



TOWN OF
ROWE

ANNUAL REPORT
1979

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Mill Pond Dam Pictures and Pictures of some Leading Citizens — Courtesy of Dick Tower

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH

Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

Town of Rowe

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1979

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 — 1979

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lockwood L. Reed	Term expires in 1980
Edwin R. Taylor	Term expires in 1981
Wesley P. Gfroerer	Term expires in 1982

TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1980
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TOWN TREASURER

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1980
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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 1980
Robert F. Kenney	Term expires in 1981
John R. Riggan	Term expires in 1982

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Joyce A. Boutwell	Term expires in 1980
Sally A. Alix	Term expires in 1981
Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1982

PARK COMMISSIONER

Henry J. Dandeneau	Term expires in 1980
James W. Taylor	Term expires in 1981
Wendell L. Stetson	Term expires in 1982

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

James H. Williams	Term expires in 1980
J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1981
William H. Brown	Term expires in 1982

AUDITOR

Doris Taylor	Term expires in 1980
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MODERATOR

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1980
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PLANNING BOARD

Herbert A. Autio	Term expires in 1980
Walter A. Bates	Term expires in 1981
Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1982
Margalee O. Riggan	Term expires in 1983
Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1984

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Carol A. Staub
 Raymond A. Jodoin
 John C. Maclean (resigned)
 Merle R. Riggan (appointed)

Term expires in 1980
 Term expires in 1981
 Term expires in 1982

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Roger L. Brown
 Dorothy E. Evans
 Terry Krumm (resigned)
 Cornelio A. Franceschetti (appointed)
 Raymond L. Boutwell
 Marjorie Morse

Term expires in 1980
 Term expires in 1980
 Term expires in 1981
 Term expires in 1981
 Term expires in 1982

CONSTABLE

Blance C. Veber

Term expires in 1980

Norma Brown
 Town Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Howard O. Truesdell

TOWN COUNSEL

Craig w. Barry
 (Trudell, Bartlett Barry & Filler)
 Attys. At Law

HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN

John A. Brickett, R.S.

WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Peter J. Codogni

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Efford Pierce

PUBLIC WELFARE AGENT

Dorothy Adams

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Janet Bliss

NURSING COMMITTEE

Naomi Jodoin

Lillian Danek

Kathleen Oliver

Jo-anne Brown

VETERAN'S 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

ASSESSOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Jane H. Lindabury

SELECTMENS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Helen R. Shields

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sally Alix

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER

James H. Williams

Ellsworth E. Palmer

John R. Riggan

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Richard Alix

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

Elsie H. Autio

Term expires in 1980

L. Norma Brown

Term expires in 1981

Betty Scrivens

Term expires in 1982

Joyce Boutwell

Term expires in 1982

BOARD OF HEALTH

Lockwood L. Reed

Term expires in 1980

Edwin R. Taylor

Term expires in 1981

Wesley P. Gfroerer

Term expires in 1982

BOARD OF WELFARE

Lockwood L. Reed

Term expires in 1980

Edwin R. Taylor

Term expires in 1981

Wesley P. Gfroerer

Term expires in 1982

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Karl Jurentkuff

John Riggan

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas P. Danek (alternate)

Term expires in 1980

Floyd W. Smith (alternate)

Term expires in 1980

E. Hampton Decker

Term expires in 1980

Edgarton A. Miles (resigned)

Term expires in 1981

Floyd W. Smith (appointed)

Herbert A. Autio

Term expires in 1982

Elsa T. Codrick

Term expires in 1983

Judith Pierce

Term expires in 1984

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James Taylor

Wendell L. Stetson

Lockwood L. Reed

Marjorie Morse

Henry J. Dandeneau

EMERGENCY MEDICAL COORDINATOR
Robin Reed

FRANKLIN HOME CARE CORPORATION
Donald E. Lindabury
Raymond K. Evans

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE
Wesley P. Gfroerer

MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
Raymond Jodoin

FENCE VIEWERS
Charles D. Avery
James H. Williams

GROWTH POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Jean Stanford
Wesley Gfroerer
J. Henry Stanford
John Riggan
John H. Williams
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
Eugene Gates - Citizen
Richard Tower - Citizen

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of selectmen wish to thank the various Town Departments for their excellent performances and cooperation during the past year.

The Town Hall heating system has been modified and now is performing satisfactorily.

The Town Garage and Fire Station septic system problem has been corrected. The ceilings of the building housing the Town Garage and Fire Station were insulated, storm windows installed and weather stripping installed around the overhead doors. This has reduced heating oil consumption and improved working conditions. There are still a few more improvements to be made to conserve fuel which the Board hopes will be completed in fiscal year 1981.

The Mill Pond was drained, excavated and a new stone dam with gate constructed. Along with this project, the open ditch next to the Town Hall was covered. We believe this has improved the appearance of the center of Town.

Major road construction has been completed on Monroe Hill making it a pleasure to drive over and hopefully this new construction will prevent road damage caused in past years by heavy rains. A truck escape ramp was also constructed on Monroe Hill which in emergencies could save lives and equipment.

Along with their regular maintenance schedule, the Highway Department worked on Middletown Hill Road graveling, paving and installing new drainage, as well as laying approximately 300' of culvert on various roads in Town.

We would like to make special mention of the long and faithful service of Assistant Superintendent Howard "Sparky" Truesdell on the Highway Department. Have a happy retirement "Sparky", you deserve it!

The Board of Selectmen regrets having to report the passing of two well-known residents of Rowe, Roy B. Lincoln and Bertha Chapin. We are also sad to report the passing of William Blassberg, who, though he was from Shelburne Falls, considered Rowe "home country". All will be missed.

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

TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES — F.Y. 1979

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$,9,000.00	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$12,000.00
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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

BONDS & INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$13,417.00
Balance in General Treasury		1,583.00
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	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Reserve Fund	800.00	
Expenditures		\$2,278.58
Balance in General Treasury		521.42
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	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$13,290.00	
Expenditures		\$13,191.81
Balance in General Treasury		98.19
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	\$13,290.00	\$13,290.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$712.90
Balance in General Treasury		787.10
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	1,500.00	1,500.00

MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	400.00	
Expenditures		86.36
Balance in General Treasury		313.64
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	400.00	400.00

PLANNING BOARD - Operation

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		204.54
Balance in General Treasury		395.46
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	600.00	600.00

GAS ACCOUNT - TOWN VEHICLES

Appropriation	3,500.00	
Expenditures		3,258.32
Balance in General Treasury		241.68
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	3,500.00	3,500.00

UP-DATE TAX MAPS

Appropriation	300.00	
Bal. Forward From 6/30/78	300.00	
Expenditures		300.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		300.00
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	600.00	600.00

VILLAGE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	900.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		900.00
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	900.00	900.00

TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	1,803.41	
Insurance Damage for rug	600.00	
Expenditures		2,203.33
Balance in General Treasury		200.08
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	2,403.41	2,403.41

FURNISHING REMODELED TOWN HALL

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	767.83	
Expenditures		722.66
Balance in General Treasury		45.17
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	767.83	767.83

FILM MOUNTING & REBINDING (Vital Statistics 1 & 2)

Appropriations	550.00	
Expenditures		535.30
Balance in General Treasury		14.70
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	550.00	550.00

PRINTING OF BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS

Appropriation	1,600.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		1,600.00
	<hr/> 1,600.00	1,600.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**BRIDGE & GUARD RAIL**

Appropriation	5,000.00	
Expenditures		3,056.09
Balance in General Treasury		1,943.91
	<hr/> 5,000.00	5,000.00

BRIDGE REPAIR - LINE BRIDGE, CHARLEMONT-ROWE

Appropriation	8,000.00	
Expenditures		5,855.23
Balance in General Treasury		2,144.77
	<hr/> 8,000.00	8,000.00

TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		2,000.00
	<hr/> 2,000.00	2,000.00

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	20,000.00	
Expenditures		20,000.00
	<hr/> 20,000.00	20,000.00

NEW EQUIPMENT - 3/4 ton pickup with plow

Appropriation	6,000.00	
Expenditures		5,990.00
Balance in General Treasury		10.00
	<hr/> 6,000.00	6,000.00

NEW EQUIPMENT - 1/2 ton pickup

Appropriation	4,400.00	
Expenditures		4,400.00
	<hr/> 4,400.00	4,400.00

NEW EQUIPMENT - "V" Plow

Appropriation	3,100.00	
Expenditures		3,100.00
	<hr/> 3,100.00	<hr/> 3,100.00

NEW EQUIPMENT - Plow for Truck #1

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		1,995.00
Balance in General Treasury		5.00
	<hr/> 2,000.00	<hr/> 2,000.00

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expenditures		3,187.49
Balance in General Treasury		812.51
	<hr/> 4,000.00	<hr/> 4,000.00

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	15,000.00	
Expenditures		13,252.94
Balance in General Treasury		1,747.06
	<hr/> 15,000.00	<hr/> 15,000.00

"CHAPTER 90" CONSTRUCTION (1977)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	20,609.33	
Expenditures		20,609.33
	<hr/> 20,609.33	<hr/> 20,609.33

"CHAPTER 90" CONSTRUCTION (1978)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	21,397.00	
Expenditures		17,364.07
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		4,032.93
	<hr/> 21,397.00	<hr/> 21,397.00

"CHAPTER 90" CONSTRUCTION (1979)

Appropriation	21,397.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		21,397.00
	<hr/> 21,397.00	<hr/> 21,397.00

SPECIAL ROADS - POTTER ROAD

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	5,960.30	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		5,960.30
	<hr/> 5,960.30	5,960.30

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures		2,699.27
Balance in General Treasury		300.73
	<hr/> 3,000.00	3,000.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	16,000.00	
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	
Expenditures		20,801.07
Balance in General Treasury		198.93
	<hr/> 21,000.00	21,000.00

SPECIAL FUELS TAX

Appropriation	1,734.57	
Expenditures		1,734.57
	<hr/> 1,734.57	1,734.57

ROAD OILING

Appropriation	10,000.00	
Expenditures		9,985.88
Balance in General Treasury		14.12
	<hr/> 10,000.00	10,000.00

SICK LEAVE PAY

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	90.18	
Reserve Fund	500.00	
Expenditures		2,063.00
Balance in General Treasury		527.18
	<hr/> 2,590.18	2,590.18

DRAINAGE

Appropriation	8,000.00	
Expenditures		7,928.43
Balance in General Treasury		71.57
	<hr/> 8,000.00	8,000.00

WAGES & SALARIES

Appropriation	85,000.00	
Expenditures		78,486.76
Balance in General Treasury		6,513.24
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	85,000.00	85,000.00

PETRIE ROAD - DRAINAGE & GRAVEL

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	4,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		4,000.00
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	4,000.00	4,000.00

TYPE "I" PAVEMENT

Appropriation	41,000.00	
Expenditures		41,000.00
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	41,000.00	41,000.00

SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	1,795.07	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		1,795.07
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	1,795.07	1,795.07

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Appropriation	255,473.00	
Expenditures		248,957.92
Balance in General Trasury		6,515.08
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	255,473.00	255,473.00

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Cafeteria Warrants		11,498.08
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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Operation	53,774.00	
Capital	14,736.00	
Expenditures		60,072.06
Balance in General Treasury		8,437.94
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	68,510.00	68,510.00

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS

Appropriation	26,500.00	
Expenditures		25,937.50
Balance in General Treasury		562.50
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	26,500.00	26,500.00

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Operation	23,472.00	
Capital	26,381.00	
Expenditures		48,693.92
Balance in General Treasury		1,159.08
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	49,853.00	49,853.00

ROOF REPAIRS - Rowe Elementary School

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	5,050.62	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		5,050.62
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	5,050.62	5,050.62

HEALTH DEPARTMENT**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		1,327.61
Balance in General Treasury		672.39
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	2,000.00	2,000.00

HEALTH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	1,600.00	
Expenditures		1,600.00
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	1,600.00	1,600.00

COMPACTOR TRANSFER STATION (Site & Base Unit Preparation)

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	536.17	
Expenditures		100.00
Balance in General Treasury		436.17
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	536.17	536.17

REFUSE GARDEN - OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	10,000.00	
Expenditures		9,929.84
Balance in General Treasury		70.16
	<hr/> 10,000.00	<hr/> 10,000.00

MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		300.00
Balance in General Treasury		300.00
	<hr/> 600.00	<hr/> 600.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE - CHARLEMONT (Rowe's share, operating costs)

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		2,000.00
	<hr/> 2,000.00	<hr/> 2,000.00

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT**VETERAN'S SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	452.00	
Expenditures		274.65
Balance in General Treasury		177.35
	<hr/> 452.00	<hr/> 452.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		1,000.00
	<hr/> 1,000.00	<hr/> 1,000.00

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

Appropriation	5,140.00	
Reserve Fund	500.00	
Expenditures		5,485.48
Balance in General Treasury		154.52
	<hr/> 5,640.00	<hr/> 5,640.00

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)

