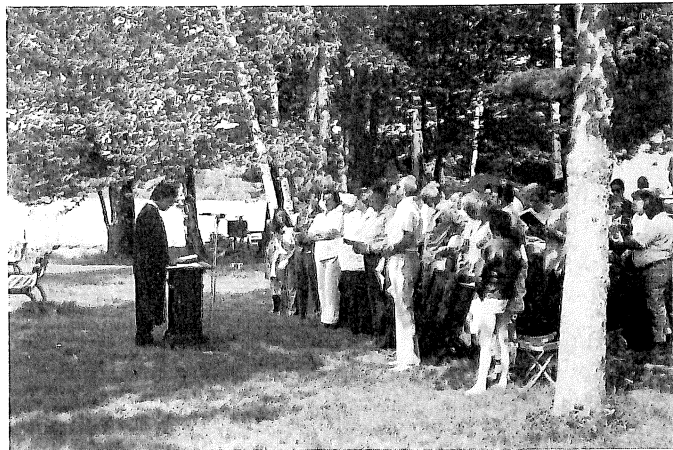
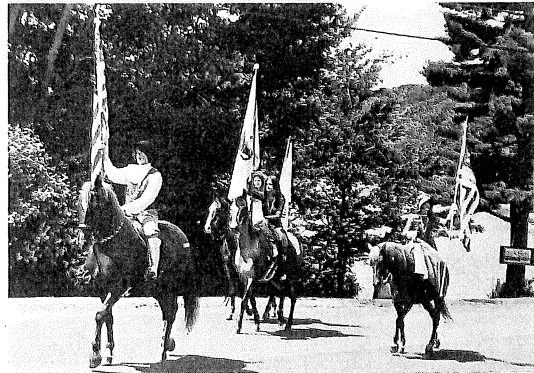


# Town of Rowe



*Annual Report*  
1976



ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND

# **Annual Report**

**of the**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**of the**

# **Town of Rowe**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

For The Year Ending

**DECEMBER 31, 1976**





# NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

## UNITED STATES SENATORS

EDWARD M. KENNEDY  
Boston

EDWARD W. BROOKE  
Newton

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## GOVERNOR

MICHAEL DUKAKIS

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## U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

SILVIO O. CONTE  
Pittsfield

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## STATE SENATOR

JOHN OLVER  
Amherst

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## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1

JONATHAN HEALY, Charlemont

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THOMAS MERRIGAN, Greenfield  
MARGARET H. HERLIHY, Deerfield  
JOHN F. BASSETT, Montague

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - 1976

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wesley P. Gfroerer	Term expires in 1977
Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1978
Donald E. Lindabury	Term expires in 1979

### TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1977
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### TOWN TREASURER

Anne G. Bond	Term expires in 1977
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Anne G. Bond (resigned)	Term expires in 1977
Jane H. Lindabury (appointed)	Term expires in 1977

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1977
Frank W. Newton	Term expires in 1978
Henry G. Dandeneau	Term expires in 1979

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ira Seybold	Term expires in 1977
Karl Jurentkuff	Term expires in 1978
Arthur Foshay	Term expires in 1979

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Evelyn L. Soule	Term expires in 1977
Christine A. Tower	Term expires in 1978
Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1979

### PARK COMMISSIONER

Ree Williams (resigned)	Term expires in 1977
Henry J. Dandeneau (appointed)	Term expires in 1977
John R. Riggan	Term expires in 1978
Jean Stanford	Term expires in 1979

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

James H. Williams	Term expires in 1977
J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1978
William Brown	Term expires in 1979

### AUDITOR

Sharon Hudson (declined)	Term expires in 1977
Doris Taylor (appointed)	Term expires in 1977

#### CONSTABLE

Blanche C. Veber

Term expires in 1977

#### MODERATOR

John H. Williams

Term expires in 1977

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edwin R. Taylor

Term expires in 1977

Lockwood L. Reed, III

Term expires in 1977

June W. Brown

Term expires in 1978

Virginia P. Jurentkuff

Term expires in 1978

Roger Brown

Term expires in 1979

#### PLANNING BOARD

Jane H. Lindabury (appointed)

Term expires in 1977

James H. Williams

Term expires in 1978

John H. Williams

Term expires in 1979

Herbert A. Autio

Term expires in 1980

Walter Bates

Term expires in 1981

#### DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Arthur M. Volland

Term expires in 1980

Phyllis Volland

Charles D. Avery

Peter E. Shields

Helen R. Shields

David F. Scrivens

### APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

#### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Howard O. Truesdell

#### TOWN COUNSEL

Craig W. Barry

(Bartlett, Trudel & Barry, Attys. at Law)

#### HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN

John A. Brickett, R. S.

#### WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Peter Codogni

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Michele Cascone

**PUBLIC WELFARE AGENT**

Dorothy Adams

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Janet Bliss

**NURSING COMMITTEE**

Frances Pierce

Lillian Danek

Alice Truesdell

Kathleen Oliver

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Clyde Churchill

**FIRE CHIEF**

Donald Leger

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Robert Kenney

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Robert D. Shumway (resigned)

Henry J. Dandeneau (appointed)

**DOG OFFICER**

Leonard Brown, Jr.

**LIBRARIAN**

Dorothy N. Stevens

**ASSESSORS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK**

Jean B. Bernhardt (resigned)

Jane H. Lindabury (appointed)

**SELECTMEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK**

Helen R. Shields

**ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER**

Jean B. Bernhardt (resigned)

Jo-Ann Ogren (appointed)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE**

Wesley P. Gfroerer

**MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

John R. Riggan

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER**

James H. Williams

Ellsworth E. Palmer

John R. Riggan

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Richard Alix

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Charles D. Avery

James H. Williams

**POUND KEEPER**

Howard O. Truesdell

**TREE WARDEN**

Leonard Brown, Jr.

**SUPT. OF PEST CONTROL AND ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Robert Kenney

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Virginia P. Jurentkuff

Jacquelin E. Barceloux

Linda J. Sturgeon

L. Norma Brown

Term expires in 1977

Term expires in 1978

Term expires in 1979

Term expires in 1979

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Wesley P. Gfroerer

Leonard J. Laffond

Donald E. Lindabury

Term expires in 1977

Term expires in 1978

Term expires in 1979

#### BOARD OF WELFARE

Wesley P. Gfroerer  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Donald E. Lindabury

Term expires in 1977  
Term expires in 1978  
Term expires in 1979

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY HOME CARE CORPORATION

Donald E. Lindabury  
Raymond K. Evans

#### SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Charles Bellows  
Stuart Sumner  
John Dean  
John Riggan

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas P. Danek (Alternate)  
Floyd W. Smith (Alternate)  
Elsa T. Codrick  
Henry G. Dandeneau  
E. Hampton Decker, Chrm.  
Edgerton A. Miles

Term expires in 1977  
Term expires in 1977  
Term expires in 1978  
Term expires in 1979  
Term expires in 1980  
Term expires in 1981

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John R. Riggan  
Jean D. Stanford  
Ree Williams (Resigned)  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Herbert A. Autio  
Henry J. Dandeneau (Appointed)

#### GROWTH POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Steven Autio  
Jean Stanford  
Wesley Gfroerer  
J. Henry Stanford  
John Riggan  
John Williams  
Vilma Miles  
Leonard Laffond  
Ree Williams

## JURY LIST

Nancy E. Williams, Retired  
Dorothy E. Evans, Housewife  
Donald E. Lindabury, Retired  
Sharon Hudson, Clerk  
Michele Cascone, Security Supervisor  
Peter E. Shields, New England Power  
James Quinn, Professor  
**Mary Lee, Leather Worker**  
Richard Shumway, Home Gas Company  
William Brown, Housewife  
John F. Woffenden, Retired

### NAMES DRAWN IN 1976

Peter E. Shields, March 1, 1976

Richard E. Shumway, May 3, 1976

John F. Woffenden, September 23, 1976

Traverse Jury

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bicentennial year, 1976, was a busy one for the Board of Selectmen and the people of Rowe.

The Highway Department, as always, was busy with varied projects in addition to the usual upkeep and maintenance of our roads and streets. Some of the projects carried out in the continuing effort to upgrade and improve our roads making them safer to travel both summer and winter were as follows: the widening of upper Potter Road which included blasting of ledge and laying of drainage and gravel; laying Type "I" Pavement through the village to Pond Road and from the point of the Palmer residence nearly to the Vermont line; the installation of 3,000 feet of drainage on various roads; a section of Ford Hill Road was completed from the Miles property to Brown Road.

We hope to complete the Type "I" Pavement to the Vermont line this summer and with luck and good weather, we also hope to get a good start on the last section of Ford Hill Road.

This past year, after a long wait, the land-taking at the foot of Skeeter Hill was completed, allowing the Highway Crew to widen that section of road and place drainage and gravel. This was a much-needed project and we are in hopes of completing this section in the early summer.

The Selectmen, as directed by Town Meeting vote concerning the Town Dump (excuse us, Rowe Refuse Gardens), engaged the firm of Tighe & Bond to study and make recommendations as to what direction the Town will have to go in order to cope with our refuse problems.

Most residents driving past the Refuse Gardens, have probably noticed this is a problem we must face this year. We have received the results of the Tighe & Bond study which will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

We always feel sadness in reporting the loss of townspeople we have known and loved. We all miss the presence of Lawrence Bolton and Gerald Truesdell in our midst; they were indeed a credit to the Town of Rowe.

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Boards and Committees who have helped to make our job easier this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Wesley P. Gfroerer, Chairman  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Donald E. Lindabury



**TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES - FY 1976**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 7,500.00	
Reserve Fund	436.66	
Expenditures		\$ 7,936.66
	<u>\$ 7,936.66</u>	<u>\$ 7,936.66</u>

**BONDS & INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 8,795.50
Balance in General Treasury		6,204.50
	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

**STORM DAMAGE, SCHOOL ROOF - (Covered by Insurance)**

Expenditures for temporary work		\$ 1,838.48
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**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Reserve Fund	300.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,197.08
Balance in General Treasury		102.92
	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>

**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 12,870.00	
Expenditures		\$ 12,815.71
Balance in General Treasury		54.29
	<u>\$ 12,870.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,870.00</u>

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 983.10
Balance in General Treasury		1,016.90
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

**MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 200.00	
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Expenditures		98.76
Balance in General Treasury		101.24
	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>PLANNING BOARD - OPERATION</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 171.86
Balance in General Treasury		328.14
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<b>“GOALS FOR ROWE” PLANNING PROGRAM</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 7,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 7,000.00
Balance in General Treasury		500.00
	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
<b>GASOLINE - TOWN VEHICLES</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 919.32
Balance in General Treasury		80.68
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<b>MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Sewage Disposal)</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 83.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		4,417.00
	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
<b>MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Engineering Studies &amp; Plans)</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,419.31
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		80.69
	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>BRIDGE &amp; GUARD RAIL</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 7,872.70
Balance in General Treasury		127.30
	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>

**BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Appropriation	\$ 16,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 9,361.56
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		6,638.44
	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>

**TOWN ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

**LAND DAMAGES**

Expenditures		\$ 500.00
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**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 17,228.60
Balance in General Treasury		2,771.40
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

**NEW EQUIPMENT - SNOWPLOW**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,735.00
Balance in General Treasury		265.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

**NEW EQUIPMENT - 4 WH. DR. DUMP TRUCK**

Appropriation	\$ 35,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,768.30	
Expenditures		\$ 36,768.30
	<u>\$ 36,768.30</u>	<u>\$ 36,768.30</u>

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$ 3,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,120.08
Balance in General Treasury		479.92
	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 24,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 21,110.17
Balance in General Treasury		2,889.83
	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION ('75) Cyrus Stage Road		
Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 17,471.68	
Expenditures		\$ 17,471.68
	<u>\$ 17,471.68</u>	<u>\$ 17,471.68</u>

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION ('76) Cyrus Stage Road		
Chapter 765, Acts of 1972	\$ 21,397.00	
Expenditures		\$ 12,211.05
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		9,185.95
	<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>

#### REPAIR, MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION - TOWN ROADS

Chapter 825, Section 1, Acts of 1974	\$ 9,832.00	
Expenditures		\$ 9,832.00
	<u>\$ 9,832.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,832.00</u>

#### SPECIAL ROADS - FORD HILL ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/75	24.73	
Expenditures		\$ 2,952.45
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		7,072.28
	<u>\$ 10,024.73</u>	<u>\$ 10,024.73</u>

#### SPECIAL ROADS - POTTER ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 11,970.06
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		8,029.94
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,113.64
Balance in General Treasury		5,886.36
	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>

#### MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 22,000.00	
Machinery Earnings F.Y. '75	122.00	
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 23,120.69
Balance in General Treasury		1.31
	<u>\$ 23,122.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,122.00</u>

**ROAD OILING**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 10,000.00
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

**MACHINERY EARNINGS**

Chapter 90 Construction		\$ 1,550.00
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**SICK LEAVE PAY**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 727.85	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Reserve Fund	500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,872.90
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		354.95
	<u>\$ 2,227.85</u>	<u>\$ 2,227.85</u>

**TUNNEL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 453.00	
Expenditures		\$ 349.70
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		103.30
	<u>\$ 453.00</u>	<u>\$ 453.00</u>

**GENERAL DRAINAGE**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 9,945.81
Balance in General Treasury		54.19
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

**WAGES & SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 85,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 67,594.69
Balance in General Treasury		17,405.31
	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>

**SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 6,690.00	
Appropriation	3,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		\$ 9,690.00
	<u>\$ 9,690.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,690.00</u>

**DRAINAGE - (Middleton Hill Road & Zoar Road Intersection)**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 3,033.25	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		\$ 3,033.25
	<u>\$ 3,033.25</u>	<u>\$ 3,033.25</u>

**BERM - Brittingham Hill Road**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,882.71
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		1,117.29
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

**STEELE BROOK ROAD - HARD SURFACING**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 197.42	
Expenditures		\$ 197.42
	<u>\$ 197.42</u>	<u>\$ 197.42</u>

**STEELE BROOK ROAD - OIL & STONE APPLICATION**

Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,168.60
Balance in General Treasury		31.40
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

**TYPE "I" PAVEMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 30,000.00	
Chapter 825, Section 3	24,850.00	
Expenditures		\$ 54,850.00
	<u>\$ 54,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,850.00</u>

**STORM DAMAGE - July 5, 1974**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 16,116.90	
Expenditures		\$ 1,230.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		14,886.90
	<u>\$ 16,116.90</u>	<u>\$ 16,116.90</u>

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT****SCHOOLS - OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$240,968.00	
Expenditures		\$233,115.31
Balance in General Treasury		7,852.69
	<u>\$240,968.00</u>	<u>\$240,968.00</u>

**SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANTS**

Total Grants	\$ 265.45	
Expenditures		\$ 265.45
	<u>\$ 265.45</u>	<u>\$ 265.45</u>

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Cafeteria Warrants		\$ 5,157.66
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**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$ 59,447.86	
Expenditures		\$ 56,973.28
Balance in General Treasury		2,474.58
	<u>\$ 59,447.86</u>	<u>\$ 59,447.86</u>

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS**

Appropriation	\$ 30,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 29,218.75
Balance in General Treasury		781.25
	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$ 40,597.43	
Expenditures		\$ 40,007.91
Balance in General Treasury		589.52
	<u>\$ 40,597.43</u>	<u>\$ 40,597.43</u>

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES****BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation	\$ 5,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,438.70
Balance in General Treasury		61.30
	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>

**HEALTH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,600.00
	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>

**VETERANS' DEPARTMENT****VETERANS' SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 683.50	
Expenditures		\$ 683.50
	<u>\$ 683.50</u>	<u>\$ 683.50</u>

**VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 1,000.00	
No Expenditures		\$ 1,000.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY****FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00	
Reserve Fund	42.32	
Expenditures		\$ 6,042.32
	<u>\$ 6,042.32</u>	<u>\$ 6,042.32</u>

**PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)**

Appropriation	\$ 1,050.00	
Expenditures		\$ 937.14
Balance in General Treasury		112.86
	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>

**FOREST FIRES**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,343.00
Balance in General Treasury		1,157.00
	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 418.41
Balance in General Treasury		81.59
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 3,100.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,929.76
Balance in General Treasury		1,170.24
	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 60.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$ 60.00
	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>



**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 425.00
Balance in General Treasury		175.00
	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

**POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

Appropriation	\$ 4,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,577.30
Balance in General Treasury		22.70
	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>

**EMERGENCY LIGHTS - TOWN BUILDINGS**

Appropriation	\$ 750.00	
Expenditures		\$ 666.55
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		83.45
	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	<u>\$ 750.00</u>

**FIREFIGHTING & SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,065.62
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		434.38
	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>

**BREATHING APPARATUS - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 989.90	
Expenditures		\$ 943.88
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		46.02
	<u>\$ 989.90</u>	<u>\$ 989.90</u>

**ROWE TOWN LIBRARY EXPENDITURES****LIBRARY - OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 8,262.50	
Expenditures		\$ 8,230.47
Balance in General Treasury		32.03
	<u>\$ 8,262.50</u>	<u>\$ 8,262.50</u>

**LIBRARY SPECIAL - L. S. C. A. PROJECT**

Expenditures		\$ 360.00
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**LIBRARY - TRUST FUNDS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$	381.87	
Withdrawal of Gift Funds		75.00	
Expenditures			\$ 432.20
Balance Forward To 7/1/76			24.67
	\$	456.87	\$ 456.87

**LIBRARY - STATE AID**

Transfer From State Aid Reserve Fund	\$	1,000.00	
Expenditures			\$ 826.50
Balance Forward To 7/1/76			173.50
	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

**RECREATION****PELHAM LAKE PARK**

Appropriation	\$	5,000.00	
Expenditures			\$ 4,993.59
Balance in General Treasury			6.41
	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

**OLD HOME DAY**

Appropriation	\$	1,600.00	
Expenditures			\$ 1,600.00
	\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00

**MOTION PICTURE SERIES**

Appropriation	\$	600.00	
No Expenditures			
Balance Forward To 7/1/76			\$ 600.00
	\$	600.00	\$ 600.00

**OLD HOME DAY - BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Appropriation	\$	5,000.00	
Expenditures			\$ 595.72
Balance Forward To 7/1/76			4,404.28
	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

**NEW TOILET FACILITIES - PELHAM LAKE PARK**

Appropriation	\$	3,000.00	
Expenditures			\$ 2,950.00
Balance in General Treasury			50.00
	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

## BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

### MOVING & RESTORING TOOL FACTORY

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 16,149.98	
Expenditures		\$ 9,626.95
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		6,523.03
	<u>\$ 16,149.98</u>	<u>\$ 16,149.98</u>

### RESTORING WATERING TROUGH

Balance Forward From 6/30/75	\$ 500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

### BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 476.43
Balance in General Treasury		23.57
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

### "ALL WARS" MEMORIAL

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 666.59
Balance Forward To 7/1/76		333.41
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

### BRONZE PLAQUE MARKER - SITE OF FORT PELHAM

Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
Expenditures		\$ 241.00
Balance in General Treasury		9.00
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

## CEMETERY EXPENDITURES

### CEMETERIES - MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00	
Reserve Fund	646.83	
Expenditures		\$ 2,246.83
	<u>\$ 2,246.83</u>	<u>\$ 2,246.83</u>

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

### INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

### STATE & COUNTY TAXES

State Treasurer		\$ 24,211.08
County Treasurer		183,213.45
Dog Licenses		284.45
		<u>\$207,708.98</u>

### TAX ABATEMENTS

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	\$ 108.33	
Real Estate Excise Refunds	163.80	
	<u>\$ 272.13</u>	

### EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING TAXES

Payroll Deductions	\$ 37,578.50	
Director of Internal Revenue		\$ 28,970.40
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		8,608.10
	<u>\$ 37,578.50</u>	<u>\$ 37,578.50</u>

## COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

### COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Town Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00	
County of Franklin (Assessment)		\$ 10,033.00
Balance in General Treasury		1,967.00
	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>

### EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

Town Appropriation (Assessment)	\$ 10,033.00	
Employees' Contribution		5,519.07
		<u>\$ 15,552.07</u>

### GROUP INSURANCE

Payroll Deductions	\$ 2,474.35	
Direct Payments	921.60	
Accounts Receivable	236.40	
Retirees	18.72	

