

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The presidential election of November 2016 was a first for Egremont on two fronts: our number of registered voters went above 1000 for the first time *and* the state implemented Early Voting. Egremont had an 85% turnout for that election with Early Voting and Absentee Voting representing 25% of those 846 total votes cast. Poll workers did their usual excellent job tabulating those votes into the wee hours of the next morning.

Births July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

August 11, 2016	Emma Gasperini , daughter of Kristen Marie Gabriel & Matthew David Gasperini
September 2, 2016	Ileana Mateo Garza , daughter of Hilda DeMaria Garza & Henry Sarael Mateo
September 16, 2016	Nila Greene , daughter of Kendra Verhoeven Smallwood & Tristan Laurence Greene
September 19, 2016	Eduardo Mauricio Velasquez Reyes , son of Lisbenia Maybeli Reyes Velazquez & Edin Martin Velazquez Abzun
October 12, 2016	Maris Rose Clarke , daughter of Elizabeth Anne Hogan & John Farrell Clarke
March 4, 2017	River James Culleton , daughter of Jennifer Louise Harvey & Ethan James Culleton
March 5, 2017	Kileah Storm Cromwell , daughter of Merina Linnia Anderson Cromwell & William Samuel Cromwell
April 20, 2017	Utah Kokoski Nelson , son of Erika Kristina Nelson & Richard James Montone
May 2, 2016	Jack Michael Wright , son of Amber Lynn Page & Erik Michael Wright
May 3, 2016	Taylor Nack , son of Kacey Laynn Martin & James Joseph Nack

Marriages July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

October 8, 2016	Jennifer Lynn Shipa and Herman Roy Trudeau, Jr., both of Egremont
January 26, 2017	Naomi Vanessa Fink and Saul Adam Shavulsky, both of New York, NY
May 6, 2017	Emily Elizabeth Karian and Guillermo Cano, both of Brooklyn, NY

Deaths July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

April 5, 2016	Vivian Bolbeaux Farnum
October 15, 2016	Thomas Potash
October 23, 2016	Robert Joseph Rivers
November 1, 2016	David Rogers
November 15, 2016	Robert Rush
November 18, 2016	Benita Unger
November 23, 2016	James Noyes
November 21, 2016	Raymond Alexander
December 18, 2016	Mary Fratalone
December 20, 2016	Bruce Taggart
January 19, 2017	Harry Meyer
February 24, 2017	Richard Smith McCray
April 17, 2017	Nancy Ellen Soudant
June 17, 2017	Roberta Lefkowitz

Respectfully Submitted,
Juliette S. Haas, Egremont Town Clerk



**Town of Egremont, Massachusetts
Egremont Technology Committee**

**Annual Report
for FY 2017**

Technology Committee. The Egremont Technology Committee was formed by vote of the Select Board in August 2015 for the purpose of determining options, evaluating proposals, and recommending solutions to meet the high-speed broadband networking needs of the Town. As of June 30, 2017, volunteer members of the committee are Egremont residents George McGurn (chair and Select Board liaison), Jeffrey Lazarus (co-chair), Laura Allen (Finance Committee liaison), Mary McGurn, Mark Roggen, Jonathan Taylor, John Wells, and Marj Wexler.

History. For several years before formation of the committee, the Town had engaged in significant broadband planning work, primarily through its participation in WiredWest, a consortium of western Massachusetts towns investigating a regional approach. In summer 2015 the Town received two unsolicited proposals from private companies to build and operate private broadband networks in the Town. These proposals were the catalyst for formation of the Technology Committee. The committee reviewed these proposals and met with the vendors during fall 2015. In the end, the committee recommended that the Town dismiss these proposals and instead that the Town pursue an independent approach, similar to several other towns such as Alford, Otis, Mt. Washington, and others. Accordingly, the Town decided to issue a Request for Proposals for network design, engineering, consulting, and project management. This was to be followed by an RFP for construction, and then a final RFP for network operation and maintenance. Through the remainder of winter and early spring 2016 the committee worked to develop the RFP, which was issued in May 2016. During this period MBI went through a major reorganization in which it got new leadership and revamped its policies and programs to support unserved towns in a more flexible, town-friendly way. The Town received four proposals in response to the RFP.

