police Department, all other town boards, committees and departments, and the citizens of Wakefield for their continued support and assistance.

Emergency Responses	
Box Alarms	389
Still Alarms	3998
Total Alarms	4387
Medical Emergency / Motor Vehicle Accident Responses	3257
Alarm Malfunctions / Accidental Alarm Investigations	435
Public Assistance / Public Service Responses	184
Investigations of Hazards, Gas & Smoke Odors	152
Mutual Aid Responses to Other Communities	62
Water Hazard Emergency Responses	42
Appliance Fires / Emergencies	21
Heating System Emergency Responses	13
Electrical Fires / Emergency Responses	40
Hazardous Materials Incident Responses	28
Carbon Monoxide Detector Investigations	65
Structure / Building Fires	11
Brush & Grass Fires	37
Motor Vehicle Fires	10
Rubbish & Dumpster Fires	2
Malicious False Alarms	12
Rescue Responses (Water Rescue, Elevator Rescue)	26
Mutual Aid Assistance Received by Wakefield	85

Multiple-Alarm Fires

Three Alarms: Box 21, 191 Albion Street, 9:48 p.m., April 18, 2022

Four Alarms: Box 432, 26 Eastern Avenue, 11:35 a.m., August 5, 2022

Two Alarms: Box 432, 22 Jackson Lane, 11:17 a.m., August 30, 2022

Two Alarms: Box 5213, 84 New Salem St, 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2022

Equipment	2022 Usage
1 ½" Hose	250 feet
1 ¾" Hose	5,900 feet
2 ½" Hose	200 feet
3" Hose	0 feet
4" Hose	3,050 feet
Ladders	1,285 feet
Air Masks	109 times
Salvage Covers	2 times
Smoke Ejectors	61 times
Fire Extinguishers	21 times
Thermal Cameras	75 times
Multi-gas Detectors	244 times

Apparatus Responses 2022			
Unit	Boxes	Stills	Total
Engine 1 – 2017 1250 GPM Seagrave Pumper	356	1624	1980
Engine 2 – 2021 1250 GPM Seagrave Pumper	372	866	1238
Engine 4 – 2000 1250 GPM Seagrave Pumper (Reserve)	3	16	19
Engine 5 – 2006 1250 GPM Seagrave Pumper (Reserve)	36	150	186
Ladder 1 – 2013 Seagrave 100' Aerial	347	1438	1785
Car 6 – 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Utility Truck	12	63	75
Car 3 – 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Utility Vehicle	355	395	360

Additional Apparatus Operated By The Department

- Car 1: 2018 Ford Explorer AWD Utility Vehicle, Assigned to the Fire Chief
- Car 2: 2015 Ford Explorer 4WD Utility Vehicle, Assigned to the Deputy Fire Chief
- Car 3: 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Utility Vehicle, Assigned to Shift Commander/Captain
- Car 4: 2014 Ford Explorer AWD Utility Vehicle, Assigned to Captain/Fire Prevention Officer
- Car 6: 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD Utility Truck
- Marine Units: 1980 13' Boston Whaler and 1995 10' Avon Rubber Rescue Boat
- Marine Unit Trailer: 2004 EZ Loader Trailer
- Hazardous Materials Response Trailer: 2003 Car Mate 14' Cargo Trailer

Fire Prevention Report 2022	
Smoke Detector Certificates Issued	465
Oil Burner Permits Issued	121
Oil Storage Permitted (Gallons)	28,141
Propane Gas Storage Permits Issued	29
Flammable Liquid Storage Permits Issued	30
Sprinkler System Inspection, Test, Service Permits Issued	220
Fire Alarm System Inspection, Test, Service Permits Issued	349
Blasting / Fireworks Permits Issued	5
Fuel Tank Removal Permits Issued	123
In-Service Fire Prevention Inspections Conducted	457
New Fire Protection System Installation Permits Issued	115
Open Air Burning Permits Issued (Jan. – May)	61
Final Fire Alarm Acceptance Tests	88
Fire Prevention Inspections Related to State/Local Licensing	90
Compliance Inspections Conducted by Fire Prevention Officer	205
Cutting/Welding Permits Issued	15
Quarterly Inspections Conducted (Schools, Hotels/Lodging Houses, Nursing Homes)	80
Sets of Construction Plan Reviewed	126
Fire Prevention Complaints Investigated	18
Construction Site Visits	98

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Michael J. Sullivan
Wakefield Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FIRE ALARM AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEPARTMENT

The Fire Alarm and Traffic Signal Department maintains nineteen signalized intersections, twelve fire alarm circuits, and dispatch offices in both fire stations. In 2023, fifty-three calls for traffic signal service were received. These included calls for vehicle detection issues, traffic signal bulbs out, intersections in flash mode, and pedestrian buttons not functioning properly.

New vehicle detection loops were installed to remedy detection issues at Water Street at Farm Street and Water Street at Cyrus Street. These installations created more efficient vehicle movement. Ongoing vehicle detection issues at North Avenue and Prospect Street were temporarily repaired through timing adjustments in the traffic control cabinet.

The municipal fire alarm system created twenty-three calls for service in 2023. These included eight open circuits, two fire alarm pedestal knockdowns, and three underground cable repairs. New fire alarm cable was installed on a Pleasant Street, Otis Street, and Crescent Street as part of an ongoing cabling upgrading project. Multiple pole changes were made during the year, including along North Avenue, Crescent Street, and Audubon Road.

The dispatch center at Fire Headquarters received two upgrades during the year. A new fire alarm box decoder was installed replacing a two-decades-old component. The original box decoder was aged and was requiring frequent repair. The new decoder is paperless and more user friendly. Dispatch also received a new radio console to go along with the Public Safety Building renovations. The new radio replaces equipment that was original to the building.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Hudson
Fire Alarm Superintendent

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The Emergency Management Department prepares for natural and man-made disasters, serving as the local branch of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Wakefield is a member of a 26-community Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC). This year, we anticipate adding two additional member communities. With those additions, the Mystic REPC will represent over one million people in the Commonwealth. The Mystic REPC meets six times a year and works to conduct and coordinate emergency exercises and procedures throughout the region. The Town is required by law to belong to an REPC or an LEPC to maintain certification every three years. Wakefield's Communications Director Jennifer McDonald is the Executive Secretary and communication representative of the REPC and I am the Treasurer of this committee. Fire Chief Rick Tustin (Winchester) served as chair and Emergency Manager Allan Alpert (Melrose) was vice-chair.

Last year, the Mystic REPC was awarded a hazardous material/emergency preparedness (HMEP) grant in the amount of \$31,600. The funds were used to conduct a commodity flow study in member communities and create a database in one of the top software programs in the country to track and inform communities of hazardous materials.

Wakefield subscribes to CodeRed, the emergency notification system that allows Town officials to immediately notify residents and businesses by telephone, text, and email of emergency situations and important community information. The system offers Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese translation. There is also an option for severe weather warnings, alerting subscribers to microbursts, severe thunderstorms, and flash floods.

An Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) was awarded to the Town of Wakefield in the amount of \$6,500. We used those funds along with matching funds from the Emergency Management budget and additional funding through the ARPA program to acquire a trailer to store barricades, cones, signs, and additional equipment. This trailer would expedite setup should an emergency situation require street closures or other traffic diversion. We will also use this trailer to assist us with the numerous special events we have around Town that necessitate closing streets and roadways. This piece of equipment will save the Town time, money, and labor when responding to incidents.

In 2022, the Emergency Management Department assisted the Wakefield Police Department with funding for their new command vehicle. This piece of equipment features a built-in radio communications center so that the incident commander can communicate efficiently and quickly establish his/her command post.

Approved and supported by the Town Council, the Emergency Management Department also helped develop a low-income heat assistance program with our Health and Human Services Department.

Emergency Management aided the School Department with coordination of CPR/AED training through Cataldo Ambulance and is also working closely with the School Department to develop a quick reference chart to be put in all classrooms to assist teachers with the procedures to follow during any potential crisis.

Along with the Town Administrator, Emergency Management assisted fire victims and displaced Wakefield residents with funding and or temporary housing throughout the year.

The Emergency Management Department worked closely with the Town Administrator and Town Accountant managing ARPA funding and assisted the Town Administrator with the renewal of the ambulance contract, ultimately awarded to Cataldo Ambulance.

In 2022, the Emergency Management Department initiated a process to acquire reimbursement from insurance companies whose clients cause a hazardous material spill or leak in our community.

The Emergency Management Department works closely with the City of Melrose on response plans for the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in case of a fire or other incident which causes the hospital to shut down or creates the need to transfer patients to other facilities.

Emergency Management also assists with events such as Town Day, the Fourth of July festivities, and the annual carnival.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas P. Walsh, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Report of all Divisions of the Inspectional Services Department for the Year 2022 is as follows:

Building Division	
Building Permits Granted	866
Building Inspections Made	1,209
Inspections m/w Fire Prevention Officer	17
Inspection of Fire Jobs	4
Request for Zoning Interpretation	308
Complaints Investigated RE: Zoning Bylaw	105
Notices Posted on Unsafe Buildings	2
Sign Permits Issued	16
Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued	7
Single Family Attached Dwelling Permits Issued	1
Multiple Family Dwelling Permits Issued	4
Two Family Dwelling Permits Issued	2
New Commercial Building Permits Issued	1
Buildings Razed	13
Swimming Pool Permits Issued	18
Solar Permits Issued	12
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance Permits Issued	11
Multiple Dwellings Inspected	2
Lodging House Inspections	10
Hotel Inspections	2
Public School Inspections	10
Day Schools Inspections	6
Certificate of Occupancy Permits Issued	68
Certificate of Inspection Permits Issued	45
Building Permits Fees Collected	\$1,293,560.00

Permit Valuations (Last Six Years)	
2017	\$34,616,319.00
2018	\$52,792,704.00
2019	\$59,349,019.00
2020	\$69,665,697.00
2021	\$55,206,869.00
2022	\$106,420,303.00

Plumbing Division	
Permits Granted	442
Inspections Made	611
Inspections Approved	598
Meetings w/Pipe Fitters/Plumbers on Job	13
Plumbing Permit Fees Collected	\$76,831.00

Gas Division	
Permits Granted	267
Inspections Made	334
Inspections Approved	328
Meetings w/Pipe Fitters/Plumbers on Job	3
Gas Permit Fees Collected	\$15,128.00

Wire Division	
Wire Permits Granted	612
Residential Wire Permits Granted	474
Commercial & Other Wire Permits Granted	138
Inspections Made	878
Inspections Approved	854
Inspections m/w or Requested by WMGLD	12
Inspections m/w or Requested by Fire Department	6
Inspections m/w Building Inspector	2
Inspections m/w or Requested by Board of Health	4
Job Meetings with Electricians	33
Inspections of Public Buildings	12
Inspections of Public Schools	3
Temporary Service Permits	17
New Services – Residential	23
New Services – Commercial or Other	10
Service Increases	65
Wire Permit Fees Collected	\$143,532.00

Total permit fees collected: \$1,529,051.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin P. DeChristoforo
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Wakefield Zoning Board of Appeals, a quasi-judicial body with five members and three alternates appointed by the Town Council, operates under the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Wakefield and under Chapter 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Board has the following powers:

- To hear and decide appeals as a party aggrieved, for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector or other authority.
- To hear and decide applications for certain special permits.
- To hear and decide petitions for variances.
- To hear and make findings allowing the extension, reconstruction, or alteration of preexisting nonconforming structures or uses.

The Board deliberated on 89 new Petitions during 2022. The Petitions included requests for Variances, Special Permits, Findings, and/or Determinations. Major items before the Board included:

- Petition for a Comprehensive Permit allowing a 56-unit (reduced to 40 units) mid-rise apartment building (under Chapter 40B), 44, 46, & 48 Crescent Street.
- Petition for 5 units with a mixed use (reduced to 4 units), 97-99 Water Street.
- Petition for a modification of Special Permit to allow Hallmark Health a mobile PET scan unit on the property, 888 Main Street.
- Petition for 485 residential units with a mixed use (reduced to 440 units), 200-400 Quannapowitt Pkwy.
- Petition for a Comprehensive Permit allowing a 38-unit mid-rise apartment building (under Chapter 40B), 596 North Avenue.
- Petitions for Special Permits for improvements at the Wakefield Public Safety Building, 1 Union Street.
- Petition for a Special Permits and Site Plan Approval to raze and reconstruct a gas station, 356 Lowell Street.
- Petition to rebuild the First Baptist Church of Wakefield destroyed by a fire, 80 Common Street.
- Petition for a Special Permit, Site Plan Approval, and a Finding to alter the building for Cataldo Ambulance, 200 Water Street.
- Petition to raze and reconstruct a three-family dwelling, 1 Hickory Hill Road.
- Petition for a 10-unit garden apartment building with retail space, 198 Albion Street.
- Petition for a 7-unit garden apartment building with retail/service establishment, 184 Water Street.
- Petition to reconstruct an 8-unit residential dwelling destroyed by fire, 10-12 Chestnut Street.

Many Findings and/or Determinations were made to allow the razing and reconstruction of single and two-family dwellings, wireless communication facilities upgrades, accessory apartments, pools, and many signs for business establishments were also approved.

Items currently before the Board include:

Petition for a 20-unit mid-rise apartment building with mixed use in the former Santander Bank, 369-371 Main Street.

Petition for a 124-unit mid-rise apartment building, 10 Broadway.

Petition for a 19-unit mid-rise apartment building and a single-family dwelling, 314, 330, 336 Salem Street

David W. Hatfield served as Chair of the Board and Joseph Pride served as Clerk. Other Board members are Charles L. Tarbell, Jr., James H. McBain, Thomas J. Lucey, alternate members are Gregory W. McIntosh and Michael L. Feeley. Ami Wall served on the Board until her retirement on September 12, 2022. Gail Conroy served as the Secretary of the Board.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Reports of:

Health and Human Services
Council on Aging
Housing Authority

REPORT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Wakefield Health and Human Services (HHS) Department is part of a regional agreement shared with the City of Melrose and the Town of Stoneham. The Department consists of some shared staff positions and collaborative programming. The Wakefield Board of Health, consisting of three members, meets monthly and as needed. Their role is to set policy, adopt regulations, and enforce local/state laws.

A large portion of the work the Wakefield HHS Department performed in 2022-2023 centered around increasing equitable vaccine access, supporting Wakefield Public Schools in programming, and enhancing environmental health education. The Department adjusted its focus from emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic to recovery and resiliency in the post-pandemic era. Mental health needs, behavioral health needs, and social services access were identified as priority areas that needed to be addressed. The HHS Department worked closely with many Town departments as well as community partners and volunteers to effectively support the residents of Wakefield.

Public Health Nursing

The Senior Public Health Nurse and Wakefield Public Health Nurse provided three core functions for the community: health promotion and camps, vaccinations, and communicable disease monitoring.

- **Health Promotion and Camps**

The Public Health Nurses provide weekly blood pressure and wellness clinics at the McCarthy Senior Center. They provide relevant health information to the community at events including Town Day, the Farmer's Market, and Festival by the Lake. They work on campaigns to raise awareness for health issues including colorectal cancer, skin cancer, heart health, and tick-borne diseases. The Public Health Nurses meet with local summer camps on a weekly or biweekly basis from June to early August to review childhood vaccinations, emergency medication authorizations, EpiPen training, camper-to-student ratios, facilities for sick children, and to review health concerns including wearing sunscreen, maintaining hydration, and insect/bee stings and tick bites for over 800 campers.

- **Vaccinations**

In the past year, the Public Health Nurses provided planning and staffing, supply management, and safe transportation for 47 flu clinics, including both public events and visits for individuals that are homebound. They were able to provide 284 COVID-19 vaccines and 1,311 flu vaccines. Dedicated in-office drop-in clinics were piloted this year to great success, allowing for Town employees and the public to have greater access to vaccinations. They also renewed Controlled Substance Use Registration and managed sharps disposal.

- **Communicable Disease**
The Public Health Nurses provided investigation and follow up services for several State-reportable communicable diseases, including but not limited to mpox, babesiosis, cryptosporidiosis, mumps, varicella, TB, hep B, legionellosis, salmonellosis, haemophiles influenza, group A strep, and invasive pneumococcal.

Environmental Health

Our team of Health Inspectors and administrative staff provide two core functions for the community: food safety and housing/environmental health.

1. Food Safety

The Town of Wakefield currently has 123 food permits issued to establishments ranging from schools and nursing homes to restaurants and supermarkets. Food establishments are ranked on a four-level scale of lowest-to-highest public health risk of food borne illness (1-4). Establishments such as convenience stores with mostly pre-packaged food would require one annual inspection, whereas restaurants serving an expanded menu may require three annual inspections. Supermarkets, nursing homes and establishments serving individuals at higher risk of severe consequences due to food borne illnesses require a minimum of 4 annual inspections.

Inspections			
Risk Level	Example	# Establishments	# of Annual Visits Required
Level 1	Convenience Store	20	20
Level 2	Catering Business	51	102
Level 3	Restaurant	45	135
Level 4	Nursing Home	7	28
		123	285

Based on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Risk-Based Inspection Schedule, we are required to complete a minimum of 285 routine inspections. When issues arise during an inspection, the Health Inspector will provide education and resources to the establishment to facilitate improvement in meeting the requirements of 105 CMR 590.00: State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum sanitation standards for food establishments. Health Inspectors provide re-inspections as needed, depending on the quantity and/or severity of the violations.

Education and guidance are the preferred methods of achieving compliance; the Board of Health aids in communicating with establishments when there are concerns. In some instances, when compliance is not achieved after multiple attempts, Health Inspectors may recommend temporary permit suspensions until a plan is put into place that will sufficiently address all concerns. In these cases, establishments are required to hire a Massachusetts Department of Public Health-approved food safety consultant for a designated period to help with more intensive training.

Health Inspectors perform plan reviews for new food establishments and pre-operational inspections. Plan reviews include menus, equipment, required certifications, policies, and procedures. This year, we have had five pre-operational inspections, reflecting an increase in businesses opening in the Town of Wakefield.

2. Housing/Environmental Health

Health Inspectors investigated over 160 complaints; housing comprised roughly 40 percent, while trash and rodents each comprised roughly 10 percent each. Health Inspectors are tasked with enforcing the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.00: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation, Chapter II. The percentage of housing complaints from buildings with 10 or more units increased to 70 percent this year, coinciding with an increase in multi-unit dwellings and increased need for services. Fifteen percent of the complaints required a higher level of involvement, including cases of hoarding and fires.

Our administrative staff and Health Inspectors issued a total of 658 permits which included permits for animals, pools, camps, tobacco, funeral, tanning, dumpsters, body art, body work, trash transporters, permanent food, temporary food, mobile food, lodgings, septic, wells, and Farmer's Markets. We collected a total of \$44,240 in revenue.

