



TOWN OF  
OWE

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ANNUAL REPORT  
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ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH

# **Annual Report**

**of the**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**of the**

# **Town of Rowe**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

For The Year Ending

**DECEMBER 31, 1978**

**NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

**EDWARD M. KENNEDY**

**PAUL E. TSONGAS**

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**GOVERNOR**

**EDWARD KING**

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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**

**EVERETT B. HATCH, Greenfield**

**MARGARET H. HERLIHY, Deerfield**

**JOHN F. BASSETT, Montague**



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS – 1978

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wesley P. Gfroerer	Term expires in 1979
Lockwood L. Reed	Term expires in 1980
Edwin R. Taylor	Term expires in 1981

### TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1979
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### TOWN TREASURER

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1979
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1980
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### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Henry G. Dandeneau	Term expires in 1979
Frank Newton (appointed)	Term expires in 1979
Raymond L. Berry (resigned)	Term expires in 1980

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1979
Joyce A. Boutwell	Term expires in 1980
Sally A. Alix	Term expires in 1981

### PARK COMMISSIONERS

Jean D. Stanford	Term expires in 1979
Henry J. Dandeneau	Term expires in 1980
John R. Riggan (resigned)	Term expires in 1981
James Taylor (appointed)	Term expires in 1979

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

William H. Brown	Term expires in 1979
James H. Williams	Term expires in 1980
J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1981

### AUDITOR

Doris Taylor	Term expires in 1979
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### MODERATOR

John W. Williams	Term expires in 1980
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Roger L. Brown  
 Dorothy E. Evans  
 Edwin May (resigned)  
 Raymond L. Boutwell  
 Terry Krumm

Term expires in 1979  
 Term expires in 1980  
 Term expires in 1980  
 Term expires in 1981  
 Term expires in 1981

**PLANNING BOARD**

John H. Williams  
 Herbert A. Autio  
 Walter A. Bates  
 Jane H. Lindabury  
 Margalee O. Riggan

Term expires in 1979  
 Term expires in 1980  
 Term expires in 1981  
 Term expires in 1982  
 Term expires in 1983

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Arthur W. Foshay  
 Gail D. Newsome (resigned)  
 Raymond A. Jodoin  
 Carol Staub (appointed)

Term expires in 1979  
 Term expires in 1980  
 Term expires in 1981  
 Term expires in 1979

**CONSTABLE**

Blanche C. Veber

Term expires in 1979

**DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE**

Phyllis Volland  
 Charles D. Avery  
 Peter E. Shields  
 Helen R. Shields  
 David R. Scrivens

Term expires in 1980

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS****SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Howard O. Truesdell

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Craig W. Barry  
 (Bartlett, Trudell & 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 (resigned)

Efford Pierce (appointed)

**PUBLIC WELFARE AGENT**

Dorothy Adams

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Janet Bliss

**NURSING COMMITTEE**

Naomi Jodoin

Lillian Danek

Kathleen Oliver

Edgarton Miles

Jo-anne Brown

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Edward P. Russell

**NEWLY APPOINTED TOWN VETERANS' AGENT**

Clyde Churchill

**FIRE CHIEF**

Kenneth Soule

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Robert F. Kenney

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Henry J. Dandeneau

**DOG OFFICER**

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

**LIBRARIAN**

Dorothy N. Stevens

**ASSESSORS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK**

Jane H. Lindabury

**ELECTMENS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK**

Helen R. Shields

## ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sally A. Alix

## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE

Wesley P. Gfroerer

## MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Arthur W. Foshay

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas S. Gilley (resigned)

## 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 J. Brown, Jr.

## SUPT. OF PEST CONTROL AND ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Robert F. Kenney

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER

William G. Foster

## ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER

John F. Woffenden

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Linda J. Sturgeon

Jane Stetson (appointed)

Elsie H. Autio

L. Norma Brown

Jacqueline E. Barceloux (resigned)

Term to expire in 197

Term to expire in 197

Term to expire in 198

Term to expire in 198

Term to expire in 198

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Wesley P. Gfroerer

Lockwood L. Reed

Edwin R. Taylor, Chairman

Term to expire in 197

Term to expire in 198

Term to expire in 198

# BOARD OF WELFARE

Wesley P. Gfroerer  
Lockwood L. Reed  
Edwin R. Taylor

Term to expire in 1979  
Term to expire in 1980  
Term to expire in 1981

# FRANKLIN COUNTY HOME CARE CORPORATION

Donald E. Lindabury  
Raymond K. Evans

# SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

John Riggan  
Karl Jurentkuff

# DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Howard Bennett

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas P. Danek (alternate)  
Floyd W. Smith (alternate)  
Henry G. Dandeneau  
E. Hampton Decker  
Edgerton A. Miles  
Herbert A. Autio  
Elsa T. Codrick

Term expires in 1979  
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Term expires in 1981  
Term expires in 1982  
Term expires in 1983

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James Taylor  
Jean D. Stanford  
Lockwood L. Reed  
Herbert A. Autio  
Henry J. Dandeneau

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL COORDINATOR

Robin Reed

# GROWTH POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Jean Stanford  
Wesley Gfroerer  
J. Henry Stanford  
John Riggan  
John H. Williams  
Vilma Miles  
Leonard Laffond

# VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Norman Stanford — Temporary Chairman  
 Walter Bates — Planning Board  
 Wesley Gfroerer — Selectman  
 Jane Lindabury — Library Trustee  
 Henry J. Dandeneau — Police Chief & Park Dept.  
 Karl Jurentkuff — Special Police  
 Sarah J. Gracy — Citizen  
 Richard Tower — Citizen  
 Eugene Gates — Citizen

## JURY LIST

Stephen Toth, Clerk  
 Jane Stetson, Homemaker  
 Ronald Gordon, Papermaker  
 Linda Sturgeon, Crafts  
 John Knapp, Retired  
 Irene Assmus, Housewife  
 Rosemary Veber, Housewife  
 Eugene Gates, Retired  
 Garry Newsome, Auxiliary Operator  
 Robley Snively, Retired  
 Henry G. Dandeneau, New England Power Company  
 Marion Dandeneau, School Cafeteria Worker  
 Mary Snively, Housewife  
 Sarah Gracy, Teachers Aid  
 Bernice Foster, Housewife  
 Gloria Leger, Homemaker  
 Frederick Scrivens, Painter  
 Everett Brown, Maintenance Superintendent  
 Doris Taylor, Homemaker  
 Vilma Miles, Housewife  
 Raymond Jodoin, Auxiliary Operator  
 Sally Alix, Housewife  
 Donald Lindabury, Retired

### Names Drawn in 1978

Sarah Gracy, January 3, 1978  
 Eugene Gates, May 1, 1978  
 Henry Dandeneau, October 2, 1978  
 Mary E. Snively, October 2, 1978  
 Marion Dandeneau, November 20, 1978

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to note our sincere appreciation for the work that all our town departments and three valuable team members, Helen Shields, Selectmen's Clerk, Jane Lindabury, Treasurer & Tax Collector, and L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk, perform. Their interest, devotion, and dedication is unsurpassed. Too often we take for granted their time and efforts with little recognition of their true value.

The work load for performing the various town functions increases tremendously every year; more state laws, pamphlets to read, educational classes to attend and mandated courses to take, i.e. Police Department, Fire Department and Board of Assessors, make these positions more and more responsible.

In an effort to alleviate some of the paper work, a more efficient and sophisticated computer system has been started. This will continue to give tax reports but will also maintain our financial statement and town records in a uniform manner.

Special thanks go to the Planning Department for undertaking the by-laws and zoning revisions, again many hours and debates but a job well done.

To Pete and the highway boys: many thanks for the plowing and sanding, permitting mobility throughout the winter. Your timing is excellent.

"The great wall of China" (Browning Hill), additional Type "I" Pavement and the reconstruction of Ford Hill Road and finally, Monroe Hill Road, with its extensive drainage problems are just some of the boys' accomplishments.

The Park Department has added tennis lessons to further our recreational enjoyment.

The Fire Department has improved greatly communication and emergency care and in connection with our new emergency medical coordinator, given our residents assurance that when assistance is necessary, they are there to help.

Finally, a pat on the back to the Assessors for a very credible job in handling valuations, revaluations, compiling and computing tax rates; a very vital function that often is frustrating due to late "cherry sheets". Well done!

The Board of Selectmen, with much sadness, reports the passing of the following residents of Rowe as recorded in 1978:

Richard Shumway, April 28, 1978

Verne Hager, December 1, 1978

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
*Wesley P. Gfroerer*  
*Lockwood L. Reed*  
*Edwin R. Taylor*



Center of Rowe in the early 1930's

## TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES – F.Y. 1978

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 9,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 10,488.33
Balance in General Treasury		11.67
	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00

#### BONDS & INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Reserve Fund	2,524.50	
Expenditures		\$ 17,524.50
	\$ 17,524.50	\$ 17,524.50

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Appropriation	\$ 5,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,545.00
Balance in General Treasury		55.00
	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00



**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,295.03
Balance in General Treasury		<u>704.97</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 13,290.00	
Expenditures		\$ 13,243.85
Balance in General Treasury		<u>46.15</u>
	\$ 13,290.00	\$ 13,290.00

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 907.84
Balance in General Treasury		<u>592.16</u>
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

**MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS**

Appropriation	\$ 200.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/77	200.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		\$ 400.00
	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00

**PLANNING BOARD – OPERATION**

Appropriation	\$ 750.00	
Expenditures		\$ 470.84
Balance in General Treasury		<u>279.16</u>
	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00

**GASOLINE – TOWN VEHICLES**

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,903.26
Balance in General Treasury		<u>596.74</u>
	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00

**UPDATE TAX MAPS**

Appropriation	\$ 300.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/78		\$ 300.00
	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

**VILLAGE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 900.00	
No Expenditures		\$ 900.00
Balance Forward to 7/1/78		
	<u>\$ 900.00</u>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>

**TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 76,830.97	
Transfer From Acct. 1-L	4,417.00	
Expenditures		\$ 79,444.56
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		1,803.41
	<u>\$ 81,247.97</u>	<u>\$ 81,247.97</u>

**FURNISHING REMODELED TOWN HALL**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,232.17
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		767.83
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

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

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,987.85
Balance in General Treasury		12.15
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

**BRIDGE REPAIR**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 6,300.45	
Expenditures		\$ 6,285.47
Balance in General Treasury		14.98
	<u>\$ 6,300.45</u>	<u>\$ 6,300.45</u>

**TOWN ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$ 2,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 15,542.05
Balance in General Treasury		4,457.95
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

**NEW EQUIPMENT – PAYLOADER**

Appropriation	\$ 28,940.00	
Expenditures		\$ 28,150.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>790.00</u>
	\$ 28,940.00	\$ 28,940.00

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,026.02
Balance in General Treasury		<u>973.98</u>
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 17,455.74
Balance in General Treasury		<u>2,544.26</u>
	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

**“CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (‘77)**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 20,609.33	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>\$ 20,609.33</u>
	\$ 20,609.33	\$ 20,609.33

**“CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (‘78)**

Chapter 765, Acts of 1972	\$ 21,397.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/78		<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>
	\$ 21,397.00	\$ 21,397.00

**SPECIAL ROADS – FORD HILL ROAD**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 6,838.58	
Expenditures		\$ 6,838.58
	\$ 6,838.58	\$ 6,838.58

**SPECIAL ROADS – POTTER ROAD**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 5,960.30	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>\$ 5,960.30</u>
	\$ 5,960.30	\$ 5,960.30

**ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,123.32
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,876.68</u>
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

**MACHINERY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 21,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 18,079.76
Balance in General Treasury		<u>2,920.24</u>
	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00

**ROAD OILING**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 8,782.03
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,217.97</u>
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

**SICK LEAVE PAY**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 412.58	
Appropriation	1,800.00	
Reserve Fund	500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,622.40
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>90.18</u>
	\$ 2,712.58	\$ 2,712.58

**GENERAL DRAINAGE**

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,492.33
Balance in General Treasury		<u>2,507.67</u>
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

**WAGES & SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 85,000.00	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 90,496.46
Balance in General Treasury		<u>503.54</u>
	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 91,000.00

**SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 4,174.20	
Expenditures		\$ 2,379.13
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>1,795.07</u>
	\$ 4,174.20	\$ 4,174.20

**DRAINAGE – MIDDLETOWN HALL & ZOAR RD. INTERSECTION**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 3,033.25	
Expenditures		\$ 3,033.25
	\$ 3,033.25	\$ 3,033.25

**BERM – BRITTINGHAM HILL ROAD**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 1,117.29	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$ 1,117.29
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	\$ 1,117.29	\$ 1,117.29

**PETRIE ROAD – DRAINAGE & GRAVEL**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 4,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		\$ 4,000.00
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	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

**TYPE "I" PAVEMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 46,924.36	
Expenditures		\$ 46,924.36
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	\$ 46,924.36	\$ 46,924.36

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT****ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$255,467.00	
Expenditures		\$253,712.28
Balance in General Treasury		1,754.72
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	\$255,467.00	\$255,467.00

**ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – BAND ACCOUNT**

Expenditures		\$ 335.00
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**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Cafeteria Warrants		\$ 7,594.55
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**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$ 65,495.00	
Expenditures		\$ 62,161.31
Balance in General Treasury		3,333.69
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	\$ 65,495.00	\$ 65,495.00

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS**

Appropriation	\$ 27,344.00	
Expenditures		\$ 27,343.75
Balance in General Treasury		.25
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	\$ 27,344.00	\$ 27,344.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$ 41,903.00	
Expenditures		\$ 41,868.38
Balance in General Treasury		34.62
	<u>\$ 41,903.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,903.00</u>

**FUEL OIL STORAGE TANK – ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Appropriation	\$ 5,400.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,342.50
Balance in General Treasury		57.50
	<u>\$ 5,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,400.00</u>

**ROOF REPAIR – ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Appropriation	\$ 16,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 10,949.38
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		5,050.62
	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>

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

Appropriation	\$ 5,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,176.50
Balance in General Treasury		1,323.50
	<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>

**SITE & BASE UNIT PREPARATION (Compactor Transfer Station)**

Appropriation	\$ 9,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 9,063.83
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		536.17
	<u>\$ 9,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,600.00</u>

**COMPACTOR (Installation, Operation & Maintenance)**

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 8,279.06
Balance in General Treasury		1,720.94
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

## VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

### VETERANS' SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 854.80	
Expenditures		\$ 854.80
	<u>\$ 854.80</u>	<u>\$ 854.80</u>

### VETERANS' BENEFITS

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 5,640.00	
Reserve Fund	1,850.00	
Expenditures		\$ 7,439.40
Balance in General Treasury		50.60
	<u>\$ 7,490.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,490.00</u>

### PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)

Appropriation	\$ 1,050.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,050.00
	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>

### FOREST FIRES & WATER HOLES

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,164.62
Balance in General Treasury		1,335.38
	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

### CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 37.05
Balance in General Treasury		462.95
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 2,800.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,720.58
Balance in General Treasury		1,079.42
	<u>\$ 2,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,800.00</u>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 60.00		
No Expenditures			
Balance in General Treasury		\$ 60.00	
	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 600.00		
Expenditures		\$ 325.00	
Balance in General Treasury		275.00	
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	

**THREE TONE ALERT RECEIVERS**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00		
Expenditures		\$ 499.55	
Balance in General Treasury		.45	
	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	

**ROWE TOWN LIBRARY****LIBRARY – OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 9,560.00		
Expenditures		\$ 9,558.34	
Balance in General Treasury		1.66	
	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 9,560.00	

**LIBRARY – TRUST FUNDS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 250.00		
Withdrawal of Gift Funds	400.00		
Expenditures		\$ 426.05	
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		223.95	
	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	

**LIBRARY – STATE AID**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 148.23		
Transfer From State Aid Reserve Fund	1,000.00		
Expenditures		\$ 1,009.60	
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		138.63	
	\$ 1,148.23	\$ 1,148.23	

**REPAIRS – LIBRARY EXIT DOOR**

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 131.00		
Expenditures		\$ 112.96	
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		18.04	
	\$ 131.00	\$ 131.00	



## RECREATION

### PELHAM LAKE PARK

Appropriation	\$ 7,650.00	
Reserve Fund	2,192.31	
Expenditures		\$ 8,786.61
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,055.70</u>
	\$ 9,842.31	\$ 9,842.31