FY 2017 year in review (July 2016 through June 2017). In July 2016 on recommendation of the Technology Committee, the Select Board voted to dismiss all RFP bidders and instead engage with MBI for management of the broadband project; MBI was to vet and supervise contractors for pole survey, design/engineering, and construction. The Town completed the MBI "readiness assessment" and "sustainability analysis" showing that Egremont has ample financial and organizational capacity to move forward with the project, and the Town executed pole attachment agreements with National Grid and Verizon.

In August the Town learned that a private company, Fiber Connect (FC) had been quietly working to build its own fiber optic broadband network in Egremont. Their network would cover only a portion of Town. Nevertheless, the Select Board voted in September to continue with the MBI pole survey work as planned. On recommendation of Town Counsel, the Board also decided to hire a legal adviser with specific telecom/broadband expertise.

During fall 2016, MBI's contractor, Osmose Utility Services, Inc., conducted a utility pole survey throughout the Town. They completed the survey in mid-December, covering more than 1,900 poles, and delivered the data to MBI. MBI presented the report to the Town in early January, along with an estimate of "make-ready" costs. Recall that "make-ready" refers to the process of fixing or replacing poles that lack the capacity to accommodate additional fiber optic cables in compliance with applicable codes and regulations.

Also during the fall, on recommendation and with the help of the outside telecommunications legal counsel, the Town formulated "Grant of Location" regulations to help ensure that cables are installed safely and in compliance with appropriate codes and standards. These regulations provide that any

company intending to install aerial or underground cables on or across Town rights-of-way must a) make application to the Town for a Grant of Location Permit to do so, b) comply with basic standards governing such installation, and c) reimburse the Town for consultant fees if necessary to evaluate the proposed installation plan. The Select Board adopted the Grant of Location Regulation at its meeting on January 9, 2017.

Meanwhile, on January 6, 2017, MBI issued a letter essentially closing down the municipal project assistance program that Egremont had been pursuing. This unexpected news was a disappointment and setback for the Town's broadband project, and the Technology Committee was suddenly faced with having to identify and evaluate other options.

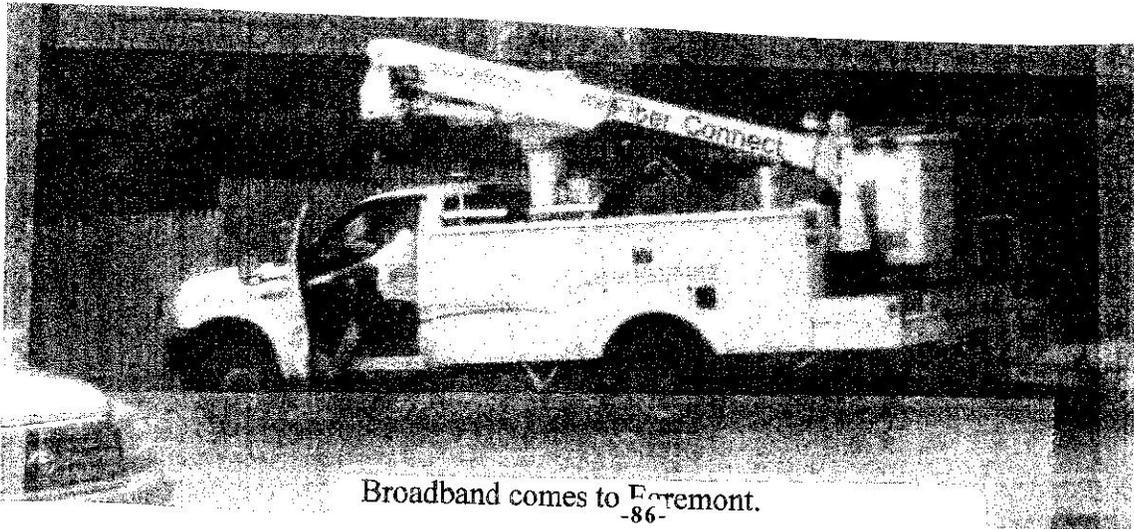
In evaluating alternatives, the Town continued to remain committed to five basic goals: 1) Get the job done quickly; 2) ensure access for all Town residents; 3) provide reliable service with good connection speeds at reasonable prices; 4) obtain good value for taxpayers; and 5) maximize the likelihood of ongoing service and financial stability.

