



Town of Hubbardston
All Board Report
July 2018

This report provides information to residents and town officials about the activities of Hubbardston's elected and appointed boards, commissions and committees.

Select Board

Chairman Dan Galante

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/board-selectmen>



July started with a [nice ceremony pinning newly appointed patrolman Donald Blood](#) in front of his family and friends. The Select Board welcomed the new officer, charging him with helping to keep Hubbardston safe and community focused. The Board also assisted in end of the year financial procedures, approving final warrants and transfers. The new fiscal year was also a focus of the Board, signing [contracts](#) for the Police and DPW unions through FY21 and KP Law (Town Counsel) for the FY19 budget year and hearing a presentation on [town department FY19 goals](#). Finally, the board approved a future warrant article for Town Meeting consideration, levying a 3 percent sales tax on commercial marijuana establishments.

Next month, primary focuses will include setting FY19 board goals, completing a six-month review of the Town Administrator, finalizing the MART manual and continuing to review human resource policies.

Cemetery Commission

Chairman Paul Sweeney

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/cemetery-commission>



Since May we've had a record number of burials, more than the number we usually have for the whole season. We are waiting for a new Evergreen Cemetery sign design for the board to approve. We are expecting to hear from a person who is recognized and accepted by the National Historical Society that gives classes on the up righting of old stones. The commission is considering offering this service for a small fee to residents when the service becomes available. Mowing in all the cemeteries continues.

*Brief note, we would like to remind people who visit Evergreen, Rural Glen & Brookside Cemeteries to dump their potted containers of dirt out over the bankings or into the woods. Please also place plastic containers in barrels.

Special Events

Coordinator Katie Young

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/special-events>



On June 23 we hosted the 2nd Annual Hubbardston Fair at the Curtis Recreational Field. For more information about the Fair and to see pictures, [visit our Facebook site](#). Also in July we hosted our first ever Bling Your Box Mailbox decorating online photo contest. This event saw residents and town offices compete to see who is the most creative in town. The winner was Kate Saab with her Gnome Sweet Gnome



On August 25th at 10am we will host our first annual Dinghy Dash, a cardboard boat regatta on Brigham Pond.

[Click here to enter the Dash!](#) We are also assisting with the annual [Hubbardston Field Day](#) on September 15th (rain date September 16th) from 9-3 at the Curtis Recreation Field.

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Council on Aging

Chair Hilary Scott Jr.

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/council-aging>



The Council remained busy as always, [preparing the monthly newsletter which is now available online!](#) Additionally, the council assisted in organizing the Sheriff Picnic on August 18th, monthly produce distribution, delivering meals on wheels, running pitch parties and supporting the Tuesday Music Group.

Board of Assessors

Chairman John Prentiss

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/board-assessors>

The Board of Assessors in July welcomed its newly elected member Jeffrey Young. Next month the board will meet to discuss any new business and sign all pending motor vehicle abatements.

Hubbardston Cultural Council

Chairman Bill Shea

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/cultural-council-arts-lottery>



During the June/July period we participated at the Hubbardston Fair and three Cultural Council sponsored events took place. These were the edible plants walk, the birds of prey and little mermaid party. The birds of prey event was well attended and enjoyed by all. The little mermaid party was sparsely attended but personalized for the children

The applications for FY19 grants will begin to formulate and the results of our survey regarding cultural priorities will be discussed with the committee.

[Please help us by completing our survey!](#)

Finance Committee

Chairman Susan Rayne

<https://www.hubbardstonma.us/finance-committee>



In July, the Finance Committee met once, to review year-end budget transfers to assist the Town Administrator and his staff in closing out the fiscal year and to review. At that July meeting, FinComm member Joshua Lerner presented his analysis of [Hubbardston's tax levy rates and spending as compared with those of other cities and towns](#). The Finance Committee plans to schedule quarterly meetings, to begin in October, to work more closely with the Town Administrator, to monitor spending, and to streamline the budget process for the coming fiscal year.

For Questions about the All Board Report, please contact the Town Administrator at admin@hubbardstonma.us.

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