Appropriation	1,050.00	
Expenditures		1,050.00
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	1,050.00	1,050.00

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures		215.20
Balance in General Treasury		2,284.80
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	2,500.00	2,500.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		500.00
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	500.00	500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Operation

Appropriation	3,350.00	
Expenditures		2,140.21
Balance in General Treasury		1,209.79
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	3,350.00	3,350.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	60.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		60.00
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	60.00	60.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		435.00
Balance in General Treasury		165.00
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	600.00	600.00

LIBRARY**LIBRARY - Operation**

Appropriation	10,000.00	
Expenditures		9,910.81
Balance in General Treasury		89.19
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	10,000.00	10,000.00

LIBRARY - TRUST FUNDS

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	223.95	
Transfer From Trust Account	300.00	
Expenditures		432.11
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		91.84
	<hr/> 523.95	<hr/> 523.95

LIBRARY - STATE AID

Transfer From State Aid Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Balance Forward From 6/30/78	138.63	
Expenditures		1,138.63
	<hr/> 1,138.63	<hr/> 1,138.63

REPAIRS - LIBRARY EXIT DOOR

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	18.04	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		18.04
	<hr/> 18.04	<hr/> 18.04

RECREATION**PELHAM LAKE PARK**

Appropriation	9,725.00	
Expenditures		7,295.08
Balance in General Treasury		2,429.92
	<hr/> 9,725.00	<hr/> 9,725.00

BROWNING BENCH TOOL FACTORY COMMUNITY CENTER

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	136.33	
Expenditures		136.33
	<hr/> 136.33	<hr/> 136.33

OLD HOME DAY

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures		3,000.00
	<hr/> 3,000.00	<hr/> 3,000.00

MOTION PICTURE SERIES

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		532.00
Balance in General Treasury		68.00
	<hr/> 600.00	<hr/> 600.00

PELHAM LAKE PARK - Special Recreation Projects

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	455.00	
Expenditures		110.00
Balance in General Treasury		345.00
	<hr/> 455.00	455.00

TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	2,194.42	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		2,194.42
	<hr/> 2,194.42	2,194.42

SIBLEY CABIN - Renovation

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	1,875.00	
Expenditures		1,875.00
	<hr/> 1,875.00	1,875.00

TENNIS INSTRUCTION

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures		983.50
Balance in General Treasury		16.50
	<hr/> 1,000.00	1,000.00

REMOVAL OF GINGRAS CABIN & IMPROVEMENT TO LOT & UTILITIES

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures		500.00
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		2,000.00
	<hr/> 2,500.00	2,500.00

RECREATION PROGRAM FOR ROWE YOUNG PEOPLE

Appropriation	2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward To 7/1/79		2,000.00
	<hr/> 2,000.00	2,000.00

CEMETERIES**CEMETERIES - MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	1,800.00	
Expenditures		1,521.85
Balance in General Treasury		278.15
	<hr/> 1,800.00	1,800.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

MOVING & RESTORING TOOL FACTORY

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	249.72	240.00
Expenditures		9.72
Balance in General Treasury		
	<hr/> 249.72	<hr/> 249.72

WATERING TROUGH

Balance Forward From 6/30/78	124.43	
Reserve Fund	30.37	
Expenditures		154.80
	<hr/> 154.80	<hr/> 154.80

STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation	20,000.00	
Expenditures		20,000.00
	<hr/> 20,000.00	<hr/> 20,000.00

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation	1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		1,000.00
	<hr/> 1,000.00	<hr/> 1,000.00

RESERVE FUND

Transfer From Overlay Surplus Fund	15,000.00	
Transfers to Accounts		10,530.37
Balance in General Treasury		4,469.63
	<hr/> 15,000.00	<hr/> 15,000.00

STATE & COUNTY TAXES

Commonwealth of Mass.		24,659.81
County of Franklin		137,004.07
		<hr/> 161,663.88

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Assessment		13,294.00
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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees' Contribution		7,300.32
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TAX REFUNDS

Motor Vehicle Refunds

193.05

EMPLOYEES' WITHHOLDING TAXES

Payroll Deductions

44,567.24

Director of Internal Revenue

32,917.21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

11,650.03

 44,567.24

 44,567.24
FRANKLIN COUNTY GROUP INSURANCE (Payments)

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

18,169.12

Life Insurance Premiums

418.50

Social Security Medical Insurance

124.50

 18,712.12
EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation

2,500.00

No Expenditures

Balance in General Treasury

2,500.00

 2,500.00

 2,500.00
DEMAND FEES - Tax Collector

19.00

DOG OFFICERS' EXPENSES

(Reimbursed by F. County)

42.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation

2,000.00

Reserve Fund

700.00

Expenditures

2,502.36

Balance in General Treasury

197.64

 2,700.00

 2,700.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Appropriation

250.00

Expenditures

250.00

 250.00

 250.00
WIRING INSPECTOR

Appropriation

350.00

Expenditures

350.00

 350.00

 350.00

LINKS BUS ROUTE

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures		500.00
	<hr/> 500.00	<hr/> 500.00

LAND PURCHASE

(Cersosimo Lumber Co., Inc.)

Appropriation	65,000.00	
Expenditures		65,000.00
	<hr/> 65,000.00	<hr/> 65,000.00

Total Selectmen Warrants	\$1,095,232.92
Total Expenditures, F.Y. '79	\$1,094,661.48
Refunds, Reimbursements Received on Warrant Payments	571.44
	<hr/> \$1,095,232.92



J. Henry Stanford (left) and John Woffenden, registering smiles at "Old Home Day" registration table.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doris M. Taylor
Auditor

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Twenty-five permits to perform electrical work were issued for the year 1979.

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 — 1979

The Rowe Finance Committee met on the first Tuesday 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.

Cornelio Franceschetti was recently appointed to the Finance Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Terry Krumm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Roger Brown, Chairman
Dorothy Evans, Vice Chairman
Marjorie Morse, Secretary
Raymond Boutwell
Cornelio Franceschetti

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

April 1, 1980

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Fiscal Year 1979 Appropriated	Fiscal Year 1979 Expended	Fiscal Year 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal Year 1981 Suggested
Administration	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Bonds & Insurance	15,000.00	13,417.00	21,000.00	23,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00	2,278.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Officers' Salaries	13,290.00	13,191.81	16,175.00	16,175.00
Officers' Expenses	1,500.00	712.90	2,500.00	2,500.00
Planning Board	600.00	204.54	600.00	800.00
Town's Interest on Loans	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Franklin County Group Insurance	14,000.00	18,712.12	14,000.00	14,000.00
Franklin County Retirement	13,294.00*	13,294.00	16,121.00*	16,000.00
Franklin County Tax	137,004.06	137,004.07	140,000.00	180,000.00
State Tax	24,659.81	24,659.81	25,000.00	25,000.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Gas Account - Town Vehicles	3,500.00	3,258.32	4,000.00	5,000.00
Building Inspector	2,000.00	2,502.36	2,500.00	2,500.00
Plumbing Inspector	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Wiring Inspector	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Printing Town By-Laws and Regulations	1,600.00	-0-		
TOTAL	\$261,547.87	\$261,834.93	\$283,496.00	\$326,575.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Employees' Salaries	\$85,000.00	\$78,486.76	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00
Employees' Sick Leave	2,000.00	2,063.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Bridge & Guard Rail	5,000.00	3,056.09	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Account	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Roads	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Street Lights	4,000.00	3,187.49	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Highway Maintenance	15,000.00	13,252.94	15,000.00	15,000.00
Roadside Maintenance	3,000.00	2,699.27	3,000.00	3,000.00
Machinery Maintenance	16,000.00	20,801.07	18,000.00	22,000.00
Road Oiling or Paving	10,000.00	9,985.88	10,000.00	12,000.00
General Drainage	8,000.00	7,928.43	8,000.00	10,000.00

TOTAL

\$170,000.00 \$161,460.93 \$183,000.00 \$191,000.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Operation	255,473.00	248,957.92	262,000.00	277,667.00
Construction Bond	26,500.00	25,937.50	---	---
Regional Operation	53,774.00		40,400.00	53,565.17
Regional Bond	14,736.00	60,072.06	14,100.00	13,447.41
Regional-Vocational Operation	23,472.00		29,800.00	31,615.01
Regional - Vocational Bond	26,381.00	48,693.96	24,600.00	22,704.03

TOTAL

\$400,336.00 \$383,661.44 \$370,900.00 \$398,998.62

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Fire Department Operation	5,140.00	5,485.48	5,600.00	5,715.00
Forest Fires	2,500.00	215.20	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Department Salaries	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Police Department	3,350.00	2,140.21	3,400.00	3,400.00
Civil Defense	500.00	-0-	500.00	500.00
Insect & Pest Control	60.00	-0-	60.00	60.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00	435.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$13,200.00	\$9,325.89	\$13,910.00	\$14,025.00
CEMETARY CARE - Total	\$1,800.00	\$1,521.85	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
RECREATION				
Pelham Lake Park	\$9,725.00	\$7,295.08	\$11,200.00	\$11,800.00
Old Home Day	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Movies	600.00	532.00	800.00	800.00
TOTAL	\$13,325.00	\$10,827.08	\$15,000.00	\$15,600.00
LIBRARY				
Operation	\$10,000.00	\$9,910.81	\$10,400.00	\$12,500.00
State Aid		1,138.63		
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	\$11,049.44	\$10,400.00	\$12,500.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT				
Board of Health	\$2,000.00	\$1,327.61	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Health District	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Refuse Garden	10,000.00	9,929.84	12,000.00	12,000.00
Medical Emergency Coordinator	600.00	300.00	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	\$14,200.00	\$13,157.45	\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00
VETERAN'S SERVICES ADMINISTRATION - Total	\$452.00	\$274.65	\$500.00	\$500.00
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Microfilming Town Records	\$400.00	\$86.36		
Special Fuels Tax	1,734.57	1,734.57		

Type "I" Pavement	41,000.00	41,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
Chapter "90" Construction	21,397.00	21,397.00	13,107.00	
Special Roads - Potter Road	5,960.30	-0-		
Tennis Instruction	1,000.00	983.50		
Links Bus Route	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	
Land Purchase (Cersosimo)	65,000.00	65,000.00		
Youth Director	2,000.00	-0-		
Ambulance Service	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bridge Repair	8,000.00	5,855.23		
4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck	6,000.00	5,990.00		
Pick up Truck	4,400.00	4,400.00		
V-Plow	31,000.00	31,000.00		
Plow for Truck #1	2,000.00	1,995.00		
Removal of Gingras Cabin	2,500.00	500.00		
Tractor Bucket			16,000.00	
Update Tax Map			300.00	
Drainage, Middletown Hill Road			2,000.00	
Septic System - Town Garage			3,500.00	
Easement - Gracy Property			1,500.00	
Police Cruiser			11,000.00	
Mill Pond Dredging and dam reconstruction			75,000.00	
New Truck - Highway Department			17,000.00	
Planning Board			2,000.00	
New Truck - Highway Department				38,000.00
Drainage (Brown Road)				10,000.00
Purchase of Woodward House				24,000.00
Razing of Woodward House				2,000.00
School Energy Audit				2,300.00

TOTAL	\$194,891.87	\$182,441.66	\$167,407.00*	\$101,300.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$1,079,752.74	\$1,035,555.32	\$1,063,313.00	\$1,079,198.62

*Actual Assessment

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1979

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Public Land Remittance	\$3253.52	
Local Aid - Lottery	70.00	
General Funds (CSI-A18)	33.00	
Chapter 58	37.00	
Chapter 58-18C	10.66	\$3404.18

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

District Court	110.09	110.09
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ROWE TOWN LIBRARY:

State Grant	1000.00	
Fines	61.75	
Sales of Books	59.70	
Interest - Trust Funds	644.55	
Gift Fund Donation	7.50	1773.50

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Licenses & Permits (Board of Health)	52.50	52.50
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TOWN CLERK:

Dog Licenses	251.25	
Raffle Permit	10.00	
Birth Certificates	22.00	
Marriage Licenses	20.00	
Marriage Certificates	8.00	
Death Certificates	40.00	
Registration Fees	4.00	
Other	19.00	374.25

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding	34058.95	
Massachusetts Withholding	12149.28	
Franklin County Retirement	8215.03	
Group Insurance	4215.96	58639.22

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Permits & ID Cards	310.00	
Department Receipts	140.00	450.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Amica Mutual Insurance Co - Liability	276.42	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Chapter 497	3837.00	
CSI #9 - 17	18160.00	22273.42

TAX COLLECTOR RECEIPTS:

Motor Vehicle	\$17860.96	
Real Estate	510077.41	
Personal Property	380741.87	
Interest	230.07	
Costs & Fees	330.09	909240.40

SCHOOL:

Chapter 70	11724.00	
Transportation	8209.00	
Town of Heath - Tuition - fy '78	15235.59	
fy '79	30000.00	
School Building Assistance (final receipt)	8386.36	
Cafeteria-		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10411.57	
Rowe Elementary School	759.82	
Band Account	90.00	
Franklin County Technical School (fy'77)	29.20	
Special Needs	50.00	
Refunds & Reimbursements:		
S. Ostergren	163.28	
National School Boards	72.00	
Allied Chemical	5.93	
Homgas	27.09	
Rowe School Trip Fund	200.00	
Sale of 2 TV Sets	233.58	85597.42

MISCELLANEOUS:

Interest - General Funds w/MMDT	17300.52	
Interest - Hibbard Trust	8.02	
Copier Use	64.15	
Sale of Cemetery Lot	25.00	
East Cemetery Association - Transfer funds	7015.29	
U.S. Government - adjustment 941E	1304.92	
Pioneer Litho - printing reimbursement	40.00	
Continental Insurance Co. - water damage	600.00	
Department of Public Works, Massachusetts	30794.00	57151.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979	\$1,139,066.88
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Recapitulation:

Cash Balance, July 1, 1978	\$642,999.80	
Receipts - fiscal year 1979	1,139,066.88	\$1,782,066.68
Payments made - fiscal year 1979		-1,084,870.05
Cash Balance, July 1, 1979	697,196.63	

Respectfully submitted,
Jane H. Lindabury,
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS - 1979

Balance, Federal Revenue Sharing Funds January 1, 1979	\$18906.50
Received from Federal Revenue Sharing Deposited MMDT	11535.00
1979 Total of Funds	30441.50
Revenue Sharing Funds Expended January 1, 1979 - January 1, 1980	-8951.02
Interest Received from MMDT	\$21490.48
Interest Received From MMDT	2474.93
Balance, Federal Revenue Sharing Funds December 31, 1979	\$23965.41

Respectfully submitted
Jane H. Lindabury
Treasurer



John Woffenden, wielding his trusty hammer at Town Garage.