Wakefield, Melrose, Malden, Medford, Stoneham, and Winchester participated in the Public Health Excellence Shared Services Grant (\$300,000 annually, entering last year). The environmental health-focused grant provides funding for food and housing inspection training, technical assistance, and supplies to promote a strong environmental health program.

Human Services and Grants

Our team of Human Services providers are grouped into two major service areas: grants for health and wellness and social services coordination.

1. Grants for Health and Wellness

- The Town of Wakefield and Wake-Up Coalition completed its ninth year with the Drug Free Communities (DFC) funding (\$125,000 per year for 10 years, from October 2013 to September 2023). The coalition continues to operate with active participation from key sectors throughout the community including police, schools, business owners, parents, health care professionals, media, faith community, concerned residents, and youth. The Wake-Up Coalition collaborates across the region as part of the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition implementing regional strategies at the local level. We have entered the final year of the DFC grant, which supports several positions and initiatives. The grant was able to fund our full-time substance use prevention coordinator and part-time youth prevention position. We were able to fund 10 Youth Action Team Leaders; substance-use prevention programs including Parent University; Youth Action Teams; education campaigns; intervention strategies including school diversion programs; and Wake-Up member training.

- Melrose, Wakefield, and Stoneham HHS are collaborating on the STOP School Violence Grant, hosted by the City of Melrose (\$1,000,000 for 3 years). Partnering with all three school districts, the grant provides funding for one full-time Adjustment Counselor at Wakefield Memorial High School for three years, professional development for WPS staff, and responsive classroom training for elementary classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. We will explore violence prevention activities for middle and high schools, including the expansion of peer-to-peer violence prevention managed by the Wakefield HHS and Wakefield Alliance Against Violence.
- Melrose and Wakefield HHS collaborated on the third year of the MelroseWakefield Tufts Healthcare grant (\$13,000). The goals that we have worked towards include supporting new immigrant residents by connecting them to local, inclusive services that directly impact social determinants of health, including but not limited to housing, education, food, clothing, legal services, employment, and primary and behavioral health needs. A focus is improving community connections for new English-Learning residents. We also provide training and networking luncheons for providers. Using these funds, Melrose and Wakefield HHS hosted a social services networking luncheon on February 7, bringing together over 25 area social services providers to learn about the new Community Behavioral Health Center operated by Eliot Community Health Services. Senator Jason Lewis was in attendance and gave an overview of public health policy updates as well as several policy and funding updates related to Social Determinants of Health.
- Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham, and Lynnfield are collaborating on the Community Health Inclusivity Index (CHII) Grant (\$15,000). HHS is working with the Disability Commission and Engineering Department with the CHIA Grant received for Melrose, Lynnfield, Stoneham, and Wakefield Health Departments. We will work with the Commission on Disabilities to conduct an accessibility analysis of two active areas in Wakefield (playground, Farmers Market, etc.). This effort will be led by an intern working under the grant. Funds will be available to implement projects aimed at addressing issues that came up in the analysis.
- Wakefield participates in the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition, including Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, and Winchester. The Regional Substance Use Prevention Grant provides \$200,000 to help fund initiatives such as the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and other regional prevention strategies.
- We continue to apply for grants that support community health and wellness. We prioritize opportunities to collaborate with other Town departments and community partners.

2. Social Services Coordination

With the addition of a new Social Services Coordinator, we have been able to serve over 120 households. We partner with the Wakefield Food Pantry to reach those in the community in need. Our goal is to provide as many access points as possible for individuals and families to be able to access crucial social services, including to but not limited to employment services, food security, immigration support, winter clothing, transportation, heating assistance, Medicare, senior services, behavioral health services, and rental assistance.

We were able to provide a new heating assistance program through ARPA funding approved by the Town Council. Our Social Service Coordinator successfully worked with the Wakefield Gas and Light Department to screen and process payments for residents.

Tobacco Control

The Regional Tobacco Prevention Program is in year four of a ten-year DPH-funded grant. The grant supports a full-time Program Coordinator who is responsible for tobacco prevention in Wakefield, Malden, Medford, Melrose, and Winchester. Activities conducted in Wakefield this year include:

- **Retailer Education:** In conjunction with the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program (MTCP), our program coordinator worked closely with all tobacco retailers to help them understand State regulations and expectations.
- **Enforcement:**
 - Retail store inspections were completed in 100 percent of all retail establishments that sell tobacco/nicotine products (a total of 25 stores). Violations included minor ones which resulted in educational warnings as well as more serious violations such as hidden stock of banned products.
 - Two compliance checks were completed in all 25 stores. All violations resulted in fines and additional surveillance.
 - Pricing surveys were completed in 100 percent of the stores. One establishment was selling cigarettes significantly below state minimum prices. Reports of egregious differences were made to the Department of Revenue.
- **Community Education and Awareness:** The Program Coordinator was able to interact with and present to individuals and groups. Numerous updates were provided to the Board of Health and Wake-Up Coalition as well as to other regional Boards and Substance-Use Prevention coalitions.
- **Policy:** The focus of this year was updating local regulations to better match State law, as well as examining current regulations to determine if additional tobacco control measures are warranted.

- Other activities: the Program Coordinator is an active participant in both the MA CALS (Massachusetts Collaboration for Action and Leadership) and MVPHC Shared Services grant-funded program; is a mentor to two new Tobacco Control Coordinators in neighboring communities; volunteered for a number of public health-related activities such as vaccination clinics; and updated various community groups on the new State tobacco law, enforcement results, and new product trends.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Council on Aging (COA) is to advocate, promote, and support the social, health, and economic needs of the citizens of the community 60 years of age and over. The Council works to achieve these needs through education and outreach.

Longtime COA Director Judy Luciano retired on April 30 2022. Judy retired after 30 years of service to the Town of Wakefield, the last 19 of which were as the COA Director. A party was held and participants joined to say goodbye and wish Judy well in her retirement. May 22 welcomed new COA Director Karen Burke, who formerly was the Director of Veteran Services for Melrose, Wakefield, and Saugus.

We continued to recover from the pandemic and bring back programming that had been available pre-pandemic. The Wakefield COA held a Saint Patrick's Day drive through in lieu of the annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast. Participants were given a beautiful cupcake from a local bakeshop, gift bag from Wakefield Gas and Light, a green carnation, and a candy bag with an Irish blessing. This was our last drive-thru event, ending the pandemic alternative to parties.

Summer brought back field trip offerings which were incredibly popular. We offered small trips using our COA van to local attractions such as Castle Island, York Beach, Rockport, and Gloucester. We partnered with the Stoneham Council on Aging to offer two excursion trips. We traveled to the New Hampshire Turkey Train and holiday lights as well as the mansions in Newport, RI, and the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.

We continued to increase our in-person programming. Exercise classes returned in full with over 10 instructor-led classes with DVD classes also available. The Delvena Theater Company returned with grant funding from the Wakefield Cultural Council to perform. We offered educational seminars, AARP tax preparation, fuel assistance, and SHINE appointments. The year brought an increase in bingo and card players and the return of our blood pressure screening clinics.

We continued to assist people in booking vaccine appointments and hosted the Health Department for a flu clinic. Our popular "Eat Local" lunches returned, highlighting local restaurants while offering an opportunity for participants to share a hot meal together. We had a successful year utilizing Senior Tax-Work-Off Program residents, matching 16 older adults to jobs.

We continued to work with the COA Board regarding the Town of Wakefield's membership in AARP's Network of Age Friendly States and Communities. We are committed to meeting our age-friendly goals and increase and improve offerings throughout the community.

The year concluded with the return of our annual Holiday Party. Seventy-five people attended the event, which featured a catered meal and a DJ who played a variety of music for everyone to enjoy. We had many people up dancing! Our newly added POMS class also performed, garnering a standing ovation. It was a tremendous way to cap off an exciting, event-filled year.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wakefield Housing Authority (WHA) was chartered in 1963 to provide housing for low-income elders, families, and the disabled. The WHA programs are regulated and funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) or by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

WHA housing programs are described on our website along with application instructions. Applicants and interested parties are encouraged to visit our website (www.wakefieldhousing.org) or telephone the WHA office at (781) 245-7328. The office is located in the basement of the Lincoln School House at 26 Crescent Street.

The most recent audit of the Authority's finances (FY22) is near completion and will be made available to the public for viewing at the Authority's offices at 26 Crescent Street. The WHA has an annual plan for our state programs that can be viewed on our website.

The Authority will see the deck and siding replaced at our group home this spring as well as many repairs to our duplex homes on Elm Street. The WHA also received ARPA funding from the state and will be upgrading fire alarm panels and replacing hallway electrical panels at Harts Hill.

The WHA continues to serve our tenants, participants, and applicants with their housing needs, utilizing our expansive knowledge of public housing and assistance programs in the state. WHA staff participates regularly in trainings to constantly improve on our state and federal compliance strategies and to better assist our consumers.

WHA staff work diligently with the Wakefield community to service our most vulnerable members. The lack of affordable housing options in the state has created extremely long waiting lists for our programs and many public inquiries about our programs. The WHA works hard to assist the public, applicants, and our participants every day, whether it be with paperwork, referrals to other agencies, unit modifications, neighbor issues, etc.

The WHA office and maintenance staff are committed to providing the Wakefield community with excellent service. Administrative staff includes Maureen E. Hickey, Executive Director; Robin Aucella, Assistant Executive Director/Housing Manager; Mary Lou Roche, Finance Manager; Stephanie Gallo, Director of Leased Housing; Jessica Rivera, Leased Housing Specialist; Frances Marshall, Administrative and Maintenance Assistant; Beth Greenberg, Tenant Services Coordinator and Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator.

Maintenance Supervisor Joseph Ventura and Jack McTighe, Mark Drees, and James Cresta maintain the properties.

The WHA is thankful for the expertise and support of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Wakefield Police Department, the Wakefield Fire Department, the Wakefield Senior Center, Town Hall, the Board of Health, and Mystic Valley Elder Services.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Crystal View Apartments Community Room at 101 Broadway. The WHA also has a remote option to our meetings.

Members of the Housing Authority include: Charles Geier, Chair; Jane Good, Vice Chair; Judith Oder, Treasurer; a State Appointee; a Tenant Representative; Sarah Fowler, Asst. Treasurer; and Joseph Dorney, Member.

PUBLIC WORKS

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Building Division

Highway Division

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Sewer Division

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works (DPW) consists of eleven divisions and is responsible for maintaining the Town's infrastructure and facilities associated with public ways, parks and public grounds, Town cemeteries, the water distribution system, water treatment, sewer collection system, public shade trees, Town buildings, Town vehicles, and Town drainage system. Additionally, the Department provides services, such as refuse collection and disposal; recycling and yard waste collection; street sweeping; snow and ice removal; and support services to other Town departments and civic events.

The goal of The Department of Public Works is to provide efficient, effective, and economical services to the residents of Wakefield. Although there is some uncertainty with the economy and state of inflationary pressures, the Department of Public Works is looking forward to continuing to provide our core set of services and begin advancing into the future, completing additional projects and initiatives that will be beneficial to the Town. The entire staff at the Department of Public Works is wishing the Town a safe, healthy, and productive 2023.

For details of division accomplishments, I refer you to the divisional reports. Also, I would like to thank the following supervisors for their support during the year and for their assistance in preparing this report:

Ann Waitt Business Manager; William Renault, P.E., Town Engineer; Christopher Hunt, Field Operations Manager; Christopher Pierce, Buildings Manager; Lou Perriello, Highway Supervisor; Andrew Shankhour, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor; Dennis P. Fazio, Forestry / Parks & Cemetery Supervisor; Steve Fitzpatrick, Water / Sewer Supervisor.

Joseph Conway, Director

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division participates in and manages many Town infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects. Engineering staff perform a full range of engineering services including technical reviews, survey, design, digital system mapping, data management, cost estimating, project bidding, and construction management. The Division provides technical support to all Town departments, divisions, and boards and serves as a technical advisor/reviewer to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. The Division also reviews and oversees all construction activities within the Town's public right-of-ways.

The Division procures and manages the services of engineering consultants for Town projects when the level of effort exceeds Division staff availability, or where a particular expertise is required.

Accomplishments

Road and Sidewalk Projects: 3.30 miles of public roadway rehabilitation. The Engineering Division performed construction oversight for the reconstruction of 1.39 miles of mill and overlay treatment on Albion Street (Main Street to North Avenue), Wave Avenue (Pleasant Street to Vernon Street), Bay State Road, Flanders Lane, Kimball Avenue, and Chapman Road. In addition, the Division performed construction oversight for the reconstruction of 1.91 miles of reclaim treatment on Pleasant Street (Lowell Street to Salem Street), Sweetser Street (Court Street to Pleasant Street), Beebe Lane, Drury Lane, Brewster Road, Forrester Road, Curve Street, and White Avenue.

Sidewalk and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Projects: 3.29 miles of sidewalk and 62 curb ramps constructed. The Engineering Division performed construction oversight for 16,000 feet of sidewalk replacement, 1,425 feet of new sidewalk construction, and installation of 62 ADA-compliant curbing in 2022. Improvements were completed on: Beebe Lane, Brewster Road, Chapman Road, Drury Lane, Flanders Lane, Forrester Road, Kimball Ave, Lakeshore Drive, Pleasant Street, Sweetser Street, Walton Lane, Wave Ave, and White Ave.

Drainage Projects: Veteran's Field. A new sustainable infrastructure retrofit system was installed to treat stormwater entering Lake Quannapowitt from Church Street and Lafayette Street. The system included a new 150' grass swale, a new diversion/overflow structure, and new bioretention area. The project also included invasive species removal and installation of a new pollinator garden.

NPDES MS4 Program. The Engineering Division completed the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit Year 4 annual reporting to the Environmental Protection Agency. Major permit accomplishments within 2021 Permit Year 4 included:

- Completed site plan and stormwater review for 11 project and environmental monitoring review and administration for 6 ongoing projects meeting NPDES and/or Stormwater Bylaw thresholds.

- Continued wet-weather and dry-weather outfall testing for all high priority catchments.
- Continued Phase II of GIS system mapping and on-going updates of the Phase I mapping including the improvement of the outfall accuracy of catchment boundaries.
- Developed Year 4 reports including regulation assessment for green infrastructure barriers, street and parking lot impervious cover, Town-owned land identified for potential BMP, reduction of impervious area report, and phosphorus source report.

Water Projects: 1.51 miles of water main replaced. The Division completed the design, bidding, and construction oversight for the installation of 7,960 linear feet of water main replacement. Mains were replaced on Salem Street (Lowell Street to Wharton Park), Hopkins Street (62/64 Hopkins to Tarrant Lane), North Avenue (Church Street to Quannapowitt Parkway), Lowell Street (Main Street to Old Main Street), and Old Main Street.

Water Tie Cards: DPW staff initiated a new water service tie-card mapping project in 2022. Forty-two percent of the Town was completed in 2022. Once completed, the data will be used by DPW staff for utility mark outs and to meet regulatory compliance.

Sewer Projects: Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Program. The DPW's Inflow/Infiltration Program identifies areas where clean groundwater or drainage is discharged to the sewer system requiring treatment. Removal of I/I lowers the Town's MWRA assessment, as the clean water will not be included in the sewer arriving at MWRA's Deer Island Treatment Plant.

Year 6 Investigation. Sewer consultant Weston and Sampson completed 2.21 miles of sewer investigation in 2022 to support the I/I program. The investigation work is utilized to identify areas for sewer system rehabilitation work.

Miscellaneous Engineering Projects: Right-of-way permitting. The Division performed application review and field inspection for 163 right-of-way and utility permits. Right-of-way and utility permits are required for any project completed by any private contractor that will disturb the Town's right of way, including paving/patching, water/sewer extensions, and/or connections and drainage work.

Building ZBA/Planning Board Permit Support. The Division performed 11 permit reviews in 2022 to support the Building Division's operation. The Division performed site plan review for 11 projects in support of the Zoning Board of Appeals, performed standard review of 23 additional ZBA permit applications, and review of 1 definitive subdivision in 2022.

BUILDING DIVISION

The Building Division of the Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance and operation of 46 school and Town buildings. The inventory of buildings includes major facilities such as Town Hall, Public Works, Senior Center, all schools, and the Public Safety Building. The Division is also responsible for minor facilities such as storage buildings and field-bathroom buildings.

During the year, work orders are processed through the DPW's work order system and consist of various types of tasks, which include electrical repairs and upgrades, HVAC preventative maintenance and repairs, HVAC filter replacement, carpentry, roofs and window repair, and other facility repairs and improvements. Other work that is accomplished by the Division includes custodial services at Town Hall, Public Works facilities, Public Safety Building, Senior Center, Landrigan Field buildings, and park facilities.

The Building Division is also responsible for clearing snow and applying ice melt to all entryways, emergency exits, walkways, and sidewalks at the following locations: Town Hall, Senior Center, Public Safety Building, Americal Civic Center, and the Hurd School. During the year, the vast majority of work is accomplished by Division employees, though a small percentage is outsourced.

Major projects undertaken in 2022 include, but are not limited to:

- Town Hall. Installed new Fire Alarm System; installed 24 new windows; replaced rubber on roofing, chimney, and chase; performed infrared electric inspection to all panels in building; installed new electronic wayfinding displays.
- 5 Common Street. Rebuilt basement entry way, including dormer and stair cases; installed new awnings; installed 6 new windows.
- Americal Civic Center. Installed new asphalt shingle roof with gutters; renovated 2 office spaces; interior and exterior painting; renovated third-floor bathroom; repair to concrete stairs with minor repointing.
- Public Safety Building. Installed new gas stove (FD); deconstructed old police control room; assisted with moving and coordination during renovation project.
- Greenwood School. Performed fire escape restoration, inspection, and load testing; installed 8 new toilets; installed new data jacks in classrooms.
- Dolbeare School. Installed new washer and dryer; added Glycol to HVAC system; installed new hot water heater.
- Miscellaneous projects. Repaired and painted Rockery fountain; performed repairs to Nahant Street Salt Shed; installed lighting at "Welcome to Wakefield" sign; installed new roof on Hartshorne House.

FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION

The Forestry Division is responsible for the planting, pruning, spraying, and removal of public shade trees on public property throughout the Town. Extensive work is done seasonally around Lake Quannapowitt.

The Parks Division is responsible for the proper maintenance of the upper and lower commons, all parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and many roadside areas, including 22 islands. This Division maintains over 100 acres of parks and recreational land under the Public Works jurisdiction. This Division is responsible for all rubbish removal at all parks, school fields, and downtown areas.