With the demise of the MBI program, the Town's remaining options included: 1) Work with Fiber Connect to help to finance their buildout to the remaining 30% of Egremont residents not included in their original plans; 2) accept a new proposal from Matrix Design Group to build and operate a network covering virtually all the Town; 3) engage with MBI in their new "Private Provider" RFP process, specifically working with Charter Communications, which if approved by MBI, would build a conventional cable TV system with internet and telephone options; or 4) proceed with a Town-owned network, using design, construction, and operations contractors to be determined, but without MBI oversight.

Through the remainder of winter 2017, the Committee gathered information from the vendors, from MBI, from the Egremont Finance Committee, and from Town residents. At its meeting on April 6, the Committee voted to recommend that the Select Board choose Charter Communications. The vote was five in favor of Charter and one each in favor of Matrix and Fiber Connect. The Select Board acted on this recommendation at its meeting on April 10 and voted to enter negotiations with Charter on a cable TV license agreement.

The Committee's principal reasons for recommending Charter were: 1) Of the options considered, Charter was the only one that had received MBI approval, which meant that in MBI's opinion, Charter's size and financial standing would ensure the company's long-term viability; 2) the MBI approval carried a state financial grant to Charter, and with these funds added to their own investment, Charter would be able to cover at least 96% of the Town without use of Town funds; 3) Charter's initial setup charge is lower than the others', and depending on what services a subscriber would choose, monthly costs might also be lower; and 4) while Charter's technology and internet speeds may not be quite as "state-of-the-art" as what the other companies were offering, they were deemed to be adequate for most purposes.

Following the Town's selection of Charter in April, along with similar decisions by three other western Massachusetts towns, Charter and MBI reopened negotiations on the state grant. There are many policies and procedures involved in negotiating a cable TV license agreement. This process is governed by state and federal regulations, and there are very specific steps that must be followed. As of June 30, 2017, the Town was still waiting for the cable TV license application and detailed license proposal from Charter. Ultimately, Charter submitted these materials to the Town on September 11, 2017.



**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**

Trust Funds

Expendable

Conservation	11,261.84	
F. Boice Memorial Interest	320.61	
French Park Trust	3,634.53	
GASB 45 Retirement Fund	86,195.47	
Hillside Cemetery - PC	29,726.15	
Hillside - Sale Lots	3,268.56	
Stabilization fund	<u>401,437.71</u>	
		535,844.87

Unexpendable

F. Boice Memorial Principal	10,000.00	
Perpetual Care Principal	<u>60,951.10</u>	
		70,951.10

General Funds

928,984.81

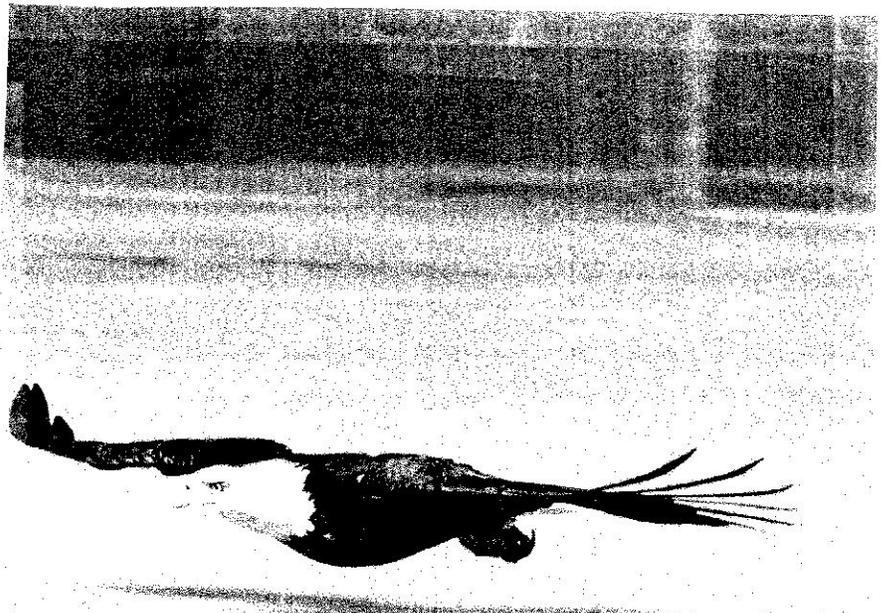
Total all Funds

1,535,780.78

Tax Lien Balance \$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

***Sue Funk*
Treasurer-Tax Collector**



American Bald Eagle on Smileys Pond, South Egremont winter of 2016. Picture taken by Bob Palmer.

**REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
SERVICES**

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2017 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 41 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2017 Submitted 7/01/16-6/30/17	Pmt Due in FY 2018 -FY 2017 - 75%
Egremont	\$9,926.49	\$7,444.87

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	38
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	67
DD 214s	58
Request for Grave Markers	62
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	48
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	70
Assisted with Dr. appointments	13
Home and Office Visits	575
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1510

For FY 2017 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Egremont's apportionment towards the FY 2017 DVS budget was \$5,376.60 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

**FY 2017
Annual Report of the
Egremont Water Department**

The Egremont Water Department continues to maintain a consistent level of receipts from its monthly billing cycle. Advances in our software and billing system have resulted in more accurate reporting and billing. Town Meeting in May saw a reduction in the amount of tax levy subsidy for FY 2017 from \$23,688 to \$10,422. Fewer pumping hours and the solar panels at the plant contributed to reducing operating costs.

The Department has been able to reduce finished water outflows approximately 20% over the previous year due to leak detection, repairs and more precise metering. Leak detection efforts continue across the entire system with the assistance of Massachusetts Rural Water Association.

Preventative maintenance is performed on water meters on a regular basis and new transmitters are installed throughout the system as necessary to assure the readings are able to be captured accurately and in a timely manner.

Annual copper and lead testing was accomplished; no large deviations were noted. Monthly testing results for other contaminants are forwarded to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

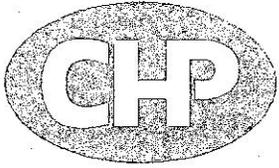
Monthly water bills continue to be generated, printed and mailed directly from the Town Hall. The Water Department Clerk is available weekdays during normal Town Hall hours to answer questions and provide information about the water system and billing.

Meetings of the Commissioners are held monthly at Town Hall.

Respectively submitted:

Steve Agar
Poly Lanoue
Ray Palmucci

Egremont Water Commissioners



COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS, INC.

Mission: To measurably improve the health of Berkshire County residents

CHP Health Center

444 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-8580
Fax: 413-528-8583

December 15, 2016

Community Health Programs: Report on FY17 Activities To-Date for the Town of Egremont

CHP Lee Family Practice

11 Quarry Hill Road
Lee, MA 01238
413-243-0536
Fax: 413-243-8040

We are pleased to report on the following Community Health Programs (CHP) services that were provided to Egremont residents during the past year to promote the health and well-being of the young children and pregnant women of Egremont.

CHP Neighborhood Health Center

510 North Street, Suite 1
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-447-2351
Fax: 413-445-7009

CHP's Women, Infants, Children (WIC) provided essential nutrition education and WIC checks for healthy foods to town pregnant or postpartum women, newborns, toddlers, and children under the age of five who met the federal governments' eligibility requirements. CHP hosted farmer's markets, provided free and emergency food, hosted monthly healthy food distribution events, gave nutrition classes, and breastfeeding counseling and support.

CHP Barrington OB/GYN

780 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-1470
Fax: 413-528-3167

CHP Family Services served residents of Egremont through playgroups held on-site at Family Services offices in Great Barrington, and at playgroups in neighboring rural towns in South County. CHP also offered a clothing exchange, lending library, consignment sale, fuel and holiday relief funds, and distribution of donated food and childcare necessities.

CHP Dental Center

343 Main Street, Suite 1
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-5565
Fax: 413-528-5564

CHP also provided primary and preventive care to Egremont residents of all ages who were patients at one or more of CHP's medical or dental facilities, including CHP on Wheels.

CHP Family Services

Berkshire South WIC
Clothing Exchange/Playgroups
Family Support Services
42 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-0457
Fax: 413-644-0274

Through patient and client records, playgroup attendance sheets, event attendance records, and WIC participant data, we know that many Egremont residents were served by CHP Family Services this past year. We are grateful for the support that the town of Egremont has provided that has helped make such a difference in so many lives of its residents, regardless of their economic status.