Town's Share	7,726.67	
Blue Cross/Blue Cross MX		\$ 10,876.26
Group Life Insurance		380.88
Social Security Medical Insurance		120.60
	<u>\$ 11,377.74</u>	<u>\$ 11,377.74</u>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>		
Transfer From Overlay Surplus	\$ 5,000.00	
Transfers to Accounts		\$ 4,769.11
Balance in General Treasury		230.89
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR'S DEMAND FEES</b>		
Demand Fees	\$ 44.00	
Tax Collector, Anne G. Bond		\$ 44.00
	<u>\$ 44.00</u>	<u>\$ 44.00</u>
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR'S DEMAND FEES</b>		
Demand Fees	\$ 187.03	
Deputy Tax Collector, Warren Kirkpatrick		\$ 187.03
	<u>\$ 187.03</u>	<u>\$ 187.03</u>
<b>DOG OFFICER (Reimbursed by County Treasurer)</b>		
Boarding of and/or Destroying of dogs		\$ 96.00
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,158.84
Balance in General Treasury		41.16
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S FEES</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
Expenditures		\$ 25.00
Balance in General Treasury		225.00
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<b>LAND PURCHASE (Searles Property)</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 18,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 18,000.00
	<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>

## RECAPITULATION – FY 1976

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administration	\$ 7,936.66
Bonds & Insurance	8,795.50
Storm Damage, School Roof	1,838.48
Town Hall	2,197.08
Town Officers' Salaries	12,815.71
Town Officers' Expenses	983.10
Microfilming Town Records	98.76
Planning Board – Operation	171.86
“Goals for Rowe” Planning Program	7,000.00
Gasoline – Town Vehicles	919.32
Municipal Facilities Committee (Sewage Disposal)	83.00
Municipal Facilities Committee (Engineer Study)	2,419.31

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bridge & Guard Rail	7,872.70
Bridge Repairs	9,361.56
Town Account	2,000.00
Land Damages	500.00
Winter Roads	17,228.60
New Equipment – Snowplow	1,735.00
New Equipment – 4 Wh. Dr. Dump Truck	36,768.30
Street Lights	3,120.08
General Highway Maintenance	21,110.17
Chapter 90 Construction ('75)	17,471.68
Chapter 90 Construction ('76)	12,211.05
Repair, Maintenance & Construction (Town Roads)	9,832.00
Special Roads – Ford Hill Road	2,952.45
Special Roads – Potter Road	11,970.06
Road Maintenance	6,113.64
Machinery Maintenance	23,120.69
Road Oiling	10,000.00
Sick Leave Pay	1,872.90
Tunnel Road Improvements	349.70
General Drainage	9,945.81
Wages & Salaries	67,594.69
Berm – Brittingham Hill Road	3,882.71
Steele Brook Road – Hard Surfacing	197.42
Steele Brook Road – Oil & Stone Application	1,168.60
Type “T” Pavement	54,850.00
Storm Damage – July 5, 1974	1,230.00

## **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Schools, Operation & Maintenance	233,115.31
School Library Grants	265.45
School Cafeteria	5,157.66
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	56,973.28
School Construction Bonds	29,218.75
Franklin County Technical School District	40,007.91

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Board of Health	5,438.70
Health District Administration	1,600.00

## **VETERANS' DEPARTMENT**

Veterans' Service Administration	683.50
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## **PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY**

Fire Department – Operation	6,042.32
Paid Fire Department (Officers)	937.14
Forest Fires	1,343.00
Civil Defense	418.41
Police Department – Operation	1,929.76
Dutch Elm Disease Control	425.00
Police, Fire & Emergency Alert System	4,577.30
Emergency Lights – Town Buildings	666.55
Firefighting & Safety Equipment	3,065.62
Breathing Apparatus – Fire Department	943.88

## **LIBRARY**

Library – Operation & Maintenance	8,230.47
Library Special – L.S.C.A. Project	360.00
Library Trust Funds	432.20
Library – State Aid	826.50

## **RECREATION**

Pelham Lake Park	4,993.59
Old Home Day	1,600.00
Old Home Day – Bicentennial Celebration	595.72
New Toilet Facilities – Pelham Lake Park	2,950.00

## **BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE**

Moving & Restoring Tool Factory	9,626.95
Bicentennial Commission – Administration	476.43
“All Wars” Memorial	666.59
Bronze Plaque Marker – Site of Fort Pelham	241.00

## **CEMETERIES**

Cemeteries – Maintenance	2,246.83
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

State Taxes	24,211.08
County Taxes	183,213.45
Dog Licenses	284.45
Tax Abatements	272.13
Employees Withholding Tax (Federal)	28,970.40
Employees Withholding Tax (State)	8,608.10
County of Franklin Retirement System (Assessment)	10,033.00
Employees Retirement System	5,519.07
Employees Group Insurance	11,377.74
Demand Fees – Tax Collector	44.00
Demand Fees – Deputy Tax Collector	187.03
Dog Officer – Expenses	96.00
Franklin County Building Inspector	1,158.84
Plumbing Inspector – Fees	25.00
Land Purchase (Searles Property)	18,000.00

**TOTAL OF SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS****\$1,097,774.70****TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES - FY 1977****(From July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1977)****ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 8,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,248.09
Balance		4,251.91
	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>

**BONDS & INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,101.00
Balance		9,899.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

**SCHERTERLE ROOFING CO.****(School Roof Damage Repr.,  
covered by insurance)**

Expenditures	\$ 3,400.00
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**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 627.64
Balance		1,372.36
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>



**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$12,640.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,074.83
Balance		<u>6,565.17</u>
	<u>\$12,640.00</u>	<u>\$12,640.00</u>

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 658.44
Balance		<u>841.56</u>
	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

**MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS**

Appropriation	\$ 200.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

**PLANNING BOARD - Operation**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 392.43
Balance		<u>107.57</u>
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**GAS ACCOUNT - Town Vehicles**

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 968.92
Balance		<u>2,531.08</u>
	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>

**MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

(Sewage & Disposal Study)		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 4,417.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 4,417.00
	<u>\$ 4,417.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,417.00</u>

**MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

(Engineering Studies & Plans)		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 80.69	
Expenditures		\$ 77.52
Balance		<u>3.17</u>
	<u>\$ 80.69</u>	<u>\$ 80.69</u>

**TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Appropriation	\$106,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,773.50
Balance		101,226.50
	<u>\$106,000.00</u>	<u>\$106,000.00</u>

**FURNISHING REMODELED TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 5,000.00
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

**RESTORING & BINDING TOWN MEETING &  
VITAL STATISTIC BOOKS**

Appropriation	\$ 940.80	
Expenditures		\$ 940.80
	<u>\$ 940.80</u>	<u>\$ 940.80</u>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES****BRIDGE & GUARD RAIL**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,069.98
Balance		3,930.02
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

**BRIDGE REPAIR**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 6,638.44	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 6,638.44
	<u>\$ 6,638.44</u>	<u>\$ 6,638.44</u>

**TOWN ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 300.00
Balance		1,700.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,950.68
Balance		14,049.32
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

RIP-RAP (Deerfield River - Near  
Glassine Bridge)

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,427.60
Balance		<u>2,572.40</u>
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,272.83
Balance		<u>2,727.17</u>
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 22,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,689.31
Balance		<u>17,310.69</u>
	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>

"CHAPTER 90" CONSTRUCTION (76)

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 9,185.95	
Expenditures		\$ 2,983.00
Balance		<u>6,202.95</u>
	<u>\$ 9,185.95</u>	<u>\$ 9,185.95</u>

"CHAPTER 90" CONSTRUCTION (77)

Chapter 765, Acts of 1972	\$ 21,397.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 21,397.00
	<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>

SPECIAL ROADS - FORD HILL ROAD

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 7,072.28	
Expenditures		\$ 233.70
Balance		<u>6,838.58</u>
	<u>\$ 7,072.28</u>	<u>\$ 7,072.28</u>

SPECIAL ROADS - Potter Road

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 8,029.94	
Expenditures		\$ 1,996.04
Balance		<u>6,033.90</u>
	<u>\$ 8,029.94</u>	<u>\$ 8,029.94</u>

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 619.34
Balance		<u>7,380.66</u>
	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>

**MACHINERY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 19,000.00	
1976 Machinery Earnings	1,550.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,728.39
Balance		14,821.61
	<u>\$ 20,550.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,550.00</u>

**ROAD OILING**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 9,381.87
Balance		618.13
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

**SICK LEAVE PAY**

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	354.95	
Expenditures		\$ 894.58
Balance		960.37
	<u>\$ 1,854.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,854.95</u>

**TUNNEL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 103.30	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 103.30
	<u>\$ 103.30</u>	<u>\$ 103.30</u>

**GENERAL DRAINAGE**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,532.00
Balance		8,468.00
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

**WAGES & SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 85,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 40,570.92
Balance		44,429.08
	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>

**SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 9,690.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,848.60
Balance		4,841.40
	<u>\$ 9,690.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,690.00</u>

**DRAINAGE - Middletown Hill & Zoar Road**

Intersection		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 3,033.25	

No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 3,033.25
	<u>\$ 3,033.25</u>	<u>\$ 3,033.25</u>
<b>BERM - Brittingham Hill Road</b>		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 1,117.29	
No. Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 1,117.29
	<u>\$ 1,117.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,117.29</u>
<b>PETRIE ROAD - Drainage &amp; Graveling</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 4,000.00
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
<b>TYPE "I" PAVEMENT</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 48,189.20	
Expenditures		\$ 48,189.20
	<u>\$ 48,189.20</u>	<u>\$ 48,189.20</u>
<b>STORM DAMAGE - July 5, 1974</b>		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 14,886.90	
Expenditures		\$ 1,117.50
Balance		13,769.40
	<u>\$ 14,886.90</u>	<u>\$ 14,886.90</u>

#### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

<b>ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>		
Appropriation	\$244,997.00	
Expenditures		\$ 104,435.36
Balance		140,561.64
	<u>\$244,997.00</u>	<u>\$ 244,997.00</u>
<b>LIBRARY GRANTS, ESEA - FY '76 (School)</b>		
Expenditures		\$ 209.80
<b>SCHOOL CAFETERIA</b>		
Cafeteria Warrants		\$ 2,597.81
<b>MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		
Operation	\$ 40,819.21	
Capital	16,077.00	
Expenditures		\$ 30,646.07
Balance		26,250.14
	<u>\$ 56,896.21</u>	<u>\$ 56,896.21</u>

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS**

Appropriation	\$ 28,281.25	
Expenditures		\$ 26,875.00
Balance		<u>1,406.25</u>
	<u>\$ 28,281.25</u>	<u>\$ 28,281.25</u>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Operation	\$ 4,419.49	
Capital	34,551.22	
Expenditures		\$ 20,453.75
Balance		<u>18,516.96</u>
	<u>\$ 38,970.71</u>	<u>\$ 38,970.71</u>

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT****BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation	\$ 5,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,220.70
Balance		<u>3,279.30</u>
	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>

**HEALTH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,600.00
	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>

**VETERANS DEPARTMENT****VETERANS SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 755.00	
Expenditures		\$ 755.00
	<u>\$ 755.00</u>	<u>\$ 755.00</u>

**VETERANS BENEFITS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY****FIRE DEPARTMENT - Operation**

Appropriation	\$ 4,700.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,587.57
Balance		<u>2,112.43</u>
	<u>\$ 4,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,700.00</u>

**PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)**

Appropriation	\$ 1,050.00	
Expenditures		\$ 462.64
Balance		<u>587.36</u>
	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>

**FOREST FIRES**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/76	1,157.00	
Expenditures		\$ 105.50
Balance		<u>3,551.50</u>
	<u>\$ 3,657.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,657.00</u>

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - Operation**

Appropriation	\$ 3,100.00	
Expenditures		\$ 714.09
Balance		<u>2,385.91</u>
	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 60.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 60.00
	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 600.00
	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

**EMERGENCY LIGHTS - Town Buildings**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 83.45	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 83.45
	<u>\$ 83.45</u>	<u>\$ 83.45</u>

**FIREFIGHTING & SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$ 434.38	
Expenditures		\$ 70.14
Balance		<u>364.24</u>
	<u>\$ 434.38</u>	<u>\$ 434.38</u>

**BREATHING APPARATUS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	46.02		
No Expenditures				
Balance			\$	46.02
	\$	46.02	\$	46.02

**LIBRARY - Operation**

Appropriation	\$	8,880.00		
Expenditures			\$	4,335.22
Balance				4,544.78
	\$	8,880.00	\$	8,880.00

**LIBRARY - Trust Funds**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	424.67		
No Expenditures				
Balance			\$	424.67
	\$	424.67	\$	424.67

**LIBRARY - State Aid**

Transfer From State Aid Reserve Fund	\$	1,000.00		
Balance Forward From 6/30/76		173.50		
Expenditures			\$	552.58
Balance				620.92
	\$	1,173.50	\$	1,173.50

**REPAIRS - Exit Door In Library**

Appropriation	\$	500.00		
Expenditures			\$	369.00
Balance				131.00
	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

**RECREATION**

**PELHAM LAKE PARK**

Appropriation	\$	7,100.00		
Expenditures			\$	4,578.52
Balance				2,521.48
	\$	7,100.00	\$	7,100.00

**MOTION PICTURE SERIES**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	600.00		
No Expenditures				
Balance			\$	600.00
	\$	600.00	\$	600.00



**OLD HOME DAY - BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	4,404.28		
Expenditures			\$	4,388.72
Balance				<u>15.56</u>
	\$	4,404.28	\$	4,404.28

**BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE****MOVING & RESTORING TOOL FACTORY**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	6,518.87		
Expenditures			\$	2,868.69
Balance				<u>3,650.18</u>
	\$	6,518.87	\$	6,518.87

**RESTORING WATERING TROUGH**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	500.00		
No Expenditures				
Balance			\$	<u>500.00</u>
	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

**BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - Administration**

Appropriation	\$	500.00		
Expenditures			\$	67.81
Balance				<u>432.19</u>
	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

**"ALL WARS" MEMORIAL**

Balance Forward From 6/30/76	\$	333.41		
Expenditures			\$	331.82
Balance				<u>1.59</u>
	\$	333.41	\$	333.41

**CEMETERIES****CEMETERIES - Maintenance**

Appropriation	\$	1,600.00		
Expenditures			\$	1,123.50
Balance				<u>476.50</u>
	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES****INTEREST ON LOANS**

Appropriation	\$	1,000.00		
No Expenditures				
Balance			\$	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00

**STABILIZATION FUND**

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 20,000.00
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

**STATE & COUNTY TAXES**

State Treasurer		\$ 20,648.06
County Treasurer		103,118.87
		<u>\$123,766.93</u>

**TAX ABATEMENTS**

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds		\$ 146.64
		<u>\$ 146.64</u>

**EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING TAXES**

Payroll Deductions	\$ 17,490.93	
Director of Internal Revenue		\$ 13,655.30
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		3,835.63
	<u>\$ 17,490.93</u>	<u>\$ 17,490.93</u>

**COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM****COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Town Appropriation	\$ 13,655.00	
County of Franklin (Assessment)		\$ 6,827.50
Balance		6,827.50
	<u>\$ 13,655.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,655.00</u>

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Town Appropriation (Assessment)		\$ 6,827.50
Employees Contribution		2,037.29
		<u>\$ 8,864.79</u>

**GROUP INSURANCE**

Group Insurance Payments		\$ 5,972.99
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**RESERVE FUND**

Transfer From Overlay Surplus	\$ 15,000.00	
Transfer to Town Accounts		\$ 1,350.00
Balance		13,650.00
	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Appropriation	\$ 3,952.89	
Expenditures		\$ 3,952.89
	<u>\$ 3,952.89</u>	<u>\$ 3,952.89</u>

DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF SEARLE'S HOUSE

Transfer From Reserve Funds	\$	1,350.00		
Expenditures			\$	1,350.00
	\$	1,350.00	\$	1,350.00

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR – 1976

The records of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and the Board of Selectmen have been examined and appear to be accurate.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doris Taylor*  
Town Auditor

# TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS

## CALENDAR YEAR 1976

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.

Department of Natural Resources	\$	849.84	
Local Aid - Lottery		51.05	
Local Assessment		3,287.76	
Reimbursement - State Census		77.75	
Reimbursement - Public Lands		<u>3,216.78</u>	\$ 7,483.18

### COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Dog Refund	132.28	132.28
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### TOWN LIBRARY

State Grants	2,000.00	
Fines	29.75	
Sale - Historical Books	35.00	
Sale - Maps	1.25	
Sale - Discarded Books	2.40	
Trust Funds	<u>400.00</u>	2,468.40

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN & HEALTH

Licenses, Permits	12.50	
Installers' Permits	<u>27.00</u>	39.50

### TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses	264.25	
Raffle Permits	20.00	
Birth Certificates	22.00	
Marriage Certificates	4.00	
Registration Fees	15.00	
Death Certificates	15.00	
Street Listing	5.00	
Explosive Permits	<u>4.00</u>	349.25

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pistol Permits	140.10	140.10
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### HIGHWAYS

Commonwealth of Mass.		
Highway Fund	4,269.32	
Dept. Public Works	30,397.00	
Highways, Ch. 825	<u>18,159.51</u>	52,825.83

County of Franklin		
Highway - 1974 # 28642	3,700.00	3,700.00

Machinery Rentals	586.40	586.40
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
Chapter 70	7,856.13	
Transportation	13,322.00	
Special Needs, Chapter 71-B	18,672.11	
Regional School District	521.94	
School Libraries	569.80	
Town of Heath, Tuition	35,931.29	
School Building Assistance	8,386.36	
State Cafeteria Reimbursement	7,165.96	
Local Cafeteria Receipts	518.24	
Refund, Technical School District	22.86	
School Band Account	<u>100.00</u>	93,066.69
<b>PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS (Trust Accounts)</b>		
Federal Withholding Taxes	29,378.06	
State Withholding Taxes	9,083.58	
Retirement System	5,347.60	
Group Insurance	<u>2,842.70</u>	46,651.94
<b>TAXES</b>		
1973 Motor Vehicle	13.00	
1973 Motor Vehicle, Interest & Fees	26.67	
1974 Motor Vehicle	179.58	
1974 Motor Vehicle, Interest & Fees	85.06	
1975 Motor Vehicle	2,408.35	
1975 Motor Vehicle, Interest & Fees	82.00	
Fiscal 1976 Real Estate	249,643.93	
Fiscal 1976 Real Estate, Interest & Fees	33.53	
Fiscal 1976 Personal Property	200,077.39	
Fiscal 1976 Personal Property, Int. & Fees	1.02	
1976 Motor Vehicle	9,639.08	
1976 Motor Vehicle, Interest & Fees	22.12	
Fiscal 1977 Real Estate	215,758.48	
Fiscal 1977 Personal Property	<u>178,284.12</u>	\$ 856,254.33
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Interest Earned on Invested Funds	19,449.74	
Interest on Hibbard Trust	16.04	
Rental Town Hall	150.00	
Direct Payments - Group Insurance	872.99	
Direct Payments - Group Ins. (Retirees)	26.64	
Cemetery Lots & Sale of Building	237.00	
District Court Fines	10.00	
Wind Damage, School Insurance Claim	5,153.48	
Signs, Park Department	<u>120.00</u>	26,035.89
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976</b>		<u>\$ 1,089,693.79</u>

CASH BALANCE January 1, 1976		361,041.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976		<u>1,089,693.79</u>
		\$ 1,450,735.44
PAYMENTS: Selectmen's Warrants		<u>1,006,621.49</u>
CASH BALANCE December 31, 1976		\$ 444,113.95*
*Country Bank Checking Account	\$ 7,301.62	
Pioneer National Savings Account	181,804.53	
Franklin County Trust	104,778.46	
Shawmut National Bank	<u>150,229.34</u>	\$ 444,113.95

### FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance as of 12/31/75		\$ 15,537.17
Funds received in 1976	\$ 11,238.00	
Interest earned	<u>1,427.09</u>	<u>12,665.09</u>
		28,202.26
Spent: Selectmen's Warrants		<u>7,395.37</u>
Balance as of 12/31/76		\$ 20,806.89

*Anne G. Bond*  
Town Treasurer

# TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

	Balance 1-1-76	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Balance 12-30-76
Stabilization Fund	149,390.54			9,738.99	159,129.53
Post-War Rehabilitation	30,964.89			2,018.62	32,983.51
Demons & Gould (Library)	5,587.74			364.25	5,951.99
Charles Wells (Library)	712.24			46.40	758.64
Preserved Smith (Library)	282.09	40.00		20.54	342.63
Gift Fund (Library)	72.73			4.73	77.46
A. B. White (Library)	1,823.61		200.00	97.10	1,720.71
L. T. Jones (Library)	1,823.61		200.00	97.10	1,720.71
Martha Henry (Library)	3,254.10			212.11	3,466.21
Foster Donation (School)	652.81			45.91	698.72
Charles Wells (Cemetery)	549.15			35.77	584.92
Abbott White (Cemetery)	576.13			37.52	613.65
Cemetery Perpetual Care (In General Treasury)					34.58

Anne G. Bond  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Rowe Finance Committee met on the first Tuesday of each month and held special meetings as necessary. We reviewed the Town Warrants, School Warrants and the Town Meeting Warrants.