### BROWNING BENCH TOOL FACTORY COMMUNITY CENTER

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 463.67
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>136.33</u>
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

### OLD HOME DAY

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

### MOTION PICTURE SERIES

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 544.00	
Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,134.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>10.00</u>
	\$ 1,144.00	\$ 1,144.00

### PELHAM LAKE PARK (Special Recreation Projects)

Appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Expenditures		\$ 445.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>455.00</u>
	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00

### TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$ 35,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 32,805.58
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>2,194.42</u>
	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

### SIBLEY CABIN – RENOVATION

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 625.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>1,875.00</u>
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES – MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 1,800.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,674.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>126.00</u>
	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 180.82
Balance in General Treasury		<u>819.18</u>
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Expenditures		\$100,000.00
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MOVING & RESTORING TOOL FACTORY

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 249.72	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>\$ 249.72</u>
	\$ 249.72	\$ 249.72

STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 20,000.00
	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

WATERING TROUGH

Balance Forward From 6/30/77	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 375.57
Balance Forward To 7/1/78		<u>124.43</u>
	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

STATE & COUNTY TAXES

State Treasurer		\$ 29,913.71
County Treasurer		
Supplemental Assessments ('77)		6,172.17
F.Y. '78 County Tax		<u>192,240.06</u>
		\$228,325.94

TAX REFUNDS

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds		\$ 134.47
Real Estate Excise Refunds		<u>107.73</u>
		\$ 242.20

**EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING TAXES**

Payroll Deductions	\$ 45,096.94	
Director of Internal Revenue		\$ 33,803.39
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		<u>11,293.55</u>
	\$ 45,096.94	\$ 45,096.94

**COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Town Appropriation	\$ 10,763.00	
County of Franklin (Assessment)		\$ 10,763.00
	\$ 10,763.00	\$ 10,763.00

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREES FUND**

Town Appropriation (Assessment)		\$ 10,763.00
Employees' Contribution		<u>6,943.94</u>
		\$ 17,706.94

**GROUP INSURANCE**

Group Insurance Payments		\$ 16,311.36
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**RESERVE FUND**

Transfer From Overlay Surplus	\$ 15,000.00	
Transfers to Accounts		\$ 14,566.81
Balance in General Treasury		<u>433.19</u>
	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

**DOG LICENSES**

Receipts, 1977-78		\$ 149.85
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**DOG OFFICERS' EXPENSES (Reimbursed by County Treasurer)**

Boarding of and/or Destroying of Dogs		\$ 22.00
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**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Appropriation	\$ 2,600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,241.62
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,358.38</u>
	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		<u>\$ 250.00</u>
	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
Expenditures		\$ 250.00
	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

**LAND PURCHASE – GINGRAS PROPERTY**

Appropriation	\$ 24,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 24,500.00
	<u>\$ 24,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,500.00</u>

**RECAPITULATION – FY 1978****GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Administration	\$ 10,488.33	
Bonds & Insurance	17,524.50	
Copier	5,545.00	
Town Hall	1,295.03	
Town Officers' Salaries	13,243.85	
Town Officers' Expenses	907.84	
Planning Board – Operation	470.84	
Gasoline – Town Vehicles	2,903.26	
Town Hall Building Committee	79,444.56	
Furnishing Remodeled Town Hall	<u>4,232.17</u>	<u>\$136,055.38</u>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Bridge & Guard Rail	4,987.85	
Bridge Repair	6,285.47	
Winter Roads	15,542.05	
New Equipment – Payloader	28,150.00	
Street Lights	3,026.02	
General Highway Maintenance	17,455.74	
Special Roads – Ford Hill Road	6,838.58	
Roadside Maintenance	3,123.32	
Machinery Maintenance	18,079.76	
Road Oiling	8,782.03	
Sick Leave Pay	2,622.40	
General Drainage	5,492.33	
Wages & Salaries	90,496.46	
Skeeter Hill Improvements	2,379.13	
Drainage – Middletown Hill & Zoar Rd. Intersection	3,033.25	
Type "I" Pavement	<u>46,924.36</u>	<u>\$263,218.75</u>

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Rowe Elementary School, Operation & Maintenance	253,712.28	
Rowe Elementary School - Band Account	335.00	
School Cafeteria	7,594.55	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	62,161.31	
School Construction Bonds	27,343.75	
Franklin County Technical School District	41,868.38	
Fuel Oil Storage Tank – Rowe Elementary School	5,342.50	
Roof Repair – Rowe Elementary School	<u>10,949.38</u>	<u>\$409,307.15</u>

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Board of Health	4,176.50	
Health District Administration	1,600.00	
Site & Base Unit Preparation — Compactor Station	9,063.83	
Compactor — Installation, Operation & Maint.	8,279.06	\$ 23,119.39

**VETERANS' DEPARTMENT**

Veterans' Service Administration	854.80	\$ 854.80
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**PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY**

Fire Department — Operation & Maintenance	7,439.40	
Paid Fire Department (Officers)	1,050.00	
Forest Fires & Water Holes	1,164.62	
Civil Defense	37.05	
Police Department — Operation & Maintenance	1,720.58	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	325.00	
Three Tone Alert Receivers	499.55	\$ 12,236.20

**LIBRARY**

Library — Operation & Maintenance	9,558.34	
Library — Trust Funds	426.05	
Library — State Aid	1,009.60	
Repairs — Library Exit Door	112.96	\$ 11,106.95

**RECREATION**

Pelham Lake Park	8,786.61	
Browning Bench Tool Factory Community Center	463.67	
Old Home Day	2,000.00	
Motion Picture Series	1,134.00	
Pelham Lake Park — Special Recreation Projects	445.00	
Tennis Court Construction	32,805.58	
Sibley Cabin — Renovation	625.00	\$ 46,259.86

**CEMETERIES**

Cemeteries — Maintenance	1,674.00	\$ 1,674.00
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Interest on Loans	180.82	
Tax Anticipation Note	100,000.00	
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	
Watering Trough	375.57	
State Taxes	29,913.71	
County Taxes		
Supplemental Assessments ('77)	6,172.17	
F.Y. '78 County Tax	192,240.06	
Tax Refunds	242.20	
Employees Withholding Tax (Federal)	33,803.39	
Employees Withholding Tax (State)	11,293.55	
Employees Retirement System	6,943.94	
County of Franklin Retirement System		
(Assessment)	10,763.00	
Employees Group Insurance	16,311.36	
Dog Licenses (Receipts)	149.85	
Dog Officers' Expenses	22.00	
Building Inspector	1,241.62	
Wiring Inspector	250.00	
Land Purchase — Gingras Property	24,500.00	\$454,403.24
<b>TOTAL OF SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS</b>	<b>\$1,358,235.72</b>	<b>\$1,358,235.72</b>



Chas. Newell Store and The Old Blacksmith Shop taken after 1924. Burned in 1941

**TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES**  
**(From July 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978)**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$ 9,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,260.02
Balance		<u>3,739.98</u>
	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00

**BONDS & INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 213.00
Balance		<u>14,787.00</u>
	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 766.12
Balance		<u>1,233.88</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$ 13,290.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,387.31
Balance		<u>6,902.69</u>
	\$ 13,290.00	\$ 13,290.00

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 327.25
Balance		<u>1,172.75</u>
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

**MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 400.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 400.00</u>
	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00

**PLANNING BOARD – OPERATION**

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 85.50
Balance		<u>514.50</u>
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

**GAS ACCOUNT – TOWN VEHICLES**

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 938.90
Balance		<u>2,561.10</u>
	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00

**UP-DATE TAX MAPS**

Appropriation	\$ 300.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	300.00	
Expenditures		\$ 300.00
Balance		<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

**VILLAGE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 900.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 900.00</u>
	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00

**TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 1,803.41	
Expenditures		\$ 875.58
Balance		<u>927.83</u>
	\$ 1,803.41	\$ 1,803.41

**FURNISHING REMODELED TOWN HALL**

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 767.83	
Expenditures		\$ 526.41
Balance		<u>241.42</u>
	\$ 767.83	\$ 767.83

**FILM MOUNTING & REBINDING (Vital Statistics 1 & 2)**

Appropriation	\$ 550.00	
Expenditures		\$ 535.30
Balance		<u>14.70</u>
	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00

**PRINTING OF BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS**

Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00



## HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

### BRIDGE & GUARD RAIL

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,021.09
Balance		<u>1,978.91</u>
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

### BRIDGE REPAIR

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,855.23
Balance		<u>2,144.77</u>
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

### TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

### WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,711.75
Balance		<u>13,288.25</u>
	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT – 3/4 ton pickup with plow

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 5,990.00
Balance		<u>10.00</u>
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT – 1/2 ton pickup

Appropriation	\$ 4,400.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,400.00
	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT – “V” Plow

Appropriation	\$ 3,100.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,100.00
	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT – Plow for Truck No. 1

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,995.00
Balance		<u>5.00</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

## STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,317.44
Balance		<u>2,682.56</u>
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

## GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,828.88
Balance		<u>11,171.12</u>
	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

## “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1977)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 20,609.33	
Expenditures		\$ 20,609.33
	\$ 20,609.33	\$ 20,609.33

## “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1978)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 21,397.00	
Expenditures		\$ 8,134.63
Balance		<u>13,262.37</u>
	\$ 21,397.00	\$ 21,397.00

## “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1979)

Appropriation	\$ 21,397.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 21,397.00</u>
	\$ 21,397.00	\$ 21,397.00

## SPECIAL ROADS — POTTER ROAD

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 5,960.30	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 5,960.30</u>
	\$ 5,960.30	\$ 5,960.30

## ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 965.87
Balance		<u>2,034.13</u>
	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

## MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 16,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 7,356.31
Balance		<u>8,643.69</u>
	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00

## SPECIAL FUELS TAX

Appropriation	\$ 1,734.57	
Expenditures		\$ 1,734.57
	<u>\$ 1,734.57</u>	<u>\$ 1,734.57</u>

## ROAD OILING

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,358.39
Balance		<u>3,641.61</u>
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

## SICK LEAVE PAY

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	90.18	
Expenditures		\$ 1,410.90
Balance		<u>679.28</u>
	<u>\$ 2,090.18</u>	<u>\$ 2,090.18</u>

## DRAINAGE

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 2,231.03
Balance		<u>5,768.97</u>
	<u>\$ 8,000.000</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>

## WAGES &amp; SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 85,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 34,115.94
Balance		<u>50,884.06</u>
	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>

## PETRIE ROAD — Drainage &amp; Gravel

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 4,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

## TYPE "I" PAVEMENT

Appropriation	\$ 41,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 41,000.00
	<u>\$ 41,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,000.00</u>

## SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 1,795.07	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 1,795.07</u>
	<u>\$ 1,795.07</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.07</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Appropriation	\$255,473.00	
Expenditures		\$ 93,671.18
Balance		<u>161,801.82</u>
	\$255,473.00	\$255,473.00
SCHOOL CAFETERIA		
Cafeteria Warrants		\$ 4,082.60
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Operation	\$ 53,774.00	
Capital	14,736.00	
Expenditures		\$ 48,780.88
Balance		<u>19,729.12</u>
	\$ 68,510.00	\$ 68,510.00
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS		
Appropriation	\$ 26,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 25,937.50
Balance		<u>562.50</u>
	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Operation	\$ 23,472.00	
Capital	26,381.00	
Expenditures		\$ 26,417.72
Balance		<u>23,435.28</u>
	\$ 49,853.00	\$ 49,853.00
ROOF REPAIRS – Rowe Elementary School		
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 5,050.62	
No Expenditures		\$ 5,050.62
Balance		<u></u>
	\$ 5,050.62	\$ 5,050.62

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH		
Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6.00
Balance		<u>1,994.00</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

## HEALTH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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

## COMPACTOR TRANSFER STATION (Site &amp; Base Unit Preparation)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 536.17	
Expenditures		\$ 100.00
Balance		<u>436.17</u>
	<u>\$ 536.17</u>	<u>\$ 536.17</u>

## REFUSE GARDEN (Compactor, Operation &amp; Maintenance)

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,527.50
Balance		<u>5,472.50</u>
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 600.00</u>
	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

## VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

## VETERANS' SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Appriation	\$ 452.00	
Expenditures		\$ 14.00
Balance		<u>438.00</u>
	<u>\$ 452.00</u>	<u>\$ 452.00</u>

## VETERANS' BENEFITS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

PROTECTION

FIRE DEPARTMENT — Operation		
Appropriation	\$ 5,140.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,197.61
Balance		<u>1,942.39</u>
	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 5,140.00
PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)		
Appropriation	\$ 1,050.00	
Expenditures		\$ 525.00
Balance		<u>525.00</u>
	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
FOREST FIRES		
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$ 193.45
Balance		<u>2,306.55</u>
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation	\$ 3,350.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,327.85
Balance		<u>2,022.15</u>
	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL		
Appropriation	\$ 60.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL		
Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 600.00</u>
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

## LIBRARY

### LIBRARY — Operation

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 4,764.28
Balance		<u>5,235.72</u>
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

### LIBRARY — Trust Funds

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 223.95	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 223.95</u>
	\$ 223.95	\$ 223.95

### LIBRARY — State Aid

Transfer from State Aid Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	138.63	
Expenditures		\$ 824.59
Balance		<u>314.04</u>
	\$ 1,138.63	\$ 1,138.63

## RECREATION

### PELHAM LAKE PARK

Appropriation	\$ 9,725.00	
Expenditures		\$ 6,093.66
Balance		<u>3,631.34</u>
	\$ 9,725.00	\$ 9,725.00

### BROWNING BENCH TOOL FACTORY (Community Center)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 136.33	
Expenditures		\$ 121.47
Balance		<u>14.86</u>
	\$ 136.33	\$ 136.33

### OLD HOME DAY

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

### MOTION PICTURE SERIES

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Expenditures		\$ 532.00
Balance		<u>68.00</u>
	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

PELHAM LAKE PARK – Special Recreation Projects		
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 455.00	
Expenditures		\$ 110.00
Balance		<u>345.00</u>
	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00

TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION		
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 2,194.42	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 2,194.42</u>
	\$ 2,194.42	\$ 2,194.42

SIBLEY CABIN – Renovation		
Appropriation	\$ 1,875.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,875.00
	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00

TENNIS INSTRUCTION		
Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 983.50
Balance		<u>16.50</u>
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

REMOVAL OF GINGRAS CABIN & IMPROVEMENTS TO LOT & UTILITIES		
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

RECREATION PROGRAM FOR ROWE YOUNG PEOPLE		
Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES – Maintenance		
Appropriation	\$ 1,800.00	
Expenditures		\$ 643.50
Balance		<u>1,156.50</u>
	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00



## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

### MOVING & RESTORING TOOL FACTORY

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 249.72	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 249.72
	<u>\$ 249.72</u>	<u>\$ 249.72</u>

### WATERING TROUGH

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	\$ 124.43	
Reserve Fund	30.37	
Expenditures		\$ 154.80
	<u>\$ 154.80</u>	<u>\$ 154.80</u>

### STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 20,000.00
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

### INTEREST ON LOANS

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

### RESERVE FUND

Transfer from Overlay Surplus Fund	\$ 15,000.00	
Transfers to Accounts		\$ 30.37
Balance		14,969.63
	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

### STATE & COUNTY TAXES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		\$ 12,329.90
County of Franklin		68,502.03
		<u>\$ 80,831.93</u>

### COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Assessment		\$ 13,294.00
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### TAX REFUNDS

Motor Vehicle Refunds		61.05
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### EMPLOYEES' WITHHOLDING TAXES

Payroll Deductions	\$ 19,436.04	
Director of Internal Revenue		\$ 14,637.99
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		4,798.05
	<u>\$ 19,436.04</u>	<u>\$ 19,436.04</u>

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Employees' Contribution		\$ 3,362.35
GROUP INSURANCE		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		\$ 7,500.96
Life Insurance Premiums		206.04
Social Security Medical Insurance		49.20
		<u>\$ 7,756.20</u>
EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION		
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 2,500.00
	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
DEMAND FEES – Tax Collector		\$ 19.00
DOG OFFICERS' EXPENSES (Reimbursed by County of Franklin)		\$ 20.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 1,189.61
Balance		810.39
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
Expenditures		\$ 100.00
Balance		150.00
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
WIRING INSPECTOR		
Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 250.00
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
LINKS BUS ROUTE		
Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
LAND PURCHASE (Cersosimo Lumber Co., Inc.)		
Appropriation	\$ 65,000.00	
Expenditures		\$ 65,000.00
	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR – 1978

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doris M. Taylor, Auditor*

## REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Twelve permits to perform electrical work were issued for the year 1978.

