

ANNUAL REPORT FY24

TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS



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**TOWN OF CHESTER
MASSACHUSETTS**



**Annual Reports of the
Town Officers
For the 2024 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2024
TOWN OF CHESTER**

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

To the Citizens of Chester,

Thank you to the citizens of Chester who came out to vote on Election Day and who attended the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings. Your participation in our Town is necessary and vitally important. We truly appreciate it.

There were some personnel changes to the Board of Selectmen as well as the Town Departments:

Brian Forgue was elected July 8, 2023 to fill out the remainder of Selectmen Jason Forgue's term. Jason resigned from the Board of Selectmen in April 2023.

Craig Gauthier was elected to the Board of Selectman in May 2024 for a 3-year term.

Keirsen Broman was appointed by the Selectboard to be the Council on Aging (COA) Director, succeeding Anne Daley

Kendall Bennett was hired by the Board of Assessor's to succeed Laura Lafreniere to become the Assessor Clerk after Laura retired.

John Van Heynigen resigned as Electrical Inspector. The Board appointed Nate Kowalczyk.

The Selectboard appointed Highway Superintendent Chip Dazelle to be the Emergency Management Director for Chester and thanked Jill Strong for her service as the former Director.

Mary Ann Pease, long-time Chester Tax Collector, announced she would retire from her position. The Selectboard hired Terry Donovan to succeed her as Collector.

The Selectboard appreciates the service of all Town employees and Board and Commission members. We know how hard they work for the residents of Chester. If you would like to get involved in Chester government, there are plenty of opportunities. The Selectboard appoints the volunteers. For more information, call Town Administrator Don Humason at 413-354-7760.

The Selectboard hired the auditing firm of Roselli, Clark, and Associates to audit the town's books for 2023, 2024, and 2025. A copy of their audit report is available at the Town's website TownofChester.net.

The annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting was held in the evening on the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Jamie Caplan Consulting was contracted by the Selectboard to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which expired and is required in order for Chester to apply for and receive grants. A copy of their final report is available at the Town's website, TownofChester.net.

M&S Development was contracted to perform an analysis of possible alternative uses for the old Chester elementary school at 10 Middlefield Road. A copy of their final report is available at the Town's website TownofChester.net.

The Town's annual Memorial Day ceremony and parade were held on Monday, May 27, 2024.

In June, Angela Panaccione of the Pioneer Valley Planning Committee presented on the conclusion of the 2-year Chester – Blandford – Middlefield MVP Resilient Dirt Road grant.

Did you know the Town owns several parks? The largest is Emery Field on Emery Street by the Transfer Station. There is also a little playground across from Town Hall, behind the old elementary school. Hampden Park is a hidden, wooded gem on Hampden Street on the banks of Walker Brook. You and your families are welcome to use and enjoy these parks.

Chester's Library and Council on Aging/Senior Center are available to serve our residents of all ages.

Your Selectboard meets every 2 weeks, typically on Monday evenings, in the Auditorium at Town Hall. Our meetings are open to the public and Chester residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings to stay current on what is happening in Town.

You can learn more on the Town website www.TownofChester.net. That website is the official source for information, meeting agendas, Town department contact numbers, Town elections, the Annual Meeting and Special Town Meetings, audits, and more. We invite you to explore the website. Visit regularly for updates.

Thank you,

John Baldasaro, Chair
Richard "Andy" Sutton, Vice-Chair
Craig Gauthier, Clerk

*Submitted for the Selectboard by Town Administrator Don Humason,
TownAdministrator@TownofChester.net*

TOWN CLERK
Fiscal Year 2024
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Vital records are kept by the Town Clerks office and recorded with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, Vital Registry.

Vital Records

Births-11

Marriages-2

Deaths-8

Dog Licenses

273 dogs were licensed in town for the year 2024.

Total revenue from dog licenses was \$1780.00

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Donovan

Town Clerk

ANIMAL CONTROL AND INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

46 “Barn” inspections were made in the fall of 2023. The purpose is to document ownership of each animal, providing the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources with data for response planning in an emergency.

A total of 4 home kennels were inspected prior to licensure for 2024. All kennels were inspected and approved as meeting all standards of care per the state guidelines.

Calls to the ACO were as follows:

6-miscellaneous information calls

3-possible neglect

10-dog “at large”

6-wildlife call

5- stray pick up

6- nuisance/barking dog

6- dog bite

7- livestock complaints

1 - deceased animal removal

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Donovan ACO/Animal Inspector

Town of Chester
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FY 2024 Annual Report

As of June 2024, we have said goodbye to John VanHanahyne who Chaired the Commission for many years prior. His departure is bittersweet and we wish him well on his future endeavors. He continues to be an integral source of wisdom and guidance for the Commission and to the Community he served. We thank him for his dedication and continued mutual friendships! Today the all-volunteer commission consists of Lora Wade, Paul Waite, and Sean Forge.

During the Fiscal Year, Chester's Conservation Commission continued to work diligently assisting with the Kinne Brook Culvert Replacement Project submitted on behalf of Trout Unlimited, Abbott Hill/Ingell Road Brook Culvert Replacement Projects submitted on behalf of Board of Selectman Mr. Sutton and Westfield W&S. We participated in the Fuss & O'Neill Beaver Assessment Report which was done as part of the MVP Resilient Dirt Roads Grant for Chester, Blandford, and Middlefield. The Commission will continue to build upon established interdepartmental building and collaborations, outreach with the goal of streamlining the permitting process, updating and assisting in bylaws for Chester's Natural Resources, Open Spaces, Q&As/FAQs, and/or many other programs and guidance.

The Commission is pleased to also announce that Chester has been designated for Farmland of Local Importance (FLI) by the USDA–Natural Resources Conservation Services! Our woodland forests, wildlife, and local farmlands are depleting faster than ever. No Farms, No Food, right? The FLI qualifies many opportunities for farm/landowners, please watch the video to learn more here: [Farmland Protection Tools for the Berkshires - YouTube](#) and [NRCS-MA-designating-farmland-of-local-importance-2021.pdf](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. Your input and participation are integral to the work we do for you while working towards Massachusetts Biodiversity Goals, and protecting the land, water, and biological resources in our community.

Please let us know if we can help by contacting us through our updated webpage. Keep a look out for updates. Thank you all!

Sincerely,
Chester Conservation Commission

Biodiversity Goals for the Commonwealth | [Mass.gov](#)
Protecting Wetlands in Massachusetts | [Mass.gov](#)

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.
TOWN OF CHESTER
1/1/24 - 12/31/24

Operations:

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) is the primary ambulance service provider for the Town of Chester. The other towns located within our primary service area include Blandford, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington, covering approximately 8100 individuals over approximately 220 sq mi. HCAA also provides mutual aid responses to the Towns of Middlefield and Becket, as well as being assisted with ALS intercept services by our neighboring Cities/Towns of Westfield, Northampton, and Becket when the need arises.

HCAA is a 24/7 service and was staffed at the paramedic level 99% of the time for the period of 2024. Our fleet consists of 2 ambulances that are in service and, when a second crew is available, both ambulances are able to respond to calls.

Town Events/Community Education:

In addition to being the primary provider of ambulance services, we also provide standbys at the annual Littleville Fair for the various scheduled events. HCAA also participates in the annual Chester on Track, allowing us the opportunity to interact with our neighbors and friends firsthand and provide any resources or answer any questions that may arise.

HCAA provides education and training to residents of the community that are free of charge, as well. During 2024, HCAA presented a variety of different classes throughout its member communities, including a Stop the Bleed class to help familiarize individuals on immediate life saving actions should an emergent bleed arise, as well as Hands Only CPR classes. HCAA also provides a variety of certification courses, including American Heart Association BLS CPR and AED, for a registration fee. Keep an eye out on our social media platforms for upcoming classes and blood pressure drives, as well as visit our website for what classes are offered. If you are interested in participating or hosting a class that is not scheduled, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Emergency Responses:

Town	Number of Calls	Percentage of Total Calls
Blandford	89	12.1%
Chester	112	15.3%
Huntington	191	26.1%
Middlefield	2	0.3%
Montgomery	70	9.5%
Russell	143	19.5%
Worthington	126	17.2%

In 2024, HCAA responded to a total of 733 calls for service within the surrounding 6 towns and neighboring communities (See table).

Respectfully Submitted,
Jade Rice- Chief Financial Officer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Principal Assessor – Bishop & Associates

Board of Assessors:

Timothy Dunn - Chair

Keirsen Broman - Member

Kendall Bennett – Assessor Clerk

FY2024 Tax Rate - \$17.08 per \$1000 value

The Assessors' public office hours are 11 am to 3pm on Tuesdays or by appointment.

Call 413-354-6318 or email assessor@townofchester.net with any questions, concerns or to make an appointment.

There is a ton of helpful information and links on the Assessor's page of the town website!