The Committee is pleased to report that all Town Departments, in preparing their operating budgets, have made an effort to curb excessive spending. All of the operating budgets are approximately the same as last year and were approved as submitted by the Finance Committee.

The increase in the proposed 1978 Fiscal Budget over 1977 Fiscal Appropriation is primarily due to special articles. The initial proposed special articles totaled \$181,170 of which the Committee recommended \$137,000. The Committee's recommendations are itemized in the following Finance Committee Report.

The grand total of all the proposed budgets is \$1,142,471 of which the Committee approved \$1,092,121. The proposed budget grand total is 14% greater than that appropriated for Fiscal Year 1977 and the Committee's recommendation is a 9% increase.

We wish to thank all of the Town Departments and interested citizens for their interest and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lockwood L. Reed*, Chairman  
*Edwin R. Taylor*, Vice Chairman  
*V. Pearl Jurentkuff*, Secretary  
*June W. Brown*  
*Roger Brown*



# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

	Fiscal Year 1975	Fiscal Year 1976	Fiscal Year 1977	Fiscal Year 1978
	Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Administration	7,495.	7,936.66	8,500.	9,000.
Bonds & Insurance	13,115.	8,795.50	15,000.	15,000.
Town Hall	1,993.	2,197.08	2,000.	2,000.
Officers' Salaries	11,008.	12,815.71	12,640.	13,290.
Officers' Expenses	1,193.	983.10	1,500.	1,500.
Town's Interest on Loans	350.	-0-	1,000.	1,000.
Franklin County Group Insurance	8,700.	11,377.74	12,000.	14,000.
Franklin County Retirement	8,594.	10,033.00	13,655.	10,763.
Franklin County Tax	95,991.	183,213.00	206,258.	Est. 206,000.
State Tax	8,630.	24,211.00	-0-	Est. 24,000.
Stabilization Fund	10,000.	-0-	20,000.	20,000.
Reserve Fund	4,002.	4,769.11	15,000.	15,000.
Gas Account	-0-	919.32	3,500.	3,500.
Building Inspector	316.	1,158.84	3,952.	2,600.
Plumbing Inspector	-0-	25.00	250.	250.
Wiring Inspector	-0-	-0-	250.	250.
Microfilming	-0-	100.00	200.	200.
Update Tax Maps	-0-	-0-	-0-	300.
TOTAL	171,387.	268,535.06	344,298.	338,653.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Employees' Salaries	74,789.	67,594.69	85,000.	85,000.
Employees' Sick Leave	2,795.	1,872.90	1,850.	1,800.
Bridge & Guard Rail	8,600.	7,872.70	5,000.	5,000.
Town Account	1,348.	2,000.00	2,000.	2,000.
Winter Roads	18,073.	17,228.60	20,000.	20,000.
Street Lighting	3,133.	3,120.08	4,000.	4,000.
Machinery Maintenance	20,131.	23,120.69	20,550.	21,000.
Chapter 90 Construction	27,825.	12,211.05	21,397.	-0-
General Highway Maintenance	10,997.	21,110.17	22,000.	20,000.
Roadside Maintenance	4,952.	6,113.64	8,000.	5,000.
Road Oiling	5,500.	10,000.00	10,000.	10,000.
Drainage	-0-	9,945.81	10,000.	8,000.
	9,000.			

TOTAL	187,143.	182,190.33	207,897.	181,800.
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**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Operation	214,542.	233,115.31	245,000.	255,467.
Construction Bond	30,156.	29,218.75	28,000.	27,344.
Regional Operation	37,495.	56,973.28	57,000.	49,786.
Regional Bond	17,974.	-0-	-0-	15,709.
Regional Vocational - Operation	18,107.	40,007.91	39,000.	41,903.
Regional Vocational - Bond				
TOTAL	318,274.	359,315.25	371,082.	390,203.

**PROTECTION**

Fire Department Operation	7,023.	6,042.32	4,700.	5,640.
Forest Fires & Water Holes	219.	1,343.00	(2,500.)	2,500.

Fire Department Salaries	919.	937.14	1,050.	1,050.
Police Department	1,910.	1,929.76	3,100.	2,800.
Civil Defense	7.	418.41	500.	500.
Insect & Pest Control	-0-	-0-	60.	60.
Dutch Elm Control	535.	425.00	600.	600.
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,613.	11,095.63	12,510.	13,150.
<b>CEMETERY CARE</b>				
	1,100.	2,246.83	1,600.	1,800.
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Pelham Lake Park	5,661.	4,993.59	7,100.	7,050.
Old Home Day	1,600.	1,600.	-0-	1,600.
Movies	600.	-0-	600.	600.
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,861.	6,593.59	7,700.	9,250.
<b>LIBRARY OPERATION</b>				
State Aid	7,132.	8,230.47	8,800.	9,560.
	1,000.	826.50	1,000.	1,000.
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Health District	4,684.	5,438.70	5,500.	5,500.
	1,600.	1,600.00	1,600.	1,600.
<b>VETERANS' SERVICE ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Veterans' Benefits	635.	683.50	755.	755.
	-0-	-0-	1,000.	1,000.
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
	153.	171.86	500.	750.

# **SPECIAL ARTICLES**

Type "I"	25,000.
Loader	35,000.
Special Recreation	900.
Tennis Courts	25,000.
Sibley Cabin	2,500.
School Roof Repair	25,000.
School Oil Tank	-0-
Summer School	-0-
One and one-half inch Hose	2,100.
3 - Tone Alert Receivers	500.
Dump - Start up	9,600.
Dump Operation	10,000.
Land Purchase	-0-
Copier	1,500.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,225.</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>92,400.00</b>
	<b>36,000.</b>
	<b>765,082.</b>
	<b>939,327.72</b>
	<b>999,722.</b>
	<b>1,092,121.</b>

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

According to the State Tax Commission's determination of "Equalized Valuation" Rowe is one of the few towns in the State and the only one in Franklin County to have achieved exactly 100% local assessments. Although the value of any particular property may be questioned, this means that the State Tax Commission and your Board of Assessors are in agreement regarding the total valuation of the town.

The valuation lists and tax billings are now completely computerized and we are pleased to report the system is working well and has eliminated much clerical work and simplified the jobs for both the Assessors and the Tax Collector. The cost to the town for the computer service is much less than the former expense of preparing the valuation books and billing manually.

The principal responsibility of the Assessors is to apportion fairly the costs of operating the town. The level of these costs is determined partially by the state, the county and the school systems. The greatest control, however, is still held by the town officers, the finance committee and ultimately, the town meeting voter. Barring any huge increase in expenses (or any change in state tax laws) the Assessors predict that Rowe will continue to enjoy a very favorable tax structure for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John H. Williams*, Chairman  
*Frank W. Newton*  
*Henry G. Dandeneau*  
Board of Assessors

ASSESSOR'S REPORT — 1976  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY AND TAXES  
AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1976

NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED:

Bills on Personal Estate	61
Bills on Real Estate	297

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE:

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$ 54,325,415.00
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VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$ 2,169,750.00
Building Exclusive of Land	67,588,708.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate

	69,758,458.00
TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE	\$ 124,083,873.00

TAX RATE PER \$1,000.00 — \$6.60

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY:

On Personal Estate	358,547.74
On Real Estate	460,405.82
Total Taxes Assessed	818,953.56

NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED:

11,551.66
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NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED:

186
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FIGURES USED IN ARRIVING AT THE 1975 TAX RATE:

Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	874,718.06
Total Appropriations to be Taken from Available Funds	4,940.80
School Lunch Program	1,212.62

Free Public Libraries  
County Tax

1,000.00  
217,769.52

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

State Recreation Areas  
Underestimate for State Recreation Areas  
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax Bills  
Air Pollution Control  
Special Education  
OVERLAY OF CURRENT YEAR

21,051.08  
245.83  
65.55  
663.98  
1,934.00

23,960.44  
41,100.88

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$ 1,164,702.32

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts from State  
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise  
Licenses

13,000.00  
200.00

80,274.45

Local Receipts of School Committee  
Local Receipts - Library

33,000.00  
100.00

Interest on Deposit

15,000.00

Farm Animal Excise

-0-

General Government

100.00

Protection of Persons & Property

150.00

Highways

1,000.00

Cemeteries

50.00

Estimated Local Receipts

62,600.00  
21,194.31

Prior Years' Overestimates - State & County

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

\$ 164,068.76

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

February 17, 1976 Free Cash  
May 10, 1976 Free Cash

\$ 8,000.00  
48,189.00

May 10, 1976	Revenue Sharing	3,050.00	
July 13, 1976	Free Cash	111,500.00	
July 13, 1976	Revenue Sharing	6,000.00	
September 28, 1976	Other Available Funds	4,940.80	
	SUM OF AMOUNTS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$ 181,680.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS \$ 345,748.76

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY 818,953.56

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY:

Personal Property Valuation	\$ 54,325,415.00
Personal Property Tax	
Real Estate Valuation	69,758,458.00
Real Estate Tax	
	\$ 818,953.56

SCHOOL TAX RATE \$2.10

GENERAL TAX RATE 4.50

TAX RATE – FISCAL July 1, 1976 \$6.60



# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1976

	Balance Outstanding 12-31-75	Commitments 1976	Abatement Refunds 1976	Payments 1976	Abatements 1976	Balance Outstanding 12-31-76
1967 Real Estate	2.66					2.66
1968 Real Estate	3.50					3.50
1969 Real Estate	3.64					3.64
1970 Real Estate	3.92					3.92
1971 Real Estate	10.95					10.95
1972 Real Estate	8.70					8.70
1973 Real Estate	12.30					12.30
1973 Motor Vehicle	22.40			\$ 13.00		9.40
1974 Motor Vehicle	834.71			179.58	\$ 35.48	619.65
1974-75 Fiscal Real Estate	58.74					58.74
1975 Motor Vehicle	1,702.21	\$ 1,533.22		2,531.55	92.40	611.48
1975-76 Fiscal Real Estate	250,551.18	46.80	\$ 163.80	250,374.75	293.95	93.08
1975-76 Fiscal Personal Property	200,077.48			200,077.39		.09
1976-77 Fiscal Real Estate		460,405.82		224,757.79		235,648.03
1976-77 Fiscal Personal Property		358,547.74		178,415.21		180,132.53
1976 Motor Vehicle		10,642.71	122.52	9,609.08	852.14	303.51
TOTALS:	453,292.39	831,176.29	286.32	865,958.35	1,273.97	417,522.68

Jane H. Lindabury  
Tax Collector

## **VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN ROWE IN 1976**

### **BIRTHS**

**FAWN ELIZABETH HARDISON**, daughter of Billy Lane Hardison and Iris Leonda Newberry. Born in Rowe, Mass. on April 12, 1976.

**MARTIN ANDREW LIVELY**, son of Michael Thomas Lively and Lois Irene Sanders. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on June 2, 1976.

**GABRIEL ANANDA STEIN**, son of Michael H. Stein and Lynette Nancy Anderson. Born in Rowe, Mass. on September 15, 1976.

**JONATHAN MICHAEL TOWER**, son of Richard Allen Tower, Sr. and Christine Altheabell Dow. Born in New Haven, Conn. on September 22, 1976.

**ELLEN MARIE DANDENEAU**, daughter of Henry James Dandeneau and Evelyn Lorraine Howes. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on October 7, 1976.

### **MARRIAGES**

**DENNIS GENE LIVELY** of Rowe and **SANDRA JULIA SINGISER** of Greenfield, Mass. were married in Greenfield, Mass. on March 27, 1976.

**JOSEPH PAUL SMITH** of Antrim, N.H. and **SYDNEY BESS (BALDWIN)** of Antrim, N.H. were married in Rowe on August 14, 1976.

**SHELDON L. BRASSOR** of Wilmington, Vt. and **KATHRYN L. STANFORD** of Rowe were married in Rowe on September 25, 1976.

**KEVIN D. SPRAGUE** of Readsboro, Vt. and **KATHERINE D. JOHNSON** of Rowe were married in Rowe on December 11, 1976.

### **DEATHS**

**GERALD A. TRUESDELL** of Rowe died in Rowe on January 7, 1976. Age 72 years, 4 months, 21 days.

**LAWRENCE M. BOLTON** of Rowe died in Greenfield, Mass. on April 17, 1976. Age 89 years, 0 months, 26 days.

## DOG LICENSES – 1976

Males, 36 @ \$3.00	\$108.00	
Females, 6 @ \$6.00	36.00	
Spayed Females, 40 @ \$3.00	120.00	
Kennel, 3 @ \$10.00	<u>30.00</u>	
		\$294.00
 Paid Town Treasurer	 \$264.25	
Clerk's Fees Retained	<u>29.75</u>	
		\$294.00

## SPORTING LICENSES – 1976

Res. Cit. Fishing, 22 @ \$8.25	\$181.50	
Res. Cit. Hunting, 17 @ \$8.25	140.25	
Res. Cit. Sporting, 23 @ \$13.50	310.50	
Res. Cit. Minor Fishing, 3 @ \$6.25	18.75	
Non Res. Cit./Alien Fishing, 3 @ \$14.25	42.75	
Non Res. Cit./Alien Hunting, 1 @ \$35.25	35.25	
Archery Stamps, 7 @ \$5.10	35.70	
Waterfowl Stamps, 4 @ \$1.25	5.00	
Duplicates, 6 @ \$1.00	<u>6.00</u>	
Res. Cit. Sporting Over 70, FREE (9)		\$775.70
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$756.75	
Clerk's Fees Retained	<u>18.95</u>	
		\$775.70

## RECORDINGS & CERTIFICATES – 1976

12 Birth Certifications @ \$2.00	\$24.00	
8 Death Certifications @ \$2.00	16.00	
1 Marriage Certification @ \$2.00	2.00	
3 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00	12.00	
2 Certificates of Registration (Explosive) @ \$2.00	4.00	
2 Raffle Permits @ \$10.00	20.00	
4 Street Listings @ \$1.00	4.00	
1 Recording Fee @ \$5.00	5.00	
1 Recording Fee @ \$3.00	3.00	
1 Registration Fee @ \$5.00	5.00	
1 Registration Fee @ \$2.00	2.00	
1 Filing Fee @ \$5.00	<u>5.00</u>	
		\$102.00
Remitted To Town Treasurer		\$102.00

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – 1976

Office of the Chief of Police  
Rowe, Massachusetts

To the Board of Selectmen and the people of Rowe; I hereby submit the 1976 annual report.

### RECAPITULATION:

Firearms Identification Cards	6
Pistol Permits	10
Raffle Permits	1
First Aid Calls	1
Summons Served	1
Domestic Disturbances	1
Proof of Inspection	2
Persons with alleged illegal deer	2
Complaints	14
Complaints (unfounded)	3
Bomb Threats	1
Breaking & Entering	8
Investigations	9
Accidents	3
1 car	3
2 car	—
3 car	3

### Police Officers in Rowe:

*Chief – Henry J. Dandeneau*

### Special Police Officers:

*John R. Riggan*

*Francis Stetson, Jr.*

*Charles Bellows*

Once again, the Town of Rowe was fortunate in having a fairly peaceful and quiet community, which we all appreciate.

Throughout the year of 1976 Rowe had an absence of major crime and a very low incidence of minor trouble. Having a part-time police force, this was only possible because of the help and cooperation of all the residents of Rowe and for this I am sincerely grateful.

Robert Shumway resigned his position as Chief of Police in October of 1976. This ended fourteen years of continuous dedication and service to the Town. I would like to express my appreciation for the service he gave to the Town of Rowe.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the State Police and Officer Hammond for their assistance and backing; to the Selectmen for their general support and their help during deer week; and to the Special Police Officers for their excellent work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted  
*Henry J. Dandeneau*  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Town of Rowe:

In 1976 there were forty (40) permits issued for the installation of electrical equipment.

New Homes	3
Remodeling	6
Oil Burners	6
Gas Pumps	0
General Wiring	25

In The Town of Rowe, a wiring permit is required for the installation of electrical equipment.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John F. Rossi*  
Inspector of Wires

## DOG OFFICER'S REPORT – 1976

Number of stray dogs found in Rowe and returned to owners – 18

Number of complaints received – 4

Received for care and custody of 2 dogs,

7 days @ 2.00 per day – \$28.00

One dog bite case was reported.

Townpeople are reminded to purchase their 1977 dog license from the Town Clerk. 1976 dog licenses expire March 31, 1977. License fees are as follows:

Male dog	\$3.00
Female dog	\$6.00
Spayed female dog	\$3.00

Many thanks to the Townpeople for their cooperation and help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Leonard J. Brown, Jr.*  
Dog Officer

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



The photo above is a gift from Mrs. Alice Truesdell and now hangs in the fireman's lounge. We recognize Howard (Sparky) Truesdell at the very front of the truck, Chief Sam Murray, Charles (Bones) Avery with sun glasses, Gerald (Deb) Truesdell and "Deb's" son Richard Truesdell standing on the rear of the truck. Can you give us a hand in naming the others? The photo was taken in 1948.

During the Bicentennial year the Department responded to 28 calls representing more than 900 man hours:

House Fires	3
Chimney Fires	3
Buildings	1
Dump Fires	5
Mutual Aid Fires	6
Railroad Brush Fires	6
Forest Fires	2
Assistance for a B & M locomotive (water)	1
Bomb Threat at Rowe Elementary School	1

Miscellaneous calls answered were the checking of 14 chimneys of which 9 were cleaned. One shallow well was pumped out.

Ambulance service was again provided by the Towns of Charlemont, Mass.

and Whitingham, Vermont.

A new portable fire pump was purchased from Fire Control Service, Inc. of Springfield, Mass. The unit pumps a healthy 300 gallons plus per minute. It, however, must be remembered that this is a volume pump and not a pressure pump. It has been placed on Engine No. 1.

I thank you for your cooperation in the keeping of the emergency phone use to serious emergency calls only. Emergency phone stickers are always available to all townspeople. If you need new ones, please contact an officer of the Fire Department.

During early fall of 1976, a Mutual Aid Drill was conducted here in town. We estimate that 350 gallons per minute was held for a period of 40 minutes. All the water was shuttled by trucks from Heath, Charlemont and Whitingham, Vermont.

During October, a fire prevention program was held for the children of the Rowe Elementary School. The film shown was the same type idea as the T.V. show, "Sesame Street".

Finally completed is a topographical map and cross reference book. Credit for this fine idea goes to Mr. Donald Lindabury. Its use will help new people who become involved with the Fire Department and will also be an aid to Civil Defense should the occasion arise.

My thanks to Yankee's Superintendent, Mr. Herbert Autio, for supplying man power to assist in fighting the fire of the building occupied by Mary Lee on December 1, 1976.

To all emergency phone operators, officers and men, our department Chaplain, Timothy Steeves, and Mutual Aid towns, "Thank you for a job well done."

Respectfully submitted,  
*Donald A. Leger*, Chief  
Rowe Fire Department

**"FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH FIRE PREVENTION"**



## WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

Report of Activities for Fiscal Year 1975 - 1976

To the Selectmen of the Town of Rowe, Massachusetts

Herewith is the report of the activities of this office.

Office contacts totaled 2,698, an increase of 75 over the previous fiscal year, 1974-75. The following is a partial breakdown of the services rendered.

Vietnam Bonus	30
Burial, Flags and Markers	233
Education	107
Employment	14
Pensions, Loans, Compensation, AIQ, Tax,	
Hospital, Clinic, Social Security and Miscellaneous	2,236
Photo, - Non-Veteran	78
TOTAL	2,698

Compensation and Pension Applications have been processed which involved the benefits and claims of twenty-four Veterans and/or their dependents. Twenty-four Veterans have passed away within the District. Five of these deaths being in the Town of Charlemont.

Sixty new files have been added to our records making a total of 2,770 at this time.

The Selective Service Registration has been discontinued for the time being. No draft is anticipated at this time. What the future will bring is a mystery.

The manual pertaining to the program of Veterans' Benefits is being revised and will be put into use in the not too distant future.

The Veterans' Benefits Program of this District has aided thirty-seven families consisting of a total of 129 persons. A strike resulted in having to aid several families for a period of time. One refund resulted in a return to one member town. The following is the breakdown of this activity.

### EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Ordinary Benefits	\$ 28,320.85
Fuel	3,329.22
Nursing Homes	2,117.50
Doctor	1,025.00
Medication	1,521.65
Hospital	6,056.65
Dental	98.00
Miscellaneous	2,182.56
Total	\$ 44,651.43

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls, Mass. It is open from 8:00 A.M., Monday thru Friday. Telephone 625-2000.