The State of Massachusetts adopted the Massachusetts 1978 Electrical Code in August. There are many changes.

I again remind anybody doing electrical work to obtain a permit which is required by the State of Massachusetts.

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

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rowe Finance Committee met on the first Wednesday of each month and held special meetings for budget hearings. The Finance Committee examined warrants for the Town, Library and School, and granted requests from the Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Marjorie Morse was recently appointed to the Finance Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ed May.

The Rowe Finance Committee, in conjunction with nine member towns of the Mohawk Regional School District, met at the Buckland Town Office, to better understand develop policy, and offer input on their budget. Mrs. Dorothy Evans ably represented our Committee at these meetings.

We wish to thank all Town Departments for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Roger Brown, Chairman*  
*Terry Krumm, Vice-Chairman*  
*Dorothy Evans, Secretary*  
*Raymond Boutwell*  
*Marjorie Morse*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Fiscal Year 1978	Fiscal Year 1978	Fiscal Year 1979	Fiscal Year 1980
	Appropriated	Expended	Appropriated	Suggested
Administration	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,488.33	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Bonds & Insurance	15,000.00	17,524.50	15,000.00	21,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00	1,295.03	2,000.00	3,000.00
Officers' Salaries	13,290.00	13,243.85	13,290.00	16,000.00
Officers' Expenses	1,500.00	907.84	1,500.00	1,500.00
Planning Board	750.00	470.84	600.00	600.00
Town's Interest on Loans	1,000.00	180.82	1,000.00	1,000.00
Franklin County Group Insurance	14,000.00	12,233.52	14,000.00	14,000.00
Franklin County Retirement	10,763.00	10,763.00	13,294.00	14,000.00
Franklin County Tax		192,240.06	137,004.06	140,000.00
State Tax		29,913.71	24,659.81	25,000.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Gas Account - Town Vehicles	3,500.00	2,903.26	3,500.00	4,000.00
Building Inspector	2,600.00	1,241.62	2,000.00	2,500.00
Plumbing Inspector	250.00	-0 -	250.00	250.00
Wiring Inspector	250.00	250.00	250.00	350.00
Unemployment Compensation			2,500.00	2,500.00
Printing-Town By-laws and Regulations			1,600.00	
TOTAL	\$ 93,903.00	\$ 313,656.38	\$ 261,447.87	\$ 277,700.00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Employees' Salaries	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 90,496.46	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Employees' Sick Leave	1,800.00	2,622.40	2,000.00	3,000.00
Bridge & Guard Rail	5,000.00	4,987.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Account	2,000.00	-0 -	2,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Roads	20,000.00	15,542.05	20,000.00	20,000.00

Street Lights	4,000.00	3,026.02	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Highway Maintenance	20,000.00	17,455.74	15,000.00	15,000.00
Roadside Maintenance	5,000.00	3,123.32	3,000.00	3,000.00
Machinery Maintenance	21,000.00	18,079.76	16,000.00	18,000.00
Road Oiling	10,000.00	8,782.03	10,000.00	10,000.00
General Drainage	8,000.00	5,492.33	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,800.00</b>	<b>\$169,607.96</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$188,000.00</b>

#### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Operation	\$255,467.00	\$253,712.28	\$255,473.00	\$261,819.00*
Construction Bond	27,344.00	27,343.75	26,500.00	25,468.75
Regional Operation	49,786.00	62,161.31	53,774.00	40,367.94
Regional Bond	15,709.00		14,736.00	14,091.41
Regional Vocational - Operation	24,593.11	41,868.38	23,472.00	29,806.07
Regional Vocational - Bond	17,309.89		26,381.00	24,650.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$390,209.00</b>	<b>\$385,085.72</b>	<b>\$400,336.00</b>	<b>\$396,203.46</b>

#### PROTECTION

Fire Department Operation	\$ 5,640.00	\$ 7,439.40	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 5,595.00
Forest Fires	2,500.00	1,164.62	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Department Salaries	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,300.00
Police Department	2,800.00	1,720.58	3,350.00	3,400.00
Civil Defense	500.00	37.05	500.00	500.00
Insect & Pest Control	60.00	- 0 -	60.00	60.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00	325.00	600.00	500.00
Medical Emergency				600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,736.65</b>	<b>\$ 13,190.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,455.00</b>

#### CEMETARY CARE

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,674.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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RECREATION

Pelham Lake Park	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 8,786.61	\$ 9,725.00	\$ 11,200.00
Old Home Day	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Movies	600.00	1,134.00	600.00	800.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 11,920.61	\$ 13,325.00	\$ 15,000.00

LIBRARY

Operation	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 9,558.34	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,400.00
State Aid		1,009.60		
TOTAL	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 10,567.94	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,400.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Health District	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,176.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Refuse Garden - Operation	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,776.50	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 15,600.00

VETERANS' SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL	\$ 854.80	\$ 854.80	\$ 452.00	\$ 500.00
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SPECIAL ARTICLES

Microfilming Town Records	\$ 200.00			
Up-date Tax Map	300.00			
Special Fuels Tax			\$ 1,734.57	
Type I Pavement			18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Youth Director (Recreation)	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	2,000.00	
Painting Library			1,000.00	
1 Mobile Portable Radio			1,500.00	
1,000 Feet 2½" Hose			2,800.00	
Bridge Repair			8,000.00	
Pick-up Truck 4/wheel drive			6,000.00	
Pick-up Truck			4,400.00	

Plow - Truck No. 1				
V-Plow	2,000.00			
Mental Health	3,100.00			
Removal of Gingras Cabin	500.00			500.00
Links Bus Route	2,500.00			
Ambulance Service	500.00			
Cersosimo Land Purchase	2,000.00			2,000.00
Tractor/bucket	65,000.00			
Fire Dept. Turnout Gear				16,000.00
Turbojet Nozzles				1,200.00
Base Station Radio				650.00
Convert School Lighting				2,000.00
Convert School Boiler				3,000.00
Drainage-Middletown Hill Road				3,000.00
Septic System-Town Garage				2,000.00
Easement on Gracey Property				3,000.00
Special Articles - 1978 (F.Y.)				1,800.00
	165,440.00	151,668.57		
TOTAL	\$190,940.00	\$176,668.57	\$121,034.57	\$ 53,150.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$899,566.80	\$1,087,549.13**	\$1,005,185.44	\$973,508.46

\*Not recommended

\*\* 1978 spent Grand Total includes State and County Taxes in amount of \$222,153.77

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Public Land Remittance	\$ 3,243.24
Local Aid — Lottery	46.90
General Fund (CSIA 18)	18.74
Chapter 58	30.04

### COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

Dog Refund	149.62
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### TOWN LIBRARY:

State Grant	1,000.00
Fines	13.25
Sales — Historical Books	15.00
Discarded Books	2.25
Interest — Trust Funds	650.00

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Licenses, Installers Permits (Board of Health)	34.50
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### TOWN CLERK:

Dog Licenses	198.85
Raffle Permits	10.00
Birth Certificates	14.00
Marriage Certificates	22.00
Registration Fees	7.00
Death Certificates	70.00

### PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Federal Withholding	31,361.32
Massachusetts Withholding	9,320.93
Retirement Withholding	6,824.45
Group Insurance	3,755.62

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Pistol Permits & ID Cards	47.20
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### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	18,159.51
Highway Fund	3,763.34
MV Insurance Rebate	174.00



## SCHOOLS:

Chapter 70	4,171.19
Transportation	7,744.00
Reimbursement — Harmony School	1,386.66
Special Needs	31.00
Town of Heath — Tuition	30,000.00
School Building Assistance	8,386.36
Cafeteria — Comm. of Mass	6,446.63
Town of Rowe Elementary School	543.61
Band Account	120.00
Franklin County Technical School	34.02
Retainer Reimbursement	57.88

## TAX COLLECTOR RECEIPTS:

Motor Vehicle	1976	807.41
	1977	5,172.59
	1978	6,877.90
	Interest	31.03
Real Estate	1977	1,467.55
	Interest	72.62
	1978	506,281.57
Personal Property	1977	.33
	1978	391,479.56

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Interest: Mass. Municipal Depository Trust (general funds)	7,989.35
Hibbard Trust	4.01
Use of Copier:	6.25
Gas Refund — Town Hall	27.44
Cemetery Lot	25.00
Fire Equipment — Reimbursement	36.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,058,131.72
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Cash Balance 7/1/77	\$ 482,408.77	
Receipts Fiscal Year 1978	1,058,131.72	
		1,540,540.49
Payments — FY 1978	\$1,358,235.72	
Cash Balance, 6/30/78		\$ 182,304.77

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
 Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TREASURER’S RECEIPTS  
July 1, 1978 to January 1, 1979  
Fiscal Year 1979

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	\$	4,264.18
Rowe Town Library:		94.25
Board of Selectmen (Board of Health)		22.50
Town Clerk:		186.70
Payroll Deductions:		24,466.55
Police Department:		
Highway Department:		
School:		18,053.42
Town of Heath — Tuition Balance for FY 1978		15,235.59
Tax Collector’s Receipts		462,557.59
Miscellaneous other receipts:		7,954.28
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Total amount received 7/1/78 — 1/1/79	\$	514,962.17

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

BALANCE OF FUNDS, JANUARY 1, 1978	\$	10,033.06
 TOTAL OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN 1978	\$	11,556.00
INTEREST EARNED		1,065.35
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	\$	22,654.41
 SELECTMEN’S WARRANTS		3,868.60
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		3,868.60
 BALANCE OF FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1978	\$	18,785.81

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
Treasurer

# TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS 1978

Name of Fund	Balance 1/1/78	Deposits	With- drawals	Interest	Balance 12/31/78
Stabilization Fund	\$208,455.75			\$ 12,513.44	\$220,969.19
Post War Rehabilitation	34,625.40			2,078.54	36,703.94
Library Trusts:					
Demons & Gould	5,558.22			362.32	5,920.59
Charles Wells	804.15			40.01	844.16
Preserved Smith	405.24	\$ 60.00		22.47	487.71
Gift Fund	82.05	7.50		4.21	93.76
A.B. White	1,817.29		\$200.00	95.67	1,712.96
L.T. Jones	1,817.29		200.00	95.67	1,712.96
Martha Henry	3,638.74			218.40	3,857.14
Foster Donation (School)	729.93			43.78	773.71
Cemetery Trusts:					
Charles Wells	620.01			36.84	656.85
Abbott White	651.17			38.64	689.81
A. Volland	250.00			15.05	265.05
East Cemetery Association		6,872.72		109.54	6,982.26
		152.72		3.82	156.54

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - 1978

Year		Balance 12/31/77	Commitments 1978	Refunds 1978	Payments 1978	Abatements 1978	Balance 12/31/78
1974	Motor Vehicle	\$ 588.89	\$	\$	\$	\$ 561.39	\$ 27.50
1975	Motor Vehicle	574.08				491.30	82.78
FY 1976	Personal Property	.09			.09		-0 -
FY 1977	Real Property	210.57			135.05		75.52
FY 1977	Personal Property	3.50					3.50
1976	Motor Vehicle	60.32	65.08			63.70	61.70
FY 1978	Real Estate	279,456.73	59.04	45.36	276,828.98	1,985.48	948.85
FY 1978	Personal Property	117,135.92			117,132.32		3.60
1977	Motor Vehicle	1,457.48	1,159.87	83.87	2,182.10	54.72	296.66
FY 1979	Real Estate		525,976.86		265,408.81	681.25	259,886.80
FY 1979	Personal Property		391,626.83		195,814.50		195,812.33
1978	Motor Vehicle		14,307.17	17.32	9,730.49	595.00	3,916.36
	TOTALS	\$399,487.58	\$933,196.65	\$ 146.55	\$867,232.34	\$ 4,432.84	\$461,165.60

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
Tax Collector

## VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN ROWE IN 1978

### BIRTHS

KATRINA AINE STAUB, daughter of James Lee Staub and Carol Augustine.  
Born in Greenfield, Mass. on January 20, 1978

KAREN MARIE CURRIER, daughter of David Alden Currier and Joyce Ann Schaller.  
Born in Rowe on May 17, 1978.

CRYSTAL STAR HARDISON, daughter of Billy Lane Hardison and Iris Leonda Newberry. Born in Rowe on October 21, 1978

### MARRIAGES

IRA GARY GREENBLATT of Newton, Mass. and JENNIFER MARIE ISAKSEN of Newton, Mass. were married in Rowe on January 7, 1978.

RAYMOND MANSON SMART, JR. of Raymond, New Hampshire and CINDY JEAN BROWN of Rowe were married in Rowe on January 21, 1978.

BARRY CHARLES SMITH of Shelburne Falls, Mass. and GAIL FRANCEAS SMITH of Rowe were married in Shelburne Falls, Mass. on May 6, 1978.

NEIL HARRISON RAYMOND of Rowe and CYNTHIA SUE FIELDER of Buckland, Mass. were married in Buckland, Mass. on June 5, 1978.

ROBERT M. BAKER of Rowe and ANNELIES W. DE KATER of Rowe were married in Rowe on August 6, 1978.

RICHARD P. STICKNEY, JR. of Brattleboro, Vt. and ANDREA GRISHMAN of Brattleboro, Vt. were married in Northampton, Mass. on September 28, 1978.

MICHAEL H. SMEAD of Rowe and VERONICA A. LIVELY of Heath, Mass. were married in Shelburne, Falls, Mass. on October 21, 1978.

### DEATHS

RICHARD E. SHUMWAY of Rowe died in Rowe on April 28, 1978.  
Age 63 years, 3 months, 22 days.

VERNE A. HAGER of Rowe died in Greenfield, Mass. on December 21, 1978.  
Age 82 years, 9 months, 18 days.

### RECORDS & CERTIFICATES – 1978

5 Death Certifications @ \$2.00	\$	10.00	
11 Birth Certifications @ \$2.00		22.00	
1 Marriage Certification @ \$2.00		2.00	
6 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00		24.00	
2 Certificates of Registration (Explosives) @ \$2.00		4.00	
2 Raffle Permits @ \$10.00		20.00	
1 Filing Fee @ \$5.00		5.00	
Use of copier (185 copies made @ 5 cents per copy)		<u>9.25</u>	\$ 96.25
Remitted to Town Treasurer			\$ 96.25

### SPORTING LICENSES – 1978

32 Res. Cit. Sporting @ \$13.50	\$	432.00	
18 Res. Cit. Fishing @ \$8.25		148.50	
18 Res. Cit. Hunting @ \$8.25		148.40	
1 Duplicate Hunting @ \$1.00		1.00	
3 Non-Res. Fishing @ \$14.25		42.75	
1 Res. Cit. Minor @ \$6.25		6.25	
1 Non-Res. 7 day Fishing @ \$8.25		8.25	
4 Archery Stamps @ \$5.10		20.40	
3 Waterfowl Stamps @ \$1.25		3.75	
6 Resident Cit. Sporting Over 70 – Free			
1 Paraplegic Free		<u>          </u>	\$ 811.40
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$	792.00	
Clerk's Fees Retained		<u>19.40</u>	\$ 811.40

### DOG LICENSES – 1978

Males, 32 @ \$3.00	\$	96.00	
Females, 3 @ \$6.00		18.00	
Sprayed Females 46 @ \$3.00		138.00	
Kennel, 3 @ \$10.00		<u>30.00</u>	\$ 255.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$	225.60	
Clerk's Fees Retained		<u>29.40</u>	\$ 255.00

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

The voters of Rowe revised the town zoning by-laws in June of 1978 in order to clarify the types of "land uses" permitted and to establish simplified procedures for granting permits for "special uses". This revision also established an "Industrial Zone" in the northwest corner of town which had formerly been an unrestricted zone.

The Planning Board believes these changes were logical and reasonable and should benefit the town and its people in the future. In addition the Planning Board has adopted changes in the Subdivision Control Regulation to provide that a developer may not sell or convey any lots until road and other required improvements have been completed. This provision should protect the town and the public from a subdivision development which might fail and default.

A copy of the current By-Laws, Rule & Regulations governing the town will be made available to all citizens early in 1979.

The Planning Board commends the Selectmen, the Park Commissioners and the townspeople for taking the necessary action to secure, for park purposes, the former Davenport acreage on Davis Mine Road. Rowe has demonstrated once again it's willingness to take control of its future development.