Property record cards, GIS maps, State tax forms, all applications (Chapterland, exemptions, motor vehicle and real estate abatements) and helpful links, including senior and veteran work off information with applications, are available online at townofchester.net/assessors/

All homeowners are encouraged to view their property cards for accuracy. The information on these cards is used to calculate your assessed values.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall Bennett

Assessors Clerk

January 30, 2025

CHESTER MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
Year End – 12/31/2024

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department, formed in 1926, is a municipally owned utility that provides electricity to approximately seven hundred customers. CMELD operates on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year like the Town of Chester does; therefore, the financials are not available as of the deadline date that is needed to be included in this Annual Report. CMELD is required by law to file an annual report with the Department of Public Utilities and these reports may be found on their webpage.

2024 proved to be a most challenging year – Don LaPlante, who had been with CMELD for a long time, retired in December 2023, and Jeremy Tremblay retired in May 2024. They took with them a great deal of experience and knowledge and we wish them the best. Cooper Chechile then stepped up to be a “one-man” electric company. Because of his apprentice status, CMELD had to enlist the help of Russell Electric and Westfield Gas & Electric to work on any power issues that arose. After many months of advertising for a replacement Line Foreman, we finally have experienced applicants to choose from and hope to be hiring someone in the new year.

The second challenge of 2024 was the Energy Committee’s recommendation that the Town consider Eversource as a replacement for CMELD as an independently owned electric utility.

After months of arduous work by CMELD employees and customers, the vote in November decidedly favored keeping CMELD in Chester. We appreciate all the support from everyone involved.

Also in 2024, CMELD, as well as the Town of Chester, had an audit of their financials done by an independent auditing firm. The results of these audits can be found on the Town of Chester website.

CMELD has applied for a grant from Mass Clean Energy Center to remove dead ash trees on Skyline Trail. We will continue with tree-trimming as necessary to prevent outages throughout the Town of Chester.

We continue to include the “Watts” news in our monthly statements, highlighting other Town departments’ news as well as ours.

As 2025 nears, there is more uncertainty in the energy markets than any year since the pandemic. World conflicts remain unresolved and have the potential to alter the markets significantly.

We will strive to keep rates as low as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hall, General Manager
Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Seventy-seven permits were issued by the building department during FY 2024 which is well above average in recent years. One new single family dwelling permit was issued, while eleven more were for major home renovations, additions, or large garage/barn projects. Four permits were issued for new commercial projects as well.

Seventeen energy conservations permits were pulled this year including solar installations, window/ replacements, and insulation and air sealing upgrades. Ten permits were also issued for wood or pellet stoves. Please note that the installation of any solid fuel burning appliance (wood stoves, pellet stoves, etc.) requires a permit, regardless of the installer. The fee for this permit is reasonable, required by all home insurance companies, and important to the safety of the inhabitants of the structure. If you have already installed one of these devices, you can still apply for a permit and have a quick inspection. The remaining permits were for projects such as sheds, roofing, decks, etc.

There has been a continued effort to more strictly enforce our zoning bylaws to maintain property values and the public safety of all residents. Please feel free to reach out at any time with any concerns you may have throughout town and I will address accordingly. In the coming years we plan to continue to take numerous actions to clean up several of the blighted properties around town.

A large thank you goes out to all the other town departments and boards for their assistance and cooperation when requested. The dedication of these numerous, primarily volunteers, individuals is greatly appreciated and a testament to their commitment to the betterment of our town.

I am readily available to meet with you in the office, at your home, or at the job site as needed. As a Chester resident myself, I am consistently in the area so please feel free to reach out to me anytime at (413) 205-6504. Copies of each type of building permit application are located on the outside of my office door for you to pick up at your convenience if the online permitting system is not a viable option for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Forgue, Building Commissioner

CHESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND SOCIETY

Local historical commissions are the official agents of the municipal government and are responsible for community-wide historical preservation and planning. They are advisors to the Board of Selectmen.

Local historical societies are private organizations, concerned with the preservation of local histories through records, collections, and properties.

The “Old Chester Jail”, across the street from the Chester History Museum is owned by the Town of Chester and is used for our monthly winter meetings and continues to be our research area. It houses countless books and notebooks containing Chester historic pictures and research data. With our yearly Commission money, we maintain the jail, do necessary repairs, and pay for the heat, and Wi-Fi.

Work continued the second floor of the Chester History Museum, owned by the Chester Historical Society. This year we finished the stripping and polyurethaning of the floors, sheet rocking, painting, and insulating the future conditioned room. We were able to move a few exhibits into the newly renovated space

We had many visitors this year at both the museum and the jail. We were open during “Chester on Track,” on Sundays during the month of August, and on request. We also had many visitors from the Hilltown Hikers Historical Walking Tour and the CHS reunion.

We want to thank all who continue to support our efforts to preserve the history of the “Gem of the Valley”

John Hultman
President

CHESTER CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Chester Cultural Council (CCC) is composed of local volunteers interested in supporting and promoting the cultural activities of Chester and the surrounding Hilltown's of Western Mass. For over 30 years, residents and visitors to Chester, as with all towns and cities in Massachusetts, have benefited greatly from the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation.

In FY24 MCC allocated \$5.5 million to the state's 329 LCCs to regrant in every city and town in Massachusetts for grants to support local arts and cultural programming. Programs ranging from exhibits, murals, lectures, festivals and fairs, music, dance and cultural performances enjoyed across the Commonwealth.

The Chester Cultural Council, an all-volunteer, municipally appointed council receives an annual allocation from the MCC Local Cultural Council program funds to cover a broad range of interests. Because we distribute public dollars, it is important to gather public opinion and local information on resources. CCC conducted a survey in August 2023 to aid in developing criteria and funding priorities as a guide in our grantmaking decisions.

The CCC FY24 local priorities:

- Programs that remain in the Chester community.
- Prioritize fully funding grants.
- Projects celebrating local history, cultural diversity.
- Communitywide gatherings: festivals, concerts, plays.
- Restoration or preservation projects.

In FY24 the CCC available funding balance was \$8,995: with \$8,500 allocated for grants and \$250 administration. Funding sources included: \$5,500 MCC allocation and \$3,495 CCC fund carry over.

CCC received 21 grant requests totaling \$17,308. CCC approved 9 grants receiving \$8,500 in funds. Recipients included: Chester Elementary School \$1,150, Chester Historical Society \$550, Hamilton Memorial Library \$1,200, Highland Agricultural Society \$250, Hilltown Arts Alliance/ Owen Dowling \$500, North Hall Association Inc. \$600, Chester Foundation \$2,000, Community Fair Association \$2,000, and Timothy Van Egmond/ COA \$470.

Through CCC grants, new and familiar vibrant cultural programming remains a major part of our community. The council and its members are proud to provide oversight and administration of this important community resource. If you would be interested in joining us as a member of the Chester Cultural Council, please feel free to contact me by calling the Town Administrator's office at 413-354-7760 or TownAdministrator@townofChester.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Muriel Hall – Chair
Chester Cultural Council

HIGHWAY REPORT

First, I would like to thank the Selectboard, townspeople, Jill in my office and Town Administrator and asst. Admin for working together on many projects.

We replaced culverts on Fisk Road, took some trees Down and got that road finished. We also did work on Smith Road replacing culverts and getting rock ledges removed for safety. We have installed a 60-inch run-off Culvert on Abbott Hill to save the road in big storms. We have reinforced Round Hill ditches with stone that was washing out the road and electric poles.

We have again submitted a grant for Blandford Road in hopes of getting it this year. They sometimes are hard to get but we are trying. We have around 9,000 feet of Skyline Trail, 2,900 tons paved with more to do next year. We also paved Prospect, Main, Emery and Baystate drive. The Water Project by the train station has been completed and we worked together to finish our paving before Chester on Track. All dirt Roads have been graded and have had gravel on them. Mowing has been slower this year as the Highway Department is the only one doing it.

Since the last report we have been glad to hire Mark Meacham as a Highway Department employee. It has been a busy year with all our regular work and helping the Water Department with the water emergency. If anyone has anything, please feel free to e-mail the Highway Department and all suggestions will be looked at. Thanks again.

Charles "Chip" Dazelle

Town of Chester Highway Superintendent

Shop 1-413-354-2276

Cell 1-413-393-8946

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Chester Board of Health worked closely with the Mass DEP and DPH to oversee Chester Transfer Station. Chester faced challenges last year with wastebin items in our rubbish compactor. The Board worked on resolving these issues quickly so that fines and forced closure were diverted, happily the transfer station has operated smoothly this year, and the Swap Shop is well used by all permit holders. The Health Agent re-hired in 2024 was Charlie Kaniecki, which his fees are paid through the permitting process. We continue to use the online permitting system “Permit Eyes” as it is a time saving, record keeping, cost effective tool for all Board of Health Permits. The RDP grant award this year was for \$3,500.00 to be spent on recycling initiatives at the Transfer Station. The Board of Health continues its partnership with the Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition through the Northampton Board of Health which gives the Town access to free health services including three public Health Nurses, clinics and free health supplies and services. More services will be added this year including more thorough disease reporting. This year the food inspection process has gone high tech with excellent reporting and recordkeeping all thanks to this grant. Chester is the only non-Hampshire County member of HPHPC.