My personal thanks to the District Committee for their cooperation. The services rendered by the Local Posts of the V.F.W. and the American Legion are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Clyde H. Churchill*  
Director

**REPORT OF WESTERN FRANKLIN  
VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER  
Fiscal 1976  
July 1, 1975 – June 30, 1976**

Balance, July 1, 1975 \$ 4,613.85

Receipts:

Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,367.00
Town of Buckland	2,870.70
Town of Charlemont	956.90
Town of Colrain	1,640.40
Town of Conway	956.90
Town of Hawley	273.40
Town of Heath	410.10
Town of Monroe	956.90
Town of Plainfield	273.40
Town of Rowe	683.50
Town of Shelburne	3,280.80
Photo Copies	20.90
Flags and Markers	1,165.46
Federal Withholding	771.60
State Withholding	278.52
County Retirement	509.32

\$ 16,415.80

\$ 21,029.65

Payments:

Salary – Director	\$ 9,500.00
Salary – Clerk	687.20
Salary – Treasurer	150.00

Rent	900.00
Office Expense	858.30
Agent's Expense	314.41
Janitor	120.00
Flags and Markers	1,365.11
Treasurer's Bond	20.00
Treasurer's Checks	8.79
County Retirement Assessment	1,171.00
Federal Withholding	771.60
State Withholding	278.52
County Retirement	<u>509.32</u>

\$ 16,654.25

Cash Balance June 30, 1976

\$ 4,375.40

*Olive E. Wood*  
Treasurer

## VETERANS' BENEFITS EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

July 1, 1976 – December 31, 1976

Ordinary Benefits	\$ 19,009.36
Fuel	1,542.25
Nursing Home	583.59
Doctor	328.00
Medical	682.82
Hospital	730.08
Dental	41.00
Miscellaneous	<u>641.86</u>
Total	\$ 23,558.96

## WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

### DISTRICT NURSE'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen, and the people of the Town of Rowe, I submit my annual report as District Nurse.

Our District was advised to conduct clinics for Swine Flu (monovalent) and A-Victoria-Swine (bivalent) immunizations. Revisions occurred almost minute by minute, but we conducted the first clinic in Franklin County on October 20th followed by a second on November 3rd. Two hundred forty-two people received immunizations. Monovalent was given to 21 and bivalent to 28 from town.

Blood pressure readings are done on the last Wednesday of each month except August. This is a free service of your Board of Health, held at the Town Hall in Charlemont. Why not make use of it? The life you save may be your own.

Ten students were given physicals by Dr. Galbo in September. Two students had physicals done by their own physicians. Vision and hearing are done continuously throughout the school year. All youngsters will again be weighed and measured. Basically, our youngsters are quite healthy. School absence due to health reasons is not much of a problem.

Nursing visits continue to increase. Remember, a written Doctor's order is required for nursing visits. We lend crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, and a hospital bed. We are desperately in need of a new hospital bed with cribsides and a mattress. Ours has seen better days.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Janet A. Bliss R.N.*  
District Nurse

## WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

### Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1976 to June 30, 1976

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1976		\$ 5,257.25
Receipts:		
Town of Rowe (75-76)	\$ 1,600.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	369.00	
Mass. Tax	130.59	
County Retirement	141.35	
	<u>\$ 2,240.94</u>	<u>2,240.94</u>

Total		\$ 7,498.19
Disbursements:		
Janet Bliss — Nurse	\$ 2,752.00	
Transportation	180.36	
Beda A. Langevin, Treasurer	75.00	
New England Telephone	107.13	
Office Rent	150.00	
Treasurer's Bond	20.00	
Franklin County Retirement System Assessment	398.50	
Supplies	52.96	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	369.00	
Mass. Tax	130.59	
County Retirement	141.35	
	<u>\$ 4,376.89</u>	<u>- 4,376.89</u>
Balance carried forward to July 1, 1976		\$ 3,121.30

**July 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976**

Balance carried forward to July 1, 1976		\$ 3,121.30
Receipts:		
Town of Heath (76-77)	\$ 1,600.00	
Town of Hawley (76-77)	1,600.00	
Town of Rowe (76-77)	1,600.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	369.00	
Mass. Tax	152.55	
County Retirement	148.11	
	<u>\$ 5,469.66</u>	<u>5,469.66</u>
Total		<u>\$ 8,590.96</u>

Disbursements:		
Janet Bliss — Nurse	\$ 2,887.50	
Cecelia Sherman — Nurse	30.00	
Transportation	221.88	
Beda A. Langevin — Treasurer	75.00	
New England Telephone	116.16	
Office Rent	150.00	
Franklin County Retirement System Assessment	398.50	

Supplies	26.04	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	369.00	
Mass. Tax	152.55	
County Retirement	148.11	
	<u>\$ 4,574.74</u>	<u>—4,574.74</u>
Balance carried forward to January 1, 1977		\$ 4,016.22

I hereby certify that the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Public Health District for the year 1976.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beda A. Langevin*  
Treasurer

## ROWE TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

The Rowe Town Library continues to grow and be of great service to Rowe. Any resident who has not visited the library should make a point of doing so. Our shelves contain hours of entertainment, research material, creative incentives and good reading for young and old. If we don't have what you require, we can obtain your request from one of several sources.

Our library was the official headquarters for the Rowe Bicentennial Commission, who met regularly at the library and made their plans for the great celebration that was held in honor of the Country's 200th Birthday. All of the material and records for our Bicentennial are presently stored in the library.

We received a Special Project Grant of \$360.00 which was awarded on the basis of the 1970 census figures, and which represented: "A Project funded through the Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension with Title I funds of LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of Library funding." With this money we obtained an electric portable typewriter and table, an electric adding machine and a lamp.

We are continuing to try and improve our Library and during this year we have added additional shelf space and a reading lounge to make our visitors come back more often. We have also expanded our information center.

We appreciate all of the gifts and volunteer help we have received, and we will continue to provide all the 'extras' we have had in the past.

A four-session workshop sponsored by the Western Regional Library Center of Springfield will be held in our Library on Basic Cataloging and Classification for Librarians and Trustees of the Western Regional Area, and we expect a full house.

New books added, both by gift and purchase, during fiscal 1976 were 386; recordings totaled 45 and our circulation of all library materials was 10,901 items.

The Librarian and Trustees welcome all comers, and hope that you will stop in when the Library is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Friday Evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dorothy N. Stevens*, Librarian  
*Jane H. Lindabury*, Chairman  
*Evelyn L. Soule*  
*Christine A. Tower*  
Rowe Library Trustees

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

To the Residents of Rowe:

During the past year the Commission has been working on plans to develop the recreational opportunities of Pelham Lake Park. It is our feeling that greater use of the Park may be made by the public without adverse effects on the game refuge or the wilderness nature of the woodlands.

A first step in this direction was taken last summer when a stocking program was introduced at the lake. The program was started only after a study was made of the waters and their potential fish population capacity. The intention of the program was not to create a "dump and catch" situation, but to supplement the existing native population, so that fishing may continue to be enjoyed at the lake. Because we feel that such a stocking program, which we hope to continue in a limited way in the future, should be supportive of the native population, we have imposed a July 1 date before which no bass caught in the lake can be kept. This regulation, which used to be common in New England, has been reimposed by the Commission to protect the bass on their spawning beds and in the long run, the fish population at large. Public response to this regulation was very positive. We hope it continues to be so in the future.

In addition to the annual clearing of existing trails, a new trail was opened from Davis Mine to Adams Mountain late last August. Many of these trails are already being used by horseback riders in addition to hikers. We are currently making plans for encouraging further use of the lands by hikers this coming summer.

At the request of a local citizen, we have undertaken the posting of the boundaries of the park, both to protect the game refuge from hunting and to designate that parcel of land, purchased by the Town for the Park but with the condition that hunting be permitted. This is a time consuming project. We spent several days on it before the first snow this past fall and plan to resume it as soon as the summer program is safely underway in June. We hope that by this coming fall, we will have the lands properly posted so that hunters will be able to tell where they are permitted to hunt or not hunt, as the case may be.

Again, at the request of a local citizen, the Commission undertook to study the feasibility of having a small boat dock, located near the beach, where residents might tie their boats so that they would be available for fishing or other uses without involving the loading and unloading of the boats from automobiles. With an eye specifically toward older people in town whose children may have left home, we have purchased a thirty-six foot dock which will be installed this coming June. Boat owners who use this facility must provide their own chains and locks. The Park cannot be responsible for theft or vandalism.

As this report indicates, the Park Commission expects and appreciates suggestions from the public. We feel that it is our job to maintain the park for enjoyment, both as a sanctuary and recreation facility, by the residents and friends of Rowe. We hope that this coming year provides an even greater opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John R. Riggan*, Chairman  
*Jean D. Stanford*, Secretary  
*Henry J. Dandeneau*, Member



## REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

March 1, 1977

Subject: Final report for inclusion in the next town report:

The Bicentennial Commission conducted its final meeting on January 21, 1977. The Commission was active for a little over three years during which time the members fulfilled many projects that made Rowe's Bicentennial observance the great event that it was.

Rowe got off to an early start, thanks to our first chairman, John Bond, who was instrumental in seeing that Rowe was the first town in the area to be recognized as a Bicentennial Community and to be allowed to fly the Bicentennial flag. John formulated the first Commission which turned out to be one of the most active in the State during the three years of its existence. Meetings were held monthly in the Rowe Town Library, which was the local Bicentennial Headquarters.

The National theme contained three elements — *Heritage 76* — *Festival USA* — and *Horizons 76*.

Projects which Rowe carried out under the theme of *Heritage 76* were:

Restoration and moving of the Browning Bench Tool Factory, the last vestage of early industry in Rowe. Thanks to Jack and Nancy Williams, their gift to the Town is now on its new site and ready for future use as a community center.

A fitting marker was created and moved to the site of Fort Pelham.

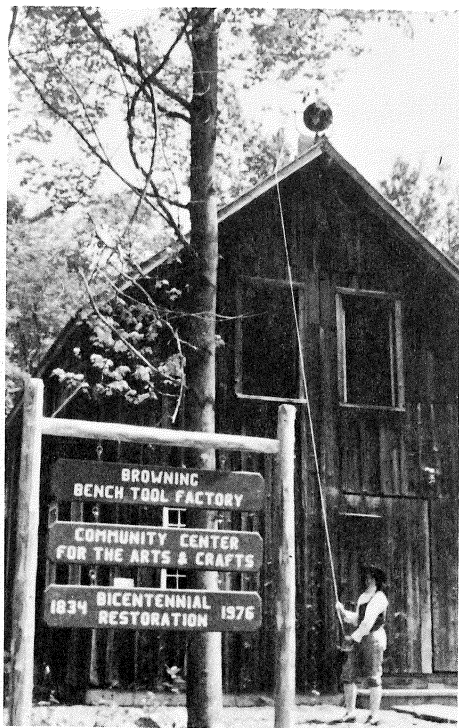
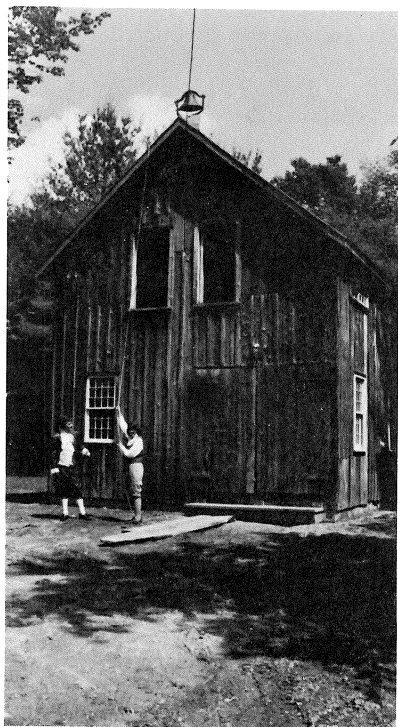
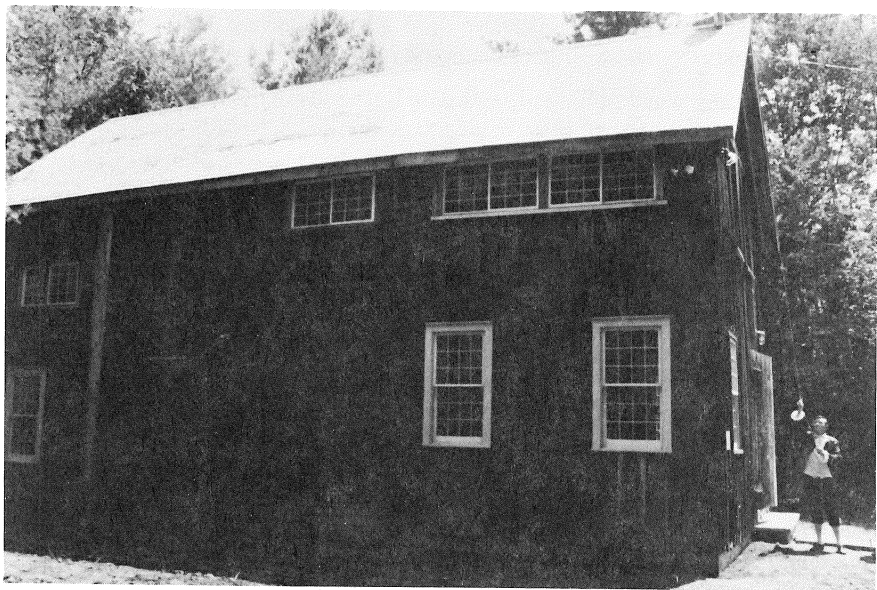
A program to fly the American Flag on every home was formulated with the Rowe—Heath Girl Scouts going door to door making the flags available.

The Rowe War Memorial was up-dated by the installation of two bronze plaques. One for the Spanish-American War, and the second to honor those who served in Korea and Viet Nam. Two flagpoles were installed on the site.

The publication of a history of Myrfield Plantation, the name first given to Rowe, by the Rowe Historical Society was made possible. Many thanks to Helen McCarthy who compiled this. Every resident of the community received a copy.

A program was initiated to have bronze markers placed on the graves of each Revolutionary Soldier in local cemeteries. The program was carried out by, and our thanks are due to, the Cemetery Commission. The markers were dedicated during a ceremony conducted at the North Cemetery as a part of *Festival 76*.





Fourteen rugged and impressive signs were placed marking the sites of early industry and points of historical interest in the community.

A program was established, and date boards were made available to the homeowners so that they could mark their homes with the year they were built.

Projects which Rowe carried out under the theme of *Festival USA* were:

On July 4th, at 2:00 p.m., Rowe joined in the National program of the Ringing of The Bells. Both churches and the newly installed bell on the Community Center tolled for five minutes.

The Town celebrated with our own Festival 76 which was conducted on July 9th, 10th and 11th. It was a gala affair starting with the Bicentennial Ball with many dressed in period costumes; an 18-piece orchestra furnished music for dancing on Friday evening. On Saturday the Festival expanded upon the Rowe Old Home Day. It was a fantastic day from the parade right thru the fireworks display and the block dance that followed. Much appreciation is due the Rowe Ladies Guild and their Old Home Day chairman, Pearl Jurentkuff. Sunday was the day devoted to recognition and solemn remembrances.

Religious services were held at Pelham Lake followed by a presentation at Fort Pelham site, then a dedication ceremony was conducted at the North Cemetery.

Projects which Rowe carried out under the theme of *Horizon 76* were:

The tool factory has been established as a community center with an advisory committee formulated who will have the responsibility of establishing on-going programs for the center.

Pelham brook walk was completed. This is a scenic walk going from the dam at Pelham lake down to the tool factory.

The Johnny Horizon project was conducted to remove from the community two unsightly buildings which could not be salvaged or re-furbished. Thanks are due the Fireman's Association and the Town Road team, without whom it could not have been accomplished. A special thanks to the ladies who served lunch on location both Saturdays.

A committee was formed to answer the often heard question, "Why are there no post cards of Rowe?". The project is now completed and the Rowe Historical Society is making available two very scenic post cards depicting scenes in our community.

A book published by the National Geographic Society, entitled "We Americans" was purchased and presented to the Rowe Town Library.

The Maple Tree was officially named the Rowe tree and newly planted trees were dedicated as Bicentennial Maples.

During the Bicentennial Year the Rowe School was active in projects which greatly impressed upon the students' minds their heritage and the difficulties encountered by their forefathers when establishing this country 200 years ago. For their efforts, we wish to thank the Rowe School faculty. The Commission presented a Bicentennial Flag to the School at the Thanksgiving Day assembly by Jane Lindabury, Vice Chairman of the Commission.

The celebration of the 200th birthday of our nation was a major event all over the country. Rowe certainly shared in the celebration in a big way, thanks to a hard working and dedicated Commission without whom few of the above listed accomplishments would have become reality.

I wish to express my deep and heartfelt appreciation to those members of the Commission who were there until the job was completed.

Dorothy Stevens  
Donald Lindabury  
Dorothy Evans

Ray Evans  
Gloria Leger  
Jane Lindabury

Margalee Riggan  
Bernice Foster  
Helen McCarthy  
*Honorary Member*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Norman Stanford*  
Chairman

**Editor's Note:**

*Seventeen worthwhile projects carried out by "The Ten Who Dared".*

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD – 1976



### *HOW GOES ROWE?*

Although the above photograph might lead some to suspect that the Highway Department is going overboard in erecting new directional signs, the picture actually was taken near Rowe, New Mexico, an indian village of about 150 people.

This photo may have a meaning worth considering for Rowe, Massachusetts. The 1975 study project, *"Goals for Rowe"*, showed that the principal goal for this town is to continue "straight ahead" in maintaining Rowe's quality of life much as it is now with its small-town tranquil atmosphere and its scenic beauty. No "boom-town" development plans for Rowe! "Las Vegas" seekers – Exit Now!

But Rowe is definitely not stagnating. Rowe has its programs for continuing community improvement and the Planning Board is pleased to report on the various projects underway since the *Goals for Rowe* report in 1975. 1976 was a very busy year for Rowe:

1. The Planning Board congratulates the local Bicentennial Commission for the excellent Rowe celebration of our national bicentennial. We especially commend the Commission for the successful completion of the "Tool Factory Relocation Project". The Commission has proposed that this restored structure become a Community Center . . . . "to promote and serve the historical, recreational and cultural interests of the citizens of the Town of Rowe" . . . . under the supervision of the Rowe Park Department. The Planning Board endorses this proposal.
2. With the assistance of professional engineers, the Board of Health has undertaken a detailed study of Rowe's waste disposal problems. The Board will seek town meeting approval for the recommended solution of establishing and operating a Waste Transfer Station.
3. The community newsletter, THE GOALPOST, has been published almost on a monthly basis and the Planning Board expresses great appreciation to Editor Jane Lindabury and her helpers. This newsletter has been fulfilling the great need for better communication in Rowe and the Planning Board hopes to be able to continue to act as its sponsor.
4. A "Village Improvement Committee" has been formed by the Selectmen to coordinate the improvement projects proposed for the center of the town such as:
  - a) Landscaping of the Searles property
  - b) The possible relocation of the War Memorial
  - c) A suitable parking lot for the Library
  - d) Possible street design change at Library
  - e) The possibility of dredging the Mill Pond
  - f) Town maintenance of the Barnard Memorial

(The Planning Board has proposed an article in the Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate \$900 for the early landscaping of the Searles property and for additional study expenses of this committee.)

5. Town Hall remodeling was approved by town meeting and the work is expected to begin soon. The need for improved town offices is long overdue and the townspeople must be relieved to know that the "town hall question" has been resolved, at least for a few years.

Zoning is a matter of continuing interest for the Planning Board. We find that due to a technicality in procedure the town vote in 1974 to amend our zoning by-law to eliminate the "Unrestricted Zone" in the Northwestern part of town was not approved by the Attorney General. The Planning Board will soon be requesting reconsideration of this matter, along with other changes in our zoning in order to comply with General Law 808.

The Planning Board reaffirms its pledge to cooperate with every town officer, board, department and citizen in striving to achieve our common objective — to make Rowe, Massachusetts an even better place to live. Let us continue to work together to plan our future.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John H. Williams*, Chairman  
*Herbert A. Autio*, Secretary  
*Walter A. Bates*  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
*James H. Williams*  
Rowe Planning Board



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT – 1976

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

The 1976 town election saw Dr. Wells Foshay elected to the Rowe School Committee for a three-year term. Dr. Foshay brings to the School Committee many years of experience in the education field. Dr. Foshay takes the place on the School Committee vacated by Mrs. Lillian Danek. We thank Lillian for her years of service on the School Committee. Although there is no woman member on the Rowe Committee we have not lost the woman's point of view in our deliberations. The Heath School Committee, comprised of three women members, has been appointed as an advisory board to the Rowe Committee, thereby providing the Heath Committee a means for expressing their point of view at our monthly meetings.