TREASURER'S REPORT — TRUST FUNDS 1979

NAME OF TRUST:	BALANCE 1/1/79	WITH- DEPOSITS	DRAWALS	INTEREST	BALANCE 12/31/79
STABILIZATION FUND	\$240969.19			\$15960.22	\$255743.76
POST WAR REHABILITATION	36703.94			2203.78	38907.22
LIBRARY:					
Demons & Gould	5920.59		\$300.00	345.05	5965.59
Charles Wells	844.16			50.64	894.80
Preserved Smith	487.71	\$40.00		30.81	558.52
Gift Fund	93.76			5.60	99.36
A B White	1712.96			94.83	1807.79
L T Jones	1712.96			94.83	1807.79
Martha Henry	3857.14			221.79	4078.93
SCHOOL:					
Foster Donation	773.71			46.41	820.12
CEMETERY:					
Charles Wells	656.85			32.96	689.81
Abbott White	689.81			40.96	723.76
A. Volland	265.05			15.94	281.98
East Cemetery Association	6982.26			418.52	7557.32
	156.54				
PELHAM LAKE MEMORIAL FUND		332.00		4.12	336.12

Respectfully Submitted
Jane H. Lindabury
Treasurer

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN ROWE IN 1979

BIRTHS

RUBEN BAKER-deKATER, son of Robert Michael Baker and Annelies Wilhelmina de-Kater. Born in Northampton, Mass. on August 30, 1979.

MARRIAGES

MARTIN V. WOODWARD of Rowe and ELEANOR L. SHUMWAY of Rowe were married in Rowe on May 27, 1979.

PHILIP WALTER SHULDA of Buckland, Mass. and LYNNE KATHRYN DANEK of Buckland, Mass. were married in Rowe on June 29, 1979.

FREDERICK K. HOMER of Rowe and DEBORAH S. FEINER of Rowe were married in Rowe on July 28, 1979.

FREDERICK KATZ of Rowe and DEBORAH L. BOOTH of Rowe were married in Rowe on August 19, 1979.

RONALD BARRY STANFORD of Rowe and TAMMY JANE BROWN of Rowe were married in Rowe on October 6, 1979.

KENTON FRANKLIN THARP of Rowe and DIANE A. WEAVER of Rowe were married in Rowe on December 8, 1979.

DEATHS

WILLIAM BLASSBERG of Shelburne Falls, Mass. died in Rowe on March 24, 1979. Age 68 years, 5 months, 23 days.

HARVEY E. KLIENMAN of Greenfield Mass. died in Rowe on July 14, 1979. Age 30 years, 21 days.

BERTHA CHAPIN of Rowe died in North Adams, Mass. on July 16, 1979. Age 79 years, 11 months, 29 days.

ROY B. LINCOLN of Rowe died in Greenfield, Mass. on September 10, 1979. Age 82 years, 2 months, 25 days.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

RECORDS & CERTIFICATES — 1979

20 Death Certifications @ \$2.00	\$ 40.00	
11 Birth Certifications @ \$2.00	22.00	
4 Marriage Certifications @ \$2.00	8.00	
5 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00	20.00	
2 Certificates of Registration @ \$2.00	4.00	
1 Raffle Permit	10.00	
1 Geneology Research	4.00	
1 Filing Fee	5.00	
1 Auctioneers License	10.00	
Use of Town Copier 553 copies @ .05 per	27.65	\$150.65
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$150.65

SPORTING LICENSES — 1979

28 Res. Cit. Sporting @ \$13.50	\$378.00	
14 Res. Cit. Hunting @ \$8.25	115.50	
5 Non-Res Big Game Hunting @ \$35.25	176.25	
3 Duplicate Hunting @ \$1.00	3.00	
17 Res. Cit. Fishing @ \$8.25	140.25	
4 Res. Cit. Minor Fishing @ \$6.25	25.00	
1 Res. Alien Fishing	11.25	
5 Non-Res. Fishing @ \$14.25	71.25	
2 Non-Res. 7 Day Fishing @ \$8.25	16.50	
1 Res. Cit. Age 65 - 69 Fishing	4.10	
1 Duplicate Fishing	1.00	
1 Res. Cit. Age 65 - 69 Sporting	6.75	
1 Res. Cit. Minor Trapping	6.25	
4 Archery Stamps @ \$5.10	20.40	
3 Waterfowl Stamps @ \$1.25	3.75	
8 Res. Cit. Sporting Over 70 Free		
1 Paraplegic Free		\$979.25
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Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$958.35	
Clerk's Fees Retained	20.90	\$979.25
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DOG LICENSES — 1979

Males, 35 @ \$3.00	\$105.00	
Females, 4 @ \$6.00	24.00	
Spayed Females, 44 @ \$3.00	132.00	
Kennel, 2 @ \$10.00	20.00	\$281.00
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$251.25	
Clerk's Fees Retained	29.75	\$281.00
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Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown
 Town Clerk

JURY LIST

Linda Sturgeon, Crafts
 John Knapp, Retired
 Rosemary Veber, Housewife
 Everett Brown, Maintenance Superintendent
 Doris Taylor, Homemaker
 Raymond Jodoin, Auxiliary Operator
 Sally Alix, Housewife
 Donald Lindabury, Retired

Names Drawn in 1979

Ronald Gordon, January 2, 1979
 Jane Stetson, January 2, 1979
 Robley Snively, February 26, 1979
 Frederick Scrivens, May 7, 1979
 Gloria Leger, June 28, 1979
 Garry Newsome, June 26, 1979
 Bernice Foster, January 7, 1980

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

The revised By-Laws and Protective Regulations were distributed to town residents late in 1979. The Planning Board acknowledges the assistance of Don Leger and the Boy Scouts for a major portion of the in-town deliveries. Out-of-town taxpayers received their By-Laws by mail.

The By-Laws were revised to conform to new state statutes governing protective regulations. The By-Laws provide for the granting of special permits by the Planning Board were allowed. The Planning Board has prepared forms and procedures for future special permit applications. The Town Counsel, Craig Barry, provided legal assistance to the Board in this area.

We note with approval the work completed in 1979 on the Mill Pond and the Mill Pond Dam. The Selectmen are to be commended for their efforts in behalf of this necessary project.

In a similar vein, the removal of the Gingras cabin from the Town Beach has improved the appearance of our primary recreational area. The Park Department is doing an excellent job maintaining this natural resource.

Plans are being made to continue the Goals for Rowe program initiated in 1975. You will recall that the citizens overwhelmingly supported the renovation of the existing Town Hall. With the accomplishment of this goal, new projects for the improvement of our town will be considered for presentation to the voters. The Planning Board will work towards this end in 1980.

The Board missed the work of former member, John H. Williams, who chose not to run for re-election. Jack made many contributions which eased the work of the other members. His efforts on behalf of the town will be difficult to duplicate.

Leonard J. Laffond has replaced Jack Willialms and is proving to be a loyal member of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert A. Autio, Chairman
Margalee O. Riggan, Secretary
Walter A. Bates
Jane H. Lindabury
Leonard J. Laffond

**AGENT — SANITARIAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

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

During the year 1979, 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.

Five 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.

Three disposal works installer's permits were issued and two sewage transport permits were issued.

One recreational camp for children was inspected and licensed during the summer. Continued improvement of the camp is being sought during the 1980 season.

Investigation into the establishment of a private cemetery was made. Action is pending on this request.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health during the year.

I wish to thank the Board members for the many hours provided for the observation of percolation tests as required by the Sanitary Code. A particular thank you to Edwin Taylor for his fine cooperation and understanding during 1979.

A thank you is extended to the citizens of Rowe for the fine cooperation given to me during the year.

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

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NURSE

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

A new Maico Audiometer to replace our outdated machine was jointly purchased by the Rowe and Hawlemont Elementary Schools. Many children this past year have had ear infections causing increased hearing problems. The Ishihara Test for Color Blindness was purchased to use along with our Titmus Vision Machine. Head lice was a minor problem. Parents were prompt in giving thorough treatment and watching for further occurrence. Dr. Galbo gave nine youngsters from Rowe physicals in September. Many youngsters have physicals done by their own physicians. Eighteen students participate in the voluntary Dental Fluoride Mouth Rinse Program. Strict enforcement of the immunization laws for school attendance continues.

A free Flu Clinic, held in November, provided 6 local people with this protection. Hopefully, next year, more will be interested. Our hospital bed has had much use this year. I continue to do Blood Pressure readings at the Town Hall every Thursday from 10-11 AM, except in August. The Commonwealth continues to do away with various community health agencies. No one can ever guess what will happen to our health district in the future. Total services were 1,275 for the year, 850 individual nursing procedures administered. These figures are slightly lower than the year before, and are apt to fluctuate from year to year.

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

WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1979 to June 30, 1979

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1979		\$1,957.90
Receipts:		
Town of Heath	\$1,600.00	
Town of Rowe	1,600.00	
Town of Charlemont	1,600.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	495.00	
Mass. Tax	164.67	
County Retirement	164.55	
		5,624.22
	Total	\$7,582.12

Disbursements:

Janet Bliss - Nurse	\$3,215.08	
Transportation	297.45	
Beda A. Langevin - Treasurer	75.00	
New England Telephone	119.22	
Office Rent	125.00	
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Insurance	95.00	
Franklin County		
Retirement System Assessment	396.00	
Supplies	25.29	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	495.00	
Mass. Tax	164.67	
County Retirement	164.55	
		5,172.26
Balance carried forward to July 1, 1979		\$2,409.86

July 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

Balance carried forward to July 1, 1979		\$2,409.86
Receipts:		
Town of Charlemont	\$1,600.00	
Town of Hawley	1,600.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	555.00	
Mass. Tax	176.79	
County Retirement	174.75	
		\$4,106.54
	Total	\$6,516.40

Disbursements:

Janet Bliss - Nurse	\$3,420.48	
Transportation	223.05	
Beda A. Langevin - Treasurer	75.00	
New England Telephone	120.50	
Office Rent	175.00	
Liability Insurance	50.00	
Clinics	50.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	555.00	
Mass. Tax	176.79	
County Retirement	174.75	
		5,020.57
Balance carried forward to January 1, 1980		\$1,495.83

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 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
Beda A. Langevin
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

The Park Commission considers that 1979 was another good year. We continued with our programs of swimming lessons, tennis lessons and film series. Fish were again stocked in Pelham Lake and Brook. Extensive corduroy work was continued on our trail system.

The beach area had several welcome changes this year. "Friendly Fred" the sea horse was installed and enjoyed by our youngsters. A new boat was purchased for our lifeguard and water studies. Six picnic tables were constructed and placed throughout the picnic area.

Two major projects were completed this year. Due to problems with the original court construction, it was necessary to replace the top coat of asphalt and redo the playing surface. Better quality nets were installed at the same time. In the fall the wooden Mill Pond dam was removed and a beautiful new stone faced dam was constructed. Concurrently the main body of the Mill Pond was dredged preserving the beauty of that area for future generations.

Unfortunately at the end of the season some vandalism occurred to the beach facilities. As a result of this, repair work will have to be done at the beginning of this coming season to the lifeguard stand, the raft surface and ladder.

