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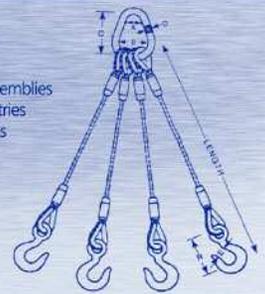


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## Retirements

- **Ed Cauley**, Department of Public Works Director for the Town of Southampton retired on December 17, 2013.

Ed started working for the Town of Southampton in 1984 as Highway Superintendent. In addition to his responsibilities associated with the highway department, Ed was also in charge of the landfill. He became the Water Superintendent and when the landfill was closed in 1994, he started the Town's transfer station, becoming somewhat of a pioneer in recycling. Ed was instrumental in morphing the highway, water and transfer and recycling departments into the town's Department of Public Works.

He has served as the Emergency Manager for the Town of Southampton for the past 15 years. He currently sits on the Board of Selectmen.

Ed is a Civil War buff and in his retirement he plans to visit Civil War battlefields.

- **Ed Dahill**, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Chesterfield will retire on April 25, 2014 after 26 years of service.

Ed was hired as the Chesterfield Highway Superintendent in January 1988. Prior to that, he was employed by the Town of Huntington for approximately 8 years, which means that Ed has been a municipal employee for over 34 years.

Ed, a longtime member of the Massachusetts Highway Association, is a past president of the Massachusetts Tri County Highway Superintendents Association. He recently became a lifetime member of the organization based on his 25 years of membership.

He received his Associates Degree in Engineering and his Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. Ed is also a Master Roads Scholar with Bay State Roads.

He anticipates that he will eventually work in the private sector on a part-time basis.

- **Paul Dzubek**, DPW Director and Town Engineer for Ludlow has announced his retirement effective March 21, 2014. Paul has served the Town of Ludlow for 16 years.

"My time here was very satisfying serving the public. I am proud of my accomplishments," he said. He also went on to add, when talking about the DPW workers plowing snow, "It always amazes me how these guys can come in and work as hard as they do to make the roads safe for the community. They do an outstanding job."

Paul has been an active member in both the Tri County Highway Superintendents Association and Massachusetts Highway Association.

- **David Guertin**, DPW Director for the Town of Provincetown retired in November 2013 after serving as Director for almost 15 years.

- **Tom Satko**, DPW Director for the Town of Adams has retired after 29 years of service.

- **James Taylor**, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Rowe is retiring July 1st after 37 years of service.

- **Robert L. Moylan Jr.**, P.E. retired from his position as Commissioner of Public Works and Parks for the City of Worcester at the end of December 2013. Bob worked for the City for 42 years, starting as a staff engineer and working his way up to the Commissioner's position which he held for the last 20 years.

- **Mark Brigham**, retired from his position as Highway Superintendent for the Town of Sutton in February 2014. Mark worked for Sutton for over 30 years, starting as a laborer and working his way up to the Superintendent's position which he held for the last 13 years. Mark was also very involved with WCHA, serving on its Board of Directors for many years.



- **George R. Barton**, 88, passed away on October 31, at his home in Arizona. George was a long time Highway Superintendent for the Town of Otis and its Fire Chief before retiring and moving to Arizona in 1988. George was a founding member of the Berkshire County/Dist. 1 Highway Superintendent's Association in 1979 and served as treasurer and secretary until his retirement.
- **Dana Snow**, 65, passed away unexpectedly on December 17. After graduating from High School, Dana served four years with the U. S. Air Force. After his discharge as a Staff Sergeant, he returned to Marblehead and worked his way up through the various public works positions. He retired in 2010 as the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department and had additional responsibilities in the Highway Department.
- **Michael F. McDaniel, Jr.**, 48, of Natick died tragically on February 4 while working as an employee for the Natick DPW. Michael had worked for the Natick DPW in its Water Department for 26 years. Michael was a lifelong resident of Natick. He leaves a wife, Kathleen, and a young daughter, Caroline.