The Board is pleased to report that the community newsletter, THE GOAL POST, is continuing to provide important, interesting information to Rowe citizens concerning their community. Our thanks to Editor Jane Lindabury for her efforts.

Rowe established its Planning Board at the annual town meeting of March 2, 1969. Our senior member, Walter C. Bates was elected to the first Board and has served continuously ever since, providing the Board and the Town with the benefit of his experience and wise counsel. At the age of 85 Walter Bates may well be the Senior Planning Board Member in the state. His fellow members extend thanks for his many contributions to this community and wish him many more years of such active dedicated service.

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

## AGENT – SANITARIAN BOARD OF HEALTH

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Rowe, Mass.

From: John A. Brickett, R.S., Agent – Sanitarian

During the year 1978, one store and the elementary school cafeteria were inspected in accordance with the Massachusetts Sanitary Code.

Water samples were taken at the Town Beach during the summer months. The quality of water was satisfactory for swimming purposes.

Eight percolation tests were taken for the installation of new or the repair to sub-surface sewage disposal systems. Permits were issued for each system. Seven final inspection certificates were issued for the installed systems.

At each percolation test there was a representative from the Board of Health.

Three disposal works installers permits and two sewage transport permits were issued.

One milk dealers, one milk license (store) and one oleomargarine license were issued in accordance with state law.

One recreational camp for children was inspected and licensed during the summer. Due to a change in the camp regulations some changes will have to be made at the camp.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health, as requested, during the year.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the people of Rowe for the fine cooperation extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John A. Brickett, R.S.*  
Agent - Sanitarian  
Board of Health  
Rowe, Mass.



Compactor in the Refuse Garden



## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NURSE

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

Physicals were done by Dr. Galbo at Rowe School, in October. Many youngsters have physicals routinely by their own physicians. Few health problems were determined and these were referred to their own physicians. Strict enforcement of the "Immunization Laws" has been carried out. Youngsters needing further immunizations attended clinics, were immunized at school or saw their own physicians for these procedures. No one was excluded from school.

Special times are set aside each month at the Senior Center and the Town Hall in Charlemont to read Blood Pressures. I would like to provide this service to your community, if there were enough interest and participation. A morning, once a month as well as a convenient location for a meeting place could be determined. If interested, call me at 339-4906, weekdays from noon to 1 P.M.

Just a reminder that nursing procedures are performed only by orders from your Doctor. The number of nursing visits has dropped for various reasons after having been very high for most of the past year.

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

## WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

### TREASURER'S REPORT January 1, 1978, to June 30, 1978

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1978		\$ 831.20
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Town of Charlemont	\$ 3,200.00	
Town of Hawley	1,600.00	
Town of Rowe	1,600.00	
<b>Withholdings:</b>		
Federal Tax	450.00	
Mass. Tax	158.55	
County Retirement	156.75	
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		\$ 7,165.30
Total		\$ 7,996.50

**Disbursements:**

Janet Bliss — Nurse	\$	3,060.00	
Transportation		306.15	
Beda A. Langevin — Treasurer		75.00	
New England Telephone		119.22	
Office rent		150.00	
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Insurance		61.00	
Franklin County Retirement System Assessment		335.00	
Supplies		39.64	
Repairs		3.00	
Withholdings:			
Federal Tax		450.00	
Mass. Tax		158.55	
County Retirement		156.75	
Total	\$		4,914.31

Balance carried forward to July 1, 1978

\$ 3,082.19

July 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

Balance carried forward to July 1, 1978

\$ 3,082.19

**Receipts:**

Town of Charlemont	\$	1,600.00	
Town of Hawley		1,600.00	
Withholdings:			
Federal Tax		495.00	
Mass. Tax		164.67	
County Retirement		164.55	
	\$		4,024.22
Total	\$		7,106.41

**Disbursements:**

Janet Bliss — Nurse	\$	3,214.92	
Lucia J. Finck — Nurse		60.00	
Transportation		317.55	
Beda A. Langevin — Treasurer		75.00	
New England Telephone		119.22	
Office rent		150.00	
Franklin County Retirement System Assessment		335.00	
Supplies		11.60	
Insurance		41.00	
Withholdings:			
Federal Tax		495.00	
Mass. Tax		164.67	
County Retirement		164.55	
Total	\$		5,148.51

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1979

\$ 1,957.90

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 1978.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beda A. Langevin*  
 Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To the Town of Rowe:

During the fiscal year 1977 – 1978, there were 23 building permits issued:

New homes	1
Other new buildings or additions	11
Remodeling	4
Public construction	3
Demolition	3

Also issued were 24 Certificates of Inspection, which represent the semi-annual inspection of public buildings as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Letters have been sent to owners regarding two unsafe buildings, requesting that they be made secure or removed. Both have complied.

Respectfully submitted,  
*William G. Foster,*  
 Building Commissioner

## DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

Number of stray dogs found in Rowe and returned to owners – 7

Received for care and custody of 2 dogs

10 days @ \$2.00 per day – \$40.00

Townpeople are reminded to purchase their 1979 dog license from the Town Clerk. 1978 dog licenses expire March 31, 1979. License fees are as follows:

Male	\$ 3.00
Females	6.00
Spayed Female	3.00
Kennel	10.00 Four dogs or less

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

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

## WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

To the Selectmen of Rowe:

I am pleased to submit my first report as Director of the Veterans Service Center. During the past year I have found that there are many veterans and their families from the various towns who need help and assistance in obtaining the benefits available to them.

Ever since there has been an America for which men fought and died there have been veterans benefits in one form or another. This office is primarily concerned with two established programs to help veterans and their dependents. One is commonly known as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Veterans Benefits program prescribed by Chapter 115 of the General Laws and the other is the Federal program under the Veterans Administration outlined by Title 38, United States Code.

Last year, in accordance with the State laws, this office was able to provide financial aid to seventy four needy veterans and their families. The money they received came from their town of residence which was reimbursed by the State at the rate of 50%. A total of \$24,391.00 was used to provide such necessities as food, clothing, and personal needs. Some families needed fuel and these costs amounted to \$2,902.00. Doctor, Dentist and Hospital bills were paid for them also which added up to \$14,459.00.

Under the Federal program we received over sixteen hundred requests for help. These consisted of inquiries about VA Housing Loans; VA Education Loans; VA Pensions; Claims for Indemnity Compensation and in helping veterans and their dependents to complete the appropriate forms.

We were also able to assist the widows of fourteen veterans who passed away last year. Many were only vaguely aware that the Federal Government provides free grave stones or markers, in addition to burial allowances and pensions to those with limited means.

Since I am a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Mass., I was privileged to be of help to those who needed papers notarized.

Over seventeen hundred American Flags were placed on Veterans Graves last year during Memorial Day. Not only the American Legion and the VFW performed this patriotic gesture but I found that each town has certain individuals who, year after year, have undertaken the responsibility to see that each veterans grave is appropriately decorated. To them we owe a sincere vote of thanks.

My goal for the future is to make this Center a one-stop convenient point for all those who meet the requirements for Veterans assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Edward P. Russell*  
Director

# WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal 1978

Balance July 1, 1977 \$ 3,611.24

**Receipts:**

Town of Ashfield	\$	1,709.60	
Town of Buckland		3,590.16	
Town of Charlemont		1,196.72	
Town of Colrain		2,051.52	
Town of Conway		1,196.72	
Town of Hawley		341.92	
Town of Heath		512.88	
Town of Monroe		1,196.72	
Town of Plainfield		341.92	
Town of Rowe		854.80	
Town of Shelburne		4,103.04	
Flags and Markers		1,053.40	
Photo Copies		1.35	
Federal Withholdings		1,163.00	
State Withholdings		489.50	
Retirement Withholdings		616.77	
			\$ 20,420.02
			\$ 24,031.26

**Payments:**

Salary – Director	\$	10,791.78	
Salary – Clerk		1,635.15	
Salary – Treasurer		150.00	
Rent		900.00	
Office Expense		1,341.30	
Agent's Expense		283.37	
Janitor		120.00	
Treas. Bond		40.00	
County Retirement Assesment		1,276.00	
Flags and Markers		876.75	
Treasurer Checks		10.22	
Misc.		39.99	
Internal Revenue FWT		1,163.00	
Comm. of Mass. SWT		489.50	
County of Franklin Ret.		616.77	
			\$ 19,733.83
Balance June 30, 1978			\$ 4,297.43

Respectfully submitted,  
*Olive E. Wood*  
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – 1978

Recapitulation:

Firearms Identification Cards	7
Pistol Permits	42
Assistance Calls	3
Summons Served	2
Proof of Inspection	2
Juror Investigations	3
Game Law Violations	3
Breaking and Entering	9
Larceny	6
Assault	1
Other Complaints	11
Complaints (unfounded)	7
Accidents	1 car 5
	2 car 4
	3 car 1

Police Officers in Rowe

Chief – Henry J. Dandeneau  
Special Police Officers:  
    John R. Riggan  
    Karl E. Jurentkuff Jr.

There was an encouraging decrease in the number of incidents that we had in Rowe this past year. Halloween was quite orderly, deer week was quiet and the number of break-ins was down significantly. We still had some problems, but with increased resident assistance things improved.

I would like to thank the State Police and Resource Officers for their assistance, our Special Police Officers for their fine work, and all the residents for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Henry J. Dandeneau*  
Chief of Police

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

During the past year, 5 firemen took an advance course in C.P.R. under the direction of Ed Miles.

Four water holes were cleaned out and made larger and many chimneys in town were cleaned.

The department responded to 22 calls this year. They were as follows:

- 1 Building Fire
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 4 Railroad Fires
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 1 Rescued Cat
- 7 Resuscitator Calls

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kenneth D. Soule*  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to make known to the townspeople the regulations they have established for the town cemeteries. The commissioners do not want to impose a long list of rules but they do feel that these few are needed.

They are as follows:

- All burials must be in concrete vault.
- No burials after the ground is frozen or covered with snow.
- No shrubbery or shade trees to be planted without permission of the commissioners.
- All monuments placed with the commissioners supervision.
- All graves shall be a minimum of five feet deep.

Respectfully submitted,  
*William Brown*  
*Henry Stanford*  
*James Williams*

## ROWE TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

Rowe Town Library is continuing its excellent service to Rowe Residents. Our shelves contain a constantly growing supply of reading materials which will serve our patrons, and through inter-library loan we can satisfy the requests not covered by our own library. Research and special reference requests from the general public and students' problems are taken care of willingly.

During the past year Rowe was host to librarians and trustees from the 9 towns in the region for a seminar and discussion of library problems and their solution in order to improve services.

The trustees have had the exterior of the library painted this year, railings installed on the inside stairways and the entrance steps repaired in the continuing upkeep and preservation of the library. To improve the lighting in the youth room, new reflector lights have been installed, and to make a visit to the library more enjoyable, a new stereo unit has been purchased using interest monies from some of the trust funds left to Rowe Town Library in memory of former friends of the library.

During the past year we have acquired 492 new books, and because of their growing popularity with all our members we have increased our purchase of paperback books. We still have a growing selection of records, both classical and modern, for borrowing and enjoyment. Circulation numbered 11,430 items of library material during this year.

The Library Trustees and Mrs. Stevens wish to thank all who have donated items to the library during the year and have shown interest in the library with personal services and cooperation. Remember we always have some books and paperbacks on sale for those who spend a short time with us and need something for rainy weather reading.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dorothy N. Stevens, Librarian*  
*Sally A. Alix, Chairman*  
*Jane Lindabury, Trustee*  
*Joyce A. Boutwell, Trustee*

Rowe Town Library hours remain the same during 1979. We are 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. Everyone is welcome.



## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

To the residents of Rowe:

The Pelham Lake Park Commission continued this past year with its existing programs of swimming and swimming lessons, Adirondack shelter and trail system, stocking of bass, brown trout and brook trout, summer movie series, and general outdoor recreation.

This past year a double tennis court was constructed in the beach area. We conducted a pilot program of tennis lessons for residents of all ages and abilities. This program was run during the month of July and was an overwhelming success. All participants seemed to enjoy the program and progressed in ability, and have expressed a desire for the program to continue this summer. Therefore, we plan to offer a similar program during this coming summer.

Last summer our park workers performed considerable repair work for us. They established both corduroys and puncheons on Pelham Beach Trail and Base Trail over the muddy areas.

A new bridge was established on the Base Trail, and the Pelham Beach Trail bridge was relocated to its original site.

A tent site was established on the east side of Adams Mountain to be used for overnight camping in conjunction with our shelter and Sibley Cabin. The Sibley Camp was cleaned up, after having been repaired, and is now ready for complete utilization.

Last year the town purchased 217.9 acres of land, off Davis Mine Road, formerly owned by the Cersasimo Lumber Company. This land is a welcome addition to our park and is open to all outdoor recreation. We hope to clearly define boundaries of this property for the better enjoyment of our residents.

By this time, the Gingras Cabin should be down and area landscaped, as directed by our townspeople.

We are looking forward to another season of increased use and enjoyment of park facilities by the Town of Rowe residents.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Henry J. Dandeneau, Chairman*  
*Jean D. Stanford, Secretary*  
*James Taylor, Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

Local assessments by your Board of Assessors and the State Tax Commission's determination of Rowe's Equalized Valuation for 1978 are in almost 100% agreement, \$125.2 million and 125.7 million, or 99.6%.

The tax rate for 1978 held at \$7.20. Each year your Board has to re-evaluate all property because of new construction, demolition and mostly inflation to maintain the 100% evaluation.

The tax picture for future years is difficult to predict, because of the changing laws made by the General Court. The people of the Commonwealth have given the Legislature approval, by referendum, to change the percentage of taxes (via changing the assessments) to be paid by property owners in categories of 1. residential property, 2. commercial property, 3. manufacturing property and 4. so-called open space property. You should notice the absence of public utility property which is not included in the above classifications. Public utility, real and personal property, will not be included in property tax evaluations, the public utilities will pay a local excise tax for the privilege of doing business in a town. The amount of this excise tax will be the yearly tax rate multiplied by the yearly assessed valuation as determined by the State Tax Commissioner. As you can see this has been removed from your local Board's control. We can only try to convince the people to give us equitable property percentages and utility valuations to maintain tax revenues at levels consistent with the past fifteen plus years.

