

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Officers of the Town of

Mount Washington

MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated June 21, 1779



**For the Year Ending
December 31, 1992**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Elected Town Officers	2
Appointed Town Officers	3
Warrant	4
Report of the Selectmen	7
Report of the School Committee	8
Report of the Building Inspector	9
Report of the Assessors	9
Report of the Recycling Program	9
Report of the Town Clerk	10
Report of the Library	11
Report of the Conservation Commission	11
Report of the Board of Health	12
Report of the Planning Board	13
Report of the Council on Aging	14
Report of the Cemetery Committee	14
Report of the Arts Council	15
Report of the Mount Washington Rescue Assoc., Inc.	16
Report of the Children's Health Program	17
Report of the District Department of Veterans' Service	18
Report of the Town Meetings	19
Report of the Tax Collector	25
Financial Summary Fiscal Year 1992	27
Report of the Treasurer's	29

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SERVE DURING FY 1993

July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993

Terms Expires

SELECTMEN

Barnett B. Goldstein, Chairman
Judith A. Whitbeck
Lewis Austin

1994
1993
1995

TOWN CLERK

Thomas C. Furcht

1993

TREASURER

Betsy W. Wildman

1993

TAX COLLECTOR

Margaret Q. Whitbeck

1993

ASSESSORS

Carolyn M. Romano, Chairman
Patricia B. D'Alessio
Debra Cowin

1994
1993
1995

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cathy M. Torrico, Chairman
Marie C. Cane, Vice Chairman
Ginger Alexander

1994
1995
1993

CONSTABLE

James P. Whitbeck

1993

PLANNING BOARD

Marie C. Cane, Chairman
Lorraine Dombrowski
James Lovejoy
Morgan Bulkeley IV
Elizabeth A. Tamer

1995
1996
1997
1994
1993

AUDITOR

Margaret Q. Whitbeck

1993

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Garrett
Margaret Q. Whitbeck
Cathy M. Torrico

1993
1994
1995

MODERATOR

Harry L.J. Garrett

1993

Superintendent of Streets
Tree Warden
Acting Chief of Police
Chief Fire Warden
Deputy Fire Warden
Insect Pest Control Officer
Civil Defense Director
Civil Defense Deputy
Town Hall Superintendent
Animal Inspector
Building Inspector
Alternate Building Inspector
Wire Inspector
Plumbing Inspector
Sanitary Inspector
Fense Viewer
Cemetery Committee

Voter Registrar

Town Counsel
Council on Aging
Historical Commission

Camp Hi-Rock Board
Town Secretary
Advisory Board Member County Comm.
Conservation Commission

Veteran's Agent
Water Resources Manag. Official
So. Berk. Solid Waste Manag. District

Board of Health

E911 Coordinator
Arts Council
Brunner, Ruth Miles, Tadea Dufault, Stanley

Zoning Board of Appeals

Finance Committee - Appt. 11/23/92

Ted Dombrowski
Ted Dombrowski
Barnett Goldstein
Barnett Goldstein
Tom Furcht and Fred Cowin
Lewis Austin
Ted Dombrowski
Betsy Wildman
Betsy Garrett
Philip Garrett
Stephen D'Alessio
Dante Testa (Egremont)
Thomas Torrico, appoint. 10/26/92
Robert Krupski (Sheffield)
Lawrence Romano
William D. Miles
Stephen D'Alessio, Chr., Todd Garrett,
Bette Wright, Babs D'Alessio, Stanley Tamer
Tom Furcht, Chr., Bette Wright,
Ginger Alexander
Dennis J. Downing, (Gt. Barrington)
Ginger Alexander, Lorraine Dombrowski
Judith Whitbeck, William D. Miles,
James Whitbeck
Judith Whitbeck
Bette Wright
Barnett Goldstein
Eleanor Tillinghast, Chr., Gary Cane, Debbie
Cowin, Katharine Manning, Philip Garrett
Arnold A. Hays
Eleanor Tillinghast
Harry L.J. Garrett,
Dist. Representative
Charles Austin, Alt. app. 11/23/92
Lawrence Romano, Chr., Fred
Cowin, James Lovejoy
Betsy Wildman
Ellie Dawson Lovejoy, Chr., Kathleen
Tamer, Emby Bulkeley, Tom Garrett,
Judy Thomas, Wm. D. Miles
Klaus Hallig, Chr., George Payne,
Lawrence Romano, Ginger Alexander, Philip
Garrett
Vicki Torrico, Cathy Torrico, Ginger
Alexander, Tom Furcht, Charles Austin

**TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 4, 1993**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.

To: James P. Whitbeck, Constable of the Town of Mount Washington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the fourth day of may 1993 in st., it being the first Tuesday, in said month, at 7:30 p.m., then, and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To hear the report of the Selectmen or any other officers or committees and act thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money as may be required to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994.