In the late winter of 1976 we experienced severe wind damage to the gym roof. Fortunately the repair costs were covered by insurance. The cafeteria and kitchen roof, however, is a different matter. This roof is flat and is suffering deterioration from age, inadequate design and indications of inferior workmanship, all causing the roof to leak badly. The architect that the committee has engaged to design a better means for disposing of the standing water on the roof and also provide for insulation of the roof area, has reported that the replacement cost of this roof will be expensive. Hopefully, with a new design, good materials and workmanship the problem in this area will be eliminated.

Chapter 766 has put a tremendous burden on the taxpayers of Massachusetts and a tremendous responsibility on the School Committees to provide the necessary programs for the students that have learning problems. The tutors in our school have been most helpful in meeting some of these needs.

The State Department of Education is again moving toward K-12th grade regionalization of all Massachusetts schools. You will note that the Superintendent of School's report this year addresses itself to the advantages and disadvantages of K-12 regionalization. Your School Committee does not see many advantages to K-12 regionalization. With more and more state take-over of local authority we are finding that we are having less and less say in what we want to see happen in our town affairs.

The downhill skiing program at Berkshire East was again a success, with many students learning new skiing skills. The management of Berkshire East was most gracious to the Rowe School in extending reduced rates for our students beyond the end of our formal skiing program.

The individualized instruction concept is now deeply rooted in our school and is working well for students and staff. The new math program is working well with good results from the students.

Early in this school year a Parent Advisory Board was formed to give townspeople new input into school affairs. This Board will meet to discuss many issues concerning school activities. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Board please contact the school. An active Advisory Board will be very helpful to the School Committee.

Since school enrollment is down this year and probably will be for a few years to come, the School Committee is planning to reduce the teaching staff by one teacher. This will be accomplished by attrition, that is if one teacher should resign or retire, his or her position will not be filled.

The School Committee wishes to thank all townspeople for their support and interest in their school and especially thank the Heath School Committee; Superintendent of Schools, Arthur Silvester; Business Manager, David Dec; Principal, Elizabeth Connelly and the school staff for their continued dedication in helping to keep the Rowe Elementary School one of the outstanding schools in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karl E. Jurentkuff*, Chairman  
*Ira R. Seybold*, Vice Chairman  
*Arthur W. Foshay*

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Most people would probably accept the statement that the effectiveness of any enterprise is directly related to the manner in which the people associated with the enterprise organize themselves to carry out the established goals. The goals of the public school are many and varied and they undergo change as the pressures and needs of society change. This report addresses itself to the subject of school organization which is directly related to the degree of effectiveness with which educational goals may be attained. It is more than a philosophical consideration. Education is a large business — one of the largest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The current total operating budgets of our several schools amounts to some 2.7 million dollars and represents well over fifty percent of local governmental expenditures. In our consideration of the subject of school organization let us compare it to the organization of a typical American business. The doers in business are the workers — in education, the teachers and supporting staffs. The policy makers in business are the Board of Directors — in education, the School Committee. Let us consider some of the aspects of the problems associated with school organization or regionalization as it is referred to by the state.

School organization in Massachusetts takes a myriad of forms. There are the town and city systems, the school union where two or more towns share the same superintendent, the academic regional school districts and finally, both city and regional districts organized to provide vocational education. The geographical extent of these organizations is such that they may abut or even overlap each other. But the facts indicate that where nationally the number of school organizations has been decreasing for well over twenty years, in Massachusetts the number has been increasing. The increase within our Commonwealth has been brought about primarily by the creation of regional vocational districts that are super-imposed geographically upon other existing school organizations.

In 1968 the State Board of Education began to move in the direction of establishing larger school organizations (2,000 pupils) by requiring all school committees to file a plan by December 1969, setting forth how this goal was to be achieved. The rationale was that a larger and integrated system "provides broader educational opportunities." Essentially there was no direct legislative mandate for this move and it was predicated on the art of persuasion. In the years that followed the only spin-off from the state's plan that could be discerned was the unwillingness of the state to provide construction funds for certain projects when in its judgment a better educational program would result from the merger of two or more towns to form a regional district.

The issue emerged again in different form during the 1974-75 legislative session when the Department of Education sponsored a bill aimed at abolishing school superintendency unions. The thinking was that if the small school unions were abolished something would have to take their place and that something would be regional school districts. Nothing material developed and the bill filed by the Department of Education with the General Court was killed decisively in the joint committee on education.

The most recent chapter of this continuing story emerged this fall with a mandate from the State Board of Education requiring school committees to file a reorganization plan prior to July, 1978. The single option provided for our nine towns was the establishment of a K through 12 regional school district with one school committee. No other options or alternatives were offered by the state.

There is a significant point of difference between filing a plan and implementing one. The State Board can require the former but only the General Court can require its implementation by legislation yet to be enacted. However, if towns were to ignore the requirements of the State Board of Education, the Department, acting under existing regulations could probably withhold all state reimbursements from the towns and regions.

For the benefit of the concerned and confused citizenry our local school organizations consist of the following autonomous units:

UNIT	GRADE LEVELS	TOWNS
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	7 – 12	All nine (9) towns
B—C—S Regional School District	K – 6	Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne
Hawlemont Regional School District	K – 6	Charlemont – Hawley
Rowe	K – 6	Rowe
SCHOOL		
Heath	Non-Operating	Tuitioned to Rowe
UNION		
Ashfield	K – 6	Ashfield
No. 65		
Plainfield	Non-Operating	Tuitioned to Ashfield

Until March of 1970 there were three different superintendents of schools employed by the above-named organizations. In the spring of that year the shared superintendency was developed by the several school committees in response to pressure by the State Department's guidelines for school district organization issued in 1968. Under the shared superintendency each school committee maintained its full autonomy including the formulation of its own policies and procedures. The issue of school district reorganization is one that is frequently misunderstood, and further, it is charged with emotional overtones relating to home rule. And we must not overlook the matter of general distrust that exists where the state bureaucracy is concerned. Regardless of personal feelings and the record of history, we would do well to examine the arguments both for and against total regionalization.

The principal argument used by the state in support of total regionalization is that a larger organization will make possible better educational opportunities. To assist local communities in the attainment of this goal the General Court enacted Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1974. This law provides that a larger amount of state aid will be paid to those communities that regionalize on a K-12 basis, a somewhat lesser percentage for partial regional districts and none for those communities that do not. Since the law has been on the books, it has only been funded once to the full level of the entitlement. To return to the state's contention that larger means better, it should be pointed out that there is no statistical evidence available that would clearly indicate this is true. What larger really means is that with more students, it is possible to offer more programs and enrichment within the school curriculum.

Total regionalization (K-12) would not mean that individual community schools would be closed and all students transported to a single regionalized facility. What it would mean is one school committee establishing policy for the schools in the several towns. Instead of seven school budgets, there would be one. There are approximately twenty different operations that the central office does now for the county, state and federal governments for each of our seven organizations. Instead of doing these operations seven different times, regionalization would reduce many repetitious operations to once.

Obviously, if the amount of clerical work could be lessened by total regionalization, some financial saving would result from a reduced clerical staff which presently numbers  $7\frac{1}{4}$  persons.

But the most cogent argument in favor of regionalization is one that has been largely overlooked by those interested in an objective study of the problem. Total regionalization would result in greater stability and consistency of educational policy. One example may serve to illustrate this conclusion. With a relatively small enrollment in our schools it is necessary to share professional staff such as supervisors and specialized teachers. Presently there are no less than fifteen such employees working within three or more of our five school departments. Fringe benefits and salaries paid these personnel may vary from community to community and together with the fundamental policy matters are a constant source of bewilderment to all those having to live with the problem. This implies the need for the development of common policies with those aspects of the educational program which involves shared personnel. (1) Important to our consideration of regionalization is the problem created when one or two school committees wish to pursue policy X and the remaining school committees, policy Y and the machinery of management is lacking to resolve the dilemma presented by such a problem since each school committee is completely autonomous.

On the other side of the ledger the arguments in support of maintaining the existing organizational structures are not without merit. The most frequently advanced argument is that control is vested entirely in a school committee elected within that town. In a sense this argument is valid but in actual fact the past decade has seen the erosion of school committee authority in many spheres of activity. State regulations specifically stipulate how lunch programs shall be administered and when and how to implement breakfast programs. The special education law gives to the clinical specialists the authority to proceed with individual educational plans for handicapped children, thus in effect placing a blank check into the hands of the professionals. School committees are further limited in such areas as student records and confidentiality. Student regulations for the operation of each school must be filed annually with the Commissioner of Education. The state has increasingly extended its authority by indicating what must be taught and in some instances stipulating the amount of time that shall be spent on a particular subject. Student rights are constantly being extended. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 has created an entire and far-reaching set of regulations governing sex discrimination for both students and employees. The rights of teachers relative to employment and discharge are most specifically spelled out today than at any previous time. But state and

(1) Personnel are shared because no one school system has sufficient enrollment to warrant the exclusive employment of a full-time person. Exclusive employment of such personnel by one school department would be difficult to justify to the public which must pay the taxes required to support the school's operation.

federal laws and regulations are only part of the picture. State and federal courts are active arbiters of the public school scene. Court decisions become the basis for further regulations promulgated by state and federal governments. To say that local school committees are autonomous is to ignore the realities of the world we live in.

A second argument in support of local town control of schools sets forth the tenet that the wishes of the small town would be lost in the bureaucratic organization of the large district. It is argued that with proportional representation the larger towns would have more representation on a regional committee and thus exercise greater influence. But the available evidence suggests that no matter whether students or registered voters are used as a base, the ratio of committee member to constituency is more favorable in the smallest town.

Admittedly, there is less financial incentive for our nine towns to form a K-12 regional district than elsewhere in the state. The only two K-6 regional districts within the entire commonwealth are to be found within our nine-town area. Thus, five of our nine towns are already collecting some of the financial benefits of Chapter 492 because of concurrent membership in two regional school districts. The state grant to the Mohawk District suffers in part because the equalized evaluation of all nine towns is added together. Since one of our towns possesses considerable affluence, this has the effect of making the other eight towns also appear wealthy. And the greater the "local" wealth, the less the amount of the entitlement from the state. In actuality the financial incentive provided by Chapter 492 is at best a minimal motivation.

Further, one cannot overlook the credibility factor as it relates to the state. The largest amount of state aid to our towns comes in the form of Chapter 70 moneys paid directly to the several town treasurers. The several town entitlements are based on an involved formula that involves local school expenditures, the ratio of local equalized valuation per school-attending child to the state average equalized evaluation per school-attending child and the state aid percentage which ranges from a low of 15% to a high of 75%. In theory the formula is intended to work to the advantage of the less wealthy towns. There have only been two years when the actual distribution of funds equaled the entitlements under the law. When full funding does not take place, a greater disparity of educational opportunity exists and it is the poorer towns that suffer the most.

Transportation reimbursement for regional school districts is defined by statute at 100 percent. It is slightly less for towns maintaining their own school departments. Thus, one of the incentives over the past years for regionalization has been that of full reimbursement for transportation costs. The fiscal year 1977-78 may well be the last year when the present rates of transportation reimbursement occur. There is a move afoot to cut the level of funding back more nearly to sixty percent. If and when this occurs, there will

be one less incentive for further regionalization.

In summary the record of the state in assisting the towns in the support of education has been one of legislation partially funded and payments that have arrived tardily. Under these circumstances is it any wonder that the credibility of the state is held suspect? In reviewing the arguments for and against regionalization it is ironic that the state's principal rationale, namely better educational opportunities is not the most important concern for our area; and further, the most cogent reason for not regionalizing, namely infringement upon the local autonomy of school committees, has become rather meaningless in the past decade. And finally, as the reader can now appreciate, the reasons for and against total regionalization are somewhat blurred and weighted down with numerous implications.

Regardless of what ultimately develops in our nine-town area, there are certain questions that remain and must be soberly addressed. These might include:

1. What position do our committees take with regard to the requirement currently set forth by the State Board of Education to bring about total regionalization?
2. Does a special committee representing all our school committees need to be formed to study this problem and develop recommendations as to a course of action?
3. Do we procrastinate with the request of the State Board of Education and hope the problem will go away before the established deadline?
4. And of a more immediate nature, what machinery do we refine or develop to insure the existence of orderly and rational management procedures for the development of educational policy affecting the welfare of the students enrolled in all our schools?

The dilemmas confronting our several school committees need to receive serious study in the coming months. It is doubtful that any committee would want to go back to the days of three separate superintendencies even assuming the state sanctioned the move and it were fiscally expedient which it is not. We do not know how the future will unfold. Study of the problem together with the passage of time will tell us that. We are presently betwixt and between and at such a point intelligent thought must be directed toward a solution of our organizational problems. But one thing is sure, we must all work together because in unity there is strength.

Respectfully submitted  
*Arthur P. Silvester*  
Superintendent of Schools

December 31, 1976

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The family grouping of classes in this school varies from year to year depending on the populations of the respective grades. This year Mrs. Fournier has a Kindergarten-First Grade room, Mrs. McIsaac a Second and Third Grade room, Ms. Stern a Third and Fourth Grade, Mr. Achenbach a Fourth and Fifth Grade and Mrs. Dorsey a Sixth Grade. Mr. Eric Achenbach is a new member of the teaching staff; he was employed last year as a tutor. Mrs. Law continues this year as our Environmental Education Co-ordinator.

A Community Advisory Council for the school has been formed. It has met twice and will be meeting again shortly to continue the discussion of sex education for the school. We are hopeful that this issue will be thoroughly investigated with all those people interested in the subject putting forth their ideas, and that a program will be in effect next year.

We have incorporated the Ginn IMS (Individualized Math System) into our curriculum and students and teachers alike are finding it to be a challenging and interesting approach to the study of mathematics. The program, which offers the full spectrum of mathematical concepts taught at the elementary school level, is traditional in its approach (i.e., puts emphasis on skill building, computation, and problem solving), but at the same time is highly individualized with an intricate record-keeping system. A very concise record of each child's progress is kept so that a parent can be informed at any time of exactly what each child has learned, what he/she is presently working on, and what lies ahead of him/her.

We again have parent volunteers working in the school and they are involved in a variety of activities — work in the classrooms, work with individual students in math or reading, work in the library, and assistance in any number of projects. Our sixth grade parents have been particularly helpful in the fund-raising activities which help finance the sixth grade trip to Washington in the spring. The staff of this school are pleased to have the parents here with us because not only do they assist the teacher, but they are also a direct link between ourselves and the community and thus communication along this particular channel is increased.

We have two parents who have volunteered to work with us on the development of an artist-in-residence program, and we plan to sponsor three different artists for the remainder of this year — one per month during March, April and May. The underlying objective of this program is to integrate the arts into the daily curriculum of the school and thus provide a richer experience for the children. The artist will spend three successive mornings "in residence" in the school. During this time he/she will not only demonstrate his/her art, but also provide the opportunity for the children to participate as well. The teachers will thus be able to carry over this experience into the classroom and integrate the new learning of the children into their respective programs. We are regarding this year's effort as a pilot program to



be evaluated upon its completion with recommendations for next year.

So in various ways we are reaching out to the community for help to make our educational program richer and fuller. We thank all of you who have helped us with your efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth S. Connelly*, Principal  
Rowe Elementary School

BUCKLAND-COLRAIN-SHELburnE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HAWLEMONt REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY UNION NO. 65

CALENDAR - SCHOOL YEAR 1976-1977

September (18)				October (20)				November (19)			
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T
		1	2	3						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30
Sept. 3 - Teachers' Meeting Sept. 6 - Labor Day					Oct. 11 - Columbus Day					Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving	

December (16)				January (21)				February (15)			
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	7	8
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	14	15
20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	21	22
27	28	29	30	31	31					28	
Dec. 23-31 Christmas Recess										Feb. 21-25 - Mid-winter Vacation	

March (23)	April (16)	May (21)
1 2 3 4	1	2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11	4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12 13
14 15 16 17 18	11 12 13 14 15	16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25	18 19 20 21 22	23 24 25 26 27
28 29 30 31	25 26 27 28 29	30 31
	April 18-22 - Spring Vacation	May 30 - Memorial

June (16)
1 2 3
6 7 8 9 10
13 14 15 16 17
20 21 22 23 24
27 28 29 30

SCHOOL CALENDAR TOTAL: 185 DAYS

Half-session day: Wednesday, November 24

Curriculum workshops may be voted by individual school committees subsequently.

\*Graduation: Sunday, June 12, 1977

Closing times for the last day of school in June will be 11 a.m. for all elementary schools. The high school will maintain a full-length session on the last day of school in June.

## ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER REPORT

The Rowe Elementary School Library has continued to expand its programs and collection during the past year.

From January through June we were fortunate to have a CETA employee oversee the circulation of inter-library loan requests and school mail in general. Also continuing to circulate within the district on an inter-library loan basis is the Nine-Town Regional 16mm Film Library, a collection of fifty 16mm prints for use in grades K-6. Circulation for the school year reached 278. A special project presently being undertaken is the cataloging and classifying of all films; duplicate catalog cards will soon be made available to each school library in the district to facilitate accessibility and circulation.

Our school district was the recipient of one of three \$5,000. special purpose grant projects awarded by the state last year in conjunction with ESEA Title II funds. The money was used to purchase print and non-print material for students in the elementary grades studying local, state and regional history in celebration of the Bicentennial. Microfilm dating back to 1792, 16mm films depicting Colonial Williamsburg and out-of-print local history books were among the many acquisitions. The material is currently housed at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and is available to members of the community.

A special district wide library staff meeting was held this fall at the new community Seed Center. Library aides volunteered their services in a variety of ways; the Seed Center has become an integral part of the library programs. Sponsored jointly by the Seed Center and the Franklin County Library/Media Group, an introductory library science course is being planned for paraprofessionals.