We were pleased for Assessor Raymond Berry upon his promotion, unfortunately we were saddened by the loss of a family in our town, and the able services of Mr. Berry to the Town and to our Board of Assessors.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Henry G. Dandeneau, Chairman*  
*Frank W. Newton*  
Rowe Board of Assessors

# ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1978 Fiscal Year Ending June 30th 1979

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY & TAXES AS ASSESSED 1/1/78

### NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED:

Bills on Personal Property	63
Bills on Real Estate	297

### VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE:

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$ 54,413,515.00
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### VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE:

Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$ 4,749,987.00
Buildings Exclusive of Land	68,201,201.00
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	72,951,188.00

### TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

\$127,364,703.00

TAX RATE PER \$1,000.00 — \$7.20

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

On Personal Estate	391,626.83
On Real Estate	525,976.86
Total Taxes Assessed	\$ 917,603.69

NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED: 14,039.72

NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED: 188

### FIGURES USED IN ARRIVING AT THE 1979 TAX RATE:

Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation

Total Appropriations to be raised from Available Funds

905,368.57

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School Lunch Program	1,044.00
Free Public Libraries	1,000.00
County Tax	127,375.31

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

State Recreation Areas	24,756.06
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	66.00
Air Pollution Control	833.34
Special Education	3,165.00
OVERLAY OF CURRENT YEAR	16,437.66
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$ 1,080,045.94

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts from State	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	8,096.91
Licenses	450.00
Local Receipts of School	62,403.09
Library Receipts	50.00
Interest on Deposits	13,000.00
Protection, Persons & Property	250.00
ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS	84,250.00
Prior Year's Overestimates – State & County	18,404.34
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	157,220.07

AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Revenue Sharing	5,800.00
Annual Town Meeting 5/8/78	

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS ( \$5800 + 157,220.07)  
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY

\$	163,020.07
	917,025.87

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY:

Personal Property Valuation	\$ 54,413,515.00	
Personal Property Tax		391,777.31
Real Estate Valuation	72,951,188.00	
Real Estate Tax		525,248.56
		\$ 917,025.87

SCHOOL TAX RATE  
GENERAL TAX RATE:  
TAX RATE FISCAL 1979

\$2.40
4.80
\$7.20

**OFFICIAL RESULTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 8, 1978**

Annual Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School on May 8, 1978. Meeting called to order by moderator John Williams at 6:00 P.M. Constable Blanche Veber served Town Meeting Warrant. Call of Meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Sally Alix, Margalee Riggan, Jean Stanford and Edgerton Miles appointed and sworn by Moderator. Quorum present at 6:00 P.M. Annual Town Meeting Warrant posted May 1, 1978. 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, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any 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 for such purposes:

\$ 1,600.00	—	Health District
452.00	—	Veterans' Service Administration
13,294.00	—	Franklin County Retirement Assessment
14,000.00	—	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 from Overlay Surplus to the 1979 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 the 1979 fiscal period, as approved by the Finance Committee:

\$ 9,000	—	Administration
15,000	—	Bonds & Insurance
2,000	—	Town Hall

1,500	—	Town Officers' Expenses
13,290	—	Town Officers' Salaries
	\$1,950	— Selectmen
	700	— School Committee
	1,050	— Assessors
	2,000	— Treasurer
	1,150	— Tax Collector
	1,450	— Town Clerk
	2,750	— Selectmens' Clerk
	500	— Assessors' Clerk
	600	— Fire Chief
	600	— Police Chief
	50	— Moderator
	190	— Registrars
	50	— Dog Officer
	100	— Auditor
	50	— Constable
	50	— Animal Inspector
	50	— Fire Warden
55,473	—	School (Operation & Maintenance)
26,500	—	School Construction Bonds (Principal & Interest)
14,736	—	Capital, Regional School District
53,774	—	Operation Regional School District
26,381	—	Capital, Franklin County Technical School District
23,472	—	Operation, Franklin County Technical School District
2,000	—	Bord of Health
10,000	—	Refuse Garden, Operation
3,350	—	Police Department, Operation
5,140	—	Fire Department, Operation
1,050	—	Paid Fire Department, (Officers)
2,500	—	Forest Fires
	500	— Civil Defense
	60	— Insect Pest Control
	600	— Dutch Elm Disease Control
10,000	—	Library, Operation
9,725	—	Pelham Lake Park
3,500	—	Gas Account, Town Vehicles
1,800	—	Cemeteries, Maintenance
	600	— Planning Board, Operation
2,000	—	Building Inspector
	250	— Plumbing Inspector, Fees
	350	— Wiring Inspector, Fees
	300	— Update Tax Maps
	600	— Motion Picture Series
3,000	—	Old Home Day

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for unemployment compensation for municipal employees for fiscal year 1979.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the General Highway Fund for the 1979 fiscal year:

\$85,000 —	Wages & Salaries
2,000 —	Sick Leave Pay
5,000 —	Bridge & Guard Rail
4,000 —	Street Lighting
3,000 —	Roadside Maintenance
2,000 —	Town Account
10,000 —	Road Oiling
20,000 —	Winter Roads
8,000 —	Drainage
15,000 —	General Highway Maintenance
16,000 —	Machinery Maintenance

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for Type "I" Pavement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions as specified on the cherry street titled "Highway and Transit Development" for Type "I" Pavement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions as specified on the Cherry Sheet titled "Highway Fund Distribution" for Type "I" Pavement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Voted to accept the sum of \$21,397 available under the provisions of Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, for fiscal year 1979, "Chapter 90" construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,397 to be restored to the treasury upon receipt of reimbursement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Voted to transfer from a State Aid Library Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,000 for Library operation.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$1,000 for painting of the exterior of the library.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$500 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$500 be transferred to the Franklin/Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with the approval and under the direction of the Board of Health.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE



ARTICLE 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purchase of 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive pickup truck with plow for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to trade our present 1973 4 wheel drive.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400 for the purchase of a 1/2 ton, 2 wheel drive pickup truck for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to trade our present 1973 2 wheel drive pickup truck.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to purchase a plow for truck No. 1 for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the used plow.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100 to purchase a V-Plow for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in used plow.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$2,800 for the purchase of approximately 1,000' of 2½" hose for the Fire Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$1,500 for the purchase of one mobile portable radio to operate on the Deerfield valley Mutual Aid Frequency (154.010 MHz) for the Fire Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for repair of the line bridge (Charlemont-Rowe).

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for tennis instructions for Town residents.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

35 Yes      11 No

ARTICLE 24. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800 for the renovation of the Gingras cabin.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

21 Yes      28 No

ARTICLE 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for a recreation program for Rowe young people of junior high school age and above, said program to be sponsored by a three member committee comprised of one member each from the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Park Commission.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Voted to take over the East Cemetery and that an "East Burial Ground Trust Fund" be established with the funds now in the "East Burial Association Account", the interest to be used toward the upkeep of said Cemetery.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550 for film mounting and new bindings for vital statistics book 1 & 2.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to pay the Town's share of operating costs of the Town of Charlemont's ambulance service.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 30. Voted not to establish an Energy Conservation Committee for the purpose of studying and recommending energy conservation policies to the Town and its Citizens.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

16 Yes                      32 No

ARTICLE 31. Motion was made that the Moderator appoint a committee to work with the Selectmen to study the possibility of establishing an administrative assistant to the Selectmen in cooperation with other towns in the area.

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion was made to tear down the "Gingras Cabin". (Motion was withdrawn)

A non-binding vote was taken as to whether the "Gingras Cabin" located at Pelham Lake Park, should or should not be torn down. The Moderator declared the majority voted in favor of demolition of the building. Motion was made that The Park Commissioners will submit a report at the next special town meeting in regard to the tentative demolition of the "Gingras Cabin".

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Articles 1, 2, 3, 26, 31 No Monies

Articles 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Raise and appropriate

Articles 14, 15, 20, 21 Revenue Sharing

Article 5 Transfer from overlay surplus - Reserve Fund

Article 13 Transfer from state aid - Library Reserve Fund

GRAND TOTAL \$835,644.00



Talc Mill, Village School and Community Church in late 1920's

### OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 1978

Special Town Meeting held at Rowe School on June 13, 1978. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 7:30 P.M. Quorum present. Constable Blanche Veber served Warrant. Call of Meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Elsie Autio, Bernice Foster, Sally Alix and Thomas Danek appointed and sworn by Moderator. Town Meeting Warrant posted May 26, 1978.

ARTICLE 1. The Town voted to amend its By-Laws and Zoning By-Laws as follows:

#### Article 1. General Provisions

Section 3. The penalty of breach of any of the herein By Laws shall be fifty dollars (50) for each offense, with the understanding that each day the violation continues after written notification by the Board of Selectmen may be counted as a separate offense.

## Article 2. Town Meetings and Elections

Section 4. The Selectmen shall notify all town voters of all special town meetings called by sending them at least one week in advance of said date written notice giving the date, time and place of said meetings, notice to include a summary of all articles to be voted on at said meeting.

Section 5. The annual report shall be delivered to the voters not less than seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting.

Section 13. All votes, unless otherwise provided by law or by decision of the Town Moderator, shall be taken in the first instance by "Yes or No" voice votes. A secret ballot will be taken on any question before a Town Meeting if requested by any voter and approved by a vote of ten per cent (10) of voters present at the meeting.

Section 14. Any person, providing he voted in the majority or not at all, may move for the reconsideration of a vote after giving notice of his intentions in open meeting within one half (1/2) hour of the original vote and at least one half (1/2) hour before making such a motion.

## Article 3. General Government

Section 6. The following officers for the Town shall be appointed by the Selectmen: Highway Superintendent, Assistant Highway Superintendent, Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden, Chief of Police, Special Police Officers, Zoning Board of Appeals (5) Building Inspector and Alternate, Building Code Board of Appeals (five members: one architect, one engineer, three contractors), Wiring Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Register of Voters (4), Conservation Commission (5), Health Agent and Sanitarian, Civil Defense Director, Public Health Nurse, Nursing Committee, Dog Officer, Pound Keeper, Animal Inspector, Tree Warden, Superintendent of Insect Pest Control Elm Disease Control, Selectmen's Administrative Clerk, Franklin County Home Care Corporation Representatives (2), Franklin County Community Action Representative, Measurers of Wood Bark and Lumber (3), and Fence Viewers (2).

Section 8. Any official or board of the Town may, with the approval of the Selectmen, if said official or board deems it to be in the best interest of the Town sell to the highest bidder after seven days notice by public posting of intention to sell, any article of personal property of which such official or board has custody and control, providing the fair market value of said article does not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Section 11. In accordance with Section 16 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws there shall be a Finance Committee consisting of five members which shall consider all municipal questions relating to appropriations and may consider any municipal question for the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Town. This committee shall submit its recommendations and report to each town meeting, annual or special. Two members of said committee shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. No person holding any other town office and no employee of the Town shall be eligible to serve

on said committee. The Finance Committee shall have all the powers and duties delegated to it by said Section 16 and other applicable laws including the duty of submitting a budget for the Omnibus article at the annual Town Meeting and such recommendations shall be printed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

**Section 13.** The Board of Park Commissioners shall have three members, who shall serve three terms, one being elected on each of three consecutive annual elections. The Park Commissioners shall have all the powers and duties set forth in Chapter 45 of the General Laws and other applicable laws, including the authority to make rules and regulations governing the use of the parks of the Town. They will maintain the land received by the Town of Rowe as a gift from Percy Brown under the terms of said gift for the benefit of the people of Rowe.

**Section 14.** The Conservation Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen and it shall have the powers and duties set forth in Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and other applicable laws.

**Section 16.** The Board of Library Trustees shall have the powers and duties set forth in Chapter 78 of the General Laws and other applicable laws regarding the care, superintendence and management of the Rowe Town Library. They shall have the power to appoint the Town Librarian.

**Section 17.** The Board of Assessors shall have the power and duties as set forth in Chapters 40, 41, 58 and 59 of the General Laws and other applicable laws regarding the assessing of all properties in the Town. They shall have the power to appoint the Assessor's Administrative Clerk.

**Section 18.** The Planning Board shall have the powers and duties set forth in Chapters 40A, 41, Sections 81A to 81GG and all other applicable laws. They shall a) make a annual report, b) approve or disapprove Subdivision proposals, c) approve or disapprove applications for special permits, and they may make studies, plans including a master plan, and submit them to the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Meeting.

#### **Article 4. Licenses and Permits**

**Section 4.** No person shall without a written permit from the Town Forest Fire Warden dated for that day, burn brush and such burning shall be permitted only during the dates designated by the State for such Open Burning.

#### **Article 5. Protective Regulations**

**Section 1.** The purpose and intent of these regulations shall be to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, and to conserve the value of land and buildings, including the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of blight and pollution of the environment.

Section 2. Use Regulations

- A. District Uses
- (1) The Town of Rowe is hereby divided into the following types of districts:  
Residential - Agricultural R-A  
Industrial I
  - (3) In each district the use of land, buildings, and structures shall be regulated as set forth in Section 2 B of this Article Table of Use Regulations, and as provided elsewhere in this by-law.
  - (4) A use listed in Section 2B is permitted as a right in any district under which it is denoted by the word "Yes". If designated in the Table by the letters "SP," the use may be permitted as a special exception only if the Planning Board so determines and grants a special permit therefor as provided in Section 2C, subject to such restrictions as said Board may establish.
  - (5) No building, structure or land in any district may be used, erected or designed to be used, in whole or in part, for any use not denoted in Section 2B by the word "Yes," or by the letters "SP" if the Planning Board so determines and grants a special permit therefor, except non-conforming uses which may be continued under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.
  - (6) Where an activity might be classified under more than one of the following uses, the more restrictive classification shall determine permissibility.

B. Table of Use Regulations	R-1	I
1. Residential Uses		
a. Detached, Single Family Dwelling	YES	YES
b. Two-Family or Semi-Detached Dwelling	SP	SP
c. Multi-Family	NO	NO
d. Trailer Park or Mobile Home Park	NO	NO
II. Municipal Uses	YES	YES
III. Religious Uses	YES	YES
IV. Educational Uses	YES	YES
V. Recreational Uses		
a. Non-Profit	YES	YES
b. Profit	SP	SP
VI. Agricultural Uses		
a. Farm Uses	YES	YES
b. Display & Sale at Roadside Stand of Natural Products, the Major Portion of which are raised on Farms of the Town.	YES	YES
c. Greenhouses and Nurseries	SP	SP
VII. Commercial Uses		
a. Professional Office conducted by Resident of Premises in Rooms or Rooms of Dwelling or Accessory Building with no more than (2) employees	YES	YES

b.	A Customary "Home Occupation" conducted by a Resident of Premises in Room or Rooms of Dwelling or Accessory Building with no more than two (2) employees	YES	YES
c.	Scientific Research or Development as described in Chapter 40A, Section 9	SP	SP
d.	Restaurants, Inns, Hotels, Motels or Tourist Home	SP	SP
e.	Print Shops	SP	SP
f.	Retail Stores	SP	SP
g.	General Contractors	SP	SP
VIII. Industrial Uses			
a.	Sawmills	SP	SP
b.	Public Utilities		
i)	Generating Plants	NO	SP
ii)	Assessory Buildings, Structures & Uses	SP	YES
iii)	Transmission Lines, Substations & Switchyard	SP	YES

#### C. Special Permit Guidelines

Special Permits shall be granted only for proposals in compliance with the provisions of this by-law, and of Chapter 40A, General Laws, and upon written determination by the Special Permit Granting Authority that the proposal will not have adverse effects which overbalance its beneficial effects on the town, as measured by the purposes of this by-law. The determination shall indicate consideration of each of the following: (a) community and regional needs which are served by the proposal; (b) traffic flow and safety; (c) adequacy of town services; (d) effects on neighborhood character; (e) protection of the natural environment; (f) potential impact on employment and incomes; (g) potential impact on town finances.

#### D. Variances

Under the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 40A, General Laws, use variances may be granted by the Board of Appeals.

#### E. Signs

In the Residential-Agriculture District, signs shall be limited to two (2) in number with an aggregate area of not more than twelve (12) square feet. No signs shall flash or display movement or utilize neon or colored lighting.

Section 7. Any lot with a dwelling thereon shall have a minimum frontage on a public road of two hundred and fifty (250) feet and no lot shall be so divided as to leave an existing dwelling on a lot of less than two hundred and fifty (250) feet frontage on a public road. In the case of a lot at the junction of two roads, with a dwelling thereon, the minimum frontage on each of the roads shall be two hundred and fifty (250) feet.

Section 9. In the Residential-Agriculture District, no area shall be occupied by a camping trailer or mobile home for a total time in excess of thirty (30) days during one calendar year except that camping trailers owned by the occupants of the premises may be stored in the rear or side of the yard when not in use. For the purpose of these by-laws, a mobile home shall mean a dwelling unit on a chassis, whether on wheels or on a temporary or permanent foundation.

Section 11. Logging Operations: All slash from operations must be cleared from within fifty (50) feet of any highway.

Section 14. All sewage and disposal systems shall be installed under the rules and regulations of the Board of Health of the Town of Rowe and in accordance with the State Sanitary Code.

Section 15. There shall be a Board of Appeals consisting of five members appointed by the Selectmen. Each member shall serve a three year term and the date of expiration of each term shall be staggered so that the term of two members expires the first year, the term of two members expires the succeeding year and the term of the remaining member on the third year and so on. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall elect a chairman from within its own membership and a clerk each year. A member of the Board can only be removed for cause by the appointing authority and only after written charges have been made and a public hearing has been held. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled in the same manner as appointments. This Board of Appeals shall act in all matters authorized by this By-Law and Chapter 40A of the General Laws including the allowance of zoning variances and exceptions, use variances, and hearing of denials of special permits and licenses, but excluding the granting of special permits which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board.

Section 16. After the issuance of a building permit or a special permit, construction or operations must begin within six (6) months of the date of such permit being granted. If construction or operations have not begun within the time period required, or if construction is not continuing towards completion in as continuous and expeditious manner as reasonable, after the required time period, the construction or operations must conform to any amendment of the By-Law in effect at such time.

Section 17. Pre-existing non-conforming structures or uses may be extended or altered when the permit granting authority or special permit granting authority makes a finding as designated by the By-Law that such change, extension or alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use is to the neighborhood.