Administration

44 Stockbridge Road
P.O. Box 30
Great Barrington, MA 01230



November 15, 2016

Attn: Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
Board of Selectmen
Town of Egremont
P. O. Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Re: Request for Payment for FY2017 and Request for FY2018 Town Appropriation of \$500

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to request payment of the FY2017 Town of Egremont appropriation of \$500. I am also writing to ask that the Town of Egremont again support the work of Elizabeth Freeman Center by appropriating \$500 to our organization for FY2018.

In July 2015, Shayley Estes, 22, a North Adams native attending college at Arizona State University, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend. In December 2015, Halena Hudo Gill, 37, of Pittsfield was murdered by her husband. The murders of Ms. Estes and Ms. Gill are grim reminders of the dangers and lethality of domestic violence.

Mid November 2015, Berkshire Medical Center became a SANE hospital, which means that Elizabeth Freeman Center counselors and specially trained sexual assault nurse examiners are called to respond when a rape victim enters a hospital. We were told to expect 25 calls in a year. We have been called and responded 37 times.

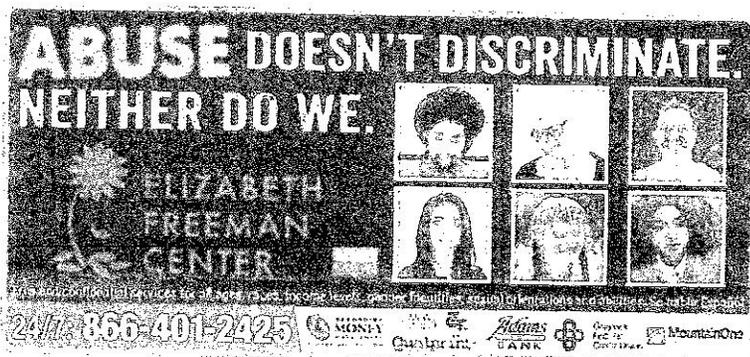
Domestic and sexual violence are critical issues in our community. This is not happening just to "other people." Violence is epidemic and it happens here. It can happen to anyone. The rate of restraining orders in Berkshire County is 28% higher than the state average. Approximately one-third of the homicides in Berkshire County in the past ten years are domestic violence murders. State studies show that youth in rural areas suffer dating and sexual violence at higher rates than their urban and suburban counterparts and that youth who suffer violence are 2-3 times more likely to consider or attempt suicide, 2-3 times more likely to get or get someone pregnant, more likely to fail in school, and more likely to become victims or abusers. Domestic and sexual violence are widely recognized as primary causes of poverty and homelessness. Studies show that people will suffer abuse longer if they cannot feed and shelter themselves and their children. At EFC, we see this first-hand. And we also see, in ways that don't get media attention, the profound long-term effects these types of violence often have on the lives of survivors, their children, and the

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wider community. Violence affects us, our children, our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers, our towns.



*Elizabeth Freeman Center
Abuse Does Not Discriminate
Marketing Campaign
(as part of this campaign, these
billboards displayed in south,
central, and north county
with much thanks to the Berkshire
Leadership Program
June 2016)*

Who we are and what we do:

Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC) is the domestic violence program and rape crisis center for all of Berkshire County. EFC represents the merger in 1997 of two grass roots organizations: Women Services Center, formed in 1974 to address domestic violence; and Rape Crisis Center, formed in 1976 to address sexual assault. We adopted the name Elizabeth Freeman Center, inspired by the incredible courage and determination of our nationally recognized local hero, Elizabeth Freeman.

In 42 years, we've grown from small groups of dedicated volunteers working out of their cars and homes to become a county-wide presence with an array of services and strong partnerships. We now have offices in the three major areas of Berkshire County- located in North Adams, Pittsfield and Great Barrington- and a secure residential shelter with ten bedrooms, with staff also sited in the Pittsfield and Adams police departments, Family and Probate Court, the Northern and Southern Berkshire District Courts, and Berkshire County Kids' Place. We are spread throughout this large rural county, albeit thinly, so that people know who we are, how we can help, how to reach us, and how we can work together.

EFC strives to:

- ensure that all people whose lives are affected by domestic and sexual violence have access to necessary services to escape violence, heal from past violence and rebuild their lives;
- educate the public about domestic and sexual violence and promote the prevention of violence; and
- end domestic and sexual violence by working with others for social change to create a culture of respect and justice.