	Appropriations Fiscal Yr. 1993	Proposed Budget Fiscal yr. 1994
Bank Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Berkshire County Retirement System	5,831.00	6,409.00
Cemeteries	430.00	800.00
Council on Aging	50.00	50.00
Egremont Fire Companies	1,150.00	1,150.00
Fuel	7,000.00	7,000.00
Insect Pest Control	10.00	10.00
Insurance - Group	24,300.00	26,730.00
Insurance - Town	21,528.00	22,000.00
Library	500.00	500.00
Machinery Maintenance	6,500.00	8,000.00
MA Divison of Employment Security	1,000.00	2,600.00
Police		500.00
Printing and Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
Schools	76,000.00	79,400.00
So. Berk. Volunteer Ambulance Squad	200.00	200.00
Stabilization	10,000.00	10,000.00
Superintendent of Street	22,968.00	24,012.00
Town Buildings Maintenance & Repair	500.00	500.00
Town Counsel	2,500.00	3,500.00
Town Highways	10,000.00	12,000.00
Town Officers' Expense	3,200.00	3,300.00
Town Secretary	13,311.00	14,094.00
Utilities	2,000.00	2,000.00
Veterans' Services	200.00	210.00
Winter Maintenance	25,000.00	25,000.00

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix salaries of the Elected Town Officers:

Treasurer	1,680.00	1,680.00
Tax Collector	1,020.00	1,020.00
Selectman - Chairman	1,020.00	1,020.00
Selectman	768.00	768.00
Selectman	768.00	768.00
Assessor - Chairman	1,260.00	1,260.00
Assessor	630.00	630.00
Assessor	630.00	630.00
Town Clerk	600.00	600.00
Constable	174.00	174.00
Moderator	30.00	30.00

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000.00, or any other sum, from available free cash in the treasury for a Reserve fund, as provided for in Chapter 40 Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,209.00, or any other sum, and to transfer the sum of \$691.00, or any other sum, from available free cash in the treasury for the new Town Hall burner, a total of \$1,900.00.

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,500.00, or any other sum, from available free cash in the treasury to research and codify Town By-Laws.

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to use \$34,595.00, or any other sum, of Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1991 under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(a) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement projects on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aid Highway guidelines, monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These funds will be designated as Chapter 33B.

Approved by the Finance Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,305.00, or any other sum, for Waste Managment.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Mount Washington will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that would establish in state law a Local Roads Fund in order to ensure a fair and predictable share of state gas tax collections for distribution to citiies and towns for use on local roads.

Article 10: To see if the Town of Mount Washington will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY'94 state budget to guarantee that cities and towns receive the full \$47 million growth in lottery revenues.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint any committee or committees and give them or any Town Officer an authority or indemnity and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall of Mount Washington, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hand this 29th day of March 1993.

Selectmen Town of Mount Washington

I have served this Warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Date:

Constable Town of Mount Washington

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
To The Citizens of the Town of Mount Washington

The May 1992 Annual Town elections saw incumbent, Lewis Austin re-elected for a second term, defeating write-in candidate Larry Romano. Barnett Goldstein was again appointed Chairman.

This year the Selectmen established planning procedures, some of which are short term and some of which are long term. We have reviewed, pursued and established some guidelines which at best were often difficult choices but which we hope will be best for the town and the monetary stability we feel is beginning to take place both in Mt. Washington and the State. We have been without state and federal assistance for a few years now and have to come up with some innovative measures to fill in these gaps. Some of these accomplished objectives are as follows:

Town voted to increase taxes for 1 year to pay for a backhoe loader. All public records to be available at the town hall rather than at other locations. Reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$12,566.28 for May 1991 flooding. Receiving reimbursement monies from Chpt. 33B for paving 1 mile of East St., Received \$14,435 Chpt. 90 Sec. 34. Built a new salt shed; "in lieu of tax monies" was restored for state owned land; Goodale/Karner brook in ACEC designated area. Regional Selectmen's meetings begun; Camp Hi-Rock staff members and Copake Lumber donated time and materials to paint Town Hall; Berkshire House of Correction helped clear brush and do cleanup along town roads; Calcium chloride now used to help melt ice on town roads; plans to research and code all town bylaws are in the process.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank Bette Wright, our secretary, for the time and patience she has endured this year. Without her help none of the above would have been properly accomplished. We also appreciate the assistance given by all of our Towns people, boards and committees. Without you our work would have been in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

Barnett Goldstein, Chairman
Judith A. Whitbeck
Lewis C. Austin

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January - June 1992 (FY 92)

Tuition	\$28,740.00
Transportation	12,528.00
Chapter 70 Tuition	1,786.00
Chapter 71 Transportation	7,581.00

Students Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K		1	1
1	2		2
3		1	1
4	1		1
5	2	1	3
7	1	1	2
8	1		1
9	1		1
12	1		1
	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>

July - December 1992 (FY93)

Tuition	19,680.00
Transportation	6,768.00
Chapter 70 Tuition	
Chapter 71 Transportation	

Students Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	1		1
1		1	1
2	2		2
4		1	1
5	1		1
6	2	1	3
8	1	1	2
9		1	1
10	1		1
	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Torrico,
Chairperson
Marie Cane,
Vice Chairperson
Ginger Alexander
School Committee

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

1992 was an exceptional year for new building codes and regulations. It is safe to assume that any work contemplated should be accompanied by a phone call to the Building Inspector: 528-3516.