The transfer station continues to pass inspection to DEP standards and has a current Authorization-to-Operate permit. Recycling services have improved even more this year by expanding our grant funded Swap Shed, which is open year-round. A book bin for recycling books and a textile bin is available for permit holders year round. Chester receives dividends for goods placed in these bins. Operating hours are Wednesday 3 to 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm and is manned by two attendants and several alternates. The more we recycle the more money we save. We are working towards filling the state DEP goal to reduce waste in our landfills.

The Board of Health issued annual Food Permits/Inspections (6), Temporary Food Permits/Inspections (9), Title V Reviews (30+), Septic Construction Works Permits (19), Percolation Tests (11), Well Permits (3), Housing Inspections (12), Septic Installer Permits (12), Campground Permits (1), Trailer Park Permits (1), Beaver Permits (0 this year), Bed and Breakfast Permits (4), Temporary Housing Permits (4), Septage Hauler Permits (4), Trash Haulers Permits (2). The Board also handles Housing code enforcement, infectious disease investigation and reporting, health related public complaints and investigation. This was another record year for permitting.

The Board welcomes all questions, comments and suggestions at BoardofHealth@TownofChester.net or by phone 413-354-7781 seven days a week. The Board is dedicated to keeping Chester beautiful and healthy for its residents and businesses.

Respectfully submitted.

Nicholas J. Chiusano, Chair

Elizabeth Massa

Duane Pease

WILD & SCENIC WESTFIELD RIVER COMMITTEE

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee (WSWRC) is committed to continuing to preserve, enhance and restore the Westfield River. Erosion on riverbanks and exposure to contaminating substances entering the waterway is of concern within the watershed. Looking at public access points on the river to assess aspects in need of improvement.

The Committee hired an agency, Action Research, to create a plan. The plan that Action Research drew up will address two areas of how to maintain a healthy Westfield River in the watershed which is under the Wild & Scenic designation. Implementation of the two initiatives to be in 2025.

In March, a dedication to Cindy Delpapa was made to acknowledge her tremendous efforts and guidance that she provided to the Committee over the years.

The 2024 River Network River Rally was situated in Grand Rapids Michigan. Two reps from Worthington and Becket attended.

In early Spring, outreach coordinator, Meredyth Babcock and Cindy Delpapa, shared the Trout and Dragonfly Show. The presentations, full of insight, are educational. How and why is it important to work to keep the river wild and scenic.

Chester On Track is an Annual event held in Chester each May. The day is well attended by many in the surrounding area and all over New England. On the lawn of Chester Station, W&S volunteers and interns have a tent. Watershed information is made available along with fun for kids, including aquatic life puppetry and making fish prints.

In June, students at Chester Elementary enjoyed time by the river exploring aquatic life, building a river trail and watching dragon flies emerging from their shells.

Chester Railway Station received a community grant from the Wild & Scenic Committee for \$900.00, to get two exhibit tables at the MA Governors Conference in The Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, March 18 & 19, 2025. The event is sponsored by the MA Office of Travel & Tourism. Booths will promote the Railway Station, Keystone Arches, Wildwater Races and scenic vistas in the watershed.

In January 2025, a Visitor Use Management subcommittee of W&S evaluated Hampden Park in Chester, along with Boulder Park and the Chester-Blandford State Forest Campground as areas deserving of revitalization to both offer a wider number of area attractions and ease visitation at more heavily used vistas along the river.

The position of Alternate Representative for Chester on the Wild & Scenic Committee is open. It is a wonderful opportunity to help shape environmental awareness and recreation in Chester, as well as the other hilltowns in the watershed. Contact Dave Pierce through the Town Administrator's office at 413- 354-7760, if interested.

A failing culvert in Cummington, on Stage Road, through which the North Branch of the Swift River flows, is up for replacement. The grant application was submitted in time. The Department of Ecological Restoration, a government organization, recognized the need for repair. Town of Cummington was awarded a grant for \$150,000.

At the Cummington Fair, held in August, WSWRC had a tent. Under the tent was a stream table. The stream table is constructed to simulate water action through a substrate. The course of flow can be manipulated by a stream table human monitor to show various ways in which water flow could change depending on conditions.

Meredyth Babcock worked with two UMASS Interns, Natalia Ruiz and Izaak Vigil-Sagan. She and the interns helped to preserve the nature of the river ecosystem. Removing and composting invasive Barberry and Multiflora and Honeysuckle shrubs as was possible. Meredyth created new videos. Izaak helped make a film around Depot Brook in Washington. Natalia is featured in our film about culverts. The video works are posted on the wildscenicwestfieldriver.org website and <http://www.youtube.com/@wildscenic1>.

In addition, Meredyth, Outreach Coordinator, worked with the Hilltown Land Trust. A film has been produced entitled Protecting Vernal Pools Together. Progress and communication between Becket Town and Silvio Conte Wildlife refuge regarding large parcels along West Branch. A site on Abbott Hill Road in Chester is an ongoing project. Meredyth is working with landowners to identify and remove invasive species. 300 invasive plants have been removed.

Town of Windsor saw a culvert replacement funded, in part, with a grant from WSWRC. A new culvert was installed on River Road and fine plantings of native species completed an ecologically sensitive area.

Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA) is W&SWRC's new fiscal agent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Rep.

Dave Pierce

HAMILTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The Hamilton Memorial Library has had a dynamic and transformative year. In 2024, we faced an unexpected closure due to necessary renovations to improve our facility's accessibility and upgrade our sprinkler system. While these temporary closures posed challenges, they also reaffirmed our commitment to serving our community in every way possible.

Library Services and Programs

Despite our building's temporary closure, we remained dedicated to providing library services to our community. We held Story Time on Thursdays at 11:00 AM at the Chester Railway Station, where we welcomed children and their caregivers for engaging read-aloud sessions. The children were fascinated by the station's rich history, and we were incredibly grateful to Dave Pierce for not only providing us with this space but also sharing his knowledge of the Chester Railway Station's historical significance with our young patrons. This unique experience blended literacy and local history, making our temporary relocation a special and memorable one. Additionally, due to the support of the Council on Aging (COA), we were able to be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ensuring continued access to library resources and services for our community.

Now that we have fully reopened, we are thrilled to offer a robust lineup of programs and services:

- Story Time – Thursdays at 11:00 AM, returning to our library space for an enriching and interactive literary experience.
- Book Club – Held on the third Wednesday of every month, providing lively discussions on a variety of literary selections.
- Movie Night for Children – A new program introduced this year, taking place on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM.
- Lego and Pokémon Programs – Returning due to their overwhelming success during the summer, these programs foster creativity, problem-solving, and social engagement among children.
- Summer Reading Program – A highly anticipated annual event that encourages reading and learning throughout the summer months.
- Local Author Readings and Discussions – We will continue to host local authors for book readings and discussions, providing opportunities for patrons to connect with writers and their works.
- Environmental Education Programs – This year, we were fortunate to welcome environmental educators who provided engaging presentations on local flora and fauna, as well as the native wildlife and their habitats in Chester, Massachusetts. These programs have been well-received by patrons of all ages and have helped foster a deeper appreciation for our natural surroundings.

New Technology & Facility Improvements

This year has also brought significant improvements to our library's technology and infrastructure:

- We continue to offer printer and copier services for patron use.

- We have two public computers, one equipped with Microsoft Office, available for use by all patrons.
- To enhance accessibility for remote work and virtual meetings, we have:
 - Installed headphones for use with our computers.
 - Created a quiet area for work, study, and Zoom meetings.
- Purchased a new projector and screen for presentations, programs, and movie nights.
- Our internet is free and accessible to all patrons.
- We have installed all-new lighting throughout the library, creating a brighter, more energy-efficient, and welcoming environment for our visitors.

The Chester Mineral Museum at Hamilton Memorial Library

One of the unique features of our library is our Chester Mineral Museum, which showcases an impressive collection of local minerals and geological specimens from Chester, Massachusetts as well as specimens from all over the globe. Our region has a rich geological history, and the museum offers visitors a chance to explore fascinating mineral formations found right here in our community. This exhibit has been a valuable educational resource, especially for school groups, history enthusiasts, and anyone interested in the natural beauty of Chester's landscape.

CWMARS Membership

We are thrilled to announce that Hamilton Memorial Library is thriving as a CWMARS (Central and Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing). This membership significantly expands access to materials for our patrons, allowing them to borrow books, audiobooks, and other resources from libraries across the region. As part of CWMARS, we are now better connected to a broader network of library services that our patrons are also able to access from home, increasing the resources available to our community.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we remain committed to expanding our programming, technology access, and outreach efforts to better serve patrons of all ages. Additionally, our current Acting Director, Tammy Merenda, will be pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science beginning in May, further strengthening our library's expertise and leadership.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our community members, local educators, and all those who supported the library during this year of transition. We are excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to continuing to be a vital resource for our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Hamilton Memorial Library

CHESTER WATER DEPARTMENT
Some activities undertaken during FY'2024

Continuation of our Partnership with Gateway, creating an Apprentice Program designed to Train and Retain a water operator succession plan.