A Book Fair sponsored by the Rowe Elementary School Library this fall dovetailed with the annual Open House. Acquisitions continue to be made in the areas of print and non-print materials in all subject areas to supplement the curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Silvester*  
Director of Instructional Media

# TOWN OF ROWE

## SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN

As of October 1, 1977

Grade	Rowe Elementary	Mohawk Reg'l. High School	Vocational	Non- Public	TOTAL
Kindergarten	2				2
Ungraded				1	1
Grade 1	3				3
Grade 2	2				2
Grade 3	6				6
Grade 4	8				8
Grade 5	1				1
Grade 6	5			1	6
Grade 7		6			6
Grade 8		13			13
Grade 9		4	1		5
Grade 10		2	2		4
Grade 11		6			6
Grade 12		1	1		2
Post Graduates					
TOTALS:	27	32	4	2	65

# 1977 - 1978 ROWE SCHOOL BUDGET

ITEM	Expenditures 6 Months 1/1/76-6/30/76	Expenditures 6 Months 7/1/76-12/31/76	Appropriation 12 Months 7/1/76-6/30/77	Appropriation 12 Months 7/1/77-6/30/78
ADMINISTRATION				
School Committee Clerical	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 160.00
School Committee Supplies	00	00	15.00	15.00
School Committee Other	243.26	95.67	391.00	256.00
Administrative Salaries	497.49	341.12	682.00	583.48
Clerical Salaries	1,920.07	2,034.66	4,402.00	4,294.60
Contracted Services - Census	34.95	00	50.00	50.00
Administrative Travel	223.08	127.63	355.00	317.92
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,978.85	\$ 2,679.08	\$ 6,035.00	\$ 5,677.00
INSTRUCTION				
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 551.62	\$ 557.22	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,076.00
Supervisors' Aide - Reading	183.78	129.00	360.00	330.00
Contracted Services - Curriculum	00	00	00	200.00
Supervisors' Other Expenses	159.98	34.56	325.00	315.00
Principal's Salary	8,474.96	8,633.39	18,306.00	19,045.00
Principal's Clerical	2,836.45	2,226.55	5,400.00	6,151.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	483.90	257.78	800.00	900.00
Principal's Other Expense	69.85	00	1,100.00	700.00
Teachers' Salaries	43,029.45	38,576.11	85,908.00	94,271.00
Teachers, Summer School	00	1,500.00	1,500.00	850.00
Substitutes	813.97	423.65	400.00	600.00
Teacher Aides/Tutors	6,960.04	5,019.26	14,167.00	14,985.00
Contracted Services	3,966.85	1,196.14	6,622.25	6,755.00
Instruction Supplies	3,838.30	3,157.61	6,500.00	5,000.00
Other Expense	1,414.87	906.25	3,350.00	5,016.00

Textbooks, Regular	127.24	44.07	600.00	300.00
Library Assistant	2,499.90	2,603.92	5,400.00	3,265.00
Supplies and Materials	1,814.55	1,035.37	2,350.00	1,350.00
Other Expenses	114.80	15.00	300.00	50.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	325.83	132.65	1,000.00	350.00
Other Expense - Postage	00	00	50.00	50.00
Guidance Supplies	107.60	00	200.00	200.00
Other Expense - Scoring	00	30.24	50.00	50.00

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, REGULAR	\$ 77,773.94	\$ 66,478.77	\$155,838.25	\$161,809.00
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#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Salaries - Physician	\$ 100.00	\$ 00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Contracted Services - Audiometer	20.00	00	150.00	00
Supplies & Materials	2.75	26.61	50.00	50.00
Other Expense - Laundry	00	00	15.00	00
Pupil Transportation Contracted	9,317.00	5,385.00	14,760.00	14,400.00
Cafeteria Salaries	4,071.60	2,755.68	7,400.00	7,800.00
Food and Supplies	1,726.10	216.42	1,500.00	1,000.00
Student Body Activities	349.75	00	500.00	500.00

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 15,587.20	\$ 8,383.71	\$ 24,475.00	\$ 23,850.00
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#### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salary	\$ 5,568.48	\$ 5,774.33	\$ 11,909.00	\$ 12,100.00
Supplies & Materials	1,068.69	375.28	1,400.00	1,400.00
Other Expense - Travel	119.25	87.75	350.00	350.00
Heating	5,245.45	2,455.54	8,125.00	9,725.00
Utility Services	4,328.95	2,947.39	8,350.00	9,050.00
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	14.00	83.50	1,150.00	1,470.00
Supplies & Materials	115.50	111.70	225.00	225.00
Maintenance of Bldg. - Contr. Serv.	358.40	4,518.57	2,500.00	3,400.00
Supplies & Materials	622.15	566.05	1,500.00	1,500.00

Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	516.24	217.42	1,120.00	1,070.00
Supplies & Materials	206.45	34.20	400.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 18,163.56</b>	<b>\$ 17,171.73</b>	<b>\$ 37,029.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,790.00</b>
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>				
Insurance - Employer's 32B	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 55.00
Insurance - Committee Liability	417.00	00	417.00	450.00
<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ 417.00</b>	<b>\$ 00</b>	<b>\$ 417.00</b>	<b>\$ 505.00</b>
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Acquisition & Improvement of Bldg.	\$ 00	\$ 325.00	\$ 00	\$ 00
Acquisition of Buildings	968.04	00	00	00
New Equipment	5,312.80	782.93	1,100.00	1,000.00
Replacement of Equipment	221.18	86.08	100.00	600.00
<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,502.02</b>	<b>\$ 1,194.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$121,422.57</b>	<b>\$ 95,907.30</b>	<b>\$224,994.25</b>	<b>\$234,231.00</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
Teachers' Salaries, Sp. Ed.	\$ 386.88	\$ 119.04	\$ 00	\$ 00
Teacher Aide, Sp. Ed.	165.00	1,643.88	1,000.00	8,900.00
Contracted Services - Speech	1,713.00	585.20	3,377.75	3,000.00
Supplies & Materials, Sp. Ed.	00	20.35	100.00	100.00
Other Expenses, Sp. Ed.	00	00	20.00	20.00
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.	00	00	00	50.00
Guidance Salaries	3,550.92	1,977.36	4,825.00	4,560.00
Guidance Supplies, Sp. Ed.	9.56	55.85	150.00	75.00
Other Expense - Travel	31.55	00	100.00	100.00
Psychological Salaries	586.17	613.50	1,180.00	1,181.00
Contracted Services	55.00	40.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Psychological Supplies	142.25	6.23	50.00	50.00



Other Expense - Travel	154.50	00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SP. ED.	\$ 6,794.83	\$ 5,061.41	\$ 13,502.75	\$ 20,736.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES				
Transportation, Sp. Ed.	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SP. ED.	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS				
Payments to Non-Public Schools	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 3,466.65	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 00
TOTAL PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 3,466.65	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 00
SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 11,714.83	\$ 8,528.06	\$ 20,002.75	\$ 21,236.00
GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$133,137.40	\$104,435.36	\$244,997.00	\$255,467.00

## MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Inasmuch as this will be the last annual report by the incumbent Chairman, perhaps he can be forgiven, not for what he is about to say, but for the fact that the report does not, as it probably should, represent a consensus of the Committee.

There is increasing evidence of taxpayer revolt against the public school systems of this country. In some cases it is basically racial, in many cases it is financial, and in most cases it reflects dissatisfaction with the product which the school systems turn out. In recent weeks schools have been shut down in Oregon, Ohio and Connecticut because communities have refused to approve school budgets. Indeed, in one of the towns which comprise our own District, we recently lost a dedicated principal for reasons that involved, in part at least, pressures to reduce school spending.

Fortunately, Mohawk does not have a racial problem, although we should probably not be so smug as to believe that, were it to exist here, our reaction would be any more enlightened than that of racially segregated systems.

To account for budgetary dissatisfaction with schools one need look no farther than the existing nationwide economic disruption, inflation and unemployment. In most states school budgets are the only appropriations subject to local control, and communities may take out their general frustrations by voting "no" or such appropriations. While this is not true in Massachusetts, where towns and districts are required by law to appropriate amounts determined by school committees, each year sees increased pressure put upon the Legislature to change the law by giving some municipal agency veto power over the school budget. Pressure for this kind of change is augmented by the effects of state-mandated programs, without adequate financial aid, which have been laid on school systems almost every year in recent history. The collective bargaining law and Chapter 766 are two of the most glaring examples. It should be noted, also, that almost any kind of displeasure with schools usually manifests itself through budgetary retaliation.

To account for the general dissatisfaction with the product which schools turn out, however, becomes much more difficult and speculative. In spite of thousands of attempts to define the goals of school systems, a real consensus has never emerged. Rather, accompanying changes in family life and social structure, schools have taken on a day-care center aspect. In addition to education (whatever that term means) schools are expected to instill character, teach manners, provide vocational training and teach many forms of daily living, such as driver-training. Schools tend to become the end-product of community pressure groups. Typically, such groups are oriented toward narrow objectives like athletics, vocational training or, most

frequently their objective is reducing spending. Sometimes the administrative staff or faculty operates like a pressure group, and the objectives may be broad or narrow.

In view of general lack of agreement on the basic school objectives, it is perhaps not surprising that there is great dissatisfaction with the product. Much of this may be due to widespread frustration which results from the complications of modern society, economical, ecological, criminal, medical and more. A society which puts great faith in the proposition that public education would produce solutions to problems has been sadly disillusioned. The same is true of the proposition that education would ensure satisfying and remunerative jobs. What is more natural, then, than to turn against the institution which seems to have failed its mission so badly. Furthermore, we have placed many new demands upon schools, demands which we know, deep in our hearts, that schools cannot meet. The resultant guilt feelings may easily be projected upon the school system.

The preceding may be much more speculative than valid. Nevertheless, most people who have served on school committees would agree that they rarely deal with the central question of what an education consists of. Even if attempts are made, no clear-cut answer emerges. While many so-called "professionals" would have us believe that they know the answer, the evidence fails to back them up. Schools tend to become an accurate reflection of the community in which they exist. They will be passive, active, innovative or conservative according to the extent to which their community allows them to be, or insists that they be.

While this is inevitable (and probably quite acceptable) in a democracy, in a pluralistic society it may be very difficult to establish limits. Schools cannot possibly be all things to all people; there must be a consensus, or, at the very least, a tolerance and understanding of the other fellow's viewpoint and the demands he may be making on the system. Pressure groups which consider themselves to be endowed with the ultimate wisdom that their course of action (or inaction) is the only correct one, will surely hasten the day when the frustrations become so great that we will see the kind of mindless revolt against the school budget that has occurred in other parts of the nation.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Winston Healy*, Chairman  
Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The major thrust of administration and faculty in this past year has been concerned with the clarification and expansion of some of the curriculum now offered to the students at Mohawk. Much progress has been made in developing unit plans and refining behavioral objectives for the individual courses taught here. The progress made in these areas has been helpful in determining the direction and the implementation of objectives so that our students enjoy a more defined and pertinent body of knowledge in these classes.

The addition of new curriculum choices reflects the administration's and the faculty's desire to upgrade the student choices and provide greater depth in the present offerings at Mohawk. This year, the following courses were taught for the first time.: Advanced Biology for Grades 11 and 12, and an Advanced Food Preparation Course. For the first time also, three foreign languages were offered to include seventh grade students. They include French, Spanish and German. The eventual development and offering of a scientific mathematics course from last year's efforts to coordinate mathematics and science has been an excellent addition to our curriculum. Also, Art IV was implemented for the first time based on planning in previous years to establish an art program which had continuity and depth. This is the last step in implementing an art program of Art I, II, III and IV.

In the area of school activities, the re-emergence of the school newspaper has been a highlight. A renewed interest in a newspaper is evident and the beginning publications have been of promising quality and interest. The integration of members of the office practice class with the school newspaper has been accomplished by the office practice students' involvement in preparing the typewritten material and the actual printing of the publication.

Certainly, the improved and expanded services to our students with special needs must be recognized. The expansion of the Physical Education program for those students with problems in physical coordination has been an outgrowth of the recognition of special needs in the physical education area. The effort to integrate and coordinate the implementation of educational programs written for special needs students has assumed a much larger proportion than in previous years.

The Resource Center, which I consider the heart of the school, has been active in supplying both programs to aid in academic implementation as well as enrichment. The Resource Center staff continues on a program, most notably to seventh grade students to improve their use of library and media skills. A noteworthy addition to our extensive library has been the acquisition through a grant to obtain local historical material. This includes microfilm dating back to 1792, as well as 16 millimeter films that deal with appropriate

historical subjects. As an aid to the enrichment of our students a new program introduced this year allows the student to examine various types of media and to become familiar with their use. It has been named "Media of the Month."

Resources cannot be discussed without mentioning the establishment of our new SEED Center which will offer information and workshops in many areas pertinent to faculty, students and community in the area. It is housed at Crittenden School and has already had considerable impact on our school community.

Mohawk students have been involved in many noteworthy projects which I consider the essence of education. One of the most successful projects in this year was one which involved the student body, faculty and community and encompassed the study of political structure. Perhaps the most excellent and interesting part of this program was the culmination of the County Commissioners' election race which included the candidates' involvement in a debate moderated by the Chairman of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School Committee, Mr. Winston Healy. Other activities which indicate considerable involvement of our students were a drama workshop program which put on its plays for the elementary schools in the area, and a successful band exchange concert with a high school in Biddeford, Maine. Also, the junior high band held concerts for several area elementary schools. On the whole, there has been a continued expansion of club activities and school activities.

A noticeable change has been the renewed and expanded activity of our student government. The interest and involvement is considerably greater than in past years and reflects an interest and participation in the school and its operation.

Perhaps one of the most important things to happen this year was the acceptance by the School Committee of several recommendations made by an Ad Hoc Committee which consisted of various elements of our local communities. Faculty, administration, students and community members offered comprehensive recommendations for improvement of Mohawk in several areas.

To implement some of the Ad Hoc Committee's accepted recommendations the new Vice-Principal has been participating in a program of clarification and unification of objectives of faculty and administration concerning the maintenance of discipline in the school. Recommendations which were accepted by the School Committee are being implemented according to the time table directed.

In conclusion, I see this past year as a successfully implemented year with changes coming about in many areas but mainly as a year of substantial strengthening of programs that have been started and by philosophical changes that have been indicated by students, faculty, administration and

community. The indications of renewed involvement of many students in their education is evident as well as the community's desire to improve and upgrade the standards of our complete curriculum. The thoughtful changes brought about by the cooperative efforts of the different elements of our community will undoubtedly aid and support our work.

Respectfully submitted,  
*I. Melvin Abrahamson*  
Principal

## **MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER REPORT**

The inter-library loan system was greatly enhanced this past year by the addition of a CETA employee who served the district in the capacity of mail carrier from January through June. School mail and all inter-library loan requests were facilitated by this service.

One important area of concentration was the teaching of library/media skills, most notably to seventh graders. Each seventh grade English class received orientation followed by more detailed classroom work and exposure to media procedures through the annual MEDIA DAY.

The Resource Center Council again sponsored the annual CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL held in February just before the vacation. Local artists, special performances and an outstanding exhibit of student work in many areas highlighted this year's festival.

Special acquisitions were made in the fields of career education, child and health care, psychology and consumer information. The 16mm film "The Incredible Machine" and more microfilm were added to the collection.

We continue to do extensive inter-library loan business with the Greenfield Public Library as well as with the area elementary schools.

Being the Bicentennial year, local history was stressed in many classes, and the Resource Center was able to obtain material to supplement classroom research from our ORAL HISTORY collection. A \$5,000. Title II Local History Grant awarded the school district allowed us to purchase microfilm of the Greenfield Recorder dating back to 1792 as well as six 16mm films dealing with historical subjects. A film cabinet was purchased to house the film library and new microfilm cabinets were acquired for the microfilm collection.

Cataloging and processing of all print and non-print material continued to be an on-going, important aspect of Resource Center work.

The change in the master schedule from modular blocks to a seven period day has changed attendance in the Resource Center in that more classes are brought to the library by individual teachers than ever before. Staff members are doing a great deal of teaching specific library skills, especially in the area of reference.

During Mini Course week the Resource Center was the focal point for many activities; books and non-print materials were utilized as well as video tape equipment and tape recorders.

The Resource Center is strongly supportive of the new Seed Center and has assisted by donating many items and helping to catalog, classify and develop programs for the use of materials. A staff member is establishing a community darkroom there and giving a course in photography, while another staff member is teaching a course for paraprofessionals in the area of library skills.

We continue to be open Monday evenings for the general public and are open afternoons and before school for students.

A program of continued interest is the Artist of the Month exhibit, so popular an idea that many other local libraries are using this strategy also to attract patrons and enhance the atmosphere of the library. For the first time we have had a student exhibit; in the past all artists have been community members from the 9 town area.

This year for the first time we are introducing the Medium of the Month, a step by step program designed to introduce various types of materials to students and faculty members.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Silvester*  
Director of Instructional Media

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District are summarized in the following report.

January 1, 1976 – Cash on Hand \$ 65,640.80

Received:

Town Assessments:	\$1,451,038.36
Certificates of Deposit	950,000.00
Savings Account Withdrawals	40,000.00
Commonwealth of Mass. Reimbursements:	
Chapter 492	157,062.63
Transportation	184,694.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
School Lunch	34,444.46
Title II	753.83
PL 93-280 (Library Research)	471.98
Vocational Education-Tuition	19,061.00
Vocational Education-Maintenance	6,982.00
Vocational Education-Transportation	17,391.00
Education of Foreigners	2,400.00
Sex Discrimination (H.E.W.)	100.00
Chapter 72B (Special Needs)	41,070.21
Misc. (Town of Shelburne)	50.00
Payroll Deductions	347,345.78
Revolving Funds:	
School Lunch Collections	66,888.66
School Athletics	4,503.95
School Music	1,517.75
Reimbursement to 5,000 Account	3,308.43
Evening School Fees	1,645.00
Interest on Investments	25,487.09
Capital Account Reimbursement	901.87
Shop Projects	233.70
Reimbursement to 2,000 Account	416.65
New England Telephone Commissions	255.16
Use of Buildings	307.32
Use of Materials	34.96
Lost and Damages Books	354.96
C.E.T.A. Reimbursements	2,882.18
Refunds	905.25
Miscellaneous	187.45

Total Receipts:	<u>\$3,416,561.69</u>	<u>\$3,416,561.69</u>
Total Cash and Receipts:		<u>\$3,482,202.49</u>



Paid:		
Certificates of Deposit:	\$1,000,000.00	
Debt Retirement & Debt Service	221,200.00	
Operations:		
Administration	62,094.77	
Instruction	1,021,085.60	
Other School Services	258,515.93	
Operation & Maintenance Plt.	180,287.83	
Fixed Charges	93,007.04	
Community Services	18.18	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	21,548.45	
Residential Care Tuition	37,080.62	
Vocational Education		
Transportation	36,751.74	
Tuition-Day	38,998.44	
Tuition-Evening	313.50	
Tuition-Practical Arts	190.00	
Distributive Education	9,869.57	
Evening School	6,837.20	
Payroll Deductions	350,111.28	
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	100,504.87	
School Athletics	4,999.11	
School Music	1,170.84	
Title II	73.29	
Title III (PL-92-31)	24,486.00	
Title IV	390.68	
Title VI	9,358.03	
PL 94-23	496.08	
Insurance Refund	50.07	
Estimated Receipts (Misc.)	7,060.76	
Total Payments:	<u>\$3,486,499.87</u>	<u>\$3,486,499.87</u>
	\$3,486,499.87	\$3,486,499.87
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1977		(— 4,297.38)
Total Cash and Payments:		<u>\$3,482,202.49</u>
Other Assets on Hand as of January 1, 1977:		
Certificates of Deposit:		
United Savings Bank	\$ 106,194.95	\$ 106,194.95
90 Day Notice Savings Accounts:		
The Pioneer Bank	\$ 110,000.00	
The Franklin Savings Inst.	100,000.00	
United Savings Bank	100,000.00	
	<u>\$ 310,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 310,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets:		<u>\$ 416,194.95</u>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT – MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Expenditures 6 Months 1-1-76/6-30-76	Expenditures 6 Months 7-1-76/12-31-76	Expenditures 12 Months 7-1-76/6-30-77	Appropriation 12 Months 7-1-77/6-30-78
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
1100001 Legal Services	\$ 428.05	\$ 869.24	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
1100002 Treasurer's Salary	900.00	900.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1100004 Contracted Services	801.62	681.92	1,800.00	1,500.00
1100005 Treasurer's Supplies	9.15	37.50	150.00	150.00
1100006 School Committee Expenses	949.75	345.79	850.00	400.00
1100006 Treasurer's Bond	50.00	404.00	500.00	400.00
1200001 Administrative Salaries	12,841.27	11,178.22	19,728.00	19,745.00
1200002 Clerical Salaries	10,608.48	11,805.65	22,000.00	22,000.00
1200004 Contracted Services	2,166.09	1,536.65	1,800.00	3,000.00
1200005 Supt. Office Supplies	2,252.76	2,174.50	5,000.00	5,000.00
1200006 Supt. Office Other Expenses	687.88	466.25	1,250.00	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 31,695.05</b>	<b>\$ 30,399.72</b>	<b>\$ 57,078.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,295.00</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>				
2100311 Coordinators' Salaries	\$ 7,516.77	\$ 6,597.46	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,800.00
2100312 Tutor-Read. Aide/Grade Level Coord. Aide	1,762.50	3,788.57	8,200.00	8,200.00
2100314 Curriculum Development	-----	-----	-----	1,000.00
2100315 Supervision - Supplies	130.08	48.22	375.00	375.00
2100316 Supervision - Expenses	108.23	90.80	200.00	200.00
2100321 Coordinator Spec. Education Salary	3,624.98	4,054.46	7,750.00	7,750.00
2100322 Special Education Aide (Clerical)	2,860.00	3,254.24	6,120.00	6,120.00
2100325 Special Education - Supplies	-0-	80.67	500.00	250.00
2100326 Special Education - Expenses	183.66	453.06	1,000.00	800.00

2200311	Administrative Salaries	20,688.56	19,731.94	41,800.00	41,800.00
2200312	Clerical Salaries	8,696.30	10,683.59	22,700.00	22,700.00
2200314	Contracted Services	2,293.64	3,058.32	7,500.00	6,400.00
2200315	Principal's Office - Supplies	1,675.68	2,291.41	3,750.00	4,000.00
2200316	Principal's Office - Expenses	1,073.81	675.87	1,900.00	1,700.00
2200316	Graduation	34.65	322.35	800.00	800.00
2300311	Teachers' Salaries	388,808.86	300,943.32	686,170.00	683,170.00
2300312	Teacher Aides	13,143.53	4,035.50	7,050.00	10,000.00
2300314	Contracted Services	782.33	1,443.50	3,900.00	3,600.00
2300315	Teachers' Supplies	11,036.43	12,240.54	24,000.00	25,000.00
2300316	Teachers' Expenses	1,029.35	187.46	1,600.00	1,600.00
2300321	Special Education - Teachers' Salaries	15,226.94	18,631.99	41,735.00	43,675.00
2300321	Special Education - Home Instruction Salaries	2,846.84	1,264.23	9,000.00	5,000.00
2300322	Special Education - Para Professional/aide Salary	3,519.18	6,317.20	13,600.00	13,000.00
2300324	Special Education - Contracted Services	575.00	19.80	4,000.00	1,500.00
2300325	Special Education - Supplies	515.80	386.43	700.00	700.00
2300326	Special Education - Expenses	708.38	40.98	200.00	600.00
2400315	Textbooks	3,786.25	4,057.77	5,000.00	14,000.00
2400325	Special Education - Textbooks	184.64	196.09	200.00	200.00
2500311	Librarians' Salaries	6,945.71	6,819.04	19,075.00	19,200.00
2500312	Library Ass't./Library Aide Salaries	3,672.31	4,208.70	9,900.00	9,900.00
2500315	Library - Supplies	3,155.72	1,458.39	4,000.00	4,500.00
2500316	Library - Expenses	39.28	18.60	200.00	200.00
2600312	Audio-Visual Aide Salary	-----	1,344.87	3,426.00	3,416.00
2600315	Audio-Visual - Supplies	3,447.00	1,550.69	3,000.00	3,500.00
2600325	Special Education - Audio-Visual Supplies	-0-	-0-	150.00	-0-
2700311	Guidance Salaries	33,782.02	34,350.82	59,000.00	70,000.00
2700312	Guidance Clerk Salary	2,949.96	3,053.38	6,300.00	6,300.00