Section 18. Special permits shall only be issued after a public hearing which must be held within sixty-five (65) days after the effective date of filing of a special permit application. A special permit application shall be filed with the Planning Board at one of its regular meetings and the applicant is also responsible for transmitting a copy of the application to the Town Clerk forthwith. The effective date of filing is the date the application is filed with the Planning Board. If substantial use or construction has not commenced without good cause within a period of one (1) year from the date of the granting of a special permit, the special permit shall lapse. This time limit includes time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal.



Section 19. The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to any legally existing buildings or structures, nor to any legally existing use of any building or structure or land at the time of passage of these By-Laws. Should any non-conforming uses and/or structures be abandoned or not used for a period of two (2) years or more, such uses and/or structures shall not be revived without special permit.

Section 20. The Planning Board and the Board of Appeals shall mail notice of their public hearings to all property owners in the Town.

Section 21. No change or amendment of this By-Law shall be adopted except after a public hearing by the Planning Board and then if it is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a town meeting, subject to the regulations set down in Section 5, Chapter 40A of the General Laws. If such change or amendment is defeated, it may not be reconsidered for two (2) years after such defeat except as otherwise provided by the above law. Amendments or changes of this By-Law may be initiated by the Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, petition of ten (10) registered voters or a land-owner whose land would be affected by such an amendment, and shall be made in the manner set out by the law cited above.

#### **Article 6. Inspection of Buildings**

Section 3. The Town Building Inspector shall be appointed yearly by the Board of Selectmen. He shall also serve as the Zoning enforcement Officer. He shall enforce all laws and regulations relating to compliance with zoning ordinances, to the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, except as may be otherwise provided. He shall inspect all building operations within the Town, and shall have the right of entry at reasonable hours. He shall require that types and methods of constructions shall be in accordance with the State Building Code. The Town Building Inspector shall also be responsible for the bi-annual inspection of all public buildings and on completion of such inspection shall issue certificates of inspection which shall be posted in such public buildings.

#### **Article 7. Miscellaneous**

Section 10. By vote of the Town Meeting all Town roads have been declared Scenic Roads under Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws. Therefor, any repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work done with respect thereto shall not involve or include the cutting or removal of trees or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls or portions thereof, except with the prior written consent of the Planning Board, after a public hearing duly advertised twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area as to time, date, place and purpose of the said hearing, the last publication to occur at least seven days prior to such hearing.

#### **SHOW OF HANDS VOTE**

73 Yes                      4 No

Article 2. Town voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and committees.  
**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Article 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to remove the Gingras Cabin and improve the lot and develop utilities.

BALLOT VOTE

80 Yes 24 No

Article 4. Town voted to purchase for Park and Recreational purposes, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the parcel of land situated on Davis Mine Road in Rowe, Massachusetts formerly owned by C.P. Davenport, Inc. consisting of 217 acres, more or less, presently owned by Cersosimo Lumber Co., Inc., R.D. No. 3, Brattleboro, Vermont.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

62 Yes 24 No

Motion was made that the Town purchase the above land by eminent domain procedures.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 5. The Town voted to establish the office of "Medical Emergency Coordinator," to be appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 as salary for that office.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the printing of a book to include Town By-Laws, Zoning By-Laws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Park Rules and Regulations and any other Town rules and regulations, copies of said book to be distributed to all Rowe voters and property owners.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 7. The Town voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of initiating a trial Pre-school program for the school year '78 - '79.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

33 Yes 50 No

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for a Links Bus route to Rowe for the Period September 9, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,734.57 to pay a Special Fuels Tax for the period May of 1975 through June of 1977.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 10. No business transacted under this article.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

The 1978 - 1979 school year has been eventful. Karl Jurentkuff finished his service as chairman of the school committee after ten years. It is a credit to Rowe that people of Mr. Jurentkuff's caliber are willing to serve faithfully, gathering experience and expertise as the years pass. Gail Newsome, who was elected to the school committee in 1977, resigned in October 1978 to take employment at a neighboring school. Mrs. Newsome had served 16 months.

The new members of the committee replacing Mr. Jurentkuff and Mrs. Newsome are Raymond Jodoin of Stone Hill Road and Carol Staub of Newell Cross Road.

In May of 1978 the committee granted an unpaid leave of absence to Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly, principal of Rowe School, to attend the Harvard University program in school administration seeking a Ph.D. In March of 1979, Mrs. Connelly asked for and was granted an extension of her unpaid leave of absence for another year to continue in the Harvard program. Mr. Fred Homer, the fifth and sixth grade classroom teacher, was appointed to serve as acting principal until June of 1979. Following Mrs. Connelly's request for an extension of her leave, Mr. Homer was appointed principal of the school, to serve until June of 1980. Mr. Robert Gruen, a tutor, was appointed to replace Mr. Homer as a teacher in the 5-6 classroom. Mrs. Patricia Poisson, a CETA tutor and volunteer, was appointed to serve as tutor in Mr. Gruen's place.

Continuity of the staff is important to the quality of the school. It is a pleasure to report that no teachers left the school at the end of the 1978 school year. Mrs. Connelly's departure for advanced study was the only change in the school staff. It is to be hoped that in the future the staff will continue to be as stable.

The leaking skylights, mentioned in last year's school committee report, were replaced and made watertight. The broken outside classroom doors were also replaced with metal doors. Since some corrosion had begun to develop in the boiler system, the treatment of boiler water was begun to neutralize the corrosion.

Bus contracts for the next three years were awarded in May 1978. Two smaller routes were combined and awarded to B & F Transportation of Charlemont. Mrs. Betty Scrivens of Rowe was awarded the contract for the remaining route and also the Kindergarten route.

In June of 1978, custodian William Boyd resigned after eight years of service. He was replaced in August by Mr. William Cyr of Whitingham.

Mrs. Jane Gracy, a well-known person in Rowe, retired after seven years as a teacher's aide. She was not replaced.

In September of 1978, Mr. Arthur P. Silvester, Superintendent of Schools, announced that he would retire at the end of the present school year after nine years of service to the district. In March of 1979, the Rowe School Committee recognized Mr. Silvester's years of excellent service by awarding him the title of Superintendent Emeritus. A similar action was taken by the Union 65 Superintendency District.

In October of 1978 the controls of the school heating and ventilating system were refurbished and modernized. The heating and ventilating system has been a continuing problem at the school. A proposal will be made for further repairs of the fuel supply system.

A homework policy was set for the fifth and sixth grade children during November 1978 at the urging of the School Committee. The policy calls for the children to have a gradually increased amount of homework, until toward the end of the sixth grade they will be receiving regular homework during each week.

A three year tuition agreement was made with Heath to bring tuition costs up to an amount equivalent to what Heath would have to pay if they sent their children to a neighboring district with the lowest tuition. This had the effect of stabilizing the budget arrangement with Heath for the next three years. The understanding between the two committees was that the whole matter of Heath tuition would be re-negotiated at the end of three years.

The school committee meetings of December 1978, January 1979, February 1979, and March 1979 were devoted to the preparation of the budget. The preparation of the budget this year was particularly difficult because of inflation and the desire to follow the President's guidelines in adjusting salaries. Since the Rowe School Committee had held the budget constant in 1977 and 1978, it had in effect absorbed about 15% of inflation that took place during those two years. It was therefore necessary to increase the budget slightly for the year 1979-1980. The budget that is to be proposed will reflect an overall increase of 2.5%.

Two warrant items will be submitted to the Town Meeting in May of 1979. One seeks to replace an inefficient burner in the heating system, the saving in fuel to repay the capital costs in less than two years. The other item is to replace incandescent lighting in the much used school areas of the kitchen, cafeteria and halls with fluorescent lighting. The saving in electric bills, it is estimated, will repay the cost in two years or less.

The people of Rowe are properly concerned with the levels of achievement of the children who attend Rowe Elementary School. This year an assessment was made of the accomplishment of the children in the 3 R's. While the 3 R's is only part of the total offering of the school, and does not even represent well the purely academic aspect of the offering, it is satisfying to be able to report that most of the Rowe sixth grade children are achieving above the national average in reading, writing and arithmetic. When the current Rowe eighth grade children, who are at Mohawk Trail Regional School, were tested at the end of the seventh grade, the average achievement of those children was not only higher than the national average, but also higher

than the average for their class at Mohawk Trail (which exceeds the national average). Because the numbers of children involved are small, one must expect a good deal of fluctuation in achievement scores from class to class. There will be an occasional class whose scores are low, and an occasional class whose scores are exceptionally high. However, the pattern during recent years appears to be that, with an occasional exception, the Rowe children are doing more than satisfactory work in the 3 R's.

After a period of turbulence, the Rowe School appears to have settled into a steady process of improvement. With consistent community support, the process will continue. The extra activities and services offered the children in school enrich their experience considerably. The psychological services are essential. Artists-in-Residence, trips to other parts of the country and state, the Environmental Education program, the ski program, and the shared teachers in art, music and physical education, all contribute to making the program at Rowe well-balanced between first-hand and vicarious experience.

Signed,

*Arthur W. Foshay, Chairman*

*Raymond A. Jodoin, Vice-Chairman*

*Carol A. Staub, Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

We are having a very successful school year and I attribute this to two major factors. First, there has been little turnover or change in classroom teaching positions. This being the second year we have all worked together has created a cohesive sense of educational purpose. It also has eliminated the adjustment period children go through when confronted with new teachers and has generated an atmosphere of stability. Secondly, we have a solid academic curriculum covering the basic subjects of language arts, (reading, creative writing, spelling) mathematics, science and social studies. This comprehensive curriculum has been developed over the past few years and is compatible with our philosophy of individualization.

As a faculty of professional educators we are constantly involved in course work, seminars and workshops to improve our expertise and stay abreast of new developments in education. An example of our continuing efforts to further the learning of basic skills is our incorporation of language skill materials from the Andover Individualized Reading System. This program was acquired because of a faculty awareness of the need to strengthen our curriculum in this area. The faculty explored the available language materials, techniques and systems, and finally decided, as a staff, which they felt would be most appropriate for our needs. This decision was based on individual teachers seeing the Andover Program in use in local schools and a faculty visitation to the Andover Public Schools for further exploration and discussion with the people who originated the program. After this preparatory ground work we selected from their system materials covering the areas of plural formation, possessive forms, contractions, root words, syllabification, prefixes and suffixes as well as capitalization and punctuation exercises. The success of these materials is being monitored and will be reviewed by the faculty in the spring.

As to our faculty, with the exception of Mr. Gruen who has the 5–6 classroom, our classroom teachers remain the same. Mrs. Law has kindergarten and continues as Co-Ordinator of our Environmental Education Program. Mrs. Fournier has the first and second grades, Mrs. Rillings the third and fourth grade classroom and Mrs. Weinstein the fourth and fifth grade classroom.

New faces on our staff this year are Mr. Charles Seaver, Ms. Margo Reidy and Mrs. Cynthia Laffond. Mr. Seaver has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a full year's classroom teaching experience in New York City. Last year he worked as a wood sculptor in the Franklin County Arts Council Artists-In-Residence Program. He has replaced Mr. Budge Litchfield as a classroom tutor and Mr. Litchfield has moved into the position of Special Needs Tutor vacated by the resignation of Mr. David Moir. Mr. Litchfield's background includes a Masters degree as Media Specialist for Children with Special Needs. He holds a Massachusetts elementary teaching certificate and has several years of experience as a classroom tutor. Ms. Reidy is employed by CETA as a classroom tutor. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English and works primarily with reading tutoring. Mrs. Laffond who has one year of college and experience in accounting has replaced Mrs. Alice Bolt as the I.M.S. (Individualized Mathematics System) tutor.

In addition to our permanent staff members we have shared teachers who are here one day each week. Our shared staff works in the subject areas of art, instrumental music, vocal music and physical education. We also have a shared speech therapist who devotes Thursdays to Rowe School, working with individual children. We continue to contract with Dr. Leighton McCutchen, clinical psychologist, using his services four hours each week.

We have had two Artist-in-Residence Programs so far this year. Ms. Sarah Pirtle worked with the children in drama techniques using approximately forty students in a play about whales. Mr. Terry Noyes, Emmy award winner, helped the children create a fifteen minute film combining actual filming of school scenes and children's animation.

We are scheduled for four programs from the Mohawk Trail Children's Concert group. These programs will be presented to each class in a developmental sequence, building on the previous year's program.

This year several parents have volunteered to work with children in mathematics and reading. Also volunteering a special art program is Mrs. Marlene Housner. She comes in one afternoon each week and works with fourteen children from grades one through six. These children have been selected for their interest in art and are divided into two groups according to age. Mrs. Housner's approach to this program is formal and involves instruction in a variety of media with emphasis on color, balance, perspective and the development of artistic skills through drawing from reality. I would like to thank all parents who have given of their time, talents and energies. This contribution in addition to helping specific children also establishes a viable communications bridge between the school and the community. It is through contact with your school that you as parents and community members are able to gain an accurate perspective of our educational

objectives. I would once again encourage you to visit and to ask questions about our programs and techniques since it is through this kind of communication that we gain understanding and can mutually pursue the goal of quality education for our children.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fred K. Homer*  
 Acting Principal

### ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT 1978

This year the annual fall meeting of district library personnel was held at the Rowe Elementary School, enabling library staff to exchange ideas and discuss common concerns. With the acquisition of new shelving, a major physical reorganization took place; the expanded collection is attractively rearranged for accessibility and convenience. The annual Title IV B allocation of \$4,000.00 was used to purchase materials and equipment for the district; these items as well as films from the Nine Town Regional Film Library continue to be readily available to Rowe students and teachers. A book fair and library skills instruction program under the direction of Helen Mackie have contributed to the overall library/media program.

*Susan Silvester*  
 Director of Instructional Media

### TOWN OF ROWE — SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN As of October 1, 1978

Grade	Rowe Elementary	Mohawk Reg'l. High School	Vocational	Non- Public	Total
Kindergarten	2				2
Grade 1	2				2
Grade 2	2				2
Grade 3	4				4
Grade 4	2				2
Grade 5	8				8
Grade 6	7				7
Grade 7		2			2
Grade 8		6		1	7
Grade 9		4	3		7
Grade 10		11	3		14
Grade 11		4	1		5
Grade 12		1	2		3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>

# 1979 — 1980 ROWE SCHOOL BUDGET

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Item	Expenditures 6 Months 1/1/78-6/30/78	Expenditures 6 Months 7/1/78-12/31/78	Appropriation 12 Months 7/1/78-6/30/79	Appropriation 12 Months 7/1/79-6/30/80
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
School Committee Clerical	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
School Committee Supplies	00	4.63	15.00	15.00
School Committee Other	188.48	368.10	182.00	109.00
Administrative Salaries	265.25	236.08	515.81	3,100.00
Clerical Salaries	1,863.64	1,869.36	6,250.00	4,458.25
Administrative Travel	206.66	206.25	383.19	485.75
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 2,594.03</b>	<b>\$ 2,734.42</b>	<b>\$ 7,506.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,328.00</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>				
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 541.09	\$ 476.66	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 1,056.00
Supervisors' Aide — Reading	207.50	154.31	350.00	350.00
Contracted Services — Curriculum	6.13	00	550.00	500.00
Supervisors' Other Expense	164.16	38.88	270.00	270.00
Principal's Salary	9,567.48	8,781.68	20,000.00	20,000.00
Principal's Clerical	3,393.38	2,760.30	6,551.00	7,100.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	564.38	221.08	700.00	600.00
Principal's Other Expense	220.50	123.34	375.00	250.00
Teachers' Salaries	46,053.46	30,505.94	82,625.00	92,376.00
Teachers' Summer School	00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Substitutes	822.23	147.77	300.00	300.00
Teacher Aides/Tutors	15,543.71	9,177.55	31,516.00	31,520.00
Contracted Services	5,095.79	603.60	8,850.00	9,850.00
Instruction Supplies	4,586.00	3,136.87	5,880.00	5,400.00
Other Expense	726.83	1,683.75	4,055.00	2,900.00
Textbooks	00	35.48	50.00	50.00



Library Assistant	1,609.14	2,391.88	5,998.00	6,255.00
Supplies and Materials	1,655.13	1,059.72	1,500.00	1,700.00
Other Expense	00	37.22	30.00	30.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	622.55	28.18	250.00	250.00
Other Expense — Postage	00	162.39	00	20.00
Guidance Supplies	76.13	00	100.00	200.00
Other Expense — Scoring	00	00	50.00	50.00
Psychological — Contracted	625.00	750.00	00	600.00