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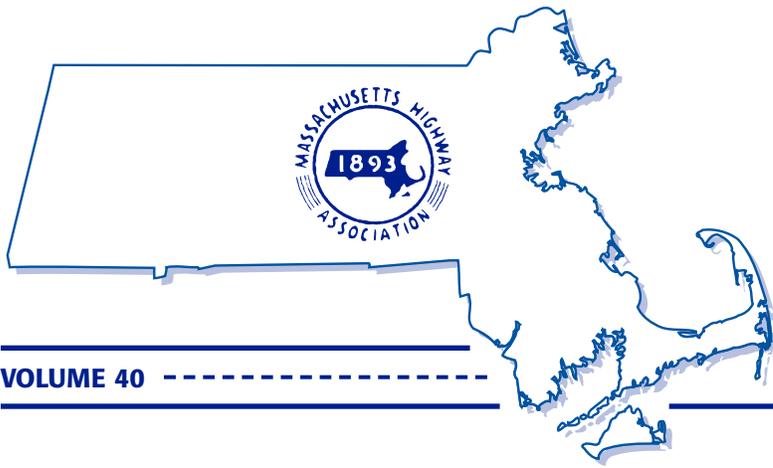
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### President's Message



Greetings MHA colleagues.

It is with a sense of great pride and frustration that I write this message to you. The pride I feel is the effort that has been put forth by your MHA board members and others to keep the Chapter 90 funding issue on the front burner, but I am frustrated that another April is upon us and again, for the fourth year in a row, we have no Chapter 90 funding commitment.

The MHA Executive Board has attended numerous legislative meetings, MassDOT budget hearings and MMA sponsored meetings other over the past six months to keep the pressure on Legislators and the Governor to release \$300 million in Chapter 90 funding to all communities. In many cases, we had multiple MHA members attend these meetings to show a great unified presence for our cause. I understand the difficulties in being able to commit to such meetings in a time when we are all doing more with less and spending time away from our communities is difficult to do. Kudos to all who have been involved!

My frustration comes from the fact that a commitment for Chapter 90 funding is nowhere in sight. While the Legislature is currently debating the House and Senate versions of this year's Transportation Bond Bill, both of

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### Committee Working Out Differences in Transportation Bond Bills

by Tom Philbin, MMA Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator

A legislative conference committee is meeting to iron out differences between multi-year transportation bond bills passed in recent months by the House and Senate.

Both versions would provide a record \$300 million for the Chapter 90 local road and bridge maintenance program, but they differ in the length of the commitment. The House version (H. 3882) includes funding only for fiscal 2015, while the Senate bill would fund the program at \$300 million per year for five years. The MMA has asked the committee to adopt the Senate plan.

The Senate bill (S. 2033) also includes a provision to require the administration to release final Chapter 90 allocation letters to cities and towns by March 1 each year, a month earlier than the current schedule. The release of Chapter 90 funds has been significantly delayed each of the past three years, dramatically shortening the construction season.

In a letter to the conference committee, the MMA wrote, "The stability and predictability that comes with a multi-year authorization maximizes the efficient use of taxpayer dollars, enables communities to plan and invest systematically to address safety and congestion issues, and provides the investment necessary to create jobs and support economic growth."

The MMA opposes a provision in the Senate bill that would require all cities and towns to file with the Department of Transportation a five-year plan for their Chapter 90 projects by Dec. 31, 2014. The MMA argues that the provision conflicts with legislation enacted last year to create the Performance and Asset Management Commission, which has been charged with providing both state and local government with guidance on the management of transportation assets, including proper planning for construction, maintenance and financing.

The legislative conference committee — consisting of Reps. William Straus, Stephen Kulik and Peter Durant and Sens. Tom McGee, Stephen Brewer and Robert Hedlund — held its first meeting on March 20 and met twice during the week of March 24.