We are looking forward to the coming season of enjoyment at Pelham Lake Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau, Chairperson
James W. Taylor, Treasurer
Wendell L. Stetson, Secretary



POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1979

Recapitulation:

Firearms Identification Cards	3
Pistol Permits	39
Summons Served	3
Assistance Calls	2
Proof of Inspection	1
Breaking and Entering	2
Other Complaints	15
Complaints (unfounded)	3
Accidents: 1 Car	6
Accidents: 2 Car	2
Accidents: Fatalities	1

Police Officers in Rowe:

Chief: Henry J. Dandeneau

Special Police Officers;

John R. Riggan

Karl E. JurentKuff

Again in 1979 we had an encouraging decrease in the number and seriousness of events in Rowe. The most encouraging decrease was in the number of house breaks. Deer season was even quieter than usual, probably due to the lack of snow.

In December of this year the Town of Rowe purchased a new four wheel drive cruiser from Bostley Motors of Greenfield. All of us are very pleased with its performance and increased ability.

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 and cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau
 Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

A new base station was installed and we now have better communication with Tri-State Mutual Aid.

A new mobile radio and portable radio were installed in Engine #1; this is for Deerfield Valley Mutual Aid only and includes back-up coverage from the following Vermont towns: Wilmington, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Dover, Wardsboro and Marlboro. This program provides much more protection.

Our program on chimney cleaning in the fall was a success and will be continued again this fall.

I wish to thank Yankee Atomic Electric Co. for filling our Scott Air Packs after our recent house fire.

The department responded to fifteen calls which were as follows:

5	Chimney Fires
1	Compactor Fires
1	False Alarms
1	L.P. Gas Fires
4	Mutual Aid Calls
2	Pumping out Cellars
1	House Fires

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth D. Soule
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To the Town of Rowe:

During the fiscal year 1979, there were 26 permits issued:

New homes	2
Other new buildings or additions	8
Remodeling	12
Demolition	3
Stove permits	1

In addition, a total of 53 Certificates of Inspection were issued. These represent the semi-annual inspections of public buildings as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
William G. Foster,
Building Commissioner

— IN APPRECIATION —

Howard Truesdell (better known as “Sparky”) has put in a life-time working on the road for the Town of Rowe. “Sparky” has worked for the Town ever since graduating from school.

The Highway Department wasn’t on a full-time schedule when “Spark” started his career “on the road” but he like many others, answered the call when needed battling snow drifts during winter months and sloppy roads when “mud season” was in full swing.

Steady employment for him began in 1954 and continued until he retired on October 31, 1979. He worked in many capacities and was road boss and for the last five years of employment he served as Assistant Superintendent of Streets.

As his co-worker and friend Carroll Stowe so aptly put it, “Spark has withstood the test of time with a faithfulness that would be difficult to equal. A tour of duty way past forty years is to be marveled at”.

A testimonial was held for Howard and Rowe townspeople turned out in numbers to show this man who specializes in smiling, how much they like him.



“Lunch Break”

ROWE TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

Rowe Town Library has had a busy year during 1979; we have 307 registered borrowers, of which 52 members are weekend and summer residents. Thirty-five per-cent borrow library materials at least every three weeks, which is the borrowing period. Other members borrow less frequently. We have added 431 books during the last year and circulated 12,115 items.

Some residents have been kind enough to enter exhibits in the Library which have created much interest. Thanks go to: Alan Bjork for his continuing stamp exhibit, Katherine Heiligmann for an exhibit on the Republic of China and Diane Gordon for an exhibit on map-making.

A new couch has been purchased with the memorial funds received in memory of Myron Newton, Harriet Cornish, Mabel Henderson and others.

The librarian and trustees have attended several nine-town and regional meetings and acted as host for one nine-town meeting.

We thank all who have contributed to the welfare and improvement of the Rowe Town Library by their interest and gifts.

Rowe Town Library hours remain the same in 1980. We are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowe Town Library
Dorothy N. Stevens, Librarian

Sally Ann Alix, Chairman
Joyce Boutwell, Secretary
Jane Lindabury, Treasurer
Library trustees

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

The service to Veterans is now given at the Rowe town hall. Veterans in need of assistance should call the town office for information. (Tel. No. 339-5520). It is suggested that all resident Veterans should have a copy of their Service records, Discharge and other Vital Statistics on file at the Rowe town office, this file being the Veterans' confidential file.

During the year 1979, meetings of instruction held at the Medical Center, Leeds Veterans Hospital and at Westover Air Base were attended by your Agent.

Information and services were rendered to all Veterans, Servicemen and parents of Servicemen desiring such.

The United States of America will always have Veterans as long as it is a free nation.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be of assistance to them, as your Veterans Agent.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Churchill
Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

The fiscal year 1979 has proven to be a difficult one for the Board, primarily for two reasons; the introduction of two new members and the chaos created by the attempt to create state-wide tax classification.

This Board went on record as being opposed to tax classification as it was initially proposed in the 1978 referendum because as the law was written, it removed all public utilities from the property tax roles and froze all evaluations for these same utilities at the 1977-78 level. Although the utilities were supposed to be thereafter taxed on an excise basis, because the evaluations were frozen, the companies were being granted what was in effect, a tax cut despite the high rate of inflation. This would, of course have ultimately meant higher taxes for those classified in other categories.

Secondly, because the law was poorly written, enormous difficulties were encountered when attempts were made in selected communities, such as Ashfield, to put classification into effect. The results were disastrous for rural and farming communities. Farm land was taxed more highly, while so-called "open land", a vaguely defined catch-all classification for almost all other kinds of land, was effectively reduced so as to have a negligible value. The result was that farms and

small businesses, as well as some residential property, assumed a disproportionate amount of the tax burden. In some instances, second-home owners of dwellings, such as summer camps, would have had to pay no taxes at all because of the exemptions.

Basically, we felt the original classification plan was unjust and unworkable except at a severe cost to the rural communities of Massachusetts.

Because of the opposition to classification, the legislature passed an ammended classification bill, Chapter 797, which placed the utilities back on the property tax rolls and allowed towns the option as to whether to adopt classification or not. Being a product of Boston, this choice is not quite as clear as it sounds. Towns choosing not to classify, must nevertheless go through the motions of classifying even if they stick to the old form of taxation.

This Board has chosen not to initiate classification, but to continue with 100 per cent valuation (for which we must be recertified), the same method that has been in effect for the last several years.

This year we are updating our record-keeping and assessing methods for the re-evaluation process that has already begun.

Another requirement from Boston that the Board must confront this year is mandatory training sessions.

We have been very pleased with the cooperation shown us by the residents and taxpayers of Rowe, particularly in these difficult and somewhat confusing times.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry G. Dandeneau, Chairman
John R. Riggan
Robert F. Kenney
 Rowe Board of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY & TAXES ASSESSED 1/1/79

NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED:

Bills on Personal Property 64
Bills on Real Estate 298

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE:

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate

\$54,404,785.00

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE:

Land, Exclusive of Buildings
Buildings, Exclusive of Land

\$4,763,115.00
68,336,726.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate

TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

73,099,841.00

TAX RATE PER \$1000.00 - \$.68 (Fiscal Year 1980, School - \$1.90 + General \$4.90)

127,504,626.00

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

On Personal Estate 369,952.54
On Real Estate 497,078.92

867,031.46

FIGURES USED IN ARRIVING AT THE 1980 TAX RATE:

Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation
Total Appropriations to be raised from Available Funds
School Lunch Program
Free Public Libraries
County Tax

865,560.65
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919.00
1,000.00
160,486.30

STATE TAX ASSESSMENTS:

State Recreation Areas	20,385.19
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	61.95
Air Pollution Control	1,100.51
OVERLAY OF CURRENT YEAR	39,569.45

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

1,089,083.05

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts from State	
Motor Vehicle	66,233.00
Licenses	13,000.00
School Receipts - local	400.00
Library	60,000.00
Interest	100.00
Protection, Persons & Property	30,000.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Highway	50.00
Recreation	33,152.00
	150.00

ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS

Prior Year's Overestimates - State & County

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

137,102.00
4,166.59
207,701.59

AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Revenue Sharing	14,350.00
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TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY

222,051.59
867,031.46

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY:

Personal Property Valuation	54,404,785.00
Personal Property Tax	369,925.54
Real Estate Valuation	73,099,841.00
Real Estate Tax	497,078.92

**OFFICIAL RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

MAY 14, 1979

Annual Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School on May 14, 1979. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 6:00 P.M. Quorum present. Constable Blanche Veber served warrant. Call of meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Martha Rossi, Sally Alix, Cynthia Laffond and John Foster appointed and sworn by Moderator. Town Meeting Warrant posted May 7, 1979.

ARTICLE 1. Reports of all town officers and committees were accepted with the exception of the Village Improvement Committee which was not included.

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, 1979, 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. Moved to postpone indefinitely

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. 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	Health District
500	Veteran's Service Administration
16,121	Franklin County Retirement Assessment
14,000	Franklin County Group Insurance
1,000	Town's Interest on Loans

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Overlay Surplus to the 1980 fiscal year Reserve Fund.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Voted to determine the compensation for elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of money hereinafter specified for the various departments for expenditures for the 1980 fiscal period, as approved by the Finance

Committee:

\$14,500	Administration
21,000	Bonds & Insurance
3,000	Town Hall
2,500	Town Officers' Expenses
16,175	Town Officers' Salaries
\$2,400	Selectmen
1,000	School Committee
1,200	Assessors
2,200	Treasurer
1,300	Tax Collector
1,600	Town Clerk
2,900	Selectmen's Clerk
600	Assessors Clerk
700	Fire Chief
800	Police Chief
75	Moderator
250	Registrars
75	Dog Officer
150	Auditor
75	Constable
75	Animal Inspector
75	Fire Warden
300	Plumbing Inspector
400	Wiring Inspector
262,200	School (Operation & Maintenance)
25,500	School Construction Bonds (Principal & Interest)
14,100	Capital, Regional School District
40,400	Operation, Regional School District
24,600	Capital, Franklin County Technical School District
29,800	Operation, Franklin County Technical School District
2,000	Board of Health
12,000	Refuse Garden, Operation
3,400	Police Department, Operation
5,600	Fire Department, Operation
1,350	Paid Fire Department (Officers)
2,500	Forest Fires
500	Civil Defense
60	Insect Pest Control
600	Dutch Elm Disease Control
10,400	Library, Operation
11,200	Pelham Lake Park
4,000	Gas Account, Town Vehicles
2,500	Cemeteries, Maintenance
600	Planning Board, Operation
2,500	Building Inspector
300	Update Tax Maps
800	Motion Pictures Series

3,000	Old Home Day
600	Medical Emergency Director
4,000	Street Lighting

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for unemployment compensation for municipal employees for fiscal year 1980.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the "General Highway Fund" for the 1980 fiscal year:

\$95,000	Wages & Salaries
3,000	Sick Leave Pay
5,000	Bridge & Guard Rail
3,000	Roadside Maintenance
2,000	Town Account
10,000	Road Oiling
20,000	Winter Roads
8,000	Drainage
15,000	General Highway Maintenance
18,000	Machinery Maintenance

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for Type "I" Pavement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions as specified on the Cherry Sheet titled "Highway and Transit Development" for Type "I" Pavement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. Voted to accept the sum of \$21,397 available under the provisions of Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, for fiscal year 1980 "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 14. Voted to transfer from State Aid Library Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,000 for Library operation.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of constructing a new entrance on the west side of Rowe Town Library and repair as necessary the rear wall of the building.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 16. 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 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purchase of a tractor with accessories for the Highway Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 and authorize the Moderator to appoint a five member committee to study the construction of a new fire station and town garage.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

35 No

28 Yes

ARTICLE 19. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of insulating the town garage.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to acquire an easement on land of Sarah J. Gracy for the purpose of constructing a leach field with the rest of the septic system, to serve the town garage.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the repairs to the town garage septic system.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for drainage of Middletown Hill Road.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$3,000 to pay the cost of lighting conversion at Rowe Elementary School.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 24. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$2,000 to purchase a radio for the Fire Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 25. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$1,200 for the purchase of six sets of gear for the Fire Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$650. for the purchase of two (2) nozzles for the Fire Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and authorize the tradein or sale of the present cruiser.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 28. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of constructing a Park Storage and First Aid Building.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

35 No 26 Yes

ARTICLE 29. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of constructing a Park Storage and First Aid Building.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

38 No 26 Yes

ARTICLE 30. Voted to join the Franklin Regional Transit Authority.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of providing bus service for the Town residents.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 33. Voted not to eliminate parking along public ways of the Town except for town citizens from December 1st to January 1st.

DEFEATED

Voted to post school grounds against hunting

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JULY 24, 1979

Special Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on July 24, 1979.

John Williams Moderator, being absent; Selectmen appointed Donald Lindabury Moderator - Protem. Quorum present and meeting called to order at 7:30. Blanche Veber Constable, served Warrant. Call of meeting and Constable's return read by Moderator. Tellers Cindy Laffond and Thomas Danek appointed by Moderator and sworn by Town Clerk. Town Meeting Warrant posted July 9, 1979.