I would like to thank the residents of Mount Washington for cooperating with these sometimes burdensome regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D'Alessio

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

As of January 1, 1992

Residential	\$28,085,300
Open Space	0
Industrial	550,600
Personal Property	1,462,860
Total	\$30,098,760
Income over pervious year	295,310
Tax Rate Per \$1000.00	8.00
Total Tax Assessed	\$240,790.08

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Romano, Chairman
Patricia B. D'Alessio
Debra Cowin

**REPORT OF
THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND TOWN RECYCLING EFFORTS**

Bulky waste collection will continue in 1993.
Dates will be posted for residents.

Furman (Brud) Arthur stepped down as Alternate District Representative due to other commitments. He spent many hours helping the program with no cost to the Town
Thanks Brud.

Charles Austin is Bruds replacement and attends the District meetings and also takes the recycling materials to Egremont. Thanks Charles.

Respectfully,

Harry L.J. Garrett
District Representative

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Vital Statistics

Marriages: 1

Births: 3

Deaths: 2

Dog Licenses

Male Licenses	\$10.00 each	14 issued	\$140.00
Female Licenses	\$10.00 each	1 issued	10.00
Spayed Licenses	\$ 4.00 each	19 issued	76.00
Neutered Male	\$ 4.00 each	8 issued	32.00

There is a \$.75 fee that goes to the Town Clerk for each license sold.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Class S1 Resident Citizen Sporting	14	@ \$19.50
Class S3 Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70	1	@ FREE
Class DS Duplicate Sporting	2	@ \$2.00
Class H1 Resident Citizen Hunting	8	@ \$12.50
Class H5 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Hunting/Big Game	5	@ \$48.50
Class M1 Archery/Primitive Arms Hunting Stamps	7	@ \$5.10
Class M2 Mass. Waterfowl Stamps	2	@ \$5.00
Class W1 Wildlands Conservation Resident Stamp	22	@ \$5.00
Class W2 Wildlands Conservation Non-Resident Stamp	5	@ \$5.00

Hunting Fishing Licenses - \$.50 fee to Town Clerk

Archery/Primitive Arms Stamp - \$.10 fee to Town Clerk

Total Population: 138

Registered Voters: 93

Republicans: 25

Democrats: 19

Independents (unenrolled): 49

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Furcht
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The library continues to have available at the Town Hall many new books from the best seller lists. Also, there is a good selection of large print books. New children's books have been purchased and we are starting a collection of audio books.

Please feel free to let the librarian know your preference in books.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Chase

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Conservation Commission members: Gary M. Cane, Debra Cowin, Philip Garrett, Katharine Manning, Eleanor Tillinghast.

The Commission meets every other Tuesday at 7:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Commonwealth law requires the Commission to enforce the State Wetlands Protection Act and other laws and regulations. These laws and regulations affect all work within and near wetlands area.

We also continued our routine monitoring of logging projects in wetland areas.

We hope town residents concerned about our local environment will take advantage of the many informational and education resources of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Tillinghast, Chairman
Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

A Board of Health separate from the Selectmen is in its second year and is working to foster understanding of the requirements of Title V, the Commonwealth Sanitary Disposal regulations.

The members of the Board of Health would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the reasons for conformance to Title V regulations. First and foremost, these regulations are set forth by the Commonwealth to protect the health of its citizens. The most frequently discussed issue is that of subsurface disposal systems.

Adherence to these regulations helps to ensure safe drinking water for the entire community as well as helping to ensure that systems installed will perform without failure for longer periods of time. It is in the best interest of the individual property owner and the community at large to have a system that meets the requirements.

It is important that the members of the community understand that a valid perc test is meant to gather information for the design of a system and does not necessarily mean that an acceptable system can be installed. Title V requires an engineered system. Once an existing system fails, the new system must meet current Title V requirements. These regulations are mandated by the Commonwealth and are not subject to local suspension.

Routine maintenance by the property owner is necessary and will help reduce the incidence of failure.

Please feel free to discuss your questions or concern by contacting the Board by letter or at a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Romano, Chairman
Fred Cowin
Jim Lovejoy

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets the first and third Thursday of the Month.

The year past proved to be an interesting one for the Board, allowing for much growth of the Board in working knowledge in many areas.

Some of the official activities included:

- Review of seven applications to build for applicability under the Zoning By-law.
- Review of multiple Form-A applications related to the possible division of six lots.
- Review of four non-conforming uses proposing alterations or extensions.
- Granted two Special Permits. (see below*)
- Granted one modification of existing Special Permit. (see below*)
- * A Special Permit was granted to Lewis Austin of Blueberry Hill Farm for the operation of a Farm stand during the summer months.
- * A Special Permit was granted to the Town Highway Department for the alteration of a non-conforming use; the construction of a Salt Shed for the Highway Departments use.
- It should be noted that no opposition was communicated to the Planning Board relative to either of the above issues.
- * A modification of a Special Permit granted last year to Camp Hi-Rock (to operate a day-camp) was granted. The modification referred to the transportation of day-campers. Conditions are included to safeguard the use of our roads and to safeguard the children being transported.
- The modification of a previously granted Special Permit shows an allowance for flexibility under Special Permit Regulations.
- These actions followed public meetings and hearings to allow for and to record concerns, fact and opinions of abutters and interested parties.
- The Planning Board sponsored a By-law regarding positions appointed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Board and/or official to ensure townspeople knowledge of current openings.