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### Annual Meeting May 1

The 2014 Annual meeting of the Massachusetts Highway Association will be held on Thursday, May 1st at the Pleasant Valley Country Club, 95 Arnsbury Rd., Sutton. The technical programs will be centered on "Public Works Workplace Safety."

In addition to the Technical sessions, the results of the Election, Annual Awards and Scholarship winners will be announced. The 2013 *John W. Kiley, Jr., Associate Member of the Year* will be awarded to **Kevin Barrett** of Safe Road Services. Democratic candidates for Governor have been invited to attend as were the Republican candidates at the Winter meeting.

Important votes on By-law changes will also be on the agenda. The proposed changes include: To give Associate members a vote at board meetings; to allow the secretary or treasurer to vote as an alternate at board meetings; to add a new category of membership. The changes are included with this mailing.

A complete program agenda and ticket application is enclosed. Please make reservation payments to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

### Charity Golf Tournament, August 12

The 2014 Massachusetts Highway Association Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton. A flyer with all details will be mailed to the MHA membership.



## President's Message, cont'd.

which include a \$300 million commitment for Chapter 90, they differ on a single, or multiyear funding, and include proposed "reforms" that may restrict a community's use of funds in the future. Also looming in the future is the need for the Governor's Office to fund the full \$300 million. Last year, only \$200 million was released, late and in a staggered-fashion, even though \$300 million was recommended by the Legislature. The Governor has consistently told us that state revenues do not support the additional \$100 million requested for last year AND this year. Without another great effort from MHA, we can expect a similar shortage of Chapter 90 funds this year.

Nonetheless, we continue as an organization to provide the best possible resources to our members, including training, education and information-sharing through networking relative to all aspects of transportation. We have another outstanding agenda for the year:

- ✓ Annual Meeting scheduled for May 1 at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, MA
- ✓ CEU training for hoisting licenses, currently being developed for later this summer/fall.
- ✓ Annual Charity Golf Tournament on August 14 at Brook Meadow CC, Canton, MA
- ✓ Public Works Expo, September 17 and 18, at the Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events; please keep up the pressure on the Chapter 90 issue. MHA will continue to lead, but we need to hear from our membership to identify and promote solutions to the mutual problems that face us all. We are here for you, let us know how we can be of service.

Regards,

*David Knowlton, President*

## Transportation Bond Bills, cont'd

While the Legislature continues to support an increase in the Chapter 90 program from \$200 million to \$300 million per year, it is up to the governor to decide how much of the authorization will be released.

Transportation Secretary Richard Davey has said that without additional revenue the administration would only release \$200 million for Chapter 90, as it did in fiscal 2014. The Department of Transportation's \$12.4 billion, five-year capital plan level-funds the Chapter 90 program at \$200 million per year over the next five years.

A statewide survey conducted by the MMA a year ago documents that the state's cities and towns would need to spend \$562 million each year to maintain local roads in a "state of good repair," the industry standard, but communities spend far less due to inadequate resources.

The MMA's letter to the transportation bond bill conference committee can be found at [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org).



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## How Deep Will This Fiscal Pothole Go?

by David Desrosiers, MHA Tri-County Director

We have just experienced a long, hard winter and we all look forward to spring. However, the spring thaw this year will bring serious problems for many of us. Potholes are expected to be very severe this year due to the extreme cold temperatures and deep frost. In addition, the poor condition of our pavements will compound the problems by allowing water to seep into the cracks and further compromise the integrity of the pavement structure.

The pavement condition of roads has been declining for many years. This is occurring throughout the State because of insufficient funding for road maintenance. The significance of the problem is confirmed in a report done by TRIP (a National Transportation Research Group based in Washington D.C.) showing that many cities and towns in our State are in the top 20 worst cities in the country for their size.

It is the local roads that are maintained by the cities and towns that have experienced the worst problems. The insufficient "Chapter 90 allotments," together with material cost increases of over 200% in the last 12 years have taken their toll.