ARTICLE 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for ambulance services.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of reveiwing and updating proposals as set forth in the "Goals For Rowe" by the Planning Board.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of dredging of Mill Pond and the reconstruction of Mill Pond Dam.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest:

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

OFFICIAL RESULTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 1979

Special Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on October 9, 1979.

Quorum present at 7:30 and meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams. Blanche Veber, Constable, served warrant. Call of Meeting and Constable's Return read by Moderator. Tellers Judy Pierce and Raymond Boutwell appointed and sworn by Moderator. Town Meeting Warrant was posted September 24, 1979.

ARTICLE 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,226.65 to set up non-contributory retirement fund.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. The Town voted to accept the sum of \$13,107 available under provisions of Chapter 480, Acts of 1979 for fiscal year 1980 "Chapter 90" type construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,681 to be restored to the treasury upon receipt of reimbursement.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$6,426 from the provisions of Chapter 765, Acts of 1972 for fiscal year 1980 Chapter 90 type construction to Chapter 480, Acts of 1979.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Machinery Maintenance Account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of revamping the Town Hall heating system.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for drainage, graveling and resurfacing Petrie Road.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the microfilming of Town records.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. The Town voted to aise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the Town Hall Account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Voted that the Selectmen communicate with County Officials that Mr. Chornyak's work be registered in an appropriate place in the County Government pending the advice of town counsel.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest:

L. Norma Brown

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

This is the second year we have had the same classroom teaching staff. It is through maintaining the same staff that we can work together towards long range objectives. In addition to working well as a team each teacher has particular strenghts and interest which when combined as a faculty creates a strong integration of knowledge and expertise. Mrs. Law has kindergarten and continues as coordinator of our environmental education programs. Mrs Fournier has the first and second grades. Mrs Rillings has the third and fourth grades. Mrs. Weinstein has the fifth grade and Mr. Gruen has the sixth.

This year, as a part of the on going process of curriculum improvement, we are exploring our reading and social studies programs. Through the use of Mrs. Bennyan our District Reading Supervisor we are analysing and evaluating all reading materials through out the grades to determine the consistency and sequence of our program. This process is not being undertaken because of a weak reading program but rather because of the continous need to evaluate, refine and improve this imperative subject area.

Our objectives in the area of social studies are to create a more comprehensive curriculum with definite scope and sequence. This process involves a close look at what we have, and a thorough exploration of what publishing companies have to offer. From this we are incorporating concepts, ideas and materials to give us a comprehensive, sequential program. Accompanying the social studies curriculum will be a guide defining the objectives for each class.

In addition to our academic concerns are our constant efforts to create a school atmosphere of positive social interaction. Last spring we began a "Courtesy Program" oriented towards creating within our school a quality of mutual respect among all students at all times. This program was initiated by a whole school meeting to present and discuss with the children the objectives determined by our staff. One of the things we decided as a staff was that courtesy in the lunchroom, and the purpose of family style lunches, could be achieved only if we were to eat with the children. A format of having one adult at each table has been in effect since this decision. Activities such as courtesy poster contest and individual and group reminders of the meaning of courtesy have created an internal control in students which is obvious to persons visiting our school.

Another significant addition this past year was the use of a support person for sixth graders entering Mohawk School this past fall. To help students with this sometimes difficult transition, from a small familiar environment to a large unfamiliar one, we used Mrs. Veronica Lively Smead. Her knowledge of the Rowe students entering Mohawk and her self assurance and sensitivity were a tremendous asset towards helping our students make a smooth adjustment. If possible this procedure will continue for future classes.

In thinking of Rowe students going on to Mohawk School, a lot of time, thought, energy and planning has been devoted towards the "Five through Eight Middle School Concept". This has involved communication and compromise between

Mohawk School and all elementary schools in the district. The purpose of the Middle School Meetings has been two fold, first, to create an understanding of the dramatic physical, emotional and intellectual changes confronting adolescent boys and girls and, second, to have curriculum and scheduling which takes into consideration these changes as well as personnel who are interested and capable of effectively working with this age group.

An important factor contributing to the quality of our school is our use of tutors. We have two full time tutors: Mr. Canali and Mrs. Poisson and two half time tutors: Ms. O'Rourke and Mrs. Laffond. Their experience and training enables us to provide individual instruction to all students as well as using their special skills to enrich our curriculum. Specifically Ms. O'Rourke, who has worked here four years and has nursing training, meets on a weekly basis with the fifth and sixth grade girls. These meetings are an opportunity for open discussion about any topics of concern. Mr. Canali began this year. He is a certified classroom teacher and has a strong interest in mathematics which he incorporates into his work. Mrs. Poisson has been a tutor for four years. She has taken courses at G.C.C. and works exceptionally well with children of all ages. By having persons of this caliber we are able to use them instead of substitutes when a teacher is ill. Thus far this year their use has saved over five hundred dollars.

Mrs. Laffond's role is different than the other tutors in that she works exclusively with our I.M.S. (Individualized Mathematics Systems) math program and occasionally will substitute as school secretary in the afternoons if needed.

We are fortunate to have two C.E.T.A. employees working with us this year. Ms. Taylor has been used as a primary aide and Ms. Muktarian as a basic skills aide in the sixth grade. We will miss the services of these two capable women. Unfortunately it appears that C.E.T.A. will not be able to provide any persons during the coming school year because of financial difficulties. Another federally funded employee is Mrs. Cole who is our Title I Mathematics tutor who provides services for children having particular difficulty in arithmetic.

We continue with our shared teachers who teach one day each week. Mrs Hanley instructs art, Ms. Merrigan, instrumental music, Ms. Kulp, vocal music and Mr. Burda, physical education.

In the area of special education, speech therapy is provided by Ms. D'Intino and Ms. Brooks. Budge Litchfield continues as our Special Education tutor working mainly with students with special needs. Mr. Litchfield's work involves consulting with many resources to evaluate children who are having difficulty and setting up learning programs with specific objectives which are discussed with the child's parents and classroom teacher. Three times during the year progress reports are mailed to the parents. At any time during the course of the year a conference may be called to inform parents of developments. Our program is in compliance with the State Department of education's regulations under chapter 766 for meeting the educational needs of children who because of "special needs" can not reach their educational potential within the regular educational program. Mr. Litchfield is under the supervision of Mrs. Fink the Mohawk District Special Education

Supervisor. Through his close communications with classroom teachers, and because of our individualized educational approach, we have been able to set up a program which enables special needs children to stay within the regular classroom routine. It is appropriate to mention here that our special education program was given an exceptional evaluation in the State Compliance Review Report of June 12, 1979.

Dr. McCutchen is our consulting psychologist. His services here, four hours each week, are vital to our understanding and help in the remediation of emotional and social development problems confronting some children. It is only with parental permission that he tests children and this is only after conferring with them as to the need for such testing.

Acting as librarian this year we have been fortunate to have Ms. Miller. In addition to her library duties she has been using children to interview elderly people in the community. Her objectives are to give students increased contact with the real world of their immediate environment, give students increased insight into whole lives (how people are different, where they've come from, who they are, how life choices are made and life works developed), to bring the community into the school's educational process, and finally, to involve students in the process of creating a book.

Marlene Housner has continued with her Artist in Resident program. She comes in one afternoon each week and works with approximately sixteen children.

A problem which often develops with parent volunteer programs is that other commitments take precedence. This year's group of volunteers have been conscientious in their efforts to maintain their weekly schedule. A special thanks to Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Staub, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Pinkham for the hours they have devoted to our school this year.

A school as small as ours brings the children into contact with all persons who work here and children learn from whomever they interact. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Dandeneau in charge of the kitchen and Mr. Marchacos as our custodian. I cannot estimate the effect these persons have on the children but the high quality of what they do and the pride they have in their work is certainly a positive influence in the educational process.

A final note regarding personnel. Mrs. Sprague began as secretary after the New Year replacing Mrs. Riggan who had been here for four years. No one can replace another person because each of us is unique. Thus I would like to thank Margalee for all she brought to us while working here and to mention how pleased we are to now have Kathy as secretary.

Rowe School is in many ways a unique public school. Our beliefs that the educational process should be a life experience oriented towards developing in children high academic achievement, refined social skills, and positive self concept within a structure of freedom with responsibility, are rarely found. With these beliefs is also administrative accountability to the members of our community. I

want to address your concerns. I want to clarify the goals and objectives of our school to anyone who has questions. Again, I will take this opportunity to ask you to visit school while it is in session. Spend some time in the classrooms and see what is going on. Our school which is your school, can continue to develop only through your interest, understanding and support.

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT

The Rowe Elementary School Library continues to house an expanding collection of print, non-print material and equipment. During the past year the nine town regional school district received a combined Title IV B grant from the State Department of Education for the school libraries "for the purpose of enhancing the visual capabilities of the school district". The following purchases were made and distributed among all the schools:

5 globes and maps	\$ 270.07
3 16mm films	900.00
13 filmloops	260.00
1 Singer sound FS projector	419.00
3 Carousel slide projectors	510.00
4 Digitor math computers	400.00
1 16mm projector	800.00
8 filmstrip previewers	200.00
3 filmloop projectors	480.00
	<hr/> \$4,239.07

Inservice programs for library personnel included a children's literature workshop on May 2, 1979, by Dr. Masha Rudman of the University of Massachusetts, an introduction to the Glasser system of discipline presented by Phil Dzialo, Middle School Project Director, on September 28, 1979, a media demonstration held at the Hawlemont Regional School on October 24, 1979.

Assistant Librarian Helen Mackie, on a one year leave of absence for the 1979-80 school year, was replaced by Lynn Miller of Heath. New programs initiated by Lynn include an oral history project, rearrangement of the library and a collection of books organized for parents. The annual fall book fair was a successful undertaking as has been the use of books for the individualized needs of students.

A nine town regional Preview Day was held at the high school Resource Center on October 19, 1979. This event provided faculty, library personnel and administrators with an opportunity to examine for preview and purchase a wide variety of new print and non-print material. Participants in the program represented 18 schools in the Franklin County area. Among the thirty exhibitors were Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Grossett and Dunlap, Ginn and Company, McGraw Hill, Baker and Taylor and Massachusetts Educational Television.

The Rowe Elementary School Library, by its sheer location, exists as an integral and vital part of the total school community. The students and faculty have utilized the resources available to them through the library/media program and the inter-library loan system to an astounding degree. For the year 1979 the average rate of circulation for all print and non-print material per pupil reached an all time record of 43 items.

*Susan Silvester,
Director of Instructional Media*

TOWN OF ROWE

SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN

As of October 1, 1979

Grade	Rowe Elementary	Mohawk Reg'l High School	Voca- tional	Non Public	TOTAL
Kindergarten	4				4
1	3				3
2	2				2
3	2				2
4	5				5
5	4				4
6	8				8
7		7			7
8		3			3
9		4	3		7
10		4	2		6
11		9	4		13
12		4	1		5
TOTALS:	28	31	10	0	69

ROWE SCHOOL BUDGET

A copy of the Rowe School Budget for the fiscal year 1981 (July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981) is on file at the office of the Selectmen and available for public inspection.