#### TOTAL INSTRUCTION

\$ 92,080.59	\$ 63,576.60	\$172,356.00	\$182,927.00
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#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Salaries — Physician	\$ 100.00	\$ 00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Supplies and Materials	73.74	00	50.00	50.00
Pupil Transportation — Contracted	9,819.50	4,407.00	12,400.00	13,500.00
Cafeteria Salaries	5,161.73	3,162.06	8,881.00	9,700.00
Food and Supplies	260.73	106.88	650.00	500.00
Student Body Activities	1,214.48	75.00	350.00	300.00

#### TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

\$ 16,630.18	\$ 7,750.94	\$ 22,431.00	\$ 24,150.00
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#### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salary	\$ 5,999.89	\$ 4,205.21	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
Supplies and Materials	187.47	836.43	1,100.00	800.00
Other Expense — Travel	212.85	351.30	250.00	400.00
Heating	7,506.10	3,736.14	10,725.00	14,000.00
Utility Services	4,070.52	3,714.41	9,075.00	8,925.00
Maintenance of Grounds — Contracted	936.25	66.00	470.00	670.00
Supplies and Materials	28.63	18.68	250.00	200.00
Maintenance of Building — Contracted	10,643.67	2,239.01	3,650.00	3,550.00
Supplies and Materials	877.87	924.91	1,150.00	1,150.00
Maintenance of Equipment — Contracted	1,109.44	378.77	1,055.00	1,100.00

Supplies and Materials

TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

	314.11	9.19	250.00	250.00
	\$ 31,886.80	\$ 16,480.05	\$ 39,975.00	\$ 41,545.00

FIXED CHARGES

Insurance – Employer's 32B  
Insurance – Committee Liability

\$ 208.94	\$ 00	\$ 240.00	\$ 185.00
450.00	00	450.00	450.00

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES

\$ 658.94	\$ 00	\$ 690.00	\$ 635.00
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

New Equipment  
Replacement of Equipment

\$ 2,999.34	\$ 1,739.89	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 700.00
1,176.80	59.97	590.00	400.00

TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

\$ 4,176.14	\$ 1,799.86	\$ 2,455.00	\$ 1,100.00
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SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET

\$148,026.68	\$ 92,341.87	\$245,413.00	\$258,685.00
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INSTRUCTION – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Teachers' Salaries  
Contracted Services – Speech  
Supplies and Materials  
Other Expense  
Textbooks  
Guidance Salaries  
Guidance Supplies  
Other Expense – Travel  
Contracted Services – Psychological  
Psychological Supplies  
Other Expense – Travel

\$ 00	\$ 185.39	\$ 00	\$ 700.00
1,579.00	00	2,000.00	500.00
00	.74	100.00	100.00
00	51.84	00	200.00
00	00	25.00	25.00
00	00	5,760.00	00
00	.39	75.00	00
00	00	50.00	00
2,158.75	1,045.00	1,450.00	5,250.00
4.26	00	50.00	50.00
00	00	50.00	50.00

TOTAL INSTRUCTION – SPECIAL EDUCATION

\$ 3,742.01	\$ 1,283.36	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 6,875.00
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Transportation

\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The shared Superintendency for our several towns has been in existence for nine years. This period has been characterized by many changes. Some have improved the educational opportunities for our young people. Some have been bureaucratic changes mandated by state and federal statute. Other changes have occurred because our society and culture are changing. Philosophical changes have taken place within committees as new pressures and needs emerge. New committee members bring new and differing philosophies to the current scene. But through all this period of time there has been a degree of stability, organization and cooperation, together with a sense of purposefulness, that did not characterize our schools in the sixties.

For better or worse, the American public school system is a product of the democratic process. Our own schools are a microcosm of the total that is America. In a democracy one gets from the system what one is willing to expend in commitment, imagination and toil. But with all the changes we have moved forward since 1970

1. Our educational programs are more comprehensive.
2. Our teachers possess greater professional skills.
3. We meet the needs of individual students more realistically and effectively.
4. Our school plants are in better physical condition.
5. Our business procedures are more efficient resulting in the saving of tax dollars.

But in each of the above areas there is still room for further change and improvement. With the completion of my stewardship to the several towns at the end of the current school year a new period of educational leadership will begin. It is as Tennyson said: — “The old order changeth, yielding place to new”.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Arthur P. Silvester*  
 Superintendent of Schools

The full school reports for Mohawk Trail Regional School and Franklin County Technical School are available at the Town Office.

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The year 1978 has given us hindsight to many of the Ad Hoc recommendations which were made in December of 1976 and were put into effect in the 1977-78 school year. The recommendation which put Master Teachers into our structure has turned out to be highly successful one. Master Teachers have reported a high degree of acceptance of their work and have felt that they have been instrumental in upgrading the disciplines in which they work. The input received from Master Teachers as well as Grade Level Coordinators has effectively increased the ability of the Principal to make decisions concerning the disciplines. One of the recommendations, the block time period put aside for Seventh Grade Language Arts, was found to be less than successful. It was found that our teachers and students found it difficult to work in this time and schedule structure, and it was decided to discontinue this schedule and to allow those teachers involved in the block to meet and plan either for a continuation of the block in 1979 or for its complete cancellation.

In the last several years the articulation between the Sixth and Seventh grades has been a high priority and has taken a great deal of the planning time of the teachers in both the elementary and secondary schools. This articulation has expanded to a point where it is a grade 5-8 effort and in this year has made a most important contribution to the educational planning of the students in the Fifth through Eighth Grades. A committee which has worked diligently over the past two years, has finalized its efforts with a determination to recommend that the Mohawk District accept a middle school concept as its goal for implementation in the near future. The School Committee has accepted this recommendation. The co-chairpersons of this committee have introduced and had accepted a two year time line under which our grades 5-8 can implement the middle school concept into our school district. This concept takes into consideration many elements which are important to the educational and social growth and development of students of ages 11-15.

Additions to our curriculum at Mohawk this year included additional language courses in several grades as well as another Math Fundamentals course to round out our mathematics offerings. In the area of Industrial Arts, several courses were changed to encompass units of other courses and to better centralize informational offerings in several areas. An Auto Mechanics I course was offered as well as a Metal Working II course. Also, one of the Woodworking Courses was changed so that a better sequence in woodworking could be offered. In other areas of the school, various subjects have expanded in their concepts and activities, namely Distributive Education and Business.

The school was a recipient of a new federal grant of typing and bookkeeping hardware for our business curriculum in the amount of over \$20,000. The equipment that we received enables our students in that area to further their understanding of the business world in both equipment and procedures.

Every year the Resource Center takes its place as an important influence in the educational atmosphere of the school. This year it has been no different in that respect and has shown a considerable increase in total print and non-print circulation and has expanded and updated the total collections which we house in that area. The Resource

Center also sponsors the annual Arts Festival and the Artist of the Month Program. Specialized collections are developed in areas such as drama and current affairs and are able to be viewed by our students. Also, this year a Title IV B Grant was used to obtain a new video tape portapak unit and this is utilized by teachers and students in practically every subject area.

A memorable event of our past year was the production and staging of a musical for the first time at Mohawk. It encompassed the use of several of our musical organizations including our orchestra and singing groups and specialized groups organized for the production. This production was unusual because it was the first all-school musical and utilized all grades in its production.

Another important development this year has been the presentation of workshops for a new discipline system known as the William Glasser 10 Step Discipline System. It is a concentrated effort on the part of the faculty and administration to systematize and make consistent the procedures which are used to help students to adjust to the school and to maintain suitable discipline. At this point in time the faculty is at the point where it must decide whether it will accept and continue this new discipline system.

One cannot report the happenings of this year without mentioning the Educational Standing Committee which was created by the Chairman of the School Committee. It has had for its agenda those topics which are of high priority in the educational climate of the school. Some of the topics that have been discussed have been Basic Competency Testing, the standards for graduation diplomas, and the servicing of gifted children. This committee functions in a discussions context and makes recommendations to the School Committee for action on its topics.

Activities continue to be an integral part of Mohawk life. A high percentage of students are involved in one or more of the activities offered here. This continues to create a positive atmosphere in the school, blending the academic and extra-curricular into a well-balanced whole.

In retrospect, our school has taken a considerable step towards stabilizing curriculum, and changing offerings to better service our student population. As a second effort I see a desire and effort to improve the discipline climate as well as the academic climate.

Respectfully submitted,  
*I. Melvin Abrahamson*, Principal  
 Mohawk Trail Regional  
 High School

## MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER REPORT – 1978

The following statistical information has been compiled for the school year 1977 – 1978:

Total print and nonprint circulation	8,458
Material borrowed from the Greenfield Public Library	64
Material sent to local elementary schools through interlibrary loan	266
Number of classes coming to the Resource Center for special project work or instruction	345

Specialized collections are being developed in such areas as drama and current affairs, and after school use of the Resource Center for research and reading has increased noticeably. We were sorry to lose Media Specialist Marty Swist, who accepted a position in Saudi Arabia. His responsibilities have been assumed by full time staff members. With our annual allocation of Title IV B money a new video tape porta pak unit was purchased and is being utilized by teachers and students in all subject areas.

Many thanks to the following people for their gifts to the library: Neil Potter, Bill Kiendzior, Mr. and Mrs. Deane Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Call, Gladys Shumway, Betsy Beebe, Polly Bartlett, and Jim Bissell.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Silvester*  
Director of Instructional Media

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Arthur P. Silvester , Superintendent of Schools

Herewith, is my report as Business Manager for the several districts and departments in the nine-town shared superintendency.

Substantial efforts and progress has been made in implementing planned preventative maintenance programs at all schools, involving not only the physical plants themselves, but an ever-increasing inventory of necessary equipment and materials. Citizens can take pride in the excellent condition our several schools are in, noting at the same time, they are subject to more and more use.

Mr. Floyd Parker was elected as head custodian at Mohawk Trail Regional High School replacing Mr. Sanford Jenks who retired after serving in this capacity since the school was opened.

Juster-Pope Associates prepared an energy study and audit of electrical consumption at the high school, replete with recommendations for further savings. To date, substantial modifications in the lighting and ventilation systems have been completed, and a 365 day electrical programmer will be installed to further reduce the rate of electrical consumption.

New rotary gang mowers have been purchased which will help care for the forty acres of lawn and playing fields on the campus. A new storage building will be erected by the summer of 1979 to house this, and other grounds care equipment, as storage space within the extant building grows increasingly scarcer. In an effort to maintain the floors and prolong their life, a new floor scrubbing and buffing machine was also purchased this year.

Cafeteria Manager John LaBelle and staff continue to provide one of the best high school lunch programs in Western Massachusetts. The school committee voted not to implement a state-mandated breakfast program, allowing the currently existing breakfast program to be made available to those students who wish to take advantage of it.

Mohawk Bus Corporation has continued to provide excellent transportation services for the high school in its third year of a three year contract. A successor contract is expected to be awarded in the spring of 1979, following the revision of routes and the preparation of bid documents.

A three year contract for the transportation of Rowe students to the Rowe Elementary School was awarded jointly to Mrs. Scrivens of Rowe and B. & F. Transportation Company of Charlemont.

Premier Roofing Company of New Haven, Connecticut was contracted to repair sections of the Rowe School roof over the cafeteria and kitchen areas. Five exterior doors at the school were replaced with durable fibre-filled hollow metal doors which should withstand Rowe winters for years to come. The remaining old glass block skylights in the classroom hallway were replaced with plexiglass dome skylights eliminating water seepage problems in the hallway. Mr. William Cyr of Whitingham was elected to the position of building custodian in August 1978 replacing Mr. William Boyd who resigned to accept another position.

Mrs. Gail Hall, cafeteria manager, continues to direct the hot lunch program at the school, certainly one of the finest in the area.

The Heath School Department awarded a one-year transportation contract to Mohawk Bus Corporation for transportation of its Kindergarten students to the Rowe School. Their services, to date, have been most satisfactory to the school and the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David Newell*  
 Business Manager



## TREASURER'S REPORT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the calendar year 1978 are as follows:

**Cash on Hand January 1, 1978** **\$ 45,359.41**

**Received:**

Town Assessments: \$1,622,549.02

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reimbursements:

Chapter 766	134,762.00
Vocational Education	13,947.00
Vocational Education — Transportation	15,647.00
Transportation	119,902.00
Chapter 74	3,302.00
Chapter 76	14,355.00
State Aid	26,217.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Chapter 70	147,034.00
Chapter 71	108,793.00
Title IV B	4,585.95
Title VI	9,844.22
PL 94—482 (Keyboarding)	20,272.00
Cafeteria	35,723.22
Payroll Deductions	380,815.98
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch Collections	65,030.81
School Athletics	5,174.31
School Music	1,093.95
Reimbursements to 5000 Accounts	5,174.31
Reimbursements to 4000 Accounts	590.82
Reimbursements to 2000 Accounts	75.00
Evening School Fees	1,370.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	7,709.72
Interest on NOW Account	12,214.08
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Reimburmts.	823.74
Tax Annuity Refund	345.00
Credit Union Refund	75.00
Telephone Commissions	275.87
Lost & Damaged Books	96.64
Shop Projects	151.50
Use of Buildings & Materials	346.74
Refunds	16,405.72
Miscellaneous	25.45

Total Receipts	\$2,828,607.01	<u>\$2,828,607.01</u>
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Total Cash and Receipts:		<u>\$2,873,966.42</u>
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**Paid:**

Operations:		
Administration:	\$ 56,467.45	
Instruction:	997,219.93	
Other School Services:	256,043.90	
Operation & Maintenance Plant	188,577.25	
Fixed Charges	76,200.09	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	18,435.36	
Debt & Debt Retirement	162,400.00	
Vocational Education:		
Instruction	15,354.79	
Transportation	44,107.36	
Operation & Maintenance Plant	160.00	
Acquisition Fixed Assets	529.30	
Tuition – Day	26,631.20	
Tuition – Evening	255.00	
Special Education		
Instruction	94,041.61	
Other School Services	20,340.34	
Operation & Mtce. Plant	736.30	
Acquisition Fixed Assets	21.38	
Other Districts – Tuition	16,358.96	
Federal Grants – PL 94.23	949.37	
Federal Grants – PL 94-482	18,978.06	
Title IV B	3,936.03	
Title VI A	11,520.00	
Title VI B	6,501.97	
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	101,645.35	
School Athletics	5,060.96	
School Music	1,151.96	
Payroll Deductions	380,837.31	
Estimated Receipts	262.58	
Total Paid:	\$2,504,723.81	\$2,504,723.81
Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1979		<u>369,242.61</u>
Total Cash and Payments:		\$2,873,966.42
Other Assets on Hand as of January 1, 1979		
Certificates of Deposit:	\$ 122,432.06	
90 Day Notice Savings Accounts	<u>159,563.63</u>	
	\$ 281,995.69	\$ 281,995.69
Cash on Hand		<u>369,242.61</u>
Total Assets as of January 1, 1979:		\$ 651,238.30

Respectfully submitted,  
*F. Newton Miller,*  
Treasurer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The past year has been a busy one for the special education programs throughout the nine town area.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts special education law has been joined by federal special education legislation, PL 94-142, PL 89-313 and Section 504 of the civil rights legislation, mandating equal educational opportunities for the handicapped. The Chapter 766 Regulations have been revised to incorporate the additional mandates from the federal laws.

On the local level the major emphasis has been on the following areas:

1. To formulate and adhere to standard procedures in order to cope with the reams of paperwork required by federal and state bureaucracy. By instituting such procedures we have been able to ensure that the maximum amount of time possible is devoted to direct educational services to special education students.
2. Building the resources within our own schools to provide all facets of special education programs within our own schools and communities. Outside services are costly and less easily monitored for quality and effectiveness. With consultation support and in-service training we are able to offer high quality special education services within our own communities for a fraction of the cost of outside programs and the transportation to such programs. Most important, students and their families do not have the added burden of traveling many miles to receive the necessary educational and support services.
3. Pursuit of other sources of funding to provide mandated support services to special education students. In addition to services paid for by Medicaid and private insurances we have been the recipients for the last two years of a federal grant under PL 94-142. Under this grant, the nine town area has had the services of a full time adjustment counselor who provides services to students within the school setting and to families within their own communities. This funding for last year was \$15,200 and for the current year increased to \$16,500. For the coming school year we will be entitled to approximately \$31,000. These federal grants have provided services which otherwise would have to be provided by local funds.