Major emphasis is placed on athletic fields through an aggressive aeration and seeding program. This Division is also responsible for cleaning and grooming the Town's four synthetic fields and is involved in the setup and cleaning for major festivals that occur in the Town and athletic games at Town and school fields.

Accomplishments

90 tree maintenance requests completed; 105 shade trees removed; 160 shade trees planted; 75 stumps ground. Winter snow plowing including sidewalk plowing; 19 school sand barrels; cleaning and refurbishing filter berm on Lake Quannapowitt; monitoring water level on Lake Quannapowitt; maintenance on all 13 playgrounds; daily maintenance on all 13 Town ball fields; set up and clean up for all major school athletic events; 23 miles of field line painting; seasonal roadside mowing; 114 tons of trash removed from public parks; maintained the Wakefield Dog Park; Tree City USA Award – 21st year; twelfth-year town-wide tree spraying via spraying budget; provided Christmas tree pickup and recycling of debris; performed tree wrapping with lights in downtown area for year-round decorations; oversaw the town-wide goose control program; hung seasonal banners in the downtown area.

CEMETERY DIVISION

The Cemetery Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Forest Glade Cemetery on Lowell Street and the Old Church Street Cemetery on Church Street.

The seasonal tasks of lawn and tree trimming, as well as planting, have grown each year. Newer sections "Q" and "R" are presently in use.

This division maintains all property and installs all foundations, government plaques, markers, and government stones. Upcoming projects include the additional phase of digital grave mapping. The master plan for property is in the in beginning stages of development.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The Highway Division is responsible for the maintenance of 115 miles of roadway. Included with the roadway maintenance are the drainage systems; sidewalks; catch basin cleaning and repair; traffic and street signs; street sweeping; leaf and brush pickup; collection of rubbish, recycling, and CRTs; propane gas tank disposal; school parking lot maintenance; striping crosswalks, center lines, and parking areas; and operation of the Nahant St. brush and leaf drop-off center.

This Division is also responsible for the sanding, salting, and snow removal of all Town roadways, all public schools, public parking areas, the Public Safety Building, Town Hall, and Senior Center.

Accomplishments

- Traffic Markings: 4" single and double centerline, 87,800 LF; 4" edge line, 146,998 LF; 12" crosswalk and stop lines, 40,114 LF; 4" parking lines, 22,840 LF; crosswalk centers, 13,930 LF; directional arrows and 8' only, 88 EA; railroad crossings, 8 EA; 8' school, 36 EA; 6' traffic circles, EA.
- Traffic and Street Signs: Work orders for repair, 333; traffic signs installed or replaced, 94; street signs installed or replaced, 157; sign poles replaced, 82.
- Road/Sidewalk Installation and Repair: Potholes and patching (asphalt), 257 tons placed by hand; potholes filled, 947; asphalt sidewalks repaired or replaced at 97 locations, 1,940 linear feet; concrete sidewalks repaired or replaced at 40 locations, 2,000 linear feet.
- Refuse and Recycling: Recycling collected, 2,189.90 tons; refuse collected, 7,167.48 tons; cardboard collected (Nahant Street container), 10.23 tons; composting starter kits, 400 delivered from grant funding.
- Winter Program: All public buildings, parking lots, and schools were plowed, salted, and sanded along with 115 miles of roadways; approximately 50 sand barrels placed throughout Town on hills and intersections to use for added safety; total equipment dispatched during a plowing event, 40 Town, 30 hired contractors; winter potholes and trenches filled and maintained as needed throughout the season; snowfall total for Fiscal Year 2022, 57.5 inches.

FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The Fleet Maintenance Division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all vehicles from the following Divisions: 143 DPW pieces of equipment; 35 Police Dept. vehicles; 5 Fire Dept. vehicles; 6 School Dept. vehicles; Council on Aging vans; 2 IT Dept. vehicles.

The Division provides maintenance on a daily basis. All minor repairs and most major repairs are done in house. Fleet Maintenance responsibilities also include writing the specifications to cover the needs for each division purchasing vehicles. It is responsible for providing the Gas and Light, School, Police, and Fire Departments with both unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel.

WATER DIVISION

The Town of Wakefield used approximately 674 million gallons of water in CY 2021. This water is supplied by two sources, namely the MWRA and the Wakefield Broadway Treatment Facility utilizing Crystal Lake as the source water supply.

The Water Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Broadway Water Treatment Plant, the Linden Street Pumping Station, the Montclare Ave. Booster Station, the Sidney Street Booster Station, and the Sidney Street Water Storage Standpipe. The Division is also commissioned with the maintenance and repair of the entire distribution system and the monitoring of all water quality testing and reporting as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Accomplishments

- **Water Distribution System:** The Town's distribution system consists of approximately 110 miles of water main piping. This system requires constant maintenance to ensure proper operation, reduce system interruptions, provide sufficient water for fire protection, and ensure water quality. Examples of distribution system maintenance include but are not limited to: repairs to water main breaks; replacement of older mains; water main flushing; leak detection; replacement / repair of gate and curb boxes; Dig Safe mark-outs; gate valve box locating-marking-clean out; gate valve exercising; water main shut downs; pipeline disinfecting and testing; fire hydrant replacements; repairs and winterizing; inspections to new installations and repairs by contractors; maintenance of pressure reducing valves; water booster stations; and inspection and maintenance of the Sidney Street water storage standpipe.
- **Broadway Water Treatment Plant:** The Department operates the Broadway Water Treatment Plant. The treatment plant draws its source water from Crystal Lake. The water treatment process includes: intake screens; fluoridation; slow-sand filtration, disinfection; and pH adjustment. The plant is operated by departmental staff licensed as State Certified Treatment Plant Operators.
- **Water Quality:** The Department performs weekly bacteriological sampling at 11 sites strategically located throughout the system to provide a representative overview of the entire system. This sampling is conducted to monitor against the presence of pathogenic bacteriological contamination. This sampling also provides proof of proper disinfection and confirms the presence of a distribution system disinfectant residual. The Department is constantly testing the water quality to ensure safe drinking water and to protect against contamination. This is achieved through various field-testing procedures and the completion of all water quality testing as scheduled and mandated by the DEP.
- **Cross Connection Control:** The Department continually maintains an active Cross Connection Control Program. This program consists of regular testing of existing backflow devices to ensure proper protection from backflow and back-siphonage of contaminants into the drinking

water system. The program also conducts surveys of facilities throughout the Town in order to identify and protect against potential new sources of contamination.

- **Water Meters:** The Department reads approximately 9,000 water meters per billing quarter (36,000 per year) along with multiple additional meter readings for new accounts, change of ownerships, repairs, replacements, etc. Throughout the year, multiple new meters are installed to service new accounts, while older meters are constantly being replaced to upgrade the system. Examples of additional maintenance on water meters includes replacing frozen or damaged meters, repairing leaks, repairs-replacement-rewiring of outside registers, and transmitters.
- **Snow and Ice:** Both the Water and Sewer Departments participate in all Town snow and ice removal operations. All Department personnel and equipment are involved in clearing snow and ice during storm events.

For emergency service, please call the Wakefield Water and Sewer Division's 24-hour emergency line at 781-246-6318.

SEWER DIVISION

The Sewer Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the entire wastewater collection system.

Collection System Infrastructure

The collection system is comprised of an estimated 95 miles of sewer main and approximately 8,500 sewer service laterals. The collection system mains, manholes, structures, covers, etc., require constant maintenance to ensure proper operation, reduce service interruptions, and to prevent backups, surcharging, and overflows.

Examples of some routine required maintenance performed on the system include: main flushing and jetting to reduce the buildup of grease and settled debris leading to main blockages; root cutting and treatment to clear and prevent the reoccurrence of root intrusion; repair and rehabilitation of manholes, covers, and structures; Dig Safe markouts for excavations; pipe repairs and/or replacement of broken mains; inspections of new sewer mains; service installations; and repairs by contractors.

Pumping / Lift Stations

There are nine pumping / lift stations utilized in the wastewater collection system: Farm St. Station, West Park Dr. Station, Plaza Rd. Station, Findlay St. Station, Audubon Rd. Station, Bay State Rd. Station, Lakeview Ave. Station, Main St. at Central St. Station, and the Spaulding St. Station.

These stations collect wastewater from low-lying areas and discharge to points in the collection system at higher elevations, allowing the flow to continue by gravity. These stations require constant maintenance of pumps, compressors, tanks, controls, and alarms to ensure proper operation, uninterrupted service, and prevent system backups and overflows.

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I)

The Department is constantly working in conjunction with the Engineering Division and the Town's consulting engineers to identify and remove extraneous flows into the collection system (I&I). A few examples of "inflow" sources include: roof leaders tied into the collection system; basement sump pumps discharging to the home's sewer service; and other drainage systems tied directly to the sewage collection system. Examples of "infiltration" sources include: broken or cracked sewer mains and services; loose or missing sewer covers and caps; and other defects in system piping and components that allow groundwater and or rainwater to enter the system.

These flows enter the collection mains and can exhaust the system's capacity resulting in sewage surcharging, overflows, and backups. The additional flows due to inflow and infiltration significantly add to the equipment maintenance, utility, and manpower costs associated with operating the system.

Identifying and removing flows from inflow and infiltration sources reduces the annual metered volume of wastewater discharged from the Town of Wakefield into the MWRA system. This can result in significant reductions to the Town's MWRA annual waste water assessment.

The Town is continuing the process of installing a control- and data-collection system on multiple sewer stations that will enable data from these sewage stations to be collected and analyzed by the Town. This information will greatly enhance the Town's ability to identify sewage flow volume and discharge patterns that identify inflow and infiltration sources.

Emergency Service

For emergency service, please call the Water and Sewer Division's 24-hour emergency line at 781-246-6318.

EDUCATION

Reports of:

Wakefield Public Schools, Superintendent of Schools
Lucius Beebe Memorial Library
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS (WPS), SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Wakefield is a great community and place to raise a family. Part of this attraction is the remarkable work that is done daily by the faculty and staff of the Wakefield Public Schools (WPS). The schools and athletic, music, and extracurricular programs are among the very best in the State.

Our work is guided by the WPS vision and goals. The Wakefield Public Schools' Instructional Strategy is to graduate confident, lifelong learners who are respectful, caring members of their community. Our strategy to make this vision a reality is to provide rigorous curricular experiences for all students in preparation for college and career. This includes providing consistent, standards-aligned curricular materials and instructional practices in all classrooms across the District. A fundamental part of this work is inspiring in our students a love of learning.

The students in the Wakefield Public Schools continue to be impacted in the post-COVID period. The prioritization of resources has needed to shift to address learning loss due from the interruption of full-day school schedules and the increased social emotional needs of students at all levels.

The labor market has also been profoundly impacted by COVID and the economy; where we once could post a vacant teaching position and have hundreds of applicants, today we have few qualified candidates applying for positions. This has stressed our ability to hire, retain, and develop personnel to teach, counsel, and coach students and led to increased hiring costs to retain critical staff who are needed to continue to provide what students need.

We are improving daily as we approach each day with a love for our students and high expectations for the Wakefield Public Schools.

Wakefield Memorial High School Building Project

Planning the Wakefield Memorial High School (WMHS) Building Project with various stakeholders has been a huge priority over the past year. WMHS Principal Amy McLeod led the development of an educational plan, which was the foundation of the design, and planning teams to create a 21st century building better equipped to meet the changing needs of our students. We are thankful to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, architects, Town officials, and all other stakeholders who have worked with us through the process of this project over the last ten years.

In conjunction with the planning of the building project, there has been a comprehensive process to maintain NEASC Accreditation. The WMHS team has done a phenomenal job engaging in this process, hosting site visits, leading professional development, and meeting submission deadlines and expectations for the review team.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our work is guided by the WPS Curriculum Review and Renewal Plan and the WPS Instructional Strategy, which is designed to allow us to review materials, instruction, and assessments and to ensure we are getting the best curricula materials in place to support teaching and learning.

We have had many highlights in the area of curriculum and instruction over the past year. We are in year two of our math curriculum implementation of Illustrative Mathematics. It is a problem-based learning model where students are invited into mathematics with an engaging warm up and work on activities with partners or small groups as a teacher facilitates and synthesizes learning. Then, at the end of the lesson, there is a facilitated discussion, using student work and strategies to summarize the learning. The basis is that students experiment, play, try, and experience mathematics and build upon prior learning to construct new ideas. Implementing this curriculum resource K-12 will create vertical alignment and curriculum cohesion that will support the development and mastery of skills over time.

We have organized a team to engage in a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum review, which started in the spring of 2022. The purpose of the review is to analyze current practices and curriculum resources to determine if our students are achieving in a manner that meets our high expectations. We are engaging in current research related to the science of reading and writing to drive our work. The review has been broken out into three focus areas: foundational skills, engaging in complex text, and writing. Our goal is to select a knowledge-building curriculum resource that is standards aligned, accessible, and provides students with multiple opportunities to practice and engage with complex text. During the 22-23 school year, we made major advancements in our foundational skills practices with the adoption of the Heggarty Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Program starting in preschool through grade 2 classrooms. We have additionally expanded the Foundations Program with instruction starting in preschool through grade 3. Our secondary teams have further expanded curriculum guides to develop cohesion in grades 5 to 12 and also reviewed and piloted consistent approaches to writing to continue to explicitly teach and develop our students' writing skills.

The secondary Social Studies Department (grades 5-12) continued to implement the Massachusetts History and Social Studies Frameworks introduced in 2018. Much of this work was focused on incorporating new materials and strategies while also adjusting to the unique needs of WPS students and teachers. Teachers in grades 8 and 11 also developed a civic action project to promote meaningful student-led, non-partisan projects in accordance with Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2018. The department has also worked to emphasize the multiperspectivity of history by teaching the experiences of marginalized groups from their perspectives using primary sources and accounts while encouraging students to think critically about the past, present, and future.

Our World Language Department continues to offer a wide range of opportunities to our students. We have been able to re-establish international trips and our Italian Exchange Program.

In the Science, Technology and Engineering department, we recently completed our Elementary Science Specialist Teacher build with the addition of two more teachers for kindergarten, first, and second grades at the start of the 22-23 school year. This additional staffing helps to build a strong, standards-based foundation at the elementary level to set our students up for success as they transition to Galvin and WMHS. Our Elementary STEM Curriculum Coordinator and 5-12 Science Curriculum Coordinator continue to work with teacher groups to align curriculum, incorporate the science and engineering practices, and provide professional development as we work towards providing relevant, engaging, and equitable experiences for all students. We worked with teachers and curriculum leaders to develop a plan to completely update our WMHS computer lab for the 23-24 school year. This will provide up-to-date technology for our students to further develop their skills. We will launch a comprehensive Science, Technology and Engineering Curriculum Review in the spring of 2023.

In our Health and Social Emotional Learning Department, the Michigan Model Curriculum has expanded across most grade levels in K-10 at this point. The health and social emotional learning curriculum focus on important topics and skills that our students need to support their social emotional health. Skills and topics build from year to year, allowing for deeper understanding. The Michigan Model is an evidence-based curriculum that has been endorsed by DESE, CASEL, and SAMHSA. All health teachers teach the SEL unit in addition to other units such as substance abuse prevention.

We have increased our Mental Health Coordinators from one to two for the 22-23 school year. This has allowed for a more narrowed focus on the different needs of students in K-4 and 5-12. We continue to collaborate with the Board of Health to apply for grant opportunities to support our work. A recent example of this is the onboarding of another adjustment counselor for WMHS. This is a grant-funded position that will start in spring 2023.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released new Arts Standards to be implemented across all school districts. Our Director of Visual and Performing Arts and teacher leaders led the work of unpacking these new standards and engaging in a comprehensive review over the past three years. The K-12 music and art teachers have spent their professional development time not only completing the writing of a new curriculum K-12, but also editing and talking with other grade levels to finalize the writing process.

Our Doyle Early Childhood Center continues to expand programming options to serve the students in our community. A new preschool class was piloted at the Woodville School for the 22-23 school year. This is a class that

serves our 4-year-old students who are preparing to enter kindergarten the following year. The Doyle Early Childhood Center also piloted age-based classes with 3- and 4-year olds grouped separately to meet the different developmental needs of each age group. The pilot has been a success and will continue into the 23-24 school year. Our expanded offerings have allowed us to serve almost all of our families who have registered so far.

Our Special Education Department continues to analyze systems, staffing, and programmatic needs to serve our students with disabilities in the most effective way. We have focused on program development district wide to create aligned programs that offer similar specially designed instruction and support. We have added positions to meet programmatic needs as well as to support the increasing social, emotional, and behavioral needs we are seeing preK-12. The department recently developed a Mobile Behavioral Support Team at our elementary level to provide consultation, best practices, and immediate support to our schools to help troubleshoot challenges.

Our Facilities Department is hard at work maintaining and improving our buildings district wide. We are close to concluding a project that has improved our Doyle and Elementary School playgrounds, with Woodville School's new playground as the most recent. We will focus on Walton and Dolbeare this summer. Doyle School has a new kitchen, which enables us to offer hot lunch to our students. Galvin Middle School continues to be maintained well, addressing issues as they arise. We have recently consulted with the Edward Davis Company to support a full security assessment of all of our schools in the district.

In an effort to improve communication and internal systems, we adopted a new student information system, PowerSchool, at the start of the 22-23 school year. While we are still learning and working to fully maximize this program, we are excited about all it has to offer!

Last, we have a lot to be proud of in our Food Services Department. Our new Food Services Director, Dustin O'Brien, joined our team at the start of the 22-23 school year. He has hit the ground running to hire and retain staff, develop relationships with local vendors, review and improve food menus, and work to accommodate the dietary needs of students and staff district wide. We are grateful for the federal funding that has allowed students to eat free of charge at all of our schools the last couple of years and are hopeful that this will continue into the 23-24 school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Lyons
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

2020-21 Expenditures	
Personnel	\$37,236,490
Contractual	\$3,834,948
Materials	\$2,690,981
Sundry	\$37,270
Sped Tuitions	\$1,009,030
Total	\$44,808,719
Capital	\$419,481
Transportation	\$ 115,000

Grants

- 262 - Early Childhood: \$46,135
- 240 - Federal Special Education Entitlement: \$1,070,355
- 317 – METCO: \$489,656
- 140 - Title IIA Teacher Quality: \$48,421
- 305 - Title I: \$112,459
- 237 - Coordinated Family and Community Engagement: \$185,540
- Circuit Breaker Special Education Reimbursement: \$1,657,467

The year saw seven staff members retire from the system. We are indebted to those professionals for their years of service, to not only the Wakefield Public Schools, but to the many students who passed through the doors. Retirees were Gary Bentz, Jeanne Buckley, Jenifer Cooke, Mary Doherty, Jean Gately, Jill Kramer, and Allen Theriault.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Special Education Department provides or arranges for the provision of services stipulated in students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The goal of the Department is to ensure a continuum of services and differentiated placements are available to meet the needs of students with disabilities who qualify for an IEP.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Special Education Department has prioritized the continued development of in-district programs to support students' needs. For example, students in the Integrated Care and Learning Program (ICLP) and the STRIVE Program transitioned from elementary school to middle school, so these two programs expanded to that level for the first

time. Additionally, students in the Language-Based Program will transition to the high school next academic year, so the Special Education Department is actively planning for the expansion of the Language-Based program to support these students in the high school setting.