Although we did manage to pass a small gas tax increase last year, the Governor has proposed level funding the chapter 90 program and does not share any of this revenue with the cities and towns. It is simply unconscionable that the Governor proposes a massive rail expansion on the eastern part of the State while allowing our roadways to crumble into a severe state of disrepair. There is no regional or economic equity in this plan.

On March 11, 2014, 12 cars had to be towed from a street in a city in western Massachusetts after hitting potholes. This is one day on one street. How bad does it have to get before the people demand that the roads be fixed? Isn't it time that the State release 50% of all gas tax revenue back to the cities and towns who maintain 80% of the roads? THIS WOULD BE REGIONAL EQUITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE.

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Massachusetts Highway Association participated in the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show at the Hynes Convention. Staffing the MHA booth at the show were (from left to right) Dave Capelle, Joe Welch, Bill Elovirta and Tom Reynolds.

## New Hoisting Machinery License Regulations

by Bill Elovirta, MHA Treasurer

On November 8, 2013, the new 520 CMR 6.00 Hoisting Machinery regulations went in to effect. In summary, this new regulation requires all individuals holding hoisting licenses to obtain continuing education credits on each class of license they hold before renewals will be granted. It also requires first time applicants to obtain CEU's. The Department of Public Safety will start enforcement of the CEU requirements on May 1, 2014.

Holders of Hoisting Machinery licenses that expire prior to May 1, 2014 will not be required to submit CEU's at the time of renewal.

Any licensee who is unable to obtain the required CEU's necessary to renew their license may request that the license be placed in an inactive status for up to one CEU cycle. No Hoisting Machinery operations may take place while the license is in an inactive status.

Visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) and click on the link for Department of Public Safety for the full 520 CMR 6.00 regulations and required CEU's for each class of license. There are several private companies approved to provide the required CEU certificates. Some cities, towns or regional highway associations are considering providing approved courses to their membership. Baystate Roads is also in the process of applying for approval to provide courses.

This is just one more unfunded mandate that cities and towns must absorb during these times of budget cuts and shrinking transportation dollars.

## New Highway Superintendent/ DPW Director Appointments

**Christopher Cronin** has been appointed Director of Municipal Services for the Town of Andover. Municipal Services is a recently merged department from two existing Department of Public Works and Plant & Facilities. Chris has been with the Town since 1988 including positions of Assistant Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent. Chris is the Director at Large for Essex County Highway Association in addition to being an active member of the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Highway Association representing Essex County.

**Richard J. Waldo** has been appointed DPW Director for the Town of Provincetown to replace **David Guertin**. He formerly worked as the Assistant Director of Public Works for Provincetown.

**Lance Larned** has been appointed Highway Superintendent for the Town of Rowe. He is a 16-year employee of the department.

**Randall Kemp**, a three-year employee of the Southamptton Highway Department, has been promoted to Superintendent, replacing Ed Cauley.

## New England Public Works Expo to be Held September 17-18 in Boxborough

### The New England Public Works Expo

The 35th New England Public Works Expo, sponsored by the Massachusetts Highway Association, will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday, September 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's show will be held at a new location, the Holiday Inn, just off Route 495 in Boxborough, MA. Last year, the Expo was the last event to be held at the Royal Plaza in Fitchburg before demolition to make way for expansion of the hotel.

This new location has an abundance of parking which will eliminate some of the previous concerns about parking.

Over 150 vendors will be showcasing their products and services. The Expo will include educational seminars, raffles and a complimentary BBQ on both days. The Northeast Rock Busters Chapter will have some antique equipment on display.

This is New England's largest public works and construction expo and is expected to be a sell-out. For additional information, visit the Expo website at [www.nepublicworksexpo.org](http://www.nepublicworksexpo.org).

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# County Association News

## ■ Barnstable County — Neil Andres

- BCHA will hold their Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, May 19 at New Seabury. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.
- BCHA has coordinated Hoisting License continuing education classes. Approximately 300 are scheduled to attend the four-hour class.