ITEM	6 Months Expenditures 1/1/79-6/30/79	6 Months Expenditures 7/1/79-12/31/79	Appropriation 7/1/79-6/30/80
ADMINISTRATION			
School Committee Clerical	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$160.00
School Committee Supplies	115.95	8.31	15.00
School Committee Other	26.95	95.53	109.00
Administrative Salaries	279.78	1,529.07	3,100.00
Clerical Salaries	2,024.88	2,318.79	4,458.25
Administrative Travel	236.66	131.52	485.75
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$2,764.22	\$4,103.22	\$8,328.00
INSTRUCTION			
Supervisors' Salaries	96.00	370.26	1,056.00
Supervisors' Aide - Reading	252.56	-0-	350.00
Contracted Services - Curriculum	506.52	500.00	500.00
Supervisors' Other Expense	80.24	37.80	270.00
Principal's Salary	8,749.91	9,315.41	20,000.00
Principal's Clerical	3,955.35	2,936.11	7,100.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	500.93	191.30	600.00
Principal's Other Expense	160.01	2.50	250.00
Teachers' Salaries	52,713.65	34,554.83	92,376.00
Teachers' Summer School	-0-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Substitutes	453.20	137.50	300.00
Teacher Aides/Tutors	16,555.04	12,518.81	31,520.00
Contracted Services	8,250.62	2,545.90	9,850.00
Instruction Supplies	6,328.79	8,069.53	5,400.00
Other Expense	730.08	245.72	2,900.00

Textbooks	89.38	32.49	50.00
Library Assistant	2,278.52	3,653.45	6,255.00
Supplies and Materials	840.12	1,154.48	1,700.00
Other Expense	-0-	-0-	30.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	179.92	115.65	250.00
Other Expense - Postage	-0-	-0-	20.00
Guidance Supplies	191.92	92.44	200.00
Other Expenses - Scoring	-0-	52.20	50.00
Psychological - Contracted	212.50	-0-	600.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$103,125.26	\$77,826.38	\$182,927.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Salaries - Physician	100.00	-0-	100.00
Supplies and Materials	64.60	40.73	50.00
Pupil Transportation - Contracted	9,132.00	5,407.15	13,500.00
Cafeteria Salaries	5,700.81	3,357.00	9,700.00
Food and Supplies	98.44	289.55	500.00
Student Body Activities	911.75	113.72	300.00
TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$16,007.60	\$9,208.15	\$24,150.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salary	\$5,110.23	\$4,769.64	\$10,500.00
Supplies and Materials	1,103.49	578.54	800.00
Other Expense - Travel	702.60	129.60	400.00
Heating	6,747.93	-0-	14,000.00
Utility Services	4,420.78	3,409.97	8,925.00
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	300.00	85.68	670.00
Supplies and Materials	78.04	14.69	200.00
Maintenance of Building - Contracted	7,598.41	1,159.59	3,550.00
Supplies and Materials	836.23	1,402.53	1,150.00
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	766.82	618.40	1,100.00
Supplies and Materials	973.22	43.34	250.00
TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	\$28,637.75	\$12,211.98	\$41,545.00

FIXED CHARGES			
Insurance - Employer's 32B	\$153.00	\$-0-	\$185.00
Insurance - Committee Liability	-0-	450.00	450.00
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$153.00	\$450.00	\$635.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS			
New Equipment	\$168.48	\$234.72	\$700.00
Replacement of Equipment	544.34	250.33	400.00
TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	\$712.82	\$485.05	\$1,100.00
SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET	\$151,400.65	\$104,284.78	\$258,685.00
INSTRUCTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Teachers' Salaries	\$476.69	\$450.82	\$700.00
Teachers' Aide Salaries	-0-	19.53	-0-
Contracted Services - Speech	-0-	-0-	500.00
Supplies and Materials	13.45	-0-	100.00
Other Expense	117.48	51.00	200.00
Textbooks	-0-	-0-	25.00
Guidance Salaries	-0-	-0-	-0-
Guidance Supplies	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Expense - Travel	-0-	-0-	-0-
Contracted Services - Psychological	3,350.25	1,300.00	5,250.00
Psychological Supplies	9.65	5.65	50.00
Other Expense - Travel	-0-	-0-	50.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$3,967.52	\$1,827.00	\$6,875.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Transportation	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$500.00
SUB-TOTAL:			
SPECIAL EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,967.25	\$1,827.00	\$7,375.00

ROWE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Summary and Comparison of 1980-1981 Budget to the 1979-1980 Budget

Account #	Item	Actual Expenditures 7/1/78-6/30/79	Actual Appropriation 7/1/79-6/30/80	Proposed Appropriation 7/1/80-6/30/81	Increase \$	Decrease %
REGULAR EDUCATION						
1000	Administration	\$ 5,498.64	\$ 8,328.00	\$ 9,612.00	\$ 1,284.00	15.4
2000	Instruction	166,666.38	178,686.00	184,055.00	5,369.00	3.0
3000	Other School Services	23,758.54	24,150.00	25,248.00	1,098.00	4.5
4000	Operation and Maintenance	45,117.80	41,545.00	48,730.00	7,185.00	17.3
5000	Fixed Charges	153.00	635.00	650.00	15.00	2.4
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	2,512.68	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	--
SPECIAL EDUCATION						
2000	Instruction	5,250.88	6,875.00	8,022.00	1,147.00	16.7
3000	Other School Services	- 0 -	500.00	250.00	(250.00)	(- 50.00)
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$248,957.92	\$261,819.00	\$277,667.00	\$ 15,848.00	6.1%

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is with pleasure as well as anticipation that I submit my first annual report as the superintendent for the nine-town area schools. It is with pleasure that I share my initial impressions of the several school districts. The sincerity and commitment of the school committee members, administrators, teachers, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria workers, and others too numerous to mention is outstanding...It is with anticipation that I look forward to working with all of you to reach our mutual goal -- a quality education for all our students.

One of my primary goals as superintendent is to strengthen communication and cooperation among the schools in the superintendency. Each of our schools is unique and reflects different strengths. By sharing these strengths, all students will benefit. Past efforts have proven (in the areas of special education, inservice and media, for example) that schools can collaborate and still maintain their individuality and autonomy. Such cooperation is in the interest of educational excellence as well as being fiscally prudent. One concern which has been shared with me by many is the transition of students from the various elementary schools to the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. To ensure a smooth and successful transition to the secondary level it is vital that we share a clear understanding of the curriculum that exists in all of our schools.

A timely project in this respect is the Conceptual Middle School Project, a three-year federal grant that will allow us to examine the educational and social needs of students in grades five through eight. These years are vital ones for students and it is important that we plan them carefully. The resources provided by this grant will give us the opportunity to review our existing curriculum and to strive for the improvements which will make the adjustment from the elementary schools to the high school a pleasurable and productive experience.

Another cooperative project in progress this year is the development and implementation of the Basic Skills Improvement Program which has been mandated by the Department of Education. Parents and community members have joined school staffs to develop standards for minimal competencies in our various schools. Reading, math and writing are the areas of focus this year on a K-12 basis. This program will go into effect during the 1980-81 school year. In the coming year, standards for basic skills will be developed for listening and speaking.

I am very encouraged by the initiative demonstrated by many staff members in the pursuit of state and federal grants. In addition to several grants funded this year, we anticipate additional funding in the year to come which will facilitate the exploration and improvement of our curriculum without the expenditure of local funds.

One of the most crucial problems we face today is in the area of school finance. In this year of heightened inflation and ever-increasing energy costs coupled with the existence of the Massachusetts Tax Cap, the process of developing the school budget was extremely difficult. Many hours have been spent in developing, discussing and revising the budgets for the 1980-81 school year. Budget

subcommittees will remain active during the school year to examine various programs and procedures to improve the cost effectiveness of our operations. One area of focus will be an intensive review of our personnel needs for the future in each school district.

In conclusion, I am optimistic about the educational future of our several school districts. The potential for superior educational services already existant in our schools is tremendous. There are problems that we have to face and solve together, but I am confident that we will be successful in our endeavor.

I want to thank the many people who have assisted me in my first year as superintendent. The kindness and patience that have been extended to me by numerous people is greatly appreciated.

In the coming year I want to be as accessible to people as my duties will allow. I would, therefore, invite any parent and community members to contact me directly at 625-2555 if you have suggestions or concerns in regard to our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Willard, Supt. of Schools
B-C-S Regional School District
Hawlemont Regional School District
Mass. School Supt. Union No. 65
Mohawk Trail Regional School District

ANNUAL REPORT - BUSINESS MANAGER

I am pleased to submit my second annual report as Business Manager for the several school districts and departments comprising the nine-town shared superintendency.

It is now evident that public education enters this new decade fettered with graver and greater challenges and obstacles than heretofore encountered. The provision of goods and services necessary for the efficient operation of our local schools proves to be increasingly more difficult with each passing year.

While local school committees attempt to develop budgets consistent with the requirements of the "tax cap legislation" and as a consequence, are constrained to reduce educational and operational services, the Commonwealth continues to enact mandatory programs and procedures, reminding school committees of their statutory obligations, irrespective of the cost.

Despite the existence of a rampant rate of inflation, and its impact on school costs, the Commonwealth, its supposed affirmation of the principle of equalization notwithstanding, provides proportionately less state aid to education to our local school districts and towns. The legislature in its infinite wisdom recently adjusted the formulae for the disbursement of Chapters 70 and 71 monies to the great benefit of urban communities and one town/city school departments and at the ruinous expense of rural towns and regional school districts. The promises and lures of regionalization, codified in the General Laws, seem now to be forgotten or at least ignored: Our pitiful rates of transportation reimbursement bear mute testimony to this sad reality.

The fiscal troubles of our regional school districts, and ultimately all member towns, will be further aggravated by recent legislation restricting and controlling local school committee management of surplus revenue. As regional school committees find themselves unable to reduce school cost assessments to member towns due to insufficient surplus funds, assessments will increase at rates alarmingly above the actual budget increases. Within the next several years, borrowing in anticipation of revenue or state reimbursements will no doubt become a sorrowful reality in our school districts.

The challenge of the 80's is apparent and obvious: In order to continue to provide for the necessary and important educational needs of the several thousand school children in these nine towns, school committees and school officials must severely curtail operational costs, heating cost, maintenance expenses and other non-educational expenditures. As our buildings continue to age (our eight buildings now average 35 years old) and require more care, more repairs, and more expense, we somehow shall have to adjust in this age of "less, less, less".

Our several school boards have been vigilant as they enter this new era. Most committees have formed energy conservation subcommittees and they in turn have already implemented cost saving plans of action. Careful planned preventative maintenance programs have succeeded in reducing operational expenses. School transportation services have been carefully scrutinized and new contracts consummated with greatly reduced cost. New and innovative methods have been utilized to repair and replace roofs, purchase materials collectively, modify school space economically, and so forth.

However, the fiscal restraints imposed upon local school committees together with the mandatory requirements of the Dept. of Education and the other woes cited above can only and eventually create and sustain a paradoxical dilemma which will catch school children and the local taxpayer in the crossfire.

Surely, the governor and the legislature must eventually recognize the terrible plight of public education today and respond with reasonable fiscal restraints, logical educational requirements and equitable schedules of state aid to education....for otherwise, the bubble will most certainly burst.

David D. Newell, Business Manager
Mass. School Supt. Union No. 65
Hawlemont Regional School District
B-C-S Regional School District
Mohawk Trail Regional School
District

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The year has led to many changes which indicate a trend toward closer inspection and examination of all of the academic and activity programs at Mohawk. Faculty and administration is well aware of the trends in education and in society as a whole and are sensitive to the demands of society on our students. The changes that are taking place include those in curriculum as well as the structure of the Junior High.

Curriculum changes in the Junior High included a change in 8th grade Social Studies. Civics is now taught to all 8th grade students. Principles of Ecology course was made available to the 10th grade and a new course, Global Ecology, was added for the 11th and 12th grades. Latin II was added to the curriculum to accommodate over 20 students who wished to take it.

The funding of a middle school project and the hiring of a coordinator for this project gives impetus to the restructuring of the 7th and 8th grades. The project attempts to create a grade 5 through grade 8 middle school in concept and function in the greater district while each of the elementary grades remain in their respective buildings and the grades 7 and 8 remain at Mohawk. This project advances the work which has been done in recent years to articulate the movement between the elementary schools and Mohawk.

A federal grant allowed Mohawk to offer a unique and thorough information service: MOIS (Mass. Occupational Information Service) which allows the student to explore through the computer any occupation in which he or she is interested. The service answers questions such as education needed, opportunities, pay potential, where training can be obtained as well as what training is needed for the specific occupation. Many other questions students have in mind about occupations are answered by MOIS. In conjunction with our regular guidance services, this has been a fine addition for our students.

This year, faculty members have had the opportunity to choose from several in-service workshops which they consider necessary. The release days are scheduled in advance to accommodate specific workshops and curriculum development designed to aid in teacher improvement and growth.

The development of the "Basic Skills" testing program has occupied many hours of the Educational Standing Committee and members of the Mohawk faculty. This year saw the formation of a district-wide committee to provide the Basic Skill Tests required by law in both elementary and secondary schools.

The Resource Center continues to be one of the important areas of the school's academic life. The yearly efforts of the members of that area to obtain federally-funded grants to aid our students, as well as high student use, make it a lively center.

Successful activities such as musical concerts, an exchange concert, dances, foreign trips, the school fair, field trips, and dance band concerts round out the school as a learning center.

The participation of many of our school organizations in local parades and celebrations continues to take place and integrate the student and school into the community.

Mohawk continues to be a progressive element in the District both as a learning center for its students and as a valuable element which provides other needed services.

I. Melvin Abrahamson, Principal

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Again it is a pleasure for me to report to you that Mohawk continues to operate with a balanced budget and continues to provide a learning environment for our students. The first is achieved by competent administration and the watchful eye of the school committee, the latter is achieved through a gifted, committed, and creative faculty.

It has been an assiduous year; a year each member and each subcommittee diligently pursued and accomplished assigned tasks.

The four school entities (Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District, and Mass. School Superintendency Union No. 65) worked conjointly to search for and select a new superintendent. A three-year teachers' contract, the first of its kind at Mohawk, was settled early (months before the deadline) due fully to the willingness and cooperation of faculty and the Negotiating Subcommittee. The Transportation Subcommittee held student transportation costs in check by deleting and rerouting bus routes. A new three-year transportation contract was awarded after much debate and further validated through judicial process and court hearing. The Budget Subcommittee through hard work and careful planning has held educational costs to a modest yearly increase well below the national inflation rate. Quality education has not suffered. The Educational Standing Committee is constantly discussing change in curriculum and is now determining criteria for basis skills and competency standards. After improvements, the adjacent property recently purchased will add aesthetic, athletic, and environmental values to the campus. 1979 has been a year of accomplishments.