The Special Education Department continues to prioritize highly differentiated professional development opportunities for special education faculty in order to ensure we are best supporting students' unique needs. As part of this professional development, we have contracted with various outside consultants to help with the development of our in-district programs. This collaboration and professional development will only improve the positive programming and services for students already established by Wakefield Public Schools.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WAKEFIELD ACADEMY

Wakefield Academy currently serves 817 students in our WPS system. Our programming consists of academic support, social-emotional support, and physical activities such as games and age-appropriate social play. We are staffed by a variety of personnel including teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, students (college and high school), and former school employees. Each instructor brings a variety of experiences to the academy and helps us deliver the best programming possible.

Wakefield Academy currently has a before- and after-school program at our four elementary schools and Doyle ECC. Additionally, we have an after-school program at our Galvin Middle School.

In addition to our daily programming, we also offer enrichment opportunities for all WPS pre-K to grade 8 students with a participation rate of 700+ students. These activities include teacher-led clubs as well as Pedro's Judo, Kidcasso Art, Kids' Test Kitchen, Sports Zone 101, Wicked Cool Science, Chess Hero, Hip Kids, Build Wave, Junior Designer, and CodeWiz. These activities have brought an additional 250+ non-Wakefield Academy students into our Wakefield Academy enrichment programming. We have received tremendous support for our new enrichment offerings this year and will continue seeking new partners throughout the spring to add to our summer and fall 2023 programs.

We hold February, April, and WoW (Warriors of Wakefield) summer camp programs. Our February and April camps are offered for students in grades pre-K to grade 4. Our WoW summer and academic camps are offered to rising grades pre-K to grade 5. Additionally, we have our summer enrichment program which is open to grades K-8. Our vacation camps offer social activities, programs, and presentations to engage all our students. The WoW Summer program includes structured academic and social activities as well as presentations for our pre-K through rising grade 5 students. All

of these programs are offered outside of the extended school-day program and are available to all WPS students within the grade parameters listed above. All programs strive to enrich the educational experience provided by our schools. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.wakefieldpublicschools.org.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

District:

- A new plow truck was added to the fleet.
- Security cameras were installed at Landrigan Field.

Wakefield Memorial High School:

- Railing outside of central office has been secured and painted.
- A new Wakefield High School has been approved.
- A new sidewalk snow machine has been added to the fleet.

Galvin:

- Retractable basketball hoops in the gym have received significant maintenance.
- Handicap door openers on the community entrance have been updated.
- The building automation system has been upgraded.

Woodville:

- A new playground has been constructed and was ready in September.

Dolbeare:

The glycol has been replaced in the HVAC system.

Greenwood:

- Fire escape has been completely rehabilitated and re-certified.

Walton:

- A large shed has been constructed to increase storage space.
- A new highly maneuverable floor machine has been added to the fleet.

Doyle:

- A complete functioning kitchen has been installed and is serving students daily.
- Staff bathroom has been completely renovated to include an additional stall and sink.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Project #1: Provided new Windows-based full-service devices to all district paraprofessionals.

Project #2: To keep up with demanding technology standards, all teachers in Wakefield Public Schools now have a device that is two years old or newer.

Project #3: Implemented new modern Student Information System to ensure information is accessible, secure, and accurate for school operations and reporting.

Project #4: Upgraded student devices in grade 7 classrooms at the Galvin Middle School, continuing to ensure students have up-to-date devices at all times.

Project #5: Refreshed all projectors at the Galvin Middle School and installed a new projector monitoring system to track usage and remotely control projectors for longer lifespan.

Project #6: Increased bandwidth at all school locations to support increasing reliance on Internet services.

Project #7: Completed an estimated 3,500 technology support tickets ranging from password resets to the installation of complete lab rebuilds and PowerSchool SIS support with everything in between for the staff of WPS as well as the community. This value was determined via reports from our helpdesk system as well as a count of emails outside of the ticketing system.

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Wakefield Memorial High School Guidance Department assisted 238 students in graduating in June of 2022. They reached their post-secondary goal in various forms: 83 percent went on to four-year colleges; 7 percent to two-year colleges; 4 percent joined the workforce; and 6 percent went to trade school, prep school, or joined our armed forces. Two hundred twenty-two WMHS students took 450 Advanced Placement exams in 24 subject areas. Fifty-three percent of the students received a grade of three or better, which is worthy of college credits from the colleges they plan to attend.

The dropout rate for the school year 2021-2022 was 0.2 percent. The entire staff and faculty work diligently to assist the guidance staff in developing successful four-year plans for all our students. Counselors attend special

education and 504 team meetings, consult frequently with staff and administration, comprise the majority of intervention and crisis teams, and act as the primary contact with families and community support agencies.

During the spring of 2023, WMHS will be administering the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) screening to all ninth graders. SBIRT is intended to identify substance-use risk behaviors and to improve health, safety, resilience, and success in students. SBIRT screening requires a structured, 1:1 conversation between a trained school professional and a student to build trusting relationships around education, behavior, and support related to substance use.

- Screening quickly assesses the severity of substance use and identifies the appropriate level of treatment.
- Brief intervention focuses on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change.
- Referral to treatment provides those identified as needing more extensive treatment with access to specialty care.

Also, during the spring of 2022, WMHS conducted S.O.S. (Signs of Suicide) screening for all eleventh graders. The program is a depression awareness and suicide prevention training that encourages students to seek help if they are concerned about themselves or a friend. The SOS Program is the only youth suicide prevention program that has demonstrated an improvement in students' knowledge and adaptive attitudes about suicide risk and depression, as well as a reduction in actual suicide attempts. Listed on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, the SOS Program has shown a reduction in self-reported suicide attempts by 40 to 64 percent in randomized control studies (Aseltine et al., 2007; Schilling et al., 2016). Our goals in participating in this program are straightforward:

- To help our students understand that depression is a treatable illness
- To explain that suicide is a preventable tragedy that often occurs as a result of untreated depression
- To provide students training in how to identify serious depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or others
- To impress upon youth that they can help themselves or others by talking to a trusted adult about their concerns
- To teach students who they can turn to at school for help, if they need it.

WMHS implemented an ongoing formal curriculum in which each student has an adult in the school, in addition to the school counselor, who knows the student well and assists the student in achieving the school's 21st century learning expectations. The school has continued with monthly extended HR periods, covering different SEL (Social Emotional Learning) topics. Topics include emotional awareness, motivation and mindset, responsibility, and self-care.

The Wakefield Memorial High School and the Galvin Middle School staff are working as a team to enhance the transition from eighth to ninth grade for all students. WMHS conducted in-person tours for eighth graders in November. WMHS hosted an eighth grade Parent Information Night in January. The presentation included department leaders describing what each department offers, guidance and schedule-related information, as well as advice provided by current WMHS students.

In order to address the increasing need for supporting students' mental health and their social/emotional wellbeing, WMHS added a third position of Adjustment Counselor for the 2022-2023 school year through grant funding. The grant covers this position through June 2025. The purpose of the adjustment counselor position is to provide one-on-one counseling targeting a specific social/emotional goal. Students are referred to the adjustment counselor through our intervention process. The goal is to provide six-to-eight weeks of counseling, but this time frame can be extended if recommended by the adjustment counselor. In addition to one-on-one counseling, the adjustment counselor holds group sessions targeting specific mental health and social/emotional needs. As we near the end of the second year having this position, it is clear that the addition of the adjustment counselors has had a significant impact on our students' mental health needs. Feedback from both students and staff regarding this additional level of support has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Guidance Office also acts as the Registrar's Office of the school, and by March 1, 2023, thirty-seven new students entered Wakefield Memorial High School. The guidance staff plays an instrumental role in acclimating a large population of new students into the wonderful culture of Wakefield High.

Students in the class of 2022 submitted an average of seven college applications, each resulting in the guidance office processing 1,680 initial transcript requests. Students in the class of 2022 attend 89 different schools of higher education.

WMHS transitioned to a new student database system, PowerSchool, for the 2022-2023 school year. The transition has been smooth thus far. After navigating through a learning curve, students and staff anecdotally report that the new database is more user friendly. Parents also have full access to PowerSchool, including access to grades, teacher rank books, schedules, and biographical data. WMHS students have PowerSchool accounts where they can access the same data as their parents.

2022 Graduates

Sucdi Abdullahi
Nathan Aliberti
Braedon Alves
Christopher Amyouny
Mary Rose Anjim
Shahbaz Anwar
Logan Armstrong
Aiva Barnard
Taylor Basque
Zachariah Baumhardt
Matthew Beede
Caroline Benedetto
Richard Bengtson
Jack Berinato
Brandin Bingham
Lauren Blois
Abigail Boudreau
Morgan Brennan
Gabriel Brissette
Maria Eduarda Brizon
Sophie Brown
Eve Buckley
James Buckley III
Matthew Burns
Beth Butler
Julia Calderone
Sophia Callahan
Taylor Campbell
Isabella Camuso
Athena Carney
Braden Carroll
Aisling Casey
Josephine Cataldo
Joshua Catino
Christiana Cecere
Emily Chan
Ashley Chesna
James Christie
Michelle Ciampi
Saoirse Clancy
Reagan Cleversey
Megan Cohen
Caroline Collins
Matthew Conley
Timothy Connolly
Allison Connor
Daniel Cook
Hunter Cook

Joshua Costa
Nico Covalucci
Christina Covelle
Stephanie Curran
Isabella DaCosta
Mia Dardis
Isabella DaSilva
Colin Davies
Samantha DeAngelis
Zachary DeAngelis
Gabriella DeNardo
Emmanuella Desruisseaux
Domenic DeVito
Bradley Diaz
Javier Diaz Arevalo
Alexis DiBella
Jeffrey DiFazio
Isabella DiMare
Maysa Do Monte
Claire Donahue
Erin Donald
Thomas Dowd
Jake Dubiel
Donald Dubuque
Bryce Dunlap
Ethan Dunn
Alexander Fata
Emily Federici
Hannah Federici
Victoria Feldman
Addison Festel
Janelle Flannigan
Donovan Foley
Caroline Ford
Allison Forti
William Garside
Uma Gerweck
Emily Gillan
Bridget Gmelch
Madison Goc
Zachary Gori
Joseph Gould-Faulkner
Molly Grady
Ethan Grantham
Emma Greatorex
Elena Greco
Genevieve Greco
Jonathan Guida

Chase Guzman
Lilyann Hagen
Emma Hammersley
Ajay Haridasse
Zachary Harter
Liam Healey
Eduardo Hernandez Coronado
Yana Herzog
Margaret High
Hannah Hill
Angela Hiltbold
Rachel Hoffman
Jack Huckins
Cailin Hurley
Luke Ickes
Nathan Ickes
Jason Jamerson
Emma Johnsen
Olivia Johnsen
Dylan Johnson
Leo Kavanagh
Hannah Kelley
Allida Kelliher
Zachary Kent
Brandon Kiley
Annie King
Nicholas Knowles
Panagiota Koutroubis
Kaylee Lamberti
Abigail Lane
Jason Langone
Kyle Layton
Nora Leach
Abigail Leary
Michael Leary
Maggie Leone
Brigid Locke
Madalyn LoCoco
Audrey Longo
Eliane Lopes
Elena Lotti
Samantha Lupien
Bryan Lynch
Miranda Macaluso
Daniel Mailhoit
Connor Mallon
Kelsey Manchester
Milana Manfre
Ryan Marsh

Karla Martinez Rivera
Evan McCarthy
Haley McDaniel
Bailey McDevitt
Owen McEleney
Brett McLellan
Cameron McMaster
Colin McPherson
Kimberly Mendoza
Ashley Mercer
Owen Michaud
Ferris Milinazzo
Mardin Minasian
Vanessa Moran
Hannah Morris
John Morris
Lisa Mouradian
Yazan Muhieddin
Thomas Mulcahy
Christopher Munroe
Johannah Murphy
Jamie Murray
Nila Murugan
Angelina Nardone
Ja'Kai Nelson
Amanda Nett
Kenneth Nguyen
Joseph O'Brien
Kaylee O'Rourke
Haley Ogier
Colin Olivieri
Alonnie Ortiz
Eve Paglierani
Benjamin Palmer
Michael Parent
Emmanuella Partyka
Aadi Patel
Sia Patel
Kaitlin Patt
Michael Pellegrino
Kaylie Petrino
Adler Pierre
Nicholas Pilleri
Salise Pique
Kayli Porter
Ashlee Purcell
Andrew Quinn
Maeve Recene
Nancy Reese

Alison Reyes
Emily Rezende
Aidan Riley
Drew Riley
Michael Roberto
Nicholas Roberto
Amber Roehrich
Adam Rosenberger
Ryan Rossini
Jade Roycroft
Kyle Russell
Sean Russell
Victoria Salas
Dominick Sanchez
Tyler Sandonato
Madeline Seabury
Samantha Seabury
Matthew Sellers
Kassandra Senices
Abhishek Sharma
Samantha Sheedy
Evan Simoneau

Elizabeth Stevens
Ryan Stewart
Liam Stromski
Riley Suntken
McKenna Sweeney
Elise Theriault
Talia Thomson
Alexander Towles-Emmons
Meghan Tulloch
Jocelyn Tyler
Ana Luiza Valdevino
Theo Valenti
Emily Walker
Siqi (Kiki) Wang
Harold Welch
Allyson Wight
Jackson Williams
Diego Winsor
Jaclyn Woish
Leo Yardumian
Sydney Yee
Ethan Zall

REPORT OF THE LUCIUS BEEBE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the spring of 2022, the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library began a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary. The celebration spans the date the cornerstone was laid in March 1922 to when the building was dedicated in April 1923. The library staff planned a range of events around the anniversary and distributed commemorative brass bookmarks.

The library continues to serve as a hub for the community, offering a variety of programs and events for residents of all ages. The library opened the Digital Media Lab, which is a free community resource for digital preservation and creativity. The Library Trustees approved the plan to digitize The Wakefield Daily Item and also updated library policies regarding flag poles and collection development.

While the annual Blossoms at the Beebe was canceled for the third consecutive year, Friends of Beebe Library were able to host their annual book sale event in June, as well as subsequent book sales at the Farmer's Market.

Finally, Tim Healy, who served on the Board of Library Trustees for 30 years, chose not to seek re-election. After the April Town election, the Board welcomed new trustee Jackie Natale. We thank the Town of Wakefield for its continued support.

Members of the Board included: Laura Cutone Godwin, Secretary; Jeffrey Quinn, Chair; Chris Barrett; Paul Gordon; Aimee Lominac; Jacqueline Natale; Adam Rodgers; Scott Staiti; and Susan Wetmore.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The library's year began with an indoor mask mandate, rapid tests, and distancing that quickly gave way to a return to relatively normal use, but with fewer daily visitors than pre-pandemic. Most traditional programs and events were restored this year, which was the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Main Street building.

Library staff created a 100th anniversary logo to celebrate and produced commemorative library cards, pins, magnets, brass bookmarks, and 3D fireworks glasses. Library history, trivia, photos, and ephemera were highlighted throughout the year at the library's website, weekly newsletter, display case, and Blake Gallery.

Service enhancements included Digital Media Lab equipment and training to digitize, preserve, and create various media; weekly Tech Training; online e-card and automatic e-renewal; free online access to the New York Times, NYT Games, NYT Cooking, Headspace meditation app, AtoZ Databases, ComicsPlus ebooks, and Peterson test prep; and new hot spots,

Chromebooks, Rokus, Wonderbooks, and a Pickleball set available for borrowing.

In 2022, Beebe became a charter subscriber to the Library Speaker Consortium author talks platform. The Living Room was redesigned to include poetry, coffee table books, and puzzles.

In addition to library staff participation in outdoor pop ups, a virtual Community Conversation, and an Opera Club podcast, popular library events included Plaza Jazz, BeebeCon, Summer Reading, WCAT Beebe Book Buzz, Wakefield 101 at the Americal Civic Center, and WMHS Art Department Halloween Pumpkins on the Plaza.

Pride and Juneteenth flag raisings were hosted on the library plaza at the request of Town Council. During multiple heat waves, the library served as a designated cooling center.

Wakefield Rotary, also celebrating 100 years, sponsored an Arbor Day raffle and replacement of the ailing Avon Street cherry tree with an Appalachian Dogwood.

Staff completed grant-funded Cybersecurity Awareness Training and Professional Preservation Assessment projects.

Personnel Changes

Resigned: Circulation Assistants Kimberly Sampson and Alexis Bergeron, Children's Librarian Amanda Brown, Reference Librarians Brigid Black and Alyssa True, and Custodian Edward Downing.

Hired: Circulation Assistants Samantha Cramer and Mary Kate Butler (promoted), Children's Librarian Molly MacDougald, Reference Librarians Amanda DeRosa and Kathryn Walton, and Custodian Mark Kelley.

Page positions were restructured as single fiscal-year appointments to accommodate student schedule changes. Pages Mia Dardis, Molly Morris, and Vanessa Westlake resigned; Mary Kate Butler, Jacey Jewett, Nicholas Kattar, and Russell Whalen were hired.

Building Improvements

Maintenance and repairs on aging systems were complicated by required software upgrades and unavailable parts. All library systems needed extra service in 2022: HVAC, elevators, roof leaks, lighting, security, and masonry repointing.

At year's end, main floor carpeting was scheduled to be installed in early January.

And, while rabbits often need help being removed from the library window wells, this year a skunk was removed without incident by a brave maintenance supervisor.

Core Collection Holdings	
Physical print & other media	92,669
Digital downloads & streaming	140,367
Total Holdings	233,036
Circulation	
Physical print & other media	267,915
Digital downloads & streaming	54,815
Total Annual Circulation	322,730
Interlibrary Loans to Wakefield	22,095
Interlibrary Loans from Wakefield	20,897
Total cardholders	12,869
Services	
Annual Building Visits	140,792
Daily Average	419
Reference Transactions	14,917
Digital Media Lab Uses	52
Patron Meeting Room Uses	71
Adult Programs	174
Adult Program Participants	2,252
Youth Programs	381
Youth Program Participants	7,132
Email newsletter subscriptions	4,330
Social media followers	4,459

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Ellis McDonald
Library Director

REPORT OF THE NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

100 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880-3597

School Administration

Superintendent-Director, David DiBarri

Principal-Deputy Director, Carla Scuzzarella

District School Committee

Deborah P. Davis – Woburn, Chair

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Brittany A. Carisella – Wakefield, Committee Member

Larry Means – Stoneham, Committee Member

Brant Snyder – Winchester, Committee Member

Robert O'Dwyer – Winthrop, Committee Member

Outstanding Student Award

Thomas Fung from Stoneham, a student in the HVAC/R program, was chosen as Northeast's nominee at the State Awards Dinner for Outstanding Vocational Technical Students. The event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

National Technical Honor Society

The Northeast Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony in April. At the ceremony, 38 Juniors were inducted. There is a total of 38 Technical Honor Society members for the 2021-2022 school year.