2700314	Contracted Services	108.00	109.84	880.00	550.00
2700315	Guidance - Supplies	428.63	352.54	700.00	1,000.00
2700316	Guidance - Expenses	290.12	213.12	350.00	350.00
2800321	Special Education - School Psychologist Salary	3,760.00	1,446.43	6,999.00	1,500.00
2800323	Special Education - Work/Study Program	165.00	287.05	-0-	1,200.00
2800324	Special Education - Diagnostic/Counseling/Test Service	3,173.80	5,777.00	500.00	4,600.00
2800325	Special Education - Psychologist Supplies	40.41	117.18	150.00	50.00
2800326	Diagnostic - Special Education	260.10	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 555,031.15	\$ 466,003.42	\$ 1,028,170.00	\$ 1,044,206.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES					
3100311	Attendance Officer - Salary	\$ 166.66	83.34	250.00	250.00
3100316	Attendance Officer - Expenses	-0-	158.70	175.00	100.00
3200311	Health Salaries	5,400.21	5,622.42	11,500.00	11,350.00
3200315	Health - Supplies	13.25	334.12	350.00	260.00
3200316	Health - Expenses	3.60	12.28	50.00	50.00
3200321	Special Education - Health Salaries	76.78	59.88	400.00	150.00
3200326	Special Education - Expenses	27.48	8.40	50.00	50.00
3310313	Leased Buses - Salaries	2,237.50	1,402.50	3,000.00	3,450.00
3310315	Leased Buses - Supplies	1,186.31	881.97	1,800.00	.00
3370314	Pupil Transportation Contracts	115,299.80	82,728.00	205,000.00	209,300.00
3370316	Pupil Transportation - Field Trips	525.50	-----	-----	500.00
3370324	Special Education - Transportation Contracts	12,384.67	6,874.81	15,000.00	11,575.00
3370324A	Special Education - Adult				

3400313	Student Transportation	-----	-----	-----	-----	21,150.00
3510315	Cafeteria Manager - Salary	4,334.98	4,848.68	9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
3520316	Athletics	9,748.89	4,004.31	14,000.00	14,000.00	18,000.00
	Other Activities	90.89	-----	-----	-----	-----

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 151,496.52	\$ 107,019.41	\$ 260,975.00	\$ 288,085.00
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# **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT**

4110313	Custodial - Salaries	\$ 33,653.55	\$ 35,331.24	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 62,275.00
4110315	Custodial - Supplies	4,987.44	2,330.27	8,500.00	7,500.00
4120005	Heat - Crittenden Bldg.	1,807.52	1,267.25	4,000.00	4,000.00
4120315	Electrical Energy - High School	30,303.27	35,025.32	60,000.00	60,000.00
4130006	Utilities - Crittenden Office - Tel., Elec., Water, Sewg.	4,504.38	1,811.25	3,500.00	3,700.00
4130316	Utilities - High School Tele.	2,562.30	3,042.15	4,500.00	4,500.00
4130326	Special Education - Telephone 625-2556	745.32	591.36	500.00	1,100.00
4210004	Yards & Grounds - Crittenden	-----	463.00	-0-	-0-
4210314	Yards & Grounds - Contract	-0-	48.00	1,000.00	-0-
4210315	Yards & Grounds - Supplies	449.26	2,093.70	2,093.70	2,500.00
4220005	Bldg. Maint. - Supplies				
	Supt. Office	491.86	-----	-----	50.00
4220314	School Bldg. Maintenance				
4220315	Contract - Night Watchman	3,758.36	3,782.76	7,700.00	7,800.00
	School Bldg. Maintenance Supplies	1,304.52	1,605.57	2,400.00	2,400.00
4230006	Supt. Office - Equipment				
4230008	Maintenance & Repair	163.90	39.30	250.00	250.00
	Supt. Office - Bldg. Equipment Maintenance	1,000.81	-----	-----	-----
4230314	School Bldg. Built-In Equip. Maintenance Contract	728.11	119.50	785.00	685.00

4230315	School Bldg. Maint.-Supplies	2,446.76	1,170.89	6,000.00	5,000.00
4230318	Equipment Maintenance Repairs High School	2,082.13	576.78	4,000.00	5,000.00

**TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT**

		\$ 90,989.49	\$ 89,298.34	\$ 176,635.00	\$ 166,760.00
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>					
5100316	Franklin County Retirement	\$ 24,419.00	\$ -0-	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 26,000.00
5200006	Insurance - Crittenden/ Supt. Office	-0-	355.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
5200316	Insurance - High School	14,457.00	11,392.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
5300008	Rent - Superintendent's Office	389.52	-----	-----	-----
5500316	32B Health Insurance	20,978.14	19,401.68	35,665.00	45,000.00
	<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>	\$ 60,243.66	\$ 31,148.68	\$ 73,265.00	\$ 87,100.00

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

6200313	Custodial Services	\$ 11.85	\$ 18.18	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	\$ 11.85	\$ 18.18	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00

**ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS**

7300008	Acq. of New Equipment - Supt. Office	\$ 913.00	\$ 239.94	\$ 700.00	\$ 100.00
7300318	Acq. of New Equipment - High School	7,783.91	3,008.55	8,000.00	11,000.00
7300328	Acq. of New Equipment - Special Education	95.65	-0-	425.00	50.00
7400008	Replacement of Equipment - Supt. Office	-0-	-0-	500.00	700.00

7400318	Replacement of Equipment - High School	8,342.90	1,164.50	12, 000.00	12,000.00
<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>					
		\$ 17,135.46	\$ 4,412.99	\$ 21,625.00	\$ 23,850.00
<b>OTHER DISTRICTS</b>					
9300329	Special Education - Tuition	\$ 17,746.05	\$ 19,334.57	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS</b>					
		\$ 17,746.05	\$ 19,334.57	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>					
		\$ 924,349.23	\$ 747,635.31		
<b>DEBT RETIREMENT</b>					
8100317	Debt Retirement - Principal	\$ -0-	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
8200317	Debt Retirement - Interest	28,000.00	53,200.00	53,200.00	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT AND INTEREST</b>					
		\$ 28,000.00	\$ 193,200.00	\$ 193,200.00	\$ 190,000.00
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>					
		\$ 952,349.23	\$ 940,835.31	\$ 1,860,048.00	\$ 1,915,346.00

### VOCATIONAL

		Expenditures 6 Months 1-1-76/6-30-76	Expenditures 6 Months 7-1-76/12-31-76	Appropriations 12 Months 7-1-76/6-30-77	Appropriations 12 Months 7-1-77/6-30-78
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>					
2300331	Distributive Education - Teacher Salary	\$ 6,273.84	\$ 2,808.14	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00
2300335	Distributive Education - Supplies	83.54	16.01	425.00	310.00

2300336	Distributive Education - Expenses	126.64	-0-	300.00	300.00
2400335	Distributive Education - Textbooks	-0-	-0-	85.00	160.00
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	TOTAL DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION	\$ 6,484.02	\$ 2,824.15	\$ 10,610.00	\$ 10,570.00
2300891	Adult Evening School - Salaries	\$ 3,126.64	\$ 3,627.30	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,700.00
2300895	Adult Evening School - Supplies	32.58	-0-	200.00	150.00
2300896	Adult Evening School - Expenses	10.20	40.48	50.00	50.00
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	TOTAL ADULT EVENING SCHOOL	\$ 3,169.42	\$ 3,667.78	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 6,900.00
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	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 9,653.44	\$ 6,491.93	\$ 16,360.00	\$ 17,470.00
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES					
3360334	Vocational Day School - Parent Transportation	\$ 507.78	\$ -0-	\$ 700.00	\$ -----
3370334	Vocational Day School - Transp. Contracts	21,033.00	15,210.96	33,500.00	-----
3370336	Distributive Education - Field Trips	147.40	-0-	250.00	250.00
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	TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 21,688.18	\$ 15,210.96	\$ 34,450.00	\$ 250.00



# **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT**

4230338	Distributive Education - Maintenance/Supplies	-----	-----	-----	-----	100.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>						
		-----	-----	-----		\$ 100.00

# **ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS**

7300338	Acquisition of New Equipment					
	Distributive Education	\$ 410.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 525.00	
<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>						
		\$ 410.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 525.00	

# **OTHER DISTRICTS**

9100339	Tuition - Vocational Day School	\$ 37,983.44	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 38,770.00	-----	
9100459	Tuition - Vocational Eve. Trade School	288.00	25.50	100.00	-----	
9100899	Tuition - Vocational Eve. Practical Arts	190.00	-0-	200.00	200.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS</b>		\$ 38,461.44	\$ 1,040.50	\$ 39,070.00	\$ 200.00	
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL</b>		\$ 70,213.06	\$ 22,747.39	\$ 90,180.00	\$ 18,545.00	

# **GRAND TOTALS:**

EXPENDITURES 1-1-76/6-30-76	\$ 1,022,562.29
EXPENDITURES 7-1-76/12-31-76	\$ 963,582.70



MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMARY – OPERATING BUDGET

Tentative Budget - 7-1-77 thru 6-30-78

	Academic	Special Education	Vocational	Totals
1000 Administration	57,295.00			57,295.00
2000 Instruction	957,261.00	86,945.00	X 17,470.00	1,061,676.00
3000 Other School Services	255,160.00	32,925.00	250.00	288,335.00
4000 Operation and Maintenance of Plant	165,660.00	1,100.00	100.00	166,860.00
5000 Fixed Charges	87,100.00	X	X	87,100.00
6000 Community Services	50.00	X	X	50.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	23,800.00	50.00	525.00	24,375.00
9000 Other Districts	X	58,000.00	200.00	58,200.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS	\$ 1,546,326.00	\$ 179,020.00	\$ 18,545.00	\$ 1,743,891.00

Less Anticipated Reimbursements from Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other sources:

Transportation	\$ 148,000.00
Special Education	40,000.00
Chapter 74	9,000.00
Surplus	108,000.00
	\$ 305,000.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

- 305,000.00
<u>\$ 1,438,891.00</u>

## ASSESSMENTS OF OPERATING BUDGET

Oct. 1, 1976			
Town	No. of Students	Percent	Amount
Ashfield	114	12.32	\$ 177,271.37
Buckland	210	22.70	326,628.26
Charlemont	106	11.46	164,896.91
Colrain	166	17.95	258,280.93
Hawley	19	2.05	29,497.27
Heath	43	4.65	66,908.43
Plainfield	39	4.22	60,721.20
Rowe	32	3.46	49,785.63
Shelburne	196	21.19	304,901.00
	925	100.00 %	\$ 1,438,891.00

## SUMMARY – CAPITAL BUDGET

Tentative Budget  
7-1-77 thru 6-30-78

Percent		
Town	As Per Agreement	Amount
Ashfield	11.9 %	\$ 16,255.40
Buckland	19.3 %	26,363.80
Charlemont	9.9 %	13,523.40
Colrain	16.3 %	22,265.80
Hawley	2.7 %	3,688.20
Heath	4.3 %	5,873.80
Plainfield	4.1 %	5,600.60
Rowe	11.5 %	15,709.00
Shelburne	20.0 %	27,320.00
TOTALS	100.00%	\$ 136,600.00
Principal Repayment		\$ 140,000.00
Interest		50,000.00
		\$ 190,000.00
Less Construction		
Reimbursement from		
Commonwealth of Mass.		- 53,400.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$ 136,600.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS  
AS PER AMENDED AGREEMENT

UPON BASIS OF COST  
SCHOOL YEAR 1975-1976  
VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS  
EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 30, 1976

TOWN	NO. OF PUPILS	TUITION PAID	TRANSP. PAID	TOTAL COST	LESS STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF	NET ASSESSMENT TO EACH TOWN PER AMENDED AGREEMENT
Charlemont	2	\$ 3,749.00	\$ 6,880.00	\$10,629.00	\$ 7,432.00	\$ 3,197.00
Hawley	1	1,610.00	3,440.00	5,050.00	3,716.00	1,334.00
Ashfield	6	12,309.00	20,640.00	32,949.00	22,296.00	10,653.00
Plainfield	1	1,880.00	3,440.00	5,320.00	3,716.00	1,604.00
Totals	10	\$19,548.00	\$34,400.00	\$53,948.00	\$37,160.00 *	

\* Divided on the basis of: 1 Pupil = 10% of \$37,160.00

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

TOTAL    \$179,020.00 = 12.4415% of Operating Budget after deductions.

### PER PUPIL COST

Operating Budget After Deductions	\$ 1,438,891.00
925 Pupils Per Pupil Cost =	1,555.56

### PER CENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1976-77 Budget	\$ 1,666,848.00	\$ 1,295,848.00
1977-78 Budget	1,743,891.00	1,438,891.00
Difference	<u>\$ 77,043.00</u>	<u>\$ 143,043.00</u>
Percent of Increase	4.6221%	11.0383%

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 1976

To the citizens of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Whately, Warwick and Wendell.

With the close of 1976, the Committee has left behind the planning and organizing of the District, the construction of a building, the hiring of a superintendent-director, staff and faculty, and all the other nitty gritty things that were so important to open the doors to over 600 students last September. All of this on a budget planned for only 300 students.

To add to its problems, the loss of the superintendent-director forced the Committee to look for and to hire a new one. We were very fortunate to have Mr. James J. O'Neil, Jr. come on board as our new superintendent-director. With the ease and smoothness of the first day of school, and the days since, he shows his ability to handle the job. Of course, much credit also goes to Dr. Ray Franklin, Assistant Director and Mr. Raymond Avery, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and all other staff members who put a lot of ground work into the running of things during this interim period.

In this past year, we have had the addition of the Town of Whately to the District. With this addition, we are now tied with Cape Cod Vocational Technical as the largest school districts in the State.

Mr. Edward Tombs, a former committee member, was appointed Treasurer of the District. We have benefited in many ways from his experience and his handling of the District's monies.

During the year, the Committee received the resignation of Attorney Arthur Walder as the District's Counsel. He is to be commended for his service to the District. His successor, Attorney John Finn, comes to us well experienced and should serve us equally well.

Seven resignations from the Committee occurred in 1976 — James Carpenter of Gill, Andrew Wait of Greenfield, Edward Tombs of Greenfield, Paul Lively of Heath, Robert Avery of Montague, Ernestine Rogelberg of Warwick and Claire Stewart of Wendell. Their towns should commend them for the time and effort put into the successful operation of this school. They were replaced by Mrs. Shirley Flagg of Gill, Mrs. Jane Dutcher of Greenfield, Mr. Paul Viens of Greenfield, and Mrs. Joyce Ray of Warwick. As yet, Heath, Montague and Wendell have not chosen replacement committee members.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank Superintendent-Director James J. O'Neil, Jr., his administrative team, clerical and custodial staff,

faculty, advisors, municipal officials and area educators for their assistance during the year. I look forward to another year of fine cooperation between the School District and the communities which have helped to make Franklin County Technical School a great opportunity for all students in Franklin County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence H. Warner  
Chairman

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**December 31, 1976**

Judith Beckwith, Bernardston	Vacancy, Heath
Robert MacGregor III, Buckland	Vacancy, Montague
Walker Miles, Colrain	Charles Gloski, Montague
George Eldridge, Conway	Harold Overing, New Salem
David Filkins, Deerfield	Marian Holbrook, Northfield
Francis Dubay, Sr., Erving	John Riggan, Rowe
Shirley Flagg, Gill	Harold Harris, Shelburne
Marilyn Lee, Greenfield	Clarence Warner, Sunderland
Paul Viens, Greenfield	Joyce Ray, Warwick
Domenic Ferrante, Greenfield	Vacancy, Wendell
Jane Dutcher, Greenfield	Jane Grybko, Whately



## SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

I am pleased to submit this, as my first, and the District's fourth annual administrative report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1976.

At the outset, I should emphasize that my summarization of the major events at the Franklin County Technical School during the first half of 1976 has been based upon the contributions of three individuals who held primary leadership functions during that period . . . Mr. John Riesenber, former Superintendent-Director, Dr. Ray E. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent-Director, and Mr. Raymond E. Avery, Director of Pupil Personnel Services. I am most grateful for their insight and assistance.

In a slight departure from the previous chronologically itemized reports, I shall attempt a summary of the significant activities as they contributed to the growth and development of the school. Also, since any dynamic growth implies some change, in my closing remarks, I shall attempt a brief prophetic look at the educational future of F.C.T.S.s,

Certainly, initial attention must be directed to the fact that this beautiful and functional school had been programmed and budgeted to open in September 1976 with an enrollment of 300 students. However, due to an incredible wave of applications, the Committee, in early Spring, voted to open the enrollment. Consequently, early on September 8, fourteen buses began unloading 630 students from the eighteen district and six non-district communities.

All energies were mobilized in the Spring and early Summer to properly equip and staff the school for this heavy enrollment. A number of crises created time consuming problems — many of which could not be remedied until the opening day. Chief among these was a solution for the very complex transportation program. However, the smooth opening day led into an extremely productive fall and winter program.

Shortly after our official opening, on October 3, the Committee hosted a very successful Open House and Dedication. Dr. John Manning, Associate Commissioner of the Division of Occupational Education was the main speaker. Over 4000 visitors toured the school. In another dedicatory gesture, the Commonwealth's Board of Education held its October meeting in our school. Dr. Gregory Anrig, Commissioner of Education, and many guests were in attendance at this first for Franklin County.

An important asset to the F.C.T.S. educational community was the acceptance of Attorney John Finn as Committee Counsel. He replaced Attorney Arthur Walder who resigned in September after many faithful and productive years of service to the District. Also, in August, Dr. Spencer C. Flo offered to serve as the school's first doctor.

Early in the school year, the Committee helped to contribute to a positive professional development program by enabling the administration to implement, in cooperation with Westfield State College, an after school teacher training program. Also, the first of six half-day in-service professional programs was begun in November.

Of major instructional and financial assistance this school year has been the development of the teacher aide program. In cooperation with the Greenfield CETA Consortium, ten teacher aides were employed under an On The Job Training grant thereby alleviating very crowded shop enrollments.

In late fall, the opening of our Food Trades dining room and our Cosmetology salon as public service classrooms complemented our successful Auto Mechanic and Auto Body production programs. Not only have these service programs enabled our students to prepare for their careers in actual occupational learning situations, but they also help to reduce the District's net operating cost. Also, late in the fall, the Committee voted to initiate a half-year Adult Evening Education program and a similarly introductory athletic program. The cross-country, basketball, and volleyball teams have proved very popular.

Early in the school year, a strong extra-curricular program began in the school. The Committee accepted student selected school symbols — an Eagle as the school mascot, light blue and royal blue as school colors, and an official name — Franklin County Technical School, soon shortened by the students to Franklin Tech. In conjunction with the strong extra-curricular program, student support for nontraditional technical school subjects soon developed. Art and Music classes became the focus for a number of group and individual projects.

A total staff evaluation program was begun in November. This, coupled with a Management By Objectives evaluation process for the administration should produce immediate and long range positive results.

A major portion of the early winter months has been devoted to the 1978 Fiscal Year budget preparations. The Franklin County Technical School teachers have organized into an organizational unit for negotiation purposes. The winter months also was a period allocated to community information. In cooperation with WHAI, a monthly radio broadcast has been developed for the Franklin County residents.

As I close this report, I would like to outline certain goals and objectives which, early in 1977, will become part of a more comprehensive report to the Committee. First, the Committee's decision to open three new shops in the 1977-78 school year will enable the student enrollment to climb to a near daytime capacity of 760 students in eighteen trade and technical areas. Since these figures already exceed the architectural goals for the building, the plant must be utilized in its most advantageous economic and educational fashion.

Certainly, very early in the future, the needs of those under served and unserved District students will need to be met. Most likely, this means the introduction of some form of late afternoon and evening programs. Also, adults seeking retraining, career change opportunities, and leisure time pursuits will be seeking educational opportunities.