Mr. Bruce E. Willard, Superintendent of Schools, started his duties last July. He is a fine gentleman with such qualities as intelligence, compassion, humor, and integrity. My appreciation to Mrs. Anne Finck, David Newell, the Principals, and the Secretaries for their ability to function effectively under difficult conditions during the first half of last year. It takes honesty and intelligence to operate a public service.....we have both qualities in our administrative personnel.

Occasionally we have to remind ourselves of the virtues of public education; the American public school system produces an enlightened, cohesive, informed and freedom-loving citizenry; it keeps our democratic society functioning; it makes for

a free and knowledgeable individual, able to make good judgements and to find a most efficient and happy place in society. Our public school system may seem inadequate but it is envied by many nations. Public education cannot and should not try to replace the family institution. Although there is some overlapping, basically education concerns itself with elements of knowledge and social values; the family provides religious, cultural and traditional values plus personality and character growth and above all, privacy. Society should not neutralize or replace either institution but to emphasize both in the raising of youngsters.

It is typical at the beginning of the decade to prophesy. My concern is with the new U.S. Department of Education. Although it is the guiding rule of democracy to have only enough control as deemed necessary, bureaucracy will move in and try to achieve success by regulating failure, thus stifling innovation, diversity, progress and creativity. What is more important than the challenges ahead is the frame of mind in which we will handle them. Three aspects come to view: we must define and use the word "free" in a positive form; we must reacquaint ourselves with the principle and moral codes upon which this country was built...good principles make good judgements; we must do away with "me first ism", replace exploitation with contribution and do something to foster prosperity. These characteristics are inherent in the school committee and I am confident they will provide quality education for years to come.

Education may shape men, but man shapes education. I encourage all of you to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Robertson,
 Chairman

Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee Members:
 Ashfield

Buckland

Charlemont

Colrain

Heath

Hawley

Plainfield

Rowe

Shelburne

Mrs. Diane Muller
 Mr. Robert Robertson
 Mrs. Virginia Washer
 Mrs. Ruth Anderson
 Mr. Wesley M. Rice
 Mr. David McKay
 Mrs. Joy Clark
 Mrs. Patricia Shearer
 Mr. Richard Herzig
 Mrs. Evelyn Lemay
 Mrs. Lynn Miller
 Mr. Harold White, Jr.
 Mrs. Margot Potter
 Mr. Raymond Jodoin
 Mr. Clement Gainty
 Mr. Robert Walters
 Mr. Harold T. Harris

RESOURCE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The following statistical information for 1979 reflects an increased use in the library-media center facilities and materials:

Print circulation	7,597
Non-print circulation	848
Interlibrary loan materials sent to local elementary schools	212
Interlibrary loan materials borrowed from other libraries	196
No. of classes coming for special projects & instruction	221
Evening hours attendance	24
Equipment circulation	2,218

Gifts were received from Bill Charon, Laurie Rosin, Neil Potter, Chris Hyrnyshyn, Tom Wilson, Edith Gerry, Traci DeLeo, Cindy Elbaum, Sharon Wickland, John Subosz, Doug Wilkins, Gladys Shumway, Ginny Washer, H.S. Kirk and Debbie Bardwell. Items donated included 41 books, a wall plaque, pamphlets, photos and posters.

The Mohawk Resource Center hosted a nine-town regional Preview Day on October 19. This event provided faculty, library personnel and administrators an opportunity to examine for preview and purchase a wide variety of new print and non-print material. Participants in the program represented 18 schools and libraries in Franklin County. The event was co-sponsored by the Franklin County Library/Media Group and the Mohawk Resource Center.

On November 14, the annual Media Day for students in grades 7 and 8 sponsored by the Resource Center staff. Skills taught at learning stations set up in the library included lamination, dry mounting, filmstrip making, slide show preparation, lettering and operation of equipment.

Inservice programs for library personnel included a children's literature workshop on May 2 by Dr. Masha Rudman of the Univ. of Mass., an introduction to the Glasser system of discipline presented by Phil Dzialo on Sept. 28, and a media demonstration at the Hawlemont Regional School on Oct. 24.

During the year the Resource Center has sponsored National Library Week activities, a school-wide essay contest, the Artist of the Month program, evening hours for school and community patrons, and has provided instruction in the use of a new career computer obtained through a grant written by Meg Garofalo, Career Education Director.

The sixth annual Creative Arts Festival sponsored by the Resource Center Council was held April 25 and 26 in conjunction with the School Fair on April 26. Local community resource people, students and faculty participated in a series of musical and artistic presentations.

Susan B. Silvester
Director of Instructional Media-
M.T.R.H.S.

I OPERATING BUDGETS

SERIES	Regular Education	Special Education	Voca- tional	Total Proposed Appropriated 1980-81	Total 1979-80	Increase/Decrease	
						Amount	Percent
1000 Administration	74,655	--	--	74,655	62,365	12,290	+ 19.706
2000 Instruction	1,175,146	117,509	19,152	1,311,807	1,227,315	84,492	+ 6.884
3000 Other School Services	270,654	37,350	250	308,254	287,181	21,073	+ 7.337
4000 Oper. & Maint. of Plant	227,412	900	225	228,537	210,385	18,152	+ 8.627
5000 Fixed Charges	94,100	--	--	94,100	97,300	3,200	- 3.288
6000 Community Ser.	25	--	--	25	25	- 0	-
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	30,775	400	550	31,725	20,950	10,775	+ 51.431
9000 Programs with Other Districts	--	24,000	200	24,200	24,100	100	+ 0.414
Less Reimbursements (Anticipated)	1,872,767	180,159	20,377	2,073,303	1,929,621	143,682	+ 7.446
from Commonwealth of Mass. and other sources:							
Reg.Sch.Aid-Ch. 71,S16d	104,000						
Ch. 71, S. 16c	Transport. 125,000						
School Related	Transport. 17,000						
Tuition - State	Wards 12,000						
Ch. 70 School Aid	304,000						
Anticipated							
Reimbursements	562,000						
Plus SURPLUS	120,000						
	682,000			-682,000	-753,606	71,606	
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED - OPERATING BUDGET				1,391,303	1,176,015	215,288	18.306 INCREASE

VI ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

	10-1-78	79-80	TOWN	10-1-79	80-81	AMOUNT
	Enrollment	Percent		Enrollment	Percent	
	113	13.47	Ashfield	105	13.05	181,565.04
	179	21.33	Buckland	171	21.24	295,512.76
	97	11.56	Charlemont	91	11.31	157,356.37
	141	16.81	Colrain	138	17.14	238,469.34
	17	2.03	Hawley	17	2.11	29,356.49
	38	4.53	Heath	38	4.72	65,669.50
	35	4.17	Plainfield	36	4.47	62,191.24
	28	3.34	Rowe	31	3.85	53,565.17
	191	22.76	Shelburne	178	22.11	307,617.09
TOTALS	839	100.00%		805	100.00%	1,391,303.00

Note: Mohawk Total Enrollment for
1979-80 is 807 Students
(2 Tuitioned from Greenfield
805 from the 9-Town Area)

VII ASSESSMENTS ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Town	Percent	Amount
Ashfield	11.9	\$ 13,915.15
Buckland	19.3	22,568.26
Charlemont	9.9	11,576.47
Colrain	16.3	19,060.24
Hawley	2.7	3,157.22
Heath	4.3	5,028.16
Plainfield	4.1	4,794.29
Rowe	11.5	13,447.41
Shelburne	20.0	23,386.80
TOTAL	100.0%	\$116,934.00

VIII VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS AS PER AMENDED AGREEMENT UPON BASIS OF COST
SCHOOL YEAR 1978-79 VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS - EXPENDITURES AS OF 6-30-79

TOWN	No. of Pupils	Tuition			Trnsp.			Total Net Assessment
		Tuition Paid	Transp. Paid	Total Cost	Reimb. State	Reimb. State Assessment	Net Tuition Net Transp. Assessment	
Charlemont	4.11	8,891.75	12,304.25	21,196.00	2,455.40	5,638.42	6,436.35	13,102.18
Ashfield	7.27	16,335.19	29,936.16	46,271.35	4,343.24	13,717.43	11,991.95	28,210.68
Plainfield	1.44	3,043.25	2,928.59	5,971.84	860.28	1,341.58	2,182.97	3,769.98
Shelburne	1.0	2,030.00	864.48	2,894.48	597.42	396.57	1,432.58	1,900.49
TOTALS	13.82	30,300.19	46,033.48	76,333.67	8,256.34	21,094.00	22,043.85	46,983.33

IX SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENTS

TOWN	Operating Budget	Capital Budget	Vocational Assessments (Mohawk Broker)	Total Assessments
Ashfield	181,565.04	13,915.15	28,210.68	223,690.87
Buckland	295,512.76	22,568.26	--	318,081.02
Charlemont	157,356.37	11,576.47	13,102.18	182,035.02
Colrain	238,469.34	19,060.24	--	257,529.58
Hawley	29,356.49	3,157.22	--	32,513.71
Heath	65,669.50	5,028.16	--	70,697.66
Plainfield	62,191.24	4,794.29	3,769.98	70,755.51
Rowe	53,565.17	13,447.41	--	67,012.58
Shelburne	307,617.09	23,386.80	1,900.49	332,904.38
TOTALS	1,391,303.00	116,934.00	46,983.33	1,555,220.33

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

For the Calendar Year January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

To the citizens of the member towns 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
Whately

Greetings:

The school year ending on December 31, 1979, includes the first semester of the fourth year of operation for Franklin Tech. This means that we have seniors who when graduating will be the first students to have attended Grades 9-12 in the School. This is a landmark and comes at the close of a very busy and rewarding year for this Committee.

The very visible signs of enthusiasm and interest on the part of the students bear out our feeling that we have a challenging and capable faculty and staff, functioning in one of the finest facilities in the Commonwealth. Student enrollment in the Day Program is at total capacity; the Evening Program continues to attract several hundred adults from area towns and many outside groups and agencies make use of our available space during late afternoons and evenings. It is rewarding to know that the District is getting the maximum use from our school space and budgeted dollars. We are pleased that we are able to offer full programs in Music and Art, and the Athletic teams of Franklin Tech are a spirited and creditable addition to the league competition in this area.

It is important for you to know, also that this Committee is seriously addressing the energy crisis in meaningful ways, and has recently approved a textbook review policy which provides an opportunity for any citizen to review and make recommendations regarding our curriculum materials.

Since the District Committee is so large, it is inevitable that changes in membership will occur. We are presently at the enviable point of having only one vacancy, and I sincerely hope that the Town of Rowe will soon be represented. The level of dedication of my colleagues is significant. In order to accomplish the business of the District, most members serve on one or more of the sub-committees which must meet frequently in addition to the required monthly session.

We intend to make available to our students the best education possible for the money provided by the taxpayers of the member towns. We welcome your suggestions toward achieving this goal and solicit your continued support in the interest of the young people from your town who attend Franklin Tech.

We extend our sincere thanks to Superintendent-Director O'Neil and the entire Tech School Staff and recognize the high level of dedication and competence each one brings to our school. We are grateful for the continued support of advisors to the School, area educators, and municipal officials whose com-

bined efforts point our school towards educational excellence.

The report of the Superintendent/Director appears elsewhere and I 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, 1979**

Bernardston
 Buckland
 Colrain
 Conway
 Deerfield
 Erving
 Gill
 Greenfield

Heath
 Montague

New Salem
 Northfield
 Rowe
 Shelburne
 Sunderland
 Warwick
 Wendell
 Whately

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 Frank W. Sussenberger
 Robert B. Gruen
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 John F. Ryan
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 Marian B. Holbrook
 Vacancy
 Joy A. Davenport
 Clarence H. Warner
 Fredericka H. Fellows
 Albert J. Diemand
 Jane H. Grybko

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR
Calendar Year January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979**

I am pleased to submit my fourth annual report of the management of the Franklin County Technical School. As in previous reports, I shall attempt to summarize the most significant activities of this past year that have contributed to our school's growth.

This year, once again, a maximum capacity student enrollment was achieved. As had been expected, women applications continued to escalate; for the first time, women enrolled in all eighteen trade and technical programs. The October 1, 1979 day school enrollment report listed (561) male and (267) female grades 9-12 students and (29) Post Graduates. A waiting list of District and Non-District applicants is presently on file.

The Adult Education Evening program continued to expand. Over 463 Adults enrolled in nineteen different trade preparation and trade extension courses.

For the first time in Franklin County's educational history, a county-wide career's survey test was administered to all eighth grade students. The testing was coordinated by the Tech School staff. The results will be analyzed and disseminated to those parents and testing students as an aide in better long range decision making; and the area schools should be assisted in developing enrollment planning studies.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved the school's Special Education and Facility Plans. In addition, our staff completed a self-evaluation of plant, programs, and facilities in accordance with federal mandates. Also, a Crisis Intervention Center was established to complement our new remediation and student behavior modification programs.