In the coming year the Planning Board will be hosting a Public Forum to consider the issue of Home Occupations. Townspeople need to come together to decide the direction the population will choose to take regarding this important decision.

We continue to welcome your involvement in town government and your questions relating to zoning issues and future planning concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie C. Cane, Chairman
Morgan Bulkeley IV
Lorraine Dombrowski
James Lovejoy
Elizabeth A. Tamer
PLANNING BOARD

**REPORT OF THE
MOUNT WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING**

In calendar year 1992, the Mt. Washington C.O.A. wrote the annual formula grant offered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This year's grant was for \$630.00. On receipt of the funds, they were forwarded to the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Collaborative (S.B.E.T.C.) to help with their funding of the transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped in our 9 town area.

These transportation services are available to us in Mt. Washington.

For further information or any ideas you may have, please call:

Mt. Washington C.O.A. Ginger Alexander - 528-3725
Lorraine Dombrowski - 528-1392
S.B.E.T.C. - Andy Weeks - 528-4773
Gt. Barrington Senior Center - Terry Koldys - 528-1881

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Alexander, Chmn.
Lorraine Dombrowski

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Proceeds of the sale of lots from the New Cross Roads cemetery go directly to the development of the cemetery. Therefore work will be done as plots are sold. Residents and taxpayers may purchase 5' x 10' plots at a cost of \$150.00 a plot, plus an added cost for markers.

There are plans for a sundial, which has been donated to be placed in the circle. Our future plans are to put in an access cut and road down the center.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D'Alessio, Chairman
Mary Todd Garrett
Bette Wright
Patricia B. D'Alessio
Stanley Tarnier

REPORT OF THE ARTS COUNCIL

Thanks to the enormous efforts of the members of the community, the 1992 summer season was a great success!

The Arts Council was pleased to assist in the program to celebrate the Mount Washington Tricentennial. Many thanks to all the members of the Council and the community who made the event possible. We hope that the people who attended enjoyed it as much as we did.

The children's program was masterfully supervised by Judy Thomas. Judging from the number of participants and comments from the parents, it was also a great success.

I would like to thank Morgan Bulkeley and Mary King Austin for their help and commitment to the Arts Council.

We look forward to an increase in funding for 1993 due to a restructuring of allocations from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and greatly appreciate the suggestions for programming that we have received.

Be sure to watch for the posting of the 1993 schedule of events and for the survey which will be distributed during the summer.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please leave a message at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Dawson Lovejoy
Chairman

**REPORT OF THE
MOUNT WASHINGTON RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Our wishes to you for a healthy 1992 seemed to have come true as it has been a relatively quiet year for us. I am pleased to tell you that along with many volunteers from Camp Hi-Rock, we took part in the successful search and rescue of a seven year old boy who had been lost in the woods for close to twenty-four hours. Many thanks to all who helped. We couldn't do it without you.

Hopefully, the squad will be offering a first responder course in the not too distant future. Anyone interested should contact any squad member. We are always in need of new members. We are also available to conduct CPR classes. If you don't know how to perform CPR you should. It could save someone you love.

We as a squad are going to try and keep in closer contact with our elder citizens of the mountain. If you know of someone who could use some type of help, let us know. If you aren't sure, but think they do, they probably could use some assistance, so bring it to our attention.

The annual spaghetti supper will be held on Saturday, June 26th and we look forward to seeing you there. Also, when you attend the Church Fair, stop at the table, say hello, and have your blood pressure checked.

Thank you all for your continued support, and we wish each and everyone of you a healthy and safe 1993.

Respectfully,

Betsy W. Wildman
President

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

To the Citizens of the Town of Mount Washington:

The Children's Health Program, Inc., is pleased to provide the following report to the Town of Mount Washington:

CHP's Pediatric Services provided the following services in 1992.

Well-Child Visits: 0

Sick Child Visits: 0

Well-child care includes physical exams, immunizations, health screenings, and safety education. Dr. Susan Thompson continues to supervise the health care services at CHP; our Nursing Director is S. Jodi Tuller, R.N., C.P.N.P. Families may call 528-9311 to receive further information about health care for children.

Other programs at CHP include:

SBWIC: A food voucher program for pregnant women, for infants and preschool children. Call 528-0457 for information.

Participants Served: 1

Community Nutrition Services includes: Project Milk, an emergency food voucher services, and Breast Feeding Education Services. Call 528-9311 for information.

Parent-Child Playgroups are held each week in South County towns for parents and preschool age children. They are free and are open to all families. Call 528-9311 for schedules. Playgroup Parents Served: 2 Playgroup Children Served: 4

Parent to Parent Volunteers visit families each week to assist parents who may have a newborn or young infant to care for; call 528-9311 for details. Parent to Parent Families Served: 0.