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Our services help survivors get and stay safe, heal from fear and trauma, break down isolation, improve self-esteem and self-awareness, improve social relationships and functioning, reengage in school, build social networks, address health issues, develop education and career goals, and envision and create a new future.

We serve adult and child survivors of violence, children who have witnessed violence and non-offending family members. Our services include: a 24/7 toll-free hotline with emergency services including shelter, transportation, phones, and food, with physical response to hospitals and police stations following an attack; a secure residential shelter with in-house support services; individual counseling, advocacy and safety planning; support groups; our Domestic Violence Homelessness Response Program; SAFEPLAN legal advocacy in county courts to assist victims in obtaining protection orders (commonly called "restraining orders"); specialized services for immigrants and for survivors with disabilities; secure supervised visitation services; SafePet, a collaborative program with Berkshire Humane Society that shelters pets when their owners need to leave their homes because of violence; primary prevention/education programs for children and youth; and on-site legal assistance through Community Legal Aid.

This past year, in a continuing partnership with the American Institute for Economic Research, we strengthened our financial independence initiative called "Money School". We also: expanded our LGBTQ Access Project with Victims of Crime Act funding; helped create a new Batterer Intervention Program model that is at the forefront of state efforts to maximize victim safety, with EFC working with the partners of batterers in the program; and worked with the Department of Public Health to bring specialized Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner services to Berkshire County effective November 2015.

We are active in many community organizations and coalitions, including the South County Health Caravan, the Multicultural Race Task Force, Human/Animal Violence Education Network, the District Attorney's quarterly meetings, Berkshire County Head Start Executive Board, the Department of Children and Families' Trauma-informed Leadership Team, and the Berkshire County Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee. We recently joined the Berkshire Connector Collaborative, which also includes Construct, BRIDGE, Railroad Street Youth Project and Volunteers in Medicine. We have strong partnerships with law enforcement, the courts, area schools and colleges, health providers, community coalitions, housing and homelessness providers, child serving agencies, Berkshire Immigrant Center, Community Health Program, Tapestry, employment services, faith-based groups, literacy and ESL groups, women's service organizations, civic organizations, and business associations.

We are appointed members of the advisory boards of the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Transitional Assistance as well as a Governor's appointee to the Chapter 260 Special Legislative Commission on Violence, Housing and Shelter. We regularly communicate

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with our legislators and inform others of pending issues through our electronic newsletter *Freeman Flash* and through our membership on community committees and coalitions.

Our Great Barrington office is a full service office providing emergency services including shelter and transportation, counseling and advocacy for adults and children, support groups, SAFEPLAN court advocacy in the Southern Berkshire District Court, specialized counseling and advocacy for LGBTQ survivors of violence (who often face particular barriers to support and safety), our "Money School" financial independence program, community education, and prevention services focused on youth. As of July 1, we increased staffing in our Great Barrington office because of overwhelming need. Staffing now includes four staff members, equivalent to 3.4 full-time equivalents. Three of our staff grew up in the south county area and all four have close ties with the community.

Services are accessible regardless of language, ability, or gender identity and are culturally sensitive to issues of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, and age. EFC sites and shelter are handicap accessible. Our staff is racially and culturally diverse, with 33% identifying as persons of color, 18% bicultural Latino (including one of our staff in Great Barrington), and 9% LGBTQ. We employ staff who are bilingual in Spanish, Portuguese and Polish. We have TTY, subscribe to telephone interpretation services and hire interpreters as needed. All of our services are free and confidential with special protections under MGL Ch. 233 §§20k and 20j. Domestic and sexual violence is preventable. We must do better.

Last year, Elizabeth Freeman Center provided services to 17 persons identifying their residence as Egremont through our Great Barrington office and in Southern Berkshire District Court. 218 of those we served did not identify their residence. Residents of rural communities have unique impediments to getting help. Lack of transportation, isolation, kinship ties, poverty and traditional values all contribute to the barriers rural victims face when attempting to end the abuse in their lives. Particularly for those living in small towns in which anonymity is an issue, people often do not identify where they live.

Conclusion:

We envision a world in which we can walk without fear, wherever we want, whenever we want; a world in which our daughters' clothing will never be seen as an excuse for rape, in which we can let our children go to the park or walk to school without worry. We envision a world in which we are safe in our own homes. We have much more work to do. Our core responsibility is to respond to and prevent violence. This will not change; however, our response cannot be simplistic. Our work is important, effective, far reaching and holistic. It saves lives and increases the health of our community and children.