Collaboration with Blandford Water Dept to complete the Efficiency and Regionalization Grant
Multiple Horn Pond field expeditions, including several underwater investigations, supported by MRW/MASS Rural Water, to identify operational deficiencies restricting raw water flow
Progress with Asset Management Grant, including activation of our new GPS system capturing all system apparatus.

Continued 21-month DEP Mandated sampling of Austin Brook to secure permission to switch water source from Horn Pond when appropriate. Permission received JAN 2024

Extensive brush removal to reduce organic loading of Austin Reservoir.

Finalized Grant to replace sand filter / GAC and completed site prep work, for anticipated JUL install.

Thank you for your ongoing support of improved Chester water quality.

Jim Zimmerman
Bob Daley
Chester Water Commissioners

CHESTER COUNCIL ON AGING

We had a full year in the Council on Aging for 2024! A lot of clinics, events and talks were scheduled and attended. We added more days for lunches and foot clinic. We are now serving lunch five days a week!! Some months we have a second foot clinic day due to the number of seniors we serve.

In the winter months we started by adding a fourth day to the week of lunches. With the cost of food in the grocery stores, the seniors were happy to have more help with food. The Council on Aging Director and Assistant Director both received their Servsafe Certificates and their Allergen Training Certificates. Having those certificates allows the Council on Aging to run monthly Potlucks for the seniors. We also added weekly movie days, where we served popcorn and snacks, and the seniors got to pick the movies they wished to see.

Once a month the Council on Aging hosted Tea/Coffee Parties. We served snacks, coffee and tea while seniors came in to visit with friends to socialize. Lois Kiraly came and gave an informative talk on, "How we got from Wolf to Dog". It gave a lot of unknown knowledge about our furry friends and where they came from.

Along with numerous clinics, such as foot clinics, blood pressure clinics and Diabetes clinics, we also had informative talks about, how to plan a Funeral with Sandy Ward, knowledge on Medicare with Christina Beeke and Reverse Mortgage help.

In the summer and fall months we spent time, along with doing clinics and lunches, planning summer and fall fun! This year the Council on Aging had a booth at Chester on Track. We sold sandwiches to try and raise money for more things for the seniors in our town. It went well and we sold out of all we had. In June we had yet another performance by Tim Von Egmond. He performs Irish Folk Tales and Songs. Also in June, is when we added the fifth day to our lunch week. So now we serve lunch Monday through Friday, with the help of volunteers and the Assistant Director.

In the beginning of November, the Council on Aging gave back to our veterans and showed our appreciation by having a Veterans Day Luncheon, hosted graciously by the Chester Common Table. It was a wonderful meal with even better company. As we head into the later summer and fall and winter months, the Council on Aging hosted a monthly Paint and Snack, with Adrienne Johnson. She is such a pleasure to have in the Council on Aging, the seniors had a blast with it all. Later in the fall and early winter the Council on Aging brought in Stephanie Rigazio to do Wreath Making and Christmas Craft Day. Each was a joyous occasion full of laughs and holiday spirit.

I would like to thank all our volunteers and the staff that come every day to make our Council on Aging a warm and welcoming place to be. We strive to give the best care we can to all who come in and need help or just want to spend time outside their house. We sit and do puzzles with you, have lunch together and help make phone calls to insurance or help find rides for all those who are in need.

Thank you all for your support and help.

Graciously and Respectfully
Keirsen Broman, Council on Aging Director
Steve Rigazio, Council on Aging Assistant Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's office is responsible for collecting and documenting all the money received from all town departments via turnovers and depositing that money into the Town's bank accounts. The turnovers are submitted with money and account numbers, which we post onto our software system, Softright. We maintain a cash book which can track all activity of transactions and allows us to reconcile the bank accounts' activity throughout the year. The cash book shows all the bank accounts in use by the town, along with the beginning and ending balances of the bank statements which represent the Town's total cash. The cash book is also where we post: transfers, voids, warrants, adjustments, and interest. We reconcile the bank statements and cash book to the accountants' general ledger every month. We print all the Town's checks bi-weekly based on warrants submitted by the departments. We collect all warrants submitted by the Town's departments and scan them to the accountant every non-check printing week for them to process the warrants. After the checks are printed for the current warrant, we match every payment to the warrants submitted to ensure payments are correct. We stuff all checks and mail them after this process is complete. We are also responsible for processing the payroll which is then sent to the accountant for verification. All town employee information is submitted to us, which we take the correct action to update employees' information on Universal payroll services and file all documents in the office. We are typically on-site in the Treasurer's office on Wednesdays but spend many hours off-site per week working remotely.

The best way to contact the Treasurer's office is via email:

Ivan- Assistant (On-site Wednesdays)- ivan@massmunifin.com

Sara- Town Treasurer- treasurer@townofchester.net

Rebecca- Mass Munifin office Manager- rebecca@massmunifin.com

TOWN ACCOUNTANT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of Chester, I submit to you the following Annual Financial Report.

Our mission is to ensure that the appropriate financial and auditing controls within the Town are maintained in an efficient, cost-effective and responsive manner. We oversee all departmental appropriations assuring that departments operate within their annual budget. In addition, we are responsible for maintaining all financial records and that they are in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric A. Kinsherf".

Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA

www.erickinsherfcpa.com

Town Accountant

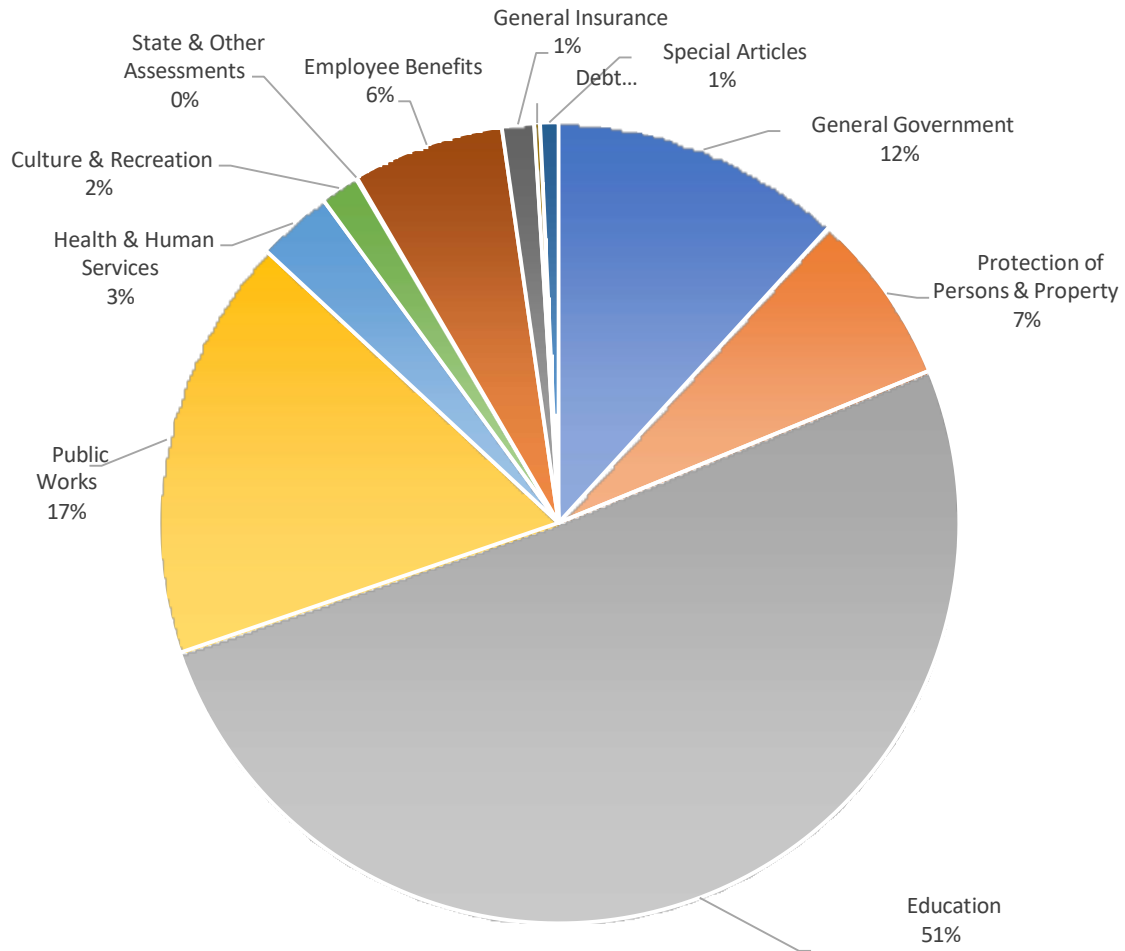
TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of
June 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	MLP	Water	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	521,304.05	334,274.34	(225,995.04)	1,268,351.18	114,694.06	733,735.45		2,746,364.04
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	1,960.74							1,960.74
Real estate taxes	418,085.72							418,085.72
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(69,454.43)							(69,454.43)
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	47,078.78							47,078.78
Tax foreclosures	17,913.13							17,913.13
User fees					2,468.16			2,468.16
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	110,039.86							110,039.86
Departmental receivables	135,875.00							135,875.00
Due from other governments	15,493.64							15,493.64
Other receivables								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							268,506.20	268,506.20
Total Assets	1,198,296.49	334,274.34	(225,995.04)	1,268,351.18	117,162.22	733,735.45	268,506.20	3,694,330.84
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>								
Liabilities:								
Accrued payroll and withholdings								0.00
Agency Funds						(57,076.81)		(57,076.81)
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	350,592.03							350,592.03
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	47,078.78							47,078.78
Tax foreclosures	17,913.13							17,913.13
Motor vehicle excise	110,039.86							110,039.86
Other receivables								0.00
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental	135,875.00							135,875.00
Due from other governments	15,493.64							15,493.64
User fees					2,468.16			2,468.16
Other Liabilities				10,556.37				10,556.37
Prepaid taxes/fees	298.56							298.56
Tailings	1,796.65							1,796.65
Bonds payable			527,500.00				268,506.20	796,006.20
Notes payable								0.00
Total Liabilities	679,087.65	0.00	527,500.00	10,556.37	2,468.16	(57,076.81)	268,506.20	1,431,041.57
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	21,550.90				620.93			22,171.83
Reserved for expenditures	145,602.00							145,602.00
Reserved for petty cash				726.34				726.34
Reserved for continuing appropriations	22,691.01							22,691.01
Reserved for appropriation deficit	(109,941.16)							(109,941.16)
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Unreserved retained earnings-Water				639,561.53	114,073.13			753,634.66
Reserve for depreciation				617,506.94				617,506.94
Undesignated fund balance	439,306.09	334,274.34	(753,495.04)			790,812.26		810,897.65
Total Fund Equity	519,208.84	334,274.34	(753,495.04)	1,257,794.81	114,694.06	790,812.26	0.00	2,263,289.27
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,198,296.49	334,274.34	(225,995.04)	1,268,351.18	117,162.22	733,735.45	268,506.20	3,694,330.84

TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried	Variance with Final Budget
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis	Forward to Next Year	Positive (Negative)
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,933,238.19	\$ 2,933,238.19	\$ 2,875,342.04	\$ -	\$ (57,896.15)
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 151,700.00	\$ 151,700.00	\$ 151,730.95	\$ -	\$ 30.95
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 32,016.87	\$ -	\$ 1,016.87
Charges for Services - Trash Disposal	\$ -	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 34,242.62	\$ -	\$ (16,757.38)
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 52,478.25	\$ -	\$ 20,478.25
Other	\$ -	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 56,652.42	\$ -	\$ 5,252.42
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,835.97	\$ -	\$ 3,835.97
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 36,051.69	\$ -	\$ 33,151.69
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 340,554.00	\$ 340,554.00	\$ 343,926.88	\$ -	\$ 3,372.88
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 3,593,792.19	\$ 3,593,792.19	\$ 3,586,277.69	\$ -	\$ (7,514.50)
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 468,329.00	\$ 462,320.00	\$ 410,647.39	\$ 1,920.22	\$ 49,752.39
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 235,908.00	\$ 249,132.00	\$ 244,384.44	\$ 4,036.29	\$ 711.27
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,816,234.00	\$ 1,816,234.00	\$ 1,775,115.50	\$ 15,459.00	\$ 25,659.50
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 495,059.00	\$ 496,159.00	\$ 598,739.31	\$ 82.50	\$ (102,662.81)
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 127,824.00	\$ 128,509.00	\$ 105,879.23	\$ 52.89	\$ 22,576.88
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 57,723.00	\$ 57,723.00	\$ 54,766.47	\$ -	\$ 2,956.53
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,488.20	\$ -	\$ (0.20)
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 215,115.00	\$ 236,315.00	\$ 213,897.92	\$ -	\$ 22,417.08
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 48,435.00	\$ 48,435.00	\$ 45,658.00	\$ -	\$ 2,777.00
Debt Service:						\$ -
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$ -	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 7,696.85	\$ -	\$ (5,646.85)
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 11,625.29	\$ 47,169.06	\$ 26,035.50	\$ 20,848.01	\$ 285.55
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 3,479,790.29	\$ 3,545,534.06	\$ 3,484,308.81	\$ 42,398.91	\$ 18,826.34
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 1,843.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,843.00	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 26,963.92		\$ -	\$ 26,926.19	\$ -	\$ 37.73
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 28,806.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,926.19	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 37.73
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,806.92	\$ 3,479,790.29	\$ 3,545,534.06	\$ 3,511,235.00	\$ 44,241.91	\$ 18,864.07
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (28,806.92)	\$ 114,001.90	\$ 48,258.13	\$ 75,042.69	\$ (44,241.91)	\$ 11,349.57
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,630.00	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 329,479.00	\$ 264,479.00	\$ 264,479.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (329,479.00)	\$ (255,479.00)	\$ (254,849.00)	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (28,806.92)	\$ (215,477.10)	\$ (207,220.87)	\$ (179,806.31)	\$ (44,241.91)	\$ 11,979.57
Audit Adjustments				\$ -		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 699,015.15	\$ 699,015.15	\$ 699,015.15	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (28,806.92)	\$ 483,538.05	\$ 491,794.28	\$ 519,208.84	\$ (44,241.91)	\$ 11,979.57

BUDGET FY2024 EXPENDITURES



TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
10114.00	Moderator Stipend	\$	200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10122.00	Select Board Stipend	\$	7,441.00		\$ 7,441.00	\$ 7,440.72	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	
10124.02	General Office Expense	\$	3,150.00		\$ 3,150.00	\$ 1,328.34	\$ 1,821.66	\$ 1,821.66	
10124.08	Inspectors Certification Costs	\$	500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	
10124.00	Select Board Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,896.84	\$ 103.16	\$ 103.16	
10122.01	Town Administrator Salary	\$	63,860.00		\$ 63,860.00	\$ 63,859.90	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	
10122.02	Assistant Town Administrator	\$	14,461.00		\$ 14,461.00	\$ 8,444.97	\$ 6,016.03	\$ 6,016.03	
10115.00	Finance Committee Expense	\$	100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
10115.01	Reserve Fund	\$	10,000.00	\$ (8,591.02)	\$ 1,408.98	\$ -	\$ 1,408.98	\$ 1,408.98	
10135.05	Accounting Software	\$	6,500.00	\$ 449.67	\$ 6,949.67	\$ 6,949.67	\$ -	\$ -	
10135.07	Audit	\$	20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
10135.08	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$	39,000.00		\$ 39,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
10141.00	Assessors Stipend	\$	1,545.00		\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,545.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10141.02	Assessors Clerk Salary	\$	18,540.00		\$ 18,540.00	\$ 18,540.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10141.11	Assessors Assistant Clerk	\$	7,210.00		\$ 7,210.00	\$ 7,210.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10141.06	Assessors Maps & GIS	\$	4,200.00		\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
10141.05	Consultant/Services	\$	43,000.00		\$ 43,000.00	\$ 32,250.00	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 10,750.00	
10141.10	Assessors Software	\$	4,050.00		\$ 4,050.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10141.04	Assessors Education	\$	700.00		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10141.03	Assessor Expense	\$	2,150.00		\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,476.62	\$ 673.38	\$ 213.16	\$ 460.22
10145.05	Treasurer Services	\$	46,125.00		\$ 46,125.00	\$ 41,328.01	\$ 4,796.99	\$ 4,796.99	
10145.01	Asst Treasurer Salary	\$	103.00		\$ 103.00	\$ -	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00	
10145.07	Payroll	\$	3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,428.72	\$ 71.28	\$ 71.28	
10145.02	Treasurers Expenses	\$	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
10145.04	Bank Charges	\$	100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
10145.03	Land Court Fees	\$	5,000.00	\$ 2,132.35	\$ 7,132.35	\$ 7,132.25	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	
10146.00	Tax Collector Stipend	\$	23,131.00		\$ 23,131.00	\$ 23,130.90	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	
10146.06	Software Support	\$	3,245.00		\$ 3,245.00	\$ 3,244.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	
10146.02	Tax Collector Expense	\$	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,996.30	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.70	
10124.01	Legal Services	\$	7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,162.50	\$ 837.50	\$ 577.50	\$ 260.00
10146.03	Tax Title Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,970.75	\$ 29.25	\$ 29.25	
10161.00	Town Clerk Stipend	\$	15,141.00		\$ 15,141.00	\$ 15,141.00	\$ -	\$ -	
10161.02	Town Clerk Expense	\$	3,375.00		\$ 3,375.00	\$ 3,049.12	\$ 325.88	\$ 325.88	
10162.00	Election Workers Wages	\$	4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,593.47	\$ 2,906.53	\$ 2,906.53	
10171.00	Conservation Expense	\$	300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 151.00	
10175.00	Planning Board Expense	\$	200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
10176.00	Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses	\$	300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
90100.00	Town Hall Custodial Wages	\$	6,927.00		\$ 6,927.00	\$ 6,509.28	\$ 417.72	\$ 417.72	
90192.06	Town Hall Internet & Phone	\$	20,400.00		\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
90192.08	Comcast	\$	7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
90192.09	Verizon	\$	1,440.00		\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -	\$ -	
90192.13	Permit Eyes	\$	4,760.00		\$ 4,760.00	\$ 4,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	
90192.07	Website	\$	4,375.00		\$ 4,375.00	\$ 3,918.38	\$ 456.62	\$ 456.62	
90192.12	Old School Bldg Maint	\$	20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,733.04	\$ 10,266.96	\$ 10,266.96	
90192.01	Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	\$	10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,123.52	\$ 1,876.48	\$ 1,876.48	
90192.00	Town Hall Expenses	\$	23,000.00		\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,405.59	\$ (405.59)	\$ (405.59)	
10124.03	Town Reports	\$	800.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 769.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ -	\$ 468,329.00	\$ (6,009.00)	\$ 462,320.00	\$ 410,647.39	\$ 51,672.61	\$ 49,752.39	\$ 1,920.22
PUBLIC SAFETY					\$ -		\$ -		

TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021																	
Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward								
60210.00	Police Chief Wages	\$	36,050.00		\$	36,050.00	\$	-	\$	-							
60210.03	Police Sergeant Wages	\$	7,020.00		\$	7,020.00	\$	-	\$	-							
60210.01	Police Officer Wages	\$	22,428.00		\$	22,428.00	\$	-	\$	-							
60210.11	Police Officer Training	\$	4,184.00		\$	4,184.00	\$	-	\$	-							
60210.04	Police Expenses	\$	22,871.00		\$	22,871.00	\$	-	\$	-							
60110.00	Fire Chief Stipend	\$	7,800.00		\$	7,800.00	\$	(300.00)	\$	(300.00)							
60110.03	Fire Dept Wages	\$	1,748.00		\$	1,748.00	\$	1,548.00	\$	1,548.00							
60110.01	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$	35,500.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	44,500.00	\$	1,662.93	\$	(2,373.36)	\$	4,036.29				
60110.13	Fire Dept Turn out Gear	\$	10,000.00		\$	10,000.00	\$	9,968.49	\$	31.51	\$	31.51					
60231.00	Ambulance Service	\$	45,056.00	\$	4,224.00	\$	49,280.00	\$	-	\$	-						
60240.00	Building Inspector Salary	\$	13,802.00		\$	13,802.00	\$	13,905.83	\$	(103.83)	\$	(103.83)					
60241.00	Building Commissioner Expense	\$	750.00		\$	750.00	\$	-	\$	750.00	\$	750.00					
20430.00	Tree Removal	\$	22,000.00		\$	22,000.00	\$	22,000.00	\$	-	\$	-					
60110.02	Emergency Management Expenses	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-					
60292.00	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$	2,704.00		\$	2,704.00	\$	2,599.75	\$	104.25	\$	104.25					
60292.01	Animal Control Expenses	\$	1,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	945.28	\$	554.72	\$	554.72					
40491.02	Animal Inspector Stipend	\$	995.00		\$	995.00	\$	995.02	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.02)					
40491.15	Animal Inspector Expenses	\$	500.00		\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	500.00					
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$	-	\$	235,908.00	\$	13,224.00	\$	249,132.00	\$	244,384.44	\$	4,747.56	\$	711.27	\$	4,036.29
EDUCATION						\$	-										
30001.10	Smith Vocational Tuition	\$	168,000.00		\$	168,000.00	\$	168,188.50	\$	(188.50)	\$	(188.50)					
30001.10	Smith Vocational Transportation	\$	41,307.00		\$	41,307.00	\$	41,307.00	\$	25,848.00	\$	15,459.00					
30001.00	Gateway Regional	\$	1,606,927.00		\$	1,606,927.00	\$	1,606,927.00	\$	-	\$	-					
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$	-	\$	1,816,234.00	\$	-	\$	1,816,234.00	\$	1,775,115.50	\$	41,118.50	\$	25,659.50	\$	15,459.00
PUBLIC WORKS																	
20422.00	Highway Wages	\$	190,800.00		\$	190,800.00	\$	206,077.58	\$	(15,277.58)	\$	(15,277.58)					
20422.01	Highway Admin Asst	\$	4,120.00		\$	4,120.00	\$	4,329.09	\$	(209.09)	\$	(209.09)					
20422.03	Contract Services	\$	25,000.00		\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	-	\$	-					
20423.00	Highway Garage Heat & Lighting	\$	13,500.00	\$	1,438.50	\$	14,938.50	\$	14,866.81	\$	71.69	\$	71.69				
20423.01	Highway Uniforms	\$	4,500.00	\$	(487.69)	\$	4,012.31	\$	3,340.99	\$	671.32	\$	671.32				
20423.02	Highway Supplies/Repairs	\$	50,000.00	\$	149.19	\$	50,149.19	\$	50,027.15	\$	122.04	\$	110.73	\$	11.31		
20423.03	Highway Stone, Gravel, Asphalt	\$	88,000.00		\$	88,000.00	\$	86,832.69	\$	1,167.31	\$	1,167.31					
20423.04	Highway Gas & Diesel Expense	\$	26,450.00		\$	26,450.00	\$	25,807.51	\$	642.49	\$	642.49					
20422.02	Highway Winter Wages	\$	24,000.00		\$	24,000.00	\$	23,497.77	\$	502.23	\$	502.23					
20423.07	Highway Winter Expenses	\$	50,000.00		\$	50,000.00	\$	141,017.54	\$	(91,017.54)	\$	(91,017.54)					
20427.00	Supt of Cemetery Wages	\$	856.00		\$	856.00	\$	856.00	\$	-	\$	-					
20427.01	Cemetery Wages	\$	8,833.00		\$	8,833.00	\$	8,208.33	\$	624.67	\$	624.67					
20427.03	Parks Maintenance	\$	8,000.00		\$	8,000.00	\$	7,937.95	\$	62.05	\$	62.05					
20427.02	Cemetery Expenses	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	939.90	\$	60.10	\$	(11.09)	\$	71.19			
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$	-	\$	495,059.00	\$	1,100.00	\$	496,159.00	\$	598,739.31	\$	(102,580.31)	\$	(102,662.81)	\$	82.50
HUMAN SERVICES																	
40491.00	Board of Health Stipend	\$	4,636.00		\$	4,636.00	\$	4,635.96	\$	0.04	\$	0.04					
40491.01	Transfer Station Salaries	\$	13,197.00		\$	13,197.00	\$	12,758.50	\$	438.50	\$	438.50					
40491.03	Board of Health Expenses	\$	1,900.00		\$	1,900.00	\$	1,397.88	\$	502.12	\$	502.12					
90919.00	Landfill Monitoring	\$	4,000.00	\$	685.00	\$	4,685.00	\$	4,685.00	\$	-	\$	-				
40491.04	Transfer Station Expense	\$	52,000.00		\$	52,000.00	\$	40,152.36	\$	11,847.64	\$	11,794.75	\$	52.89			
40494.01	Council on Aging Director Wages	\$	11,573.00		\$	11,573.00	\$	12,007.14	\$	(434.14)	\$	(434.14)					
40494.00	Council on Aging Expenses	\$	12,500.00		\$	12,500.00	\$	7,344.03	\$	5,155.97	\$	5,155.97					
40543.00	Veterans Services District	\$	6,018.00		\$	6,018.00	\$	6,018.00	\$	-	\$	-					
40543.01	Veterans Benefits	\$	22,000.00		\$	22,000.00	\$	16,880.36	\$	5,119.64	\$	5,119.64					