In mid November Mohawk Trail Regional High School was visited by an audit team comprised of members of the Department of Education, regular education teachers and administrators and special education teachers from other school districts. The comprehensive program audit was very positive in nature which was most gratifying to the special education staff at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The special education staff at Mohawk Trail Regional High School is grateful to the regular education administration and faculty for continuing support and encouragement in meeting the ambitious goals mandated by 766. The audit report is available for perusal at the Superintendents Office.

For the coming year we plan to continue an active search for the most effective, economical way of meeting the special education mandates state and federal. As one federal official phrased it, "It's a case of wag or be wagged." While we do not have the choice of whether to implement the special education laws we have considerable choice as to how we will implement the laws. By pursuing this course of action we have been able in the last two years not just to hold the line financially but to decrease special education costs within the nine towns considerably even while improving the quality of services offered.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to students, parents, school committees, administrators, faculties and other staff members of the nine town area for all their help and support in the past two years. I look forward to continued cooperation in the coming year.

I would be pleased to discuss the special education legislation and related programs and services with any interested community members at any time. Please feel free to contact me at 625-2555 with any questions and concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Anne M. Finck*  
Administrator of  
Special Education

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
December 31, 1978**

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

The school year ending December 31, 1978, has been a busy and rewarding period for the School and for the District Committee. Due to the size of this Committee and the scope of issues for consideration, frequent meetings, both regular monthly meetings and numerous sub-committee meetings are a necessity. This requires an additional commitment of time by most members, and is essential if the business of the Committee is to be accomplished. In this, our third year of operation, we continue to be impressed with the ability and dedication of the faculty and staff of the School. We are gratified by the obvious interest and enthusiasm of the students, and it is clear, that in addition to basic course offerings, students also have the opportunity to participate in such activities as music, art and athletics. The new track and field facility, funded by a Federal Grant, has been completed and it will be in use next Spring.

Student enrollment of 850 in the Day Programs is at capacity, and the Evening Program currently attracts over 400 adults from the area. These figures and the knowledge that the Tech School continues to receive late afternoon and evening use by many outside groups and agencies throughout all of Franklin County assure us that full value is being gained from the school facilities. Additionally, some Franklin County towns, not presently in the District, have shown an interest in becoming members.

Since the District Committee is so large, it is inevitable that changes in membership will occur. However, it is always unfortunate when any experienced and active committee members make known their decision to leave the Committee. Moreover, when departures come from the charter members, David Filkins of Deerfield and Harold Harris of Shelburne, the Committee and the District stand diminished by their leaving. Both Harold and David "started from scratch" with the original committee and have labored long and hard for the District. We understand and support with regret their action, but they shall be missed.

This Committee is dedicated to the cause of fair and reasonable representation in and for the District. It stands for the achievement of the best education possible for those monies that this Committee is charged to provide. We welcome your suggestions toward this goal, and we solicit your continued support in the interest of the children of this District.

From the entire District Committee, sincere thanks to Superintendent-Director O'Neil, and the entire Tech School staff, advisors to the School, area educators and municipal officials for their cooperation and support. We look forward to continued success as this School and the communities of the District combine their efforts toward educational excellence.

The report of the Superintendent-Director appears elsewhere, and we commend it to your attention knowing that it will help you to more completely appreciate the school system of which we are so proud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold S. Overing  
Chairman

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
December 31, 1978**

Bernardston: Frederic D. MacNeill  
Buckland: Robert MacGregor, III  
Colrain: William H. Dornbusch  
Conway: George B. Eldridge  
Deerfield: Andrew L. Rohrs  
Erving: Harold E. Reed  
Gill: Shirley E. Flag  
Greenfield: Marilyn M. Lee  
          Jane M. Dutcher  
          David A. Yetter, Jr.  
          Frank W. Sussenberger

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Montague: Charles J. Gloski  
          Donald F. O'Hara  
New Salem: Harold S. Overing  
Northfield: Marian B. Holbrook  
Rowe: Thomas S. Gilley  
Shelburne: Vacancy  
Sunderland: Clarence H. Warner  
Warwick: Fredericka H. Fellows  
Wendell: Vacancy  
Whately: Jane H. Grybko

**SUPERINTENDENT — DIRECTOR  
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

I am pleased to submit this as my third annual administrative report. As in previous reports, I shall attempt to summarize the most significant activities that contributed to our school's growth and development during this past year. My report will close with a brief analysis of the Technical School's future role in Franklin County.

Our third school year opening exceeded all previous enrollments. The October 1, 1978 day school enrollment reached a capacity 849. One out of every four Grade 9-12 student in Franklin County is now attending the Tech School — making it the largest high school in the County. As expected, the female enrollment continued to increase at a rapid rate. Fifty percent of this year's ninth grade class was female. It is anticipated that by 1980 forty-two percent of the students at the school will be female.

During this past year, a number of important changes were made to our curriculum. In compliance with recently enacted state mandates regarding basic competency education, the staff is formulating plans to strengthen our mathematics and reading programs. Also, in all of the core subjects, our staff has more effectively integrated a program of individualization.

Due to a continuing large applicant file in the 9-12 grades, it will be necessary to decrease the Post-Graduate enrollment substantially in the 1979-80 school year. Also, the recently revised ninth grade exploratory program resulted in a markedly high placement rate for first choice tenth grade shop placements.

A number of student program innovations took place this year. A new and unique student discipline contract was developed to complement our in school suspension system. A new student newspaper, Tech Talk, a Drama Club, a Ski Club, and expanded Future Farmers and Distributive Education Club activities were incorporated into the extra curricular program. A grant from the Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Foundation enabled the school to utilize the services (on a short term basis) of a sculptor in our Art Department.

The continuing emphasis in Special Needs Assistance at the national and state levels has enabled this school to benefit in staff and program from new federal funding resources. In cooperation with the STAVROS organization, this entire school plant was evaluated for handicap accessibility. Moreover, new and improved strategies in Mathematics and Reading remediation were inaugurated.

The Technical School District Committee received short and long range studies on plant and equipment recapitalization needs. In addition the Committee authorized certain interior building improvements and modifications to enable this school, architectually planned for 600 students, to stretch to its present 850 student capacity. Also, in cooperation with personnel of the Northeast Utilities Corporation and the Greenfield Community College, our staff devised equipment modifications which resulted in major energy economies.

As in the past, this school was the beneficiary of a number of substantial material and equipment donations from area businesses and industries. These items, coupled with certain federal and state surplus commodity purchases have proved to be a very cost effective method of bringing all eighteen shops closer to complete inventory.

Since the major goal of Vocational Education is . . . "to prepare students to seek, acquire and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field", we addressed that goal by increasing the staff of our job placement department with a Vocational Cooperative Coordinator. Our placement staff assisted in positive job placement for over seventy-five percent of our first large graduating class. The second year Cooperative Work Experience Program, which places seniors in out of school job training programs, showed a one hundred percent increase over the opening year. Also, our Vocational Placement Office began a new program this year aimed at encouraging both males and females to investigate and to train in non-traditional employment fields.

In order to make the Tech School a viable and integral part of the Franklin County Community, a number of informational programs were started. A successful annual Parents' Visitation Night was held in November. Also, a new quarterly Newsletter was developed for parents of the Technical School students. Following requests from area librarians, the Technical School began the coordination of an inter-high school film and media loan cooperative. Many of our shops, especially Graphics, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electricity, and Computer completed cost and time saving projects for the District towns.

In closing, I would like to offer my brief analysis of the future role in Franklin County for the Technical School. Almost certainly, there will continue to be a steady and increasing interest by high school aged students in this school. Although it is likely that the male applications will begin to level off by 1981, the interest by female applicants will demonstrate continued growth for some time to come. Also, students in non-member towns will continue to demonstrate high interest which cannot be satisfied.

The day school programs, as presently structured, have reached capacity. Therefore, with declining or leveling enrollments in our area high schools, it is certain that an orderly and systematic planning process is necessary for the optimum future utilization of all of the county's educational plants and programs. This has already been initiated by the area school leaders. Cooperative inter-school scheduling, programming, and, possibly, staffing, satellite courses, later afternoon, and year round schooling practices will be future realities for as early as 1981.

It seems equally certain that the national and state trends in adult job training, retraining and career change programs will be a realistic part of the Technical School's future. This institution will continue to cooperate with all of the area's major employment agencies to establish viable, non-duplicative, and cost effective service centers for the youth and adults of this District.

Finally, a comment must be made relative to the instability that is reflected by present state and federal educational funding practices. This Regional Vocational Technical School was planned and budgeted by Franklin County citizenry on the good faith assumption that the Commonwealth would honor its lawful obligations by maintaining a fair reimbursement formula. If more and more of the state's

financial obligation is shifted to the local towns, there is little doubt that public confidence will continue to erode.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to our entire educational community at the Tech School for their significant assistance and cooperation during our third year of operation. Also, I wish to thank the hundreds of parents, townspeople, business, industrial, and education benefactors for giving so generously of their time and talents toward our common goals.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee. Your continued and constant support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is sincerely rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,  
James J. O'Neil, Jr.  
Superintendent-Director



FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 1980 BUDGET ASSESSMENT  
7/1/79 Through 6/30/80  
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,389,110.

TOWN	Operating %	Operating Share	Special Operating %	Special Operating Share	Total Operating Share	Capital %	Capital Share	Total Assessment
Bernardston	3.26	67,063.69	2.86	663.52	67,727.21	3.000	9,278.73	77,005.94
Buckland	4.35	89,418.22	0.26	60.32	89,478.54	3.105	9,603.49	99,082.03
Colrain	4.83	99,353.58	2.34	542.88	99,896.46	3.165	9,789.06	109,685.52
Conway	3.74	76,999.01	0.78	180.96	77,179.97	2.065	6,386.86	83,566.83
Deerfield	8.70	178,836.43	9.90	2,296.80	181,133.23	8.820	27,279.47	208,412.70
Erving	3.50	72,031.33	3.13	726.16	72,757.49	6.255	19,346.15	92,103.64
Gill	3.14	64,579.83	1.82	422.24	65,002.07	2.385	7,376.59	72,378.66
Greenfield	28.50	586,186.08	32.81	7,611.92	593,798.00	29.750	92,014.17	685,812.17
Heath	0.85	17,386.88	1.57	364.24	17,751.12	1.160	3,587.78	21,338.90
Montague	19.81	407,349.65	27.86	6,463.52	413,813.17	13.480	41,692.43	455,505.60
New Salem	1.21	24,838.38	0	0	24,838.38	1.105	3,417.67	28,256.05
Northfield	4.71	96,869.74	2.08	482.56	97,352.30	5.455	16,871.82	114,224.12
Rowe	1.45	29,806.07	1.04	241.28	30,047.35	7.970	24,650.29	54,697.64
Shelburne	4.23	86,934.38	5.47	1,269.04	88,203.42	3.365	10,407.64	98,611.06
Sunderland	2.54	52,160.63	0.78	180.96	52,341.59	4.630	14,320.37	66,661.96
Warwick	0.97	19,870.72	0.78	180.96	20,051.68	1.000	3,092.91	23,144.59
Wendell	1.57	32,289.91	3.92	909.44	33,199.35	0.880	2,721.76	35,921.11
Whately	2.66	54,644.47	2.60	603.20	55,247.67	2.410	7,453.81	62,701.48
	100.00%	\$2,056,619.00	100.00%	\$23,200.00	\$2,079,819.00	100.00%	\$309,291.00	\$2,389,110.00

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1979 & 1980

TOWN	FY 1979			FY 1980		
	FCTS Enrollment October 1, 1977	Operating Percentage	Operating Share \$	FCTS Enrollment October 1, 1978	Operating Percentage	Operating Share \$
Bernardston	36	4.90	93,506.70	27	3.26	67,063.69
Buckland	29	3.95	75,377.85	36	4.35	89,418.22
Colrain	25	3.41	65,073.03	40	4.83	99,353.58
Conway	22	3.00	57,249.00	31	3.74	76,999.01
Deerfield	72	9.81	187,204.23	72	8.70	178,836.43
Erving	25	3.41	65,073.03	29	3.50	72,031.33
Gill	25	3.41	65,073.03	26	3.14	64,579.83
Greenfield	213	29.02	553,788.66	236	28.50	586,186.08
Heath	6	.81	15,457.23	7	0.85	17,386.88
Montague	144	19.62	374,408.46	164	19.81	407,349.65
New Salem	7	.95	18,128.85	10	1.21	24,838.38
Northfield	40	5.45	104,002.35	39	4.71	96,869.74
Rowe	9	1.23	23,472.09	12	1.45	29,806.07
Shelburne	28	3.81	72,706.23	35	4.23	86,934.38
Sunderland	16	2.18	41,600.94	21	2.54	52,160.63
Warwick	9	1.23	23,472.09	8	0.97	19,870.72
Wendell	10	1.36	25,952.88	13	1.57	32,289.91
Whately	18	2.45	46,753.35	22	2.66	54,644.47
	734	100.00%	\$1,908,300.00	828	100.00%	\$2,056,619.00

Actual apportionment of 1980 assessments was based on percentages carried to six decimal places.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
FISCAL YEARS 1979 & 1980**

TOWN	FY 1979		FY 1980	
	Capital %	Capital Share	Capital %	Capital Share
Bernardston	3.000	\$ 9,930.00	3.000	\$ 9,278.73
Buckland	3.105	10,277.55	3.105	9,603.49
Colrain	3.165	10,476.15	3.165	9,789.06
Conway	2.065	6,835.15	2.065	6,386.86
Deerfield	8.820	29,194.20	8.820	27,279.47
Erving	6.255	20,704.05	6.255	19,346.15
Gill	2.385	7,894.35	2.385	7,376.59
Greenfield	29.750	98,472.50	29.750	92,014.17
Heath	1.160	3,839.60	1.160	3,587.78
Montague	13.480	44,618.80	13.480	41,692.43
New Salem	1.105	3,657.55	1.105	3,417.67
Northfield	5.455	18,056.05	5.455	16,871.82
Rowe	7.970	26,380.70	7.970	24,650.29
Shelburne	3.365	11,138.15	3.365	10,407.64
Sunderland	4.630	15,325.30	4.630	14,320.37
Warwick	1.000	3,310.00	1.000	3,092.91
Wendell	0.880	2,912.80	0.880	2,721.76
Whately	2.410	7,977.10	2.410	7,453.81
	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>\$331,000.00</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>\$309,291.00</b>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 1980 SPECIAL OPERATING ASSESSMENTS**

**ADULT EVENING SCHOOL**

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>FCTS Enrollment November 1, 1978</b>	<b>Operating Percentage</b>	<b>Operating Share</b>
Bernardston	11	2.86	\$ 663.52
Buckland	1	0.26	60.32
Colrain	9	2.34	542.88
Conway	3	0.78	180.96
Deerfield	38	9.90	2,296.80
Erving	12	3.13	726.16
Gill	7	1.82	422.24
Greenfield	126	32.81	7,611.92
Heath	6	1.57	364.24
Montague	107	27.86	6,463.52
New Salem	0	0	0
Northfield	8	2.08	482.56
Rowe	4	1.04	241.28
Shelburne	21	5.47	1,269.04
Sunderland	3	0.78	180.96
Warwick	3	0.78	180.96
Wendell	15	3.92	909.44
Whately	10	2.60	603.20
	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## SPECIMEN BALLOT

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe, May 19, 1979

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 X in the square at the right of the name.

TOWN CLERK (1 Year)	Vote for ONE
L. Norma Brown	[ ]
SELECTMAN (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
Wesley P. Gfroerer	[ ]
Roger L. Brown	[ ]
TOWN TREASURER (1 Year)	Vote for ONE
Jane H. Lindabury	[ ]
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
Laura Krumm	[ ]
John C. Maclean	[ ]
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 Year)	Vote for ONE
Carol A. Staub	[ ]
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
Jane H. Lindabury	[ ]
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
Marjorie Morse	[ ]
FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 Year)	Vote for ONE
	[ ]
PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)	Vote for ONE
	[ ]
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
William H. Brown	[ ]
PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for ONE
Wendell L. Stetson	[ ]
PARK COMMISSIONER ( 2 Years)	Vote for ONE
James W. Taylor	[ ]

ASSESSOR (3 Years)	Vote for ONE [ ]
ASSESSOR (2 Years) Robert F. Kenney	Vote for ONE [ ]
ASSESSOR (1 Year)	Vote for ONE [ ]
CONSTABLE ( 1 Year) Blanche C. Veber	Vote for ONE [ ]
AUDITOR (1 Year)	Vote for ONE [ ]

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