A major financial bonus was attained this year when the Commonwealth acknowledged and corrected a previous inequity in the state's educational funding formula. As a result, the eighteen District towns received an additional \$179,000 reimbursement which was applied against their assessments. Our District Representatives, Jay Healy and William Benson, and Senator Olver assisted the District in this endeavor.

As in the past, the school was the beneficiary of a number of substantial material and equipment donations from area businesses and industries. Furthermore, through the generosity of many area individuals, businesses, civic, and fraternal organizations, our graduation scholarship funds reached an all time high.

Although our House Carpentry project, the Gregory Dow home on Adams Road, Greenfield, was the largest out-of-school activity, the expertise of the students and instructors at our school benefited a large number of public and public non-profit agencies across the entire county.

Since the major goal of Vocational-Technical education is "to prepare students to seek, acquire, and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field," we continued to upgrade our Job Placement Program. We exceeded all of our early goals by placing ninety-one percent of our 1979 graduates in positive job markets. Also, seven of nine of our severely handicapped students were successfully placed in self-supporting employment.

Continuing efforts were made to make the Tech School a viable, visible, and integral part of the Franklin County community. The monthly radio program over W.H.A.I., the quarterly news letter to our parents, our Annual Parents Night Open House, and increased participation by our one hundred and twenty Trade Advisory Committee members demonstrated increasing success.

Our sports programs, although not very large in number, continued to contribute an effective role to our total curriculum. Our women's softball and volleyball teams registered impressive gains. Our boy's basketball, cross-country, soccer, and track teams all assisted in advancing school spirit. A new sport, wrestling, was introduced on an experimental basis.

In closing, I would like to briefly review my analysis of the Technical School's future role in Franklin County. First, and very importantly, the spector of energy created problems will continue to necessitate a constant and critical review of the educational and financial validity of all school programs — especially those relating to transportation and utilities. This School District has already begun short and long range energy audits and conservation programs. Almost certainly, Franklin County's high school age students will continue to show sustained interest in applying to this school. Our projections indicate that male application growth will level off by 1981, however, women applicants will continue to demonstrate strong demand and growth until at least 1985. Therefore, with significant declining or leveling enrollments in our area sending high schools, which will also impact upon this school, it is certain that an orderly and systematic total educational planning process must address the future needs of all of the area's secondary school systems. I have begun preliminary discussions with the Superintendents throughout the District, however, more substantive studies will soon be necessary.

It seems equally certain that the future strengths of any Vocational-Technical education system will link with an effective adult job training and retraining program. This school, as coordinator of the successful CETA Youth Work Program has already begun a school to work and work to school program. These programs are bound to increase in scope and diversity.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our entire educational community at the Tech School for their significant assistance and cooperation during our fourth year. I am indebted, also, to hundreds of parents, townspeople, business, industrial, and educational benefactors for giving so generously of their time and talent. And certainly, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee. Your consistent support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is deeply rewarding.

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1980 & 1981

Town	FY 1980			FY 1981		
	FCTS Enrollment October 1, 1978	Operating Percentage	Operating Share \$	FCTS Enrollment October 1, 1979	Operating Percentage	Operating Share \$
Bernardston	27	3.26	67,063.69	22	2.67	56,680.07
Buckland	36	4.35	89,418.22	34	4.15	88,098.23
Colrain	40	4.83	99,353.58	40	4.88	103,595.03
Conway	31	3.74	76,999.01	29	3.54	75,148.85
Deerfield	72	8.70	178,836.43	53	6.47	137,348.33
Erving	29	3.50	72,031.33	24	2.93	62,199.48
Gill	26	3.14	64,579.83	22	2.69	57,104.64
Greenfield	236	28.50	586,186.08	255	31.14	661,055.18
Heath	7	0.85	17,386.88	8	0.98	20,803.92
Montague	164	19.81	407,349.65	162	19.78	419,899.53
New Salem	10	1.21	24,838.38	8	0.98	20,803.92
Northfield	39	4.71	96,869.74	49	5.98	126,946.37
Rowe	12	1.45	29,806.07	12	1.47	31,205.88
Shelburne	35	4.23	86,934.38	35	4.27	90,645.65
Sunderland	21	2.54	52,160.63	22	2.69	57,104.64
Warwick	8	0.97	19,870.72	5	0.62	13,161.66
Wendell	13	1.57	32,289.91	16	1.95	41,395.56
Whately	22	2.66	54,644.47	23	2.81	59,652.06
	828	100.00%	\$2,056,619.00	819	100.00%	\$2,122,849.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL ASSESSMENTS FOR
FISCAL YEARS 1980 & 1981**

Town	FY 1980		FY 1981	
	Capital %	Capital Share	Capital %	Capital Share
Bernardston	3.000	\$ 9,278.73	3.120	\$ 8,960.98
Buckland	3.105	9,603.49	3.145	9,032.79
Colrain	3.165	9,789.06	3.015	8,659.40
Conway	2.065	6,386.86	2.095	6,017.07
Deerfield	8.820	27,279.47	8.695	24,973.00
Erving	6.255	19,346.15	6.215	17,850.16
Gill	2.385	7,376.59	2.110	6,060.15
Greenfield	29.750	92,014.17	29.850	85,732.48
Heath	1.160	3,587.78	1.145	3,288.57
Montague	13.480	41,692.43	13.790	39,606.40
New Salem	1.105	3,417.67	0.990	2,843.39
Northfield	5.455	16,871.82	5.445	15,638.64
Rowe	7.979	24,650.29	7.905	22,704.03
Shelburne	3.365	10,407.64	3.275	9,406.16
Sunderland	4.630	14,320.37	4.510	12,953.22
Warwick	1.000	3,092.91	1.145	3,288.57
Wendell	0.880	2,721.76	1.160	3,331.65
Whately	2.410	7,453.81	2.390	6,864.34
	<u>100.000%</u>	<u>\$309,291.00</u>	<u>100.000%</u>	<u>\$287,211.00</u>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1981 SPECIAL OPERATING ASSESSMENTS**

ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Town	FCTS Enrollment November 1, 1979	Operating Percentage	Operating Share
Bernardston	16	3.73	\$ 936.23
Buckland	2	0.46	115.46
Colrain	12	2.80	702.80
Conway	6	1.40	351.40
Deerfield	21	4.90	1,229.90
Erving	11	2.56	642.56
Gill	11	2.56	642.56
Greenfield	167	38.93	9,771.43
Heath	1	0.23	57.73
Montague	119	27.74	6,962.74
New Salem	-0-	-0-	-0-
Northfield	16	3.73	936.23
Rowe	7	1.63	409.13
Shelburne	22	5.13	1,287.63
Sunderland	4	0.93	233.43
Warwick	4	0.93	233.43
Wendell	5	1.17	293.67
Whately	5	1.17	293.67
	429	100.00%	\$25,100.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1981 BUDGET ASSESSMENT**

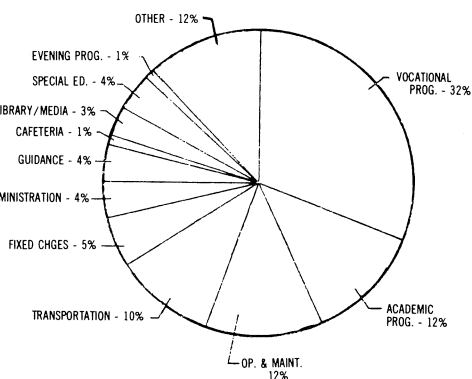
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TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,435,160.00

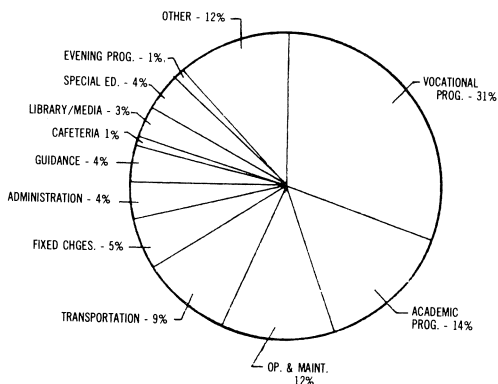
Town	Operating %	Operating Share	Special Operating %	Special Operating Share	Total Operating Share	Capital %	Capital Share	Total Assessment
Bernardston	2.67	\$ 56,680.07	3.73	\$ 936.23	\$ 57,616.30	3.120	\$ 8,960.98	\$ 66,577.28
Buckland	4.15	88,098.23	0.46	115.46	88,213.69	3.145	9,032.79	97,246.48
Colrain	4.88	103,595.03	2.80	702.80	104,297.83	3.015	8,659.40	112,957.23
Conway	3.54	75,148.85	1.40	351.40	75,500.25	2.095	6,017.07	81,517.32
Deerfield	6.47	137,348.33	4.90	1,229.90	138,578.23	8.695	24,973.00	163,551.23
Erving	2.93	62,199.48	2.56	642.56	62,842.04	6.215	17,850.16	80,692.20
Gill	2.69	57,104.64	2.56	642.56	57,747.20	2.110	6,060.15	63,807.35
Greenfield	31.14	661,055.18	38.93	9,771.43	670,826.61	29.850	85,732.48	756,559.09
Heath	0.98	20,803.92	0.23	57.73	20,861.65	1.145	3,288.57	24,150.22
Montague	19.78	419,899.53	27.74	6,962.74	426,862.27	13.790	39,606.40	466,468.67
New Salem	0.98	20,803.92	-9-	-0-	20,803.92	0.990	2,843.39	23,647.31
Northfield	5.98	126,946.37	3.73	936.23	127,882.60	5.445	15,638.64	143,521.24
Row	1.47	31,205.88	1.63	409.13	31,615.01	7.905	22,704.03	54,319.05
Shelburne	4.27	90,645.65	5.13	1,287.63	91,933.28	3.275	9,406.16	101,339.43
Sunderland	2.69	57,104.64	0.93	233.43	57,338.07	4.510	12,953.22	70,291.29
Warwick	0.62	13,161.66	0.93	233.43	13,395.09	1.145	3,288.57	16,683.66
Wendell	1.95	41,395.56	1.17	293.67	41,689.23	1.160	3,331.65	45,020.88
Whately	2.81	59,652.06	1.17	293.67	59,945.73	2.390	6,864.34	66,810.07
100.00%		\$2,122,849.00	100.00%	\$25,100.00	\$2,147,949.00	100.000%	\$287,211.00	\$2,435,160.00

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET

FY 1980



FY 1981



(828 Day Pupils)

\$ 97,642
 1,523,327
 344,489
 321,600
 145,100
 180,281
 23,200
 115,520

\$2,751,219

671,400

\$2,079,819

Administration
 Instruction
 Other School Services
 Operation & Maintenance of Plant
 Fixed Charges
 Acquisition of Fixed Assets
 Evening Program
 Special Education

Less Antic. Reimb.

(857 Day Pupils)

\$ 108,531
 1,734,474
 344,680
 369,070
 152,100
 155,635
 25,100
 128,959

\$3,018,549

870,600

\$2,147,949

CAPITAL

\$ 693,480

384,189

\$ 309,291

Less Antic. Reimb.

\$ 671,400

384,189

\$ 287,211

SUMMARY

\$3,444,699

1,055,589

\$2,389,110

Less Antic. Reimb.

TO BE ASSESSED

\$3,689,949

1,254,789

\$2,435,160

RECAPITULATION**OPERATING**

1000	Administration	108,531
2000	Instruction	1,734,474
3000	Other School Services	344,680
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	369,070
5000	Fixed Charges	152,100
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	155,635
	Special Education	128,959
	Occupational Evening Program	25,100
	OPERATING TOTAL	3,018,549

LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT 870,600

TOTAL OPERATING TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS 2,147,949

CAPITAL

8000	Debt Retirement	345,000
	Debt Service	326,400
	CAPITAL TOTAL	671,400

LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT 384,189

TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS 287,211

SUMMARY

Operating and Capital Budget Total	\$3,689,949
Less Estimated Reimbursements	<u>1,254,789</u>
Total Assessment to Towns	\$2,435,160

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIMEN BALLOT

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe, May 17, 1980.

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

TOWN CLERK (1 Year)	Vote for one
L. Norma Brown	

SELECTMAN (3 Years)	Vote for one
George A. Riggan	

TOWN TREASURER (1 Year)	Vote for one
Jean J. Lindabury	

TAX COLLECTOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
Jane H. Lindabury	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 Years)	Vote for one
Merle R. Riggan	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Carol A. Staub	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Regina O. Pinkham	

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for two
Dorothy E. Evans	

FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 Year)	Vote for one
Cornelio A. Franceschetti	

PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)	Vote for one
Herbert A. Autio	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for one
James H. Williams	

PARK COMMISSIONER	Vote for one
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ASSESSOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
Henry G. Dandeneau	

MODERATOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
John H. Williams	

AUDITOR (1 Year)
Vote for one

CONSTABLE (1 Year)
Vote for one**Blanche C. Veber****QUESTION:**

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provided that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?

☐ Yes☐ No

L. Norma Brown,
Town Clerk

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