National Honor Society

The Annual Induction Ceremony to the Northeast Chapter of the National Honor Society "Artisans" was held in April. At the ceremony, 27 Juniors and 11 sophomores were inducted for the 2021-2022 school year bringing the total membership to 45.

Scholarship Committee

The Northeast Awards and Scholarship Committee and PAC board presented awards and scholarships to 30 deserving students at the annual Senior Recognition Night. A total of \$51,900.00 was presented to Northeast students who will be working in their vocational fields, entering trade apprentice programs, or going on to one-, two-, or four-year programs at accredited colleges, universities, and trade schools. These awards and

scholarships provide the students opportunities to purchase tools and equipment and assist in offsetting the expense of attending institutions of higher education.

School Wide Professional Development 21-22

The goal of professional development is to:

- Ensure that staff members are following current regulations enacted by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).
- Guarantee that all staff members are knowledgeable of legislation impacting the educational process of the Commonwealth.
- Make staff members aware of the most recent trends and strategies in the district's mission of improving student achievement.
- Ensure implementation of effective ESL teaching strategies in a vocational high school.
- Correct the negatively affected academic growth during the pandemic (as identified by our year-end assessments) by developing trimester curriculum mapping, applicable pacing guides, lesson plans, common assessments, and utilizing SEI techniques and other teaching strategies to align current curriculums with the appropriate Curriculum Frameworks for each course offered at Northeast. The expectation is we will complete the process by the end of school year 2022/2023.

2022 Summer Transition Program:

The Summer Transition and Enrichment Program at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School is a two-week program that ran from July 8 until July 19. The program was an introduction to Career-Technical Education as well as an introduction to High School English and Math courses with a focus on MCAS preparation. This program is for our incoming freshmen who are part of our graduating class of 2026. We had 228 students partake in this program and the students participated in the following shops: Cosmetology, HVAC, drafting and design, auto technology, auto body and collision, business technology, culinary arts, design and visual communications, electrical, and plumbing. The students had the opportunity to explore four different shops over the two-week period. This program is funded by federal Title 1 and Carl D. Perkins Grants. These services, as well as the program itself, are run at no cost for the students or parents/guardians. Transportation is provided.

Support Services

The Northeast Student Services staff offers support and counseling to all students through individual and group counseling, specialized workshops and presentations, health services, and mediation services. All Northeast counselors are certified as School Adjustment Counselors and are qualified to handle a wide range of student issues. Two School Adjustment Counselors are bilingual (Spanish-speaking).

The Career Counselor provides career awareness and career development services to all students. The Career Counselor and School Adjustment Counselors provide specialized support to students enrolled in non-traditional vocational areas. Two school nurses provide health services.

Support counseling groups are established each year based on student needs. Counseling groups for social skills development, anxiety management, non-traditional support, and English Language Learner support groups have been offered in the past.

The School Adjustment Counselors provide individual counseling support and crisis intervention to all students as needed. They provide support to homeless students, assessing their special needs and coordinating with the Homeless Liaison (Administrator of Student Services). They also are responsible for developing and monitoring Section 504 Accommodation Plans in conjunction with the Administrator of Student Services. School Adjustment Counselors collaborate with school personnel, family members, doctors, psychiatrists, outside therapists, social workers, police officers, court personnel, and others.

The School Adjustment Counselors work to connect students and families with community-based mental health services as needed. Elliot Community Human Services of Lynn serves as our crisis intervention linkage for emergency mental health services in the community.

The Bilingual School Adjustment Counselors provide native language support (Spanish) as needed to limited-English-proficient students and families across all grades. They provide specific support to the English Language Education program at Northeast and support other Northeast Latino students and families as needed. Translation services (oral and written) and interpreting services are often required for parent communication throughout the building and, as needed, the counselor coordinates with all departments to assist. Referrals are made to a Native Language Psychologist for testing for Special Education evaluation. Coordination for translation in other home languages is done on an as-needed basis.

The post-graduate career counseling process is emphasized by all school counselors starting in grade 9. The Career Center is the focal area for a well-planned four-year career development program that prepares all Northeast students for their individually chosen career paths. The curriculum focuses on career assessment; career information and requirements; employability and entrepreneurial skills; interviewing skills; portfolios; and resume preparation. By providing assessments to evaluate skills, interests, and work values, the Career Counselor works with the School Adjustment Counselors to assist freshmen in their vocational selection process and upper-class students with linkages to post-secondary education and employment opportunities.

The Career and Adjustment Counselors provide directed support to those students who are enrolled in career areas that are considered non-traditional for their gender. Students have the opportunity to participate in support groups, specialized presentations, and field trips that prepare them to understand the benefits of non-traditional choices, to manage challenges in each occupation, and to understand the required post-secondary linkages to achieve their goals. The school nurses have coordinated support services for pregnant and parenting teens with outside providers affiliated with local hospitals. In addition, they provide support to students with chronic medical conditions, coordinating with parents, doctors, nurses, etc. The school nurses work closely with the School Adjustment Counselors to coordinate assistance when mental health needs arise. They also work closely with the Deans when emergency medical evaluations are required.

The Social Emotional Support Counselor (SESC) at Northeast works collaboratively with the administration, guidance, and teaching staff to ascertain high-risk needs areas for students and coordinate comprehensive intervention and prevention services utilizing internal and external resources. The SESC collaborated with outside public health agencies and utilized best practices in prevention services. The SESC served as a liaison for Northeast Metro Tech on public health community teams to bring resources to our school. The IPC focused on the following areas during the school year: substance abuse, vaping, bullying prevention, conflict resolution, mental health, and social emotional learning throughout the curriculum. The Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Coordinator implemented diversity, equality, and inclusion strategies throughout the district. The DEI Coordinator led initiatives with staff, students, and families. The DEI goal is to cultivate an inclusive culture that centers on respect, transparent communication, and the social-emotional needs of our stakeholders.

In addition to the support provided by the counseling staff, the Special Education Department offers a TEAM meeting process that promotes monitoring of student progress and educational support. Each Special Education student is assigned a liaison who is a teacher in the Special Education Department who oversees progress in relation to the Individual Education Program, communicating with parents, teachers, and counselors to help all students achieve success.

The Northeast Mentoring Program is a freshmen transition program that matches junior and senior mentors with small groups of freshmen students. The Northeast Mentors present the Freshmen Orientation Day and meet with their groups throughout the year to offer support and to deliver positive lessons that promote a positive school climate. The mentors are trained in a leadership climate by the student services staff, developing a core of approximately 90 peer leaders from eleventh and twelfth grades.

The After-School Help Program is one of educational assistance provided by academic and vocational teachers to students having difficulty with one or more academic subjects. This free assistance is offered every Wednesday in the library from 2:45 to 3:25 p.m.. Water and snacks are provided as well as free transportation home.

Special school-wide workshops and presentations are offered through the year for different groups of students. Each year, all freshmen participate in group workshops focusing on identifying the signs of depression and gender equity issues. Large group assemblies and presentations have been offered focusing on goal setting and acts of kindness, substance abuse, teen dating issues, tolerance, character building, and others.

On a larger scale, the student service emphasis is on communication – communication with students and with parents. Mid-term progress reports are sent to parents each trimester and report cards are sent home three times per year. E-mail communication is welcomed and progress-update meetings are held as needed. Parents and guardians are asked to be involved with all course scheduling activities.

Post-graduate planning information is shared through career assessment and planning activities. Career plans are sent home annually for parent review. Language development is communicated for limited-English proficient students through assessment data and parent meetings. It is our goal to service all students equitably while attending specifically to those who have specific life challenges.

Community Education Program

The Community Education Program is a broad base collaborative community initiative assisting learners of all kinds complete their education and achieve economic self-sufficiency through empowerment skills, health care, support services, and meaningful employment.

Our vision is to deliver an educational experience in a positive environment that will enable Northeast to reach new heights together with our lifelong learning community. The focus of the Community Education Program is to offer programs that meet the demands of our learning populations. In doing this, we give people the opportunity to improve employment skills, fulfill lifelong goals, or enrich their lives with social activities. With the most qualified instructors and state-of-the-art labs, Northeast strives to maintain the highest standards of education. Emphasis is on our new technology, upgrades such as brochure modification, and new state of the art website construction. We offer new programs in the medical field, new culinary classes, continuing education in all construction-related courses, computer and CAD classes, photography, and many other enrichment courses.

2022 Graduates

The 2021-22 school year represents the fifty-second class to matriculate at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. Northeast graduated 312 students. Breakdown of graduates' status after graduation is as follows:

- Attending 4-year college: 100
- Attending 2-year college: 65
- Apprentice school: 2
- Employed: 100
- Entering Military service: 1
- Other: 44

Special Needs Enrollment

Special Needs enrollment for the 2021-22 school year continued to represent approximately one-quarter share of the total school enrollment with students. The 303 Special Needs students represent 25 percent of the school population. Additionally, 123 students were eligible for services under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

District School Committee Election of Officers

At the Annual Organizational Meeting of the District School Committee on January 13, 2022, the following members were elected as Officers of the Northeast District School Committee:

- Chair: Deborah P. Davis, Woburn
- Vice Chair: Judith M. Dymont, North Reading
- Secretary: Peter A. Rossetti, Jr., Saugus
- Treasurer: Ward Hamilton, Melrose
- Associate Treasurer: Robert McCarthy, Reading

Conclusion

As Northeast celebrates its fifty-second year of career/technical excellence with its twelve-member communities, the district continues to offer students the finest career technical education with which to build a successful career.

The District supports curriculum in both academic and career technical classrooms with the latest equipment and technology. Evidence of our commitment is reflected in the State's grade 9 to 12 dropout-rate reports, which indicates Northeast is significantly lower at 0.2 percent versus the State rate of 1.5 percent. Recent graduate follow-up data indicates that 97.3 percent of students from the Class of 2022 were positively placed in relevant post-secondary areas (Source: MA DESE CVTE PerkinsV-Post secondary placement).

In fact, Northeast currently employs 32 alumni at the school, including the Superintendent-Director. Alumni stories of success and their readiness and willingness to help their alma mater by recruiting graduates for cooperative

education experiences or employment is proof of their dedication to Northeast. Testimonials as to the success of our graduates continue to be received, which makes us proud to have contributed in some small way to their accomplishments.

The Northeast Class of 2022 did not take the MCAS Exam due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent group of sophomores taking the test in the spring of 2022 saw a 95 percent passing rate in ELA, a 93 percent passing rate in mathematics, and an 88 percent passing rate in science. Northeast continues to offer school-day MCAS Enrichment Classes and after-school enrichment programs for those students in need of additional preparation for the MCAS. Northeast also offers a well-attended Summer Transition Program for incoming freshmen and as a Saturday Exploratory Trade Program for students on the school wait list and for High School students from our feeder communities.

The Career Center facilitates student access to technology to further learn business aspects of their industries; develop career plans, resumes, and comprehensive portfolios; and prepare college and other post-secondary documents with the assistance of our faculty, including Career and Adjustment Counselors.

Northeast continues to provide students the finest career technical education with which to build a positive and productive post-secondary experience, be it college or career, offering experiences with the latest equipment and technology in both the career technical and academic programs.

Once again, I am proud to have represented Wakefield as a member of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational District School Committee. I will continue to serve as the guardian of funds allocated from the community to this educational institution, assist in, and provide counsel to the school in maintaining the highest standards of educational excellence possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany A. Carisella
Northeast School Committee, Wakefield Representative

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GAS AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT

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Our one hundred twenty-sixth annual report of the Municipal Gas and Light Department covers the fiscal period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The total electric sales of the Department totaled 162,122,970 kWh compared to 163,382,094 kWh the prior year. This slight decrease was primarily attributable to seasonal weather differences. The peak month for electric usage was August with 17,918,986 kWh of energy consumed. The highest single-day usage was August 12, 2021, with 760,951 kWh sold. The winter peak month was January with 16,131,303 kWh consumed. The highest winter single-day usage occurred on January 27, 2022, with a consumption of 572,743 kWh sold.

The Department continued to connect several large new customer projects and continued to construct infrastructure to provide redundancy between the Beebe Substation and the Wallace Substation. The Department continues to upgrade its overhead and underground distribution infrastructure to improve system reliability and has continued to implement its multi-year plan to retire most of its older 4,160 volt system and replace it with a 13,800 volt system which will be more reliable and better equipped for future expansion. The Department efficiently and effectively responded to the numerous storms with minimal impact on the infrastructure and continued to invest in system improvements. Vegetation management remains a priority to continue to improve system reliability.

Total gas sales of the Department were 595,923 MCF sold compared to 602,324 MCF in the prior year. This very small decrease from the prior year is attributable to a milder than normal winter. February was the peak month for gas usage with 130,885 MCF consumed that month.

The Department continued to manage its gas supply from the Kinder Morgan pipeline and National Grid. The Department continues to replace old steel and cast iron gas mains with modern plastic gas mains, which will ensure a safe and reliable gas distribution system. Completed major gas main upgrades include the sections on Broadway, Montrose Ave., Cedar Street, Emerson Street, and surrounding side streets. The regulator station on Farm Street was replaced, completing a three-year project of upgrading all the Department's regulator stations to the same design, equipment, and operational procedures to improve reliability and safety.

The Department has continued to improve its website and continues to improve its customer service options.

The Department's energy conservation program, which combines energy audits with rebates for the installation of weatherization material and the purchase of energy efficient appliances, continues to be popular. Several modifications and enhancements were made to the program to

encourage the reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Five hundred and fifty-three customers received \$21,121 in rebates and \$256,859 in conservation incentives, including incentives for the Department's solar rebate program.

Members of the Commission include: Jennifer Kallay, Chair; Elton Prifti, Secretary; Thomas Boettcher; Phillip Courcy; and John Warchol. Peter Dion is the General Manager.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Annual Town Election April 26, 2022								
	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 1	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 2	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 3	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 4	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 5	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 6	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 7	TOTAL
Registered voters	2725	2792	2941	2835	2870	2822	2808	19793
Voters	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
TOWN COUNCIL								
JONATHAN CHINES	321	215	341	322	339	339	377	2254
MICHAEL J. McLANE	298	161	233	245	283	293	311	1824
KAITLIN MARIA DOLAN	302	169	234	202	211	233	299	1650
ROBERT E. VINCENT	366	215	305	298	330	299	426	2239
Total write-ins	3	4	4	4	7	2	5	29
Times Blank Voted	315	205	248	216	273	301	376	1934
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
TOWN TREASURER								
JOHN J. MCCARTHY, JR.	338	201	319	289	327	323	387	2184
Total write-ins	3	1	2	0	2	2	1	11
Times Blank Voted	194	121	134	140	152	164	210	1115
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
SCHOOL COMMITTEE								
THOMAS F. MARKHAM, III	231	177	261	279	278	300	296	1822
AMI RUEHRWEIN WALL	277	141	185	161	191	190	286	1431
EILEEN P. COLLERAN	243	177	267	235	272	269	287	1750
KEVIN FONTANELLA	245	176	259	242	282	285	331	1820
ALEXANDRA LANGES MAKAREWICZ	101	41	86	60	62	72	73	495
CARMEN A. SORRENTINO	146	67	92	93	93	101	126	718
GREGORY E. SPRY	207	85	96	112	121	108	189	918
Total write-ins	2	4	3	3	0	0	1	13
Times Blank Voted	153	101	116	102	144	142	205	963
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
MUNICIPAL GAS & LIGHT COMMISSIONER								
THOMAS H. BOETTCHER	335	208	331	301	320	306	370	2171
PHILIP R. COURCY	333	200	321	272	321	322	380	2149
Total write-ins	3	2	2	7	4	4	7	29
Times Blank Voted	399	236	256	278	317	346	439	2271
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
BOARD OF ASSESSORS								
BRIAN DONEGAN	324	196	305	274	311	299	350	2059
Total write-ins	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	7
Times Blank Voted	210	125	149	155	168	190	247	1244
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310

	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 1	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 2	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 3	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 4	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 5	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 6	WAKEFIELD PRECINCT 7	TOTAL
LIBRARY TRUSTEES								
CHRISTOPHER M. BARRETT	347	205	316	291	329	337	394	2219
JEFFREY MICHAEL QUINN	328	192	298	276	309	299	351	2053
JACQUELINE A. NATALE	333	204	312	284	333	312	371	2149
Total write-ins	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	7
Times Blank Voted	597	366	437	436	472	519	675	3502
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
PLANNING BOARD								
JAMES CHARLES HOGAN	323	195	314	285	318	304	371	2110
Total write-ins	2	1	0	2	3	1	0	9
Times Blank Voted	210	127	141	142	160	184	227	1191
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
BOARD OF HEALTH								
ELAINE M. SILVA	330	206	337	290	330	319	373	2185
Total write-ins	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Times Blank Voted	204	116	118	138	150	170	224	1120
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
CONSTABLE 3 YEARS								
CHRISTIAN KEVIN LOPES	331	207	321	290	307	308	377	2141
Total write-ins	1	1	2	4	3	0	3	14
Times Blank Voted	203	115	132	135	171	181	218	1155
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
CONSTABLE 1 YEAR								
Total write-ins	42	28	49	42	51	49	44	305
Times Blank Voted	493	295	406	387	430	440	554	3005
Total Ballots	535	323	455	429	481	489	598	3310
HOUSING AUTHORITY								
SARAH L. FOWLER	327	327	311	282	312	297	366	2096
Total write-ins	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	6
Times Blank Voted	207	207	144	146	167	191	231	1208
Total Ballots	535	535	455	429	481	489	598	3310

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 16, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting, held at the Galvin Middle School Auditorium, 525 Main Street, in Wakefield on Monday, the 16th day of May 2022, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, was called to order by Moderator William Harbison Carroll at 7:00 p.m. There were 101 registered voters in attendance.