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We hope that you will continue to support us. In spite of funding cuts, we have maintained and improved our services due to the support and generosity of our community. Our organization operates on a shoestring and we spend each dollar carefully. You can be sure that your appropriation will be put to good use.

Please do call me if you have any questions about Elizabeth Freeman Center or our application. And if you would like us to speak anywhere, definitely let us know.

Thank you for your past support and for the ongoing support you provide us.

Sincerely,



Janis Broderick
Executive Director



**Caring in our
Community**
**The Fairview Fund
2016**



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Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 854-9606
berkshirehealthsystems.org

November 17, 2016

The Town of Egremont
Office Administrator
P.O. Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

To the Egremont Community,

Thank you for your appropriation of \$1500 for Fairview Hospital in your FY17 budget. The generous support of our neighbors in Egremont is greatly appreciated by all at Fairview. With your support Fairview Hospital continues to serve the Egremont community with high quality health care. Your support strengthens us through the investments we are able to make in medical equipment and technology.

In FY16, Fairview cared for many of our neighbors from North and South Egremont, both full- and part time, as well as their visiting guests and family. Among full-time residents, Fairview recorded 243 Emergency Department visits, 30 inpatient stays on our Med/Surg Unit or in our CCU, 160 rehabilitation visits, nearly 500 lab tests, 3 babies and their new mothers, over 50 cardiac patients, 50 visits to Fairview's Wound Center and over 300 radiology exams. We also provided over 30 outpatient surgical procedures, a swing bed stay, 5 families with nutrition counseling for their children, and 20 endoscopic procedures.

As you will see in the attached *"Sharing Our Story, Sharing Our Mission"* brochure, Fairview Hospital plays an important role in the wellness of our community. Egremont resident, Lawrence Martin, is a wonderful example of how healthcare is improving the quality of life for so many.

Beyond our walls, our Emergency Department is proud to help save lives through collaboration with the Egremont Fire Department by making Narcan available to your first response teams. In addition, Emergency Management Director, Heather Barbieri, continues to work closely with the health and safety officials of Egremont to strengthen emergency planning efforts keeping Egremont, and other southern Berkshire communities, prepared for emergencies.

As per your request, I have enclosed a copy of the most recent Berkshire Health Systems Annual Report which includes a section on Fairview Hospital as well as other services and programs that are also available at other Berkshire Health Systems facilities.

Thank you for your support. Fairview is proud to be here to serve your community 24/7.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. Rinaldi, Jr.
Executive Vice President

FINANCIAL REPORT

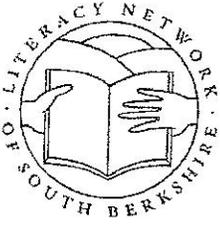
HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION, INC. AND HVA FOUNDATION, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Membership Dues	\$ 54,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,710
Contributions Above Dues	390,514	-	-	390,514
Grants	479,221	404,627	-	883,848
Events	304,146	-	-	304,146
Fees	13,680	-	-	13,680
Rent	6,397	-	-	6,397
Donated Goods	7,500	-	-	7,500
Investment Income	6,438	24,221	-	30,659
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	5,312	5,338	-	10,650
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	329,637	(329,637)	-	-
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	1,597,555	104,549	-	1,702,104
EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Issue Response	92,061	-	-	92,061
Environmental Education	247,878	-	-	247,878
Land Protection	586,431	-	-	586,431
Water Protection	339,746	-	-	339,746
Total Program Services	1,266,116	-	-	1,266,116
Supporting Services				
Membership	71,946	-	-	71,946
Events	112,641	-	-	112,641
Management and General	25,339	-	-	25,339
Fundraising	89,653	-	-	89,653
Total Supporting Services	299,579	-	-	299,579
Total Expenses	1,565,695	-	-	1,565,695
Change in Net Assets	31,860	104,549	-	136,409
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	476,436	650,222	849,025	1,975,683
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 508,296	\$ 754,771	\$ 849,025	\$2,112,092