Early Intervention Service assists families who have a young child with delays in development, or with specific disabilities. EIS staff are always available to answer questions about a young child's progress. Call 528-9311 for information.
EIS Children Served: 1

We thank the citizens of Mount Washington for assisting us in supporting the families of Southern Berkshire County.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Small
Executive Director

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Mount Washington

The following is a report for Calendar Year 1992

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

	DISTRICT	TOWN
Paid by Towns	\$18,089.05	\$ 0
Refunds from Veterans	\$ 0	0
State Reimbursements (75%)	\$12,384.25	0

VETERANS' SERVICES: PAID BY THE VETERANS' SERVICES

Compensations/Pensions	\$339,366	\$ 0
Medical Assistance	Included	0
Burial Benefits	450	0
Grave Markers	32	0
Burial Flags	32	0

VETERANS SERVICES PAID FOR BY DISTRICT TOWNS

District Office Cases and Assistance	569	3
Administrative Budget	\$31,954.53	\$191.72

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold A. Hayes
Director/Agent

DOINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 1992

The following people were present at the meeting: Harry Garrett, Elizabeth Garrett, Victorine Torrico, Lewis Austin, Judy Whitbeck, Philip Garrett, Carolyn Romano, Barnett Goldstein, Zelda Goldstein, Bette Wright, Margaret Whitbeck, Benjamin Wildman, Theodore Dombrowski, James Lovejoy, Elizabeth Turner, Stanley Turner, Cile VanDeusen, Fred Cowin, Steven D'Alessio, Barbara D'Alessio, Thomas Furcht, Ginger Alexander, Marie Cane, William Miles, James Whitbeck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by moderator Harry Garrett.

Article 1: The vote was unanimous to transfer \$8,556.00 from available free cash funds in the treasury to the School Account. The motion was made by Victorine Torrico and seconded by Lewis Austin.

Article 2: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from available free cash funds in the treasury to the Group Insurance account. The motion was made by Margaret Whitbeck and seconded by Barnett Goldstein.

Article 3: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$1,200.00 from additional fees collected for solid waste disposal and recycling (User Fees) to the Waste Management account. The motion was made by Barnett Goldstein and seconded by Margaret Whitbeck.

Article 4: The vote was unanimous to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F. Under this provision municipal boards and officers may set reasonable fees and charges for any permits, licenses or certificates they issue and any service they provide and, if those fees and charges are currently established by statute, to set them above the statutory level. The motion was made by Bette Wright and seconded by Judy Whitbeck.

The motion to adjourn was made by Barnett Goldstein in seconded by Carolyn Romano and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas C. Furcht
Town Clerk

DOINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 5, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Harry Garrett, Moderator.

Present were: Harry Garrett, Thomas Furcht, Bill Miles, Ginger Alexander, Betsy Garrett, James and Sue Percy, Bette Wright, Dennis Downing Town Counsel, Susan Austin, Lewis Austin, Vicki and James Torrico, Barnett and Zeld Goldstein, Theodore Dombrowski, Cathy Torrico, Linda Whitbeck, Embee Bulkeley, James and Peggy Whitbeck, Benjamin and Betsy Wildman, Eleanor Tillinghast, James and Eleanor Lovejoy, Carolyn and Lawrence Romano, Phil Garrett, Judith Whitbeck, James and Helen Chase, Marie Cane, Lucille Van Deusen, Gary Cane, George Payne, Barbara D'Alessio, Steve D'Alessio, Lorraine Dombrowski, Fred and Debbie Cowin.

Article 1: Vote was unanimous to accept the report of the Selectmen with the following changes: pg. 24 Treasurer's Report-balance June 30, 1991 \$82,674.31; pg. 2 - Ginger Alexander's term expires in 1993.

Article 2: The vote was unanimous to raise and appropriate the following sums of money as may be required to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, ensuing as follows:

	Budget Fiscal yr. 1993
Bank Services	\$ 500.
Berkshire Country Retirement	5,831.
Cemeteries	430.
Council on Aging	50.
Egremont Fire Companies	1,150.
Fuel	7,000.
Insect Pest Control	10.
Insurance - Group	24,300.
Insurance - Town	21,528.
Library	500.
Machinery Maintenance	6,500.
MA Division of Employment Security	1,000.
Printing and Supplies	2,500.
Schools	76,000.
So. Berkshire Vol. Ambulance Squad	200.
Stabilization	10,000.
Superintendent of Streets	22,968.
Town Buildings Maintenance & Repair	500.
Town Counsel	2,500.
Town Highways	10,000.
Town Officers' Expense	3,200.
Town Secretary	13,311.
Utilities	2,000.
Veterans' Services	200.
Winter Mainenance	25,000.

There was discussion over Berkshire Retirement and Group Insurance, questions were answered with no changes.

Article 3: The Vote was unanimous to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix salaries of the Elected Town Officers:

Treasurer	1,680.
Tax Collector	1,020.
Selectman-Chairman	1,020.
Selectman	768.
Selectman	768.
Assessor-Chairman	1,260.
Assessor	630.
Assessor	630.
Town Clerk	600.
Constable	174.
Moderator	30.

Article 4: The Vote was unanimous to transfer \$3,000.00 from available free cash in the treasury for a Reserve Fund, as provided for in Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 5: The Vote was unanimous to use \$34,594.00 of Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1991 under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2 (a), for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement projects on all approved public ways monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article 6: The Vote (by secret ballot) was 22 in favor and 16 opposed to authorized the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow \$100,000 to purchase a 4 wheel drive backhoe/loader pursuant to Chapter 44, Sec. 7 clause 9 and 9(a) or any other enabling authority, contingent on a successful debt exclusion vote on May 12, 1992. There was much discussion, but no fighting; the vote for a secret ballot was 20 yea, 15 no.