Moderator Carroll accepted the Return of Service from Town Clerk Betsy Sheeran. Town Clerk Sheeran led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Carroll recognized Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio who made the following motion:

That the Town vote to take the Consent Agenda Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 out of order. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to approve the following Articles as part of a consent agenda: Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The effective motions of each individual article will be as stated in the recommendation book. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 1

To determine how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Human Services, Public Works, Public Service Enterprises Education, Unclassified, Benefits & Administration, and Light Department specifying what appropriation shall be taken from the receipts of a department; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy or transfer from available funds the sums of money as detailed in the following recommendations for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the grand total amounting to \$114,171,027. The motions will provide for the breakdown of this amount and the sources thereof in the various classifications as described in the recommendation book to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer available funds a sum of money for Capital Outlay; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Capital Outlay Committee

Franklin Leone, Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy the amount of \$2,100,000 and transfer the amount of \$862,000 from the sewer receipts account to the Sewer Department Capital Outlay account and the sum of \$875,000 from the water receipts account to the Water Department Capital Outlay account to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Capital Projects/Debt Service Fund, also known as the Debt Service Fund; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy to the Capital Projects Fund, also known as the Debt Service Fund, the sum of \$4,133,698 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed. Consent Agenda.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such sum of the balance of the operating fund of the Municipal Gas and Light Department as of June 30, 2021 as the Board of Light Commissioners may vote in computing the tax rate for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Municipal Light Commissioners

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such sum of \$945,828. from the operating fund of the Municipal Gas and Light Department in computing the tax rate for fiscal period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed. Consent Agenda.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer funds including the excess and deficiency account a sum of money to supplement the appropriations of all budgets for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$202,500 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed. Consent Agenda.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to indemnify certain police officers and firefighters of the Town for medical, surgical and hospitalization expenses as a result of injuries received by the officers/firefighters in the performance of

their duties, as provided for under Section 100, Chapter 41 of Massachusetts General Laws in such amount and to such extent as may be recommended by the Town Council; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$130,000 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed. Consent Agenda.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to accept, or take by eminent domain proceedings, conveyances or easements from time to time, giving the Town the right to construct and maintain drains, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to carry out the purpose of this Article; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

DPW Director Joseph Conway moved that the Town raise and appropriate from tax levy the sum of \$1.00 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed. Consent Agenda.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the collection, disposal, recycling and composting of refuse; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

DPW Director Joseph Conway moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy the sum of \$2,292,046 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money for drainage improvements and to determine whether the appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Engineer William Renault moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the completion of repairs to the drainage systems throughout the Town, and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Council, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$900,000

under and pursuant to G.L. chapter 44, section 7 (1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action. This article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote. VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money for the design and/or construction of the Hart's Hill Water Tower, and to determine whether the appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

DPW Director Joseph Conway moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of replacing the Hart's Hill Water Tower, including the design, construction and other costs related thereto; and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of Town Council, is authorized to borrow the said sum under and pursuant to G.L., chapter 44, section 8 (4), or any other enabling authority, which may include the Local Water System Assistance Program of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action. This article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote. VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money for the design and/or construction of railroad crossing improvements and to determine whether the appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the design and/or construction of railroad crossing improvements and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Council, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$2,000,000 under and pursuant to G.L., chapter 44, section 7 (1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action. This Article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, & 59 and G.L. c. 23A §§ 3E and 3F and all applicable regulations thereunder to (a) approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement among FastCap Systems Corporation

d/b/a Nanoramic Laboratories, IRG Wakefield Limited Partnership and the Town substantially in the form which is on file with the Town Clerk (the "TIF Agreement") for improvements to the real property located at 7 Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA, which property is shown on the Assessors' Maps as Map 36W, Block 030, Lot 007 and as more fully described in the TIF Agreement, which agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein (b) authorize the Town Council to execute and deliver the TIF Agreement, and any document relating thereto and (c) authorize the Town Council to approve submission to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the TIF Agreement and an Economic Development Incentive Program Application, together with any associated documents , all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement; and to take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Article; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote pursuant to G.L., chapter 40 , section 59 and G.L. chapter 23A, sections 3E and 3F and all applicable regulations thereunder to: (a) approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement among FastCap Systems Corporation d/b/a Nanoramic Laboratories, IRG Wakefield Limited Partnership and the Town substantially in the form which is on the file with the Town Clerk (the TIF Agreement) for improvements to the real property located at 7 Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA, which property is shown on the Assessor's Maps at Map 36W, Block 030, Lot 007, and is more fully described in the TIF Agreement, which agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; (b) authorize the Town Council to execute and deliver the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto; and (c) authorize the Town Council to approve submission to Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the TIF Agreement and an Economic Development Incentive Program "Local Incentive – Only" Application, together with any associated documents , all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement; and to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 59 § 5, cl 56, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant real and personal property tax abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries; or to see what the town will do about it.

Board of Assessors

Town Assessor Victor Santaniello moved that the Town accept the provisions of G.L., chapter 59, section 5, clause 56 to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for professional services to assist in the review and recodification of the Zoning Bylaws; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from tax levy to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to approve the decision of the Wakefield Retirement Board to increase the maximum base amount on which the cost-of-living adjustment is calculated for Wakefield Retirement System retirees and survivors for fiscal year 2023 and subsequent years in accordance with G.L. c. 32 § 103(j); or to see what the Town will do about it.

Contributory Retirement Board

Retirement Board Member Daniel Sherman moved that the Town approve the Wakefield Retirement Board's vote to increase the maximum base amount on which the cost-of-living adjustment is calculated from \$14,000 to \$16,000 for FY 2023 and subsequent years in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 32, Section 103 (j) to carry out the purpose of this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to approve the decision of the Retirement Board to increase the Member Survivor Minimum allowance from \$250 per month to \$500 per month for surviving spouses of deceased employees in accordance with G.L. c. 32 § 12 (2)(d); or to see what the Town will do about it.

Contributory Retirement Board

Retirement Board member Daniel Sherman moved that the Town approve the Wakefield Retirement Board's vote to increase the Member Survivor Minimum allowance from \$250 to \$500 per month for surviving spouses

of deceased employees for FY 2023 and subsequent years, in accordance with M.G.L., chapter 32, section 12 (2)(d) to carry out the purpose of this motion. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw. Town of Wakefield by amending the existing Wakefield Zoning Map by changing the zoning district designation of so much of the property known and numbered as 343 Albion Street and shown on Wakefield Assessors Maps as Parcel 1AA on Map 08 as is currently within the Single Residence District to the General Residence District, as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk. Also, amending the zoning text, § 190-7. Zoning Map, such that the revised zoning map bears a new date; the first sentence of § 190-7.A. is replaced with the following, "A. Except as set forth below, the above zoning districts are shown on the map entitled "Wakefield Zoning Map, dated June 1, 2022."; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Citizen Petition

Brian McGrail, Esq. moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in this Article. The motion was seconded. The Article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

VOTE: Yes: 89; No: 9

Motion passed.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Zoning Bylaw Section 190-31 (H); or to see what the Town will do about it.

Citizen Petition

Nghi Luu moved that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in this Article. The motion was seconded. This Article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

VOTE: Yes: 50; No: 39

Motion failed.

At 9:30 p.m. a motion was made to dissolve Town Meeting. This motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Return of votes: Democrat State Primary September 06, 2022
Total number of persons who voted in the Democrat State Primary: 3356
Return of votes : Republican State Primary September 06, 2022
Total number of persons who voted in the Republican State Primary:1523

Party: DEMOCRAT
Office Name: GOVERNOR
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	SONIA ROSA CHANG-DIAZ	413
2	MAURA HEALY	2883
3	DAVID A. STASIO	0
4	JOSEPH A. BONCORE	0
5	MARIE J. RENNA	0
	All Others	4
	Blanks	56
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	KIMBERLY DRISCOLL	1983
2	TAMI GOUVEIA	453
3	ERIC LESSER	731
	All others	3
	Blanks	186
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: ATTORNEY GENERAL
District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	1609
2	SHANNON ERIKA LISS-RIORDAN	1127
3	QUENTIN PALFREY	487
	All Others	3
	Blanks	130
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: SECRETARY OF STATE

District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	2517
2	TANISH M. SULLIVAN	757
*	FRANK L. MAZZUCHELLI	0
	All others	2
	Blanks	80
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: TREASURER

District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	2674
*	THOMAS B. CONNELL	0
	All others	14
	Blanks	668
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: AUDITOR

District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	CHRISTOPHER S. DEMPSEY	1230
2	DANA DIZOGLIO	1773
	All others	5
	Blanks	348
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

District Name: 0007 SIXTH DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	SETH MOULTON	2865
	All others	14
	Blanks	477
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: COUNCILOR

District Name: 0017 SIXTH DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	TERRANCE KENNEDY	2604
*	ROSEANN TRIONFI-MAZZUCHEL	0
	All others	9
	Blanks	743
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

District Name: 0091 NINTH ESSEX DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates	Votes
NO NOMINATION	0
All others	222
Blanks	1579
Total Votes Cast	1801

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

District Name: 0149 THIRTY-SECOND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	KATE LIPPER-GARABEDIAN	1250
	All others	5
	Blanks	300
	Total Votes Cast	1555

Office Name: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Name: 0224 NORTHERN DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	MARIAN T RYAN	2683
	All others	20
	Blanks	653
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: SHERIFF

District Name: 0239 MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN	2573
	All others	16
	Blanks	767
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Office Name: SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

District Name: 310 FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	JASON M. LEWIS	2717
	All others	13
	Blanks	626
	Total Votes Cast	3356

Party: REPUBLICAN
Office Name: GOVERNOR
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	GEOFF DIEHL	865
2	CHRIS DOUGHTY	635
3	ROBERT T. TANNER	0
	All Others	2
	Blanks	21
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	LEAH V. ALLEN	872
2	KATE CAMPANALE	499
	All Others	2
	Blanks	150
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: ATTORNEY GENERAL
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	JAMES R. MCMAHON	1120
	All Others	4
	Blanks	399
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: SECRETARY OF STATE
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	RAYLA CAMPBELL	1086
	All Others	8
	Blanks	429
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: TREASURER
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
*	MARK WOOD	0
*	STEPHEN J. WHITE	0
*	TAMMY A. TANNER	0
	All Others	102
	Blanks	1421
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: AUDITOR
District Name: 0001 STATE WIDE
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	ANTHONY AMORE	1072
	All Others	2
	Blanks	449
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
District Name: 0007 SIXTH DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	BOB MAY	1102
	All Others	3
	Blanks	418
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: COUNCILOR
District Name: 0017 SIXTH DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
*	RONALD VECCHIA	0
	All Others	114
	Blanks	1409
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
District Name: 0091 NINTH ESSEX DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	DONALD H. WONG	764
	All Others	5
	Blanks	141
	Total Votes Cast	910

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
District Name: 0149 THIRTY SECOND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
*	NO NOMINATION	0
	All Others	45
	Blanks	568
	Total Votes Cast	613

Office Name: DISTRICT ATTORNEY
District Name: 0224 NORTHERN DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
*	NO NOMINATION	0
	All Others	89
	Blanks	1434
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: SHERIFF
District Name: 0239 MIDDLESEX COUNTY
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
*	NO NOMINATION	0
	All Others	101
	Blanks	1422
	Total Votes Cast	1523

Office Name: SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
District Name: 1310 FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
Town Name: 305 WAKEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes
1	EDWARD F. DOMBROSKI JR.	1185
	All Others	4
	Blanks	334
	Total Votes Cast	1523

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Return of votes: State Election November 8, 2022
Number of Persons who Voted in the State Election: 12279

OFFICE NAME: GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DISTRICT NAME: 0001 STATEWIDE
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
DIEHL AND ALLEN	4655	REPUBLICAN
HEALEY AND DRISCOLL	7336	DEMOCRAT
REED AND EVERETT	151	LIBERTARIAN
All others	18	
Blanks	118	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: ATTORNEY GENERAL
DISTRICT NAME: 0001 STATEWIDE
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	7167	DEMOCRAT
JAMES R. MCMAHON,III	4762	REPUBLICAN
All others	12	
Blanks	338	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: SECRETARY OF STATE
DISTRICT NAME: 0001 STATEWIDE
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	8027	DEMOCRAT
RAYLA CAMPBELL	3818	REPUBLICAN
JUAN SANCHEZ	187	GREEN-RAINBOW
All others	6	
Blanks	241	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: TREASURER
DISTRICT NAME: 0001 STATEWIDE
TOWN: 306 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	8010	DEMOCRAT
CHRISTINA CRAWFORD	2466	LIBERTARIAN
All others	55	
Blanks	1748	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: AUDITOR
DISTRICT NAME: 0001 STATEWIDE
TOWN: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
ANTHONY AMORE	5020	REPUBLICAN
DIANA DIZOGLIO	6017	DEMOCRAT
GLORIA A. CABALLERO-ROCA	190	GREEN-RAINBOW
DOMINIC GIANNONE,III	181	WORKERS PARTY
DANIEL WERNER RIEK	177	LIBERTARIAN
All others	10	
Blanks	684	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT NAME: 0007 SIXTH DISTRICT
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
SETH MOULTON	7393	DEMOCRAT
BOB MAY	4363	REPUBLICAN
MARK T. TASHJIAN	208	UNENROLLED
All others	4	
Blanks	311	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: COUNCILLOR
DISTRICT NAME: 0017 SIXTH DISTRICT
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
TERRENCE W. KENNEDY	8125	DEMOCRAT
All others	227	
Blanks	3927	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DISTRICT NAME: 0224 NORTHERN DISTRICT
TOWN: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
MARIAN T. RYAN	8127	DEMOCRAT
All others	226	
Blanks	3926	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: SHERIFF
DISTRICT NAME: 0239 MIDDLESEX COUNTY
TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates		
PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN	8185	DEMOCRAT
All others	222	
Blanks	3872	
Total Votes Cast	12279	

OFFICE NAME: SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

DISTRICT NAME: 1310 FIFTH MIDDLESEX

TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

Candidates

JASON M. LEWIS	6148	DEMOCRAT
EDWARD F. DOMBROSKI, JR.	5796	REPUBLICAN

All others	6
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Blanks	329
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Total Votes Cast	12279
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OFFICE NAME: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

DISTRICT NAME: 0091 NINTH ESSEX DISTRICT

TOWN NAME: 305 WAKEFIELD

PRECINCT 1

Candidates

DONALD H. WONG	1235	REPUBLICAN
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All others	12
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Blanks	397
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Total Votes Cast	1645
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PRECINCT 2

Candidates

DONALD H. WONG	1081	REPUBLICAN
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All others	35
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Blanks	454
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Total Votes Cast	1570
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PRECINCT 3

Candidates

DONALD H. WONG	1322	REPUBLICAN
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All others	22
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Blanks	500
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Total Votes Cast	1844
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PRECINCT 7

Candidates

DONALD H. WONG	1322	REPUBLICAN
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All others	21
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Blanks	512
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Total Votes Cast	1855
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OFFICE NAME: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

DISTRICT NAME: 0149 THIRTY-SECOND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

TOWN: 305 WAKEFIELD

PRECINCT 4

Candidates

KATE LIPPER-GARABEDIAN	1027	DEMOCRAT
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All others	34
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Blanks	478
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Total Votes Cast	1539
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PRECINCT 5		
Candidates		
KATE LIPPER-GARABEDIAN	1262	DEMOCRAT
All others	44	
Blanks	526	
Total Votes Cast	1832	

PRECINCT 6		
Candidates		
KATE LIPPER-GARABEDIAN	1387	DEMOCRAT
All others	29	
Blanks	578	
Total Votes Cast	1994	

TOWN NAME: 0305 WAKEFIELD
QUESTION 1
ADDITIONAL TAX ON INCOME OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS

YES: 5592 NO: 6270 BLANK: 417 TOTAL : 12279

QUESTION 2
PET 1; DENTAL BENEFITS (LAW)
YES: 8291 NO: 3479 BLANK: 509 TOTAL: 12279

QUESTION 3
PET D: ALCOHOL RETAIL REFORM (LAW)
YES: 5087 NO: 6515 BLANK: 677 TOTAL: 12279

QUESTION 4
REF: REPEAL DRIVER’S LICENSE LAW
YES: 6005 NO: 5828 BLANK: 446 TOTAL: 12279

REGULAR TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2022

The Regular Town Meeting was held at the Galvin Middle School Auditorium, 525 Main Street, in Wakefield on Saturday, the 19th day of November, 2022 at nine o’clock in the morning and was called to order by Town Moderator William Harbison Carroll at 9:00 a.m.

Moderator Carroll accepted the Return of Service from Town Clerk Betsy Sheeran. Youth Council members led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 153 registered voters in attendance.

ARTICLE 1
To see if the Town will hear and accept a report of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Administrator

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to accept a report of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash as may be in the Treasury or any part thereof in computing the tax rate for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2023; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to use \$3,300,000 in Free Cash in computing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023. Motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to amend the appropriation under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2022 to read as follows: "That the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy the amount of \$2,100,000 and transfer the amount of \$862,000 from the sewer retained earnings account to the Sewer Department Capital Outlay account and the sum of \$875,000 from the water retained earnings account to the Water Department Capital Outlay account to carry out the purpose of this Article," or to see what the Town will do about it. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to amend the appropriation under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2022 to read as follows: "That the Town vote to raise and appropriate from tax levy the amount of \$2,100,000 and transfer the amount of \$862,000 from sewer retained earnings account to the Sewer Department Capital Outlay account and the sum of \$875,000. From the water retained earnings account to the Water Department Capital Outlay account to carry out the purpose of this Article." The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council, on behalf of the Town, to petition the Legislature for passage of special legislation substantially as provided below, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WAKEFIELD TO ESTABLISH A MEANS TESTED SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one,

residential in the town of Wakefield there shall be an exemption from the property tax in an amount to be set annually by the board of assessors as provided in section 3. The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. For the purposes of this act, "parcel" shall be a unit of real property as defined by the board of assessors under the deed for the property and shall include a condominium unit. The exemption provided for herein shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions allowed by the General Laws. SECTION 2. The board of assessors may deny an application if they find the applicant has excessive assets that place the applicant outside the category of intended recipients of the senior exemption created by this act. Real property shall qualify for the exemption under section 1 if all of the following criteria are met: (a) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by a person whose prior year's income would make the person eligible for the circuit breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws; (b) The qualifying real property is owned by a single applicant age 65 or older at the close of the previous year or jointly by persons either of whom is age 65 or above at the close of the previous year and if the joint applicant is 60 years of age or older; (c) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by the applicant or joint applicants as their domicile; (d) The applicant or at least 1 of the joint applicants has been domiciled and owned a home in the town of Wakefield for at least 10 consecutive years before filing an application for the exemption; (e) The assessed value of the domicile is no greater than the prior year's maximum assessed value for qualification for the circuit breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws as adjusted annually by the Department of Revenue; and (f) The board of assessors has approved the application. SECTION 3. The board of assessors shall annually set the exemption amount provided for in section 1, provided that the amount of the exemption shall be between 100% and 150% of the amount of the circuit breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws for which the applicant qualified in the previous year as determined by the board of assessors. The total amount exempted by this act shall be allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all residential taxpayers. SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under section 1 shall, before the deadline established by the board of assessors, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the board of assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets as described in the application. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption. SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the Department of Revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the residential tax levy. SECTION 6. This act shall expire after 3 years of implementation of the exemption; or to see what the Town will do about it.

Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to petition the State Legislature to enact Special Legislation as described in this Article. The motion was seconded. The Finance Committee recommended favorable action.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council (1) to grant a perpetual, exclusive easement for no consideration to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department on a one-acre portion of certain town-owned land shown on Town of Wakefield Assessors Map No. 40A as Parcel 010-26A (title reference: Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds Book 8526, Page 287), as shown on a plan of land entitled "Easement Area Sketch Plan, Wakefield, Mass." Dated August 3, 2022, drawn by Thomas F. Winslow, P.L.S., Hayes Engineering, Inc., which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, to construct and operate a micro-grid in the form of an energy park which would include, but not necessarily be limited to, battery/energy storage, solar generation, natural gas generation and related equipment, and (2) to authorize the Town Council to petition the state legislature to permit the said grant of easement under Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Council (1) to grant a perpetual, exclusive easement for no consideration to the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department ("WMGLD") on a one-acre portion of certain Town-owned land shown on Town of Wakefield Assessors Map No. 40A as Parcel 010-26A (title reference: Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds Book 8526, Page 287, ("Property")) as shown on the land entitled "Easement Area Sketch Plan, Wakefield, Mass." Dated August 3, 2022, drawn by Thomas F. Winslow, P.L.S., Hayes Engineering, Inc., which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, to construct and operate a micro-grid in the form of an energy park which would include, but not necessarily be limited to, battery/energy storage, solar generation, and related equipment, and (2) to authorize the Town Council to petition the State Legislature to permit said grant of easement under Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The motion was seconded. This Article requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
VOTE: (147) YES: 132, NO: 15, Motion passed.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Article V of Chapter 175 of the General Bylaws, to be entitled "Street Names and Numbers," and to include within it the following: "§ 175-11. Street Name Changes. Any person proposing to change the name of an existing street shall follow the procedures set forth in this Bylaw, which applies to all ways within the Town (whether public or private) that are open to use by the public or approved

by the Planning Board through the subdivision of land process. This Bylaw shall be construed and applied consistently with Massachusetts statutory procedure for street naming as set forth in G.L. c. 85, §§ 3, 3A & 3B. a. Eligible Streets and Names. No street shall be renamed if it has been initially named, or if its name has been changed, within the preceding 25 years. Proposed names must not be identical or confusingly similar to that of any existing way in Town. No proposed street name shall be used to honor any living person or any business entity. Proposed street names shall not have more characters than set by the DPW regulations. b. Application Process. The proponent of a street name change shall file a written application with the Town Clerk, together with a filing fee of \$800. The application need not follow any particular format, but shall at a minimum (i) identify the existing way that is proposed to be renamed; (ii) state the proposed new street name; and (iii) be signed by the proponent, whose name and address must be clearly legible. The Town Clerk shall, within 10 days after receipt of the application and fee, forward a copy to the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Town Engineer, and Town Assessors' Office. The Town Assessors' Office shall assemble a list of the names and addresses of all owners of property abutting the way in question and of all persons residing at such properties. The Town Clerk shall forward the list together with the application to the Planning Board for a public hearing. c. Public Hearing. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on the application for a street name change within 30 days after receiving the application and list of abutting owners and residents from the Town Clerk. The Planning Board shall give notice of such hearing by publication in a newspaper published in the Town once in each of two successive weeks, the last publication to be at least two days before the hearing, and by mailing notice to all owners and residents forwarded by the Town Clerk at least one week before the hearing. Notice of the hearing shall also be sent by email to the Fire Department, Police Department, Town Engineer, Zoning Board of Appeals, Municipal Gas and Light Department, Public Works Director, Board of Assessors, Historical Commission and Postmaster. Prior to the public hearing, the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Town Engineer shall each give his or her written report and recommendation to the Planning Board with respect to the proposed change. The Planning Board shall vote on whether to recommend the proposed name change to the Town Council within 30 days after the opening of the public hearing and shall forward its recommendation to the Town Council forthwith following such vote. d. Action by Town Council. The Town Council shall promptly review and act on the recommendation by the Planning Board with respect to the proposed street name change. If the Town Council declines to make the name change, it shall so inform the applicant and the Town Clerk. If the Town Council approves the name change, in addition to notifying the applicant and the Town Clerk, it shall request payment from the applicant to cover the cost of changing and installing all applicable signage, and sending

notice of the change by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all persons residing on the affected street or owning property thereon. No action shall be taken on the name change until such payment is received.”; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Planning Board

Planning Board Chair Theodore Noell moved that the Town vote to Indefinitely Postpone (I.P.) this Article. The motion was seconded.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mehreen Butt, Town Council Chair, moved that we dissolve Town Meeting at 11:02 a.m. The motion was seconded.
VOTE: Unanimous.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 286

Deaths: 350

Marriages: 111

FINANCES

Reports of:
Treasurer's Office
Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE TREASURER’S OFFICE

To the Citizens of Wakefield
I herewith present my report for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The Trust Funds now in the hands of the Treasurer are as follows:

Trust Funds	
Old Cemetery Trust Funds	\$1,089,375.25
Library Trust Funds	\$143,430.00
Park Trust funds	\$21,472.00
School Trust Funds	\$9,000.00
Various Trust Funds	\$28,030.00

During the Fiscal Year 7/01/2023 – 6/30/2024 the following loans will fall due:

	Principal	Interest
MWRA Water Bond	\$37,625.00	\$0.00
MWRA Sewer Bond	\$64,010.25	\$0.00
MWPAT Bond	\$2,307.00	\$0.00
Galvin Middle School Feasibility Study	\$20,000.00	\$2,525.00
Athletic Fields	\$425,000.00	\$61,812.50
Galvin Middle School	\$1,415,000.00	\$1,042,135.02
Fire Truck	\$75,000.00	\$14,625.00
Fire Ladder	\$45,000.00	\$23,541.26
Walton School	\$135,000.00	\$201,612.50
Public Drainage System	\$20,000.00	\$28,723.76
MWRA Water	\$154,875.00	\$0.00
MWRA Sewer	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
Fire Pumper Truck	\$70,000.00	\$24,850.00
Roads Phase 1	\$165,000.00	\$70,025.00
Drainage	\$40,000.00	\$23,900.00

	Principal	Interest
New Salem Drainage	\$20,000.00	\$13,300.00
Public Safety Design	\$80,000.00	\$53,200.00
Water Mains	\$85,000.00	\$56,412.50
MWRA Sewer	\$18,839.75	\$0.00
Public Works Repair	\$25,000.00	\$13,375.00
Roads Phase 2	\$25,000.00	\$13,375.00
Greenwood School Roof	\$25,000.00	\$13,375.00
Water Mains	\$15,000.00	\$6,425.00
Public Safety (I)	\$305,000.00	\$342,125.00
Public Safety (II)	\$75,000.00	\$82,575.00
Drainage	\$45,000.00	\$41,625.00
Harts Hill Water Tank	\$85,000.00	\$127,575.00

We are pleased to report that the interest and dividends earned from 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022 is as follows:

Revenue: \$1,082,274.71

Trust Funds: \$25,149.63.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Statement of Appropriation & Expenditure by Department
Statement of Indebtedness

The combined Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures by department, and the Statement of Indebtedness are presented on the following pages. The Town's General Fund Is used to account for the basic operating activities such as Administration, Public Safety, Public Works, Education, Human Services, Culture and Recreation. The Non-major Governmental Funds are used to account for financial resources allocated by law, contract or designated to a specific purpose,

The accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants, currently audits the Town's annual financial statements. The complete financial statements and the auditors' report are available from the Town Accountant and are on file in the Accounting office. Copies of all financial reports and ledgers are available upon request during normal business hours.

Kevin M, Gill
Town Accountant

General Fund - Intergovernmental Breakdown	
Medicaid Reimbursement	(312,401.00)
Abatements - Veterans	(59,698.00)
Abatements - Blind	-
Abatements - Elderly	(32,128.00)
Charter Schools	(393,898.00)
Chapter 70	(6,846,919.00)
Construction of School Project	-
Veterans Benefits	-
Unrestricted General Aid	(3,899,248.00)
State Owned Land	(38,101.00)
Other State Revenue	(68,355.00)
Homeless Transportation	(68,106.00)
FEMA Reimbursement	(9,368.00)
Receipt of a Prior Period	(30,211.00)
Retiree Health CH32B	-
Intergovernmental - Total	(11,758,433.00)

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2022					
	General	Capital Projects	Town Special Revenue	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$18,586,644	\$4,530,024	\$6,223,422	\$7,672,897	\$37,012,987
Investments	-	-	-	3,335,628	3,335,628
Receivables, Net of Uncollectibles:					
Real Estate and Pers. Prop. Taxes	1,958,811	-	-	-	1,958,811
Tax Liens	908,356	-	-	-	908,356
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	540,364	-	-	-	540,364
Departmental and Other	105,803	-	-	-	105,803
Intergovernmental Other	64,330	114,337	921,453	1,114,359	2,214,479
Tax Foreclosures	414,446	-	-	-	414,446
Total Assets	\$22,578,754	\$4,644,361	\$7,144,875	\$12,122,884	\$46,490,874
Liabilities					
Warrants Payable	\$2,261,757	\$1,865,439	\$536,147	\$161,300	\$4,824,643
Accrued Payroll	1,158,396	-	8,473	48,381	1,215,250
Other Liabilities	711,015.00	-	-	-	711,015
Unearned Revenue	-	-	2,907,527	-	2,907,527
Notes Payable	-	2,204,620	-	-	2,204,620
Total Liabilities	4,131,168	4,070,059	3,452,147	209,681	11,863,055
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable Revenue	3,533,256	-	-	696,212	4,229,468
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	2,586,990	2,586,990
Restricted	-	2,774,837	3,692,728	8,630,001	15,097,566
Committed	1,729,544	-	-	-	1,729,544
Assigned	2,626,553	-	-	-	2,626,553
Unassigned	10,558,233	(2,200,535)	-	-	8,357,698
Total Fund Balances	14,914,330	574,302	3,692,728	11,216,991	30,398,351
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances					
	\$22,578,754	\$4,644,361	\$7,144,875	\$12,122,884	\$46,490,874

Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2022					
	General	Capital Projects	Town Special Revenue	Nonmajor Gov'tl Funds	Total Gov'tl Funds
Revenues					
Real Estate and Pers. Prop. Taxes, Net of Tax Refunds	82,767,110	-	-	-	82,767,110
Tax Liens and Foreclosures	119,543	-	-	-	119,543
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	4,305,695	-	-	-	4,305,695
Hotel/Motel Tax	807,434	-	-	-	807,434
Penalties and Int. on Taxes	374,264	-	-	-	374,264
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	934,398	-	-	-	934,398
Intergovernmental - Teachers Retirement	6,924,019	-	-	-	6,924,019
Intergovernmental	11,758,433	459,749	3,616,084.00	6,527,610	22,361,876
Departmental and Other	1,827,893	-	1,098,862.00	4,240,211	7,166,966
Contributions & Donations	-	-	289,190.00	74,057	363,247
Investment Income	87,903	-	2,130.00	(259,051)	(169,018)
Total Revenues	\$109,906,692	459,749	5,006,266	10,582,827	125,955,534
Liabilities					
Current					
General Government	2,944,522	-	1,980,839	94,596	5,019,957
Public Safety	13,626,568	2,496,308	1,252,481	776,678	18,152,035
Education	46,740,674	-	361,620	7,950,800	55,053,094
Public Works	10,961,784	3,218,067	583,764	1,330,726	16,094,341
Health and Human Serv.	637,185	-	642,325	-	1,279,510
Culture and Recreation	1,933,257	-	587,445	-	2,520,702
Pension Benefits	5,599,067	-	-	-	5,599,067
Pension Benefits Teachers Retirement	6,924,019	-	-	-	6,924,019
Property and Liability Insurance	432,019	-	-	-	432,019
Employee Benefits	13,078,003	-	-	-	13,078,003
State and County Changes	2,008,142	-	-	-	2,008,142
Debt Service	-				
Principal	330,524	-	-	2,886,631	3,217,155
Interest	42,050	-	-	1,963,447	2,005,497
Total Expenditures	105,257,814	5,714,375	5,408,474	15,002,878	131,383,541
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures					
	4,648,878	(5,254,626)	(402,208)	(4,420,051)	(5,428,007)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Issuance of Bonds	-	1,991,000	-	-	1,991,000
Premium From Issuance of Bonds	-	360,333	-	-	360,333
Cap. Purchase Financing	-	598,546	-	-	598,546
Transfers In	257,433	-	-	5,133,698	5,391,131
Transfers Out	(5,133,698)	-	(47,700)	(209,733)	(5,391,131)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(4,876,265)	2,949,879	(47,700)	4,923,965	2,949,879
Net Change in Fund Balances	(227,387)	(2,304,747)	(449,908)	503,914	(2,478,128)
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year (as Revised)	15,141,717	2,879,049	4,142,636	10,713,077	32,876,479
Fund Balances at End of Year	14,914,330	574,302	3,692,728	11,216,991	30,398,351

Town of Wakefield Report of Appropriated Funds, Expenditures, and Balances, Fiscal 2022

General Government					
				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Town Council Department					
Personal Services (Includes Town Planner)	428,140.00	428,139.24	0.76	0.76	
Purchase of Services	68,731.00	66,410.11	2,320.89	2,320.89	
Materials and Supplies	3,150.00	3,120.64	29.36	29.36	
Sundry Charges	3,500.00	3,220.00	280.00	280.00	
Total	503,521.00	500,889.99	2,631.01	2,631.01	0.00
Accounting Department					
Personal Services	321,637.00	321,353.44	283.56	283.56	
Purchase of Services	98,101.00	90,537.71	7,563.29	563.29	7,000.00
Materials and Supplies	3,050.00	1,649.67	1,400.33	1,400.33	
Sundry Charges	210.00	115.00	95.00	95.00	
Total	422,998.00	413,655.82	9,342.18	2,342.18	7,000.00
Information Technology					
Personal Services	206,769.00	206,768.43	0.57	0.57	
Purchase of Services	156,864.00	150,806.19	6,057.81	6,057.81	
Materials and Supplies	5,650.00	5,404.59	245.41	245.41	
Sundry Charges	2,388.00	2,383.50	4.50	4.50	
Total	371,671.00	365,362.71	6,308.29	6,308.29	0.00
Capital Outlay	178,834.00	100,690.80	78,143.20	0.00	78,143.20
Total	550,505.00	466,053.51	84,451.49	6,308.29	78,143.20
Treasurer's Department					
Salary of Treasurer	69,272.00	69,272.32	-0.32	-0.32	
Personal Services	130,721.00	130,720.29	0.71	0.71	
Purchase of Services	4,900.00	3,625.76	1,274.24	1,274.24	
Materials and Supplies	1,150.00	1,145.17	4.83	4.83	
Sundry Charges	90.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	
Tax Titles	13,000.00	12,101.64	898.36	898.36	
Bank Charges	7,500.00	7,052.61	447.39	447.39	
Total	226,633.00	224,007.79	2,625.21	2,625.21	0.00
Legal Department					
Personal Services	120,425.00	120,424.20	0.80	0.80	
Purchase of Services	142,500.00	142,430.00	70.00	70.00	
Materials and Supplies	6,200.00	6,157.75	42.25	42.25	
Sundry Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub Total	269,125.00	269,011.95	113.05	113.05	0.00
Legal Damages	4,560.00	4,278.94	281.06	281.06	
Total	273,685.00	273,290.89	394.11	394.11	0.00
Collector's Department					
Salary of Collector	107,143.00	107,142.62	23.48	23.48	
Personal Services	77,000.00	68,178.38	8,798.52	8,798.52	
Purchase of Services	44,750.00	39,801.95	4,948.05	4,948.05	
Materials and Supplies	2,300.00	1,879.88	420.12	420.12	
Sundry Charges	140.00	100.00	40.00	40.00	
Total	231,333.00	217,102.83	14,230.17	14,230.17	0.00

	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Assessors' Department					
Personal Services	214,569.00	214,569.00	0.00	0.00	
Purchase Of Services	22,050.00	12,801.03	9,248.97	9,248.97	
Materials And Supplies	1,950.00	1,947.45	2.55	2.55	
Sundry Charges	750.00	722.50	27.50	27.50	
Total	239,319.00	230,039.98	9,279.02	9,279.02	0.00
Town Clerk's Department					
Salary of Town Clerk	90,006.00	90,005.46	0.54	0.54	
Personal Services	122,978.00	122,977.70	0.30	0.30	
Purchase of Services	22,465.00	15,289.74	7,175.26	7,175.26	
Materials and Supplies	2,200.00	1,149.38	1,050.62	1,050.62	
Sundry Charges	290.00	0.00	290.00	290.00	
Total	226,905.00	229,422.28	8,516.72	8,516.72	0.00
Election / Registration					
Personal Services	17,100.00	16,958.25	141.75	141.75	
Purchase of Services	19,100.00	17,507.13	1,592.87	1,592.87	
Material and Supplies	1,500.00	449.00	1,051.00	1,051.00	
Total	37,700.00	34,914.38	2,785.62	2,785.62	0.00
Election Expense					
Personal Services	6,625.00	6,621.25	3.75	3.75	
Purchase of Services	6,300.00	1,043.26	5,256.74	5,256.74	
Total	12,925.00	7,664.51	5,260.49	5,260.49	0.00
Finance Committee					
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purchase of Services	2,960.00	2,900.00	60.00	60.00	
Materials and Supplies	700.00	500.00	200.00	200.00	
Sundry Charges	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	7,060.00	6,800.00	260.00	260.00	0.00
Conservation Commission					
Personal Services	44,197.00	44,474.81	-277.81	-277.81	
Purchase of Services	1,950.00	466.78	1,483.22	1,483.22	
Materials and Supplies	1,000.00	848.79	151.21	151.21	
Sundry Charges	725.00	725.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	47,872.00	46,515.38	1,356.62	1,356.62	0.00
Less: Wetland Filing Fees	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	43,372.00	42,015.38	1,356.62	1,356.62	0.00
Planning Board					
Personal Services	4,800.00	4,200.00	600.00	600.00	
Purchase of Services	4,925.00	4,792.04	132.96	132.96	
Materials and Supplies	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	0.00	
Sundry Charges	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	12,975.00	12,242.04	732.96	732.96	0.00
Board of Appeals					
Purchase of Services	27,800.00	27,796.81	3.19	3.19	
Total	27,800.00	27,796.81	3.19	3.19	0.00
Total General Government	2,832,265.00	2,685,896.21	141,868.79	56,725.59	85,143.20