## ■ Berkshire County — Chris Bouchard

- The following 2014 officers were elected and appointed at the annual business meeting in October:

President **Ed Lord** – Sheffield; Vice President, **Curt Wilton** – West Stockbridge; Directors **Mike Smith** – Heath, **Maynard Forbes** – Monterey, **Charles “Chip” Dazelle** – Huntington; Secretary, **Jerry Copolla** – Richmond; Treasurer, **Bill Elovirta**, Ret. – Becket; Assistant to Secretary/Treasurer, **Chris Bouchard** – Becket; Vendor Directors **Craig Willis** – White Wolf Enterprises, **Harold “Huck” House** – Allstates Material Group.

- Over the winter months, the association’s executive board and members worked closely with our legislative members to ensure that the Chapter 90 program is given the highest priority to be released in April and the funds available by July 1 of FY14.

### BERKSHIRE 2014 AGENDA

**April 24** — 1st Meeting and Technical Seminar

**June 13** — 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Skyline Country Club, Lanesborough

**June 26** — 2nd Meeting and Technical seminar

**July 16** — Driver Training Skills, Hinsdale Vol. Fire Dept. grounds

**August 28** — 3rd Meeting and Technical Seminar

**September 12** — 31st Annual Equipment Show and Picnic, Hinsdale Vol. Fire Dept.

**October 23** — 35th Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Scholarship Awards

## ■ Norfolk, Bristol & Middlesex County — Bob O'Brien

- The Annual Scholarship Banquet was held on April 30 at the Old Colonial Café in Norwood.
- The 53rd Equipment, Products and Services Show will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at the Wellesley Public Works yard. Last year’s show saw 80 vendors and was attended by more than 450 municipal and state public works officials, contractors and engineers.
- The NBM Jean Henebury Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 16 at the Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton.
- Vendor Appreciation night will be held at Nashoba Valley in Westford on Thursday, September 4.
- The NBM Annual Gala and Awards Night will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the Sheraton Four Points in Norwood. Book your table early as last year the event sold out early.
- For further info about NBM, visit the website at [www.nbmhighway.com](http://www.nbmhighway.com).

## ■ Essex County — Christopher Cronin

- Essex County Highway Association is geared up for a great 2014 with the following events taking place:

### ESSEX COUNTY 2014 AGENDA

**April 1** — Snow Plow Rodeo and Trade Show

**May 6** — Annual Spring Technical Meeting

**June 5** — Summer Meeting

**August 5** — Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

**October 21** — Fall Training

**December 3** — Annual Fall Meeting

- Membership and event information may be found on the website at [www.essexcountyhighway.com](http://www.essexcountyhighway.com).
- ECHA welcomed **Lisa DeMeo** to the Board of Directors as Director North. Lisa has been an active member and has assisted in the success of many events. The Executive Board is pleased to have her expertise and enthusiasm as a member of the Board.
- ECHA extends its deepest gratitude to **Richard Benevento** of World-Tech Engineering for his 14 years of active service as Secretary of the Board. Rich’s contribution included bringing interesting and informative technical programs to ECHA members, in addition to providing valuable training at all levels of public works. Rich recently retired from the position but will continue to be an active member of ECHA, lending his extensive knowledge to the growth of the organization.

## ■ Tri-County — David Desrosiers

- The summer meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12 at a place to be determined.
- The Annual Golf outing will be held on Thursday, August 14 at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

## ■ Worcester County — Sean Divoll

- The WCHA is looking forward to a successful year of programming and outreach. The season began with a March Business Meeting which included a very informative agenda. A variety of topics were discussed, including risk management, CEU’s for Hoisting Engineers, and storm water management.
- The April Meeting will be held at EJ Prescott’s facility in Shrewsbury. The agenda includes presentations by factory representatives and a tour of the facility.
- WCHA congratulates **Robert L. Moylan** and **Mark Brigham** on their recent retirements and wishes them well in their much deserved retirement.
- Worcester County continues to be a vibrant and active county. Special thanks to all who participate and support our efforts.