Article 7: The Vote was unanimous to accept the following resolution: RESOLVED: That the Town of Mount Washington calls upon the Legislature to annually appropriate and fully distribute the legally required 15% of gas tax receipts to cities and towns, for the construction, maintenance, and policing of local roads.

Article 8: The Vote was 25 in favor, 4 opposed to direct the Town Clerk to send letters to President Bush, Senators Kennedy and Kerry, and Representative Olver telling them the Town supports a single payer national health insurance plan which would be universal, comprehensive, free at the point of service with no deductibles, and no co-payments; which would be financed by progressive taxes by corporations and individuals.

Article 9: The Vote was unanimous to authorize the Selectmen to appoint any committee or committees and give them or any Town Officer an authority or indemnity and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

In other business, Harry Garrett brought up the subject of recycling. He suggested that if people were interested in plastic recycling that should come to Selectmen's meetings to get information.

He stated that more barrels would be needed as well as a bigger shed. He also reminded people of what can and cannot be recycled.

Thomas Furcht thanked all the volunteer ballot clerks for their time and efforts. He also thanked Ellie Lovejoy for her donation of time and computer to do the Street and Voter lists.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas C. Furcht
Town Clerk

DOINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - AUGUST 19, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Harry Garrett, Moderator at 7:30 pm. Present were: Thomas Furcht, Betsy Garrett, Betsy Wildman, Lorraine Dombrowski, Zelda Goldstein, Barnett Goldstein, Lewis Austin, Carolyn Romano, Sue Percy, James Percy, William Miles, Ruth Miles, Judith Whitbeck, Bette Wright, Cathy Torrico, Victorine Torrico, Phil Garrett, John Bailey, Eleanor Dawson, Chester Cybulski, Carol Cybluski, Mary Lynn Turner, Steve D'Alessio, Patricia D'Alessio, Marie Cane, Morgan Bulkeley, Lucile Van Duesen, James Lovejoy, Fred Cowin, and Debra Cowin.

Article 1: The vote was unanimous for the Town to establish a Finance Committee under the provisions of Chapter 39 Sec. 16 of Massachusetts General Laws with all the powers and duties thereof. The Committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the Moderator initially two for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and one for a term of three years and thereafter appointments for three year terms shall be made by the Moderator as vacancies arise.

Article 2: The vote was unanimous for the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,081.00 to purchase a 4 wheel drive backhoe/loader.

Article 3: No vote was taken due to the defeat of question 2 on the August 17, 1992 Special Town Ballot.

Article 4: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Cemetery Lots Reserve to the Cemeteries account.

Article 5: The vote was unanimous to adopt the following general by-law as it relates to official positions appointed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Board of Official.

- a. Eight (8) weeks prior to a definite date in June of each year set by the Board of Selectmen to decide on official appointments, a list of positions to be appointed shall be posted by the Selectmen at the usual public posting locations and circulated among all Town Boards and appointed officials.
- b. Said posted/circulated notice shall include an invitation to any interested parties to apply for any appointed position and/or to offer recommendations regarding an appointment to any position.

Article 6: After Explanation by Bette Wright, the vote was unanimous to raise and appropriate \$12,800.00 for Waste Management.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas C. Furcht
Town Clerk

DOINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 30, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Thomas Furcht, Town Clerk and acting Moderator. The following registered voters were present at the meeting: Bette Wright, Carolyn Romano, James Whitbeck, Elizabeth Turner, John Florio, Steve D'Alessio, Patricia D'Alessio, Morgan Bulkeley, Lucile Van Deusen, and William Miles.

Article 1: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reimbursement funds to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 2: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$2,650.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reimbursement funds to the Emergency Reserve Account.

Article 3: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$7,416.28 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reimbursement funds to the Town Highway Account.

Article 4: The vote was unanimous to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from the Cemetery Lots Reserve to the Cemeteries Account.

Article 5: The vote was unanimous that the sum of \$71,081.00 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a 4 wheel drive backhoe/loader. For the appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow the sum of \$71,081.00 and issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44 of MGL or any other enabling authority.

James Whitbeck, Constable, noted that an advertisement had been placed in the official town notice box at the compactor. He reminded people that those boxes are for Town Bulletins only.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Furcht, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

January - June 1992

1990 Motor Vehicle Tax Collected	36.25
1991 Real Estate Tax Collected	192.46
1991 Personal Property Tax Collected	54.60
1991 Motor Vehicle Tax Collected	1,399.90
1991 Waste Management Tax Collected	300.00
1992 Real Estate Tax Collected	57,927.90
1992 Personal Property Collected	2,108.98
1992 Motor Vehicle Tax Collected	6,934.37
1992 Waste Management Tax Collected	12,100.00
Interest On Taxes	274.75
Demands	120.00