Protection Persons & Property

				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Police Department					
Personal Services	5,876,988.00	5,876,144.23	843.77	843.77	
Purchase of Services	255,570.00	239,663.28	15,906.72	15,906.72	
Materials and Supplies	166,800.00	166,790.82	9.18	9.18	
Sundry Charges	13,000.00	12,894.00	106.00	106.00	
Total	6,312,358.00	6,295,492.33	16,865.67	16,865.67	0.00
Capital Outlay: Cruisers	186,000.00	178,240.10	7,759.90	7,759.90	
Total	6,498,358.00	6,473,732.43	24,625.57	24,625.57	0.00
Fire Department					
Personal Services	5,908,388.00	5,908,387.89	0.11	0.11	
Purchase of Services	117,200.00	117,113.94	86.06	86.06	
Materials and Supplies	148,600.00	148,593.24	6.76	6.76	
Sundry Charges	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	6,177,188.00	6,177,095.07	92.93	92.93	
Capital Outlay: Radios	62,500.00	62,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Outlay: Ctrl/Dispatch	57,500.00	49,841.13	7,658.87	7,658.87	
Total	6,297,188.00	6,289,436.20	7,751.80	7,751.80	0.00
Fire Alarm, Police Signal & Traffic Lights					
Personal Services	42,015.00	41,320.00	695.00	695.00	
Purchase of Services	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Materials and Supplies	14,000.00	12,584.46	1,415.54	1,415.54	
Total	63,515.00	61,404.46	2,110.54	2,110.54	0.00
Emergency Management					
Personal Services	42,436.00	42,435.47	0.53	0.53	
Purchase of Services	30,000.00	28,965.62	1,034.38	1,034.38	
Materials and Supplies	3,000.00	2,580.04	419.96	419.96	
Total	75,436.00	73,981.13	1,454.87	1,454.87	0.00
Building Department					
Personal Services	362,829.00	362,828.95	0.05	0.05	
Purchase of Services	13,050.00	12,913.05	136.95	136.95	
Materials and Supplies	7,650.00	6,641.19	1,008.81	1,008.81	
Sundry Charges	500.00	499.68	0.32	0.32	
Total	384,029.00	382,882.87	1,146.13	1,146.13	0.00
Animal Inspector					
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purchase of Services	37,200.00	36,917.60	282.40	282.40	
Materials and Supplies	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	
Sundry Charges	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	40,600.00	39,917.60	682.40	682.40	0.00
Parking Clerk					
Personal Services	11,050.00	11,050.00	0.00	0.00	
Purchase of Services	1,500.00	402.00	1,098.00	1,098.00	
Materials and Supplies	400.00	52.64	347.36	347.36	
Total	12,950.00	11,504.64	1,445.36	1,445.36	0.00
Total Protection Persons & Property	13,372,076.00	13,332,859.33	39,216.67	39,216.67	0.00

Human Services					
				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Council On Aging					
Personal Services	235,845.00	224,686.78	11,158.22	11,158.22	
Purchase of Services	5,600.00	2,619.98	2,980.02	2,980.02	
Materials and Supplies	12,600.00	5,315.93	7,284.07	7,284.07	
Mystic Valley Elder Svc.	6,275.00	6,275.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	260,320.00	238,897.69	21,422.31	21,422.31	0.00
Health Department					
Personal Services	69,576.00	69,575.54	0.46	0.46	
Purchase of Services	153,226.00	138,606.13	14,619.87	14,619.87	
Materials and Supplies	2,016.00	1,501.20	514.80	514.80	
Sundry Charges	360.00	250.00	110.00	110.00	
EMARC	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Mental Outpatient Clinic	6,400.00	6,400.00	0.00	0.00	
E. Middlesex Mosquito	29,445.00	29,445.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	277,023.00	261,777.87	15,245.13	15,245.13	0.00
Recreation					
Personal Services	116,682.00	116,682.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	116,682.00	116,682.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans' Department					
Personal Services	19,956.00	19,780.24	175.76	175.76	
Recipients	170,000.00	60,570.68	109,429.32	109,429.32	
Purchase of Services	55,045.00	54,063.88	981.12	981.12	
Materials and Supplies	600.00	362.08	237.92	237.92	
Memorial Day	2,500.00	150.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	
Veterans Day	1,500.00	62.49	1,437.51	1,437.51	
Total	249,601.00	134,989.37	114,611.63	114,611.63	0.00
Total Human Services	903,626.00	752,346.93	151,279.07	151,279.07	0.00

Public Works Department					
				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Personal Services					
Personal Services Breakdown:	3,996,904.00	3,988,295.50	8,608.50	8,608.50	
Administration	195,694.00	195,694.00	0.00	0.00	
Engineering	309,541.00	309,541.00	0.00	0.00	
Fleet Maintenance	360,525.00	357,409.85	3,115.15	3,115.15	
Buildings	784,526.00	784,526.00	0.00	0.00	
Forestry And Parks	942,698.00	937,204.65	5,493.35	5,493.35	
Cemetery	320,655.00	320,655.00	0.00	0.00	
Highway	1,172,061.00	1,172,061.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	4,085,700.00	4,077,091.50	8,608.50	8,608.50	0.00
Less					
Perpetual Care Income	45,595.00	45,595.00	0.00		
Park Trust Funds Avail.	1.00	1.00	0.00		
To Be Appropriated From Sale of Lots Funds	43,200.00	43,200.00	0.00		
Total	3,996,904.00	3,988,295.50	8,608.50	8,608.50	0.00

	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Purchase of Services					
Purchased Service Breakdown:	1,704,660.00	1,548,865.24	155,794.76	20.54	
Administration	24,100.00	24,091.77	8.23	8.23	
Engineering	187,000.00	108,937.63	78,062.37	0.00	78,062.37
Fleet Maintenance	96,700.00	96,700.00	0.00	0.00	
Buildings	837,360.00	767,947.69	69,412.31	12.31	69,400.00
Forestry and Parks	198,250.00	198,250.00	0.00	0.00	
Cemetery	17,700.00	17,700.00	0.00	0.00	
Highway	343,550.00	335,238.15	8,311.85	0.00	8,311.85
Total	1,704,660.00	1,548,865.24	155,794.76	20.54	155,774.22
Materials and Supplies					
Material & Supplies Breakdown:	711,850.00	702,252.44	9,597.56	1,131.48	
Administration	8,600.00	8,591.57	8.43	8.43	
Engineering	8,800.00	8,800.00	0.00	0.00	
Fleet Maintenance	260,800.00	260,800.00	0.00	0.00	
Buildings	126,100.00	126,100.00	0.00	0.00	
Forestry and Parks	131,850.00	123,383.92	8,466.08	0.00	8,466.08
Cemetery	24,500.00	23,532.84	967.16	967.16	
Highway	151,200.00	151,044.11	155.89	155.89	
Total	711,850.00	702,252.44	9,597.56	1,131.48	8,466.08
Sundry Charges					
Sundry Charges Breakdown:	4,125.00	3,608.13	516.87	516.87	0.00
Administration	1,000.00	906.00	94.00	94.00	
Engineering	1,800.00	1,522.13	277.87	277.87	
Fleet Maintenance	325.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	
Buildings	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	
Forestry and Parks	300.00	220.00	80.00	80.00	
Cemetery	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	
Highway	250.00	185.00	65.00	65.00	
Total	4,125.00	3,608.13	516.87	516.87	0.00
Capital Outlay					
Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Engineering	220,000.00	60,669.59	159,330.41	0.00	159,330.41
Fleet Maintenance	635,112.00	531,474.85	103,637.15	10,637.15	93,000.00
Buildings	458,879.00	333,047.56	125,831.44	72.00	125,759.44
Forestry and Parks	153,500.00	68,888.30	84,611.70	0.00	84,611.70
Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	1,467,491.00	994,080.30	473,410.70	10,709.15	462,701.55
Total Public Works	7,885,030.00	7,237,101.61	647,928.39	20,986.54	626,941.85
Snow And Ice:	850,000.00	849,888.48	111.52	111.52	0.00

Public Works Enterprise					
				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Water Division					
Personal Services	1,375,660.00	1,066,061.27	309,598.73	309,598.73	
Purchase of Services	458,175.00	450,036.10	8,138.90	0.00	8,138.90
Materials and Supplies	247,500.00	247,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Sundry Charges	1,430.00	240.00	1,190.00	1,190.00	
Professional Medical Services	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	
Contributory Retire. Pensions	200,819.00	200,819.00	0.00	0.00	
Group Insurance	23,800.00	23,800.00	0.00	0.00	
Workers' Compensation Ins.	11,124.00	11,124.00	0.00	0.00	
General Insurance	406,723.00	406,723.00	0.00	0.00	
MWRA Water Assessment	2,847,491.00	2,842,135.54	5,355.46	5,355.46	
Admin Expense (P.S.)	71,139.00	71,139.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Outlay	250,000.00	49,592.55	200,407.45	0.00	200,407.45
Maturing Debt	612,691.00	612,691.00	0.00	0.00	
Medicare	19,947.00	19,947.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	6,527,749.00	6,003,058.46	524,690.54	316,144.19	208,546.35
Sewer Division					
Personal Services	954,253.00	861,454.16	92,798.84	92,798.84	
Purchase of Services	372,693.00	348,275.10	24,417.90	49.99	24,367.91
Materials and Supplies	87,100.00	67,850.56	19,249.44	-837.20	20,086.64
Sundry Charges	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
MWRA Sewer Assessment	6,793,284.00	6,758,110.92	35,173.08	35,173.08	
Workers' Compensation Ins.	6,202.00	6,202.00	0.00	0.00	
General Insurance	13,600.00	13,600.00	0.00	0.00	
Professional Medical Services	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	
Contributory Retire. Pensions	194,387.00	194,387.00	0.00	0.00	
Group Insurance	285,712.00	285,712.00	0.00	0.00	
Admin Expense (P.S.)	71,139.00	71,139.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Outlay	170,000.00	41,310.07	128,689.93	0.00	128,689.93
Maturing Debt	187,477.00	187,477.00	0.00	0.00	
Medicare	13,836.00	13,836.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	9,152,133.00	8,850,603.81	301,529.19	128,384.71	173,144.48

Education					
				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
School Department					
Personal Services	37,977,867.00	37,682,683.28	295,183.72	295,183.72	0.00
Purchase of Services	5,547,661.00	4,162,020.90	1,385,640.10	349,054.10	1,036,586.00
Materials and Supplies	1,907,872.00	1,595,744.36	312,127.64	-597,208.72	909,336.36
Sundry Charges	24,800.00	69,315.89	-44,515.89	-45,009.18	493.29
School Capital	30,000.00	27,765.00	2,235.00	2,235.00	0.00
Total	45,488,200.00	43,537,529.43	1,950,670.57	4,254.92	1,946,415.65
Less: Offset Receipts Bus Fees	115,000.00	115,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Tax Levy	45,373,200.00	43,422,529.43	1,950,670.57	4,254.92	1,946,415.65
Library Department					
Personal Services	1,342,844.00	1,327,831.96	15,012.04	15,012.04	
Purchase of Services	246,788.00	246,564.52	223.48	223.48	
Materials and Supplies	222,000.00	222,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	1,811,632.00	1,796,396.48	15,235.52	15,235.52	0.00
Less: Library Trust Fund Income	49,139.00	49,139.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,762,493.00	1,747,257.48	15,235.52	15,235.52	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,762,493.00	1,747,257.48	15,235.52	15,235.52	
NE Met. Reg. Voc.	1,909,388.00	1,906,933.32	2,454.68	2,454.68	0.00
Total Education	49,045,081.00	47,076,720.23	1,968,360.77	21,945.12	1,946,415.65
Unclassified					
Street Lights	188,131.00	188,131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Historical Commission	2,000.00	273.00	1,727.00	1,727.00	0.00
General Insurance	423,025.00	423,019.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
Medicare	832,650.00	828,880.28	3,769.72	3,769.72	0.00
Unemployment Insurance	75,000.00	27,266.52	47,733.48	47,733.48	0.00
Reserve Fund	400,000.00	128,000.00	272,000.00	272,000.00	0.00
Cable TV Public Access Enterprise	551,239.00	550,735.57	503.43	0.00	503.43
Total Unclassified	2,472,045.00	2,146,305.37	325,739.63	325,236.20	503.43

				Disposition Of Balance	
	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered Fiscal 2022
Benefits & Administration					
Personal Services	188,422.00	188,421.09	0.91	0.91	
Professional Medical	8,350.00	7,760.50	589.50	589.50	
Workers' Compensation	420,990.00	420,942.00	48.00	48.00	
Retirement System					
Pension Accumulation Fund	5,562,257.00	5,562,257.00	0.00	0.00	
Non-Contributory Pension Fund	37,170.00	36,809.76	360.24	360.24	
Assessments, Non-Contributory	0.00	0.00			
Veterans Pension Fund					
Total Benefits & Admin.	6,217,189.00	6,216,190.35	998.65	998.65	0.00
Contributory Group Health and Life Insurance					
Town & School Appropriation	12,070,620.00	11,578,591.25	492,028.75	492,028.75	
Total Group Insurance	12,070,620.00	11,578,591.25	492,028.75	492,028.75	0.00

Town of Wakefield Fiscal 2022 Summary					
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Balance	Transfer to Fund Balance	Encumbered
General Government	2,832,265.00	2,685,896.21	141,868.79	56,725.59	35,549.68
Protection of Persons & Property	13,372,076.00	13,332,859.33	39,216.67	39,216.67	0.00
Human Services	903,626.00	752,346.93	151,279.07	151,279.07	0.00
Public Works Dept.	7,885,030.00	7,237,101.61	647,928.39	20,986.54	304,252.53
Education	49,045,081.00	47,076,720.23	1,968,360.77	21,945.12	1,310,134.10
Unclassified	2,472,045.00	2,146,305.37	325,739.63	325,236.20	0.00
Benefits & Admin.	6,217,189.00	6,216,190.35	998.65	998.65	0.00
Group Insurance	12,070,620.00	11,578,591.25	492,028.75	492,028.75	0.00
Total	94,797,932.00	91,026,011.28	3,767,420.72	1,108,416.59	1,649,936.31
Snow & Ice	850,000.00	849,888.48	111.52	111.52	0.00
Enterprise Funds				Balance	Encumbered
Water Enterprise Fund	6,527,749.00	6,003,058.46	524,690.54	316,144.19	208,546.35
Sewer Enterprise Fund	9,152,133.00	8,850,603.81	301,529.19	128,384.71	173,144.48

Article Summary Fiscal 2022

Dept.	Meeting Ref.	Description	Appropriation Fiscal 2022	Expenditure Fiscal 2022	Balance Fiscal 2022
	11/06/2021	Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	0.00
	11/06/2021	DPW Broadway Crossing	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
Interfund	5/28/2021	Capital Projects/Debt Service Fund	4,133,698.00	4,133,698.00	0.00
DPW	5/28/2021	Eminent Domain Proceed	1.00	0.00	1.00
	5/28/2021	Trash Disposal/ Recycling	2,199,441.00	2,001,781.42	197,659.58
	5/28/2021	Real Property Assessment	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
	5/28/2021	Personal Property Assessment	45,000.00	42,400.00	2,600.00
		Total:	9,316,140.00	8,715,879.42	600,260.58

Reserve Fund Transfer Analysis Fiscal 2022

Available Fiscal 2022			\$400,000.00
Voted June 23, 2022			
Board of Appeals	Expense	12,200.00	
Conservation	Salaries	4,000.00	
Insurance Premiums	Expense	9,000.00	
Legal	Expense	3,000.00	
Legal	Expense - Damages	4,000.00	
Medicare	Expense	20,000.00	
NE MET. REG. VOC.	Expense	40,000.00	
Town Council	Expense	25,000.00	
Veterans	Salaries	1,000.00	
Workers Compensation	Expense	9,800.00	
		Total Requested	128,000.00
	Remaining Balance		272,000.00

Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services					
Bureau of Accounts ~ Automated Statement of Indebtedness					
City/Town/District of: Wakefield					FY2022
Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2021	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2022	Interest Paid in FY2022
Buildings A	2,520,000	500,000	600,000	2,420,000	94,026
Dept.I Equipment B	1,856,700	-	180,000	1,676,700	89,543
School Buildings C	6,000,000	500,000	145,000	6,355,000	225,828
School - All Other D	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer E	881,767	-	114,850	766,917	-
Solid Waste F	-	-	-	-	-
Other Inside G	7,258,850	2,213,000	659,000	8,812,850	324,179
SUB - TOTAL Inside	18,517,317	3,213,000	1,698,850	20,031,467	733,577
Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2021	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2022	Interest Paid in FY2022
Airport	-			-	
Gas/Electric Utility	-			-	
Hospital	-			-	
School Buildings 1	32,273,450	-	1,300,000	30,973,450	1,152,135
Sewer 2	-	-	-	-	-
Solid Waste 3	-	-	-	-	-
Water 4	4,170,750	222,000	648,500	3,744,250	100,510
Other Outside 5	33,088	-	4,931	28,157	-
SUB - TOTAL Outside	36,477,288	222,000	1,953,431	34,745,857	1,252,645
TOTAL Long Term Debt	54,994,605	3,435,000	3,652,281	54,777,324	1,986,221
Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2021	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2022	Interest Paid in FY2022
RANs - Revenue Anticipation	-			-	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	500,000	-	500,000	-	1,879
School Buildings	639,620	139,620	639,620	139,620	2,404
Sewer	-	-	-	-	-
Water	250,000	-	250,000	-	940
Other BANs	2,205,000	2,065,000	2,205,000	2,065,000	9,417
SANs - State Grant Anticipation	-	-	-	-	-
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				-	
Other Short Term Debt				-	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	3,594,620	2,204,620	3,594,620	2,204,620	14,640
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	58,589,225	5,639,620	7,246,901	56,981,944	2,000,861

COUNCIL ON AGING FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give and bequeath to the Friends of the Council on Aging,
Wakefield, Mass., the sum of \$_____ dollars to have and to
hold, to be used for the unrestricted purposes of the said Council.

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LIBRARY FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Lucius Beebe Memorial
Library, Wakefield, Mass., the sum of \$_____ dollars to have and to
hold, to be used for the unrestricted purposes of the said library.

A white notepad with a torn top edge and a spiral binding on the left side is pinned to a brown corkboard with two pieces of red tape. The notepad contains handwritten text in black ink.

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