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget
<i>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</i>		\$ -	\$ 127,824.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>			
40500.00	Library Wages		\$ 34,226.00
40500.07	Library MassCat Annual Fee		\$ 1,200.00
40500.01	Library Expenses		\$ 16,797.00
40492.00	Historical Commission Expenses		\$ 2,500.00
40543.02	Memorial Day Expenses		\$ 500.00
40544.00	Recreation Commission Expenses		\$ 2,500.00
<i>TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION</i>		\$ -	\$ 57,723.00
<u>DEBT</u>			
80721.01	Highway Truck-Interest		\$ 1,050.00
80752.00	Interest on Short Term Debt		\$ 1,000.00
<i>TOTAL DEBT</i>		\$ -	\$ 2,050.00
<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>			
90830.00	PVPC Annual Assessment		\$ 224.00
001-820-5640-0000	Air Pollution Control District	\$ -	\$ 351.00
001-820-5646-0000	RMV Surcharge		\$ 720.00
001-820-5663-0000	Regional Transit Charge		\$ 193.00
<i>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</i>		\$ -	\$ 1,488.00
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>			
90917.01	Contributory Retirement		\$ 93,998.00
90917.00	Unemployment Insurance		\$ 9,000.00
90914.00	Health Ins-Town Share		\$ 93,174.00
90912.00	Workmans Comp Insurance		\$ 9,743.00
90916.00	Medicare Expense - Town share		\$ 9,200.00
<i>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</i>		\$ -	\$
<u>OTHER INSURANCE</u>			
90193.00	General Insurance & Bonds		\$ 36,724.00
90193.03	Police/Fire-Accident & Health Ins		\$ 10,711.00
90917.02	Bonds		\$ 1,000.00
<i>TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE</i>		\$ -	\$ 48,435.00
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 3,468,165.00
<u>FY2024 ARTICLES</u>			
60231.90	Hilltown Ambulance		\$ 2,825.29
40494.90	COA Floor		\$ 6,000.00
90192.94	Town Hall Internet Startup Costs		\$ 2,800.00
10122.94	Prior Year Bills		
10122.95	Town Hazard Mitigation Plan		\$
10161.90	Town Clerk Computer		\$ 1,337.54
60110.91	Engine 1 Tires		\$ 3,590.25
10122.96	Prior Year Bills		\$ 250.00
<i>TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES</i>		\$ -	\$ 11,625.29
TOTAL ALL FY2024 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 3,479,790.29
<u>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</u>			
Article 12 99000.00	Fire Truck Capital Fund		\$ 25,000.00
Article 15 99000.00	Transfer to Stabilization Fund		\$ 275,000.00
99000.01	Water Treatment Plant		\$ 29,479.00

TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
<i>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</i>		\$ -	\$ 329,479.00	\$ (65,000.00)	\$ 264,479.00	\$ 264,479.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2024 BUDGET & ARTICLES & TRANSFERS		\$ -	\$ 3,809,269.29	\$ 743.77	\$ 3,810,013.06	\$ 3,748,787.81	\$ 61,225.25	\$ 18,826.34	\$ 42,398.91
<u>PRIOR YEAR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD</u>									
40493.90	Preservation Project Year 2	\$ 1,143.00			\$ 1,143.00	\$ -	\$ 1,143.00	\$ -	\$ 1,143.00
40493.91	Flag Poles	\$ 700.00			\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00
<i>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR SPECIAL ARTICLES</i>		<i>\$ 1,843.00</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 1,843.00</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 1,843.00</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 1,843.00</i>
<u>PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES</u>									
10124.82	Legal Services	\$ 960.00			\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10145.82	Treasurer Services	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
90192.84	Town Hall	\$ 889.35			\$ 889.35	\$ 889.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60110.82	Fire	\$ 8,211.73			\$ 8,211.73	\$ 8,174.00	\$ 37.73	\$ 37.73	\$ -
20422.81	Highway	\$ 11,002.96			\$ 11,002.96	\$ 11,002.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20423.81	Snow & Ice	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40491.82	Transfer Station	\$ 1,745.65			\$ 1,745.65	\$ 1,745.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40500.82	Library	\$ 736.11			\$ 736.11	\$ 736.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40544.81	Recreation	\$ 18.12			\$ 18.12	\$ 18.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBRANCES</i>		<i>\$ 26,963.92</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 26,963.92</i>	<i>\$ 26,926.19</i>	<i>\$ 37.73</i>	<i>\$ 37.73</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 28,806.92	\$ 3,809,269.29	\$ 743.77	\$ 3,838,819.98	\$ 3,775,714.00	\$ 63,105.98	\$ 18,864.07	\$ 44,241.91

**TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance
Special Revenue: Federal Grants:					
EMPG Grant	\$ (5,079.36)	\$ (2,379.36)	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00	\$ (5,079.36)
DHCD EDF Grant	\$ -	\$ 57,222.91	\$ 1,426,140.91	\$ 1,483,363.82	\$ -
Summer 21 Storm Damage	\$ 221,450.50	\$ 343,646.21	\$ -	\$ 122,195.71	\$ 221,450.50
ARPA	\$ 52,533.99	\$ 232,210.64	\$ -	\$ 179,676.65	\$ 52,533.99
State Grants:					
Elections	\$ 417.81	\$ 276.61	\$ 270.00	\$ 128.80	\$ 417.81
PVPC MVP Grant	\$ (83,884.53)	\$ (3,729.44)	\$ 135,264.91	\$ 215,420.00	\$ (83,884.53)
Police Bridge Academy	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Police JAG	\$ (389.73)	\$ -	\$ 18,297.15	\$ 18,686.88	\$ (389.73)
Covid Relief Fund	\$ 1,414.05	\$ 1,414.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,414.05
Fire Safety	\$ 2,555.00	\$ 2,555.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,555.00
Police AED Grant	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137.00
Police Vests Grant	\$ (900.00)	\$ (900.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (900.00)
Road Safety	\$ (1,889.69)	\$ (3,195.00)	\$ 3,770.26	\$ 2,464.95	\$ (1,889.69)
FF Equipment Grant	\$ (8,698.74)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,698.74	\$ (8,698.74)
Shared Police Grant	\$ 910.35	\$ 910.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 910.35
Highway WRAP Grant	\$ 2,715.89	\$ 20,446.81	\$ 259.89	\$ 17,990.81	\$ 2,715.89
Highway-Culverts Abbott & Ingell	\$ (70,350.00)	\$ -	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 86,550.00	\$ (70,350.00)
Highway Fair Share	\$ (11,536.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,536.00	\$ (11,536.00)
Water Planning Grant	\$ (27,200.00)	\$ -	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 54,400.00	\$ (27,200.00)
Water E & R Marketing	\$ 22,914.62	\$ -	\$ 89,061.50	\$ 66,146.88	\$ 22,914.62
Council On Aging Formula	\$ 12,769.98	\$ 10,044.98	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 12,769.98
Arts Cultural Council	\$ 2,042.20	\$ 12,945.12	\$ 5,741.99	\$ 16,644.91	\$ 2,042.20
Library FY21 Virtual Cares	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00
Library State Grant	\$ 17,165.39	\$ 19,186.07	\$ 5,036.81	\$ 7,057.49	\$ 17,165.39
Library LCC Grant	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Green Community Grant	\$ 251.35	\$ 251.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251.35
Recycling Grant	\$ 4,560.07	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 7,199.93	\$ 4,560.07
IT Grant	\$ 2,530.51	\$ 2,530.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,530.51
EDC Redo	\$ 198.80	\$ 198.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198.80
Economic Development	\$ 563.48	\$ 563.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563.48
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:					
Transportations Network	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ 0.40
Sale of Real Estate	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 21,770.00	\$ 21,770.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,770.00

**TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance
Revolving Funds:					
Plumbing	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 1,365.00
Wiring	\$ (2,634.10)	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,295.90	\$ 7,945.00	\$ (2,634.10)
BOH	\$ 19,126.68	\$ 13,876.68	\$ 15,450.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 19,126.68
Building Inspection Fines	\$ 50,074.08	\$ 24,013.14	\$ 45,386.98	\$ 19,326.04	\$ 50,074.08
Cemetery	\$ 10,752.64	\$ 10,752.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,752.64
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 4,260.70	\$ 4,260.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,260.70
Highway Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743.01	\$ 743.01	\$ -
MIIA Elevator	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,885.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,885.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 19,819.45	\$ -	\$ 19,819.45	\$ -
Other Special Revenue:					
Recreation	\$ 201.92	\$ 201.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201.92
Town Clock	\$ 617.05	\$ 617.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617.05
Library	\$ 12,024.12	\$ 11,889.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 12,024.12
Covid 19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Veterans Memorial	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Flag	\$ 2,046.80	\$ 1,296.80	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 2,046.80
Police	\$ 2,081.13	\$ 2,081.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,081.13
Cemetery	\$ 615.00	\$ 615.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 615.00
COA Gifts	\$ 3,260.10	\$ 3,029.10	\$ 231.00	\$ -	\$ 3,260.10
Historical Gifts	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Composting	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.00
Sara Gillett Lock Box	\$ 36.67	\$ -	\$ 860.00	\$ 823.33	\$ 36.67
OPIOID Settlement Fees	\$ 743.21	\$ -	\$ 743.21	\$ -	\$ 743.21
GRSD Interen	\$ -	\$ (1,600.00)	\$ 10,269.72	\$ 8,669.72	\$ -
Police MED Project	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
Total Special Revenues	\$ 334,274.34	\$ 948,569.12	\$ 1,885,208.34	\$ 2,499,503.12	\$ 334,274.34

**TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance
Capital Projects:					
Chapter 90	\$ (317,777.04)	\$ (16,875.89)	\$ 435,778.67	\$ 736,679.82	\$ (317,777.04)
Highway F550 Truck	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100,000.00)
Fire Truck	\$ (327,500.00)	\$ -	\$ 222,500.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ (327,500.00)
Water Asset Management	\$ (8,218.00)	\$ -	\$ 19,295.00	\$ 27,513.00	\$ (8,218.00)
					\$ -
Total Capital Projects	\$ (753,495.04)	\$ (116,875.89)	\$ 677,573.67	\$ 1,314,192.82	\$ (753,495.04)

**TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
CHESTER MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Carry Forward	Actuals	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 1,403,917.45	\$ -
Liens	\$ -	\$ 3,151.18	\$ -
Deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 8,164.02	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ 786.60	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 1,418,769.25	\$ -
Expenditures:			
Current Fiscal Year: General			
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,620,370.89	
Deposits	\$ -	\$ (878.18)	
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 1,619,492.71	\$ -
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (200,723.46)	\$ -
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ (200,723.46)	\$ -
Audit Adjustments		\$ -	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 1,458,518.37	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ -	\$ 1,257,794.91	\$ -

**TOWN OF CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
CHESTER WATER ENTERPRISE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Carry Forward	Actuals	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 137,537.33	\$ -
Liens	\$ -	\$ 205.66	\$ -
Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Bills	\$ -	\$ 27.03	\$ -
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ 54,386.00	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 192,156.02	\$ -
Expenditures:			
Current Fiscal Year: Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 29,731.47	\$ -
General Expenses	\$ -	\$ 69,056.57	\$ -
Debt	\$ -	\$ 29,479.00	\$ -
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 2,276.78	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 130,543.82	\$ -
Other Expenditures:			
Prior Year Articles			
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 3,284.13	\$ 2,663.20	\$ 620.93
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 3,284.13	\$ 2,663.20	\$ 620.93
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,284.13	\$ 133,207.02	\$ 620.93
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (3,284.13)	\$ 58,949.00	\$ (620.93)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 29,479.00	\$ -
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 29,479.00	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (3,284.13)	\$ 88,428.00	\$ (620.93)
Audit Adjustments		\$ -	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 26,266.06	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (3,284.13)	\$ 114,694.06	\$ (620.93)

TOWN OF CHESTER,
MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance
Trust Funds:					
<i>Non-Expendable:</i>					
Cemetery	\$ 46,098.21	\$ 46,098.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,0
Cemetery	\$ 4,095.17	\$ 2,080.75	\$ 2,014.42	\$ -	\$ 4,095.17
Theodore Steinhard Trust	\$ 36,501.99	\$ 37,511.54	\$ 990.45	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 36,501.99
<i>Expendable Trust:</i>					
Stabilization Accounts:					
Stabilization	\$ 643,832.62	\$ 351,131.25	\$ 292,701.37	\$ -	\$ 643,832.62
Fire Truck Stabilization	\$ 35.14	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,035.14	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 35.14
Town Building Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Town Roads Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Education Stabilization	\$ 60,249.13	\$ 59,459.00	\$ 790.13	\$ -	\$ 60,249.13
Agency Funds:					
Payroll Insurance Withholding	\$ (640.33)	\$ (3,649.98)	\$ 7,873.20	\$ 4,863.55	\$ (640.33)
Shared Police Services	\$ (40,316.57)	\$ 35,713.17	\$ 105,418.00	\$ 181,447.74	\$ (40,316.57)
Deputy Collector Fees	\$ 906.00	\$ 321.00	\$ 3,723.00	\$ 3,138.00	\$ 906.00
Tax Collector Fees	\$ (4,234.92)	\$ (4,465.92)	\$ 1,877.00	\$ 1,646.00	\$ (4,234.92)
Police Detail	\$ (64,283.82)	\$ (24,042.57)	\$ 274,898.75	\$ 315,140.00	\$ (64,283.82)
Fire Detail	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 585.00
Cruiser Revolving	\$ 47,454.02	\$ 5,473.50	\$ 44,313.00	\$ 2,332.48	\$ 47,454.02
FireArm Permit Fees	\$ 3,453.81	\$ 3,128.81	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 3,453.81
Total Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 733,735.45	\$ 613,758.76	\$ 767,434.46	\$ 647,457.77	\$ 733,735.45

TOWN DIRECTORY 2025				
Department	Position	Member	Phone Number	Email
Select Board & Fence Viewer	Chair	John Baldasaro	(413) 354-7760	Selectmen@townofchester.net
	Vice Chair	Andy Sutton		
	Clerk	Craig Gauthier		
	Town Administrator	Don Humason		TownAdministrator@TownOfChester.Net
	Administrative Assistant	Kim Fox		AdministrativeAssistant@TownOfChester.Net
Assessors' Board	Assessors' Clerk	Kendall Bennett	(413) 354-6318	Assessor@TownOfChester.Net
	Assistant Assessors' Clerk	Kim Fox		
	Chair	Timothy Dunn		
	Member	Keirsen Broman		
Accounting	Accountant	Eric Kinsherf	(413) 354-7761	Eric@EricKinsherfCPA.Com
	Treasurer	Sara Hunter	(413) 544-8816	Sara@MassMunifin.Com
Board of Health	Chair	Nick Chiusano	(413) 354-7781	BoardOfHealth@TownOfChester.Net
	Member	Liz Massa		
	Transfer Station Hours			
	Wednesdays		3:00PM - 6:00PM	
	Saturdays		9:00AM - 1:00PM	
Cemetery Commission	Commissioner	Jessica Slatcher	(413) 561-3567	JessicaSlatcher@Gmail.com
Inspectors	Building Inspector	Jason Forgue	(413) 354-6602 (413) 205-6504	Jforgue@TownOfChester.Net
	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	Nick Chiusano	(413) 525-3345	Plumbing.GasInspector@TownOfChester.Net
	Plumbing/Gas Assistant Inspector	Aaron Poteat	(413) 364-1273	
	Electrical Inspector	Nate Kowalczyk	(413) 441-6258	NateKowalczyk@Gmail.Com
Council on Aging	Director	Keirsen Broman	(413) 354-7735	COA@TownOfChester.Net
Conservation Commission	Chair	Lora Wade	(386) 506-1343	WadingHills@Outlook.Com
	Member	Paul Waite		
	Member	Sean Forgue		

Department	Position	Member	Phone Number	Email
Electric Light Department (CMELD)	Manager	Diane Hall	(413) 354-7811 (After Hours Emergency Line: 413-447-0268)	CMELDMgr@TownOfChester.Net
	Administrative Assistant	Rosanne McClaflin		
	Commissioner	Terry Murphy		
	Commissioner	Deryck Savoy		
Hamilton Memorial Library	Director	Tammy Merenda	(413) 354-7808	ChesterLibrary@Gmail.Com
Highway Department	Superintendent	Chip Dazelle	(413) 354-2276(After Hours Emergency Line:413-393-8946)	HighwaySuper@TownOfChester.Net
	Administrative Assistant	Jill Strong		JStrong@TownOfChester.Net
Historical Commission	Chair	John Hultman	N/A	HistoricalSociety@ChesterMass.Com
	Member	Liz Massa		
	Member	Charles Schoonmaker		
Planning Board	Chair	Liz Massa	(413) 302-0312	PlanningBoard@TownOfChester.Net
	Member	Bob Daley		
	Member	Richard Holzman		
	Member	Nick Chiusano		
	Member	Muriel Hall		
Tax Collector	Tax Collector	Teresa Donovan	(413) 354-6357	TaxCollector@TownOfChester.Net
Town Clerk	Town Clerk	Teresa Donovan	(413) 354-6603	TownClerk@TownOfChester.Net
Water Department	Commissioner	Bob Daley	(413) 354-6365	Water@TownOfChester.Net
	Commissioner	Jim Zimmerman	(413) 207-2501	
	Admin Assistant	Rosanne McClaflin	(413) 354-7811	
Veterans' Agent	Agent	Steve Connor	(413) 587-1299	N/A

Schools				
Gateway Regional	Superintendent	Kristen Smidy	(413) 685-1000	KSmidy@Grsd.Org
Chester Elementary	Principal	Vanna Maffuccio	(413) 685-1361	VMaffuccio@Grsd.Org
Emergency Services (Dial 911 For Emergencies)				
Police Department	Chief	Jen Dubiel	(413) 354-7822	Police@TownOfChester.Net
	Sergeant	Frank Murphy		
	Detective	Lukas Horn		
	Animal Control Officer	Terry Donovan	413-354-0975	MiddlefieldChesterACO@gmail.com
Fire Department	Fire Chief	Nate Bolduc	Non Emergencies & Forest Warden: 413-440-9845	ChesterFD@TownOfChester.Net