July - December 1992

1990 Real Estate Tax Collected	223.92
1990 Personal Property Tax Collected	2.16
1991 Real Estate Tax Collected	283.02
1991 Personal Property Tax Collected	2.74
1991 Motor Vehicle Tax Collected	247.50
1991 Waste Management Fee Collected	200.00
1992 Real Estate Tax Collected	1,765.51
1992 Motor Vehicle Tax Collected	2,046.55
1992 Waste Management Fee Collected	700.00
1993 Real Estate Tax Collected	114,598.10
1993 Personal Property Tax Collected	6,080.40
Interest On Taxes	291.12
Demands	60.00

Abatements

1989 Personal Property	5.62
1989 Motor Vehicle Excise	5.00
1990 Personal Property	1.44
1990 Motor Vehicle Excise	21.25
1991 Motor Vehicle Excise	37.50
1992 Motor Vehicle Excise	127.95
1992 Waste Management Fees	700.00
1993 Real Estate Tax	297.60
1993 Personal Property	113.00

To Collect

1985 Real Estate Tax	200.20
1986 Real Estate Tax	240.54
1987 Real Estate Tax	240.54
1988 Real Estate Tax	241.39
1988 Motor Vehicle Excise	25.00
1989 Real Estate Tax	330.29
1989 Motor Vehicle Excise	302.29

1990 Real Estate Tax	491.04
1990 Motor Vehicle Excise	252.30
1991 Real Estate Tax	428.15
1991 Motor Vehicle Excise	289.58
1991 Waste Management Fees	400.00
1992 Real Estate Tax	2,267.65
1992 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,328.66
1992 Personal Property Tax	27.52
1992 Waste Management Fees	600.00

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Q. Whitbeck
Tax Collector

FISCAL SUMMARY - FISCAL YEAR 1992
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

	Taxation	Transfer	Free Cash	Refund	Carryover	Expenditure	Balance
Bank Services	500.00					339.42	160.58
Berkshire County Retirement System	3,052.00					2,734.95	317.05
Cemeteries	430.00					285.00	145.00
Council on Aging	50.00					50.00	- 0 -
Egremont Fire Companies	1,150.00	500.00t				1,650.00	- 0 -
Fuel	7,000.00					7,000.00	- 0 -
Insect Pest Control	10.00					- 0 -	10.00
Insurance - Group	18,500.00		2,828.83			21,328.83	- 0 -
Insurance - Town	18,720.00					15,191.60	3,528.40
Library	500.00	247.57				747.50	- 0 -
Machinery Maintenance	6,500.00					6,500.00	- 0 -
MA Division of Employment & Training	1,000.00					1,000.00	- 0 -
Printing and Supplies	2,500.00					2,443.74	56.26
Schools	63,500.00	6,500fc				69,808.30	191.70
Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad	200.00					200.00	- 0 -
Stabilization	8,741.00					8,741.00	- 0 -
Superintendent of Streets	22,968.00					21,549.00	1,419.00
Town Buildings Maintenance and Repair	500.00					500.00	- 0 -
Town Counsel	2,000.00					2,000.00	- 0 -
Town Highways	9,700.00					9,700.00	- 0 -
Town Officers' Expense	3,200.00					2,148.93	1,051.07
Town Secretary	13,311.00					13,311.00	- 0 -
Utilities	2,000.00					1,926.86	73.14
Veterans' Services	188.00					187.97	.03
Winter Management	25,000.00					25,000.00	- 0 -
Waste Management		12,800.00				12,311.80	488.20
Dog Licenses		328.25				12,311.80	- 0 -
Tax Collector Fees		260.00				260.00	- 0 -
Town Clerk Fees		85.50				85.50	- 0 -
Sanitary Inspector Fees		900.00				900.00	- 0 -

**TREASURER'S REPORT
RECEIPTS
January 1, 1992 - June 30, 1992**

Plumbing Inspector Fees	121.00	-0-
Writing Inspector Fees	280.00	-0-
Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements	78.78	-0-
Real Estate Abatements	11.82	-0-
Building Inspector Fees	625.00	-0-
Payroll Deductions:		
U.S. Withholding	3,238.49e	-0-
MA Withholding	1,197.26e	-0-
Berkshire County Retirement	2,734.95e	-0-

KEY

- T - Trust
- E - Employee
- FC - Free Cash
- F - Fees

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy W. Wildman
Treasurer

State:

Chapter 70	446.00
Chapter 71	7,581.00
Arts Lottery	1,000.00
Lottery	240.00
Polling	79.00
Highway	2,635.00
Court Fines	200.00
Additional Assistance	22,554.00
Elder Affairs	600.00

Tax Collector:

Taxes	6,8694.73
Interest on Taxes	274.75
Fees and Demands	170.00
Waste Management Fees	12,500.00

Town Clerk:

Fees	20.00
Plumbing Inspector	50.00
Sanitary Inspector	600.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
Building Inspector	10.00
Library	36.95
Books	26.00
Group Insurance	10,606.75
Dogs	294.00
Hauler Fees	100.00
In Lieu of Taxes	800.00
Licesnse to Carry	20.00
F.I.D. Cards	2.00
Insurance Dividend	113.73
Cemetery Plots	450.00
Applications to Build	140.00
Form A	50.00
Dog Refund	32.20
Divison of Employment (State)	1,140.00
Barnett Goldstein (Reimbursement)	18.00
Bank Interest	

