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Who makes the most money in Abington?

Town payroll obtained for police officers, school superintendent, and firefighters

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Police officers, firefighters, the school superintendent and town manager topped the Abington's list of highest earners in 2024. A total of six employees earned at least \$200,000 in 2024, and 20 employees earned at least \$150,000 last year.

Town employees took home a total of \$37.2 million in pay in 2024, according to a list of salaries obtained by The Patriot Ledger. Not all of that is funded with the town's tax revenue. Police officers and firefighters receive detail money for working extra shifts at construction sites and other businesses, which are typically funded privately. Five of the 10 top earners are police officers. Superintendent Felicia Moschella is the only school department employee and woman appearing on the list. Firefighters and Town Manager Scott Lambiase make up the rest of the top 10.

Top 10 highest-paid Abington town employees in 2024

- Police Officer Kevin Sullivan: \$252,349
- Police Sgt. Stephen Marquardt: \$233,071
- Fire Capt. George Gardiner: \$208,261
- Superintendent Felicia Moschella: \$204,628
- Police Sgt. Christopher Sanderson: \$201,908
- Deputy Fire Chief Jarrod Driscoll: \$201,317
- Police Sgt. Ryan Gillan: \$192,101
- Fire Chief John Glynn: \$188,510
- Town Manager Scott Lambiase: \$176,438
- Police Lt. Justin Canada: \$176,005

'A side I never saw'



Alec Karys, front, with his parents and siblings in Athens in 1951. PROVIDED BY ALEC KARYS

Son publishes dad's World War I diary

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Alec Karys' father was always strong stoic as head of his family. But decades after his father died, Karys discovered a different side of him when he came across a small diary his father kept as a young man fighting in

World War I. "In the diary, there are many poems that reveal my father's deep feelings," said Karys, 81, who lives in Framingham. "This is a side I never saw of him." Karys' father, whose full name was Pantelis Karatasakis, never mentioned the diary to anyone. In a nod to the historical significance of his father's notations, and as a way to honor and remember him, Karys had the diary published as "Diary of a Soldier in the Asia Minor Campaign, 1919-1921."

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Three South Shore towns face revote on MBTA zoning rules

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For some South Shore residents, an upcoming special town meeting may feel like déjà vu. Hanson, Marshfield and Hanover will soon be asking residents to vote on proposed zoning rules that would make it easier for developers to build apartments near public transportation. The purpose of the MBTA Communities Act was to boost housing production and increase affordability. But these residents have already rejected their proposed MBTA zoning rules – one town even doubling down and saying “no” twice. These South Shore towns, plus a dozen others in the state, are not in compliance with the MBTA Communities Act. They risk losing state grants if they don't pass zoning rules by the end of the year, as well as potential legal action, Hanover Town Manager Joseph Colangelo said. And so, Colangelo says he feels obligated to put forth the question to voters once more. “This is my own personal opinion, but it is my position that MBTA zoning is not a good law. It's been poorly implemented by the state. It's a one-size-fits-all solution built on disincentives and intimidation,” Colangelo said at the Monday, Sept. 22, select board meeting. He continued: “I've always championed local governments and residents of communities who live there should be the ones who decide how their communities are going to grow, how they're going to be served, what they're going to feel like. This does feel like the antithesis of that, but the consequences of non-compliance after Jan. 1st have to be weighed against compliance.” Most of the MBTA communities are considered compliant with the law. Among them is Milton, which was the first to challenge the law in a case that went before the state's Supreme Judicial Court, but was unsuccessful. Voters there ultimately approved MBTA zoning rules – again – in June.

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