In order to further extend our day school facilities, it will be necessary to introduce extensive work study, cooperative work experiences, and community service projects as training sites. Plans are already under way to collaborate with our area high schools and the Greenfield Community College to cross utilize our educational plans and programs.

Strong affirmative action programs are being structured to comply with the need to recruit and positively influence those students who have not been served in the past.

Finally, this school community is committed to a completely comprehensive utilization of its facilities as a beneficial economic, educational, and social stimulus for the Franklin County area. We will offer our services and resources — both staff and plant to the short and long range betterment of the county's people and insitutions.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to the staff and student body of Franklin Tech for helping me to mark this exciting and auspicious beginning. Also, thank you to the townspeople, business and industrial leaders, fellow educators who have so unselfishly donated their time and talent to this undertaking. Most especially, I extend my gratitude to the twenty-two elected Committee members who have extended their support, encouragement, and confidence in this challenging task.

Respectfully submitted,  
James J. O'Neil, Jr.  
Superintendent-Director  
Franklin County Technical School

## **REPORT OF THE ROWE FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Rowe:

The public response to the Franklin County Technical School as it approaches the end of its first year of operation has been both extremely positive, and almost literally overwhelming.

In reference to this latter response, I feel, as your local representative to the Tech School Board, that some explanation is in order. The Technical School was many years in the planning phase before actual construction

began, and long before completion of the building, it was apparent that its projected student capacity was low in the light of current needs. The full extent of the demand for vocational education in the region did not become clear until the enrollment figures for the first year of operation were fixed. We had planned to open the school with a partial enrollment of 300 to be gradually expanded to the school's projected capacity of 800 over the next year or two. Consequently, we budgeted for this figure. However, the final enrollment figure for the first year turned out to be in excess of 600! This meant that many towns sent more students than had been planned for this first year at a cost projected for the smaller enrollment. A financial squeeze on the district was unavoidable because of additional staff, equipment, and supply needs. The budget figure for the fiscal 1977-78 school year is a more accurate reflection of the cost and therefore the total figure is more than a million dollars greater than last year's figure. The School Board felt strongly that they should not return to the towns for additional funds for this year and absorbed the greater expense of the first year enrollment by borrowing against its own capital. It is under obligation to return these funds this coming year and so the budget figures also reflect this repayment. The Board also felt that with the Commonwealth's current economic dilemma, the promised amount of state reimbursements (80%) could not be safely expected, and so we budgeted for a lower figure (70-75%) in anticipation of further state cutbacks. Should the promised amount of reimbursements be forthcoming, then the additional monies budgeted would be returned to the towns, as is the District's standard practice. We did not feel, however, that the towns would want to budget further funds in the middle of a fiscal year, should the state prove unable to meet its full financial obligations.

The increased budget figure for 1977-78 also reflects the fact that technical education is not cheap. In addition to the standard textbook and supply needs of any high school, there are the very highly priced equipment and material needs for the shops. This should be kept in mind when reviewing per pupil expenditures. The administration also expects this figure to decline after the initial impact of opening the school has tapered off.

Underlying the fiscal problems and additional expenses, however, was the most serious problem facing us; the tremendous public demand for vocational training for its children. The school will be operating almost to capacity this coming year, and there will undoubtedly be a waiting list, or surplus of applications. The administration has already recommended that further tuition students (those applying from towns outside the 18 member district) be eliminated until such a time when the needs of the member towns are fully met and there is a genuine surplus of places. Although I expect there will be some tapering off of demand in the coming years, I do not anticipate any such surplus. To the contrary, the Board has already adopted a lottery system, whereby the names of children applying for initial admission from each of the member towns will be placed in the proverbial "hat" for final selection. The number of names drawn from any one town's hat will be the

same as the number of positions open to that particular town in any given year.

There has been some criticism of this lottery system because it seems to leave a child's chances of obtaining admission to the school to fate instead of such criteria as grades, potential, attitude, etc. as expressed in his earlier education. I fully supported the Board's adoption of the lottery on the grounds that many children who would never display any potential in a standard academic high school, often "bloom" in the vocational setting. I do not believe it is right to deprive a child of this opportunity on grounds of past performance. Hence, the lottery, though leaving decisions to chance, is inherently more fair.

Many people in Rowe were startled to learn that it has its maximum number of allotted students already in the school and that there will probably be no vacancies judging by current trends for at least two years. The situation is grim. There are more children in Rowe interested in vocational education than there are spaces for them at the present time in the Technical School.

Rowe's situation is shared by most of the other member towns. The number of children any town can send is determined by dividing the number of all the children in grades 9-12 living in that town by the total number of children in these grades in the District. This gives a percentage figure which is then translated into the numerical figure of places by multiplying the percentage figure by the total enrollment of the Technical School. This formula was outlined in the Agreement which was voted upon at the time the Technical School District was established. The simple fact seems to be that, with only one or two exceptions at this time, every town has more children desiring admission to the Technical School, than the School can handle.

Thus, the Administration and the Board are already planning to review the Agreement, the curriculum, and whatever else needs studying in an attempt to develop alternatives which would permit a larger student capacity within the current physical plant. I feel strongly, as do many of the board members, that due to the national and state economic situation, the funds for further physical plant expansion would not only not be forthcoming, but that it would be unfair to ask the taxpayers for them. Until alternatives can be developed, a process that might well take two or more years, the town should accept its current restrictions with the knowledge that it is not alone in this situation and that attempts will be made to alleviate it.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John R. Riggan*

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FISCAL YEAR 1978 BUDGET ASSESSMENT

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,200,773.00

TOWN	Operating %	Operating Share	Special Operating %	Special Operating Share	Total Operating Share	Capital %	Capital Share	Total Assessment
Bernardstor	7.25	131,356.44	3.81	1,143.00	132,499.44	2.785	9,997.03	142,496.47
Buckland	3.53	63,957.00	4.76	1,428.00	65,385.00	3.325	11,935.42	77,320.42
Colrain	2.79	50,549.58	3.37	1,011.00	51,560.58	2.955	10,607.27	62,167.85
Conway	2.97	53,810.85	1.97	591.00	54,401.85	2.020	7,250.99	61,652.84
Deerfield	10.59	191,871.00	8.67	2,601.00	194,472.00	7.170	25,737.43	220,209.43
Erving	3.72	67,399.44	3.20	960.00	68,359.44	5.710	20,496.62	88,856.06
Gill	3.16	57,253.29	3.40	1,020.00	58,273.29	2.335	8,381.72	66,655.01
Greenfield	28.44	515,279.62	36.62	10,986.00	526,265.62	32.405	116,320.99	642,586.61
Heath	1.11	20,111.13	0.78	234.00	20,345.13	1.045	3,751.13	24,096.26
Montague	18.59	336,816.04	15.34	4,602.00	341,418.04	13.690	49,141.62	390,559.66
New Salem	0.56	10,146.15	1.05	315.00	10,461.15	0.935	3,356.28	13,817.43
Northfield	5.57	100,917.99	6.09	1,827.00	102,744.99	5.295	19,006.93	121,751.92
Rowe	0.56	10,146.15	0.44	132.00	10,278.15	8.810	31,624.38	41,902.53
Shelburne	3.72	67,399.44	4.46	1,338.00	68,737.44	3.350	12,025.16	80,762.60
Sunderland	1.86	33,699.72	2.24	672.00	34,371.72	3.910	14,035.34	48,407.06
Warwick	1.49	26,996.01	0.88	264.00	27,260.01	0.955	3,428.07	30,688.08
Wendell	1.49	26,996.01	0.44	132.00	27,128.01	0.745	2,674.25	29,802.26
Whately	2.60	47,107.14	2.48	744.00	47,851.14	2.560	9,189.37	57,040.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,811,813.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,841,813.00</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>\$358,960.00</b>	<b>\$2,200,773.00</b>

# OFFICIAL RESULTS

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 10, 1976

Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School. Meeting called to order by Moderator John H. Williams at 6:00 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 900 P.M. Constable Blanche Veber served Town Meeting Warrant. Call of Meeting and Constables Return read by Moderator. Tellers Robert Kenney, Doris Taylor, Frances Pierce and Althea Dodge appointed and sworn by Moderator. Quorum present at 6:00 P.M. Annual Town Meeting was posted May 1, 1976. Moderator called for Pledge of Allegiance - U.S. Flag, and for a period of reflection in memory of Townspeople who had died since the last Annual Meeting.

- ARTICLE 1.** Voted to accept the written reports of the Town Officers and Committees.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 2.** Voted that the Selectmen appoint all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 3.** Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 4.** Voted that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for several specific purposes designated, and that the same be expended only for such purposes:
- \$ 1,600.00 – Health District
  - 755.00 – Veterans' Service Administration
  - 13,655.00 – Franklin County Retirement Assessment
  - 12,000.00 – Franklin County Group Insurance
  - 1,000.00 – Town's Interest on Loans
- Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 5.** Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Overlay Surplus to the 1977 fiscal year Reserve Fund.  
Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted to determine the compensation for elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of money hereinafter specified for the various departments for expenditures for the 1977 fiscal period, as approved by the Finance Committee:

Administration	\$ 8,500.00
Bonds and Insurance	15,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500.00
Town Officers' Salaries	12,640.00
Selectmen	1,950.00
School Committee	700.00
Assessors	1,050.00
Treasurer	2,000.00
Tax Collector	1,000.00
Town Clerk	1,250.00
Selectmens' Clerk	2,500.00
Assessors' Clerk	500.00
Fire Chief	600.00
Police Chief	600.00
Moderator	50.00
Registrars	190.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Auditor	100.00
Constable	50.00
Animal Inspector	50.00
Schools — Operation and Maintenance	244,997.00
School Construction Bonds (Principal and Interest)	28,281.25
Capital, Regional School District	16,077.00
Operating, Regional School District	40,819.21
Capital, Franklin County	
Technical School District	34,551.22
Operating, Franklin County	
Technical School District	4,419.49
Board of Health	5,500.00
Police Department — Operation	3,100.00
Fire Department — Operation	4,700.00
Paid Fire Dept. (Officers)	1,050.00
Forest Fires	2,500.00
Civil Defense	500.00
Insect Pest Control	60.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00
Library, Operation	8,880.00



Pelham Lake Park	7,100.00
Gas Account (Town Vehicles)	3,500.00
Microfilming Town Records	200.00
Cemeteries, Maintenance	1,600.00
Planning Board, Operation	500.00
Building Inspector	3,952.89
Plumbing Inspector Fees	250.00
Wiring Inspector Fees	250.00

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 7.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 and in addition to transfer the 1976 Road Machinery Earnings fund of \$1,550.00 to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account for the 1977 fiscal year.

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 8.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of money for "General Highway Fund" for fiscal year 1977:

\$85,000.00 – Wages and Salaries
1,500.00 – Sick Leave Pay
5,000.00 – Bridge & Guard Rail
4,000.00 – Street Lighting
8,000.00 – Roadside Maintenance
2,000.00 – Town Account
10,000.00 – Road Oiling
20,000.00 – Winter Roads
10,000.00 – Drainage
22,000.00 – General Highway Maintenance

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 9.** Voted to raise from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 for Type "I" Pavement.

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 10.** Voted to raise from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$18,189.20 in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions as specified on the Cherry Sheet titled "Highway and Transit Development" for Type "I" Pavement.

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 11.** Voted to accept the sum of \$21,397.00 available under the provisions of Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, for fiscal year 1977, "Chapter 90 type" Construction, and to finance with available and unappropriated funds to be restored to the treasury upon receipt of reimbursement.

Oral Unanimous Vote

- ARTICLE 12.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for drainage and gravel on Petrie Road.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 13.** Voted to transfer from a State Aid Library Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,000.00 for Library operation.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 14.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$500.00 to provide for payment of preventive and rehabilitative services for the retarded and emotionally disturbed persons of the Town, by public or private agencies in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause 40C; the monies so appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, in collaboration with the Franklin/Hampshire Mental Health and Retardation Area.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 15.** Voted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to cancel the agreement with the Franklin County Commissioners which provided for a "Cooperative Building Inspector Program" and which was authorized by vote of the Town under Article 26, Annual Meeting of March 4, 1974; and in addition to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a "Building Department" and a local "Building Code of Appeals Board" in accordance with Sections 107.0 and 126.8 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 16.** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Building Code Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals pertaining to a Building Inspector's actions in accordance with the provisions of the State Building Code, Section 126.8 which became effective on January 1, 1975, said Board to consist of five members, one member to be appointed for five years, one member for four years, one member for three years, one member for two years, and one member for one year, and thereafter each new member is to serve for five years or until his successor has been appointed.  
Oral Unanimous Vote
- ARTICLE 17.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for operational expenses for the Bicentennial Commission during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.  
Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 18.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new portable pump (fire pump) having a capacity of 300 gallons per minute or greater.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 19.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase of one portable radio on the frequency 33.54 Megahertz (Tri-State Mutual Aid) for Fire Department use and to authorize the Chief of Rowe Fire Department to purchase the radio.

Show of Hands Vote

47 Yes      18 No

**ARTICLE 20.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of a new chain saw for the Fire Department for use in forest fire work.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 21.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 22.** Voted to accept the proposal of the Franklin County Technical School District Committee passed on January 21, 1976, to amend the agreement establishing the Franklin County Technical School District by adding Section XV providing for the admittance of the Town of Whately as a member of said District, and accepting its proportionate share as estimated by the Committee through June 30, 1976, and further accepting its share of capital and operating cost beginning July 1, 1976.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 23.** Voted to establish a three member committee to be appointed by the Moderator to look into the feasibility of adding a recycling facility to the Town Refuse Gardens.

Oral Unanimous Vote

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*  
Town Clerk

## **MONIES APPROPRIATED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 22:**

No Monies

**ARTICLES 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 21:**

Raise and Appropriate \$693,038.06

**ARTICLES 9, 10, 11:**

Available Funds in the Treasury \$69,586.20

**ARTICLES 14, 18, 19, 20:**

Transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account \$3,050.00

**ARTICLE 5:**

Transfer from Overlay Surplus to 1977 Fiscal Year Reserve Fund  
\$15,000.00

**ARTICLE 7:**

Transfer the 1976 Road Machinery Earnings Fund to Road Machinery  
Maintenance Account for 1977 Fiscal Year - \$1,550.00

**ARTICLE 13:**

Transfer from State Library Reserve Fund to Library - \$1,000.00

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

## **OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING February 17, 1976**

Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. Called to order by Moderator John Williams and adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Constable Blanche Veber served Town Meeting Warrant, read by Moderator. Tellers Roger Brown, Doris Taylor and Sally Alix appointed and sworn by Moderator. Quorum present at 8:00 P.M. Warrant was posted February 6, 1976.

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to amend Article 3, Section 10 of the By-Laws of the Town by striking the words "five hundred (\$500.00)" and inserting the words "one thousand (\$1,000.00)".  
Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted to set up a separate gasoline account for Town Vehicles and appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of \$1,000.00 for this account. count.  
Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 3.** Motion made to pass over this article. Not necessary.

**ARTICLE 4.** Voted to amend the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Agreement by deleting Paragraph B of XI and substituting in its place the following:

### **SECTION XI PUPILS**

#### **(B) Vocational**

- (1a) Any pupil residing in a member town which is not a member of a vocational regional school district who is desirous of attending a trade or vocational school outside the District shall have all the privileges of attending such a school as are now or may be hereafter provided for by law. The cost of tuition for attending such a school and the cost of transportation, when necessary, shall be assessed by the Mohawk District upon the town wherein the student resides, providing, however, that the Mohawk Trail Regional District School does not offer the vocational courses.
- (b) No assessment for any vocational day pupil will be made upon any member town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1977, the assessment upon each member town for vocational day pupils shall be upon the basis of the cost to the District during the preceding fiscal year for tuition and transportation for vocational day students residing in the member town.
- (2) From and after September 1, 1976, no assessment for vocational day pupils will be made by the District upon any member town for any pupil residing in a member town holding concurrent membership in the Franklin County School District.
- (3) A vocational assessment for evening practical arts, occupational course offerings and such other vocational instruction as may be permitted under the General Laws and provided by the District shall be made annually and the assessment shall be apportioned in the same manner as operating costs are apportioned.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 5.** Voted to authorize a special committee to be known as the "Municipal Facilities Committee" composed of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Moderator and to include one Selectman, one Planning Board Member, one Assessor, the Town Clerk, the Town Treasurer and four other citizens; and to empower the Committee to consult with the State and/or Town Health Departments regarding possible improvement of the Town Hall Sewage Disposal System, and, if necessary to have the sewage system repaired, improved or replaced; and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$4,500.00 therefor.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted to authorize the "Municipal Facilities Committee" to carefully investigate the cost of remodeling and/or building an addition to the present town hall so as to provide more adequate municipal offices and more efficient use of the building; including the possible relocation to the town hall site of all, or part of, the Searle's House; and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,500.00 for engineering studies and preliminary architectural plans, and the committee shall report its recommendations to a town meeting within six months from this date.

Oral Unanious Vote

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

**OFFICIAL RESULTS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**July 13, 1976**

Meeting held at Rowe School at 7:30 P.M. Quorum present. Called to order by Moderator John Williams. Constable Blanche Veber served Town Meeting Warrant, read by Moderator. Tellers William Brown, Susan Alix, Richard Tower and Edgerton Miles appointed and sworn by Moderator. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Warrant was posted July 5, 1976.

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell, have removed or dispose of the Searle's house located on Zoar Road, Rowe, Massachusetts.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commission to sell, have removed or dispose of the old hearse house located in the West Cemetery, proceeds to be used toward the expenses for a new parking lot at the West Cemetery.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 3.** Voted to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$5,000.00 for an engineering report on the handling and disposal of solid waste generated within the Town.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 4.** Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 for major repairs on the exit door from the children's room at the rear of the Library.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 5.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$1,000.00 for the construction of two new double book shelves in the Library.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$106,000.00 for the purpose of remodeling the present Town Hall to provide more adequate municipal offices and more efficient use of the building.

Oral Vote Carried

**ARTICLE 7.** Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of furnishing the remodeled Town Hall.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 8.** Voted to assign the Municipal Facilities Committee to proceed with the plan and to function as a Building Committee.

Oral Unanimous Vote

Voted to have the Selectmen write a letter to the Greenfield Recorder and ask them to be a little more careful on what they print about the Town of Rowe and their inhabitants.

Oral Unanimous Vote

Architect, Mr. Chornyak, read a report on the Searle's house.

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

## **OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**September 28, 1976**

Meeting held at Rowe School at 7:30 P.M. Quorum present. Called to order by Moderator John Williams. Constable Blanche Veber served Town Meeting Warrant, read by Moderator. Tellers Shirley Veber, Gloria Leger, Ira Seybold and Efford Pierce appointed and sworn by Moderator. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. Warrant was posted September 21, 1976

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$4,000.00 to replace rip-rap on the slope at the Monroe-Rowe Bridge.

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$940.80 for film mounting and new bindings for Town Meeting Book (Book 1) and Vital Statistics Book (Book 3).

Oral Unanimous Vote

**ARTICLE 3.** Voted not to take by eminent domain and incorporate into Pelham Lake Park land of Joseph S. Kolnacki and Lillian G. Kolnacki situated in Rowe, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

Ballot Vote

58 No      46 Yes

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIMEN BALLOT**

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe, May 14, 1977.

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list of Candidates or Specimen Ballot – five to one hundred dollars fine.

To vote for a person mark a cross X in the square at the right of the name.

<b>TOWN CLERK (1 Year)</b>	Vote for one
L. Norma Brown	[ ]
<b>SELECTMAN (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Charles Ogren	[ ]
<b>SELECTMAN (2 Years)</b>	Vote for one
David F. Scrivens	[ ]
<b>TOWN TREASURER (1 Year)</b>	Vote for one
Anne G. Bond	[ ]
<b>ASSESSOR (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Raymond L. Berry	[ ]
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Gail D. Newsome	[ ]
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Josephine M. Woodhall	[ ]
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Dorothy E. Evans	[ ]
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Lockwood L. Reed	[ ]
<b>PLANNING BOARD (1 Year)</b>	Vote for one
Margalee O. Riggan	[ ]
<b>PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Jane H. Lindabury	[ ]
<b>PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
Henry J. Dandeneau	[ ]
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
James H. Williams	[ ]
<b>MODERATOR (3 Years)</b>	Vote for one
John H. Williams	[ ]

**TAX COLLECTOR (3 Years)**

Jane H. Lindabury

M. Arlene Andognini

Jane B. Stetson

Vote for one

[ ]

[ ]

[ ]

**CONSTABLE (1 Year)**

Blanche C. Veber

Vote for one

[ ]

**AUDITOR (1 Year)**

Vote for one

[ ]

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