Payroll Deductions:

US Withholding	1,726.49
MA Withholding	531.00
Berkshire County Retirement	1,498.30

**TREASURER REPORT
PAYMENTS**

January 1, 1992 - June 30, 1992

Administrative Assistant	6,885.00
Fuel	4,454.18
Utilities	1,089.85
Machinery Maintenance	- 0 -
Winter Maintenance	11,381.96
Town Highway	- 0 -
Waste Management	5,500.49
Superintendent of Streets	12,056.00
Library	403.15
Town Insurance	6,816.06
Group Insurance	21,404.66
Printing and Supplies	1,461.66
Town Officers Expense	772.41
Town Maintenance & Repairs to Bldngs	81.80
Schools	61,888.30
Council on Aging	600.00
Town Officers Salaries (elected)	4,290.00
Town Officers Salaries (appointed)	25.00
MA Division of Employment and Training	479.33
Arts Council	- 0 -
Town Clerk Fees	56.75
Town Counsel Fees	500.00
Emergency Reserve	2,339.46
Cemetery	- 0 -
Tax Collector Fees	140.00
County Tax	1,467.80
BCRS Pension Fund	- 0 -
Plumbing Inspector Fees	71.00
Sanitary Inspector Fees	400.00
Wiring Inspector Fees	180.00
Building Inspector Fees	- 0 -
Donations	1,850.00
Reval	- 0 -
County Treasurer (dogs)	279.79
Veterans Services	187.97
State Elections - Polls	79.00
Bank Services	339.42
US Withholdings	1,726.49
MA Withholdings	531.00
Berkshire County Retirement	1,498.30

**TREASURER'S REPORT
RECEIPTS**

July 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

State:	
Chapter 70	894.00
Arts Lottery	150.00
Lottery	514.00
Highway	2,683.00
State Owned Land	17,738.00
Polls	51.00
Flood Emergency	12,566.28
Additional Assistance	21,918.00
Tax Collector:	
Taxes	125,249.90
Interest on Taxes	316.32
Fees and Demands	135.00
Waste Management Fees	990.00
Town Clerk:	
Fees	10.00
Plumbing Inspector	71.00
Sanitary Inspector	700.00
Wiring Inspector	160.00
Building Inspector	595.00
Books	104.00
Waste Management	990.00
Dogs	6.50
Permits	210.00
Donation (use of Town Hall)	100.00
Cemetery	1,100.00
F.I.D. Cards	10.00
Veterans' Abatement	175.00
Harry L.J. Garrett (Stationary)	76.00
Insurance Claim	240.47
Public Hearing	50.00
In Lieu of Taxes	2,000.00
Elder Affairs (state)	600.00
Group Insurance	11,710.03
License to Carry	10.00
Postage	.36
Payroll Deductions:	
US Withholding	1,618.11
MA Withholding	915.88
Berkshire County Retirement	1,330.02

**TREASURER'S REPORT
PAYMENTS**

July 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

Administrative Assistant	6,273.00
Fuel	2,424.23
Utilities	887.97
Machinery Maintenance	11,232.91
Winter Maintenance	8,069.69
Town Highway	10,581.83
Waste Management	5,672.10
Superintendent of Streets	10,824.00
Library	311.90
Town Insurance	11,101.76
Group Insurance	22,804.51
Printing and Supplies	609.29
Town Officers Expenses	1,348.44
Town Buildings - Maintenance & Repair	60.00
Schools	5,076.00
Council on Aging	600.00
Town Officers (elected) Salaries	4,290.00
MA Division of Employment and Training	1,334.11
Arts Council	1,050.00
Town Clerk Fees	10.00
Town Counsel Fees	2,500.00
Emergency Reserve	250.00
Cemeteries	495.00
Tax Collector Fees	110.00
County Assessment Tax	1,504.50
BCRS Pension Fund	5,831.00
Sanitary Inspector Fees	700.00
Wiring Inspector Fees	140.00
Building Inspector Fees	50.00
State Elections	51.00
Comm. of MA (loan fee)	5.00
US Withholding	1,618.11
MA Withholding	915.88
Berkshire County Retirement	1,330.02

**RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
Fiscal Year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992**

Balances July 1, 1991	82,674.31
Receipts	289,646.08
TOTAL:	372,320.39
Payments	266,383.30
Great Barrington Savings Bank	35,993.36
First Agricultural Bank - Money Market	44,458.02
First Agricultural Bank - Checking	25,485.71
TOTAL:	372,320.39
Great Barrington Savings Bank	35,993.36
First Agricultural Bank - Money Market	44,458.02
First Agricultural Bank - Checking	25,485.71
Balance June 30, 1992	105,937.09
TRUST FUNDS:	
TRICENTENIAL	
On Deposit January 1992	1,135.22
Interest for Year	81.22
On Deposit December 31, 1992	1,216.44
SELF-INSURED FUND	
On Deposit January 1, 1992	5,673.40
Interest for Year	224.74
On Deposit December 31, 1992	5,898.14
STABILIZATION FUND	
On Deposit January 1, 1992	3,806.29
Interest and Deposit for Year	18,919.15
On Deposit December 31, 1992	22,725.44

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy W. Wildman
Treasurer