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 355,938
Accounts Receivable	228,560
Prepaid Expenses	10,121
Total Current Assets	594,619
Property and Equipment	
Land	216,206
Buildings and Renovations	337,841
Furnishings and Equipment	190,273
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(448,651)
Net Property and Equipment	295,669
Other Assets	
Investments	1,246,720
Deferred Land Sale Costs	6,342
Total Other Assets	1,253,062
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,143,350
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,539
Accrued Salaries and Wages	9,719
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	31,258
Net Assets	
Unrestricted, Equity in Property and Equipment	295,669
Unrestricted, Designated by the Board	62,000
Unrestricted, Undesignated	150,627
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	508,296
Temporarily Restricted	754,771
Permanently Restricted	849,025
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,112,092
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$2,143,350



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Ms. Mary Brazie
Office Administrator
Town of Egremont
P.O. Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Dear Ms. Brazie:

I am writing to request that the Town of Egremont kindly remit its \$400 payment appropriated by the Town for FY2017 to the Literacy Network of South Berkshire (LitNet). Please send the FY2017 payment to the LitNet office at the above address.

As you may recall, LitNet has been working for 25 years to help adult learners in our community reach their educational goals. During free, weekly, one-on-one sessions with volunteer tutors, LitNet students learn how to communicate in English, practice their reading skills, prepare for the U.S. citizenship test, or work to obtain their high school diplomas. As their basic literacy skills improve, LitNet's adult learners are better able to navigate the world around them and make positive changes in their lives. We are proud to share that this year, three of our students have become American citizens, three have registered to vote, three have purchased their first homes in the community, and numerous others are working to improve their English or earn their high school diploma so that they can secure better jobs.

I am pleased to note that LitNet currently has five participating members who live in the town of Egremont—two ESOL students and three tutors. Both of the students work for organizations that support adults with developmental disabilities. Their tutoring sessions help them to improve their language skills, better serve their clients, and become more fully integrated into the community. The three tutors from Egremont have also been working with local ESOL students. Notably, two of the students are advanced in their language skills and are striving for higher education. One is practicing math skills so that he can receive his high school diploma. Another is working on her writing skills at Berkshire Community College.

Since the beginning of 2016, LitNet has served **97 new students**, which represents a 20% increase over the number of new students in 2015. LitNet would be unable to continue our work without the contributions of generous organizations like the Town of Egremont. We are grateful for the town's consistent support and respectfully request that you consider including a contribution of \$400 to the Literacy Network of South Berkshire in the town's 2018 budget. I have attached a short payment contract, detailing the benefits that would be available to the town in conjunction with this support. Thank you for helping us to advance adult education in southern Berkshire County. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 413-243-0471 or jhermanski@litnetsb.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer S. Hermanski
Executive Director



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November 15, 2016

Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
Town of Egremont
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Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Dear Ms. Brazie,

Railroad Street Youth Project (RSYP) requests \$1,500 in FY2018 funding from the Town of Egremont to support youth development programming that serve the young people of South County, including residents of the Town of Egremont. These critical, interlocked programs include the Drop-in Center, the Youth Operational Board and the Youth Wellness Initiative.

The Drop-in Center is a safe, substance-free space located at 60 Bridge Street in Great Barrington where young people come together, seek support, develop ideas and connect with peers and RSYP staff. As a result of their participation at the Drop-in Center, young people often choose to seek additional support for self-identified needs.

The Youth Operational Board (YOB) nurtures innovative, youth-generated ideas. Made up of a group of 15-20 young people who meet weekly at our Drop-in Center to review youth-inspired projects and proposals submitted by community members and/or youth constituents, YOB has sponsored over 300 activities over the last few years. Under the guidance of RSYP staff, YOB has proven to be an outstanding forum for developing youth leadership skills, and informs RSYP's programmatic decision making.

Through the Youth Wellness Initiative, RSYP provides evidence-based sexual health education to local middle- and high-school students, including those enrolled at Mount Everett Regional School.

Combined, these programs help youth find their voice and realize the benefits of their commitment to themselves and their community.

Last year, the Drop-in Center saw more than 256 visits from youth, with an average of 30 per week. YOB saw a total of 92 unduplicated youth participating in a youth venture/event, a YOB meeting, or fulfilling court mandated community service hours at RSYP. Of the total youth served, we estimate that almost 3% were residents of the Town of Egremont.

Thank you for your continued support of RSYP.

Sincerely,


Ananda Timpane
Executive Director





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